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NCPI MPs participate in NDA parliament meeting



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: An important meeting of the NDA parliamentary party was held at the Parliament House complex on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with attendance of all top Union ministers. The meeting, 'Mangal Milan', was also attended by MPs who rebelled against Trinamool Congress leadership and joined the NCPI. NCPI leader and MP, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, said it was the first time that 20 NCPI MPs had been invited to attend the NDA's Mangal Milan meeting.

"We learnt about the country's progress, free trade agreements and issues relating to farmers. With the information and data shared with us, we will also be able to explain to the people in our state", she said. "I also participated in the NDA meeting. It was an enriching and informative meeting in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Today, we had a discussion of FTAs. It was a positive discussion," another NCPI MP Sayoni Ghosh said. She also urged

support for the anti-paper leak legislation, referring to the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, which is scheduled to be taken up for discussion later on Tuesday. Following their induction into the NCPI, the MPs reiterated their support for the NDA.

Incidentally before changing their political camps both Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar and Sayani Ghosh were very close to Mamata Banerjee.

As such in a significant political development now, the rebel Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs, have been recognised as members of the NCPI, for the first time participated in the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting on Tuesday, marking their formal integration into the NDA's parliamentary functioning. Apart from Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar and Sayani Ghosh, all other senior MPs including Sudeep Bandopadhyay and other NCPI members attended the meeting, which was addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Bengal CM announces toll-free numbers in a bid to curb rampant corruption



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari launched four dedicated toll-free helpline numbers for citizen complaints under the "United Against Corruption" initiative at Nabanna on Tuesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata : In order to curb rampant corruption from the society, the West Bengal government has launched four toll-free helpline numbers for general public to end it once and for all.

Announcing the new initiative by revealing the toll free numbers, Suwendu Adhikari told the officials at state police headquarters, Bhawani Bhawan here on Tuesday that all residents across the state can use these numbers to report any

form of corruption or crime—ranging from demands for 'cut-money' and illegal toll collection to illicit liquor dens. The Chief Minister said a control room was being set up at Nabanna to handle these calls.

Complaints received on these numbers will be scrutinized, and subsequent actions will be initiated, Suwendu Adhikari said adding these (four) numbers will be operational from 8 AM to 10 PM. However, while announcing the num-

bers for lodging complaints, the Chief Minister warned against misusing this facility and cautioned that stern legal action would be taken against anyone providing false information to settle personal scores or out of vindictiveness. State Chief Secretary Manoj Agarwal, also speaking on the occasion, stated that all calls made to the toll-free numbers would be recorded, with provisions to retrieve the recordings later if necessary. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be uti-

Suwendu Adhikari congratulates law enforcement agencies for 'coordinated and resolute action'

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari has hailed the "swift, coordinated and resolute action" of the state law enforcement agencies in successfully busting a major interstate drug trafficking gang. Congratulating the law enforcing agencies for their success, the Chief minister in a statement here on Tuesday said "In a major breakthrough, last night @KolkataPolice STF, in co-ordination with the Purulia District Police, successfully intercepted a major interstate drug trafficking operation". He said acting on a tip-off, a truck was intercepted on National Highway - 18 near the Belkuli Toll Plaza under Purulia Muffasil Police station area and recovered a large quantity of contraband (ganja) from a specially concealed cavity behind the driver's seat.

"Two escort vehicles from Odisha and on way to Asansol alongside the truck were also intercepted. Altogether 7 people have also been detained. "West Bengal Govt maintains a Zero-tolerance Policy towards illegal drug trafficking and any unlawful activities that threaten the safety and well-being of our Youth and Society", the Chief

minister said and once again hailed the Police Personnel for their "relentless vigilance and



ports detailing the number of complaints registered and the actions taken will be submitted to the Chief Minister at regular intervals. The

dedication". "We will continue to root out criminal networks with an iron fist", he said .

Chief Minister also emphasized the need for infrastructural development within the State and Kolkata Police

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Ex-Delhi Policemen plan Jantar Mantar protest over violence against police

MI News Service, New Delhi

: In a major development in the wake of a present political upheaval in the National capital, retired Delhi Police personnel have sought permission from the Police to hold a peaceful dharna at Jantar Mantar on July 31 in solidarity with police personnel injured during the 'Chalo Sansad' protest and to demand strict legal action against those allegedly involved in violence and vandalism.

The protest march was called on July 20 by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) seeking resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Union Education Minister over the NEET-UG question paper leak. Pradhan resigned on Saturday, and the month-long CJP protest was called off. In a letter addressed to Delhi Police Commissioner Anurag Kumar, the Delhi Police Mahasangh (Delhi Police Retired Non-Gazetted/Gazetted Officers Association) sought permission to organise the one-day protest from 11 am to



5 pm at the designated protest site at Jantar Mantar. The association said the demonstration was intended to express solidarity and boost the morale of Delhi Police personnel who sustained injuries while performing duty during the protest. According to Delhi Police, more than 200 police personnel allegedly sustained injuries during the 'Chalo Sansad' protest, while over 65 protesters were also injured. Police had also said that more than 15 police vehicles were damaged during the clashes. The association said it wanted to press for strict legal action against "habitual offenders,

anti-social elements, gangsters and violent instigators" allegedly involved in assaulting police personnel and damaging public property during the protest.

The application stated that the gathering would remain within the designated protest zone at Jantar Mantar, no march would be taken out towards Parliament House or Central Vista, no temporary structures or tents would be erected, and organisers would fully cooperate with the police while complying with all directions issued under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Successful NEET candidates from Bengal felicitated

MI News Service, Kolkata

: West Bengal Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday honoured 100 qualified NEET Under Graduate students for achieving high ranks at the national level entrance examination from the State. The highly successful candidates were honoured for getting admission to undergraduate medical courses such as MBBS, BDS, AYUSH programmes, and certain other allied health sciences by the Chief minister at the special felicitation programme, organised this evening at Nabanna Sabhaghar here.

Honouring the successful students Suwendu Adhikari handed over laptops and certificates to them. Other dignitaries present on the occasion included state Health minister Sharadwat Mukherjee, Higher Education minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay and State Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Agarwal. Many successful candidates were ac-



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari felicitated successful NEET candidates from Bengal during a programme at Nabanna Sabhaghar on Tuesday.

companied by their parents and guardians at the programme and whose presence added warmth and pride to the celebration. The Government also acknowledged their important role in nurturing the academic journey of these young achievers. Speaking on the occasion the

Chief Minister highlighting the state's commitment to nurturing young talent and strengthening the future of medical education in West Bengal, said "this initiative reflects the Government's dedication to encouraging academic excellence, supporting students, and recog-

nising the contribution of families in shaping the future healthcare professionals of West Bengal. Government of West Bengal wishes young minds an excellent journey ahead and looks forward to their role in the national building by building a healthy India", he said .

LS, RS proceedings adjourned till 2 pm amid opposition uproar

MI News Service, New Delhi

: The proceedings in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned till 2 pm on Tuesday, minutes after the House was convened, amid noisy protests by a relentless opposition seeking a response from the government on the police action against protesting students. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla informed the House that a discussion on the anti-paper leak Amendment Bill will be taken up at 2 pm and urged the members to let the Question Hour continue. With the opposition refusing to budge, he adjourned the House proceedings till 2 pm. The Centre on Monday introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha to amend the anti-paper leaks law, with provisions for stricter punishment of up to 10 years in jail and Rs 50 lakh fine, days after nationwide student protests over the NEET fiasco culminated in the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as the Education minister.

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16 Maoists with Rs 39 lakh bounty, surrender in Jharkhand

MI News Service, Ranchi

: In a major success to eliminate the nationwide menace of Naxalism, a total of 16 Maoists, including six carrying a combined bounty of Rs 39 lakh, surrendered before the Jharkhand Police here on Tuesday with a huge cache of sophisticated arms and ammunition. According to official sources, Santosh Mahto alias Basudev Da alias Dilip, who was wanted in 128 cases and carrying a bounty of Rs 15 lakh on his head, was among those who surrendered, he said. "Of the 16 Maoists, six carried a total bounty of Rs 39 lakh on their heads. Five women members were also part of the group. A regional committee member and one zonal committee member are among them," the sources said. Two sub-zonal committee members and two area committee functionaries were

also among those who surrendered, they said.

The surrender of Santosh Mahto, a regional committee member of the banned CPI (Maoist), was one of the big achievements for the Jharkhand Police, a senior official said. "Santosh was wanted in 128 cases at various police stations in several districts. He was accused of being involved in an IED blast in a forest under the border police stations of Manoharpur, Chotnagar and Jhariakela on March 1, injuring a jawan of the Cobra battalion," the officer said. CPI (Maoist) zonal committee member Chandan Lohra, who was wanted in 78 cases and was carrying a bounty of Rs 10 lakh, also surrendered, he said. The Maoists laid down six INSAS and two AK-47 rifles besides 38 magazines and 1,562 cartridges, the police added.

Incessant heavy rain lashes Delhi, red alert issued

MI News Service, New Delhi

: Waterlogged roads, knee-deep rain water in busy markets and bumper-to-bumper traffic marked a rain-soaked Tuesday morning in Delhi as heavy showers battered the city, prompting the weather office to issue a red alert for thunderstorms, lightning and rain over the next few hours.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast a generally cloudy sky with heavy rain for the rest of the day, warning of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and intense spells of rain across the national capital. Relentless rain through the morning inundated several parts of the city, with waterlogging reported from Connaught Place, Janpath, several roads in Lutyens' Delhi, Bharat Mandapam Road, Barakhamba Road, Mathura Road near ITO, Kalindi Kunj and other low-lying areas. Amid reports of waterlogging from several parts of the city, PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh shared a video on X showing traffic moving smoothly on Minto Bridge. "Rain is pouring relentlessly, but life on Minto Bridge is moving along at the same pace. The very effort is to en-



sure that the monsoon remains just a season, not a trouble," he said. Large pools of water accumulated at several intersections, slowing traffic and forcing motorists to navigate submerged stretches with caution. Aam Aadmi Party leader Saurabh Bharadwaj posted a video on X from Sadar Bazar, one of Delhi's busiest wholesale markets, where rainwater had risen to waist level, forcing schoolchildren, office-goers and shoppers to wade through flooded

streets with tremendous difficulties. "School kids crossing Sadar Bazar which is one of the largest wholesale markets in Delhi with rain water reaching their waistline," the opposition leader said on the social media platform.

Dark, overcast skies blanketed the city for most of the morning, with spells of steady rain accompanied by gusty winds. Pedestrians huddled beneath umbrellas and bus shelters while vehicles moved slowly with headlights on because of poor visibility. According to posts shared by social media users, heavy traffic was reported from Greater Kailash-II to Savitri Cinema to Chirag Dilli, Hauz Khas and RK Puram, and from Sangam Vihar to Khanpur via MB Road on both carriageways. Traffic congestion due to waterlogging was also reported on NH-8 near Shankar Vihar, Zakir Husain Road, the Delhi Cantt-Naraina Flyover-Mayapuri stretch, ITO, Old Rohatk Road, the Madhuban Chowk-Netaji Subhash Place stretch, Peeragarhi, NH-48 near AIIMS, the Delhi-Noida Road, Kalindi Kunj and Vikas Marg, among other arterial roads.

