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Suvendu Adhikari leads 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally

MI News Service, Kolkata : This 'City of Joy' which is accustomed to experience numerous political rallies, protest marches and public demonstrations frequently, witnessed thousands of people took over the heart of Kolkata on Monday afternoon , walking and proudly waving the Tricolour. Led by Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari from the front , and was flanked by most of his ministers and senior government functionaries, the rally began from in front of Akashvani Bhavan near Eden Gardens, before winding its way towards Park Street and culminating in front of the Victoria Memorial in about two hours .The rally was organised to promote the Centre's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' (A Tricolour in every home) campaign, which calls on residents to hoist the national flag at their homes as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

Waving the Tricolour, the rallyists marched through the city as patriotic songs, including compositions by Rabindranath Tagore and other renowned composers, played in the background, creating a festive and patriotic atmosphere. The rally, organised by the West Bengal Government through its Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, also saw participants paying floral tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose before proceeding along the designated route.

Many of those who took part had not only come from all across the city , but also from different districts. Several men and women carried placards bearing patriotic messages, while performers dressed in traditional Chhau costumes added colour to the procession. A



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari leads the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally, organised by the Government of West Bengal, from Gostha Pal Sarani to Victoria Memorial in Kolkata on Monday.

few men were also seen walking on stilts, drawing the attention of onlookers along the route. The programme began with a rendition of 'Vande Mataram' and saw the participation of senior ministers, MLAs and MPs, the Chief Secretary, senior government officials, the Director General of Police, the Kolkata Police

Commissioner and large number of police personnel. Addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the rally, Suvendu Adhikari said West Bengal had officially joined the Centre's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign for the first time and announced that the state government would distribute 70 lakh national flags as part

of the initiative. "As the Chief Minister of the state, I want to inform you that the West Bengal Government, under the leadership of the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary, has officially joined the Government of India's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme for the first time," he said. "We are undertaking the great pro-

gramme of distributing 70 lakh national flags across the state," he said. The Chief minister also appealed to people to hoist the Tricolour at every home and help make the campaign a success. "I appeal to everyone to make the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme successful by hoisting the Tricolour at every home," he said.

Describing the scene in the city, Suvendu Adhikari said, "Today, Kolkata has become a sea of Tricolour. I thank everyone here for making this possible." He also invited people to participate in the Independence Day celebrations, being organised by the state government at Red Road in Kolkata on August 15.

"I humbly invite everyone to participate in the programme organised by the government at Red Road on August 15," he said.

In another announcement, Suvendu Adhikari said the West Bengal Government would officially observe the 'Rakhi Bandhan' festival this year, stressing that the occasion should go beyond its religious significance.

"This year, the West Bengal Government will officially observe Rakshsha Bandhan so that the festival strengthens the bonds among all of us," he said.

He said the initiative would help strengthen unity and contribute to the rebuilding of the state. "We want to further strengthen our bonds so that together we can rebuild West Bengal and work towards making it the best state in India," he said.

The programme concluded with the national anthem, followed by slogans of "Jai Hind", "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram".

'Forum for Durgotsav' welcomes govt decision to provide all assistance to Durga Puja organisers

MI News Service, Kolkata: Within hours of receiving the wholehearted support from West Bengal Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari for all assistance from the government for organising Durga Puja festival this year with elaborate pomp and gaiety, the Forum for Durgotsav, a conglomerate of most of the state's 44,000 odd Duga Puja Committees of the state, has welcomed the government move to provide 'need-based financial grants and administrative help' to smaller Puja organisers.

Under this policy shift, large-budget clubs may be excluded from direct cash doles, while committees with smaller budgets like those under Rs10 lakh budget, will continue to receive state assistance and utility subsidies. Two officials of the platform met Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari at the state secretariat recently, during which he assured them that the government would extend all possible support for Durga Puja celebrations, senior Forum member Partha Ghosh said. "Durga Puja will



be held, and the government will extend all possible support," Ghosh quoted Suvendu Adhikari as saying. According to Ghosh financial aid is prioritized for smaller neighbourhood and community pujas that genuinely require monetary support to conduct the festival. He said all big-budget committees backed by heavy corporate sponsorships or large funds will, however, not qualify for the financial dole from the state government .

