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Bengal 2026-27
budget proposes five
new districts, AIIMS
in north Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The new BJP government in West Bengal on Monday proposed the creation of five new districts, a subdivision and seven municipalities, while announcing a series of measures to strengthen healthcare and higher education infrastructure across the state in its 2026-27 Budget proposals.

Presenting the first full budget of the BJP government amounting to Rs 4.36 lakh crores under zero deficit in the state Assembly, Finance Minister Swapn Dasgupta said the administrative reorganisation was aimed at improving governance, enhancing security-related coordination and ensuring better delivery of public services.

"The proposed districts -- Kolkata, Basirhat, Sundarban, Jangipur and Arambagh -- are being created for administrative convenience and security-related requirements. The move will help bring government services closer to people and ensure more efficient governance," Dasgupta said while tabling the Budget.

In his 90 minute long Budget speech this afternoon, the Finance minister announced that West Bengal would observe a state holiday on the birth anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee on July 6 every year, as it unveiled a series of initiatives in memory of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder including the creation of a 125 feet statue of him near his ancestral home at Jirat in Hooghly district .

The announcement came two days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during 'Paschimanga Divas' celebrations, invoked Bengal's Partition-era history and credited Mookerjee with playing a key role in ensuring that West Bengal remained a part of India.

Presenting the first budget of the BJP government Swapn Dasgupta proposed that "Syama Prasad Mookerjee's birth anniversary on July 6 would be declared a state holiday".

Moreover, he said West Bengal government would 're-examine' the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, with the Finance Minister describing the legislation as a major bottleneck to attracting large-scale investments in the state.

Presenting the state budget in the Assembly, Dasgupta said West Bengal remains the only major state in the country where the Act's provisions continue to be in force, hampering large-scale industrial and infrastructure projects.

"I hereby announce that the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, will be re-examined to unlock the potential of developable land, attract investments and fuel economic growth," the minister said.

In Rs 4.36 lakh crore first budget, Bengal BJP govt announces 1 lakh recruitments and DA hike



West Bengal Finance Minister Swapn Dasgupta presenting annual Budget in the assembly on Monday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Presenting its much anticipated inaugural budget for 2026-27, the first BJP government in West Bengal on Monday, announced the filling of 1 lakh government vacancies, a 20 percentage point hike in DA for its employees, and a Rs 36,000-crore outlay for the financial assistance scheme for women, Annapurna Yojana.

Presenting his first state budget amounting to more than Rs 4.36 lakh crore for the current fiscal, Finance Minister Swapn Dasgupta said his government has inherited a debt burden of Rs 8.15 lakh crore from the previous administration, asserting that restoring fiscal discipline and public confidence in governance would be among his priorities.

"Building a corruption-free administrative structure is a cornerstone of our vision. We have to restore people's trust in governance," he said.

Close to two months after the BJP's landslide win in West Bengal, ending Trinamool Congress's 15-year rule, the government also announced a host of significant measures in today's budget for the state.

In his speech Swapn Dasgupta announced one lakh government jobs during the current fiscal, a 33 per cent quota for women, and an 20 per cent hike in dearness allowance for government employees.

Among his other major announcements, Swapn Dasgupta said a new green field airport at Kalyani near Kolkata, a deep-sea port in Purba Medinipur, mini indoor stadiums in all assembly constituencies and an IIT and an IIM in North Bengal. Apart from these, the Budget also mentioned reforms and allocations for several welfare schemes such as Rs 36,000 crore for Annapurna Yojana scheme, Rs 550 crore allotted for the all-women free bus service, a proposed welfare board for gig

workers and Ayushman Bharat card for migrant labourers to get free annual treatment of Rs 5 lakh across the country , among others.

Presenting a mix of employment generation, welfare measures, infrastructure projects and governance reforms aimed at building what he described as a 'Viksit Bangla' as part of a 'Viksit Bharat', the Finance minister said the maiden Budget comes against the backdrop of a challenging fiscal situation, with the state inheriting a debt burden of Rs 8.15 lakh crore.

The Finance minister indicated that the government's focus would be on increasing revenue generation without imposing additional tax burdens on citizens. During his speech, he reiterated that all existing welfare schemes would continue.

Further elaborating Swapn Dasgupta said the Government has decided to fill 1 lakh vacancies across various departments during

the current fiscal, and among that 33 per cent jobs are to be reserved for women, besides recruiting 50,000 teachers and filling 20,000 police posts across the state.

About the long standing demand from the government employees for the payment of due Dearness Allowance (DA) for them, the Finance minister proposed to increase it by 20 per cent to increase the total DA to 38 per cent. However, the revised DA rates to come into effect from October 1, 2026, he said.

In addition the monthly remuneration of civic volunteers, village police personnel, home guards and green police workers were also proposed to be increased by Rs 2,000 per month.

In addition the Finance minister said Rs 36,000 crore were allocated for the Annapurna Yojana women's financial assistance scheme.

Unmarried girl students studying in government and government-aided colleges will also receive Rs

Keir Starmer
resigns as UK PM,
sets out timetable
for new leader

MI News Service, London / New Delhi: British Prime minister Sir Keir Starmer on Monday announced his resignation both as the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Labour Party, setting out a timetable for his successor to be elected by mid-July.

The 63-year-old Prime minister for nearly two years Starmer said he will remain in his post until a new leader and PM is elected by the governing party and pledged his full support to the new leader.

Andy Burnham, who returns to the House of Commons after winning a crucial by-election last week, is widely expected to take over at 10 Downing Street.

Earlier Sir Keir Starmer has said he will quit as Labour Party leader, paving the way for a contest to decide a new Prime minister.



West Bengal Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari is going through the details of the 2026-27 state Budget in the assembly on Monday

50,000 assistance. He said every subdivision in the state is to get a dedicated women's police station and Women's help desks to be established in every police station with Durga Suraksha Squads, comprising women police personnel to patrol busy urban areas and public spaces.

He also made it clear that all existing welfare schemes will continue simultaneously with even the retired journalists are being proposed to receive a monthly pension of Rs 5,000. Individuals allegedly subjected to false and politically motivated cases will also receive a monthly 'Sangrami Bhata' of Rs 10,000.

Among others a new toll-free grievance redressal helpline 'Apar Sarkar Apar Pashe' to be launched, Dasgupta said adding that the BJP government's mission was to restore the state's past glory while accelerating growth and employment generation.

He maintained that despite the substantial debt burden inherited by the new administration, the government would continue welfare spending and simultaneously pursue development-oriented investments.

The Budget is the first major policy statement of the BJP government in West Bengal and outlines its priorities across jobs, women's welfare, education, infrastructure, law and order, and administrative reforms.



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer

ter. Speaking in Downing Street, Sir Keir said he accepted he was not best placed to lead Labour into the next general election and he had informed the King of his decision to step down.

Sir Keir added he has asked Labour's governing body to set out a timetable to replace him, with nominations opening on 9 July and ending by the summer recess on 16 July.

He said if there was a contest then a new leader would be in place before Parliament returns in September, and he will "do everything" he can to ensure an "orderly" transition of power.

Sir Keir said he would remain as the Prime minister until the leadership contest is complete.

He added he would also give his successor "my full and unequivocal support, knowing that they will inherit a Britain that is far stronger and fairer than the one I inherited two years ago".

Sir Keir was elected leader of the Labour Party in April 2020 and became Prime minister on 5 July 2024 following Labour's general election victory.

His decision to step down means the UK will soon have its seventh Prime minister since 2016.

Bengal Budget lay out clear roadmap for accelerating economic growth through new industries

MI News Service, Kolkata: As West Bengal Finance Minister Swapn Dasgupta presented the first Budget of the new BJP government on Monday, industry bodies and companies are genuinely optimistic, describing it as growth-oriented with a clear roadmap for accelerating the State's economic growth.

Leading industry bodies like CII and ASSOCHAM say the Bengal government has considered fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to key industries, prioritise plug-and-play industrial ecosystems, and leverage its inherent strengths in industry, logistics, and natural resources to attract major investments and create jobs.

"West Bengal is well positioned to strengthen its role as a key economic growth engine for Eastern India and a strategic gateway to regional and global markets. Industry welcomes a progressive and growth-oriented Budget that reinforces investor confidence through continued focus on infrastructure development, fiscal prudence, ease of doing business and industrial competitiveness," said Mehul Mohanka, Chairman, CII Eastern Region.

"As the State advances its growth agenda, targeted support for high potential sectors such as advanced manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, electronics, engineering, food processing, digital services, renewable energy and tourism can help attract fresh investments. It will help create employment opportunities and enhance export competitiveness," Mohanka said.

ASSOCHAM also said the Budget has focused on creating a conducive environment for investment, employment generation and industrial expansion. The budget has also prioritised accelerated infrastructure development, in-



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and State Finance Minister Swapn Dasgupta holding the state Budget 2026 document at the State Assembly premises in Kolkata on Monday.

cluding roads, industrial parks, logistics hubs, ports and last-mile connectivity. Also, faster and more predictable regulatory approvals through greater digitisation and single-window mechanisms to help attract big ticket investment.

"One area that merits greater attention is mining and mineral exploration. Enhanced exploration activity can also help identify new mineral resources and support the development of ancillary industries. West Bengal has considerable untapped potential in minerals. A policy framework that encourages scientific exploration, faster clearances, technology adoption and downstream value-added industries will help bring

in fresh investments and strengthen the State's industrial base," said Sanjiv Ganeriwala, Chairman, Mining Sector East ASSOCHAM.

Aditya Vardhan Agarwal, Director, Emami Group, said Bengal stands at a pivotal moment and this Budget has the potential to be the decisive turning point. "A bold commitment to infrastructure, spanning highways, economic corridors and the long-overdue airport expansion, will not only improve connectivity but signal to the world that West Bengal is open, ambitious and ready for investment," Agarwal remarked .

"We hope the reinstatement of industrial incentives withdrawn retrospec-

tively under the 2025 Act -- a measure that will restore investor confidence, provide policy certainty and spare both Government and industry the burden of prolonged litigation," he emphasised.

According to Prithish Chowdhary, Deputy MD, Titagarh Rail Systems, Today, investors are looking beyond incentives. They want ready land, infrastructure and utilities, and faster execution. The State should also consider developing country-specific industrial parks, similar to successful Japanese industrial zones in other States, to attract global manufacturers and strengthen international partnerships.

Luxmi Tea MD Rudra Chatterjee pointed out that West Bengal's first Budget under the new government I demonstrates its commitment of accelerating development. Public expenditure should prioritise competitiveness, infrastructure, skills, healthcare and technology.

West Bengal's next phase of growth should be driven by stronger investments in healthcare, renewable energy, and emerging service sectors. Healthcare allocation may be progressively increased to at least 10 per cent of the State Budget over the next five years, while granting industry status to the sector can help hospitals access affordable capital, lower power tariffs, and accelerate infrastructure expansion," said Rupak Barua, Chairman, CII West Bengal State Council.

The Budget has focused on balancing the State's huge debt of .8.15 lakh crore and heavy social welfare spending, according to Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI). "With the State lagging in per capita GSDP, there is significant pressure to drive job growth and improve the overall business environment," MCCI said in a statement.

Women's dole beneficiaries to be streamlined in Bengal Budget

MI News Service, Kolkata: Generating new rays of hopes among the women in the state, West Bengal new Finance minister Swapn Dasgupta proposed in his maiden Budget speech in the state Assembly on Monday that an allocation of Rs 36,000 crore has been made for the Annapurna Yojana, under which women in the 25-60 age group will receive financial assistance of Rs 3,000 per month directly in their bank accounts.

However, the budget estimates indicate coverage of 1 crore women beneficiaries, which is substantially lower than the around 2.4 crore beneficiaries under the Trinamool's flagship welfare programme marked with massive corruption charges. .

Dasgupta announced the allocation, describing the scheme as a major component of the government's welfare agenda.

Introduced in 2021, Lakshmi Bhandar emerged as one of the most popular welfare schemes of the Mamata Banerjee government, providing monthly financial assistance to women from eligible households. The scheme was subsequently expanded, and the TMC government had claimed that around 2.4 crore women were receiving benefits.

After assuming office, the BJP government has renamed the programme as Annapurna Yojana.

Government sources said the scheme has been designed with revised eligibility norms and enhanced verification mechanisms aimed at ensuring that benefits reach intended recipients and eliminating alleged duplication.

The state government has said it already weeded out 30 lakh beneficiaries based on proper verification of the proposed beneficiaries.

The government had sought online applications requiring family details, which has caused concerns and apprehensions about disclosing family income and other household details.

The BJP maintained that the objective is to make welfare delivery more targeted and fiscally sustainable while ensuring support for genuinely eligible beneficiaries.

The budget also earmarked Rs 550 crore for free bus travel for women.

"A 'Pink Card' system will be introduced shortly for availing the benefit," the Finance minister said.

The state government has also increased the MLA Local Area Development Fund from Rs 70 lakh to Rs

1 crore.

The budget also proposed a monthly pension of Rs 5,000 for retired journalists and Rs 10,000 for persons who had spent time in jail due to what the government described as politically motivated or false cases.

Among welfare measures, the government announced a monthly hike of Rs 5,000 for anganwadi and ASHA workers.

Civic volunteers, Green Police personnel, NVF workers, Prani Bandhu and Prani Mitra workers will receive an additional Rs 2,000 per month from August.

The budget proposed expanding the state's subsidised meal programme by opening additionalover 200 Maa Aahar centres in urban areas, where meals including fish, vegetables and rice would be available at nominal rates of Rs 5 per plate .

The government increased allocations for the 125-day VB G-Ram-G scheme and announced the addition of 25 lakh new beneficiaries.

The budget also proposed an elevated corridor between Chingrighata and New Town in Kolkata, a deep-sea port at Dadanpatrabar, a four-lane bridge over the Mayurakshi river in Birbhum and a study for metro rail projects in Durgapur, Asansol and Siliguri.

A new unemployment assistance programme, 'Bharosa', was announced, under which unemployed graduates from families with annual incomes below Rs 1 lakh will receive Rs 3,000 per month, while other eligible unemployed persons will get Rs 2,000, provided they are not covered by any other social welfare scheme.

The government enhanced old-age, widow and disability pensions by Rs 500 per month.

In the health sector, the government allocated Rs 3,100 crore for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat, expected to cover nearly seven crore people.

The allocation for mid-day meals was enhanced to Rs 10 per student, with ISKCON expected to assist in food preparation and distribution.

The education sector figured prominently in the budget, with proposals for a Tribal University and two Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jhargram, women's universities in Contai, Kaliachak and Falta, and a one-time grant of Rs 25,000 for students of government and government-aided colleges preparing for competitive exams.

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Argument Over Money Turns Fatal, Woman Hacked to Death

MI News Service, Howrah: A dispute over an alleged unpaid loan ended in a brutal killing on a busy public street in Howrah's Chatterjeehat area, sending shockwaves through the neighbourhood and raising fresh concerns over escalating violence linked to financial disagreements. The victim, identified as Bharati Hazra, succumbed to severe injuries after being allegedly attacked with a knife by a man known to her. The accused, identified as Rajdeep, has been arrested by police and charged with murder. According to police sources, Bharati and Rajdeep were acquainted for several years. Investigators said the dispute stemmed from a financial transaction allegedly linked to Rajdeep's mother, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Bharati had reportedly borrowed money several months ago with Rajdeep's mother acting as a guarantor or witness to the arrangement. As medical expenses mounted, Rajdeep is alleged to have repeatedly approached Bharati, seeking repayment of the loan. However, despite several assurances, the money was allegedly not returned, leading to growing tensions between the two sides. Residents claim disagreements over the issue had intensified in recent weeks. The situation took a tragic turn on Sunday evening when a fresh confrontation reportedly broke out near Bharati's residence. During the altercation, Rajdeep allegedly attacked her with a knife, inflicting a fatal wound to her neck. Eyewitnesses and local residents rushed to the scene after hearing screams and finding Bharati lying on the road in a pool of blood. She was immediately taken to a nearby hospital in critical condition. However, doctors declared her dead upon examination. Police personnel from Chatterjeehat Police Station reached the spot shortly after receiving information about the incident. Following a complaint lodged by the victim's family, the accused was taken into custody. A murder case has been registered, and investigators have begun a detailed probe into the circumstances leading up to the attack. Local residents alleged that Bharati's family had borrowed nearly 50,000 around six months ago and that disputes over repayment had become increasingly frequent.

