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West Bengal Assembly discusses Governor's address and Budget proposals day after presentation

MI News Service, Kolkata: A day after the presentation of the 2026-27 state Budget in the Assembly by Finance minister Swapan Dasgupta on Monday, West Bengal Assembly's ongoing Budget Session was primarily dominated by debates over the new BJP government's maiden budget on Tuesday.

As soon as the House assembled for the day this morning, a number of key legislative discussions revolved around massive fiscal allocations, including a proposed 20% Dearness Allowance (DA) hike for state employees, plans for five new districts, and a new greenfield airport at Kalyani near Kolkata.

However, alongside the budget discussions, the legislature was the focal point of a massive TMC internal crisis. The rebel TMC faction led by Ritabrata Banerjee, a party MLA from Uluberia in Howrah district, exerting his influence in the Assembly after having removed Mamata Banerjee as party chairperson and naming Arup Roy as the new chief in a parallel session, took an active part in the discussions right from the Question-Hour session.

Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta's inaugural budget was the centre of floor debates today, with the government aiming to recruit 1 lakh people to vacant state government posts and raise MLA local development funds from Rs 70 lakh to Rs 1 crore. Some legislators from both treasury benches and the opposition wanted to know more about the prospects of several major development pushes, including the proposal for setting up a new integrated deep-sea port at Dadanpatrabarh in East Midnapore district and the affirmation of the proposed Kalyani greenfield airport project.

Kunal Ghosh, a first time MLA from Beliaghata in Kolkata, while speaking on the Governor's address raised some impertinent questions about the performance of the BJP governments in some other states and made some remarks in terms of women's safety. He was however, repeatedly obstructed by both the treasury and the opposition TMC members for allegedly deviating from the subject of his speech, forcing Speaker Rathindra Bose to take corrective step amid a din.

It may be recalled that the opposition bench inside the House is fractured. Following the massive election defeats, 53 rebel TMC MLAs backed expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the new Leader of the Opposition.

After the presentation of the budget on Monday, the rebel faction under the leadership of Ritabrata Banerjee announced the formal removal of Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee from their top state party posts, replacing them with a committee led by Howrah central MLA Arup Roy.

Meanwhile the Speaker has announced plans to take the legislative body fully paperless, open the museum to the general public, and provide unhindered media access inside the lobby as well in the House during the proceedings which was stopped during the previous TMC regime.

Earlier in a dramatic development on Monday night, the rebel 'real Trinamool' camp led by Ritabrata Banerjee, Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, removed former chief minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee as party chairperson, and Abhishek

Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari is delivering a speech regarding the Governor's address in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during the Assembly session on Tuesday.

Banerjee, MP from Diamond Harbour, as national general secretary of the party in the state.

After holding a marathon meeting of the rebel camp in a five star hotel, in presence of 60 of total 80 TMC MLAs and 70 councillors of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ritabrata Banerjee claimed the party was facing a "constitutional crisis", arguing that Article 20 of the TMC constitution required the formation of a national working committee every three years.

According to the rebel camp, the last national working committee was constituted on February 12, 2022, and its tenure expired on February 11 this year.

Since no fresh committee was formed thereafter, the faction argued it became necessary to reconstitute the party's organisational structure.

The meeting first approved a 10-member national working committee comprising Arup Roy, Fir

Vice President , PM Modi, Bengal CM pay tribute to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on martyrdom day

MI News Service, New Delhi / Kolkata: Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Prime minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari are among scores of leaders across the country who paid tribute to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his martyrdom day on Tuesday.

In a social media post, the Vice President CP Radhakrishnan described Dr Mookerjee as a visionary leader, renowned educationist, and staunch patriot. He said Dr Mookerjee fearlessly championed country's unity and integrity. The Vice President added that Dr Mookerjee's sacrifice and unwavering commitment to building a strong, united and developed India would continue to inspire generations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid homage to distinguished patriot, scholar and statesman Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his martyrdom day today. In a social media post, PM Modi said Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee dedicated his life to the country's all round development. He further stated that Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee's unwavering conviction, courage in

public life and commitment to national interest continue to inspire generations.

The Prime Minister said that Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee's sacrifice remains etched in the nation's collective memory. He added that the citizens reaffirm their commitment to building a strong and developed India, guided by the values that Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee cherished and served till his last breath.

In a social media post the Prime minister said "My humble tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his Balidan Diwas. A visionary leader, eminent academician and resolute patriot, he fearlessly championed for India's unity and territorial integrity. His sacrifice and unwavering commitment to building a strong, united and developed India continue to inspire generations".

West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari paid floral tributes at the 'Keoratala Mahashmashan' (crematorium) in Kolkata to commemorate the death anniversary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Paying tributes he said Dr Mookherjee was

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Illegal immigrants being deported, genuine Indians have nothing to fear: Suwendu Adhikari

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday said his government has identified thousands of illegal immigrants and begun deporting them while assuring genuine Indian citizens that they would not be affected, irrespective of their faith.

Participating in a discussion on the Governor's address in the state Assembly today, the Chief minister said 10,000 illegal immigrants have already been identified and pushed across the border, while another 1,800 were awaiting deportation at 12 holding centres.

"The genuine citizens of India have no reason to worry. It does



Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari is delivering a speech regarding the Governor's address in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during the Assembly session on Tuesday.



A street vendor hurriedly covers his stall with a plastic sheet as heavy rain lashes Kolkata during a powerful Nor'wester storm on Tuesday.

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3 kg gold worth over Rs 4.3 crore recovered from Nadia Zilla Parishad member's residence; TMC leader Sabyasachi Dutta probe widens

MI News Service, Nadia : The investigation into the alleged extortion case involving former Rajarhat-New Town MLA and Trinamool Congress leader Sabyasachi Dutta took a dramatic turn after police recovered nearly three kilograms of gold ornaments from the ancestral residence of Nadia Zilla Parishad member Tina Bhowmik Saha in Karimpur. According to investigators, the seized gold is estimated to be worth around Rs 4.39 crore at current market prices. The recovery was made during a late-night search operation conducted jointly by Bidhanagar North Police and Karimpur Police on Monday. Police sources said the raid was carried out after investigators obtained fresh leads while questioning Dutta, who was arrested on June 8 in

connection with an alleged extortion case. Dutta was reportedly taken to Karimpur as part of the ongoing probe, following which officers searched a house belonging to Tina Bhowmik Saha's family in Kishorpur village. Officials said Tina was not present during the search. A search has been launched to trace her whereabouts, although no arrest has been made so far. Investigators are expected to question her regarding the source and ownership of the recovered gold. The latest recovery comes days after police unearthed substantial assets linked to Dutta, including multiple bank accounts, fixed deposits, cash deposits and gold ornaments from his Rajarhat residence and bank lockers. Investigators suspect that a portion of the



proceeds generated through alleged illegal activities may have been converted into gold and other assets, though these claims are yet to be established in court. Sources in the investigation revealed that the gold recovered from Karimpur was found during an extensive overnight search operation involving

senior officers from Bidhanagar North Police Commissionerate. Authorities are now examining financial records, property documents and possible links between the seized valuables and the ongoing extortion investigation. Family members of Tina Bhowmik Saha have maintained that the ornaments belong to the fam-

ily. Her father, Kanchan Bhowmik, reportedly told investigators that the jewellery constituted family assets accumulated over the years and that some of the ornaments might belong to his daughter. The recovery has triggered intense political reactions across Nadia district. Opposition leaders have demanded a comprehensive probe into the source of the assets and the financial dealings of all individuals linked to the case. Political observers believe the development could have significant ramifications for local politics, given Tina's prominence in the district's organisational structure. Tina Bhowmik Saha has been associated with several organisational responsibilities within the ruling party in the past and is considered an influential figure in

Nadia district politics. Investigators are now trying to establish whether the recovered gold has any direct connection with the alleged extortion network or represents independently acquired assets. Police officials remained cautious in their public comments, stating that all aspects of the case, including ownership of the jewellery, financial transactions and possible money-trail links, are under examination. Sources indicated that additional raids and questioning of other individuals may follow as the investigation progresses. With crores of rupees worth of gold already recovered and multiple financial assets under scrutiny, the case has emerged as one of the most closely watched political corruption investigations in West Bengal in recent months.

Notice Issued to Remove 150 Shops Along National Highway in Lodhashuli, Jhargram; Traders Deeply Concerned

MI News Service, Kharagpur : A livelihood crisis has emerged for around 150 small and large shopkeepers operating along National Highway No. 6 in the important bus stand area of Lodhashuli in Jhargram district, adjoining West Medinipur. Following notices issued by the National Highways Authority to remove these establishments as part of an anti-encroachment drive, traders are facing uncertainty and anxiety about their future. According to reports, numerous hotels, tea stalls, eateries, and other commercial establishments have been operating for years along the highway near the Lodhashuli bus stand. Hundreds of families depend on these businesses for their livelihood. However, the National Highways Authority has recently categorized these establishments as unauthorized encroachments and directed their removal. After receiving the notices, several traders have started dismantling their shops on their own due to compulsion. Meanwhile, administrative authorities have deployed Hydra cranes and JCB machines at the site to



carry out the eviction drive. A large police force has also been stationed in the area to prevent any untoward incidents. Police and administrative officials are continuously interacting with traders in an effort to maintain peace and order. Affected traders stated that they have been conducting business in the area for many years and supporting their families through these establishments. They argue that removing them suddenly without providing any alternative arrangement is unfair. The traders have demanded that the administration ensure proper rehabilitation before proceeding with the eviction drive. The traders also pointed out that the removal of hotels, eateries, and other service centers around the Lodhashuli bus stand would affect not only the shopkeepers but also thousands of daily passengers and travelers who rely on these facilities for food, tea, and other essential services.

BJP Leaders Pay Tribute on the 73rd Martyrdom Day of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee



MI News Service, Kharagpur : On the occasion of the 73rd martyrdom day of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and a prominent nationalist leader, a tribute meeting was organized at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office in Puratan Bazar, Kharagpur. During the event, BJP leaders and workers paid floral tributes to Dr. Mookerjee's portrait and remembered his ideals and significant contributions to nation-building. The program was attended by Bablu Barman, in-charge of the BJP Jhargram organizational unit, as the chief guest. Other prominent attendees included senior Kharagpur BJP leaders Gautam Bhattacharya and

Mukul Nayak, poet and litterateur Bhawani Prasad Guin, Dhruva Goswami, Shashu Kanu Sau, Kailash Pandit, Sumit Kundu, along with numerous BJP workers and supporters. Addressing the gathering, the speakers said that Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee made the supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the nation. They noted that his thoughts and principles continue to inspire citizens to serve the country. The leaders also pledged to follow the path shown by him and to always place national interest above all else. The program concluded with the singing of the national anthem. A large number of BJP workers were present throughout the event.