44 airports selected for Hub and Spoke flights to boost global connectivity

MI News Service, Amritsar

: The Union government aims to have a total of 44 airports, including 4 hub airports, to provide seamless international air connectivity, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Air India on Tuesday launched flights under the Hub and Spoke model from Amritsar, the second airport after Varanasi from where such flights have been started. Presently, there is one hub airport -- Delhi -- and two spoke airports -- Varanasi and Amritsar. The next spoke airport will be Ahmedabad. The model, that seeks to make India a global aviation hub, will enable seamless connectivity between Tier-II and Tier-III airports with international destinations through hub airports. Passengers arriving from smaller cities will be routed through major hub airports such as

Delhi for onward international connections. At a function at the Amritsar airport to mark the launch of Hub and Spoke model flights, Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said 4 hubs and 40 airports would be developed. From Amritsar, Air India will connect to 27 international destinations through Delhi under the model. In a video message, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said Hub and Spoke is an "aviation sovereignty" and an "opportunity" model for India. The government aims to develop 100 airports and 200 heliports in 10 years, the minister said. Under the model, Air India has introduced 'Easy Connect' flights that will enable travellers from cities beyond major hubs to drop baggage and complete immigration at the origin airport and travel seamlessly to overseas destinations.

Singur Renaming Sparks Fresh Political Storm

MI News Service, Hooghly: A significant administrative change in Singur has triggered fresh political debate after the historic 'Singur Taapsee Mallick Krishak Bazar' was officially renamed 'Singur Krishak Bazar', removing the name of Tapasee Mallick, whose death became one of the defining symbols of the Singur land acquisition movement.

The market was named after Tapasee Mallick in 2014 by the then Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a tribute to her role in the anti-land acquisition movement that transformed West Bengal's political landscape. Recently, the earlier blue-and-white signboard bearing her name was replaced with a new red-and-white board displaying only the revised name, drawing attention across political and social circles. The development has reignited discussions over the legacy of the Singur movement and the symbolism attached to Tapasee Mallick's memory. The removal of her name from the market has become the latest flashpoint in the continuing political discourse surrounding one of Bengal's most consequential mass movements. Singur BJP MLA Arup Kumar Das defended the change, stating that it was undertaken keeping in view the evolving needs of the area and that there had been no public protest over the renaming. He argued that while the government had taken the decision, it would also bear responsibility for its consequences. He further claimed that despite the prominence of the Singur movement, the region had failed to witness the expected pace of development and that residents were now seeking a different direction. Reacting to the development, Tapasee Mallick's father, Manoranjan Mallick, expressed disappointment over the removal of his daughter's name but remarked that the changing political environment in the state had to be accepted.

Pragyan Foundation Announced as PrCB of Ayush Ministry

MI News Service, Kolkata: Pragyan Foundation is aligned as PrCB of Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India. PrCB is Accredited Personnel Certification Body. This alignment was announced today at PRESS CLUB, Kolkata. The announcement was formally done by Sri Chandan Agarwal, CEO, PRAGYAN FOUNDATION. The program had a brief session on Sanatani Kriya, demonstrated by Yogacharya Dr. Suresh Kumar Agarwal. Pragyan Foundation and Dr. Suresh Agarwal also received a special recognition for their continued excellence in mental well-being initiatives from LIONS CLUB OF KOLKATA MAGNATES, Hello Kolkata News-Media and ROTARY CLUB OF KASBA. Social influencer Asish Basak, Editor-Director of HELLO KOLKATA and Managing Trustee of ROTARY KASBA, moderated the program.

Extreme heat study flags rising risks for maternal healthcare sector

MI News Service, Kolkata: A study in India from 2015 to 2020 involving over 209,000 births found that prolonged exposure to extreme heat during pregnancy significantly increases adverse birth outcomes. Each additional "sweltering" day raised the likelihood of low birth weight by about one percent. First trimester exposure raised the risk of preterm birth, while second trimester exposure was strongly linked to low birth weight, particularly among rural and less-educated women. The findings underscore the urgent need for climate-resilient maternal healthcare and infrastructure investment to mitigate heat effects on maternal and newborn health.

PAN Health bets on innovation and manufacturing to drive hygiene market growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: PAN Health has announced an expansion strategy aimed at strengthening its presence across India's baby care, women's hygiene and adult care segments by scaling manufacturing capacity, broadening its product portfolio and reinforcing its commitment to the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative. The company said it is accelerating innovation through its flagship brands—Little Angel, Everteen and Liberty—to cater to evolving consumer demand for quality personal hygiene products.

Blast at Police Outpost Raises Safety Questions

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A series of explosions inside the Nilganj police outpost in North 24 Parganas' Barasat triggered panic on Tuesday morning after seized firecrackers stored on the premises reportedly caught fire, filling the surrounding area with thick smoke and raising fresh questions over the handling of explosive materials by law enforcement agencies. The incident occurred at around 7 am, when repeated blasts were heard from the outpost located in the middle of a densely populated locality.

Although initially the reasons behind the blast could not be ascertained, later it was found that the blasts occurred from a stock of illegal firecrackers seized by the cops, which were stored in a room within the police outpost premises.

However, cops posted at the police station had a close shave as they somehow managed to move to a safe distance from the point of the consecutive blasts. At the time the report was filed, no casualty or major injuries had been reported from the blast.

However, there was a major panic in the area following the blasts, in which the room where it was stored was damaged. The debris was being cleared to check whether anyone was trapped in there when the first blast occurred.

According to local sources,



a large quantity of illegal firecrackers was recovered from different areas during the last couple of days and brought to the Nilganj police outpost. The firecrackers suddenly caught fire in the early hours of Tuesday. Then, one after another, explosions began. The intensity of the explosions terrified the residents of the area. The fire spread quickly after the explosion, and the outpost premises were covered in smoke.

Several fire-tenders immediately rushed to the spot. After a couple of hours of rigorous fire-fighting, the fire was ultimately brought under control.

Senior police officials from the district also reached the spot to keep the situation under control. The entire area was cordoned off, and the general public was kept at a safe distance to avoid any untoward incident.

The police claimed that no casualties or serious injuries have been reported in the incident so far. Questions are also being raised about the decision to store a large quantity of firecrackers

at the police outpost in the middle of a populated area.

According to police sources, firecrackers recovered during a recent operation, reportedly two to three days ago, had been kept inside the outpost as seized property. Preliminary information suggests the stock suddenly caught fire in the early hours, leading to a chain of explosions that continued for some time. The deafening blasts alarmed local residents as flames and dense smoke engulfed parts of the police premises. Firefighters rushed to the scene soon after receiving the emergency call and launched operations to bring the blaze under control. Police officials said no casualties or injuries had been reported till the latest information available, while efforts continued to ensure that the fire did not spread beyond the outpost compound. Authorities also worked to secure the surrounding area as a precautionary measure. The incident has once again put the spotlight on the safety protocols followed for storing confiscated explosive materials. Questions are being raised over why the seized firecrackers were allegedly not shifted to a designated secure storage facility despite the inherent risks associated with such materials. Residents expressed concern that the explosions could have resulted in a far more devastating tragedy.

District-Level Conference on VB-G RAM G Project Implementation; Minister Dilip Ghosh Warns Against Corruption in Panchayats

MI News Service, Kharagpur: A district-level conference on the effective implementation of the Viksit Bharat-GRAMJI (VB-GRAMJI) rural employment and development initiative was held at Pradyot Smriti Sadan in Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur district. Organised by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, the meeting focused on the project's framework, implementation strategy, and the responsibilities of elected representatives and administrative officials. The conference was attended by State Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Dilip Ghosh, District Magistrate Bijin Krishna, Additional District Magistrate Gobinda Halder, MLAs Dr. Shankar Kumar Guchhait, Tapan Dutta, Shital Kapat, Ramaprasad Giri, Pradip Lodha, Shubhashish Om, Shiuli Saha, and Dinen Ray, along with Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Nirmal Ghosh, senior administrative officials, and public representatives. Addressing the gathering, Minister Dilip Ghosh took a firm stand against allegations of corruption, irregularities, and

executed without following proper tender procedures, while in others there were



negligence in development works at the panchayat level. He said the government had received complaints against several engineers and panchayat secretaries from different areas.

Based on these complaints, the government has temporarily halted work on several old tenders and development projects pending a detailed review. The minister alleged that in some cases projects had been

would be spared. The minister also claimed that since the formation of the BJP government, several new rural development schemes have been launched and budget allocations for rural development have increased compared to previous years. He said both pre-election and post-election development works were being reviewed to ensure transparency and accountability. Dilip Ghosh further stated that many beneficiaries who had been left out of the Annapurna Bhandar Scheme had now been re-included. He added that several rules relating to the VB-GRAMJI project and panchayat administration had also been revised to improve implementation. He concluded by saying that regular review meetings are being conducted in every district to monitor the progress of development projects and ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach genuine beneficiaries with complete transparency.

TMC functionary held in Nadia over alleged 'misleading' Army post on social media

MI News Service, Karimpur: A local Trinamool Congress functionary was arrested from Nadia's Karimpur after allegedly sharing a misleading social media post related to the Indian Army, triggering a political row in the border district.

The arrested person, identified as Mehbub Sheikh, is stated to be the president of the Trinamool Kisan Morcha in Karimpur-II block. He was produced before the Krishnanagar Sub-Divisional Court on Monday following his arrest by police.

According to police sources, the controversy stems from a social media post shared by Sheikh, which claimed that nearly 30,000 Indian Army personnel had resigned during



protests demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET-UG question paper leak. Investigators said no official record or credible evidence supports the claim, prompting allegations that the post disseminated false and misleading information.

The post drew sharp criticism from local BJP leaders, who lodged a written complaint at Murutia police station, accusing Sheikh of spreading misinformation concerning the armed forces and attempting to undermine the morale and reputation of the Indian Army. Acting on the complaint, police initiated an inquiry, examined the digital trail and subsequently arrested the accused. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the origin of the content, whether it was created or merely shared, and if any legal provisions relating to the circulation of false information are attracted.

BJP leaders demanded stringent legal action, alleging that the post was intended to

mislead the public and malign a national institution. However, no official response had been issued by the district Trinamool Congress leadership till the filing of this report. The accused and his family also did not make any public statement on the allegations.

The incident has once again brought into focus the growing concern over misinformation on social media, particularly when it involves institutions linked to national security. Investigators are expected to examine digital evidence and other electronic records as part of the ongoing probe. At this stage, the allegations remain under investigation, and the court is yet to examine the merits of the case.

Online gambling network busted in Chakdaha; Key accused held after weeks of surveillance

MI News Service, Chakdaha: After nearly two months of sustained surveillance and a series of raids, Chakdaha police have arrested the alleged key operator of an online gambling network, claiming a major breakthrough in their investigation. The accused, identified as Sujit Ghosh, was produced before the Kalyani court on Sunday, which remanded him to six days' police custody.

According to police sources, 13 persons had earlier been arrested from different parts of Chakdaha in connection with the alleged online gambling racket. During interrogation, investigators claimed that Ghosh's name repeatedly surfaced as a central figure in the operation. Police alleged that he had gone into hiding after learning that the investigation was closing in on him.



Investigators said they tracked his movements through mobile tower location analysis. Acting on specific inputs, a police team led by Chakdaha police station Inspector-in-Charge Sudipta Chakraborty arrested Ghosh on Saturday evening soon after he returned to the town.

Police claimed that one of the premises allegedly used by the accused is located close to the police station. Investigators are also examining details of multiple properties allegedly linked to him. Officials, however, said the ownership, financial trail and any connection between those assets and the alleged gambling operation are still under investigation.

Seeking police custody, the prosecution told the court that custodial interrogation was necessary to uncover

the financial network, digital infrastructure and other persons allegedly associated with the racket. The court allowed the plea and remanded the accused to six days' police custody.