Man Arrested with Illegal Firearm in Mohanpur; Weapon Recovered During House Raid, Produced Before Court

MI News Service, Kharagpur : In a significant success under the ongoing drive against illegal arms, police in the Mohanpur police station area of Paschim Medinipur district arrested a youth and recovered an illegal firearm from his residence. The incident has created a stir in the locality, with residents discussing the matter widely. According to police sources, the arrested individual has been identified as Munna Khan, a resident of Jenkapur village under the Mohanpur police station area. Police received reliable information that an illegal firearm was being kept at his house. Taking the tip-off seriously, Mohanpur police immediately formed a special team and



State ministers Agnimitra Paul, Tapas Roy and other BJP ministers, along with West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, during the presentation of the state Budget session at the West Bengal Assembly in Kolkata on Monday.

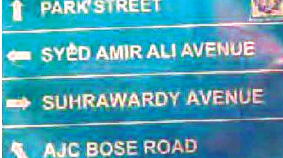
Major Success for Police in Kharagpur Snatching Attempt Case; Three Miscreants Arrested Within Hours



MI News Service, Kharagpur : The Kharagpur Town Police of West Medinipur district achieved a major breakthrough in the case involving an attempted snatching and aerial firing incident in Kharagpur city. Acting swiftly, the police arrested three accused persons within just a few hours of the incident. According to police sources, one of the arrested accused is a resident of the Panchberia area of Kharagpur city, while the other two are residents of Saraikela-Kharsawan district in Jharkhand. The arrested individuals have been identified as Mohammad Irshad, Mohammad Ershad, and Sarfaraz Khan. The prompt action by the police has brought relief to local residents, who have praised the efficiency of the force. As per reports, the incident took place on Sunday in the Bhawanipur area under Ward No. 5 of Kharagpur Municipality, where an attempt was made to snatch valuables from a businessman. During the incident, shots were allegedly fired into the air, creating panic in the locality. The victim informed Kharagpur Town Police, who immediately launched an investigation. Considering the seriousness

of the case, a special team was formed by Kharagpur Town Police. Officers inspected the crime scene, questioned local residents, and examined CCTV footage from the surrounding area. Based on information gathered through technical surveillance and human intelligence, police quickly detained three suspects. During interrogation, their involvement in the incident was confirmed, following which they were formally arrested. The three accused were produced before the Kharagpur Sub-Divisional Court under tight security. Police are seeking their remand for further interrogation to determine whether other individuals were involved in the crime and whether the accused have links to any organized criminal gang. Investigators are also examining whether the accused were involved in similar incidents in the region in the past. Furthermore, police are probing the tools and means used in the attempted snatching, as well as the role of any accomplices. The swift and effective action by Kharagpur Town Police has strengthened the sense of security among local residents. Citizens stated that the prompt arrest of the accused reflects the police's active approach toward crime control and has increased public confidence in law enforcement. The investigation is currently ongoing.

Prominent Voices Speak Out Over Road Renaming Controversy



Nurul Islam Khan : MI News Service, Kolkata: Recently, one of Kolkata's well-known roads, Suhrawardy Avenue, stretching from Park Circus Seven Point crossing, was officially renamed Gopal Mukherjee Avenue following a decision by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The state's Chief Minister welcomed the move. However, the decision has sparked widespread criticism and public resentment. Many have questioned whether another road could not have been chosen to honor Gopal Mukherjee. Critics argue that the move attempts to erase the historical identity associated with a particular community and distorts history. On the issue, CPI(M) state secretary Mohammed Salim said that the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's records are incorrect. According to him, Suhrawardy's father was Maulana Shamsul Huda Suhrawardy, a distinguished scholar and vice-chancellor. Salim noted that historical records from that era recognized the family under the well-known Suhrawardy name. He also mentioned that Suhrawardy's great-granddaughter married a Jordanian prince. Salim further criticized the government, saying that its political culture revolves around "bulldozers and renaming." He alleged that instead of addressing issues such as rising fuel and cooking gas prices, the government is trying to divert public attention through symbolic measures. Meanwhile, Calcutta High Court lawyer Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya strongly opposed the renaming. He argued that many roads in Kolkata still bear the names of British figures, and if the government wishes to honor Gopal Mukherjee, it could rename one of those roads instead. He maintained that the government cannot arbitrarily change the names of historically significant figures. ISF MLA Naushad Siddique also strongly protested the decision, stating that the road's original name should remain unchanged and preserved as it was.

20% DA Hike Triggers Celebrations Across Bengal; Shantipur Govt Employees Distribute Sweets

MI News Service, Nadia : The West Bengal government's announcement of a 20% Dearness Allowance (DA) hike for state government employees in its first full-fledged budget sparked celebrations across several government offices, with scenes of jubilation witnessed at the Shantipur Block Development Office in Nadia district on Monday. Soon after Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta unveiled the budget in the Assembly, employees at the BDO office exchanged greetings and distributed sweets, describing the move as a major relief after years of demands for higher DA and parity with central government rates.

The DA hike, one of the most significant announcements in the state's budget, will come into effect from October 1. The government said the decision was taken after considering the state's fiscal position while ensuring the welfare of its employees. For years, the issue of Dear-



ness Allowance has remained a contentious subject in West Bengal, with employee associations staging protests and legal battles over the gap between state and central DA rates. Against that backdrop, the 20% increase is being seen as a politically significant and administratively important decision by the newly elected government. Celebrations were also reported from the State Assembly premises, where employees

marked the occasion with coloured powder and congratulated Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari. Employee organisations welcomed the announcement, calling it a positive step towards addressing long-pending demands. Bhaskar Ghosh, convenor of Sangrami Joutha Mancha, said the organisation appreciated the government's decision and hoped that other pending issues concerning employees would also be addressed in the

coming months. Political observers believe the DA hike could strengthen the government's outreach among state employees and pensioners, a sizeable and influential section of the electorate. Economists, meanwhile, point out that the enhanced allowance may offer some relief against inflationary pressures, although its long-term fiscal implications will be closely watched. While the budget included announcements related to infrastructure, healthcare, education, agriculture and employment generation, the DA hike emerged as the headline measure, dominating discussions both inside and outside the Assembly.

With the revised allowance scheduled to be implemented from October, government employees across the state are now awaiting its rollout, viewing the announcement as one of the most consequential decisions of the new government's maiden budget.

BJP Holds Massive Thanksgiving Rally After Belda Receives Municipality Status

MI News Service, Kharagpur : A wave of joy and enthusiasm has swept across Belda in the Narayanagar Assembly constituency of West Medinipur district after the area was officially granted municipality status. To celebrate the fulfillment of a long-standing public demand, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a grand thanksgiving rally in Belda, drawing thousands of party workers, supporters, and local residents. The rally commenced in a prominent area of Belda on Monday evening. BJP workers carrying party flags and banners marched through major roads, including Belda Market, Station Road, and the Bus Stand area. Throughout the procession, participants raised slogans and expressed their happiness over Belda's elevation to a municipality. Addressing the gathering, BJP leaders stated that municipality status had been a long-pending and much-awaited demand of the people of Belda. They said the decision would provide a new direction for the region's development and help expand civic amenities. According to the leaders, municipal status would accelerate improvements in roads, drainage systems, drinking water supply, street lighting, sanitation, waste management, and



other essential public services. The rally was led by Narayanagar Mandal No. 2 President Gautam Palui, BJP leaders Gaurishankar Adhikari, Ramlal Jana, Shubhashis Mahapatra, Manju Mahanti, and several other senior and local party leaders. During the event, the leaders described the declaration of Belda as a municipality as a historic step toward the overall development of the region. They expressed hope that the decision would not only strengthen infrastructure but also boost employment opportunities and commercial activities. BJP leaders participating in the rally thanked the Chief Minister and Narayanagar MLA Ramprasad Giri for the decision, stating that it

would directly and indirectly benefit lakhs of people. They further said that municipality status would enable planned development projects in the area and significantly transform the region's future. Meanwhile, the announcement of municipality status has also generated considerable excitement among local residents. Many citizens said they had been raising this demand for years and are now hopeful that modern civic amenities and faster development will become a reality. The thanksgiving rally created a festive atmosphere throughout Belda, with the large public turnout clearly reflecting the widespread local support and appreciation for the decision to grant municipality status to the town.

Trinamool Leader Gani Ismail Mallick Arrested, Political Circles Abuzz



MI News Service, Kharagpur : A wave of political excitement swept through West Medinipur district after police arrested Gani Ismail Mallick, the District General Secretary of the Trinamool Congress and the Forest Land Functionary (Bonobhumi Karmadhyaksha) of the Medinipur Sadar Panchayat Samiti. News of his arrest quickly sparked discussions across political circles. According to

sources, Gani Ismail Mallick has been serving as the District General Secretary of the West Medinipur Trinamool Congress for a long time. In addition, he has been holding the responsibility of Forest Land Functionary in the Medinipur Sadar Panchayat Samiti. Given his active role in district politics, his arrest is being considered highly significant. However, police have not yet disclosed detailed information regarding the reasons behind the arrest. Meanwhile, there is speculation in the area that several allegations of corruption and irregularities have been leveled against him.

Technical Glitches Cloud GSTAT Deadline, Taxpayers Seek Extension- CA Anup Kr Luharuka



MI News Service, Kolkata : The operationalisation of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) represents marks a major milestone in India's indirect tax framework — one that promises swifter, more structured resolution of disputes and a significant easing of the burden on High Courts across the country. Yet, as the first major filing deadline of June 30, 2026 draws near, taxpayers and professionals are increasingly concerned over technical glitches and procedural hurdles that could affect timely compliance. The government has also taken several steps in recent months to make GSTAT fully functional, underlining its commitment to strengthening the dispute resolution mechanism. Chartered Accountant Anup Kumar Luharuka said that the commencement of GSTAT is a welcoming move and will significantly benefit the business community. However, he noted that many taxpayers and professionals are encountering difficulties while preparing and uploading appeals on the portal, leading to uncertainty as the deadline approaches. "Several taxpayers are facing technical and procedural challenges. Genuine appellants should not suffer merely because of portal-related

issues. A suitable extension or clarification would go a long way in ensuring smooth implementation of the new appellate mechanism," he said. Although the recent relaxation extending scrutiny and defect-management provisions till December 31, 2026 has offered some relief, it has not specifically extended the statutory deadline for filing appeals. As a result, taxpayers whose orders were communicated before April 1, 2026, are still required to file their appeals by June 30, 2026. Tax professionals believe that the transition to the new system should be accompanied by a practical and taxpayer-friendly approach. They have urged the authorities to issue a clear clarification or extend the deadline, particularly in cases where appeals cannot be filed due to technical glitches, document-upload problems or other procedural difficulties. Experts say that providing additional time would not only protect the interests of genuine taxpayers but also reduce avoidable litigation at the very inception of the Tribunal. Such a step would help GSTAT fulfil its core objective of delivering timely and accessible justice while reinforcing confidence in India's evolving GST regime. As GSTAT begins a new chapter in tax administration, stakeholders believe that a smooth and hassle-free transition will be crucial in ensuring that the spirit of "ease of doing business" translates into "ease of dispute resolution" as well. These views reflect my personal opinion on the GST Appellate Tribunal.

WB Budget 2026: Rs 1,100-crore Kalna-Shantipur bridge project gets nod, promises major connectivity boost across Bhagirathi

MI News Service, Nadia : In a significant infrastructure push for south Bengal, the West Bengal government has announced the long-awaited Kalna-Shantipur bridge project across the Bhagirathi River in its 2026-27 Budget. Estimated to cost around Rs 1,100 crore, the project is expected to transform connectivity between Purba Bardhaman's Kalna and Nadia's Shantipur, benefiting lakhs of residents on both sides of the river. According to the proposed plan, the main bridge will be approximately 2.1 km long, while the total project length, including approach roads, will extend to nearly 14 km. Officials said preliminary work, including land acquisition and project-related surveys, has already commenced, paving the way for the execution of one of the region's most awaited infrastructure projects. At present, commuters travelling between Kalna and Shantipur largely depend on ferry services to cross the Bhagirathi. Alternatively, they are forced to take a lengthy detour via the Gouranga Setu, adding nearly 45-50 km to their journey. The proposed bridge is expected to drastically reduce travel time and



improve accessibility for daily commuters, students, traders, patients and transport operators. Infrastructure experts believe the bridge will have implications beyond transportation. Shantipur, known nationally for its centuries-old handloom industry, and Kalna, a prominent agricultural and commercial hub, are expected to witness increased economic interaction once direct road connectivity is established. Improved logistics and easier movement of goods could provide a boost to local businesses and small-scale industries in both districts. The project is also expected to

strengthen regional tourism. Kalna's historic temple complexes, including the famous 108 Shiva Temples, attract visitors throughout the year, while Shantipur remains an important destination for religious tourism and traditional textile heritage. Better road connectivity could encourage greater tourist movement between the two towns and surrounding areas. Welcoming the budget announcement, Shantipur MLA Swapan Kumar Das described the project as a landmark development for the constituency. He said residents had been demanding a permanent bridge across the

Bhagirathi for years and termed the budget allocation a major step towards fulfilling that aspiration. The legislator also outlined additional development plans for the region. These include the restoration of Gupiar Bil as well as water bodies in Bagaida and Haripur. According to him, the proposed rejuvenation projects will be linked to scientific fish farming initiatives aimed at generating sustainable livelihoods for local fishermen and strengthening the rural economy. Urban planners note that large bridge projects often serve as catalysts for broader economic development by improving market access, reducing transportation costs and attracting investment. In that context, the Kalna-Shantipur bridge is being viewed as a strategic infrastructure project with the potential to reshape the socio-economic landscape of parts of Nadia and Purba Bardhaman. With budgetary support now in place and preliminary procedures underway, residents on both banks of the Bhagirathi are hopeful that the long-pending project will finally move from promise to reality, ushering in a new era of connectivity and development for the region.

Budget Reactions Sandip Nowlakha

Owner-Food & Beverages Business| Visionary Entrepreneur | Cultural Conservationist | Philanthropist
MI News Service, Kolkata : "The government's focus on promoting tourism, increasing visitor footfall, encouraging investment and employment in hospitality, and enhancing service standards through skill development is expected to create a more business-friendly environment and drive tourism-led growth, significantly benefiting West Bengal's restaurant, café, and hospitality sectors".

Debasish Roy Founder & CEO, Health Plus Home Healthcare

MI News Service, Kolkata : "The State Budget marks a significant step toward strengthening healthcare access and affordability for all. The emphasis on expanding medical infrastructure, along with enhanced support for senior citizens through initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, is highly encouraging. These measures will help reduce the financial burden of healthcare, improve continuity of care, and address the growing demand for home-based healthcare and recovery services. We believe these initiatives will contribute meaningfully to building a more inclusive and patient-centric healthcare ecosystem."

Suvendu Unveils Budget Vision: Jobs, Investment Push and Welfare Boost



MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta on Monday presented the BJP government's first full-fledged Budget for the 2026-27 financial year, proposing a net outlay of ₹4,38,775.29 crore. Addressing a press conference after the Budget presentation in the state Assembly, Chief Minister SuvenduAdhikari said the Budget seeks to revive Bengal's lost glory while ensuring development, transparency and security for all sections of society.

According to the Chief Minister, the Budget has been designed to strengthen law and order, promote economic growth and restore the state's cultural heritage. He stated that key sectors such as education, agriculture, employment and industry have received significant attention. The government, he said, is committed to eliminating extortion and syndicate culture while creating a favourable environment for trade, investment and traditional crafts.

Adhikari stressed that ensuring a safe and fear-free atmosphere for citizens remains one of the government's foremost priorities. He described the Budget as an effort to uphold constitutional values and ensure that no social group is left out of the development process.

The Chief Minister also announced a 20 per cent increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees, taking the total DA to 38 per cent from October 1, 2026. He reiterated the government's commitment to gradually bridging the remaining DA gap.

A major highlight of the Budget was the government's "Tri-Shakti" employment strategy. The first pillar focuses on government recruitment. Adhikari announced that one lakh jobs will be generated, including 20,000 positions in the police force and 50,000 posts

for teachers and education staff. The remaining vacancies will be filled across different government departments. To ensure transparency, recruitment panels will remain free of political influence and follow standards similar to those adopted by the UPSC.

The second pillar aims to accelerate private-sector growth. The government plans to encourage investments in food processing and MSMEs. Investors committing more than ₹100 crore will be exempt from obtaining local-level approvals, a move intended to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and prevent harassment.

The third pillar focuses on entrepreneurship and skill development. Youth completing skill-training programmes will receive assistance through schemes such as PM Mudra Yojana and Vishwakarma to establish businesses and generate employment.