Illegal Drug Supply Network Busted in Nadia, Maharashtra Link Under Scanner

MI News Service, Nadia : A major illegal pharmaceutical distribution racket operating from a rented house near Badkulla railway station in Nadia district was unearthed during a joint operation by the Drug Control Department and Taherpur police. Large quantities of medicines worth several lakh rupees were seized, while two persons, identified as Rabinathan Mitra and Basanti Das, were arrested in connection with the case. According to investigators, the operation had allegedly been running discreetly for nearly three years from a residential property. Officials recovered a wide range of medicines, including paediatric drugs, cough syrups, painkillers, antacids and other commonly used pharmaceutical products. The premises were immediately sealed and samples of the seized medicines were collected for further examination. Drug Control officials said a significant portion of the stock appeared to be expired medicines, while several



packages lacked mandatory QR codes and traceability markings required under pharmaceutical regulations. The absence of proper identification has raised concerns over the authenticity and source of the medicines. Preliminary investigations suggest that medicines were procured at heavily discounted rates from Maharashtra, Kolkata and other locations before being channelled into rural markets across Nadia. Authorities suspect that the products were supplied to unlicensed practitioners, small retail outlets and informal healthcare networks operating in remote areas. The case has also exposed possible gaps in the pharmaceutical supply chain. Investigators are ex-

amining whether expired, unsold or diverted medicines were being reintroduced into the market through unauthorised channels. Officials believe the network may have extended beyond Nadia district and could involve multiple intermediaries. During questioning, one of the arrested accused, Rabinathan Mitra, reportedly claimed that they dealt mainly in unsold or non-moving pharmaceutical stock collected from various markets. He further alleged that consignments originating in Maharashtra were transported clandestinely to Kolkata before being distributed in Nadia. Authorities, however, are independently verifying these claims. The seizure has triggered concern

among local residents, many of whom expressed shock that such an operation was allegedly functioning from a residential neighbourhood for years without attracting attention. Public health experts warn that the circulation of expired or unverified medicines poses serious risks, particularly in rural areas where regulatory oversight is often limited. Police and Drug Control officials are now investigating the financial transactions, procurement channels and distribution network linked to the operation. Efforts are also underway to identify other individuals who may have been involved in the racket. A case has been registered under relevant provisions of drug and pharmaceutical regulations, and further investigation is in progress. Officials indicated that forensic examination of the seized stock and scrutiny of supply records could reveal the full scale of the network and help determine whether similar operations are active elsewhere in the state.

MINISTER BHASKAR BHATTACHARYA GRACES YSS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA PROGRAMME IN SERAMPORE



MI News Service, Hooghly : Local Residents Gather for Yoga and Meditation Session at Swami Sriyuktswar Giri Smriti Mandir Serampore, June 21, 2026: Despite adverse weather conditions, nearly 215 local residents gathered at the Swami Sriyuktswar Giri Smriti Mandir for a special programme organized by the YSS Serampore Dhyana Kendra to mark International Day of Yoga. The programme opened with an inaugural song presented by teachers of the Children's Sunday Satanga, followed by yoga and meditation sessions, including a synchronized yoga demonstration highlighting the harmony, discipline, and artistry of yogic practice. Swami Achyutananda Giri then conducted a seminar on meditation, prayer, and visualization techniques. In his discourse, he explained how these spiritual practices contribute to inner peace, mental clarity, and overall well-being. The programme was graced by Sri Bhaskar Bhattacharya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Public Health Engineering (PHE), Government of West Bengal, who attended as Chief

Guest. Speaking after the seminar, he said he had come primarily to listen and had gained much from the discussions, adding that he had nothing further to add to what had already been shared. The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all attendees, volunteers, and participants, along with gratitude offered to God and Guru, acknowledging that the programme's success rested on Their blessing. The celebration offered the local community an opportunity to experience the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga and meditation, reaffirming the timeless teachings of the Guru, as part of the nationwide observance of International Day of Yoga. About YSS: Yogoda Satanga Society of India (YSS) was founded in 1917 by Paramahansa Yogananda, author of Autobiography of a Yogi, to disseminate his teachings on yoga, meditation, and the spiritual unity of all religions. YSS is the India branch of Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF), headquartered in Los Angeles, USA. Media Contact: pr@yssi.org | 92046 67884, yssindia.org

Special Police Meeting Held in Belda Ahead of Muharram, Message Issued to Follow Government Guidelines

MI News Service, Kharagpur : With the objective of ensuring that the upcoming Muharram festival is observed in a peaceful, safe, and harmonious atmosphere, the Belda Police Station administration in West Medinipur district organized a special meeting with various Muharram committees. Representatives and organizers of different Muharram committees, along with police officials, were present at the meeting. During the discussion, detailed deliberations were held regarding security arrangements, traffic management, maintenance of law and order, and compliance with administrative guidelines concerning the Tazia processions and Muharram marches. The police administration appealed to the organizers to conduct all programs strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the govern-



ment and the administration. On this occasion, Belda Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Bhaskar Debnath urged all committee members to fully adhere to the directives issued by the state government and district administration. He emphasized that Muharram should be observed in an atmosphere of peace, brotherhood, and communal harmony. He also appealed to residents and organizers to remain vigilant against rumors and anti-social activities and to immediately inform the police about any suspicious situation. Police officials also

discussed the designated routes for Muharram processions, traffic arrangements, crowd-control measures, deployment of additional police personnel for security, and preparedness for emergency situations. Organizers were further instructed to comply with noise pollution regulations and the prescribed time limits for events. Representatives of various Muharram committees assured the police administration that they would coordinate closely with the authorities, follow all guidelines, and extend full cooperation to ensure the peaceful and successful observance of the festival. According to the police administration, this meeting was highly significant in maintaining peace, social harmony, and security in the region, and it is expected to help create a cordial atmosphere during the Muharram celebrations.

Budget proposal for Kalyani airport fuels speculation over 1,500-acre land parcel in Nadia

MI News Service, Nadia : The West Bengal government's proposal to develop a greenfield airport near Kalyani has triggered discussions over a large tract of land stretching from the rear of AIIMS Kalyani to the Shimurali area in Nadia district. While no official site has been identified so far, local sources and infrastructure observers believe that the contiguous land parcel could emerge as a potential location if the project moves beyond the planning stage. Presenting the State Budget for 2026-27 in the Assembly on Monday, Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta announced plans to establish a greenfield airport near Kalyani to address the growing passenger and cargo load on Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. The Budget document indicated that approximately 1,000 to 1,500 acres of land may be required for the proposed fa-

cility. The announcement marks one of the most significant aviation infrastructure proposals in southern West Bengal in recent years. Apart from Kalyani, the State government has also proposed new airports in Malda, Balurghat and Purulia, while expansion plans have been outlined for existing aviation infrastructure in other parts of the State. In the absence of an official location, attention has turned to a large stretch of relatively sparsely populated land extending from the vicinity of AIIMS Kalyani towards Shimurali. According to local sources, the area offers one of the few contiguous land parcels of the size that would typically be required for a modern airport and associated infrastructure. Infrastructure planners point out that the region enjoys strategic connectivity advantages. National Highway 12 passes through the area, while the Seal-



dah-Ranaghat railway corridor runs nearby. Shimurali railway station is located within close proximity of the land under discussion, potentially providing multimodal connectivity if a major transport project were to be developed there. The proposal also highlights Kalyani's growing importance within the Kolkata Metropolitan Region's extended development corridor. Over the past decade, the town has emerged as an education, healthcare

and research hub, anchored by institutions such as AIIMS Kalyani, the University of Kalyani and several industrial and research establishments. Urban development experts note that the location's proximity to AIIMS Kalyani could offer additional advantages. Improved air connectivity may facilitate emergency medical transportation, specialised healthcare logistics and related services, particularly in eastern India where access to advanced

medical facilities remains uneven across regions. From an economic perspective, a new airport in Kalyani could potentially reshape development patterns across Nadia and adjoining districts. Economists suggest that large transportation hubs often act as catalysts for investment in logistics, warehousing, hospitality, manufacturing and service sectors. Given Kalyani's location between Kolkata and northern districts of West Bengal, the project could strengthen regional connectivity and support future industrial expansion. The proposal is also being viewed in the context of increasing pressure on Kolkata airport, which has witnessed sustained growth in passenger traffic over the years. Aviation experts have long argued that the metropolitan region may eventually require supplementary aviation infrastructure to accommodate future demand, particularly in cargo handling and regional connectivity. However, significant procedural steps remain before the project can move forward. Land identification, feasibility assessments, environmental clearances, financial structuring and approvals from relevant aviation authorities would all be required before construction can begin. Officials have so far refrained from commenting on a specific timeline. For now, the discussion surrounding the land between AIIMS Kalyani and Shimurali remains speculative. Yet the Budget announcement has brought renewed attention to Kalyani's evolving role in the State's infrastructure strategy. If implemented, the proposed airport could become one of the most consequential transport projects in southern West Bengal, with implications extending well beyond Nadia district.

Nor’wester Fury Batters Kolkata, Heavy Rain and 75 kmph Winds Cause Widespread Disruption

MI News Service, Kolkata: A powerful spell of rain and thunderstorms swept across Kolkata and several districts of South Bengal on Tuesday afternoon, bringing the city to a standstill and causing widespread damage. The sudden weather change plunged parts of the city into darkness as a severe Nor’wester storm, accompanied by heavy rainfall and strong winds, lashed the region.

According to the Alipore Meteorological Department, wind speeds touched nearly 75 kmph in some areas. The weather office had earlier forecast thunderstorms and rainfall across Kolkata and adjoining districts, and the prediction materialized by midday.

Several parts of Kolkata witnessed waterlogging following the intense downpour. Major roads and intersections reported traffic

disruptions as rainwater accumulated rapidly. Fallen trees and damaged branches were reported from multiple locations, including the High Court area, Park Street, Esplanade, Eden Gardens and College Street. In several cases, uprooted trees crashed onto parked vehicles, causing significant damage.

Emergency teams and civic authorities were deployed to clear roads and remove debris. Tree-cutting operations were underway in various parts of the city to restore normal traffic movement. Reports also indicated temporary road closures in some areas due to fallen trees and waterlogging.

The weather department stated that Kolkata, Howrah, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas experienced intense thunderstorms and rainfall during the

day. Rainfall activity is expected to continue on Wednesday across several districts of South Bengal, with orange alerts issued for a few areas due to the possibility of heavy showers and gusty winds.

Meanwhile, North Bengal is likely to witness heavy to very heavy rainfall over the next few days. The India Meteorological Department has issued orange alerts for several districts in the hills and the Doorgas region, warning of intense precipitation that could affect normal life and transportation.

Authorities have advised residents to remain cautious during adverse weather conditions and avoid unnecessary travel during thunderstorms. Civic agencies remain on alert as the monsoon system continues to influence weather patterns across West Bengal.

Cal HC Orders Preservation of CCTV Footage, EVMs in Bhabanipur Election Dispute

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed authorities to preserve all CCTV footage from the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency counting centre, along with all Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and VVPATs, while hearing a petition filed by former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee challenging the 2026 election result.

Mamata Banerjee, who lost the Bhabanipur seat to Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari by a margin of 15,105 votes, has alleged irregularities during the counting process and sought judicial intervention.

During the hearing, senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee, appearing for Mamata Banerjee,

argued that the counting process remained normal until the 12th round, when she was reportedly leading. He claimed that the situation changed dramatically from the 13th round onward. According to the petitioner, Trinamool Congress counting agents were allegedly assaulted and forced out of the counting centre, while Central Armed Police Forces allegedly assisted BJP agents. He asserted that CCTV cameras had recorded the events.

Kalyan Banerjee also raised objections regarding the appointment of the Returning Officer, alleging that concerns had earlier been raised about the official's role in the Nandigram election. He further referred to subsequent appointments of election

officials to key government positions.