IC Sudipta Chakraborty said the police would continue their crackdown on illegal activities in the area. "No one involved in unlawful activities will be spared. Action will be taken strictly in accordance with the law," he said.

The arrest has triggered discussion in Chakdaha, with residents questioning how such an alleged operation could have functioned for an extended period. Police maintained that the investigation is at a crucial stage and said further details would emerge only after custodial interrogation and examination of digital and financial evidence.



Leftist student organisations and student societies organised a grand procession, hailing the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan while demanding the cancellation of the NTA, withdrawal of cases against protesters, an end to the privatisation of education, and the repeal of NEP 2020. The procession began at Shyambazar and proceeded towards College Street in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Friendship Day Feast Awaits at Garden Café

MI News Service, Kolkata: As Friendship Day approaches, restaurants across the city are preparing to welcome groups of friends looking to celebrate the occasion with memorable dining experiences. Joining the festive spirit, Garden Café in Newtown has announced a specially curated, limited-edition Friendship Day Combo Menu designed to bring together comfort food, signature beverages and handcrafted desserts under one celebratory offering.

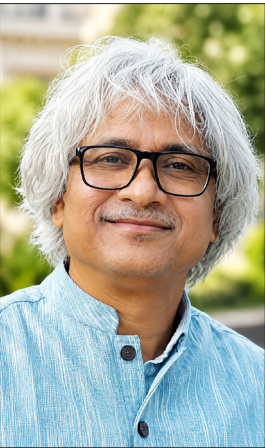
The initiative aims to transform casual meet-ups into meaningful occasions by presenting thoughtfully paired food combinations that encourage conversations, shared experiences and lasting memories. The seasonal menu has been conceptualised by Chef Bipasha Majumdar, who has assembled a selection of popular café favourites with premium desserts and beverages to appeal to a wide range of tastes. Among the specially introduced combinations are Cold Coffee with Filter Coffee Cake, Black Velvet Tart with Onion Utapam, Biscoff Pudding with Idli, French Fries paired with Biscoff Pudding, Hot Coffee with Filter Coffee Cake, Mousse Cup with an Idli Plate, Dahi Vada accompanied by Milk Fudge Cake, Masala Dosa served with Mousse Cup, and Cold Coffee with The Bean. The combinations seek to balance traditional flavours with contemporary café offerings, creating an experience suited to both quick gatherings and leisurely celebrations. Garden Café has positioned the exclusive menu as a tribute to the enduring value of friendship, highlighting how shared meals often become the backdrop for cherished memories and meaningful conversations. The limited-period offering reflects the growing trend of themed culinary experiences that coincide with significant social occasions, giving customers an opportunity to mark cele-



brations through distinctive food experiences. Speaking on the occasion, Sandip Nowlakha, Founder of Garden Café, said that Friendship Day is best celebrated through heartfelt conversations, laughter and good food shared with close companions. He expressed gratitude to patrons who have made the café a part of their special moments over the years and invited guests to celebrate the occasion by enjoying the specially crafted combos with friends. With Friendship Day expected to witness increased footfall at cafés and restaurants across Kolkata, Garden Café's exclusive menu adds another attraction for diners seeking a relaxed yet memorable celebration. The seasonal offering underscores the café's commitment to combining culinary creativity with festive experiences, reinforcing its position as a popular destination for gatherings, celebrations and community-driven dining in Newtown during the Friendship Day festivities.

IIT Kharagpur's Prof. Surjya K. Pal Awarded Prestigious ANRF J. C. Bose Grant

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Prof. Surjya K. Pal, Dean (Research and Development) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, has been honoured with the prestigious J. C. Bose Grant awarded by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Government of India. The grant is one of the country's most prestigious research recognitions for senior scientists and is awarded in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to scientific research. Prof. Pal has received a five-year research grant to develop a universal Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based platform for real-time weld quality control in the field of Advanced and Smart Manufacturing. The project aims to promote Zero-Defect Smart Manufacturing and make future manufacturing systems more reliable, efficient and intelligent. Currently serving



as the Dean (Research and Development) at IIT Kharagpur, Prof. Pal is also the Founding Chairman of the Centre of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing Technology. He has supervised more than 30 Ph.D. scholars, published over 230 research papers in international journals, and his work

has received more than 12,000 citations on Google Scholar. He has an H-index of 64, reflecting his significant global research impact. According to the Research.com Rankings 2026, Prof. Pal has been ranked 10th among India's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering scientists. He has also been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Engineering (FNAE) and the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to research. His research and technological innovations have been widely adopted across various industrial sectors, strengthening collaboration between industry and academia while advancing India's manufacturing capabilities. Congratulating Prof. Surjya K. Pal on this remarkable achievement, IIT Kharagpur described the honour as a matter of pride for both the institute and the country's scientific community.

Special Awareness Camp on Child Marriage, Cyber Fraud and Women's Safety Organised by District Police

MI News Service, Kharagpur: With the aim of eliminating the social evil of child marriage, preventing cyber crimes, ensuring the safety of women and children, and creating awareness among youth about employment and skill development, the Paschim Medinipur District Police organised a special awareness camp in Belda. The programme was held at the Belda Auditorium under the supervision of Belda Police Station and witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students, parents and local residents. The awareness camp was organised under the district police's special initiative PACE (Police Assistance in Career and Employment Enhancement). Superintendent of Police of Paschim Medinipur, Papiya Sultana (IPS), attended the programme as the chief guest. Additional Superintendent of Police Busara Bano (IPS) and several other senior police officials were also present. Among the distinguished guests were Narayangarh MLA Ramaprasad Giri, Belda-II Gram Panchayat Deputy Pradhan Gaurishankar Adhikari,



Narayangarh Block Health Officer Dr. Somnath Mondal, and other eminent personalities. During the camp, experts and police officials explained in detail the social and legal consequences of child marriage. They also informed participants about measures to protect themselves from cyber crimes such as online fraud, fake calls, OTP scams and banking frauds. The role of Women Helpline Desks in ensuring women's safety and the importance of Child Helpline services for the protection of children were also discussed extensively. Officials further informed the youth about skill development programmes, vocational training and employment opportunities

available through the PACE initiative. They appealed to young people to take advantage of government schemes and training programmes to become self-reliant. At the conclusion of the programme, the police administration especially urged students and youth to remain alert about digital safety, avoid suspicious online activities and immediately contact the police in case of any crime or emergency. The district police stated that the objective of such awareness programmes is to increase legal awareness in society, strengthen the safety of women and children, effectively curb cyber crimes and build a safe, aware and empowered society.

14,000 Police Constables to Be Recruited in Bengal Before Durga Puja : Suvendu

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Tuesday announced plans to overhaul and modernise the state's police system, including the recruitment of 14,000 constables before Durga Puja. Speaking at an event at Bhavani Bhavan to inaugurate a toll-free number, Adhikari said the government would focus on strengthening police infrastructure, improving working conditions and

modernising law enforcement.

According to the Chief Minister, the state currently has around 47,000 vacancies in the police department. The government plans to recruit nearly one lakh personnel over the next few years. Of the 14,000 constables, many had already completed their training but could not be appointed due to complications related to the OBC recruitment process.

With the issue now resolved, their appointments are expected to be completed before the upcoming Durga Puja. Adhikari also said the state would consider adopting aspects of the Uttar Pradesh police model to improve its personnel strength. While Bengal has an average of 106 police personnel per lakh population, Uttar Pradesh has around 200.

The modernisation drive will include elec-

tronic systems, CCTV cameras, body cameras and upgraded control rooms. Police stations across Kolkata and the state will also be improved. Old police vehicles, including those over 15 years old, will be replaced with modern vehicles. The government also plans to renovate police housing and establish a state-level Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) on the lines of the NIA.

Kazakhstan Keen to Expand Business Ties with India, West Bengal: Ambassador

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kazakhstan is keen to expand business ties with India, particularly West Bengal, Ambassador Yeskarayev Azamat said at a special session organised by the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) in Kolkata on Tuesday. The session focused on expanding trade and investment between the two countries. Azamat highlighted opportunities in pharmaceuticals, mining, energy, manufacturing and technology, while describing West Bengal as a gateway to Northeast India and Southeast Asia. A high-level Kazakh delegation is expected to visit India in September to hold discussions with Indian business houses, including the Tatas. The forum also explored cooperation in agriculture, healthcare, logistics, IT, tourism and green energy.

Bandhan Bank Facilitates West Bengal GRIPS Payments through Branch Network

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank has introduced an easy facility for customers to make West Bengal state tax and non-tax payments through the Government Receipt Portal System (GRIPS). Customers can generate challans online through the West Bengal GRIPS portal and complete payments at designated Bandhan Bank branches using the over-the-counter (OTC) facility. The GRIPS platform allows citizens, businesses and institutions to generate challans for taxes, duties, fees, penalties and other statutory payments. After generating the challan, customers can visit a nearby Bandhan Bank branch, submit the required amount and receive an acknowledgement and payment receipt. Rajinder Kumar Babbar, Executive Director and Chief Business Officer, Bandhan Bank, said the initiative reflects the bank's commitment to providing secure, convenient and accessible payment solutions while supporting government-led digital initiatives. The facility is expected to simplify statutory payments and strengthen efficient government revenue collection across West Bengal. Customers can complete the process by generating the GRIPS challan, visiting a designated branch, submitting the challan and payment, and collecting the receipt.

LS, RS proceedings adjourned till 2 pm amid opposition

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The proposed legislation was introduced by Minister of State for PMO Jitendra Singh amidst protests and sloganeering by the opposition, which has been demanding a response from the government over the police crackdown on students during the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led July 20 protest march to Parliament and in other parts of the country. However, no discussion could take place on the Bill as the opposition refused to step back from its demand. The opposition has been raking up the NEET paper leak issue since the Monsoon session began on July 20. As a result, no legislative business has been taken up so far, except for the introduction of two Bills. Similarly the Rajya Sabha proceedings were also adjourned without conducting any business in the pre-lunch session today following an uproar after opposition parties alleged police brutality against students protesting the NEET paper leak in the national capital. Opposition MPs, particularly those belonging to the Left parties, demanded that Home Minister Amit Shah come to the House and make a statement on the issue. Treasury benches countered such a demand. Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan called for the listed zero hour mentions to be taken up, but as the ruckus continued, he adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari distributed rain protection gear kits to police personnel and unveiled new toll-free helpline numbers during a programme at Bhavani Bhawan in Kolkata on Tuesday.

State Govt Transfers 36 WBCS Officers, 31 Police Inspectors

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has carried out a major reshuffle in the police and administrative departments, transferring 36 WBCS officers on Monday night. The officers have been assigned new postings and instructed to join their respective workplaces immediately. The reshuffle also includes significant changes in the state police. As many as 31 police inspectors have been transferred, while new officers have been appointed as in-charges of eight women's police stations across the state. Several changes have also been made at the level of special secretaries in the Finance and Transport departments. SDOs in several areas, including Malda

and Balurghat, have been transferred. Changes have also been made among District Magistrates (DMs) and Additional District Magistrates (ADMs).

The police reshuffle covers multiple units of the state force, with several inspectors receiving new responsibilities. New officers have been assigned to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Special Task Force (STF), Intelligence Branch (IB), Enforcement Branch (EB) and Vigilance Commission.

New officers have also taken charge of women's police stations in Jhargram, Howrah, Barasat, Barrackpore, Bidhanagar and Baruipur as part of the latest administrative exercise.