The Chief Minister also highlighted a significant increase in the daily food allocation for patients in government hospitals. The allocation has been raised from ₹56.44 to ₹110 per patient after doctors reported that inadequate funding was affecting meal quality. Adhikari said the decision would ensure better nutrition and care for economically disadvantaged patients who depend on public healthcare facilities.

ASSOCHAM Welcomes State Budget, Calls It Growth-Oriented and Investment-Friendly



Taranjit Singh, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Eastern Region

MI News Service, Kolkata: Taranjit Singh, Chairman of ASSOCHAM Eastern Region, has welcomed the first Budget of the new West Bengal government, describing it as a growth-oriented and investment-friendly

roadmap.

He said the Budget's focus on infrastructure development, improved revenue mobilisation, and efficient public service delivery reflects a clear strategy for accelerating economic growth in the state. He also noted that alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat demonstrates a constructive approach towards inclusive and sustainable development.

Singh added that the emphasis on maintaining capital expenditure while strengthening revenue collection systems sends a positive signal to investors and industry. According to him, continued investment in infrastructure, connectivity, urban development, logistics, and social infrastructure will enhance ease of doing business

and support long-term economic expansion.

Singh further highlighted that the government's infrastructure-led growth strategy would help attract investments, generate employment, and improve West Bengal's competitiveness as an investment destination in eastern India. He said the state's strategic location, along with its access to markets, skilled manpower, ports, and industrial infrastructure, gives it a natural advantage.

ASSOCHAM expressed its willingness to work closely with the state government to support its development priorities and contribute towards building a resilient, prosperous, and future-ready economy aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Govt Announces Strict Screening for Civic Volunteers and Contract Workers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state government has issued a strong message regarding recruitment standards and eligibility of civic volunteers, village police personnel and other contractual workers following the presentation of the state budget. Chief Minister SuvenduAdhikari indicated that serious irregularities and lack of transparency have been observed in several appointments across these categories.

According to the Chief Minister, there are allegations that a section of these workers have submitted fake educational and age certificates. Concerns have also been raised regarding the absence of required physical fitness in some cases. In addition, it has

been alleged that certain individuals are functioning as political cadres rather than fulfilling their official responsibilities. In light of these concerns, the government has hinted at a large-scale screening or verification process to assess the eligibility of existing contractual staff. While there will be no immediate mass termination of workers, authorities have made it clear that future continuation in service will depend on proper verification of qualifications and documentation. As part of a short-term measure, the honorarium for contractual workers has been increased by ₹2,000. However, officials stressed that this benefit does not exempt anyone from the upcoming scrutiny process.

Women's dole beneficiaries to be streamlined in Bengal Budget

Continued from Pg 1: The government announced plans to facilitate the establishment of an IIT and an IIM in north Bengal and launch a state Artificial Intelligence Mission.

It also proposed installing sanitary pad vending machines in schools.

On the sports front, the government announced a Sports University, an "international-standard" stadium in north Bengal and mini indoor stadiums at a cost of Rs 5 crore.

Clubs participating in national games will receive assistance of Rs 1 crore each, while Rs 20 crore has been earmarked for Khelo India activities in the state.

drinking water arrangements, will be created for gig workers.

He said the government's vision was aligned with the national goal of "Viksit Bharat".

"People expect transparency about the state's finances. We have to maintain a balance while creating opportunities for employment, industrial growth and a modern, progressive Bengal," he said.

He said his government has inherited a debt burden of Rs 8.15 lakh crore from the previous administration and promised to prioritise restoring fiscal discipline and public confidence in governance.

The government has proposed the creation of five new districts, a subdivision and seven municipalities.

"The proposed districts -- Kolkata, Basirhat, Sundarban, Jangipur and Arambagh -- are being created for administrative convenience and security-related requirements. The move will help bring government services closer to people and ensure more efficient governance," Dasgupta said.

Dasgupta invited private participation in setting up advanced medical facilities, while laying down conditions to ensure affordable treatment for patients.

"We invite private organisations to establish state-of-the-art hospitals. However, they will have to reserve 50 per cent of their beds for patients referred from government hospitals, either free of cost or at subsidised rates," he said.

The minister also announced plans to assist families travelling outside the state for specialised medical treatment.

"Patients and their relatives travelling to places such as Mumbai and Vellore for treatment will be provided affordable accommodation through government-subsidised arrangements under the public-private partnership model," he said.

To ease pressure on Kolkata airport, the government will identify 1,000 acres in Kalyani for a greenfield airport. Airports have also been proposed in Purulia and Malda, while land will be earmarked for the expansion of the Hasimara and Kalaikunda airfields.

The budget allocated Rs 100 crore for strengthening communication infrastructure in the Sundarbans and Rs 50 crore for riverbank protection and rehabilitation in the Jangipur region.

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West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, along with State Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta and State Minister Anandamoy Barman, addresses a press conference after the presentation of the State Budget at the State Assembly in Kolkata on Monday.

Business Leaders Welcome West Bengal Budget 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Budget 2026-27 has drawn widespread praise from industry chambers and business leaders, who described it as a forward-looking roadmap for growth, investment and job creation.

Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), welcomed the Budget's focus on social welfare, education, healthcare, women-centric schemes and unemployment support. He highlighted key measures such as digitisation of land records, review of the Urban Land Ceiling Act, the Bengal AI Impact Mission, a proposed deep-sea port in PurbaMedinipur, greenfield airports, and a ₹100-crore startup fund.

Major Push for Agriculture with Subsidies, Irrigation and Farmer Welfare Schemes

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta on Monday presented the first full Budget of the new government, announcing a strong focus on agriculture, which continues to remain the backbone of the state's economy. The Budget, described as full of "surprises" by officials, includes a wide range of measures aimed at improving farmers' income and boosting rural development.

The state government announced an additional ₹200 per quintal for potato procurement. A major allocation of ₹100 crore has been made to promote cold storage infrastructure under the horticulture development mission, including a 35% subsidy for multi-purpose cold storage and packing centres. Another ₹100 crore has been earmarked to provide high-quality seeds to potato farmers.

For paddy farmers, the government will continue minimum support price procurement along with an additional ₹200 incentive per quintal, raising the effective procurement price to ₹3,100 per quintal. An extra ₹3,000 annual support per farmer family has also been announced, over and above existing central schemes.

To reduce cultivation costs, electricity subsidy of ₹2 per unit will be provided to farmers using submersible pumps. Major irrigation projects, including the Teesta Barrage project, have received 11,000 crore to improve irrigation across several northern districts. 200 crore has also been allocated for drainage improvement to prevent crop loss

due to floods.

A ₹100 crore price stabilization fund has been proposed to control the prices of essential crops. Additionally, ₹10 crore has been allocated for floriculture clusters, while ₹50 crore each has been set aside for mango exporters and farmers in western regions to promote diversified farming and exports.

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State Budget Puts Strong Focus on Sports Development, Major Investments Announced

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Budget 2026 was presented in the Assembly on Monday, marking the first full budget of the BJP-led government after coming to power in the state. Finance Minister SwapanDasgupta tabled the budget at 12 noon, amid high expectations from citizens across sectors, particularly sports and youth development.

Before presenting the budget, the Finance Minister said the government was working with a vision to balance the state's financial resources while ensuring economic

growth. He emphasized the need to create a "modern and progressive Bengal" by boosting employment opportunities and industrial development.

A major highlight of the budget was the significant allocation for the sports sector. The government announced a series of initiatives aimed at reviving sports culture across the state and improving infrastructure at all levels.

Under the new plan, the state will launch "Khelo India" programmes to encourage grassroots participation in sports. A Sports University will

also be set up to provide structured training and academic support to young athletes. Additionally, advanced 3D animation-based sports courses will be introduced to modernise sports education.

Infrastructure development forms a key part of the budget, with plans for an international-standard indoor and outdoor stadium in North Bengal. A total allocation of ₹20 crore has been set aside for this project. Furthermore, mini indoor stadiums will be built in every Assembly constituency at an estimated cost of ₹5 crore

each.

To support competitive sports, clubs participating at the national level will receive financial assistance of ₹1 crore. A dedicated fund of ₹50 crore has also been allocated for rewarding medal-winning athletes, along with provisions for government jobs for outstanding sportspersons.

Sports Minister Indranil Khan has also expressed confidence that the integration of Khelo India programmes will significantly strengthen the sporting ecosystem in the state in the coming years.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari fed a ceremonial spoonful of mishti doi (sweet curd) to State Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta following an inaugural puja and aarti just before presenting the newly elected government's first state budget inside the State Assembly premises in Kolkata on Monday.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari performed a traditional puja and aarti just before presenting the newly elected government's first state budget inside the State Assembly premises in Kolkata on Monday.

Bengal Budget Announces Major Memorial Plans for Syama Prasad Mukherjee, July 6 Declared State Holiday

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has announced a series of major initiatives to preserve and honour the legacy of Syama Prasad Mukherjee in the state budget presented by Finance Minister SwapanDasgupta. The proposals include restoration of his ancestral home, construction of a grand memorial, and the declaration of his birth anniversary as a state holiday.

As per the announcement, Mukherjee's ancestral residence located in Jirat under Balagarh block in Hooghly

district will be renovated and developed as a heritage site. A dedicated library and public park will also be built in his name as part of the memorial project. The government has allocated 200 crore for the overall development of these initiatives.

The budget also proposed the construction of a 125-foot-tall memorial structure dedicated to Syama Prasad Mukherjee. The foundation stone for the project is expected to be laid on July 6, his birth anniversary. Although

the exact location in Kolkata is yet to be finalised, officials confirmed that land within the city will be identified for the monument.

In a significant administrative decision, the state government has also declared July 6 as a public holiday, which will now be included in the official calendar for government employees. The move is seen as part of a broader initiative to promote awareness of Mukherjee's contribution to India's political and cultural history.

Additionally, the government

has announced a special observance period titled "Syama Prasad Mukherjee Fortnight," which will be held from June 23 to July 6 across the state. During this period, various programmes are expected to be organised to highlight his life, ideology and public service.

The government stated that these measures aim to bring greater public attention to historical personalities and ensure that future generations remain connected to their contributions in shaping the state's and the nation's history

Salary Hikes for Civic Workers, ASHA Workers Transport Staff and New Welfare Measures

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government's first budget under the new BJP administration has announced a wide range of welfare measures, with a particular focus on salary revisions for contractual workers, civic staff and government-related service personnel. Finance Minister SwapanDasgupta presented the budget, stating that no sector has been left out in the development roadmap.

A major highlight of the budget is the proposed salary hike for several categories of workers. The government announced that civic volunteers, Green Police and village police personnel will receive an increase of ₹2,000 in their

monthly honorarium starting from August.

The Budget includes a complete waiver of professional tax for Border Security Force (BSF) personnel. The Finance Minister said the proposal has been made in recognition of the BSF jawans who serve day and night to protect the country's borders and ensure national security. He added that despite their crucial role, they were earlier not exempted from professional tax, and the new move is intended to honour their service and dedication.

Meanwhile, workers engaged under schemes such as Prani-Bandhu, PraniSewa and other animal welfare-related AI-sup-

ported services will also receive a monthly increase of ₹2,000, recognising their contribution to public service.

Expectations were high among citizens, and the government has announced multiple people-centric measures aimed at improving livelihoods and social security. A key highlight of the budget is the increase in monthly remuneration for ASHA workers and ICDS workers, who will now receive ₹5,000 per month. These workers had long been demanding better wages, and the announcement is being seen as a significant relief.

In the transport sector, the government proposed raising the remuneration of conductors em-

ployed under the State Transport Corporation to 16,000 per month. This move is expected to benefit a large number of contractual transport workers across the state.

For Village Resource Persons and Vector Control Team members, who earlier received ₹200 and ₹175 per day respectively, an additional ₹100 per day has been proposed, significantly improving their earnings.

The budget also announced social welfare measures for specific groups. Retired journalists will receive a monthly pension of ₹5,000, acknowledging their contribution to the field of journalism.

In a separate welfare initiative, individuals who were imprisoned

during the Emergency period will be granted a monthly pension of ₹10,000. Additionally, the government reiterated its commitment to employment generation, announcing 33% reservation for women in government jobs. The budget also includes plans to recruit 20,000 police personnel and 50,000 teachers across the state.

Food security in urban areas has also been prioritised. The state currently operates 400 "MaaAhar" centres, providing subsidised meals including eggs, fish and vegetables at just ₹5. The government has announced plans to expand this initiative by opening 210 additional centres across urban regions.

Name Change

I, Sipra Roy (Old Name) D/o Manindra Nath Saha W/o Nikhil Chandra Roy Residing at 41/7G/1, Dakshin Behala Road, PorPs- Sarsuna, District- Kolkata, Pin- 700061, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sipra Roy (Old Name) to Shipra Roy (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shipra Roy (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Shipra Roy (New Name) and Sipra Roy (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Fazlu Rahman Sardar (Old Name), Son Of Ismail Sardar, Resident Of N0070, Tarali Uttara Para, Tarali, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas- 743273, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Fazlu Rahman Sardar (Old Name) To Fazul Rahman Sardar (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Fazul Rahman Sardar (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 11 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Fazul Rahman Sardar (New Name) And Fazlu Rahman Sardar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Zeeshan Ali (Old Name), Son Of Mohammad, Alim Resident Of I- 82/6-Kasai Para, Po & Ps- Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Zeeshan Ali (Old Name) To Md Zeeshan Ali (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Zeeshan Ali (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 35 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/06/2026. Md Zeeshan Ali (New Name) And Mohammad Zeeshan Ali (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Rimjim Ghosh (Old Name), Wife Of Debnath Pyne, Resident Of Flat-4/16, Chhayanat, Calcutta Greens, Phase- 2, 1050/2, Survey Park , Kolkata- 700075, West Bengal, Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rimjim Ghosh (Old Name) To Rimjim Ghosh Pyne (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Rimjim Ghosh Pyne (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 35 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Rimjim Ghosh Pyne (New Name) And Rimjim Ghosh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Monira Begum W/o, Sk Roysan Ali, Resident of 124, Bose Pukur Purba Para, P.O.- E.K.T.P. Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from Seikh Abdullatif Mondal (my father Old Name) to Abdul Latiph Mandal (my father new name) and henceforth they shall be known as Abdul Latiph Mandal (my father New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 19/06/2026. Seikh Abdullatif Mondal and Abdul Latiph Mandal both are the same and one identical person.

Bulldozer operation at Samajwadi Party office in UP

MI News Service, Lucknow: Bulldozer operation at Samajwadi Party office by Yogi Sarkar. The municipality conducted a bulldozer operation on this building, built 21 years ago in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday morning. The entire building was demolished with the help of four bulldozers. The administration claims that a notice had been issued by the government to vacate the building. A large number of police were deployed during the operation on Monday to prevent any unrest.

The administration informed that on January 15, 2005, the then Municipal Council President Radheshyam Jaiswal had illegally allotted this land in the Town Hall premises for the SP party office. The annual rent for which was only Rs 100. However, the Municipal Council cancelled the allotment



as the allocation process was against the rules. Even then, the Samajwadi Party office was being run illegally. On June 8, the District Magistrate Court issued a notice ordering the office to be vacated within 15 days. SP's District President Chhatrapal Yadav vacated the office 2 days before the stipulated deadline.

Then on Monday morning, four bulldozers arrived to vacate the gov-

ernment land. The entire building was demolished. Seema Singh, a top official of the municipality, said, "We had already issued a notice to vacate the office. We were ordered to vacate the land within 15 days. There was an office of a political party there. It has been demolished. The administration's goal is to vacate the land and make arrangements to build a government college in that area."