The petitioner sought interim relief, including preservation of CCTV footage and election records, and urged the court to ensure a speedy resolution of the case. Banerjee told the court that public confidence in election-related litigation would improve if such cases were decided promptly. After hearing the arguments, Justice GaurangKanth directed that all CCTV footage from the counting centre be preserved and not deleted without the court's permission. The court also ordered the preservation of all EVMs and VVPATs used in the Bhabanipur constituency.

The matter will come up for hearing again after two months.



A tree was uprooted and left strewn across the street due to heavy rain and gusty winds, leading to traffic congestion and causing inconvenience to commuters in Kolkata on Tuesday. PIC: Prabir Bhattacharya

CM Suwendu Launches Sharp Attack on TMC in Assembly, Alleges Fin Irregularities in BGBS Expenditure

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari launched a scathing attack on the Trinamool Congress while addressing the Assembly, recalling his political journey and highlighting what he described as years of political obstruction and legal battles.

Referring to a recent protest by Mamata Banerjee, Adhikari said the state government had granted permission for her sit-in programme at the Y-Channel in Esplanade after she sought approval to stage a demonstration at Rani Rashmoni Avenue. "Hold rallies every day if you wish, but you will not be able to return to power," the Chief Minister remarked, targeting the Trinamool Congress leadership.

Referring to past political confrontations, Adhikari said that opposition protests are now being allowed freely, un-

like during previous administrations. He remarked that while demonstrations may continue, the political chapter that once restricted dissent is now "closed."

The Chief Minister also reflected on his role in West Bengal's political transformation. "I was on the streets in 2011 to bring them to power, and I was on the streets in 2026 to remove them," he said, drawing loud reactions in the House. Taking a swipe at the present leadership of the Trinamool Congress, he alleged that many of the original activists who fought against the Left Front were sidelined as the party's leadership structure changed over the years.

Highlighting his own political struggles, Adhikari stated that more than 100 cases had been filed against him during his career and that several of them are still pending. He



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari addresses the Assembly session at the West Bengal Legislative Assembly in Kolkata on Tuesday.

West Bengal Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari on Tuesday also alleged major financial irregularities in the organization of the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) during the previous Trinamool Congress government. Speaking in the Assembly, Adhikari claimed that over ₹324.73 crore was paid to FICCI in connection with the summit and questioned the manner in which the funds were disbursed. He also referred to earlier allegations that ₹65 crore had been spent on an event management company for organizing BGBS. Calling the matter "the tip of the iceberg," the Chief Minister said a detailed investigation would be conducted and warned that those found responsible for any financial misconduct would face legal action. The Trinamool Congress has not yet responded to the allegations.

claimed he had been suspended from the Assembly multiple times and kept out of the House for nearly a year. He further said that he had to approach the Calcutta High Court on numerous occasions after being prevented from holding public meetings or visiting certain ar-

ees of the state.

The Chief Minister also referred to incidents in New Town, invoking the principle that every action has an equal and opposite reaction, and claimed that voters had already delivered their verdict against the previous regime.

Suwendu Reaffirms 'Detect, Delete, Deport' Policy Against Illegal Infiltration

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari on Tuesday reiterated his government's tough stance against illegal infiltration, declaring in the Assembly that the BJP-led state administration would strictly follow the Centre's "Detect, Delete, Deport" policy.

Replying to the Governor's Address in the Assembly, Adhikari said his government had already begun identifying and deporting alleged illegal infiltrators. "We have started sending them back across the border. There will be no imprisonment or prolonged legal process. They will be deported directly," he said.

At the same time, the Chief Minister sought to reassure Indian citizens, stating that law-abiding residents had nothing to fear. "Those who are genuine Indians, irrespective of religion or community, need not worry," he told the House.

According to Adhikari, around 10,000 alleged infiltrators have already been identified and pushed back across the border, while another 1,800 individuals are currently being held at 12 holding centres awaiting further action. He maintained that only eligible Indian citizens should receive government welfare benefits and public services.

The Chief Minister also

criticised the previous Trinamool Congress government over border management and questioned why land had not been provided earlier to the Border Security Force (BSF) for strengthening border infrastructure. He claimed that his administration had handed over 142.79 acres of land to the BSF within a short period after assuming office and said fencing work would be expedited.

Adhikari asserted that his government was implementing the laws and policies of the Government of India and emphasized that national security would remain a top priority. In a strongly worded message, he warned that those residing in the state illegally should leave voluntarily before enforcement measures intensified.

The Chief Minister said the government's policy was aimed at protecting state resources, strengthening border security, and ensuring that welfare schemes benefit eligible Indian citizens. He indicated that anti-infiltration operations would continue in the coming months, signaling that the administration intends to maintain a hard-line approach on the issue.

The remarks triggered sharp political reactions and are expected to fuel further debate over immigration, citizenship, and border security in West Bengal.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari pays floral tributes to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee at Keoratala in Kolkata on Tuesday.

State Govt Signals Wider Road-Renaming Drive, Forms Committee to Review Historical Names

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari on Tuesday indicated that the state government may undertake a broader review of road and locality names across Kolkata, following the recent decision to rename Suhrawardy Avenue in Park Circus as Gopal Mukherjee Road.

Speaking in the Assembly during a debate on the Governor's Address, Adhikari announced the formation of a committee headed by Kartik-Maharaj to evaluate the naming of roads and public places. The Chief Minister said the panel would examine existing names and consider proposals from the public and experts.

Defending the renaming of Suhrawardy Avenue, Adhikari described the move as a correction of historical memory and stated that roads in Kolkata should reflect figures associated with Bengal's heritage and national pride. He asserted that names linked to Mughal rulers, Pathan rulers, or what he described as oppressive British-era figures would be reviewed. He added that, apart from Sister Nivedita, foreign personalities would generally not be considered for public naming unless they had made exceptional contributions to India.

The issue sparked debate in the Assembly after Leader of the Opposition Ritabrata Ba-

nerjee questioned the rationale behind the name change. Banerjee argued that the avenue was not named after Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy but after his grandfather, MaulanaUbaiddullahSuhrawardy, and accused the government of distorting historical facts.

Responding to the criticism, the Chief Minister referred to several freedom fighters and historical figures, including Bina Das, and reiterated that the government intends to promote names associated with Bengal's cultural and nationalist legacy. He also said that personalities regarded as genuine patriots, irrespective of religion, would continue to be honoured.

SMPK and Adani Ports Join Hands to Transform Kumartuli Ghat Riverfront

MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP Kolkata) and Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the port's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme to redevelop the historic KumartuliGhat riverfront in North Kolkata.

The project covers a 300-metre stretch between KumartuliGhat and ChampatalaGhat, an area closely associated with Durga Puja, which has been recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. The initiative aims to strengthen the long-standing relationship between Kumartuli's renowned idol-making community and the Hooghly River.

The redevelopment plan in-

cludes restoration of heritage ghats structures, temples and shrines while preserving their traditional character. Riverfront infrastructure will be upgraded through improved bank protection, safer access points, pedestrian-friendly pathways and enhanced facilities for visitors.

Dedicated spaces will also be created for artisans, cultural activities, recreational use, boating, food kiosks and souvenir outlets. Community amenities, including public toilets, will be added to improve convenience.

Environmental sustainability forms a key component of the project, with plans for green embankments, native plantations and ecological restoration along the riverfront. Architectural lighting, surveillance systems, first-aid facilities and other safe-

ty measures will help create a secure and attractive destination for visitors.

SMP Kolkata Chairman Ranthendra Raman said the project seeks not only to restore infrastructure but also to preserve a cultural landmark deeply connected to Bengal's identity. He noted that the upgraded riverfront will be cleaner, safer and more accessible for residents and tourists alike.

Estimated to cost around 10 crore, the project will be implemented in phases to avoid disruption, particularly during the Durga Puja season. Authorities aim to complete the redevelopment before Durga Puja 2026, transforming KumartuliGhat into a vibrant public space that combines cultural heritage with modern amenities.

Vice President , PM Modi, Bengal CM

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Among others who also paid tribute to Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee along with the Chief Minister and other dignitaries and laid wreaths and paid respects was state PWD minister Agnimitra Paul, state's Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta and Industries Minister Tapas Roy.

Remembering his contributions to Bengal and Indian politics, The Chief minister highlighted Dr Mookerjee's role in shaping the state's history and protecting its identity.

The tribute event focused on Dr Mookerjee's political journey, including his role as the founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. Leaders also spoke about his ideas, vision, and lasting influence on

India's political landscape.

The occasion brought renewed attention to Dr Mookerjee's legacy and his impact on Bengal's history.

Meanwhile a report from Ranchi said Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar also paid tributes to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his death anniversary on Tuesday and said the Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder's thoughts and ideals will continue to inspire people to serve the nation.

Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee died under mysterious circumstances on this day in 1953 in a Srinagar jail, after being arrested for entering Jammu and Kashmir without a permit.

"His dedication and contribution to the integrity and sovereignty of the nation will always remain memorable. His thoughts and ideals will continue to inspire everyone for service to the

nation," Gangwar said in a post on X.

In Lucknow Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and several other state leaders also paid tributes to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his death anniversary today, saying his supreme sacrifice for India's unity and integrity would continue to inspire citizens and keep the flame of nationalism alive.

The chief minister, along with Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi and other leaders paid floral tributes to Mookerjee here.

In a post on X, Adityanath described Mookerjee as a "strong nationalist" and the founding president of the Jana Sangh, saying his sacrifice for the unity and integrity of India would always be remembered.

Press Club, Kolkata hails BJP govt for doubling retired journalists pension to Rs 5,000

MI News Service, Kolkata: : Press Club, Kolkata has extended sincere thanks and gratitude to Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari and Finance Minister SwapanDasgupta for doubling the monthly pension for retired journalists to Rs 5,000/- and announcing this decision in the state budget on Monday. In a statement here Press Club, Kolkata PresidetSnehashis Sur and Secretary KingshukPramanik said this will provide significant support to retired journalists. "We hope to continue receiving such support from the state government for the welfare of journalists in future too", they said .

Religion Change

After accepting Islam on & from 20/06/2026, I, Sumana Das D/o Sudeb Das known everywhere as Sumana Khatun D/o. Sudeb Das, I, Sumana Khatun D/o. Sudeb Das & Sumana Das D/o. Sudeb Das, R/o Mahisha, Machhlilandpur, Kumra Kashipur, Habra, North 24 Parganas-743271, W.B., presently R/o. Dwarpara, Panchpara, Balagarh, Hooghly-712501, is the same self & one identical person vide affidavit no. 2506, dt. 23.06.2026 before Notary Public, Chinsurah, Hooghly Court.

Name Change

I, Sharmistha Mallik, W/o. Tapas Kumar Pan, R/o. Vill Natungram, P.O. & P.S. Mogra, Dist. Hooghly, W.B. Pin 712148, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sharmistha Mallik to Sharmistha Pan Mallik and henceforth I shall be known as Sharmistha Pan Mallik in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 5139 sworn before the S.D.E.M., Seemapore, Hooghly Court on 04/04/2023, I, Sharmistha Pan Mallik & Sharmistha Mallik, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shalin Gathani (Old Name) S/o Manoj Kumar D. Gathani, Residing at 47B Balamang Bore 1st Lane, Bhowanipore, Kolkata-700020, WB, India have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as Shalin M. Gathani (New Name) as declared before 1st Class Magistrate vide affidavit no. 21962 dated 22/06/2026, Shalin Gathani (Old name) and Shalin M. Gathani (New Name) both are one and the same identical person.