3 TMC-Era Nominees in State Med Council Replaced

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has replaced three government-nominated members of the West Bengal Medical Council, marking another major administrative change following the change of government in the state. The three members nominated during the previous Trinamool Congress regime — Nirmal Maji, Sourav Pal and Asim Sarkar — have been removed from their positions. The state government has also announced the names of three new doctors who will fill the vacant government-nominated positions on the Medical Council. The Health Department issued an official notification regarding the appointments on Monday night. According to the notification, MLA and doctor Dr Pranat Tudu, BJP doctors' cell member Dr Kalyanashish Mukhopadhyay and physician Dr Mrinmoy Adhikari have been nominated as the new members representing

the state government. The three newly nominated members are expected to begin their responsibilities at the West Bengal Medical Council shortly. Their appointments fill the three government-nominated vacancies in the council's committee.

The development comes against the backdrop of controversy surrounding the Medical Council election held in 2022 during the previous TMC government. Opposition parties had at the time alleged widespread irregularities in the election process and demanded that the election be conducted again. The allegations had triggered considerable political and administrative controversy. With the new government now replacing the earlier nominees, attention has shifted to the future functioning of the Medical Council and whether any further changes will be made to its composition.

Census to Record Roadside Temples, Mosques, Churches and Gurudwaras

MI News Service, Kolkata: The upcoming Census will also document religious places such as roadside temples, mosques, churches and gurudwaras, with enumerators instructed to identify and mark them during the survey. Photographs will also be taken to provide an accurate picture of religious places across areas. Enumerators will additionally mark essential facilities such as wells, taps and tube wells, while schools, colleges, dispensaries, panchayat offices and post offices will be indicated on maps. House-listing blocks comprising around 300 households or 700-800 people will be separately marked on HLB maps. The Census is scheduled to begin in West Bengal from August 1, with training for enumerators already underway in several areas, including north Bengal. Officials will begin visiting designated areas from August 1, followed by numbering on August 16, 17 and 18. House-to-house enumeration will continue for a month.

State Govt Launches Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has launched the Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana (MMSBY) following approval by the state Cabinet, introducing another healthcare-focused welfare scheme for residents who are not covered under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance programme.

The scheme is aimed primarily at families that do not receive benefits under Ayushman Bharat but require financial support for medical treatment. Under MMSBY, eligible families will be entitled to cashless healthcare facilities of up to 5 lakh per year. Each eligi-



ble family member will receive a separate health card, while there will be no restriction on the number of members who can be included in a family. The scheme will also cover treatment for pre-existing diseases, allowing beneficiaries to receive medical care for



Members of Shiksha Sanskriti Suraksha Mancha took part in a protest rally against alleged anti-national conspirators, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Supreme Court Order Leads to Bail for 16 Arrested in Dharmatala Protest Violence

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bench shall Court on Tuesday granted bail to all 16 people arrested in connection with the violence during a protest rally in Dharmatala against the alleged NEET question paper leak. The development came shortly after the Supreme Court issued directions regarding the release of protesters. The 16 accused were produced before the court on Tuesday, with police seeking judicial custody until July 30. The court initially granted the request.

However, after the Supreme Court's order reached the court, the accused moved fresh bail petitions. The Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant directed that protesters below 18 years of age and those with no previous criminal record should be released. It also directed that no action be taken based on FIRs registered against protesters. The Dharmatala arrests stemmed from a Left student-organised rally from Sealdah to Dharmatala on July

24 against the NEET controversy. The protest later turned violent, with journalists allegedly attacked and police personnel targeted with shoes, bottles and bricks. Police subsequently arrested 16 people.

Although none of the accused arrested in the Dharmatala case are minors, police informed the court that the state did not wish to keep them in custody. The court subsequently granted bail to all 16 on a 500 bond each.

Dilip Backs Wider NDA Expansion, Slams Fake Images and Political Agitations

MI News Service, Kolkata: BJP leader Dilip Ghosh on Tuesday welcomed the participation of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP faction in the NDA meeting and said the country would benefit if more political parties supported Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development agenda.

Speaking to journalists after his morning walk at Eco Park in Kolkata, Ghosh said he expected more political parties to join hands with the NDA in the future. According to him, wider political support for the Centre's development initiatives would ultimately benefit the people. Reacting to fact-checking efforts surrounding a viral photograph allegedly linked to an SFI rally at Maulai, Ghosh said strict action should be taken against those responsible for circulating fake or misleading images. He main-

tained that while everyone has the right to protest, demonstrations should have a valid basis and logic.

Commenting on the agitation called by the SFI, Ghosh alleged that political motives were behind protests in West Bengal over examination-related issues. He claimed that although question-paper leaks had occurred in several other states, demands for the resignation of education ministers had not emerged there in the same manner.

Ghosh also welcomed the state government's initiative to introduce a new control room at Nabanna for receiving complaints from people, particularly regarding alleged syndicate activities. He said people often face difficulties when police allegedly refuse to register their complaints, making it important for in-

formation about problems to reach the government directly. He also said toll-free numbers were being introduced in departments, including the Panchayat Department, to allow people to report grievances. According to Ghosh, residents will be able to use the facility if work is not being carried out properly or if they face other difficulties. He said the objective should be to ensure that ordinary people do not face unnecessary obstacles in their daily lives.

Ghosh also commented on allegations that Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee used a fake medical certificate to facilitate an overseas trip. He said anyone using false documents to avoid legal consequences should face action, while doctors assisting in such activities should also exercise caution.

Godrej Marks 100 Years of Kolkata Branch

MI News Service, Kolkata: Godrej & Boyce is celebrating 100 years of its Kolkata Branch, established in 1926 on Clive Street. One of the company's earliest expansions beyond Bombay, the branch is now headquartered in Sector V, Salt Lake, with over 200 employees. Over the decades, Godrej products, including safes, steel almirahs, furniture and India's first indigenously built typewriter, became part of Kolkata's homes and offices. The typewriters also contributed to the city's iconic pavement-typist culture. To mark the centenary, Godrej organised an exhibition featuring photographs, correspondence, advertisements and personal narratives from its archives, tracing the company's journey alongside Kolkata's transformation over the past century.

CM Suvendu announces toll-free numbers in a bid to curb

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forces and assured that a welfare council for the police would be formed. He pledged to fill the existing 47,000 vacancies and recruit a total of 100,000 personnel. Suvendu Adhikari also stated that the goal is to gradually increase the police-to-population ratio to 200 per 100,000 people, similar to those in Uttar Pradesh. At present the current ratio stands at only 106 in the state. The Chief Minister urged police personnel to maintain physical fitness and participate more actively in sports. He also announced plans to upgrade infrastructure in at least 250 of the state's 552 police stations with central assistance. With the welfare of police personnel in mind, the Chief Minister assured that the government is considering allowing those with over 15 years of service to work in their home districts. Additionally, he announced an increase in the police ration allowance by Rs 500, raising the total to Rs 2,000, effective from October.

NCPI MPs participate in NDA parliament

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Traditionally, the BJP held a Parliamentary Party meeting every Tuesday during Parliament sessions. However, since the formation of the NDA government in 2024 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, these meetings have been expanded to include all NDA Members of Parliament. The weekly meeting has recently been renamed "Mangal Milan"—a reference to Tuesday ("Mangal" in Hindi). Party leaders also describe the name as symbolic, with "Mangal" denoting an auspicious beginning and a positive spirit of collective engagement within the alliance. The participation of the former TMC MPs assumes significance as it comes only after the NCPI secured separate parliamentary recognition. Although the party had attended the government's all-party meeting at the start of the Monsoon Session, its MPs did not participate in last week's NDA Parliamentary Party meeting as the formal recognition process had not been completed. With recognition now in place, the NCPI MPs have also been allotted a separate seating block in Parliament, distinct from the Trinamool Congress benches led by Abhishek Banerjee.

Tuesday's meeting was also the first opportunity for the newly inducted NCPI MPs to hear Prime Minister Modi in a closed-door parliamentary interaction. Until now, they had only listened to him during proceedings in Parliament or at public political rallies. The NDA Parliamentary Party meetings have increasingly become an important platform for the Prime Minister to communicate the government's priorities and expectations from its MPs. During the previous meeting, Prime Minister Modi highlighted the government's measures to curb examination malpractice following the NEET controversy, stressing that the investigation was progressing rapidly and that the CBI had already arrested several accused. The Prime Minister also underscored the importance of the youth in India's development journey, urging MPs to play an active role in guiding young people and preventing them from being misled.

Change of Name
I, Ajmira Khatun, W/o- Nazrul Haque (Old Name), residing at Vill- Udnra, P.O.- Balipur, P.S.- Khanakul, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712401 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **Ajmira Khatun, W/o- SK Nazrul Haque** (new Name) as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Arambagh Court, Hooghly vide affidavit no. 5156 dt. 27.07.2026.

Ajmira Khatun, W/o- SK Nazrul Haque and **Ajmira Khatun, W/o- Nazrul Haque** both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Miss Sriika Gupta, D/o.- Lt. Rajiv Kumar Gupta, a resident of S/o.- Lt. Shiv Narayan Gupta, near rathalia, L.C. More, simulgram, Asansol, Kulti, Bardhaman, WB-713343, my Father's actual/correct name has been wrongly recorded in my Admit Card for (I.C.S.E.) as Rajiv Gupta in place of Rajiv Kumar Gupta, vide an Affidavit No. 11527/26, dt.

NAME CHANGE
I, MOHAMMED ABDUL HAMID SARDAR (Old Name), S/o- RAHIMBAKS SARDAR, R/o:-Vill.- P.O.- Bhaduria, P.S.- Swarnnagar, Dist.- 24 Parganas (North), PIN- 743427; have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **ABDUL HAMID SARDAR** (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Barasat Court Affidavit no. 15167 dt. 24-07-2026. **MOHAMMED ABDUL HAMID (Old Name)** and **ABDUL HAMID SARDAR** (New Name) both are same and identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRASANTA MALLICK son of Late Shibshankar Mallick, of Ashutosh Neogy Lane, Hathkola, P.O. & P.S. Chandannagar, District Hooghly, Pin-712136, do hereby declare that as per Affidavit no. 6288 dated 23.07.26 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Chandernagore, Prasanta Mallick son of Lt. Shibshankar Mallick, Prasanto Kr. Mallik s/o Lt. S. Mallick and Prasanta Kumar Mallik s/o Lt. Sibsankar Mallik is same one and identical person.

Name Change
I, Salim Molla, S/O -Amjad Molla, residing at Vill- 8 No. Darbesh Mollarach, P.O.- Madhabnagar, PS- Harwood Point Coastal, Dist- South 24 Parganas. But in my Aadhaar Card (No. 4806 4034 5351) PAN Card (No. IJVPMD2937J) Voter ID (No. WK2459592) & Madhyamik Admit Card (Roll- 407091N No.0148) H.S. Admit Card (Roll- 463911 No.1423) and Registration Certificate (No. 418179253) issued by W.B.C.H.S.E, my father's name has been wrongly recorded as Amjad Molla I have sworn an affidavit before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kakdwip Court on 23.07.2026, declaring that Salim Molla S/O -Amjad Molla and Salim Molla S/O -Amjad Molla are one and the same person.