Name Change

I, Jamir Hushen Mondal (Old Name) S/o Akbar Ali Mondal Residing at Vill- Garjala, Po- Tentulberia, Ps- Gaighata, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743245, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Jamir Hushen Mondal (Old Name) to Jamir Hossain Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Jamir Hossain Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 983 Sworn before the Ld. Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Bongaon, North 24 Parganas, on Dated 02-03-2023. Jamir Hossain Mondal (New Name) and Jamir Hushen Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Gopal Chandra Saha (Old Name), Son Of Late Narayan Chandra Saha, Resident Of 79, Madhusudhan Biswas Lane, Howrah- 711017, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gopal Chandra Saha (Old Name) To Gopal Krishna Saha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Gopal Krishna Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 10 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Gopal Krishna Saha (New Name) And Gopal Chandra Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Kunal Kishore Lahiri (Old Name), Son Of Kanai Lal Lahiri, Resident Of 24/M, Raja K.L. Goswami Street, Ps- Serampore, Hooghly- 712201, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kunal Kishore Lahiri (Old Name) To Kunal Lahiri (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Kunal Lahiri (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 34 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2026. Kunal Lahiri (New Name) And Kunal Kishore Lahiri (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shaikh Alauddin (Old Name), Son Of Late Sk Basiruddin, Resident Of 56b, Amrit Lal Mukherjee Road, P.O.- Barisha, P.S.- Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700008, West Bengal, Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shaikh Alauddin (Old Name) To Sheikh Alauddin (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Sheikh Alauddin (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 30 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Sheikh Alauddin (New Name) And Shaikh Alauddin (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Monira Begum W/o, Sk Roysan Ali, Resident of 124, Bose Pukur Purba Para, P.O.- E.K.T.P. Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my mother name from Tanjila Begum (my mother Old Name) to Tanjila Mondal (my mother new name) and henceforth they shall be known as Tanjila Mondal (My Mother New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 19/06/2026. Tanjila Begum and Tanjila Mondal both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nasim Begum (Old Name), Wife Of Jalaluddin, Resident Of 35/B, Hossain Shah Road, Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nasim Begum (Old Name) To Nasimara Begum (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nasimara Begum (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 18 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Nasimara Begum (New Name) And Nasim Begum (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Kunaljeet Singh Roy S/o. Pinaki Singh Roy, R/o. Royal Marina, Block-A Flat No. 207, 12, Nabakally, Near Water Tank No. 1, Mahapla, Uttarpur, Hooghly- 712245, W.B., do hereby declare that in my Passport where my father's name has been recorded as Pinaki Singha Roy instead of his correct name Pinaki Singh Roy & my mother's name has been recorded as Nandita Singha Roy instead of his correct name Nandita Singh Roy. That my father Pinaki Singh Roy & Pinaki Singha Roy and my mother Nandita Singh Roy & Nandita Singh Roy both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 34, dated 22/05/2026, sworn before Notary Public, Serampore Hooghly Court.

Name Change

I, Mariyam Gufran (Old Name) D/o Gufran Salahuddin Alimi Residing at 423/388 Purani Cungi, Makku Shahid Ka Bhatha, Jahmau, Vtc+Po - Shiwan Tanney, District- Kanpur Nagar, Pin- 208010, Uttar Pradesh, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Mariyam Gufran (Old Name) to Mariyam Gufran Alimi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Mariyam Gufran Alimi (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 20/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Mariyam Gufran Alimi (New Name) and Mariyam Gufran (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kalam Mandal (Old Name), Son Of Ruhul Amin Mandal, Resident Of N0052, Kushabaria Rd, Kushabaria, Barbaria, Ranaghat, Nadia-741501, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kalam Mandal (Old Name) To Abukalam Mandal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Abukalam Mandal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 27 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/06/2026. Abukalam Mandal (New Name) And Kalam Mandal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Aslam (Old Name), Son Of Md Ismail, Resident Of 251, Topsis Road, P.O& P.S- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammed Aslam (Old Name) To Md Aslam (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Aslam (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/03/2026. Md Aslam (New Name) And Mohammed Aslam (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ashok Majhi (old name), S/O Sudhir Chandra Majhi, residing at Ram Krishnapur, Sukdepur, Bishnupur-II, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashok Majhi (Old Name) to Ashok Kumar Majhi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ashok Kumar Majhi (new name), in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 19/06/2026. Ashok Kumar Majhi (new name) and Ashok Majhi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mahima Bibi, W/o. Sk Ramjan Ali & D/o. Sk Iyakub Ali, R/o. Takipur, Banashpur, Chopra, Gurap, Hooghly- 712308, W.B., do hereby declare that in 2002 voter list (184 Haripal Assembly) and in 2002 P.N. 125, Sl. No. 748, Hooghly, where my name has been recorded as Mahima Khatun D/o. Iyakub Ali (before marriage name) instead of Mahima Bibi W/o. Sk Ramjan Ali (after marriage name) and also in my Pan card where my D.O.B. has been recorded as 12/03/1973 instead of my correct D.O.B. 15/05/1984, which needs to be rectify where necessary vide this affidavit. I, Mahima Bibi & Mahima Khatun W/o. Sk Ramjan Ali & D/o. Sk Iyakub Ali (both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 13881, dated 10/06/2026, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court.

Name Change

I, Rashmi Keshri (Old Name) W/o Dilip Kumar Keshri Residing at Club Town Residency Block- 6 S & F, 57/3 M M Feeder Road, Near Adamas International school, Rathhalla, Belghoria, Belgharia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700056, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Rashmi Keshri (Old Name) to Kurnari Rashmi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Kurnari Rashmi (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 19/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Kurnari Rashmi (New Name) and Rashmi Keshri (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Vikash Goyal (Old Name), Son Of Mahabir Prasad Goyal, Resident Of 35/1, Jawaharlal Nehru Road Middle-town Row S.O, Kolkata- 700071, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vikash Goyal (Old Name) To Vikash Kumar Goyal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Vikash Kumar Goyal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 24 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Vikash Kumar Goyal (New Name) And Vikash Goyal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sk Ismail (Old Name), Son Of Akbar Ali Sekh, Resident Of Vill-lamdanga, Po-Baror, PS- Memari, Purba Bardhaman- 713146, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sk Ismail (Old Name) To Sekh Ismail (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sekh Ismail (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 154 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Purba Bardhaman On 15/05/2026. Sekh Ismail (New Name) And Sk Ismail (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Tapen Kr Bera (Old Name), S/O Haradhan Bera, Resident of Dakshin Harali, Gachampara, Harali, Howrah- 711226, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Tapen Kr Bera (Old Name) to Tapan Bera (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Tapan Bera (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Tapan Bera (new name) and Tapan Kr Bera (old name) both are same and one identical person.



Barasat area late on Sunday night. He was taken to Gaighata police station on Monday. Meanwhile, after hearing about his arrest, ordinary people appeared in front of the police station with trays full of eggs. When Nirupam was taken out of the police station for a physical examination on Monday, angry people

started protests. One after another, people started throwing eggs at him. Not only eggs, but shoes were also thrown at him. Somehow, he was rescued from the protesters. Later protesters also appeared in front of the court with garlands of shoes and eggs. But the police removed the protestors from the area.

NAME CHANGE

I, MITHU KHATUN BIBI, do hereby declare that in my younger son **TAHIR GAZI's** Birth Certificate (vide Regd. no. 188/ 2013 dt. 11.03.2013) and in my elder son **TOUHIH GAZI's** Birth Certificate (vide Regd. no. 358/ 2010 dt. 16.06.2010 Baduria Municipality) my name has been recorded as **MITHU BIBI**. On 01.06.26 vide an affidavit (no. 15157) before Basirhat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that **MITHU KHATUN BIBI** and **MITHU BIBI** is the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kartik Chandra Pal, Kartick Chandra Pal (Old Name) S/o Satya Ramjan Pal Residing at 18/D, Raja Ram Mohan Sarani, Kharamdanga, Baidyabati, Chapsara, District- Hooghly, Pin- 712222, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Kartik Chandra Pal (Old Name) to Kartik Chandra Pal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 19-06-2026. Kartick Chandra Pal (New Name) and Kartik Chandra Pal, Kartick Chandra Pal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Gopal Saha (Old Name), Son Of Gobinda Saha, Resident Of Ramkrishna Pally, North Dum Dum, Nimta, North 24 Parganas- 700049, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Father Name From Gobinda Chandra Saha (Old Name) To Gobinda Saha (New Name) And Henceforth He Shall Be Known As Gobinda Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/06/2026. Gobinda Saha (New Name) And Gobinda Chandra Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sahid Sheikh (Old Name), Son Of Majid Sheikh, Resident Of Gopinath Sakur Lane, Santipur, Nadia-741404, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From Sahid Sheikh (Old Name) To Saied Sheikh (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Saied Sheikh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 37 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Saied Sheikh (New Name) And Sahid Sheikh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sahana Sultana (Old Name), W/O Md Feradul Shaikh, Resident Of Sikder Para Road, Rajpur, Rajpur Sonarpur (M), South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700149, West Bengal, India. Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sahana Sultana (Old Name) To Sahana Sultana Shaikh (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sahana Sultana Shaikh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Sahana Sultana Shaikh (New Name) And Sahana Sultana (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOMETAJI KHATUN (Old Name), W/o- L. ABDUR RAUF MANDAL, R/O- Vill.- Malatiapur, P.O.- Chaitla, P.S.- Malda, North 24 Pgs., Pin- 743445. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **MAMTAJ BEGAM** (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court affidavit no. 25624/ 26 dt. 17-06-2026. **MOMETAJ KHATUN** (Old Name) and **MAMTAJ BEGAM** (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Sultan Dhabok, Sultan Dhabak, Md Sultan Ali Dhabak (Old Name) S/o Fajer Ali Dhabak Residing at Hanskhali, Ullasi, Ulashi, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sultan Dhabok, Sultan Dhabak, Md Sultan Ali Dhabak (Old Name) to Sultan Ali Dhabak (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sultan Ali Dhabak (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 18/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Sultan Ali Dhabak (New Name) and Sultan Dhabok, Sultan Dhabak, Md Sultan Ali Dhabak (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sourab Saha, Son Of Gopal Chandra Saha, Resident Of Ramkrishna Pally, North Dum Dum, Nimta, North 24 Parganas- 700049, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Father Name From Gopal Saha (Old Name) To Gopal Chandra Saha (New Name) And Henceforth He Shall Be Known As Gopal Chandra Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/06/2026. Gopal Chandra Saha (New Name) And Gopal Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, RAHUL KUMAR SHARMA s/o Bijay Kumar Sharma residing at 25/2, Shib Chandra Shavabhama lane, Kolkata- 700036, P.O. Baranagar, P.S. Baranagar, District- North 24 Parganas do hereby Solemnly affirm and declare that by an affidavit before the L.D. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Kolkata that **RAHUL KUMAR SHARMA** and **RAHUL KU SUTHWAL & VIJAY KUMAR SHARMA** AND **VIJAY KU. SUTHWAL** is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Aloke Kumar Dutta (Old Name), S/o Madhusudhan Dutta, Resident of 10D, Chakraberia Lane, P.S.- Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Aloke Kumar Dutta (Old Name) to Aloke Dutta (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Aloke Dutta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Aloke Dutta (new name) and Aloke Kumar Dutta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Saraswati Yadav w/o, Late Lal Bhadur Yadav, of G-394/B, Ramnagar Lane, PS- Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 has declared the actual real and correct name of my father-in-law **TILTHU YADAV** who will be (now deceased) as Known and called by this name **TILTHU YADAV** every where for future communication. **TILTHU YADAV, T. JADAV, SILTU YADAV** and **SILATEU YADAV** is an identical person as confirmed and declared before the **FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE** at Alipore 24 Pg(S), vide affidavit no 51446 dated Same 12.06.2026

Name Change

I, Badsha Alam (Old Name) S/o Sk Rasid Alam Residing at Vill- Chakhazi Batanal, Po- Batanal, Ps- Arambagh, District- Hooghly, Pin- 712615, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Badsha Alam (Old Name) To Sk Badsha Alam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Badsha Alam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Sk Badsha Alam (New Name) and Badsha Alam (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Chhattu Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Rahim Gazi, Resident Of Vill & Po- Barunhat, Ps- Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas- 743426, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Chhattu Gazi (Old Name) To Chhattu Gazi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Chhattu Gazi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Chhattu Gazi (New Name) And Md Chhattu Gazi (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Bidya Sagar Saha & Chandra Sekhar Saha (Old Name), Son Of Harendra Nath Saha, Resident Of Ward No 4 Ne-taj road, Near Binapani Vidyamandir, Joygachhi, Vtc-Habra(M), Po-Habra, North 24 Parganas- 743263, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bidya Sagar Saha & Chandra Sekhar Saha (Old Name) To Chandra Sekhar Saha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Chandra Sekhar Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 19 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Chandra Sekhar Saha (New Name) And Bidya Sagar Saha & Chandra Sekhar Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Soumi Dutta & Soumi Sen (Old Names), W/o Indranil Sen, Resident of 10D, Chakraberia Lane, P.O.- Elgin Road, P.S.- Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Soumi Dutta & Soumi Sen (Old Names) to Soumi Dutta Sen (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Soumi Dutta Sen (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Soumi Dutta Sen (new name) and Soumi Dutta & Soumi Sen (old names) all are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Murali Saraswati Kumar (old name) D/O, Ram Dulari of G-394/B, Ramnagar Lane, P. S.- Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 have changed my after marriage with Lal Bhadur Yadav will be known and called as Saraswati Yadav (new name) W/o. Lal Bhadur Yadav for future communication **MURAI SARASWATI KUMARI** and **SARASWATI YADAV** is the same person as confirmed and declared before the **FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE** at Alipore 24 Pg (S) vide Affidavit no- 51446 dated 12.06.2026

Name Change

I, Manirul Hasan (Old Name) S/o Sk Badsha Alam Residing at Vill - Chakhazi Batanal, Po - Batanal, Ps - Arambagh, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712615, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Manirul Hasan (Old Name) To Sk Manirul Hasan (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Manirul Hasan (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Sk Manirul Hasan (New Name) and Manirul Hasan (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Monoyara Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Noor Mohammad Molla, Resident Of 36, Majher Para (Molapara), Lauhati, Rajarhat, North 24 Parganas- 700135, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Monoyara Bibi (Old Name) To Manowara Bibi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Manowara Bibi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 13 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Manowara Bibi (New Name) And Monoyara Bibi (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shyamal Bose (Old Name), Son Of Surath Kumar Bose, Resident Of 6f Santoshpur East Road, Po- Santoshpur, Ps- Survey Park, Kolkata-700075, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shyamal Bose (Old Name) To Shyamal Kumar Bose (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Shyamal Kumar Bose (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 34 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Shyamal Kumar Bose (New Name) And Shyamal Bose (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Pranab Das (Old Name), S/O Bro-jendra Mohan Das, Resident of Madhab Kunja, F3-290/B, Sreema Project, Jalkal, P.O. & P.S.- Maheshtala, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700141, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Pranab Das (Old Name) to Pranab Kumar Das (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Pranab Kumar Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Pranab Kumar Das (new name) and Pranab Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sangita Ghorai, D/O-Dilip Ghorai resident of Vill & P.O.-Dhuliapur, PS- Panskura, District- Purba Medinipur, PIN-721634, West Bengal do hereby declare that I have changed my Father's name from Dilip Kumar Ghorai (Old Name) to Dilip Ghorai (New/Correct name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dilip Ghorai (New/Correct name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 9206 sworn before the First Class Chief Judicial Magistrate at Tamluk Court on 02.06.2026. Dilip Ghorai (New/Correct Name) and Dilip Kumar Ghorai (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nikhil Chandra Roy S/o Late Golap Roy Residing at 41/7G/1, Dakshin Behala Road, Po+Ps- Sarsuna, District- Kolkata, Pin- 700061, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my deceased mother name from Golip Roy (Old Name) to Golap Roy (New Name) and henceforth he shall be known as Golap Roy (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-06-2026. Golip Roy (Old Name) and Golap Roy (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Neren Saha (Old Name), Son Of Late Suresh Chandra Saha, Resident Of 24/2, Harish Neogi Road, Utladanga Main Road, Kolkata-700067, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Neren Saha (Old Name) To Niren Kumar Saha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Niren Kumar Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Niren Kumar Saha (New Name) And Neren Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Dimple George (Old Name), Wife Of Bikash Kumar Dalmia, Resident Of 29, Lake Avenue, Po- Kalighat, Kolkata- 700026, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Dimple George (Old Name) To Sushma Dalmia (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sushma Dalmia (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 32 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/06/2026. Sushma Dalmia (New Name) And Dimple George (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Gita Saha (Old Name), Wife Of Late Nitya Nanda Saha, Resident Of Gokul Dham Society, 36 Iswar Gupta Road, Dum Dum Cantonment, Kolkata, North 24 Parganas, 700028, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gita Saha (Old Name) To Geeta Saha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Geeta Saha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 17 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/06/2026. Geeta Saha (New Name) And Gita Saha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One identical Person.

Name Change

I, Jamsheed Alam (Old Name), S/o Md Mustafa Alam, Resident of 8/A/3, Saggachi 1st Lane, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jamsheed Alam (Old Name) to Md Jamsheed Alam (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Jamsheed Alam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Md Jamsheed Alam (new name) and Jamsheed Alam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Haryana life convict killed in an encounter



MI News Service, Sonipat: The accused had planned to kill the 'enemy' after being released on parole. The police reached the spot as soon as they got the information. The miscreant, who is accused of many crimes, tried to escape after being chased and opened fire on the police personnel. The accused died in retaliatory firing in Sonipat, Haryana. A policeman was also injured during the exchange of fire. Although the injury is not reported to be serious.