Name Change

I, Shakera Quadri, wife of Quaisar Ali Quadri and mother of Fatema Quadri, residing at 26B, Beck bagan Row, Kolkata-700017, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Shakra Quadri and Shakera Quadri is one and same identical person via affidavit no 40234 before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated 27th April 2026.

Name Change

I, Quaisar Ali Quadri, son of Mubarak Hussain and father of Fatema Quadri, residing at 26B, Beck bagan Row, Kolkata-700017, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Quaisar Quadri and Quaisar Ali Quadri is one and same identical person via affidavit no 40236 before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated 27th April 2026.

NAME CHANGE

My actual name is RUMA PARVIN which is recorded in my Aadhaar Card (no. 722011619969), Voter Card (no. JMT1369131) and Pan Card (no. CVTPP3814R). But in 2002 Voter List- Part No. 46, Si no.-4, Hingalganj Constituency 99 my name is recorded as RUMA PARVIN KAYAL. On 16-06-2026 vide an affidavit (no. 14637) before Barasat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that RUMA PARVIN, RUMA KHATUN and RUMA PARVIN KAYAL is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

My actual name is PULAK HOSSAIN which is recorded in my Aadhaar Card (no. 6326 0177 76 9), Voter Card (no. WB14/0099135008) and Pan Card (no. AFEFH6742K). But in 2002 Voter List- Part No. 46, Si no.-3, Hingalganj Constituency 99 my name is recorded as PULAK HOSSAIN KAYAL. On 16-06-2026 vide an affidavit (no. 14637) before Barasat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that PULAK HOSSAIN and PULAK HOSSAIN KAYAL is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, SUBHRA NATH (Old Name), W/o MILAN KUMAR NATH, R/o: Vill-Chitrokrirajpur (near Basirhat Chowmathi), P.O. & P.S. Basirhat, North 24 Pgs., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUBHRA NATH (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no. 21487/24 dt. 13-06-24. SUBHRA NATH (Old Name) and SUBHRA NATH (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

I, Ashok Jhavar S/o Punam Chand Jhavar, resident of P-18 dobson lane madhusudan apartment howrah , do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashok Jhavar to Ashok Kumar Jhavar and henceforth shall be known as Ashok Kumar Jhavar in all purpose, vide affidavit no- 21AC 433950 sworn before the Notary Public on 22.06.2026. Ashok Jhavar and Ashok Kumar Jhavar both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Tamanna Khanam, wife of Nazim Ali, daughter of Muzaffar Hossain Sahaji, residing at Village- Khamar Naubad, Post Office- Sasan, Police Station- Sasan, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743423, do hereby make and declare that my date of birth is 12/01/2002, which is correctly written in my Madhyamik Admit Card, Voter Card, Aadhar Card and PAN Card. In my birth certificate, where my name and father's name along with date of birth are written, instead of 'Tamanna Khanam', father- Muzaffar Hossain Sahaji', 'Miss Tamanna Khatun, father- Muzaffar Hossain' and my date of birth is 30/08/2001. This declaration has been made by the learned Court in this regard by affidavit (No. 6358). On 20.02.2026, the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Barasat reported that Miss Tamanna Khatun, wife of Nazim Ali, daughter of Muzaffar Hossain, and Tamanna Khanam, daughter of Muzaffar Hossain Sahaji, are one and the same person.

Name Change

I, Madhuresh Ghosh W/o Ashis Ghosh R/A - C/54, Baghajatin, P.O. - Regent Estate, Kol - 700092, declare that Jhunu Guha Thakurata in my voter card ID Card - No WB/23/151028 and Madhuresh Ghosh in all others official documents refer to one and the same & identical person affirmed before the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Sealdah Court, Kolkata vide Affidavit No. 21182 dated 18.06.26

Name Change

I, Ejaz Ahmed S/O S U Islam (My & My Father Old Name), Resident Of Address 31b Sakshi Chandra Mukhopadhyay Sarani, (Cantopher Lane), Beniapukur, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India (My DI No WB0119920520891). Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ejaz Ahmed S/O S U Islam (My & My Father Old Name) To Ejaz Ahmed Sultan S/O Sultan Ul Islam (My & My Father New Name) And Henceforth We Shall Be Known As Ejaz Ahmed Sultan S/O Sultan Ul Islam (My & My Father New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah On 17/02/2026, Ejaz Ahmed Sultan And Ejaz Ahmed Both Are Same And One Identical Person (Myself), Sultan Ul Islam And S U Islam Both Are Same And One Identical Person (Myfather).

Name Change

I, Mukti Mukhia, Son Of R Mukhia (Old Name) Di No WB0120010479238, Residing At 244/7, A P C Road, Kolkata-700006, West Bengal, Have Changed My And My Father Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mukti Mukhya, Son Of Ramdeo Mukhya (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 16/06/2026. Mukti Mukhia, Son Of R Mukhia (Old Name) And Mukti Mukhya, Son Of Ramdeo Mukhya (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, S Guha, Son Of N C Guha (Old Name) DI No WB0119750364065, Residing At Premises No-18b, North Road, Jadavpur, Kolkata-7, West Bengal, Have Changed My And My Father Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Subrata Guha Son Of Late Naresh Chandra Guha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 05/06/2026. S Guha, Son Of N C Guha And Subrata Guha Son Of Late Naresh Chandra Guha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sekh Abdul Subur (Old Name), Son Of Ld Sk Abdul Mujid, Resident Of Metekhal Dakshin Para, Po-Bhagatpur, PS- Chanditola, Hooghly, Pin-712701, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sekh Abdul Subur (Old Name) To Sk Abdul Sabur (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sk Abdul Sabur (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 38 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Sk Abdul Sabur (New Name) And Sekh Abdul Subur (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Asgar Ali (Old Name), S/o Sk Naser Ali, Resident of VILL - DURGAPUR, PO NOORPUR, PS RAMNAGAR, SOUTH 24TH PARGONAS, PIN 743368, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Asgar Ali (Old Names) to Sk Asgar Ali (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Asgar Ali (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 11 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 23/06/2026. Sk Asgar Ali (new name) and Asgar Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Aabu Taher (Old Name), Son Of Khalek, Resident Of Churaman, Bhatat Lal, Raiganj, Paschim Gopalpur, Uttar Dinajpur- 733156, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Aabu Taher (Old Name) To Abu Taher (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Abu Taher (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 70 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur On 10/02/2026. Abu Taher (New Name) And Aabu Taher (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mukesh Chandra Agarwal And Mukesh Agarwal (Old Name), Son Of Suwa Lal Mittal, Resident Of 321, Dum Dum Road, South Dum Dum, North 24 Parganas- 700074, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mukesh Chandra Agarwal And Mukesh Agarwal (Old Name) To Mukesh Chand Mittal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Mukesh Chand Mittal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 21 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Mukesh Chand Mittal (New Name) And Mukesh Chandra Agarwal And Mukesh Agarwal (Old Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Nasira Mollah (Old Name), Wife Of Arif Islam Mollah, Resident Of Majher Para, Panchpara (City), Sankrail, Howrah- 711317, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nasira Mollah (Old Name) To Nasira Molla (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nasira Molla (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 20 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2026. Nasira Molla (New Name) And Nasira Mollah (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Muhammed Hussein (Old Name), Son Of Md Ibrahim, Resident Of Y Line Mill Banipur, Y Line, Banipur, Howrah- 711304, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Muhammed Hussein (Old Name) To Md Hussein (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Hussein (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 21 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2026. Md Hussein (New Name) And Muhammed Hussein (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, PRANAY SANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Old Name), S/o:- Late NIRMAL CHANDRA CHAKRABORTY, resident of D1, Rajkanal Cooperative Housing Society, TA, Anil Mohtra Road, P.O. - Ballygunge, P.S. - Gariahat, Kolkata- 700019, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from PRANAY SANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Old Name) to PRANAY SHANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Correct Name) and henceforth I shall be known as PRANAY SHANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Correct Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 41 sworn before the Notary Public, Calcutta on 22.06.26. PRANAY SHANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Correct Name) and PRANAY SANKAR CHAKRABORTY (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Umme Ammara, Father Jafar Mullick And Mother Saharana (My And My Parents Old Name), Residing At Vill-Udayachak, Po - Bhuta, Ps - Daspur, Paschim Medinipur, Pin-721211, West Bengal, Have Changed My And My Parents Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Umme Ammara Khatun, Father Abu Japhar Mallik, Mother Saharana Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Ghatol Paschim Medinipur On 12/11/2025. Umme Ammara And Umme Ammara Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person. Jafar Mullick And Abu Japhar Mallik Both Are The Same And One Identical Person. Also Saharana And Saharana Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Goloke Chandra Mondal And Golak Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Shib Narayan Mondal, Residing At 28 No Lane Kaikhal Chiriamore, Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), Kolkata Airport, North 24 Parganas-700052, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Golok Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 19 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/03/2026. Goloke Chandra Mondal And Golak Mondal Also Golok Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Abdul Jalil Mondal (Old Name), S/o Abdul Karim Mondal, Resident of 393 Uttar Nilachal, North Dum Dum, Nilachal, North 24 Parganas, Pin-700134, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Abdul Jalil Mondal (Old Name) to Abdul Jalil Mondal (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Abdul Jalil Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Abdul Jalil Mondal (new name) and Md Abdul Jalil Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Dilip Kumar Samanta (Old Name), S/o Late Lakshimpada Samanta, Resident of VILL - BASANCHAK, PO- BASANCHAK, PS- SUTAHATA, BHABANIPUR, EAST MEDINIPUR, PIN- 721654, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Dilip Kumar Samanta (Old Names) to Dilip Samanta (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dilip Samanta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 23/06/2026. Dilip Samanta (new name) and Dilip Kumar Samanta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Basant Kumar Shaw (Old Name), S/o Late Haripada Shaw, Resident of H.O.L.D.- R - 147, PLOT- 1470, KHATIAN- 5207, JL 126, MOZA- BASUDEBPUR, P.O. - KHANAJANCHAK, PS- DURGACHAK, EAST, MEDINIPUR, PIN- 721602, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Basant Kumar Shaw (Old Names) to Basanta Kumar Shaw (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Basanta Kumar Shaw (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 23/06/2026. Basanta Kumar Shaw (new name) and Basant Kumar Shaw (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Elizabeth Sebastian & Elizabeth Sebastian (Old Names), W/o Michael Sebastian, Resident of 7/1, Chamru Khan Sama Lane, Kolkata- 700017, PS- Karaya, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Elizabeth Sebastian & Elizabeth Sebastian (Old Names) to Elizabeth Sebastine (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Elizabeth Sebastine (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 23/06/2026. Elizabeth Sebastine (new name) and Elizabeth Sebastian & Elizabeth Sebastian (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Monami Ghosh D/o, Goutam Ghosh, Resident of 549/6, Pulin Pally, Po- Rajbari, PS- Dum Dum, Kolkata- 700081, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my Daughter's name from Shijini Mondal (Old Name) to Shijini Ghosh (new name) and henceforth he/she shall be known as Shijini Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 115, sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Barrackpore on 01/04/2026. Shijini Ghosh (new name) and Shijini Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Dinesh Chand Gupta Agarwal (Old Name), S/o Hem Chand Gupta, Resident of Vyan Block-2/23, Flat-5A, 49a Manmohan Banerjee Road, Barashibholla, Sahapur, Kolkata- 700038, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Dinesh Chand Gupta Agarwal (Old Name) to Dinesh Chand Gupta (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dinesh Chand Gupta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/06/2026. Dinesh Chand Gupta (new name) and Dinesh Chand Gupta Agarwal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Parveen (Old Name), Daughter Of Md Rafique, Resident Of 9/C, Topsia 2nd Lane, PO & PS- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Parveen (Old Name) To Fatma Begum (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Fatma Begum (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 13672 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 05/02/2026. Fatma Begum (New Name) And Parveen (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Bhim Sen Pandit, Son Of J Pandit (Old Name) DI No WB0120010079020, Residing At 115 Duttabad Road Premises No 115 Part 2, Bidhanagar (M), North 24 Parganas-700064, West Bengal, Have Changed My And My Father Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bhimsen Prajapat, Son Of Chandradev Prajapat (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 16/06/2026. Bhim Sen Pandit, Son Of J Pandit (Old Name) And Bhimsen Prajapat, Son Of Chandradev Prajapat (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I,UTTAM KUMAR NASKAR (OLD NAME), SON OF LATE MADHUSUDAN NASKAR, RESIDENT OF BHAGBANPUR, PASCHIM PARA BHAGBANPUR, ULUBERIA, HOWRAH-711314, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM UTTAM KUMAR NASKAR (OLD NAME) TO UTTAM NASKAR (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS UTTAM NASKAR (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 22 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 22/06/2026 UTTAM NASKAR (NEW NAME) AND UTTAM KUMAR NASKAR (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I,TRIPTI KUMARI (OLD NAME), DAUGHTER OF JAI CHANDRA JHA, RESIDENT OF BENEPUKUR SUKANTAPALLI, GOBINDAPUR, PO-MAHESHTALA, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS-700141, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM TRIPTI KUMARI (OLD NAME) TO TRIPTI JHA (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS TRIPTI JHA (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 4238 SWORN BEFORE THE LD 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT ALIPORE ON 19/01/2017, TRIPTI JHA (NEW NAME) AND TRIPTI KUMARI (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, SHER MIDOL (NEW NAME), SON OF LATE SK NIZAMUDDIN, RESIDENT OF 6, JAN NAGAR ROAD, NEAR IDGAH MASJID ENTAGRO, KOLKATA-700017, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SHER MIDOL (NEW NAME) TO SHER MOHAMMED (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SHER MOHAMMED (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 11 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 23/06/2026 SHER MOHAMMED (NEW NAME) AND SHER MIDOL (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, MONI MOHAN ROY (OLD NAME), SON OF LATE BIRESHWAR ROY, RESIDENT OF ANANDAPALLY NEAR MUNICIPAL LODGE, GUSKARA, GUSKARA (M), PURBA BARDHAMAN-713128, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MONI MOHAN ROY (OLD NAME) TO MANI MOHAN ROY (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MANI MOHAN ROY (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 10 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 23/06/2026 MONI MOHAN ROY (OLD NAME) AND MONI MOHAN ROY (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change