Name Change
I, Kazi Ibadur Rahman, S/O - Kazi Mahidur Rahman residing at Vill- Pachim Bainan, P.O: Bainan, PS: Bagnan, Dist: Howrah do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Kazi Mohammad Huzafa to Kazi Md Huzafa and henceforth I shall be known as Kazi Md Huzafa in all Purpose, vide affidavit No.- 9528 sworn before the 1st class Ld Judicial Magistrate at Uluberia on 13.07.2026 that Kazi Md Huzafa and Kazi Mohammad Huzafa both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PANU PANJA w/o Late Sambhu Charan Panja declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as JYOTSNA PANJA in place of PANU PANJA in the electoral roll of 2002 of Talata Assembly Constituency (part no -134, SI-No-421) and old voter ID card and the affidavit (no-12173) of 1st class, Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated that PANU PANJA w/o Late Sambhu Charan panja of 47 also known as 47/H, Christopher Road, P.O- Gobinda Khatik Road, P.S- Tangra, Kolkata-700046 and JYOTSNA PANJA w/o- Late Sambhu Charan panja is the same and one identical person and henceforth I have been known as PANU PANJA each and everywhere.

Name Change
I, Pawan Kumar resident of Karrohan, Ut-trown, Handia, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh- 221508 have changed my daughter's Name from Mahira to Mahira Maurya vide Affidavit No.121, dated, 18/07/2026 before 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore court.

Name Change
I, Arvind Mahto resident of Tutki, Silli, Ranchi, Jharkhand-835102 have changed my son's Name from Dhurav Mahto to Dhruv Mahto vide Affidavit No.136, Dated 18/07/2026 before 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore court.

Name Change
I, Pawan Kumar resident of Karrohan, Ut-trown, Handia, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh- 221508 have changed my son's Name from Atharv to Atharv Maurya vide Affidavit No.122 ,dated, 18/07/2026, before 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore court.

Name Change
I, ANINDITA DE, w/o Swapan Kumar Kar, residing at 62B, P. G. H. Shah Road, Kolkata-700032 state that my name has been recorded as ANINDITA DEY on my Madhyamik Examination Admit Card, Result and Certificate. By virtue of an Affidavit no:50188 executed on 11.06.2026 at the Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate court at Alipore, it is declared that ANINDITA DEY and ANINDITA DE are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MILI BASAK, D/O Radharaman Pramanik, W/O Late Baidyanath Ghosh, residing at Vivekananda Pally, Ghosh Goli, Malda, WB.-732101, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **KABERI BASAK** as declared before First Class Judicial Magistrate at ALIPORE COURT (W.B.) vide Affidavit No. 43614 Dated 18/05/2026. **MILI BASAK** and **KABERI BASAK** both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Debashish Ghosh (Old Name), S/O Mantu Lal Ghosh, Residing at Ghosh para ,Radha Ballabhpur, Patul, Hooghly- 712406, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Debashish Ghosh (Old Name) to Debashish Ghosh (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Debashish Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 28/07/2026. Debashish Ghosh (New Name) and Debashish Ghosh (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I,ADIP SARKAR,SON OF LATE NAKUL SARKAR, RESIDENT OF VILL-KULADHARPUR, PO- JAGADISHPUR, BONGAON-743251, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY FATHER'S NAME FROM NAKUL CHANDRA SARKAR(OLD NAME) TO NAKUL SARKAR(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS NAKUL SARKAR(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 32 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 27/07/2026.NAKUL SARKAR(NEW NAME) AND NAKUL CHANDRA SARKAR(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I, Shibesh Das (Old Name) S/o Late Ajit Kumar Das Residing at A-150, Shib Nagar 4th Lane, Rabinranagar, Po- Garden Reach, Ps - Rabinranagar, Mahesh-tala (M), District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700024, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shibesh Das (Old Name) to Shibesh Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shibesh Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 61563 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore on Dated 14-07-2026. Shibesh Das (New Name) and Shibesh Das (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abul Hasim Molla (Old Name) S/o Abdul Wali Molla Residing at Vill-Po- Chandibari, Ps - Jibantala, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743502, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Abul Hasim Molla (Old Name) to Abdul Hasim Molla (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Abdul Hasim Molla (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 1643 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore on Dated 06-01-2026. Abdul Hasim Molla (New Name) and Abul Hasim Molla (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Basudeb Mondal (Old Name) S/o Indranarayan Mondal Residing at 29, Dharmatala Lane, Po - Khurut, PS - Shibpur, District - Howrah, Pin - 711101, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Basudeb Mondal (Old Name) to Basudeb Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Basudeb Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 28-07-2026. Basudeb Mondal (New Name) and Basudeb Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rukhsana Bibi (Old Name) D/o Noor Mahmamud Residing at Y2/169B, Khald-hari Road, Po - Bartala, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700018, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Rukhsana Bibi (Old Name) to Rani Begum (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rani Begum (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 28-07-2026. Rani Begum (New Name) and Rukhsana Bibi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ABDUL JAMALI S/o-KHAYER MAHAMMAD Residing at -Mahipal Chandiipur, Dist- Dakshin Dinajpur, Pin- 733121, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDUL JAMALI TO ABDUL JAMAL (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) ABDUL JAMAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2534 On Date 01/4 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ABDUL JAMAL and ABDUL JAMALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) FULETAN MOMIN S/O-KHAJU MOMIN Residing at , - Uttar moinpara Nagar, Khargram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742159, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from FULETAN MOMIN TO PHULETAN MOMIN (New name) and henceforth I shall be Known as (New name) PHULETAN MOMIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2533 On Date 01/4 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, PHULETAN MOMIN and FULETAN MOMIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MAJBULL SK S/o- HAMID ALI SK Residing at , - Chandnagar, Andu-lia, Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742138, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAJBULL SK TO NAJBULL SK (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) NAJBUL SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2532 On Date 01/4 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, NAJBULL SK and MAJBULL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SANATAN DHALI S/o-BINAY DHALI Residing at , - Kanthalia, Karimpur, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741165, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SANATAN DHALI TO SONATAN DHALI (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SONATAN DHALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2531 On Date 01/4 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SONATAN DHALI and SANATAN DHALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALIA BIBI W/o- RAKIB SK Residing at , - Shiyalmara, Radharghat, Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742187, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALIA BIBI TO ADORA BIBI (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ADORA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2530 On Date 01/4 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ADORA BIBI and ALIA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, EPSITA DEY DATTA (old name), daughter of DEBABRATA DE, resident of RAIL VIHAR,FLAT-308, ANANDAPUR, KOLKATA-700107, West Bengal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from EPSITA DEY DATTA (Old Name) to EPSITA DEY (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as EPSITA DEY (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 21/07/2026. EPSITA DEY (new name) and EPSITA DEY DATTA (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sayani Dey, Residing at 119/102/92, Nirmalalaya, Gtulia Bazar, Hooghly Chinsurah, Hooghly- 721203, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from Subir Kr Dey (Old Name) to Subir Kumar Dey (new name) and henceforth he shall be known as Subir Kumar Dey (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 41 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 27/07/2026. Subir Kumar Dey (New Name) and Subir Kr Dey (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SAMSUDDIN KHURESI(OLD NAME), SON OF GAFFAR KURASHI, RESIDENT OF KASHIARA, MEMARI (M), MEMARI, BARDDHAMAN- 713146, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SAMSUDDIN KHURESI(OLD NAME) TO SAMSUDDIN KURESI(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SAMSUDDIN KURESI (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 44 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026.SAMSUDDIN KURESI(NEW NAME) AND SAMSUDDIN KHURESI(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, SAHEB SARDAR(OLD NAME), SON OF LATE ABDUL RASID SARDAR, RESIDENT OF NAHAZARI SARDAR PARA, PO- NAHAZARI P.S.- BISHNUPUR, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS- 700104, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SAHEB SARDAR (OLD NAME) TO SAHEB ALI SARDAR(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SAHEB ALI SARDAR (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 18 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026. SAHEB ALI SARDAR(NEW NAME) AND SAHEB SARDAR(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, RESHMI CHATTERJEE(OLD NAME), WIFE OF ANINDYA ROY, RESIDENT OF P-2-6,B.P. TOWNSHIP, PO-PANCHASAYAR, KOLKATA- 700094, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RESHMI CHATTERJEE(OLD NAME) TO RESHMI ROY(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS RESHMI ROY(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 19 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 27/07/2026. RESHMI ROY(NEW NAME) AND RESHMI CHATTERJEE(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, RASHMI DEY(OLD NAME), WIFE OF SUBIR KUMAR DEY, RESIDENT OF 119/02/92, NIRMALALAYA, GHUTIA BAZAR, HOOGHLY- 712103, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RASHMI DEY(OLD NAME) TO RASHMI DEY(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS RESHMI DEY(NEW NAME) NO 40 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026. RESHMI DEY(NEW NAME) AND RASHMI DEY(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, MRITYUNJOY MONDAL(OLD NAME), SON OF LAKSHMIKANTA MONDAL, RESIDENT OF RECKJOANI PARBAT PARA, P.O. & P.S. RAJARHAT, NORTH 24 PARGANAS - 700135, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MRITYUNJOY MONDAL(OLD NAME) TO MRITYUNJOY MONDAL(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MRITYUNJOY MONDAL (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 31 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026. MRITYUNJOY MONDAL(NEW NAME) AND MRITYUNJOY MONDAL(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, (MONTAJ ALI SARDAR(OLD NAME), SON OF LATE LATE ABDUL KARIM, RESIDENT OF JANSARI DAKSHIN PARA, ANDUL HOWRAH - 711302, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MONTAJ ALI SARDAR(OLD NAME) TO MONTAJ ALAM SARDAR (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MONTAJ ALAM SARDAR (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 19 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026. MONTAJ ALAM SARDAR(NEW NAME) AND MONTAJ ALI SARDAR(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, MOHAMMED RABIUL MANDAL(OLD NAME), SON OF NASIRUDDIN MANDAL, RESIDENT OF HAZRAPUR, SHIBNARAYAN PUR, DHANTALA, NADIA-741515, WEST BENGAL DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MOHAMMED RABIUL MANDAL(OLD NAME) TO RABIUL MANDAL (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS RABIUL MANDAL(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 14 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 27/07/2026. RABIUL MANDAL (NEW NAME) AND MOHAMMED RABIUL MANDAL(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I, Md Kamal Mostafa, Residing at Vill- Jadavpur, P.O.- Hadipur, P.S.- Deganga, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, Pin-743424, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from Abu Bakkar Siddique (Old Name) to Abu Bakkar Siddik (new name) and henceforth he shall be known as Abu Bakkar Siddik (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 43 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 27/07/2026. Abu Bakkar Siddik (New Name) and Abu Bakkar Siddique (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, GULSAN ARA(OLD NAME), WIFE OF MD ERFAN ALAM, RESIDENT OF NEW BASTI KABAR PARA, VTC, & PO-BANKRA HAORA, 711403, WEST BENGAL DO HEGULSAN ARAREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM GULSAN ARA(OLD NAME) TO GULSHAN BEGUM(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS GULSHAN BEGUM(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE,VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 44 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 28/07/2026. GULSHAN BEGUM(NEW NAME) AND GULSAN ARA(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I, Lakshmi ghosh (Old Name), S/O Sudhir Ghosh, Residing at Narayanpur, PO- Patuli, PS- Purbasthali, Pin- 713512, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Lakshmi ghosh (Old Name) to Laksmikanta Ghosh (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Laksmikanta Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 28/07/2026. Laksmikanta Ghosh (New Name) and Lakshmi ghosh (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabiya Khatoun (Old Name), W/O Rabiulla Khan, Residing at FL No 11E, Floor No 11, Block No 2, Flora Fountain 45, Christopher Road, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rabiya Khatoun (Old Name) to Rabia Khatoun (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rabia Khatoun (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 28/07/2026. Rabia Khatoun (New Name) and Rabiya Khatoun (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Nasim (Old Name), Son Of Late Mohammed lias Resident Of 66/C, Mofidul Islam Lane, PS.- Beniapukur, Kolkata - 700014, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammed Nasim (Old Name) To Md Nasim (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Md Nasim (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 29 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/7/2026. Md Nasim (New Name) And Mohammed Nasim (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person. But In My All Id Proof I.E. Adhar Card Pan Card My Date Of Birth Recorded 09/11/1976 That Is Correct But My Indian Passport Vide Passport No. M4775161 My Date Of Birth Wrongly Entered 09/02/1976 Instead Of 09/11/1976.