Sonipat police said that the accused, Gopal, had more than two dozen criminal cases against him. He was convicted in a murder case in 2010. Later, in 2016, the miscreant was sentenced to life imprisonment in another murder case in Ganaur. In February this year, the accused was released on parole for 70 days. During this time, he also committed several

LUCKNOW FIRE: At least 12 dead, many injured

MI News Service, Lucknow: At least 12 students were killed after a massive fire tore through a three-storey commercial building in Lucknow's Aliganj area on Monday afternoon. Uttar Pradesh deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak said around a dozen children were among the dead and a high-level inquiry has been ordered. "A fire broke out, leading to tragic deaths of some children. Administration is engaged in relief work," said Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath in Aligarh. Adityanath on Monday cut short his visit to Aligarh and returned to Lucknow after receiving information about fire tragedy. "My heartfelt desire was to stay in Aligarh today, but I have to say with sadness that I have just received information that a tragic fire incident has taken place in Lucknow. Some children have been caught in it and have lost their lives. Therefore, I have to return immediately," Adityanath said.

The chief minister expressed condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the incident. He said he had directed the Director General of Police and the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) to reach the spot and submit a report. "I myself am also leaving for there so that we can go into the details of the entire matter, punish those responsible and also express our condolences to the affected



families," he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also reacted to the tragedy and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from PM relief fund to the family of those killed and Rs 50,000 to the injured. "Anguished by the loss of lives in a fire mishap in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. My condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest. Rescue operations are underway and authorities are providing all possible assistance," he wrote on social media platform X. A massive fire blazed through a three-floor commercial building in a residential area in north Lucknow on a busy Monday afternoon, trapping several people, including students. Several casualties are feared, a senior official said. Visuals showed a

youth jumping from the first floor of the building as fire engulfed the structure that houses a pet clinic as well as a centre for students. Fourteen fire tenders, including a hydraulic platform vehicle, were deployed to control the blaze that was reported at around 3 pm from the building located at Usha Mehta Marg in Aliganj area.

While deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak, who reached the site, said the fire broke out in an animation centre, the fire department said it started in a coaching centre. "A few casualties are suspected in the incident," a senior health department official at the site told as rescue workers and others scrambled to assess the magnitude of the damage

and how many people were inside at the time of the incident. While some people were seen jumping out of the building to escape the fire, a few others were feared trapped, claimed eyewitnesses. Pathak said the priority was to safely rescue anyone trapped inside the building.

"Different figures are coming from eyewitnesses regarding how many people may be trapped. A clear picture will emerge after some time," he said. "Some of the children have been rescued. Their friends are saying that two-three or three-four children may still be inside. The fire brigade personnel have reached the top floor, but no one has been found inside so far. All rooms and bathrooms have been checked," he said. Kiran Shukla, an animal rights activist, feared many animals in the pet clinic might have been caught in the blaze. At least three bodies of animals wrapped in a blanket were taken out of the building at around 4.40 PM. A police official said the local police reached the spot immediately after receiving information and teams from nearby fire stations were rushed with water tenders and firefighting equipment. Later, NDRF, SDRF, and civil defence teams also joined the rescue operation. Visuals from the scene showed firefighting teams wearing safety gear climbing the building using ladders from outside.

Small Fare, Heavy Penalty: Child's Tears Spotlight Ticketless Travel



MI News Service, Kolkata: A tearful scene on a crowded platform has underscored Eastern Railway's renewed push against ticketless travel even as officials reported more than 2.12 lakh detections in May alone. The episode — an eight year old weeping as his father faced penalties for travelling without tickets — has been cited by the railway as a human face to the financial and emotional cost of fare evasion. Eastern Railway said the incident spurred further outreach alongside intensified ticket checking drives under General Manager Shri Milind Deouskar's leadership. Despite sustained awareness campaigns and appeals by railway staff to buy valid tickets, the network recorded 2,12,553 cases of ticketless travel between May 1 and May 31, 2026. Divisional figures included 86,601 cases in Howrah, 48,416 in Asansol, 46,591 in Sealdah and 30,945 in Malda Town. Officials highlighted the stark economics:

suburban fares on Eastern Railway start as low as Rs 5, monthly season passes can cost between Rs 100 and Rs 270, and a single short trip is typically cheaper than an auto ride. Yet many commuters continue to forgo tickets, prompting personnel to step up enforcement to protect system revenues and passenger dignity. Eastern Railway reminded commuters of legal consequences under the Railways Act. Section 137 penalises fraudulent travel — offenders must pay the ordinary fare plus an excess charge equal to the fare, with a minimum levy of Rs 500; non payment can lead to prosecution, fine or imprisonment. Section 138 covers travel without proper tickets absent fraudulent intent, with a minimum excess charge of Rs 500 as notified by the Central Government. CPRO Shri Shibram Majhi appealed to commuters' conscience, stressing that the modest fares exist to serve the public and that buying a ticket prevents public humiliation

and legal peril. "The savings from dodging a Rs 5 or Rs 15 fare can lead to penalties and legal action — and cause lasting trauma to children and families," he said. Railway spokesmen said enforcement will continue alongside targeted awareness drives in hotspot sections such as Sealdah South, and urged regular commuters to avail affordable monthly passes to avoid penalties and ensure travel with dignity.

DRAFT NOTICE IN THE CIVIL COURT AT CALCUTTA BEFORE THE LD 5TH JUDGE TITLE SUIT: 812 OF 2023

ICICI BANK LIMITED, Corporate incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodra and Branch office at 31, Chowringhee Road, P.S. Park Street, P.O. Park Street, Kolkata-700016. M-7012151627.

vs. Biswadip Banerjee (PAN BYPPB0704C) Son of Joy Gopal Banerjee, Residing At Parvati Garden, Block-7, Flat-1B, 357 Sarat Bose Lane, Gitanjali Park, North Dum Dum (M) Kolkata-700081

vs. Biswadip Banerjee (PAN BYPPB0704C) Son of Joy Gopal Banerjee, Residing At Parvati Garden, Block-7, Flat-1B, 357 Sarat Bose Lane, Gitanjali Park, North Dum Dum (M) Kolkata-700081

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiff has filed the TITLE SUIT 812 OF 2023 on 27/04/2023 before the Ld. Court. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through Ld. Advocate before the Ld. 5th bench, City Civil Court at Calcutta on day of 05-08-2026 at 10:30 a.m. either in person or through Ld. Advocate to file statement if any. In default the application will be heard and determined ex-parte in accordance with law.

Date: 06-06-2026 By Order Chief Administrative Officer City Civil Court At Calcutta

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. EC/T/Lorry/OT-02/26-27, Dated: 13.06.2026. Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/P&D, Eastern Railway Workshop, Kanchrapara, Pin-743145 invites Open e-tender for the following work. e-tender No. : EC_T_Lorry_OT-02-26-27, Closing Date 03.07.2026; Name of work and its location: Transport Contract for hiring of Lorry/Truck(s) of 05 MT capacity for Railway Use for Transportation of materials for POH Work along with provision of loading, unloading & proper stacking of Railway Materials & other store materials on anywhere to anywhere basis from/to various shop/sectional stores of Kanchrapara Workshop, to & from various store depots such as Liluah, Kanchrapara, Halisahar etc. and various carshed such as Howrah, Sealdah, Bandel, Narkeldanga, Ranaghat, Barasat, Sonarpur, Bardhaman & Asansol etc. for Shop No. 29B App-I & 29B App-II on per KM basis at Carriage Complex under Dy.CEE/W/KPCA Organization through Open Tender for a Contractual Period of 02 years : Approx. cost of the work: ₹ 17,88,953.60/- including GST; Cost of Tender Form: Nil; Website from where tender documents will be available : The Tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.irops.gov.in from 11.06.2026 to 03.07.2026 till 03.00 PM. Earnest Money to be Deposited: ₹ 35,800/-; Completion Period of the Work : 24 Months; Advertisement Period : 11.06.2026 to 03.07.2026 till 03.00 P.M.; Offer Submission Period: 19.06.2026 to 03.07.2026 till 03.00 P.M.; Date & Time of Closing of Tender : 03.07.2026 till 03.00 P.M.; Date & Time for Opening of Tender: 03.07.2026 till 03.30 P.M.

MISC-82/2026-27 Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irops.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter (PR-368)

Eastern Railway Revamps OHE in Asansol to Boost Reliability

MI News Service, Asansol: In a concentrated push to strengthen traction and overhead infrastructure, Eastern Railway's Asansol Division has completed a comprehensive programme of maintenance, repair and upgrades between May 1 and June 17, 2026, officials said on Monday. The work, directed by General Manager Milind Deouskar and overseen on the ground by DRM Sangrah Maurya, covered critical high traffic sections and aims to significantly reduce OHE failures and service disruptions.



Engineers replaced 20.105 Tension Kilometres (TKM) of worn contact wire across 17 tension lengths in the busy Khana-Pradhankhunta section and 4.4 TKM of ageing catenary wire over three tension lengths. Teams also removed or replaced 57 OHE structures identified as clearance risks and upgraded 22 ageing isolators with heavy duty 1600 Amp units. An extensive Annual Overhaul (AOH) totalling 101.302 TKM was completed to restore overhead assets to peak condition.

To avert structural failures such as catenary strand melting or parting, staff fitted 116 packing saddles and catenary suspension clamps departmentally, bringing the divisional annual cumulative to 304. Packing saddles were also provided at 83 Rigid Regular Alignment clamp sites, and three new lightweight section insulator assemblies were installed, raising the divisional total to 10.

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Cong ire at Tharoor's Modi remarks

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Congress has castigated its MP Shashi Tharoor for purportedly saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi had "forcefully made his point" about the US navy's killing of Indian seafarers when he met President Donald Trump at the G7 summit in France this week. Tharoor was quoted as saying: "The reality of the world is that the US is an indispensable power in the world, and India can't just turn its back on the US, even if there have been a couple of actions and statements that may have hurt our feelings.



"When it comes to the... Indian sailors, the Prime Minister rather forcefully made his point, both in the public speech and I understand privately, that you have to understand that we have sailors in various ships. "It was not an Indian ship, but even in other countries' flag vessels there are lots of Indian crew and sailors. And as long as they are civilians doing commercial shipping, they should not be treated like combatants in a war." Tharoor added: "I think all of us, certainly India, will hope that the peace will stick and that we will have a long-lasting peace in the region, in which case this question remains theoretical or academic. But as a general principle, what Mr Modi has said is right. That is that seafarers should be exempt from combat at-

Metro Railway, Kolkata

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work: Name of work: Zonal Contract for upkeep of elevated, overhead & underground structures, stations and allied service buildings/structures etc. at both Up & DN line from Kavi Subhash Station (KKS0) (CH: Km 0.97) to IT Centre (KITC) (CH: Km 15.22) of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Approx. Cost of Work: Rs. 76,72,350/- Earnest Money: Rs. 1,53,500/- Completion Period: Twenty Four (24) Months. Date and Time of Closing: 17.07.2026 at 12:00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.irops.gov.in Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

Abridged e-Tender Notice No. : Cvil-2584-2026 (Open) Follow us at: /metrorailwaykol /metrorailkolkata

EASTERN RAILWAY

The Following E-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineering/ (General)/Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works: SI. No. : 1; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1342-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual preventive and breakdown maintenance contract of 6.75 KW Regulated Battery Charger (RBC) Make-M/s Hitachi Hi-Rel Power Electronics Pvt. Ltd. provided in LHB type AC & TL coaches of Sealdah Division for 02(Two) years; Tender Value: ₹ 64,36,200.00; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,28,700.00; Completion Period: 24 Months; SI. No. : 2; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1345-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract of 01 (One) passenger lift of capacity 06 passengers, (G+4) (Make-OTIS) for Deputy CE(CN) building at RMS building Sealdah for Three (03) years; Tender Value: ₹ 4,14,732.00; Earnest Money: ₹ 8,300.00; Completion Period: 36 Months; SI. No. : 3; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1346-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Provision of catwalk at CS 4 mainline side for washing of EMU rakes at Narkeldanga EMU carshed; Tender Value: ₹ 24,25,031.00; Earnest Money: ₹ 48,500.00; Completion Period: 12 Months; SI. No. : 4; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1315-2026-27-R; Particulars of the Work: Annual Maintenance Contract of Passenger Lifts (Make-OTIS) at New Alipur Block no. 1 to 5 under jurisdiction of SSE/E/G/Sealdah-II for Three (03) years; Tender Value: ₹ 15,78,988.20; Earnest Money: ₹ 31,600.00; Completion Period: 36 Months; SI. No. : 5; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1333-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Replacement of existing Panel Interlocking System with new Electronic Interlocking System at Behlgharia Station; Tender Value: ₹ 69,24,751.00; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,38,500.00; Completion Period: 12 Months; SI. No. : 6; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1343-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Air-conditioning plant of capacity 112 HP (Make: Hitachi) in 1st & 2nd floor of New Building (G+5) at B.R. Singh Hospital/Sealdah for three (03) years; Tender Value: ₹ 17,38,235.52; Earnest Money: ₹ 34,800.00; Completion Period: 36 Months; SI. No. : 7; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1347-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Ductable Air-conditioning Package unit (Make: Hitachi) of capacity 5.5 TR-2 nos of each location (Total = 6 nos) at Krishnanagar City Electronic Interlocking Cabin, Krishnanagar City Electronic Interlocking Hub and Kalinarayanpur Electronic Interlocking Cabin for Three (03) years; Tender Value: ₹ 9,91,009.80; Earnest Money: ₹ 19,800.00; Completion Period: 36 Months; SI. No. : 8; Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1338-2026-27; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Ductable Air-conditioning Package unit (Make: Hitachi) of capacity 8.5 TR-2 nos at MBB Relay Room for Three (03) Years; Tender Value: ₹ 5,10,520.08; Earnest Money: ₹ 10,200.00; Completion Period: 36 Months; Tender Publication Date on IREPS : 18.06.2026 for SI. No. 1 to 8 each; Bidding Start Date : 25.06.2026 for SI. No. 1 to 8 each; Tender Closing Date & Time: 09.07.2026 at 14.00 Hrs. for SI. No. 1 to 8 each. Details of Tender Notice and Corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website: www.irops.gov.in

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LOST & FOUND

I, Aklima Khatoon Bibi-Wife of Bakul Kha, resident of Village: Kuliya, P.O.: Nabeslia, P.S.: Baduria, District: North 24 Parganas- am the daughter of the late Atiyar Rahman Sardar, S/o. Lt. Pachu Sardar, R/o.: Village: North Dhokra, P.O.: Banglani, P.S.: Swarnapurna, father held a savings account (No. 52200100 11857) at the Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank, Hothalganj branch, where he had opened a fixed deposit with me as the nominee; unfortunately, I have lost the documents related to this fixed deposit. I have lodged a General Diary (GD) regarding this at the Swarnapurna Police Station (GD No. 745, dated 15/06/2026). If any kind-hearted person finds the documents related to the said fixed deposit, please contact the mobile number 7679586715.

আমমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

একজন সন্তানকে জালাবে যাচ্ছে যে, ১) শ্রী দীপ সাই, ২) শ্রী অশোক কুমার সাই, ৩) শ্রী হীরা লাল সাই, সকলের পিতা দেবী সাই, সকলের সাক্ষী ৪) নং গোরাড রোড, এমপলী, বেনিয়াপুর্ন, কোলকাতা-৭০০০১৪, মহাস্বপ্নপথ বিজি ইং ১১/১১/২০১০ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.সার., শ্রীমামপুর, হালী, অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-00184/2020 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দিলি মূল শ্রী অরুণ সরকার, পিতা অনুলা সরকার, সাক্ষী ১৩৩৬ বি.এ. রোড, চাঁদনী, দেবদোটি, ভদ্রেশ্বর, হালী-৭১২২২২, মহাস্বপ্নপথ রাস্তাঘাট হামমোক্তার বিজি কলকাতা-৭০০০১৪, উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা বহলী শ্রী অরুণ সরকার মহাস্বপ্নপথ দূরত্ব পুঙ্খ পুঙ্খ বিজি কোলা দিলি মূল যথা বিবিত ইং ১১/০১/২০১২ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.সার., শ্রীমামপুর, হালী, অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১/1-05603/2022 নং বিজি কোলা দিলি মূল শ্রীমতী বিনিতা দাস সিং, স্বামী শ্রী প্রশান্ত কুমার দাস, পিতা দেবদাস নাথ সিং, সাক্ষী ৬৬১/২৮/৬ জি.টি.রোড, দেবদোটি, শ্রীমামপুর, হালী-৭১২২২২, মহাস্বপ্নপথ ০৬ টাক ১৮ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি এবং ১/1-05604/2022 নং বিজি কোলা দিলি মূল শ্রীমতী পৌরী দেবী সিং, স্বামী দেবদাস নাথ সিং, সাক্ষী স্বামী দীপ সাই, ৪ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত, আর.এ. ২৬৩ নং তথা হাল এল.আর. ২৬৩০ নং স্বত্বাধীন ইজি, আর.এ. ১৬৩৬ নং তথা হাল এল.আর. ১৪৪৪ নং দাগে পলি জমি ১ কাঠা ৩৬ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি আর দিলি আমমোক্তারনামা বহল বিজি কোলা দিলি ইজিইচ্ছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাচ্ছে যে, বর্তমান ত্রেতা ৩) শ্রী রমাকান্ত পানিগ্রাহী, পিতা রবি নারায়ণ পানিগ্রাহী, তদার উক্ত বহিরা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে পণ্ডন করবার জন্য বি.এ.এ. এ্যাক এল.আর. ৪ শ্রীমামপুর রক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন। ইচ্ছাতে কারাগার কোন আবেদন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজি প্রচার ইজিই আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে যাবত অফিসে আপত্তি জায়াইত পারিলে, অন্যথা নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য করা হবে।

Deo Kumar Prasad (Advocate), Chandernagore Court, Hooghly

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ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Tanmay Chakraborty/ LBCAL00006073078/ LBGH200006120781	Studio Apartment No. 1407, 14th Floor, "Kaveri City Center", Situated At Plot No. C-06 Delta 1, Greater Noida Gautam Budha Nagar Uttar Pradesh 201310/ June 19, 2026	March 26, 2026 Rs. 32,26,584.07/-	Delhi Ncr Calcutta

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: June 23, 2026 Place: Calcutta Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Sougat Chakraborty/ Tapash Chakraborty/ Plot No. 398, Premendra Mitra Street Dabgram 1, Ward No. 23, Siliguri Park West Bengal Siliguri- 734006/ LBSGI00006435493/ LBSGI00006278654	Flat No. 2-B, Second Floor, "Asmi Homes", Holding No. 118/486/490, R.S. Plot No. 9877, Jatin Das Sarani, Ashrapara, Khatian No. 5355/1, J.L. No. 110 (88), Ward No. Xiv, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Police Station Siliguri, Mouza Siliguri, Pargana Baikunthapur, District Darjeeling, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 1100 Square Feet (the Measurement of Which Includes Proportionate Share of Staircase And Landings With 20% Super Built Area) Along With Proportionate Undivided Share of Land. North: By Land And House of Radha Gobinda Saha And others South: By Siliguri Municipal Corporation Road (wide 14 Feet Road) East: By Land And House of Kalimohan Roy And Tapas Sengupta West: By Land And House of Nirmal Banik And Others And House of Ajit Das/ Date of Physical 18/06/2026	June 11, 2024/ Rs. 41,35,888.00/-	Siliguri

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1.	Haidar Ali Mallik/ Monima Khatun/ Kamalajoy, Sonarpur Station Road, Dreet Park Colony, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal Kolkata- 700103/ LBCAL00005138793	"Manali Apartment", Flat No. 3, Second Floor, South East Facing, Holding No. 55, S.N Ghosh Avenue, R.S. Dag No. 471, R.S. No. 222, R.S. Khatian No. 218, L.R. Dag No. 672, J.L. No. 70, Touzi No. 51/52, Mouza Elachi, Pargana Magura, Ward No. 26, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, A.D.S.R.O. & P.S. Sonarpur, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata, West Bengal, Owned By Haidar Ali Mallik And Monima Khatun (Admeasuring An Area of Measuring Area 730 Sq. Ft. More or Less, Super Built-up Area Along With One Car Parking Space No. 3 on The Ground Floor (East Facing Front of Caretaker Room And Left Side of Entrance) Measuring Built Up Area 120 Sq. Ft. More or Less For Parking One Four Wheeler Light Medium Vehicle. Along With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land Along With Common Areas, Common Portions, Facilities And Amenities North:10'-00" Wide Road South: Plot Within R.S. Dag No. 471 East:19'-00" Wide Road West: Plot Within R.S.Dag No. 471/ Date of Symbolic 18/06/2026	February 26, 2026 Rs. 12,22,505.00/-	Kolkata

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Date: June 23, 2026 Place: Kolkata Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Skincare Basics and How to Create Your Own Routine

Rome wasn't built in a day, and the same applies to skincare. It isn't something encoded in your DNA; rather, it is reflected in your daily habits.

You will find pages of information on various products and opinions regarding skin health, moisture, and sun protection, but the habit itself must come from within.

Put on your best noise-canceling headphones and enjoy this brief journey into the world of skincare.

Three Steps of Skincare

Your basic routine should consist of three main steps-CTM.

- 1: Cleansing
- 2: Toning
- 3: Moisturizing

Cleansing encompasses all actions related to washing your face and removing accumulated dirt and impurities. Toning helps maintain the skin's balance, while moisturizing keeps it soft and hydrated.

Enhancing your skin should be your goal, so focus on the specific areas you wish to improve. The aim of a beauty routine shouldn't be to achieve perfection, but rather to embrace a wonderful opportunity to witness the beautiful transformations in your skin.

Patience is key in this process, as there are no instant fixes. You must invest time and effort to reap the rewards. Be wary of any solution that promises immediate results; it is almost certainly a scam.

Now, let's look at how to apply these products.

You should apply these formulations in order of their consistency-starting with the thinnest product and finishing with the thickest.

Begin with a cleanser, follow with a toner and serum, and conclude with a

high-quality moisturizer.

Cleansing

Cleansing the skin is the most essential part of a daily routine. Your skin is constantly exposed to dust, pollution, and other impurities. You should remove these from the skin's surface as gently as possible.

Aim to wash your face twice a day (morning and night) to prevent dullness, acne, and clogged pores.

Choosing the right cleanser is crucial, as you need to cleanse your face without stripping away healthy, essential oils.

If you have oily or acne-prone skin, use a foaming cleanser; the liquid transforms into foam and breaks down sebum and dirt within your pores.

If you have dry skin, opt for a lotion or cream cleanser; the moisturizing ingredients cleanse away dirt while simultaneously hydrating the skin.

If you have sensitive skin, choose oil-based products. Products enriched with argan oil are an excellent choice; they are lightweight, non-comedogenic, and moisturizing, making them suitable even for highly sensitive skin.

Traditionally, toners were alcohol-based products designed to dry out oily skin and remove dirt after cleansing.

In the modern world, toners act like supplements that deliver nutrients to specific areas while helping other formulations absorb better into your skin.

Using a toner is optional, but it can be a great way to incorporate active ingredients that you might not find in other products.

Here are some ingredients to look out for:

AHAs and BHAs gently remove dead skin cells. These dead cells are a primary cause of clogged pores and dull-looking skin. Hyaluronic acid helps plump the



skin and boosts moisture levels, helping to address fine lines and wrinkles.

Vitamins like C and E are crucial for fighting damage caused by free radicals, which can accelerate skin aging.

Tip: The most effective way to apply toner is with clean hands. Pour a few drops onto your palm and then apply it to your face.

Treating with Serums

Serums are among the most beneficial products for your skin's health. Packed with active ingredients, they help

combat various issues, such as wrinkles and dark spots.

Here are some excellent ingredients to look for in your serums:

Vitamin C: Helps fight dark spots and brightens dull skin.

Niacinamide: Reduces inflammation, soothes redness, and improves the appearance of acne marks on acne-prone skin.

Hyaluronic acid: Strengthens the skin's protective barrier and retains moisture.

Tip: Do not apply all your serums at the same time. Antioxidant-rich serums can be used in the morning as they protect your skin from external stressors. Retinols become unstable and degrade when exposed to sunlight, so it is best to apply them at night.

Moisturizing

The definition of a moisturizer is quite simple: it is used to soften the skin and provide hydration. Effective moisturizers prevent water loss from the skin's outer layers while also enhancing the benefits of the skin's natural oils and ceramides.

Doctors recommend using moisturizer year-round, but care should be taken when choosing one. The texture of the moisturizer should suit your skin type.

If you have oily skin, opt for a gel moisturizer; it is lightweight and absorbs quickly into the skin.

If you have normal or combination skin, choose a lotion. It provides more hydration than a gel while still absorbing quickly.

If you have dry skin, use a cream. Creams are thicker than lotions and have a higher oil content.

Tip: Avoid products with harsh retinols or fragrances, as they can cause irritation, itching, and redness around the eyes.

Sun Protection

Sunscreen is one of the most important skincare products. It should be an integral part of your skincare routine, as daily use can prevent the formation of wrinkles and fine lines.

Using sunscreen daily offers benefits beyond just protection against sunburn. Understanding the advantages of sunscreen helps clarify why consistent sun protection is essential for preventing premature aging and pigmentation, and

for maintaining healthy-looking skin in the long run. There has been much debate about which sunscreen ingredients are best, and that is where we can help.

Chemical ingredients like oxybenzone and octinoxate are easily absorbed by the skin and can block the harmful effects of UV light. They are lightweight and transparent but can cause irritation on sensitive skin.

Physical ingredients like zinc oxide and titanium dioxide sit on the skin's surface and prevent ultraviolet rays from penetrating the body. They pose no risk to your body but do leave a white cast on the skin.

Tip: Use a sunscreen that contains a blend of physical and chemical ingredients. This type of sunscreen will protect you from UVA and UVB rays without leaving a residue. Choosing the right sunscreen is important, but knowing the correct way to apply it is equally crucial for consistent daily protection. Proper application and timely reapplication keep your skin safe from UV rays that cause premature aging, discoloration, and other sun-related damage.

So, why is skincare so essential?

There is no doubt that prevention is always better than cure.

Following these steps can reduce the need for future skin treatments. Do not overlook these simple measures for problems that are easily preventable.

If you are aging and your skin remains beautiful, then, my friend, you have made some excellent choices in life.

Making the wrong decisions and following unreliable advice can lead to serious consequences, whereas doing the right thing at the right time can benefit you in the future.

Study reveals how protein-rich breakfast can increase satiety, improve concentration

AARHUS, DENMARK : A new Danish study investigated the relationship between diet and cognitive function, and the findings show that a protein-rich breakfast can boost satiety and concentration.

This is important knowledge in a society with increasing obesity rates and lifestyle-related diseases, said researcher.

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." This is a well-worn platitude that has never had much basis in scientific evidence.

But a new Danish study has explored how different types of breakfast affect satiety and concentration and it has added new fuel to the old cliché.

The study followed 30 obese women aged 18 to 30 for three days, during which the women consumed a protein-rich breakfast, a carbohydrate-rich breakfast or no breakfast at all. The women's sense of satiety, hormone levels and energy intake were measured at lunchtime. Their total daily energy intake was measured as well.

The participants also had to complete a cognitive concentration test during the study.

"We found that a protein-rich breakfast with skyr (a sour-milk product) and oats increased satiety and concentration in the participants, but it did not reduce the overall energy intake compared to skipping breakfast or eating a carbohydrate-rich breakfast," says Mette Hansen, associate professor and PhD at the Department of Public Health, and one of the authors of the study.

The number of overweight people is increasing both in Denmark and across the globe. Obesity is often accompanied by lifestyle-related diseases such as type 2 diabetes. Previous studies have shown that people who eat breakfast have a lower BMI than people who do not eat breakfast, and protein-rich foods have generally been shown to have an increased satiety effect compared to carbohydrate-rich and high-fat foods with the same calorie content. The idea was therefore to test whether

a protein-rich breakfast could be a good strategy to achieving greater satiety during the day and thus reducing daily calorie intake.

However, the solution is not that simple, said Mette Hansen: "The results confirm that protein-rich meals increase a sense of satiety, which is positive with regard to preventing weight gain. However, the results also suggest that for this nutritional strategy to be effective, it's not enough to just eat a protein-rich breakfast."

The potential of replacing a carbohydrate-rich diet with a protein-rich diet can clearly be seen in the satiating effects measured in the study. Several of the subjects had difficulty consuming the entire protein-rich breakfast consisting of skyr and oats.

"It's intriguing that there can be such a big difference in the satiety effect of two different meals with the same calorie content. Had the women in the project been allowed to choose the size of the meal themselves, it's likely that they'd have consumed more food and thereby more calories on the day they were served bread and jam than on the day they were given skyr and oats," explained Mette Hansen. According to the researcher, although the study has provided important insights, it also has its limitations because only overweight young women participated in the study. The study is also based on relatively short-term observations, leaving open the question of how long-term dietary changes can affect health and weight. Mette Hansen therefore points out that the study underlines the need for further research to understand how different types of food affect health over time.

"We already have new data incoming from a trial where participants received either a high-protein breakfast or a low-protein breakfast. The objective was to study how the different types of breakfast affect body composition and other parameters such as microbiota and cholesterol levels," said Mette Hansen.

RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital Kolkata Successfully Performs Complex Laparoscopic Nephrectomy in Patient with Non-Functioning Kidney

Kolkata : Surgeons at RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital, Kolkata, successfully performed a highly complex laparoscopic nephrectomy on a patient suffering from a non-functioning right kidney caused by a large staghorn calculus, highlighting the role of advanced minimally invasive techniques in managing challenging urological conditions.

The patient had been experiencing persistent right-sided flank pain for nearly a month. Investigations, including a non-contrast CT scan of the kidneys, ureters and bladder (NCCT KUB), revealed a large staghorn calculus occupying the kidney along with near-complete loss of healthy renal tissue. A DTPA renal scan showed that the affected kidney was functioning at only 10 percent of its normal capacity.

Further evaluation confirmed a diagnosis of Xanthogranulomatous Pyelonephritis (XGP), a rare and severe form of chronic kidney infection that is often associated with large kidney stones and extensive inflammation. Given the irreversible damage to the kidney, surgical removal was recommended.

The procedure posed significant challenges due to longstanding infection and inflammation.



Surgeons encountered a "frozen hilum," a condition in which the normal anatomical planes around the kidney are completely obscured by dense scar tissue, making dissection particularly difficult. In addition, the inferior vena cava (IVC), one of the body's largest veins, was densely adherent to the kidney, substantially increasing the risk of vascular injury during surgery. Despite the complexity, the surgical team successfully completed the nephrectomy laparoscopically under general anaesthesia, avoiding the need for open surgery. During the operation, an inadvertent renal artery injury

occurred, which was immediately recognised and managed laparoscopically with minimal blood loss, allowing the surgery to be completed safely.

Commenting on the case, Dr Zeeshan Rahman, Consultant Urology, RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital, Kolkata, said, "Cases of Xanthogranulomatous Pyelonephritis are among the most technically demanding procedures in urology because chronic infection can completely distort the normal anatomy. In this patient, the kidney was densely scarred, the hilum was frozen, and the inferior vena cava was closely adherent to the diseased organ. Such situations require careful intraoperative decision-making and precise surgical technique to safely navigate critical structures. Being able to complete the procedure laparoscopically despite these challenges helped minimise surgical trauma and supported a smoother postoperative recovery."

The patient recovered well after surgery and was discharged in stable condition on the third postoperative day. The case highlights how advances in minimally invasive urological surgery are enabling surgeons to manage even highly complex kidney conditions while reduc-

"India's Got Nova", an Unconventional Community-First Format Featuring Samay Raina and Rajiv Makhni; Continues Industry-First Open Review Program

Patna : Ai+ Smartphone today announced the reveal of the Nova 2 Neo 5G and Nova 2 Pro 5G, expanding its Nova Series portfolio and reinforcing their commitment to delivering trusted, accessible, and performance-driven smartphone experiences for Indian consumers.

Designed for different user needs while sharing a common philosophy of design, reliability, and transparency, the Nova2 Neo 5G and Nova2 Pro 5G bring the Nova experience to a broader audience from first-time smartphone users and value-conscious buyers to creators, professionals, and performance-focused upgraders.

In a departure from traditional smartphone launches, Ai+ Smartphones unveiled the devices through "India's Got Nova", an entertainment-led launch format hosted by comedian Samay Raina alongside Gadget Guru Rajiv Makhni. The launch combined audience interaction, product demonstrations, live debates, and real-world challenges to showcase the devices in a more authentic and consumer-centric manner.