I, Sabnam Khan (Old Name), Wife Of Siraj Khan, Resident Of T-221/A, Bara Begun Lane, Birtala, Kolkata, 700018, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sabnam Khan (Old Name) To Sabnam Yeasmin (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sabnam Yeasmin (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 56 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Sabnam Yeasmin (New Name) And Sabnam Khan (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Alima Begam (Old Name), Wife Of Mohammad Sulaiman, Resident Of Vill+Po- Cheragram, Ps- Gurap, Hooghly- 712303, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Alima Begam (Old Name) To Alima Khatoon (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Alima Khatoon (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 17 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Alima Khatoon (New Name) And Alima Begam (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sk Mohammad Sulaiman & Saikh Mohammad Sulaiman (Old Name), Son Of Mohammad Abu Sayyed, Resident Of Vill+Po- Cheragram, Ps-Gurap, Hooghly- 712303, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sk Mohammad Sulaiman & Saikh Mohammad Sulaiman (Old Name) To Mohammad Sulaiman (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Mohammad Sulaiman (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 44 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Mohammad Sulaiman (New Name) And Sk Mohammad Sulaiman & Saikh Mohammad Sulaiman (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Anarul Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Late Golam Mohammad Gazi, Resident Of Bankipur, Po- Magrahat, South 24 Pgs- 743355, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammed Anarul Gazi (Old Name) To Anarul Gazi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Anarul Gazi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 25 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/06/2026. Anarul Gazi (New Name) And Mohammed Anarul Gazi (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Sulaiman, Resident Of Vill+Po- Cheragram, Ps-Gurap, Hooghly- 712303, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Son Name From Saikh Mohammad Anas (Old Name) To Saikh Mohammad Anas (New Name) And Henceforth He Shall Be Known As Saikh Mohammad Anas (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 23 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Saikh Mohammad Anas (New Name) And Saikh Mohammad Anas (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ishita Samajdar Pal (Old Name), Daughter Of Jagadish Chandra Samajdar, Wife Of Sayan Pal, Resident Of Udayan Santinagar, Barasat (M), Po-Hri daypur, Ps- Barasat, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700127, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ishita Samajdar Pal (Old Name) To Ishita Samajdar (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ishita Samajdar (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 10216 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat On 16/06/2026. Ishita Samajdar (New Name) And Ishita Samajdar Pal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

"Caught in Public Dock: TMC Leader Grilled Over Panchayat Fund Row"

MI News Service, Bankura: Allegations of financial irregularities at the grassroots level have triggered fresh controversy in Bankura's Jaipur block, where a local Trinamool Congress leader found himself at the centre of public outrage over claims that money generated from the sale of panchayat-owned trees was diverted to party funds and that beneficiaries of a government housing scheme were compelled to make payments.

The controversy erupted after a video surfaced on social media purportedly showing a Trinamool regional president from the Maynapur area surrounded by angry villagers and being confronted over allegations of financial misconduct. The footage, which has since gone viral, has intensified political debate and renewed scrutiny over allegations of corruption within local governance structures. However, the authenticity of the video and the complete circumstances surrounding the incident could not be independently verified. In the viral footage, the regional leader is seen standing before villagers with folded hands while responding to a series of questions regarding the handling of public funds. During the exchange, he is allegedly heard acknowledging that



approximately ₹89,000, generated from the sale of trees in the Digbar area, had been deposited into a party fund. He is also purportedly heard referring to the collection of money from beneficiaries under the Bangla Awas Yojana, triggering further outrage among residents. Local villagers have alleged that funds collected in the name of party activities were utilised for various organisational expenses. The allegations quickly fuelled tensions in the area, with residents demanding accountability and transparency regarding the handling of public resources. The video

Three arrested by Himachal Police for murdering an elderly woman

MI News Service, Shimla: Six days after the heinous crime, three Nepali nationals have been arrested for allegedly murdering an elderly woman in a village in Rohru Subdivision of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh.

The alleged accused have been identified as Lal Bahadur (28), a native of Jalma village in Nepal; Naveen (19) and Santosh (20), both residents of Jhadeli village in Nepal. All three were working as labourers in an apple orchard owned by a resident. Talking to the media, Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Shimla, Mehar Panwar, said that the police got information on June 16 that Geeta Devi (77) of Shalash Dogri village in Rohru was found dead in her home.

As per the initial probe, many unknown people had entered her house with the intention of theft and had



murdered her. Following, the forensic team collected the crucial evidence, including biological and physical evidence, which led to the conclusion that the case was a murder.

"As there were no eyewitnesses, no CCTV cameras were installed at the house and its nearby vicinity, and no significant theft of valuable property was confirmed at the scene," she said. Panwar said, "Information obtained following the questioning of the family members of the deceased, acquaintances, intelligence and technical inputs, the CCTV footage from the cameras installed along the route leading to the scene,

Kharibari Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati resigns from her Post

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Kharibari Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati Ratna Roy Sinha on Tuesday submitted her resignation letter at the office of the Siliguri Sub-Divisional Officer. The development comes after six dissident Trinamool Congress members of the Kharibari Panchayat Samiti jointly submitted a no-confidence motion on 11th June seeking her removal from the post of Sabhapati. With the confidence vote scheduled to be held on Wednesday, her resignation has created fresh uncertainty over who will eventually assume the post of Sabhapati of the Kharibari Panchayat Samiti. After submitting her resignation, Ratna Roy Sinha said she was saddened by the decision of six members from her own party to bring the no-confidence motion against her.

Name Change

I, Monil Dutta (Old Name), Son Of Radhanarayan Dutta, Resident Of Vill-Jaugram, Po-Jaugram, Ps-Jamalpur, Purba Bardhaman-713166, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Monil Dutta (Old Name) To Manilal Dutta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Manilal Dutta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 28 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2026. Manilal Dutta (New Name) And Monil Dutta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, MD SIKANDAR, SIKANDAR (OLD NAME), SON OF MOHAMMAD HOSSAIN, RESIDENT OF ISLAMPARA, MOHAMMADI MASJID, SHANKHANAGAR, BANISERAI (P) HOOGHLY, WEST BENGAL-712502, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MD SIKANDAR, SIKANDAR (OLD NAME) TO SIKANDAR HOSSAIN (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SIKANDAR HOSSAIN (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 25 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 23/06/2026. SIKANDAR HOSSAIN (NEW NAME) AND MD SIKANDAR, SIKANDAR (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, KM SHAHIN FATMA (OLD NAME), DAUGHTER OF MASROOR REYAZ, RESIDENT OF 26A/1 CHANDRA NATH ROY ROAD, PS-TILJALA, KOLKATA-700039, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KM SHAHIN FATMA (OLD NAME) TO SHAHEEN FATMA (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SHAHEEN FATMA (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 71 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 23/06/2026. SHAHEEN FATMA (NEW NAME) AND KM SHAHIN FATMA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

India, UK hold meeting of key group to deepen defence cooperation

MI News Service, New Delhi: India and the United Kingdom have held "constructive and forward-looking" deliberations at a meeting of a key group to chart a "robust roadmap" to deepen defence cooperation and strengthen the enduring partnership between its armies, according to officials. The India Army, in a post on X on Tuesday, said the 15th India-United Kingdom Executive Steering Group (ESG) was held in the UK from June 17 to 19. "The engagement included visits to the UK Trials & Experimental Group, the ESG Meeting at the Ministry of Defence, London and MBDA, Stevenage," it said. Discussions focussed on advancing multi-tiered military cooperation through enhanced interoperability, bilateral joint exercises and training, subject matter expert exchanges in niche and emerging military technologies, exploration of new avenues of training collaboration and increased engagement between defence think tanks, the Indian Army said. "The deliberations were constructive and forward-looking, charting a robust roadmap for deepening defence cooperation and strengthening the enduring partnership between the Indian Army and the British Army," it said in the post. Earlier this month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India and the UK were well-positioned to construct a new future-oriented and mutually beneficial partnership on the back of their newly firm-up comprehensive trade deal and the defence industrial roadmap. He made the remarks during a meeting with British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper in New Delhi.