Name Change
I, Shah Ayaan Khan (Old Name), Son Of Shama Khan Resident Of 13/H/6, Elliot Lane, P.O & P.S.- Park Street , Kolkata - 700016, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shah Ayaan Khan (Old Name) To Shah Aryaan Khan (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Shah Aryaan Khan (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 30 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/07/2026. Shah Aryaan Khan (New Name) And Shah Ayaan Khan (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Sheku (Old Name), Son Of Habibul Resdent Of 1/1, K.B.1st Lane, PS.- Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Sheku (Old Name) To Md Seku (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Md Seku (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 28 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/7/2026. Md Seku (New Name) And Md Sheku (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nandita Sikdar (Old Name), Wife Of Debashish Sikdar, Resident Of C/2/2, Bholya Mukherjee Road, 17, Amaraboti, P.O - Sodepur, PS.- Khardah, Dist - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700110, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nandita Sikdar (Old Name) To Nandita Goswami (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Nandita Goswami (New Name) In All Purpose Vide Affidavit No. 1216 Sworn Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 05/07/2025. Nandita Goswami (New Name) And Nandita Sikdar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ankita Pachisia (Old Name), Wife Of Pankaj Kumar Periwel, Resident Of Rare Earth, Bl-5, Flat-4a, 93, Abdul Kalam Azad Sarani, Phool Bagian, P.O.- Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name To Ankita Periwel (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Ankita Periwel (New Name) In All Purpose Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Alipore 22/07/2026. Ankita Periwel (New Name) And Ankita Pachisia (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sayari Ghosh (Old Name), Wife Of Rak-tim Ghosh, Resident Of Bl-7, 2nd Fl, Fl-2/5/1b, M.M. Feeder Road, Kamarhati (M), P.O.- Ariadaha, Dist - North 24 Parganas, Pin 700057, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sayari Ghosh (Old Name) To Sayari Sarkar (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Sayari Sarkar (New Name) In All Purpose Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Alipore 11/06/2026. Sayari Sarkar (New Name) And Sayari Ghosh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Kashem Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Late Golam Ali Mandal, Resident Of Vill- Akharpur, P.O.- Itinda, PS.- Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743292, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Kashem Mondal (Old Name) To Kasem Ali Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Kasem Ali Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. 9642, Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat On 31/03/2026. Kasem Ali Mondal (Old Name) And Md Kashem Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Ruhul Amin Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Kasem Ali Mondal, Resident Of Vill- Akharpur, P.O.- Itinda, PS.- Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743292, West Bengal, Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Ruhul Amin Mondal (Old Name) To Ruhul Amin Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Ruhul Amin Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. 9642, Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat On 31/03/2026. Ruhul Amin Mondal (New Name) And Md Ruhul Amin Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Kharagpur Division Holds Hands-On CPR and Disaster Workshop

MI News Service, Kolkata: St. John Ambulance Brigade Organises Capacity-Building Programme at Balasore Railway Station Manish Ramtake (Kharagpur, West Medinipur): The St. John Ambulance Brigade, No. 22 South Eastern Railway District, Kharagpur Division, held a capacity-building training at Balasore Railway Station to strengthen passenger and employee safety and enhance emergency preparedness. The programme focused on disaster management, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and first aid for frontline railway staff, aiming to equip them with life-saving techniques and the ability to assist injured or ill persons until professional medical help arrives.

Certified first-aid instructors and experienced volunteers from the Kharagpur Division led theoretical sessions and practical demonstrations. Training covered CPR, Basic Life Support (BLS), use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), management of severe bleeding and shock, fracture care, bandaging techniques, safe lifting and transportation of injured persons, fire safety, evacuation procedures, and various aspects of disaster management.



A key highlight was a live CPR demonstration where participants practised chest compressions and emergency response techniques on mannequins under expert supervision. The hands-on component significantly boosted trainees' confidence and readiness to handle real-life emergencies. Instructors advised participants to remain alert, maintain effective communication, make quick decisions during crises, ensure their own safety while helping others, and keep up preparedness through regular training.

Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade underscored that prompt first aid and immediate CPR can be decisive in saving lives and that such programmes empower frontline railway employees to respond more effectively to accidents, medical emergencies, and disasters. The South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division, reiterated its commitment to holding similar capacity-building initiatives regularly to enhance the safety, resilience, and emergency readiness of the railway network.

YSRCP holds massive protests across Andhra Pradesh over 'irregularities' in teachers' recruitment

MI News Service, Amaravati: The YSR Congress Party on Tuesday held protests across Andhra Pradesh against the irregularities in the Mega DSC-2025 for recruitment of teachers. Large-scale protests were organised simultaneously across the state under the party's student and youth wings.



Demonstrations were held in Vijayawada, Nellore, Tirupati, Nandyal, and several other districts, while police prevented a proposed rally in Narasannapeta, leading to a tense situation. The opposition party is demanding the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, holding him morally responsible for the alleged Mega DSC (District Selection Committee) irregularities. Protesters also sought a CBI investigation into the DSC recruitment process, alleging question paper leaks, irregular sports quota appointments, and denial of opportunities to deserving candidates. According to the party, the protests also highlighted the NEET paper leak controversy, pending fee reimbursement dues running into thousands of crores, and the coalition government's failure to fulfil its promise of unemployment allowance.

In Nandyal, YSRCP leaders, students and unemployed youth staged a protest rally demanding Lokesh's resignation over the alleged Mega DSC irregularities. The demonstrators condemned the reported question paper leak and raised objections over irregularities in Sports Quota recruitment. The protest was attended by Katsani Ram Bhupal Reddy, Rami Reddy, and MLC Isaq Basha.

Meanwhile, Narasannapeta witnessed tense scenes after police blocked a proposed YSRCP student-youth rally. Hundreds of students and youth from four mandals gathered under the leadership of Dr Dharmana Krishna Chaitanya and were preparing to leave in a convoy of nearly 50 vehicles when a heavy police contingent prevented the rally from proceeding. Dr Chaitanya demanded written reasons for the restrictions, while police cited prohibitory orders on large public rallies. YSRCP leaders condemned the police action as an attempt to suppress democratic protests.

In Vijayawada, a massive rally organised by the YSRCP youth and student wings proceeded from Sambamurthy Nagar to Dharna Chowk, led by NTR District President Devineni Avinash, former minister Vellampalli Srinivas, former MLA Malladi Vishnu, and students wing state Working President Ravichandra.

In Nellore, hundreds of students and youth marched from the Dr B.R. Ambedkar statue to Gandhi Bomma Centre, demanding Lokesh's resignation and justice for unemployed youth. The protest was led by former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy and MLC Parvathareddy Chandrasekar Reddy. In Tirupati, former minister R.K. Roja addressed protesters, demanding Lokesh's resignation and a CBI inquiry into the alleged DSC irregularities.

Bengal govt serious about industrial revival: NITI AYOOG VC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The new BJP government in West Bengal can well act as a catalyst in the industrial revival of the state. The NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson Dr. Ashok Lahiri said it here in Kolkata. He was speaking at the inauguration of Atal Incubation Centre in

Kolkata, the state's first Atal Incubation Centre established under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog. Dr. Lahiri said that West Bengal has a very long and well cherished academic and entrepreneurship legacy nurtured for centuries. But somehow Bengal lost its

way. But time has come for the revival of past glory.

He further said that the new BJP government has formed a perfect and congenial atmosphere for business and industrial growth. He also praised the effort for 'vocal for local' that is going on at Shantiniketan, Bolpur.

Punjab Police steps up security ahead of Independence Day

MI News Service, Chandigarh: With Independence Day 2026 less than three weeks away, the Punjab Police has stepped up security measures across the state after receiving fresh intelligence inputs indicating that Pakistan's ISI and affiliated terror groups are planning to trigger disturbances.



The inputs suggest that pro-Khalistan terrorist modules, mainly linked to the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), along with transnational organised criminal networks operating from abroad, are likely to attempt terror attacks involving weapons, espionage and drone activity.

Sources claimed that the latest intelligence inputs indicated a possible significant increase in attacks as part of the ISI's strategy, which has allegedly sought to destabilise the law and order situation in the state and vitiate communal harmony for over a decade.

were reportedly being used to push militant hardware into Punjab to foment terror attacks, the fresh intelligence inputs suggested.

Pro-Khalistan terrorist organisations such as the Babbar Khalsa International, besides transnational organised criminal networks operating from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, France, Portugal, Malaysia and other coun-

Officials, on condition of anonymity, said, "The ISI was planning a series of attacks through its own operatives as well as under the cover of pseudo pro-Khalistani groups, a move aimed at ensuring deniability of its direct involvement."

Scientists find clue to human brain evolution in finger length: Study

Washington DC [US] : Human evolution has long been tied to growing brain size, and new research suggests prenatal hormones may have played a surprising role. By studying the relative lengths of the index and ring fingers, a marker of prenatal exposure to oestrogen and testosterone, researchers found that higher prenatal oestrogen exposure was associated with larger head size in newborn boys.

Human evolution is closely tied to a steady increase in brain size. New research suggests that this expansion may be partly influenced by pre-birth oestrogen levels, with an unexpected indicator in the length of our fingers.

Professor John Manning, part of Swansea's Applied Sports, Technology, Exercise and Medicine (A-STEM) research team, has spent years studying what is known as digit ratio. This measure compares the length of the index finger to the ring finger, a relationship called the 2D:4D ratio. Scientists have shown that this ratio reflects the balance of estrogen and testosterone a fetus is exposed to during the first trimester of pregnancy. When prenatal oestrogen levels are higher relative to testosterone, the index finger tends to be longer than the



Professor Manning's earlier work has also linked digit ratio to a wide range of outcomes. Past studies have explored connections between finger length and alcohol consumption, recovery after Covid-19 infection, and oxygen use in football players. Together.

ring finger. In these cases, the 2D:4D value is considered high.

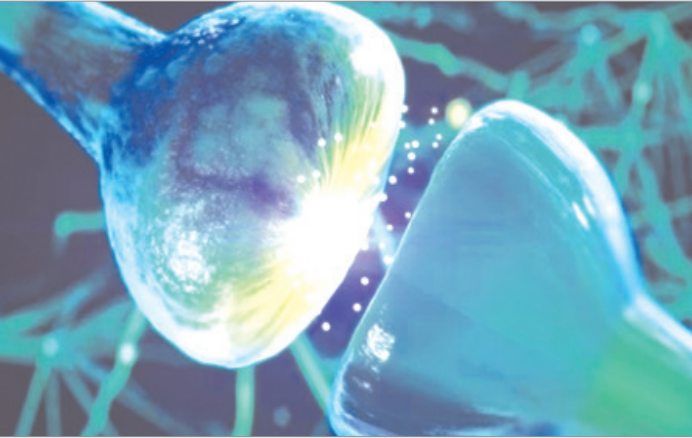
In his latest study, Professor Manning worked with researchers from Istanbul University's Department of Anthropology. Their findings were recently published in the journal Early Human Development. Because head circumference in newborns is strongly linked to brain size and later measures of intelligence, the research team examined both fin-

ger ratios and head size in a group of 225 newborns. The group included 100 boys and 125 girls. The results showed a clear pattern in boys. Higher 2D:4D ratios, which point to greater prenatal estrogen exposure, were associated with larger head circumference. This relationship did not appear in girls. Professor Manning explained the broader significance of the findings. "This finding is relevant to human evolution because increases in brain size are found alongside feminisation of the skeleton, what is known as the estrogenized ape hypothesis."