The reveal also follows Ai+ Smartphones' recently announced



Open Review Program, under which reviewers, creators, journalists, and members of India's technology community were invited to use, test, challenge, and review the devices before they become commercially available. With no embargoes, no talking points, and no review guidelines, the initiative reflects the company's belief that trust is earned through transparency and that consumer feedback should help shape products before they reach the market. Commenting on the reveal, MadhavSheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone & Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "The smartphone market is becoming increasingly diverse, with consumers seeking devices that align with their individual lifestyles, aspirations, and

expectations rather than a one-size-fits-all experience. The Nova Series was created to address this shift by bringing together thoughtful design, dependable performance, trusted software, and meaningful innovation within a single portfolio."

"With the introduction of the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro, we are expanding the reach of the Nova Series across a broader spectrum of users from first-time smartphone owners to performance-focused upgraders. At the same time, we wanted the launch itself to reflect the values we stand for. That's why we chose to involve the community, invite honest feedback, and launch these devices through a format that prioritises real conversations over presentations," he added.

Skin Diseases: Types of, Symptoms, Treatment & Prevention



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

Generally, skin diseases may cause:

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

Do skin diseases usually return after treatment?

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

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

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

- Diabetes: People with diabetes may have trouble with wound healing, particularly on their feet.
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD): Some IBD medications can lead to skin problems such as vitiligo or eczema.

Lupus: This chronic condition can lead to inflammation and skin problems, such as rashes, sores or scaly skin patches.

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

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

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

- Avoid sharing utensils, personal items or cosmetics.
- Disinfect objects you use in public spaces, such as gym equipment.
- Drink plenty of water and eat a nutritious diet.
- Limit contact with irritants or harsh chemicals.
- Sleep seven to eight hours per night.
- Use sun protection to prevent sunburn and other sun damage.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.

US, Iranian negotiators enter second day of talks

UK PM Keir Starmer resigns after less than two years in office

MI News Service, Bern: Negotiators from the U.S. and Iran were set to engage in a second day of talks Monday to solidify a permanent end to the war between the countries, after a first day of mediation began with a rocky start.

Mediators Qatar and Pakistan hailed what they called “encouraging progress” made during the talks as Iran and the United States agreed to create a “de-confliction cell” to address the fighting in Lebanon. A senior U.S. diplomat claimed progress on multiple fronts, including the establishment of “mechanisms” to ensure the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global energy shipments, remains open and that a ceasefire in southern Lebanon holds.

Yet the first full day of talks between the U.S. and Iran, who were accompanied by Qatari and Pakistani officials, was jolted by blistering statements from U.S. President Donald Trump, who from thousands of miles away from the Swiss negotiating venue at a mountainside resort near Lake Lucerne was fir-



ing off comments that offended the Iranians.

Iranian state media said talks had paused after the “publication of an insulting message by the U.S. President.” The Iranian delegation then met with Qatari mediators and left the negotiating site, state media said. The senior U.S. diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity to brief journalists on the ongoing talks, said late Sunday that the Iranians remained on site and the negotiations were on.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian had vowed to “never back down from the right to enrich uranium,” according to state media, and Trump later told in a phone interview that Pezeshkian should watch what he says

and also threatened to take over Iran.

Trump also continued to issue warnings against Iran on social media, posting as negotiators worked: “Iran must immediately stop their highly paid PROXIES in Lebanon from causing trouble. If they don’t, we’ll hit Iran very hard again, just like we did last week, only harder!!!”

The chief negotiators for the U.S. include JD Vance, the vice president; special envoy Steve Witkoff; and Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of the president. Iran is represented by Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, Iran’s parliamentary speaker, and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

It’s unclear when Vance will depart Switzerland, although he told in an inter-

view Saturday that he anticipates staying only a “day or two.” Kushner and Witkoff are handling much of the technical details on behalf of the U.S. delegation.

In a joint statement, Pakistan and Qatar said the high-level talks had ended and that technical negotiations would continue in Switzerland for the rest of the week. The statement said the sides had agreed to establish a “communication line” to ensure safe passage of ships in the Strait of Hormuz, as well as a mechanism to bring about an end to the fighting between Israel and the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The U.S. offered no immediate comment, while Iran praised the mediators’ work.

Araghchi wrote on X that Pakistani and Qatari mediators delivered “major progress to end the Lebanon War.” He added that the first “real test” of negotiations would be whether the mechanism succeeded in halting the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

MI News Service, London: Embattled British Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned on Monday, paving the way for Britain to have its seventh prime minister in just over a decade after mounting pressure over his government’s declining popularity.

Starmer said the process of picking a new Labour Party leader would be launched in July and he would remain as prime minister until his successor is chosen, to be in place in September.

“Every decision I have taken has been about putting the country I love first. That is why I will resign as leader of the Labour Party,” Starmer said as he choked up in an emotional speech outside 10 Downing Street.

“The question my party is asking now is whether I am best placed to lead us into the next general election... I have heard the answer of my parliamentary party to that question, and I accept that answer with good grace,” he said.

Reacting to Starmer’s resignation, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen praised



his legacy and support for Ukraine.

“It can take many leaders years to grow into the statesman you became in just two years... European and Ukrainian security is stronger because of you. Thank you, dear Keir,” she said in a post on X.

Starmer, 63, swept to power in a landslide election victory in July 2024, ending 14 years of Conservative rule. But a series of political missteps eroded his credibility, while both his approval ratings and Labour’s popularity have fallen sharply over the past two years, during a term marked by policy U-turns and deep public discontent.

Andy Burnham, 56, the mayor of Greater Manchester, emerged as the frontrunner to succeed

ing Street and announce a premature departure. It comes the day before Britain marks the 10th anniversary of its vote to leave the European Union, a decision that still roils the country’s economy and politics.

Discontent with the prime minister has been building for months, with Labour lawmakers desperate to reverse the government’s decline in popularity since Starmer led the center-left party to a landslide election victory in July 2024.

He has struggled to deliver promised economic growth, repair tattered public services and ease the cost of living, and has been hamstrung by repeated missteps, including his decision to appoint Peter Mandelson, a scandal-tarnished friend of Jeffrey Epstein, as the UK ambassador to the United States.

Labour is losing liberal voters to the growing Green Party and facing a rising Reform UK, the Nigel Farage-led anti-immigration party that consistently leads in nationwide opinion polls.

Starmer is the sixth prime minister in a decade to stand outside 10 Down-

Majority of Israelis say Netanyahu failed in Iran war, new poll finds

MI News Service, Washington: A clear majority of Israelis believe Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu mishandled the war against Iran, according to a new opinion poll published Sunday, with public confidence in his leadership falling sharply since the conflict began.

The survey, conducted by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem between June 17 and 20 among 3,644 participants and published by The Times of Israel, found that 56.4% of respondents rated Netanyahu’s performance during the war as either a “failure” or “poor,” while just 26.5%

viewed it positively.

The findings paint a broader picture of public disillusionment with the war’s outcome. Some 92.1% of respondents said they believed Iran had emerged victorious from the conflict, and 82.9% said the war had weakened Israel’s long-term security. Nearly nine in ten — 87.8% — said Israel had either failed to achieve the objectives it set out to accomplish, or had fulfilled only some of them.

A further 72.5% said they did not believe Netanyahu’s assertions that Israel had achieved significant gains and eliminated



an existential threat.

The political damage to Netanyahu appears substantial. His support as preferred prime minister dropped from 40.5% in March to 29.4% in June, a fall of

more than eleven percentage points over the course of the conflict.

On the question of Lebanon, the poll revealed a more hawkish public mood: 48.2% of respondents backed renewing major military action against Hezbollah even at the risk of a confrontation with the Trump administration, while 20.9% opposed such a move and the remainder declined to express a view.

The poll was published as talks between the U.S. and Iran opened at the Burgenstock resort in Switzerland under the

framework of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding, which is intended to pave the way for a permanent end to the conflict. The memorandum includes provisions aimed at ending hostilities on all fronts including Lebanon, reopening the Strait of Hormuz, and lifting the U.S. naval blockade imposed on Iran.

Israel and the US launched their war against Iran on February 28. A temporary ceasefire was announced on April 8, before Tehran and Washington signed the memorandum of understanding last week.

Confirmed Ebola cases in DR Congo reached 1,000

MI News Service, Kinshasa:

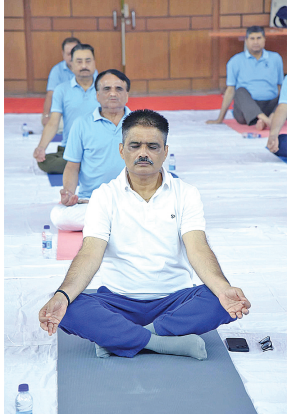
Confirmed cases in the Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo have reached 1,003, including 254 deaths, officials said in a statement late Sunday. A total of 100 people have recovered in the outbreak concentrated in the Ituri province since it was declared on May 15, Congo’s Ministry of Health said.

The Ebola outbreak caused by the rare Bundibugyo virus, which has no vaccines or treatment, was the worst ever in its first month. Officials admit there could be far more cases they still don’t know about and that the peak of the outbreak is still ahead.

Contact tracing remains a key issue for local authorities, who have only achieved a 55% coverage rate, the ministry said.



Coal India Celebrates International Day of Yoga 2026



MI News Service: International Day of Yoga 2026 was celebrated through a series of activities, including the Y-Break Challenge, Yoga Quiz, Essay Competition, and online Yoga participation at Coal India’s Corporate Headquarters in Kolkata. The celebrations culminated in a mass Yoga session on 21st June 2026, attended by Chairman Shri B. Sairam, Director (HR) Dr. Vinay Ranjan, Director (Marketing) Shri Mukesh Choudhary, Director (Finance) Shri Mukesh Agrawal, Director (Technical) Shri Achyut Ghatak, Director (Business Development) Shri Asheesh Kumar, CIOOWS members, employees, and contractual workers, reaffirming Coal India’s commitment to health, wellness, and holistic well-being.

Oil Marketing Companies Ensure Uninterrupted Supply of Petrol, Diesel & LPG

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies — IndianOil (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) — wish to reassure all consumers that the availability of Petrol, Diesel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) remains normal and uninterrupted across the State of West Bengal.

Despite a localised increase in fuel demand in certain areas, the overall supply position across the State continues to be stable and adequate. The entire fuel supply chain — from terminals and depots to retail outlets — is functioning efficiently and without any disruption. Fuel stocks are being continuously monitored, and replenishment

activities are progressing smoothly across all locations. LPG supplies to domestic consumers are being prioritised and remain normal throughout the State. Oil Marketing companies are maintaining close coordination on logistics, stock movement and retail operations to ensure seamless fuel availability across the region. Consumers are requested to remain assured and continue with their normal consumption patterns. There is no cause for concern. All consumers are sincerely requested to refrain from panic buying and rely only on official communication from Oil Marketing Companies for accurate and verified information on fuel availability.

Diversion of trains for development work over East Central railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Pre Non-Interlocking /Non-Interlocking work in connection with commissioning of 3rd Line in Dhanbad Division over East Central Railway, 11448 Howrah – Jabalpur Shaktipunj Express (journey commencing on & from 23.06.2026 to 27.06.2026) and 11447 Jabalpur – Howrah Shaktipunj Express (journey commencing on & from 22.06.2026 to 26.06.2026) will be diverted via Dhanbad- Gaya – Son Nagar – Garhwa Road Link Cabin – Garhwa instead of Dhanbad – Chandrapura – Gomia – Barkakana – Garhwa Road – Garhwa.

Indian Railways approves four new train halts to boost regional connectivity

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a move aimed at strengthening rail accessibility for commuters in Haryana and Rajasthan, Indian Railways on Monday approved additional stoppages for four long distance and passenger trains after detailed operational assessments and passenger demand studies. The approved halts include the 54085/54086 Delhi-Satrod Passenger at Patuwas Meharana (Haryana), the 14619/14620 Agartala-Ferozpur Express and 14717/14718 Bikaner-Haridwar Express at Hansi (Haryana), and the 12981/12982 Jaipur-Asarva Express at Bijainagar (Rajasthan). Railway officials said the additions have been found operationally feasible and are intended to benefit local commuters, students, farmers, traders and other regular rail users. Improving first and last mile access in Haryana

Patuwas Meharana station on the Rewari-Bhiwani section will receive a stoppage of the Delhi-Satrod Passenger. The rural halt, currently served by three pairs of mail/express and two pairs of passenger services, will now host an additional passenger train, reducing dependence on neighbouring Jharili and Charkhi Dadri stations which lie about 6-7 km away. Authorities said the new halt will ease daily travel for residents and enhance access to education and employment opportunities.

Hansi gains direct long distance links Hansi, a significant passenger hub on the Bhiwani-Hisar section already served by multiple mail/express and passenger services, will see two long distance trains — the Agartala-Ferozpur and Bikaner-Haridwar expresses — calling at the station. Previously, these trains halted at Bhiwani City and Hisar, approximately 37 km and 25 km away, respectively. The additional halts are expected to provide direct connectivity to northern, eastern and western regions of the country and expand travel options for passengers from Hansi and surrounding areas.

Bijainagar added to inter state network On the Ajmer-Chanderiya section, Bijainagar will gain a stop for the Jaipur-Asarva Express. The halt will bring the service closer to local passengers who earlier had to travel to Nasirabad or Bhihara — 42 km and 67 km away — and is anticipated to facilitate commerce and student mobility between Rajasthan and Gujarat. Passenger centric planning

Railway officials framed the decision as part of a broader passenger centric planning approach, which balances local demand with operational viability to make rail travel more accessible and convenient nationwide.

Rail Safety Upgrade: Kavach for 631 RKm, Aimed at Preventing SPADs

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a major push to bolster rail safety using indigenously developed technology, Indian Railways has sanctioned installation of the Kavach automatic train protection system on 631 route kilometres (RKm) across six sections of the East Coast Railway at an estimated cost of 270 crore.

The sanctioned sections include Baghuapal-Budhapank, Haridaspur-Paradeep, Khurda Road-Balangir, Naupada-Gunupur, Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh and Bobbili-Salur. Railway sources said the work is part of a nationwide programme to deploy Kavach with an LTE based communication backbone on dense and strategically important routes.

Kavach, an indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, is designed to prevent signal passing at danger, curb over speeding and avert collisions by continuously monitoring train movements and automatically applying brakes when necessary. Officials said the system’s au-



tomation will significantly raise operational safety standards and reduce dependence on manual interventions.

“Deployment of Kavach on these East Coast Railway sections will bolster both passenger and freight safety, particularly on high traffic corridors,” a senior railway official said. The project is expected to enhance punctuality and service reliability by enabling safer running in adverse conditions such as dense fog, when human visibility is impaired.

The programme also supports Indian Railways’ broader strategy to scale up Kavach cov-

erage across the network, prioritising routes with high traffic density and strategic importance. Sources said the LTE based backbone will ensure robust, low latency communication between trackside equipment and onboard systems — a prerequisite for real time train protection.

Beyond safety gains, authorities anticipate operational benefits including smoother line capacity management and potential for marginal speed optimisation where signalling and track conditions permit. The installations will include trackside radio nodes, onboard equipment, interlocking integration and control centre interfaces, the railways added.

Local officials in Odisha welcomed the decision, noting potential benefits for regional connectivity and freight movement from mineral rich areas. Contractors and suppliers for the project will be engaged through standard procurement processes, with phased commissioning planned over the coming months.

East Coast Railway Celebrates International yoga day with enthusiasm

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway (ECoR) observed the International Day of Yoga today with an enthusiastic and sizable turnout at the Railway Indoor Stadium, Chandrasekharpur.

The programme, held under the aegis of the General Manager, drew senior officials, railway employees and their family members in a concerted display of commitment to wellness and holistic health. In his inaugural address, the General Manager underscored the contemporary relevance of yoga as a scientific and sustainable means to enhance physical fitness, mental resilience and overall well-being. He urged employees to integrate yoga into their daily routines to foster healthier lifestyles and improved workplace productivity. The session featured a structured sequence of yoga asanas and regulated pranayama (breathing) exercises, led by certified instructors. Participants executed the exercises with discipline and focus, demonstrating the practical benefits of regular practice. The programme also incorporated demonstrations and corrective



guidance to ensure safe and effective practice across all age groups and fitness levels. A strong contingent of senior leadership attended the event, including the Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments and officers from the ECoR headquarters. Their presence underscored the organisation’s institutional emphasis on employee welfare and preventive health measures. Families of railway personnel joined the activities, reinforcing the community dimension of the event. In keeping with the nationwide observance, attendees recited the Yoga Protocol pledge, committing to adopt yoga as an integral component of their daily lives. Organisers said the pledge was intended to

translate the day’s enthusiasm into sustained, long-term practice. The event formed part of ECoR’s broader health and wellness initiatives aimed at nurturing physical fitness, mental well-being and a positive organizational culture. Railway officials noted that such programmes contribute not only to individual health but also to operational readiness and safety by promoting alertness and stress management among staff. East Coast Railway reiterated its resolve to continue promoting regular fitness activities, preventive health awareness and mindfulness practices across its divisions, aligning organisational priorities with national campaigns for public health and well-being.