Rare Snake spotted on the banks of Teesta

MI News Service, Siliguri: Teesta is overflowing with heavy rain. The water is flowing above the danger level. Meanwhile, a rare species of white python on the banks of Teesta has created a panic in the area. It is learnt that the huge white python was spotted in the Lyukhevir area of Sikkim on Tuesday morning by locals who were awake in fear of the flash flood. Generally, a white python refers to a special type of artificially bred completely white python such as leucistic or albino, or a species of 'white-lipped python'. However, it is not possible to know the species of the white python seen in Teesta. It is not even clear where it came from. Forest department officials have already rescued the rescued python.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) convened its 5th National Council (NC) Meeting and Industry Leadership in Kolkata recently. The event witnessed the presence of IIF Industry Stalwarts and Members across India including its National Office Bearers - President Sushil Sharma from Nagpur, Vice-President Vikram Jain from Jaipur, Hon. Secretary Prayug Bhamawat from Vadodra, Hon. Treasurer S Muthukumar from Coimbatore and Imm Past President Navneet Agarwal from Kolkata. Founded in 1950, The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) stands as the apex body and only PAN India association of India's foundry industry having its Headquarters in Kolkata. The evening was privileged by the presence of Ashok Dinda, Minister of State for the Department of Agricultural Marketing and the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest, Ashok Dinda, delivered a special address on the "Resurgence of MSMEs in Bengal." He emphasized on promoting robust industrial growth in West Bengal, to make it number one and rooted for one window clearance for MSME units. The Minister also expressed keen interest in visiting foundries and promised a strongly industry friendly environment for potential investors across India.

tion,” wrote Cardinal Anthony Poola, archbishop of Hyderabad and president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI), in a circular. Cardinal Poola called on bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful to unite in prayer with other Christian communities, describing the initiative as an “ecumenical expression of our common faith and concern.” He said believers should seek God’s “wisdom, guidance, and protection” as they respond to the proposed legislation. “I therefore request that Sunday, 28 June 2026, be observed throughout the Catholic Church in India as a National Day of Prayer,” he wrote. During Masses that day, special intentions may be offered “for our nation, for those entrusted with public responsibility, and for the freedom of the Church to carry out her mission of service.”

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমার মক্কেল ১) অমিত কুমার লাহা পিতা-নিমাইচন্দ্র চন্দ্র লাহা ২) অলেকানন্দ লাহা, স্বামী-নিমাইচন্দ্র লাহা ২১৭৮/৪৪ (ADSR ডোমজুড় কোবিল দলিল মূলে চেন মারফক আমোভোর স্বরূপ দান পিতা-ভোলানা দাস) ২১৪৪/২৬ (ADSR ডোমজুড় আমোভোর দলিল হারা পিতার কর্তৃত্ব মৌজা-ভোর কপারদহা, হাল ২৩৬০দাগে, হাল ২৫৪৩, ৩৬৩২, ৩৬৩০খতিয়ানে মোট ২ শতাব্দী সম্পত্তি নাপারশ্রমের জন্য আবেদন করেছেন, ডোমজুড় বিষয় কপা কানো আপত্তি থাকলে, ডোমজুড় L & R O কর্তৃক বিজ্ঞপ্তি কার্যে ১ মাসের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করুন। বৈধ কর্তৃত্ব প্রমাণ এড়াতেকে

আমোজেনরনামা

আমরা রাসবিহারী ঘোষ, দ্বী পিতা- স্বগী
দেবেন্দ্রনাথ ঘোষ, স্যো-যোষদুপু, যোষদুপু [1]
[134] মৌজায় সাবেক 1219 ও হাল 1208 দলিলা
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অফিসের অধীনে 2023 সাল 3077 নং দলিলা
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এ. আর.ও. অফিসে এক মাসের মধ্যে
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৫.৭৮ শতক জমি ক্রয় করেন। আমোক্তার-আদাত ঘোষণা
ও অর্থ ঘোষণা উভয়ের পিতা- অশোক কুমার ঘোষ, মৌজা
রাধাকৃষ্ণ (৩৫) ও ধানসা (৩৬), হাল- ২২৬০.৫০০ ও
৬২০ নং যতিয়ানে হাল-২৪৯ ও ৩০ নং দাগের সম্পত্তি
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জেন্ডেল B.L. & L.R.O অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন
সমস্ত বিষয়ে কুহারও কোনো আপত্তি থাকিলে
মাসের মধ্যে উক্ত অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন
SOURAV GHOSH ADVOCATE

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MI News Service, New Delhi: The Indian government is in talks with the UAE to sell some of its flagship defence systems, including the supersonic cruise missile BrahMos, four Indian sources said, as the Gulf nation steps up arms procurement following the war in the Middle East.



The UAE is considering buying defence equipment from India and other sources after the Gulf nation was heavily attacked by Iran during the war and as it enhances its ability to respond to emerging threats. It also needs to protect the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial conduit for its energy exports. Earlier this year, the UAE signed a memorandum of understanding with South Korea to promote defence cooperation that would be worth more than \$355 billion. "A diversified supplier base gives the UAE more strategic autonomy, and closer ties with India have the added benefit of not antagonising the U.S. as the countries remain allies," said Pearl Pandya, South Asia senior analyst at Armed Conflict Location & Event Data, a conflict monitoring group. According to data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the U.S. was the biggest exporter

Before clinching any BrahMos sale to the UAE, India would require Russia's approval, as the 290-km (180-mile) range missile is jointly developed. One source said this is unlikely to pose a hurdle given Moscow's close ties with Abu Dhabi. Siemon Wezeman, a senior researcher with SIPRI's arms transfers programme, said both the BrahMos missile and Akashteer system would potentially serve the UAE's needs, even if international competition to sell Gulf states arms was increasing and the UAE had experience with other suppliers. The UAE already has the U.S. MGM-168 ATACMS ballistic missile, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, which has a maximum range of 300 km. For air defence, it has the sophisticated U.S. THAAD and Patriot systems. Akashteer would help knit together information from other de-

While India had a track record of reports of arms export deals that did not always bear fruit, Wezeman said upcoming sales to the UAE and other Gulf states were possible. Closer ties between India and the UAE in recent years have led to a flurry of deals on trade and energy and a pact to jointly develop military hardware. The talks to sell India's flagship weapons systems is further evidence of changing alignments in the region, and India sees its deepening partnership as a counter to the recent defence pact between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, according to two Indian government sources.

"Expanded defence ties between India and the UAE essentially serve as a form of strategic signalling, allowing both countries to showcase the strength and depth of their partnerships," she added. Last year's four-day war between India and Pakistan when India used weapons systems including BrahMos for the first time in battle, sparked buyer interest from other countries, two of the Indian sources said.

Since then, India has signed deals to sell the BrahMos to Vietnam and Indonesia. It has also received interest from Thailand, South Africa, Brazil and Chile, the two sources said.

MI News Service, New Delhi: The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved USD 1.5 billion in financing to support India's structural reforms aimed at boosting private sector-led job creation and accelerating economic growth.

The financing, provided under the Boosting Job Creation in the Private Sector Development Policy Financing (DPF) Operation, is expected to support reforms that can create employment opportunities for 11 million young Indians entering the workforce over the next two decades. The programme builds on reforms undertaken in recent years, including tax simplification, trade integration, regulatory changes, and measures to improve the business environment, the World Bank said in a statement on Monday. The DPF supports ini-

tatives to reduce barriers to entrepreneurship, strengthen labour market participation, particularly among women, streamline trade and investment processes, and improve access to capital for businesses, it added.

In November 2025, the government consolidated 29 labour laws into four comprehensive Labour Codes aimed at simplifying compliance, modernising outdated provisions, and creating a more efficient framework for businesses while protecting workers' rights. According to government estimates, employment in India increased from 452 million in 2017-18 to 604 million in 2023-24, adding more than 150 million jobs over six years. During the same period, the unemployment rate declined from 6 per cent to 3.2 per cent.

while nearly 9 million women joined regular wage employment. The reforms reflect India's shift towards outcome-oriented governance focused on transparency, predictability, and long-term economic resilience, it said. The operation is aligned with the World Bank Group's Country Partnership Framework for India for FY26-31 and supports the government's Viksit Bharat by 2047 vision by improving the environment for firms, encouraging private investment, and expanding productive employment opportunities, it said. The programme will focus on three key areas – improving the business-enabling environment, promoting trade and investment openness, and mobilising private capital for business expansion and job creation, it noted.

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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealda

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 Toil-56-25-2; Paglachandi; (4) PnU-SDAH-MGMG-Toil-54-26-1; Muragachhi
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 92-25-1; Malikpur; (7) PnU-SDAH-KDH-Toil-74-25-1; Khardaha.

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PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-405-26-1; AA/4; PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-393-
26-1; AA/5; PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-402-26-1; AA/6; PARKING-SDAH-
NAI-TW-406-26-1; AA/7; PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-395-26-1; AA/8;
PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-399-26-1; AA/9; PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-404-
26-1; AA/10; PARKING-SDAH-NAI-TW-403-26-1; AA/11; PARKING-
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Road; AA/2; PARKING-SDAH-MMG-TW-374-26-2; Madhyamgram; AA/3;
PARKING-SDAH-SEP-TW-51-26-1; Sodepur; AA/4; PARKING-SDAH-
AGP-TW-82-1; Agarpara; AA/5; PARKING-SDAH-BDZ-TW-393-26-
Badkulla; AA/6; PARKING-SDAH-AGP-TW-317-23-1; Agarpara. Prospective
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Corrigendum No. 1 for publication of e-tender No. DCPM-GS-S&T-ASN-01-26-27 dated 17.06.2026 published earlier by Dy. Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, S&T, Sealdah for the work - S&T work in connection with provision of new Electronic Interlocking (EI) systems conforming to RDSO EI specification RDSO/SPN/192/2019 with latest amendments at New Madanpur (MPUR) station in the Dumka-Basukinath and Dumka-Barapalasi sections, at Tapas (TOP) station in the Andal Jn. (UDL) - Sitarampur (STN) section and at Chhotia Ambana (CAM) station in the Sitarampur (STN)-Pradhankhuta (PKA) section alteration/Modification in the existing Alando (Hitachi) make MICROLOK-II make EI system at Sonachara (SSCR) station in the Andal Jn. (UDL)-Sitarampur (STN) section in connection with yard remodelling works as per approved SIP at New Madanpur, Chhotia Ambana, Tapasi & Sonachara stations; and associated S&T works of various S&T items as per site requirements at Andal New ROH Shed at Marshalling Yard of Asansol Division, Eastern Railway. In the above-mentioned published e-tender no. DCPM-GS-S&T-ASN-01-26-27 dated 17.06.2026, the following corrigendum are published:-
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MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has designated Haldia seaport in West Bengal as an authorised immigration checkpoint, taking the total number of seaport immi-

The latest addition follows a series of updates to India's immigration framework. In September last year, the Centre designated 34 sea and river ports as immigration checkpoints. More recently, on May 29, the MHA notified Gujarat's Dahej, Sikka and Tuna Tekra seaports as authorised immigration checkpoints under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, formally adding Haldia to the list of authorised immigration clearance points for international passengers and crew. The MHA exercised powers conferred under sub-section (1) of

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Date: June 24, 2026
Place: Madurai (West Dargah)

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

SOTC Travel expands its retail distribution in West Bengal Inaugurates its 9th store in Kolkata’s B.T Road

Kolkata : SOTC Travel, a leading omnichannel Travel and Tourism Company, has strengthened its presence in East India with the launch of its latest outlet in B.T Road, Kolkata. This strategic expansion underscores the Company's focus on deepening its regional footprint across high-potential metros, tier-1 & 2 markets. B.T. Road, one of Kolkata's prominent and rapidly developing residential-commercial corridors, offers access to a diverse customer base of families, professionals, entrepreneurs and young travellers seeking domestic and international holidays. The store's strategic location strengthens SOTC Travel's presence in a key metro market, enabling deeper customer engagement and personalized end-to-end holiday solutions.