High values of 2D:4D in males have been found to be related to elevated rates of heart problems, poor sperm counts and predisposition to schizophrenia.

"However, increases in brain size may offset these problems. Thus, the evolutionary drive for larger brains in humans may inevitably be linked to reductions in male viability including cardiovascular problems, infertility and rates of schizophrenia," added Manning. The researchers say the study adds to growing evidence that prenatal estrogen has played a positive role in shaping the evolution of the human brain, even if it came with biological costs. Professor Manning's earlier work has also linked digit ratio to a wide range of outcomes. Past studies have explored connections between finger length and alcohol consumption, recovery after Covid-19 infection, and oxygen use in football players. Together, this research highlights how a simple anatomical trait may reflect powerful influences during early human development. (ANI)

Researchers shed light on how to restore nerve cells after injury



LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) : More than 3 million people in the United States suffer from peripheral neuropathy each year, a condition in which nerves outside of the brain and spinal cord are destroyed, resulting in pain and loss of feeling in the affected areas.

Peripheral neuropathy can be caused by diabetes, trauma, genetically inherited disease, infection, and other reasons.

Salk researchers identified a way to repair destroyed nerves in mice during peripheral neuropathy. They discovered that the protein Mitf aids in the activation of the repair function of the nervous system's specialist Schwann cells.

The findings, which will be published in Cell Reports, may inspire new therapeutics to increase repair function and heal peripheral neuropathy.

"We wanted to know what mechanisms control damage response in peripheral nerves under varying conditions--like acute trauma, genetic disorders, or degenerative diseases," says senior author Professor Samuel Pfaff. "We found that Schwann cells, which are special cells in nerves that protect and support neurons' axons, enter their repair state because of a pathway mediated by the protein Mitf."

The peripheral nervous system is made up of all the nerves that branch out from the brain and spinal cord to give us sensation throughout our bodies. There are many cell types in peripheral nerves, but Pfaff and his team focus on understanding neurons, which transmit information throughout the nervous system, and Schwann cells, which protect healthy neurons and repair damaged ones.

The peripheral nervous system's ability to repair damage is remarkable considering that the central nervous system--made up of the brain and spinal cord--is not able to repair damage. Yet, the mechanisms that orchestrate this feat have remained poorly understood.

To unravel how Schwann cells differentiate to begin repairing peripheral nerve damage, the researchers looked at mouse models

of Charcot Marie Tooth disease (CMT), a type of hereditary neuropathy.

"Going into this project, I thought that when you have a genetic nerve degeneration disorder, cells are dying and recovery isn't possible," says first author Lydia Daboussi, a former postdoctoral researcher in Pfaff's lab and current assistant professor at UC Los Angeles. "But our findings show that there are gene programs turned on by Mitf that repair some of the damage done in those chronic disease scenarios, and when you turn those programs off, disease symptoms get worse."

In mice with CMT, the researchers noticed that the Schwann cells completing the repairs had high levels of Mitf in their nuclei--where the genetic instructions for how to be a Schwann cell and how to conduct repairs are stored.

Upon investigation of this relationship between Mitf and Schwann cells, they found that Mitf was in the cytoplasm of Schwann cells until sensing neuronal damage. Damage then prompted Mitf to relocate from the cytoplasm of the cell to the nucleus, where it would direct the Schwann cell to make repairs.

To validate the importance of Mitf in creating repair Schwann cells, the researchers removed Mitf altogether. In cases of both trauma and CMT, nerve repair was arrested in the absence of Mitf--demonstrating that Mitf is required for peripheral nerve repair and regeneration.

According to Daboussi, Mitf acts like a fire extinguisher. Always there, sitting in the Schwann cell, unnoticed until damage occurs. And when that damage occurs, Mitf is ready to go and immediately turns on the cell's repair functions.

Most surprising, noted Pfaff, was that Mitf was orchestrating these repairs during a chronic disease like CMT.

"Harnessing Schwann cell repair programs has great potential in treating chronic diseases," says Pfaff, also the Benjamin H. Lewis Chair at Salk. "It's possible that with targeted therapeutics,

Rheumatoid Awareness Day: 50% of Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Delay Diagnosis, Raising Risk of Permanent Joint Damage

Kolkata: DrAbhik Banerjee, Zonal Technical Chief East Zone, On the occasion of Rheumatoid Awareness Day, there is a serious concern over the growing number of people silently living with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Nearly 50% of patients fail to seek timely medical diagnosis, often dismissing early symptoms as stress, fatigue, or temporary joint pain. This delay is increasingly seen among young adults, resulting in avoidable joint damage and disability.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy joints, causing persistent inflammation.

DrAbhik Banerjee, Zonal Technical Chief East Zone, Apollo Diagnostic Kolkata said, "Genetic factors, hormonal changes, smoking, stress, and certain infections are known to increase the risk of developing the disease. Unlike common age-related arthritis, RA can affect people in their 20s -30s. Common symptoms include joint pain, swelling, stiffness, especially in the morning, fatigue, and weakness. Over time, untreated RA can lead to joint deformities and may also impact organs such as the lungs, heart, and eyes. The condition can permanently damage joints, reduce mobility, and affect daily activities, work productivity, and



quality of life. The biggest challenge is that early symptoms are often mild and ignored. There is approximately 20% rise in rheumatoid arthritis cases among young and working-age adults aged 20-30, highlighting the growing burden of this autoimmune condition. Around 50% of people tend to ignore early symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis, such as joint stiff-

ness, pain, or swelling, and seek medical care only when symptoms start affecting daily life. 5 out of every 10 rheumatoid arthritis patients each month come at an advanced stage for testing, when joint damage has already begun, mainly because early symptoms were ignored or medical advice was delayed. This delay puts them at a higher risk of irreversible

joint damage and long-term disability."

DrAbhik further said, "A large number of patients continue to suffer silently because they do not recognise the early signs of rheumatoid arthritis or delay visiting a doctor. Many young adults believe joint pain is caused by long working hours, stress, or lack of exercise. Unfortunately, this delay allows inflammation to progress, leading to irreversible joint damage that could have been prevented with early diagnosis. Early testing is the most effective way to control rheumatoid arthritis and protect joints. Key diagnostic tests include Rheumatoid Factor (RF) and Anti-CCP antibody tests, which help confirm autoimmune involvement, ESR and CRP tests, which indicate the level of inflammation in the body, complete blood tests, to assess overall health and detect associated conditions and even x-rays, ultrasound, or MRI scans, which help identify joint inflammation and early damage even before deformities become visible. Timely testing allows us to start disease-modifying treatments early, which can slow disease progression, reduce pain, and preserve joint function. Regular monitoring through blood tests and imaging helps us adjust treatment and prevent flare-ups."

MRI scans show exercise can make the brain look younger: Study

Washington : New research suggests that regular aerobic exercise can help keep your brain biologically younger. Adults who exercised regularly for a year showed brains that appeared nearly a year younger than those who didn't change their habits.

The study focused on midlife, a critical window when prevention may offer long-term benefits. Even small shifts in brain age could add up over decades.

Looking after your brain is a process that unfolds over many years, and new findings from the AdventHealth Research Institute point to an encouraging option. Researchers report that sticking with a consistent aerobic exercise routine may help the brain remain biologically younger.

This effect could support clearer thinking, better memory, and overall mental well-being.

The research showed that adults who committed to a full year of aerobic exercise had brains that appeared almost a year younger than those of participants who did not change their level of activity.

Measuring Brain Age With MRI Published in the Journal of Sport and Health Science, the study examined whether regular aerobic exercise could slow or even reverse what scientists call

"brain age." Brain age is estimated using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and reflects how old the brain appears compared to a person's actual age. A higher brain-predicted age difference (brain-PAD) means the brain looks older, and earlier studies have linked this measure to weaker physical and cognitive performance and a higher risk of death.

"We found that a simple, guideline-based exercise program can make the brain look measurably younger over just 12 months," said Dr. Lu Wan, lead author and data scientist at the AdventHealth Research Institute.

"Many people worry about how to protect their brain health as they age. Studies like this offer hopeful guidance grounded in everyday habits. These absolute changes were modest, but even a one-year shift in brain age could matter over the course of decades," added Dr Lu Wan.

Inside the Year-Long Exercise Trial

The clinical trial included 130 healthy adults between the ages of 26 and 58. Participants were randomly assigned to either a moderate-to-vigorous aerobic exercise group or a usual-care control group.

Those in the exercise group completed two supervised 60-



minute workout sessions each week in a laboratory and added home-based exercise to reach roughly 150 minutes of aerobic activity per week. This schedule aligned with the American College of Sports Medicine's physical activity guidelines.

Researchers measured brain structure using MRI scans and assessed cardiorespiratory fitness through peak oxygen uptake (VO2peak) at the start of the study and again after 12 months.

Exercise Linked to a Younger Looking Brain

After one year, clear differences emerged between the two groups. Participants who exercised showed a measurable decrease in brain age, while those in the control group showed a slight increase. On average, the exercise group saw their brain-PAD drop by about 0.6 years, meaning their brains looked younger at the end of the study. The control group's brains

appeared about 0.35 years older, a change that was not statistically significant. When compared directly, the gap between the two groups was close to one full year in favour of the exercise group.

"Even though the difference is less than a year, prior studies suggest that each additional 'year' of brain age is associated with meaningful differences in later-life health," said Dr. Kirk I. Erickson, senior author of the study and a neuroscientist and director at

AdventHealth Research Institute and the University of Pittsburgh. "From a lifespan perspective, nudging the brain in a younger direction in midlife could be very important."

Why Exercise May Affect Brain Ageing

To better understand why exercise influences brain age, the research team examined several potential factors. These included changes in physical fitness, body composition, blood pressure, and levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a protein that supports brain plasticity. Although fitness levels clearly improved with exercise, none of these factors statistically accounted for the reduction in brain-PAD observed in the trial.

"That was a surprise," Wan noted. "We expected improvements in fitness or blood pressure to account for the effect, but they didn't. Exercise may be acting through additional mechanisms we haven't captured yet, such as subtle changes in brain structure, inflammation, vascular health or other molecular factors."

Focusing on Midlife for Long-Term Benefits

Many studies on exercise and brain health focus on older adults, after age-related changes have already become more pro-

nounced. This trial took a different approach, targeting people in early to mid-adulthood, when brain changes are harder to detect but prevention may offer greater benefits over time.

"Intervening in the 30s, 40s and 50s gives us a head start. If we can slow brain ageing before major problems appear, we may be able to delay or reduce the risk of later-life cognitive decline and dementia," Erickson said.

What the Findings Mean Going Forward

The authors caution that the study involved healthy, relatively well-educated volunteers and that the changes in brain age were modest.

They note that larger studies and longer follow-up periods are needed to learn whether these reductions in brain-PAD lead to lower risks of stroke, dementia, or other brain-related diseases.