Sambalpur Division Worker Honoured After Lifesaving Action

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway has honoured Ramdev Mandal, Track Maintainer-IV of Turekela Road under Sambalpur Division, with the Safety Award for his exceptional alertness and dedication towards ensuring safe train operations. While performing Hot Weather Patrolling duty on 25th May 2026, Mandal detected a crack in the SEJ tongue rail at Km 154/30-32 on the Down Line at Turekela Road Yard. He immediately took necessary safety measures, stopped Train No. 58528 Visakhapatnam-Raipur Passenger and informed his supervisor in time, thereby averting a possible safety hazard. East Coast Railway commended his vigilance and com-



mitment to safety, which reflects the strong safety culture and dedication of railway employees towards ensuring safe train operations.

Bhagalpur-Katihar Special Continues Through 10 July

MI News, Service Kolkata: In a major relief for commuters traveling between south and north-east Bihar, the Railway has decided to continue the service of 03407/03408 Bhagalpur - Katihar - Bhagalpur Unreserved Special train with existing path, timings and

stoppages upto 10.07. 2026 . This vital rail link was initially introduced following severe disruptions to road connectivity caused by damage to the Vikramshila Setu over the river Ganga, which completely halted direct vehicular movement between Bhagalpur and

the Seemanchal region. Recognizing the immense hardship faced by daily commuters, office-goers, traders, and local farmers, the railways had previously stepped in to operate the special unreserved service between Bhagalpur & Katihar upto 22.06.2026.

ISSF JUNIOR WORLD
C'SHIP: PRITAM KENDRE
STRIKES GOLD AS INDIA
ADDS FOUR MORE MEDALS
TO STRENGTHEN LEAD

NEW DELHI : The Indian shooting contingent added four more medals to their tally to strengthen their lead at the top of the table at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 in Suhl, Germany. India's Pritam Kendre clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Men Junior event with a composed and outstanding performance, earning the country's fifth gold medal of the championship. India also secured a bronze medal in the 25m Pistol Women Junior Team event through the trio of Anjali Mahendra Bhagwat, Parisha Gupta, and Nithila Ivy Darling Praveen Christopher, who combined to finish on the podium.

Another bronze medal came in the 25m Pistol Men Junior Team event, where Abhinav Choudhary, Raj Chandra, and Jatin delivered a strong team performance to secure a place among the medal winners.

Earlier, Anvii Rathod had added to India's medal tally by winning a bronze medal in the 10m Air Rifle Women Junior event. Anvii delivered a composed performance to finish on the podium, further strengthening India's impressive campaign at the championship.

With these four medals, India's overall tally has now risen to 12 medals (5 Gold, 1 Silver, and 6 Bronze). The Indian contingent continues to maintain its position at the top of the medal standings, reflecting its consistency and dominance across both individual and team events at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026.

Earlier, India's Sameer won the gold medal in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior event after a composed performance in the final, finishing with 28 hits.

In the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior event, Rohit Kanyan delivered a superb performance to clinch the gold medal, further strengthening India's campaign at the championship.



Women's T20 WC: Australia eye fourth straight win over an already-eliminated Pakistan (Preview)



LEEDS : Australia will look to seal their fourth successive victory in the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup when they face an already eliminated Pakistan at Headingley on Tuesday. With South Africa's win over India tightening the semi-finalists race from Group 1, Australia sit at the top with three wins from as many games and a strong net run rate. Another convincing victory would take them closer to a semi final berth. Australia have dominated Pakistan in this competition by winning all four previous meetings. Pakistan, meanwhile, have been winless after defeats to India, South Africa and Bangladesh, despite captain Fatima Sana's all round efforts. Fatima scored a fighting 55 against South

Africa and has taken seven wickets at an average under 10, including 3-16 against Bangladesh. Beth Mooney's availability could also ease the wicketkeeping burden, after she didn't take the field in the Netherlands batting innings due to back issues. The team management will also be weighing up on whether to retain debutant Lucy Hamilton, who impressed in her first outing, or recall veteran pacer Megan Schutt. Australia's pacer Kim Garth leads their wickets tally in the competition with five scalps at an economy of 5.10 and will look to rattle Pakistan's feeble middle-order. Local familiarity may also aid Annabel Sutherland, Nicola Carey, Phoebe Litchfield and Georgia, as they

all have played at this venue when it was their home ground in The Hundred. Squads: Australia: Australia: Sophie Molineux (c), Ashleigh Gardner (vc), Tahlia McGrath (vc), Nicola Carey, Kim Garth, Lucy Hamilton, Grace Harris, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll, Georgia Wareham and Tahlia Wilson (Traveling Reserve) Pakistan: Fatima Sana (c), Aliya Riaz, Ayesha Zafar, Diana Baig, Eymen Fatima, Gull Feroza, Iram Javed, Muneeba Ali (wk), Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Rameen Shamim, Sadia Iqbal, Saira Jabeen, Tasmia Rubab, and Tuba Hassan

WOMEN'S T20 WC: 'HARMANPREET AT NO.4, JEMIMAH AT 5,' MITHALI SUGGESTS BATTING-ORDER TWEAK AFTER INDIA'S LOSS

MANCHESTER : Former India captain Mithali Raj believes India should consider promoting captain Harmanpreet Kaur to number four after the team's six-wicket defeat to South Africa in the Women's T20 World Cup at Old Trafford on Sunday. While reflecting on India's missed opportunity, Mithali also praised left-arm spinner Shree Charani for her impactful spell that briefly swung the contest back in India's favour.

"It was a disappointing game for India because, had they won this, they would be on top of the table, and now they have no other choice but to beat Australia to get into the semi-finals. It was their game to win because it's a little tough road ahead. From batting order point of view, we haven't seen Harmanpreet bat that late at number five very often, so perhaps she can come in at number four and Jemimah at number five. "Jemimah has played at number five before and scored a lot of runs there. By the time she comes in, she will most likely face the spinners, which is her strength. She can use her feet and plays the scoops and sweeps well. That



could help build her confidence, get her back into rhythm and regain that momentum, with Harmanpreet batting ahead of Jemimah," Mithali told JioStar. India appeared well-placed to strengthen their position in Group A after posting 158, but Marizanne Kapp produced a match-winning unbeaten 81 from just 45 deliveries to take South

Africa home in the final over. The result handed India their first defeat of the tournament and significantly complicated their qualification prospects. Despite the setback, Mithali singled out Shree Charani's disciplined bowling as one of India's biggest positives from the contest. The left-arm spinner struck twice in one over to reduce South Africa

to 25/2 before returning later to claim another wicket and finish with an impressive spell. "Shree Charani is a quick learner. She made her debut in English conditions, so she pretty much knows the conditions. There wasn't much turn on offer for her on a pitch like this, but she made sure that she was attacking the stumps consistently and keeping them in play as much as she could. She varied her pace and lengths and even set the fields she wanted. "Getting those two big wickets in that one over brought India back into the game. Even when she was brought on for her second spell, Charani bowled very tight lines. She hardly gave anything away outside off stump," she added. Charani's breakthroughs had briefly stalled South Africa after a cautious start, but Kapp's counterattack, aided by two dropped chances, proved decisive as the Proteas kept their campaign alive, leaving India in a mix as they need to win their remaining two encounters against Bangladesh and Australia to confirm themselves a semi-final berth.

MPL T20 Scindia Cup 2026: Kumar Kartikeya spins a web with hattrick as Royal Nimar Eagles defeat Bhopal Leopards

INDORE : Royal Nimar Eagles produced a dominant all-round performance to register a comprehensive eight-wicket victory over Bhopal Leopards in a rain-curtailed encounter of the Madhya Pradesh League (MPL) T20 Scindia Cup 2026 at the Holkar Stadium in Indore. The match was reduced to 13 overs per side due to rain. Bhopal Leopards were bowled out for 107 in their allotted 13 overs against Royal Nimar Eagles, with the innings being headlined by a sensational spell from IPL star Kumar Kartikeya. Drawing on his experience at the highest level, the left-arm spinner produced a match-winning performance that played a crucial role in helping the Eagles secure a top-two finish in the league stage. The left-arm spinner claimed a remarkable six-wicket haul and completed a hattrick, finishing with figures of 6/24 from his three overs. The Leopards suffered an early setback, losing Tanishq Yadav and skipper Aniket Verma cheaply to slump to 15/2 in 2.3 overs. Rahul Chandrol and Ansh Bagadia then attempted to revive the innings with a valuable 45-run partnership for the third wicket. Chandrol led the counterattack with 39 off 23 deliveries before being dismissed, while Bagadia chipped in with 24 off 18. However, once the partnership was broken, the Leopards struggled to build any momentum and kept losing wickets at regular intervals. Kartikeya then ran through the middle and lower order with a devastating spell. He began his hattrick by having Pawan Nirvani stumped for 5 off 6 balls, before clean bowling Pranjul Puri with the very next delivery.

Wright to rejoin Tasmania as bowling coach after Women's T20 WC stint with West Indies

HOBBART : Damien Wright will return to Tasmania as bowling coach of the men's team once he completes his current stint with the West Indies women's team in the ongoing ICC Women's T20 World Cup, Cricket Tasmania announced on Monday. Wright has been the assistant coach of the West Indies women's team since January 2024 and is specialising in fast bowling. As of now, West Indies are at second spot in Group B of the Women's T20 World Cup and are one of the three unbeaten teams in the competition. Wright, who himself played for Tasmania, including being a part of their maiden Sheffield Shield triumph in 2006/07, and later was a coach with Hobart Hurricanes, said the opportunity to return was deeply personal. "Cricket Tasmania has always held a special place in



my heart. The Tigers have played such an important role in my life, both professionally and personally, and I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return. I can't wait to reconnect with the players and staff and continue to build something special for Tasmania," he said in a statement on Monday. Wright also worked as a bowling coach with the Punjab Kings in the IPL from March 2021 to January 2023. Salliann Beams, Tasmania's General Manager of High Performance, said Wright's experience across IPL, BBL and international cricket

would be invaluable for the men's set-up. "Wright brings valuable experience having coached in some of the world's leading T20 competitions. His background spans player development, fast bowling coaching and high performance environments," she said. Wright, though, will only work with Tasmania's Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup teams alongside head coach Jeff Vaughan. Meanwhile, Shawn Bradstreet has been appointed as the Hurricanes' new bowling coach in the BBL, and will replace James Hopes, who has taken charge of Sydney Sixers. Bradstreet previously held similar roles with Sydney Thunder and New South Wales, and also worked alongside Ricky Ponting at Washington Freedom in Major League Cricket (MLC) in the USA.

'We had a clear mindset to bring the trophy home,' says captain Salima on India's title win at Nations Cup

AUCKLAND : India registered a phenomenal title win at the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup New Zealand 2025-26 in Auckland on Sunday, defeating the hosts 2-0 in a thrilling final. This spectacular victory earned the team a well-deserved promotion to the next season of the FIH Pro League. India remained unbeaten throughout their dominant campaign, defeating the USA, Japan and Uruguay in the pool stage; Chile in the semi-finals; and New Zealand in the final. The title-deciding match saw early goals from Navneet Kaur in the fourth minute and Sunelita Toppo in the 15th, which proved decisive. Striker Lalremliam secured the 'Player of the Match' award for her exceptional performance in the final, while drag-flicker Deepika finished as the joint top-scorer of the tournament with six goals. She shared the honours with USA's Ashley



Sessa. To honour the team's achievement, Hockey India announced a cash reward of INR 3 lakh for each player and INR 1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff. Expressing immense satisfaction after the team's victory, Chief Coach Sjoerd Marjine praised the growth of the

squad. "Of course, we are delighted to win our first tournament and final together. It was crucial for us to learn how to win finals, especially after our recent heart-break against England at the World Cup qualifier. The team improved with every match. We relied on a very

strong and well-organised defence," he said. "While we created enough opportunities to score more, that remains an area where we must keep working. Our penalty-corner conversion was very good throughout this tournament. If we can achieve a higher conversion

rate for field goals, that will be fantastic. It is never easy to win a tournament when you enter as the highest-ranked team. We showed that we can manage that pressure well. Moving forward, playing against the top teams in the world will provide an important learning

process for our youngsters. Testing ourselves at the highest level is exactly what we need to grow to the next tier." Captain Salima Tete echoed Marjine's sentiments and highlighted the intense preparation behind the victory. "It feels absolutely amazing to lift this trophy. Our entire team worked incredibly hard for this moment. We entered this tournament with a clear mindset to bring the trophy home. Securing promotion back to the Pro League was extremely important for us. I am proud that we achieved our goal," the skipper said. "With the World Cup approaching, this victory provides a massive boost to our confidence. The team is playing with a very strong mindset right now. Every single match in this tournament was highly important for us. This win gives us the perfect momentum for our future preparations," Salima concluded.

ICC unveils post pregnancy return to play guidelines for female cricketers

DUBAI : The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday launched its return to play post pregnancy guidelines, offering female cricketers, member boards, and medical staff a structured framework to support players resuming competitive cricket after childbirth. The guidelines, as part of the ICC's broader 100% Cricket initiative, aim to normalise conversations around women's health and ensure that motherhood and professional cricket are not seen as mutually exclusive. The guidelines feature a six step '6 Rs' pathway - Ready, Review, Restore, Recondition, Return, and Refine.

All of this covers recovery, medical reviews, gradual training, cricket specific conditioning, return to competition, and further monitoring. The move comes amid an increasing number of female cricketers choosing to start families during their playing careers and then successfully returning to resume their on-field commitments. Australia team doctor Dr Philippa Inge, also a member of the ICC Medical Advisory Committee, said, "The ICC's Return to Play Post-Pregnancy Guidelines are designed to show players that having a baby doesn't need to be the end of their career, and what we're aiming to do with this policy is allow Member nations to facilitate the return to cricket for their players. "We know that many Members haven't necessarily had these in the past, and the aim has been to make them adaptable for the unique environments in which our Members need to use them. "The guidelines serve as a template for Members, and strong support for an athlete returning to cricket post-pregnancy needs to be individualised to the specific needs of them and their family."

The recommendations include the appointment of a dedicated case manager - typically a doctor or a physiotherapist -- to serve as the primary point of contact throughout a player's pregnancy and her subsequent return to the field. The case manager will be responsible for coordinating support services, overseeing periodic reviews, and ensuring that all decisions remain strictly focused on the well-being of both the mother and the child.

The ICC document also advocates for regular player management meetings at critical stages of the journey. These include the initial pregnancy announcement, the third trimester, six to eight weeks post-childbirth, and at four-week intervals once the player begins her reintegration into the cricket environment. To ensure comprehensive care, the guidelines call for a multidisciplinary support team consisting of medical staff, physiotherapists, strength and conditioning coaches, psychologists, dietitians, coaches, and family support networks, while emphasising a flexible, player-centred approach.

On the privacy and medical front, the global body stated that the decision to announce a pregnancy should rest entirely with the player, explicitly asserting that member boards should not mandate pregnancy testing. While the ICC guidelines strongly encourage continued exercise during pregnancy, it noted that training and competition decisions must be individualised and made in consultation with medical professionals. Although the document recommends that players cease competing after the first trimester, it stressed that there is no fixed gestational age at which participation must end. Such decisions will need to be made collectively by the player, her treating doctors, and the respective cricket board's medical staff.

West Indies leg-spinner Afy Fletcher, who returned to international cricket after giving birth to her son in 2021 and is currently featuring in the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup in England and Wales, welcomed the move. "I think it's really good that the ICC is giving cricket boards policies to look after women after pregnancy," said Fletcher. "It gives you a chance to have your family and then return, so I think that's one of the best things they could have done for women's cricket. "Physical recovery was challenging; more than that, I struggled to leave my child and miss creating precious moments. That's why every moment I play on the field is driven by him. Every player's journey is different, but you have to have strong support, get healthy, and trust the process."