With its integrated omnichannel model, SOTC continues to strengthen its position as India's favorite travel partner. By seamlessly integrating its



retail network with digital platforms, the Company enables customers to engage across multiple touchpoints. Serving multigenerational families, couples, GenS (seniors), millennials and GenZ, SOTC continues to deliver

experiences aligned with evolving travel preferences while expanding its regional connect across Indian markets. Spiritual tourism continues to witness strong demand through SOTC's Darshans portfolio, including

the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, Do Dham, Char Dham Yatra and Vaishnodevi Yatra. Alongside faith-based travel, travellers are increasingly opting for immersive holidays such as luxury cruises, Antarctica expeditions, Northern Lights journeys and adventure getaways. The Company is also seeing encouraging response to its Exclusive Bengali Durga Puja Special departures under Biswa Sera Darshan, featuring curated international and domestic itineraries for Bengali travellers.

To further enhance traveller confidence, we have introduced TravSure — a pioneering initiative to redefine travel protection. It is designed to meet the realities of modern travel and ensure our customers feel secure wherever they go. In addition, we also offer value-added protections such as visa rejection cover, further safeguarding travellers against unforeseen financial risks.

Faith Meets Exploration: SOTC Travel curates a year-round calendar of spiritual journeys across India & beyond

From Char Dham and Kailash Mansarovar to Rath Yatra, Magh Mela and Holi in Varanasi, travellers are increasingly seeking journeys that blend faith, culture, heritage and immersive experiences

Kolkata : , Spiritual tourism is witnessing a strong resurgence in India, evolving beyond traditional pilgrimage into a broader travel trend centered around faith, culture, heritage and meaningful experiences. Today's travellers are increasingly seeking journeys that offer spiritual fulfilment while enabling deeper connections with local traditions, festivals, history and communities.

Recognizing this growing demand, SOTC Travel has curated a month-wise calendar of spiritual destinations and pilgrimage circuits across India and neighboring countries, helping travellers plan their journeys around key religious events, pilgrimage seasons and favorable travel periods. The recommendations also highlight opportunities to explore nearby cultural, heritage and scenic attractions, creating a more holistic travel experience.

As part of its year-round spiritual travel calendar, SOTC Travel recommends:

- June
 - Char Dham Yatra (Uttarakhand), Amarnath Yatra (J&K), Kailash Mansarovar, Nepal Muktinath, Jagannath Temple (Puri), Vaishno Devi (J&K)
 - Key festivals/events: Snana Purnima and preparations for Rath Yatra in Puri.
 - Add-on experiences: Haridwar Ganga Aarti, Rishikesh yoga retreats, Konark Sun Temple, Chilika Lake.
 - July
 - Puri -Bhubaneswar, Kailash Mansarovar, Amarnath Yatra, Vaishno Devi, Char Dham
 - Key festivals/events:

Rath Yatra (Puri), Guru Purnima celebrations across Nashik, Varanasi and spiritual centres nationwide.

Add-on experiences: Odisha temple circuit, Cuttack heritage trail, Varanasi ghats and evening aarti.

August

- Mathura-Vrindavan, Dwarka, Puri, Ujjain, Nashik Trimbakeshwar, Kailash Mansarovar

Key festivals/events: Jannamashtami, Shraavan month pilgrimages, Naga Panchami and Krishna-centric celebrations.

Add-on experiences: Govardhan Parikrama, Bet Dwarka, Omkareshwar, Mahakaleshwar Temple.

September

- M a d u r a i - Rameshwaram-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum, Dwarka-Somnath, Malwa Jyotirling Circuit, Tirupati, Srisailem

Key festivals/events: Onam (Kerala), Ganesh Chaturthi (Mumbai and Maharashtra)

Add-on experiences: Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kovalam, Alleppey backwaters, Diu.

October

- K a s h i - A y o d h y a - Prayagraj, Gaya, Haridwar, Char Dham, Dwarka-Somnath, Dakshin Bharat Circuit, Tirupati, Shirdi

Key festivals/events: Navratri, Durga Puja, Dussehra, Mysuru Dasara, Sharad Purnima, Pitru Paksha rituals in Gaya

Add-on experiences: Prayagraj, Sarnath, Mysuru Palace, Hampi and Ahmedabad's Navratri celebrations.

November

- Ayodhya, Varanasi, Bodh Gaya, Pushkar, Dakshin Bharat Circuit, Golden Temple (Amritsar)

Key festivals/events: Dev Deepawali (Varanasi), Kartik

Purnima, Pushkar Camel Fair, Guru Nanak Jayanti.

Add-on experiences: Sarnath, Gaya, Amritsar heritage walk, Rajasthan desert experiences.

December

- Panch Jyotirlinga Circuit, Kashi-Chitrakoot, Sri Lanka Ramayana Trail, Shirdi, Tiruvannamalai

Key festivals/events: Karthigai Deepam (Tamil Nadu), Christmas celebrations in Goa, Kerala and Shillong.

Add-on experiences: Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Ram Setu viewpoints, heritage temples of Tamil Nadu. Mr. SD Nandakumar, President & Country Head - Holidays and Corporate Tours, SOTC Travel, said "Spiritual tourism is witnessing strong momentum across India, driven by travellers seeking journeys that offer a deeper sense of meaning, connection and cultural discovery. While pilgrimage remains at the heart of these experiences, spiritual tourism is increasingly becoming a year-round travel consideration, with travellers planning visits around temple circuits, sacred routes, religious festivals and pilgrimage seasons across the country, combining faith with local culture, heritage and immersive exploration. With our Darshans portfolio, we have focused on creating thoughtfully curated spiritual journeys that blend devotion with comfort, convenience and seamless planning. By taking care of travel logistics, accommodation, meals and on-ground assistance, we enable travellers to focus entirely on their spiritual experience. We are witnessing strong demand from senior citizens, families and multigenerational groups, reflecting the growing appeal of spiritual travel as a segment that seamlessly blends faith, culture and discovery."

Plastics emissions to double health risks worldwide by 2040 : Study

New Delhi : Emissions from the global plastics system -- greenhouse gases, air-polluting particles, and toxic chemicals released particularly from plastics production processes -- could double health risks by 2040, if no meaningful action is taken to change current practices, according to a study on Tuesday.

The research, published in The Lancet Planetary Health journal, identified health harms at every stage of the life-cycle of the plastics: from the extraction of fossil fuels, the feedstocks for more than 90 per cent of plastics, and material production to their eventual disposal or release to the environment.

The modelling-based study compared the global human health impacts of several different future scenarios for plastics consumption and waste management between 2016 and 2040.

Under a 'business as usual' scenario, by 2040, the negative health impacts from plastics could double, with greenhouse gas emissions and associated rising global temperatures accounting for 40 per cent of the health harms.

Air pollution -- predominantly from plastics production processes -- would account for 32 per cent, and the impact of toxic chemicals released to the environment across plastics' life cycles would account for 27 per cent.



The remaining health harms (less than 1 per cent) relate to reduced availability of water, impacts on the ozone layer, and increased ionising radiation, the researchers said.

"We found that emissions throughout plastics lifecycles contributed to human health burdens of global warming, air pollution, toxicity-related cancers, and non-communicable diseases, with the greatest harms from primary plastics production and open burning," Megan Deeney, from the London School. The model found that if the plastics system continues with no change to policy, economics, infrastructure, materials, or consumer behaviours, annual health

impacts could more than double from 2.1 million healthy years of life lost in 2016 to 4.5 million healthy years of life lost in 2040.

Overall, the study estimates that the global plastics system could be responsible for cutting 83 million years of healthy population life between 2016 and 2040.

The study also predicted little impact from improving plastic waste collection and recycling alone. But, together with improvements to waste collection and recycling, substituting or reusing materials, health impacts linked to plastic emissions showed a reduction. "To effectively reduce plastic emissions and their impact on health, policymakers must better regulate and significantly reduce the production of new plastics for non-essential uses," the team said.

Chinese scientists identify key Ebola virus mutation

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

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

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

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



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

team. Subsequent experiments using various models confirmed the mutation's biological impact. It showed that GP-V75A had significantly enhanced the virus's ability to infect multiple types of host cells and mice.

Furthermore, this study revealed a potential clinical concern, notably that the GP-V75A mutation had diminished the antiviral effectiveness of some existing therapeutic antibodies and small-molecule entry inhibitors, indicating a possible risk of drug resistance.

These findings underscore the importance of continuous viral genome monitoring during outbreaks to anticipate evolutionary threats and inform the development of broad-spectrum countermeasures,

Children's brains are altered by the time they spent on electronic devices

Washington : According to a review of 23 years of neuroimaging research, time spent watching television or playing computer games has significant and long-term implications on children's brain function, which, while exhibiting some negative effects, also shows some favourable ones.

The researchers, however, stop short of endorsing screen time limits, which they believe can lead to conflict. Instead, they advocate for legislators to assist parents in navigating the digital world by promoting programmes that promote positive brain development.

The evidence review, which was published today in the peer-reviewed journal Early Education and Development, is an examination of 33 research pieces that used neuroimaging technology to assess the influence of digital technology on the brains of children under the age of 12. There are almost 30,000 participants in all. The study discovered that screen usage causes alterations in the prefrontal cortex of the brain, which is the foundation of executive skills including working memory and the ability to plan or respond flexibly to situations.

It also discovers effects on



the parietal lobe, which aids in the processing of touch, pressure, heat, cold, and pain; the temporal lobe, which aids in memory, hearing, and language; and the occipital lobe, which aids in the interpretation of visual information.

"It should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences," said the study's corresponding author, Chair Professor Hui Li, from the Faculty of Education and Human

Development Faculty of Education and Human Development, at The Education University of Hong Kong.

"Limiting their screen time is an effective but confronting way, and more innovative, friendly, and practical strategies could be developed and implemented.

"Those in policymaking positions should supply suitable guidance, involvement and backing for children's digital use." The research team, which as well as experts from the Education University of Hong Kong,

included those from the Shanghai Normal University in China and Macquarie University in Australia, wanted to know how digital activity affected the brain's plasticity - or malleability - during critical periods of development. It is known that visual development mostly takes place before the age of eight, while the key time for language acquisition is up to 12.

They synthesized and evaluated studies on children's digital use and associated brain development published between January

2000 and April 2023, with the ages of participants ranging from six months upwards.

Screen-based media were the most commonly used by the participants, followed by games, virtual visual scenes, video viewing and editing, and internet or pad use.

The paper concludes that these early digital experiences are having a significant impact on the shape of children's brains and their functioning.

This was deemed as both potentially positive and negative, but mainly more negative.

For example, negative impacts were witnessed in some studies on how screen time influences the brain function required for attention, executive control abilities, inhibitory control, cognitive processes, and functional connectivity. Other studies suggested that higher screen time is associated with lower functional connectivity in brain areas related to language and cognitive control, potentially adversely affecting cognitive development.

Some device-based research was assessed in the research pool. Tablet device users were found to have worse brain function and problem-solving tasks. Video



Mbappe dazzles in 100th international as France punish Iraq 3-0 in Group I

Philadelphia, June 23 (IANS) On his 100th international appearance, Kylian Mbappe struck either side of an extended half-time break while Ousmane Dembele added a third as France beat Iraq 3-0 and stormed into the Round of 32 with a game to spare.