"People often ask, 'Is there anything I can do now to protect my brain later?'" Erickson said. "Our findings support the idea that following current exercise guidelines -- 150 minutes per week of moderate-to-vigorous aerobic activity -- may help keep the brain biologically younger, even in midlife," concluded Erickson.

Khurda Road Division reiterated its commitment to providing safe, secure, and passenger-friendly services during the festival. Officers and staff across departments continue to work round the clock to ensure a safe, seamless, and comfortable pilgrimage experience for the millions of devotees visiting Puri.

CWG 2026:
NATARAJ
SEALS 100M
BACKSTROKE
SF BERTH;
SAJAN EXITS
BUTTERFLY
EVENTS

GLASGOW:Srihari Nataraj extended India's campaign in the Commonwealth Games 2026 swimming competition by advancing to the men's 100m backstroke semifinals, while veteran Sajan Prakash's challenge came to an end after he missed qualification in the men's 50m butterfly on Tuesday. Nataraj, a two-time Olympian and India's national record holder in the event, safely progressed after finishing among the fastest 16 swimmers across the heats. The Bengaluru swimmer stopped the clock at 55.58 seconds to place fifth in his heat and 13th overall, comfortably securing a place in the semifinals scheduled later in the day. The 25-year-old covered the opening 50 metres in 26.26 seconds before completing the race in 55.58. Although well outside his personal best of 53.77 seconds, set in 2021 and still the Indian national record, the timing proved sufficient to keep his medal hopes alive. The qualification comes a day after Nataraj featured in India's men's 4x200m freestyle relay team, which reached the final before finishing sixth. In contrast, it proved to be another difficult outing for Sajan Prakash, whose Commonwealth Games campaign concluded without another appearance beyond the preliminary rounds. Competing in the ninth and final heat of the men's 50m butterfly, the 32-year-old touched the wall in 24.94 seconds, placing eighth in his race and 28th overall. The performance left him well short of the qualification places and significantly outside his national record of 23.83 seconds. The result followed another disappointing swim for the two-time Olympian, who had finished eighth in Monday's men's 200m butterfly final with a time of 1:58.05. That effort also fell below his personal best and national record of 1:56.38, highlighting a challenging campaign for one of India's most experienced swimmers. With Nataraj progressing to the semifinals, India's hopes in the pool now rest largely on the backstroke specialist as he looks to become only the second Indian swimmer to win a Commonwealth Games medal.

'Could see that hunger in all youngsters': Iyer
credits fearless next generation after Zimbabwe sweep

NEW DELHI : India captain Shreyas Iyer hailed the hunger and determination of the team's young players after guiding the side to a 3-0 T20I series sweep over Zimbabwe, saying their eagerness to seize every opportunity was the driving force behind the turnaround. Speaking after securing his maiden series victory as India's T20I captain, Iyer explained how contributions from the emerging core, led by youngsters such as Mayank Yadav and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, helped India recover from successive series defeats to Ireland and England. The Zimbabwe triumph marked a significant milestone for Iyer, who had endured six consecutive defeats at the start of his tenure, two against Ireland and four against England, before his side responded with three straight wins to complete a clean sweep. "I feel when you step out on the field, you could see that hunger in all these youngsters who want to represent the team. They know

PM Modi, Sports Min Mandaviya
laud weightlifters for CWG success

NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sport Minister Mansukh Mandaviya have lauded Indian weightlifters Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam and Valluri Ajaya Babu for the podium finish at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow. Bindyarani secured the bronze medal in the women's 58kg weightlifting competition on Monday. The Manipur lifter finished third with a total lift of 199kg, registering 87kg in snatch and 112kg in the clean and jerk. Bindyarani Devi had won a silver medal in the 2022 edition in Birmingham in the 55kg weight-class. "Yet another medal for India in weightlifting! Proud of Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam for winning a



bronze in the Women's 58kg event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Her success is due to her hard work and determination. Wishing her the very best for the endeavours ahead," PM Modi posted on X. Ajaya Babu set a Commonwealth Games record of 149kg in the snatch before lifting 181kg in the clean and jerk for a total of 330kg, narrowly missing gold in the men's 79kg competition after finishing just 1kg behind Malaysia's Muhammad Erry Hidayat. "Sheer strength on show! Many congratulations to Khelo India athlete Valluri Ajaya Babu on winning the silver medal in the men's 79 kg weightlifting. With a total lift of 330 kg, he also set a Commonwealth Games

record in the Snatch. A memorable performance and another proud moment for Bharat," Mandaviya shared on X. Also, Gyaneshwari Yadav claiming silver in the women's 53kg event on her CWG debut. The 23-year-old, who moved up from the 49kg category to accommodate Mirabai Chanu, produced a personal-best total of 199kg (88kg in snatch and 111kg in clean and jerk). On Sunday, Mirabai Chanu shattered the Commonwealth Games records in the snatch, clean and jerk and total on her way to gold in the women's 49kg event. Rishikanta Singh claimed silver in the men's 60kg, while Muthupandi Raja added another silver in the men's 65kg.

SBI Life Insurance partners
with Paralympic Committee
of India as 'Principal Partner'
of Indian Contingent for
2026 Para Sports Season



MUMBAI: SBI Life Insurance, one of India's most trusted private life insurers, today announced the strengthening of its partnership with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), becoming the 'Principal Partner' of the Indian Contingent for the 2026 para sports season. The company will act as the 'Official Life Insurance Partner' for the Indian Paralympic Contingent that will be heading to the upcoming Commonwealth Para Games 2026 in Glasgow and the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Building on its successful association with India's para-athletes during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, SBI Life continues to champion stories of determination, preparation, and excellence that inspire individuals to pursue their aspirations with confidence. Through this partnership, SBI Life aims to recognise and amplify the journeys of India's elite para-athletes, as high-performance competitors who continue to redefine

possibilities through their dedication and commitment. Their journeys highlight a universal truth-that aspirations can be pursued when individuals have the confidence, support, and preparation to move forward. Speaking on the partnership, Mr. Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication & CSR, SBI Life Insurance, said, "At SBI Life, we believe that confidence is what empowers individuals to pursue their aspirations while staying prepared for life's uncertainties. This belief lies at the heart of our brand philosophy, 'Apne Liye, Apno Ke Liye', and is what makes our association with the Paralympic Committee of India so meaningful. India's para-athletes embody what it truly means to prepare with purpose, remain focused on their goals, and perform with unwavering determination. Their journeys demonstrate that when individuals are supported with the right foundation, they can overcome barriers and achieve extraordinary milestones. As we strengthen our partnership with PCI as the Principal Partner of the Indian Contingent for the 2026 para sports season, we are proud to stand alongside these exceptional athletes as they represent India on the global stage. Beyond supporting sporting excellence, this partnership reflects our larger commitment to enabling confidence-encouraging individuals and families to prepare for the future with assurance, so they can focus on pursuing what matters most."

Sonam and Himanshu clinch bronze in 10m Air
Rifle Mixed Team at ISSF WC in Hangzhou

HANGZHOU : Indian rifle shooters Sonam Uttam Maskar and Himanshu Dhillon secured the bronze medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event at the ongoing ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun, adding another podium finish to India's campaign. Both Indian teams delivered strong performances in the qualification round to advance to the final. Sonam (317.2) and Himanshu (317.4) combined for an aggregate qualification score of 634.6 points. Meanwhile, the pair of Elavenil Valarivan (316.8) and Parth Rakesh Mane (317.4) qualified right behind them with a total score of 634.2. In the final, Sonam and Himanshu produced a composed performance to combine for 441.2 points (220.6 each), securing the bronze medal behind China 1 and China 2. Elavenil and Parth finished fourth with a final score of 378.8 (Elavenil: 190.5, Parth: 188.3). Reflecting on the medal win, Sonam said, "It was a tough competition, and the overall experience was very good. Winning a medal is



always important because it gives us confidence for the assignments ahead. Experience matters more than anything, and this performance will motivate us as we prepare for the Asian Games and the World Championships later this season." Making his first-ever senior ISSF World Cup final appearance, Himanshu added, "It was a great experience competing in my first senior World Cup final. I believed in myself, trusted my coach's guidance and relied on my strengths. I've competed in many junior finals, but winning my first senior World Cup medal makes this achievement very special." Sonam previously won sil-

ver medals at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo and the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi in 2024, alongside a fifth-place finish at the ISSF World Cup Granada, cementing her reputation as one of India's top rifle shooters. For 20-year-old Himanshu, the bronze medal represents his maiden senior ISSF World Cup podium. Himanshu previously won gold in the 10m Air Rifle Men Junior event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in New Delhi in 2025 before adding another gold at the Asian Shooting Championships. The bronze medal takes India's overall tally at the ISSF World Cup Hangzhou to four medals (1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze).

135th Durand Cup: TRAU vs NEROCA derby
ends in stalemate before a packed stadium



an evenly fought affair in the opening exchanges. The first real opportunity of the match fell to NEROCA FC from a corner kick. After a TRAU FC player's header from the corner was initially kept out by the Neroca defence, the loose ball fell kindly to Sridarth Nongmeikam, whose powerful follow-up effort was brilliantly denied by the goalkeeper, ensuring the deadlock remained intact. TRAU FC nearly found the breakthrough moments later from a corner of their own. Defender Seila Toure rose highest to meet the delivery with a firm header, but his effort crashed against the post, leaving the NERO-

CA defence relieved as both sides continued to search for the opening goal. TRAU FC came close to breaking the deadlock when Afridi Buyamayum burst through the middle before unleashing a powerful long-range effort that flashed narrowly wide of the post. The remainder of the first half saw both teams continue to attack with intent, creating chances through counter-attacks, set-pieces and sustained spells of possession. Despite a series of fouls and Imphal Derby Ends in Stalemate Before a Packed Khuman Lampak Crowd NEROCA FC began the second half on the front foot and nearly took the lead

when Lambalmayum Hembra Meitei delivered an inviting cross from the right for Charles Teiko Folley, whose powerful header was brilliantly saved by TRAU FC goalkeeper Sapam Nongpoknganba Singh. The skipper showed excellent reflexes and kept his eyes firmly on the ball to pull off a fine save. NEROCA FC squandered another golden opportunity when substitute Ngathem Imarson Meitei produced a skilful run down the left flank before delivering a precise pass into the box for Sridarth Nongmeikam. Sridarth's first-time effort was well saved by the TRAU goalkeeper, and although the

rebound fell back to him, he was unable to keep his follow-up attempt on target as the ball went behind for a goal kick. NEROCA FC won a dangerous free-kick after Ronaldo Wairokpm was penalised for a high boot on Charles Teiko Folley. From around 25 yards out, Ngathem Imarson Meitei curled a powerful effort towards goal, but the TRAU goalkeeper produced a brilliant diving save to push the ball away for a corner. TRAU FC were reduced to 10 men when Adriko Rogers was shown a second yellow card, followed by a red, after a heated exchange with the referee. The dismissal handed NEROCA FC a numerical advantage for the remainder of the contest. The closing stages belonged almost entirely to NEROCA FC as they relentlessly pushed forward in search of a winner, while TRAU FC remained resolute in defence despite playing with ten men. NEROCA won a succession of corners and kept the pressure on, with Ben Nash Quansh coming closest when he rose highest to meet a corner but could not direct his header on target. Despite their sustained attacking intent and numerous set-piece opportunities, NEROCA were unable to find a way past TRAU's determined defence, as the visitors held on for a hard-fought goalless draw. Tomorrow's matches: Indian Air Force FT vs Defenders FC (Sri Lanka), 7:00 PM, Birsu Munda Football Stadium. Ranchi.