Mbappe has now scored two or more goals in six FIFA World Cup matches - more multiple-goal games than any other player in the tournament's histo-

ry. His brace took him on to four for the tournament, just below Lionel Messi in the Golden Boot standings, and maintained his extraordinary goal-a-game record at the global finals.

Mbappe rifled France into a 14th-minute lead, crashing home a ferocious left-foot shot from 20 yards after being teed up by Michael Olise. Zaid Tahseen and goalkeeper Ahmed Basil made an almighty mess of a goal kick, present-

ing the ball to Dembele, who squared up his captain for a routine second.

If Mbappe's 15th World Cup goal was a cracker, hsi 16th was something of a gift. Mbappe started the match below Ronaldo's mark of 15 FIFA World Cup goals, the third highest tally. First he matched that mark and then skipped ahead of it. He now sits joint second, alongside Miroslav Klose, on 16, just two shy of new record-hold-



er Lionel Messi (17).

Dembele's reward for that unselfishness came 12 minutes later when the ever-inventive Olise slid him in to crash home the first World Cup goal of his stellar career.

France and their star-studded attack now march on to an intriguing clash with Norway safe in the knowledge that they will play knockout football regardless of the outcome.

Mbappe, meanwhile, will continue his person-

al duel with Messi for both the 2026 Golden Boot and the all-time World Cup scoring record.

Moreover, the next milestone in his sights will be 103 caps, the total held by Didier Deschamps, his long-standing coach and ninth on the list of players with the most caps for Les Bleus. If France were to progress further in this World Cup and he was to play every game, Mbappe would equal that total in the Round of 16.

Norway celebrate Round of 32 qualification with synchronised 'viking row' with fans

NEW JERSEY : Norway celebrated their qualification for the round of 32 on their return to the FIFA World Cup after 28 years with the team and the fans both performing the traditional Viking row and chants at the New Jersey

nised "Viking row" celebration.

The ritual, inspired by Norway's rich maritime history, has fast transformed into the defining viral phenomenon of the tournament. Its popularity grew after

chamber cast aside political decorum, dropping to their seats to perform the viral row in a roaring show of solidarity for the national team.

The Norwegian team has already posed as Vikings before departing for the 2026



Stadium.

Erling Haaland was once again among the goals as Norway ensured progression to the Round of 32 at the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a 3-2 win over Senegal. The prolific marksman made it four goals in two World Cup games and an astonishing 59 in 52 for his country, with Marcus Holmgren Pedersen also on the scoresheet for Norway.

Following a high-stakes match that guaranteed their qualification into the Round of 32, the Norwegian players and staff dropped to their knees on the pitch, leading thousands of supporters in a massive, perfectly synchro-

Norwegian supporters were filmed performing the row in public spaces across the US, including on city streets, in fan zones and even while riding up an escalator.

The infectious craze has shattered stadium boundaries; a massive wave of expatriates completely took over Times Square before Norway's qualification, packing the streets to perform the mass Viking row under the billboards.

The football fever has gripped the highest corridors of power back home as well. Merely days before qualification was sealed, even parliamentarians inside the Norwegian government

World Cup, marking the country's first appearance in the men's tournament since 1998.

The spectacular synergy between the squad and its fanbase sends a clear warning to their upcoming opponents in the knockouts: the Vikings have officially arrived, and they are rowing with unstoppable momentum.

This win on Tuesday means Norway's four FIFA World Cup victories have come against teams from four different confederations: 1-0 against Mexico (Concacaf) in 1994, 2-1 against Brazil (CONMEBOL) in 1998, 4-1 against Iraq

NEW JERSEY : A brace from Erling Haaland ensured Norway's progression to the Round of 32 at the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a 3-2 win over Senegal in the Group I match of the FIFA World Cup 2026 here at the New Jersey Stadium on Tuesday (IST).

Senegal are still without a point, but they could yet progress as one of the eight best third-placed teams. To keep those hopes alive, they must beat Iraq in their final Group I fixture.

Moreover, Haaland became the first player since Harry Kane in 2018 to score multiple goals in his first two World Cup matches and the sixth overall. The Norway

striker has scored four times in Group I.

Haaland, meanwhile, is firmly involved in a mouth-watering tussle for the Golden Boot with Lionel Messi and Kyian Mbappe. He made it four goals in two World Cup games and an astonishing 59 in 52 for his country, with Marcus Holmgren Pedersen also on the scoresheet for Norway.

Chances were at a premium in a tight first half, but Norway started to click as the interval approached and took the lead in the 43rd minute when Holmgren Pedersen capitalised upon a Kalidou Koulibaly error and gleefully lashed home.

Haaland then got his cus-

tomary goal three minutes after the restart, calmly slotting in after an inch-perfect pass from Martin Odegaard to ensure he has now scored in each of his last 12 competitive appearances for Norway.

Ismaila Sarr pulled one back for Senegal in the 53rd minute, but Haaland re-established Norway's two-goal advantage five minutes later when he poked in from close range.

Sarr made Norway sweat when he struck again in stoppage time, but Stale Solbakken's side held on for the victory they needed to secure a knockout berth with one group-stage game remaining.



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in 1994, 2-1 against Brazil (CONMEBOL) in 1998, 4-1 against Iraq (AFC) in 2026 and now a triumph against CAF representative Senegal.

Algeria keep knockouts hopes alive with comeback win over Jordan

SANTA CLARA : Algeria came from behind to beat Jordan 2-1 in the Group J match here at the San Francisco Bay Area Stadium and keep alive their hopes of a place in the knockout round at the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Jordan, who took the lead, have now been eliminated from the World Cup after Algeria secured a devastating second-half comeback with both their goals coming from well-worked set pieces. With this result, Argentina are now confirmed as the winners of Group J.

Both teams were desperate for a positive result

at San Francisco Bay Area Stadium after tasting defeat in their opening matches, and while neither was able to carve out any clear opportunities in the opening exchanges, it was Algeria that were the more proactive side, reports FIFA.

Jordan maintained their concentration impressively, though, and it was instead Jamal Sellami's men who broke the deadlock in the 36th minute as Algeria became the 44th nation to score a goal at the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Mousa Al Tamari misced and sliced the ball

across the penalty area into the path of Nizar Al Rashdan, and he made a far cleaner connection on his effort to sweep home with the outside of his right boot.

It was now Algeria's turn to stay composed, and after pinning Jordan back for a prolonged spell after the restart, Nadhir Benbouali headed them level from a 69th-minute corner.

Amine Gouiri then completed the turnaround with eight minutes remaining, tucking in from close range after the ball fell to him



at another corner.

Algeria have now kept only one clean sheet in 15 FIFA World Cup matches. That came in the 0-0 draw

against England in 2010.

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When and where to watch Colombia vs DR Congo, know all details



GUADALAJARA : Colombia will have the opportunity to book an early place in the FIFA World Cup knockout stage when they face DR Congo in a Group K encounter

Wednesday. While Los Cafeteros opened their campaign with an impressive victory, the African side arrives full of confidence after producing one of the biggest surprises of the

opening round.

Néstor Lorenzo's men made a commanding start by defeating tournament debutants Uzbekistan 3-1, putting themselves in a strong position ahead of what

could prove to be the decisive group clash against Portugal later in the week. Another three points on Tuesday would guarantee Colombia's passage to the last 16 and strengthen its credentials as a potential dark horse in the competition.

DR Congo, meanwhile, exceeded expectations by holding Portugal to a 1-1 draw in its opening fixture. After falling behind to an early João Neves header, the Leopards remained composed, defended with discipline and found an equaliser through Yoane Wissa just before the break. The result secured the

nation's first-ever point at a FIFA World Cup, having failed to score during its only previous appearance as Zaire in 1974.

Tuesday's contest will also mark the first meeting between the two countries, adding another layer of intrigue to the fixture.

Colombia is expected to dominate possession, but breaking down DR Congo's organised defensive structure may not be straightforward. Wissa's pace and finishing ability also give the African side a genuine counter-attacking threat. With knockout qualification within touching distance for Colombia and belief

growing in the DR Congo camp, the Group K clash promises to be a fascinating tactical battle.

How to watch Colombia vs DR Congo live in India

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

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

Key details

Date and kick-off

time: Wednesday, June 24, 07:30 AM (IST)

Venue: Guadalajara Stadium, Guadalajara

Referee: Maurizio Mariani

Squads:

Colombia -

Goalkeepers: Camilo Vargas, David Ospina, Alvaro Montero

Defenders: Johan Mojica, Devier Machado, Daniel Muñoz, Santiago Arias, Yerry Mina, Davinson Sánchez, Jhon Lucumi, Willer Ditta

Midfielders: James Rodríguez, Jefferson Lerma, Richard Ríos, Juan Fernando Quintero, Carrascal, Kevin Castaño, Jaminton Campaz

Forwards: Luis Díaz, Carlos Andrés Gómez, Jhon Córdoba, Juan Camilo Hernández, Jhon Arias

DR Congo -

Goalkeepers: Timothy Fayulu, Lionel Mpasi, Mike Epolo

Defenders: Aaron Wan-Bissaka, Gedeon Kalulu, Joris Kayembe, Arthur Masuaku, Steve Kapuadi, Rocky Bushiri, Axel Tuanzebe, Chancel Mbemba, Dylan Batubinsika

Midfielders: Noah Sadiki, Samuel Moutoussamy, Edo Kayembe, Nathan Mukau, Charles Pickel, Ngal'ayel Mukau Mbuku, Brian Cipenga, Theo Bongonda, Gael Kakuta



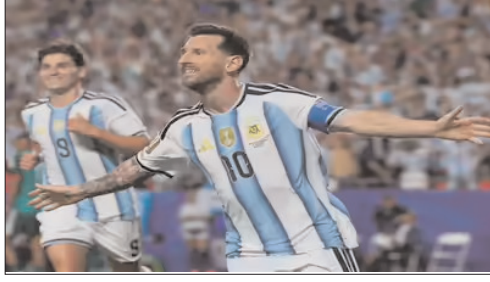
When and where to watch Panama vs Croatia, know all details

FOXBOROUGH : Croatia and Panama head into Tuesday's Group L encounter at BMO Field in Toronto knowing that anything less than a victory could leave their FIFA World Cup campaigns hanging by a thread. Both sides opened the tournament with defeats and now face a must-win contest in what will be their first-ever meeting.



When and where to watch England vs Ghana, know all details

FOXBOROUGH: England will look to build on an encouraging opening victory when they face Ghana in their second Group L fixture of the FIFA World Cup on Tuesday. After beginning their campaign with an entertaining 4-2 win over Croatia, Thomas Tuchel's side have an opportunity to secure qualification for the knockout stage ahead of schedule.



I'm not spending time thinking about my age: Messi

ARLINGTON : After becoming the FIFA World Cup's all-time scorer two days shy of his 39th birthday, Lionel Messi said he is not thinking about his age; his only focus is to remain fit.

The Argentina captain netted against Austria to surpass Miroslav Klose's record of 16 strikes at the global tournament with a first-half strike in Argentina's 2-0 win over Austria in Dallas. He



Germany lose Schlotterbeck for remainder after ankle ligament injury

BOSTON : Germany have suffered a major setback in their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign after central defender Nico Schlotterbeck was ruled out for the remainder of the tournament with an ankle ligament injury.

The Borussia Dortmund defender picked up the injury during Germany's 2-1 Group E win over the Ivory Coast on Saturday.