The West Bengal government will extend all possible assistance to Durga Puja organisers in Kolkata and across the state, a senior official of

the Forum for Durgotsav, an apex platform of community puja organisers, said on Monday. The Forum maintain that seamless coordination for road permissions, security, and power subsidies remains vital for running the mega-festival will, however, continue as usual . Apt from fixing specific budget thresholds for the grants, the government will provide administrative single-window clearance rules for pandals. "The chief minister has assured that puja organisers with small budgets will not face any financial problem and

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Bengal CM meets kin of deceased TMC worker, orders magisterial probe

MI News Service, Kolkata : Showing his humanitarian face once again, West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday met the family of the TMC worker who allegedly died in police custody in the North 24 Parganas district and said a magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

He also announced a Rs 10 lakh aid from the CM Relief fund to the bereaved family and a government job for the victim's wife. BJP MLA and state Transport minister Arjun Singh, senior police officials and local leaders accompanied the Chief minister during his visit. Incidentally, Suvendu Adhikari came within 24 hours of a similar visit by former Chief minister Mamata Banerjee. But she faced a hostile crowd on her way to the deceased party worker's residence at Halisahar in North 24 Parganas district, with the mob surrounding her vehicle, hurling "thief" abuse at her and throwing mud and slippers at the convoy. Birju Keot,



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday visits the Halisahar residence of a Trinamool Congress worker who died while in police custody.

the husband of former Kanchrapara municipal councillor Jeni Sharma Keot of the Trinamool Congress, was arrested in connection with extortion and other charges. He was produced before a court on Friday and remanded in police custody for five days. His death in

police custody was reported on Saturday. His wife has alleged that Keot was beaten inside the police lock-up and died. However, there was no immediate response from the police to the allegation. Speaking to reporters after meeting the deceased's kin,

Suvendu Adhikari said the inspector in-charge of the Halisahar police station has been "closed", and the investigating officer has also been suspended in connection with Keot's death. Once a police officer is "closed", the personnel is removed from active command of

that station and sent to compulsory waiting. A Magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the incident, the Chief minister said, adding that Rs 10 lakh aid from the CM Relief fund has been offered to the victim's family. Even though Mamata Banerjee alleged involvement of BJP workers in the alleged attack on her convoy, Suvendu Adhikari had flatly denied any involvement of the ruling party in the incident, saying the protest reflected "deep rooted public anger" against her.

He had asserted that since the former Chief minister had "committed so much theft and crime against people during her 15 years of alleged misrule, she was bound to hear people call her a "thief". The relatives of the deceased party workers also refused to talk to her and take any advice from her. Mamata Banerjee was not even permitted to enter into the house of the deceased TMC worker and meet his wife.

Indian High Commissioner meets Bangladesh PM amid fresh strain in ties

MI News Service, New Delhi / Dhaka : Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi on Monday called on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman amid fresh strains in ties between the two countries over former premier Sheikh Hasina's virtual media interaction in New Delhi last week.

The meeting lasted around half an hour and was expected to help further strengthen bilateral ties and engagements between the two neighbours, the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi said in a post on X. It was not immediately clear what the two discussed in Monday's meeting.

According to official sources, amid tensions surrounding Bangladesh leader Sheikh Hasina's media event in Delhi last week, Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi's meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in Dhaka has assumed a special significance . The Indian envoy later also met with Bangladesh's Foreign Minister, Dr Khalilur Rahman, and Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister,

Humayun Kabir. It is assumed that during the meeting with the Prime minister, India has invited Tarique Rahman to attend the BRICS summit next month as the current Chair of the BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation). While India-Bangladesh ties are in the midst of a reset, ousted premier Hasina's press interaction at an event organised by the Foreign Correspondents Club of South Asia in New Delhi has led to a strong reaction from Bangladesh.

While Dhaka has labelled the event as an affront to its sovereignty, New Delhi maintains that it played no role in its organisation and did not endorse the statements made at the press meet. The Ministry of External Affairs said that the programme was organised by a private entity and New Delhi had "no involvement in the event" and did not endorse the views expressed during it.

It was earlier reported by local media in



Bangladesh that Rahman was unlikely to attend the BRICS summit in September in India because of these concerns. Now, the meeting between the Indian High Commissioner and the PM is expected to smooth out the strains ahead of the summit. "The High Commissioner conveyed greetings from the Prime Minister of India and the intent to work together with the Government and the people of Bangladesh in a positive,

to go distance in cementing advancing India-Bangladesh ties and engagements." On Sunday, Trivedi had met Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman and called PM Tarique Rahman a "people's person like PM Modi". It was a closed-door meeting, but Trivedi, later at an interaction with the press, said, "I feel that when the two leaders meet, many problems are resolved. Problems are solved when we talk to each other. I firmly believe that the people are one. There will be a solution. There is nothing negative here. Everything is positive".

He added: "We all have great respect for Bangladesh's prime minister. I have heard his speeches many times. He is a people-friendly person. Our prime minister is also a people-friendly person".

The appointment of Trivedi, a former Union minister and BJP leader, earlier this year marked a rare political appointment to a major diplomatic envoy post by the Indian government, for the first time. PM Modi

had invited Rahman, in his capacity as the current chairman of BIMSTEC, to attend the session to be held on 12-13 September. The invitation was conveyed in a diplomatic letter to Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Indian High Commission in Dhaka on 14 July. After Hasina's media event in Delhi, Bangladesh Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed had said that India "cannot play the Hasina card and seek friendly relations with Bangladesh; the two are contradictory".

Hasina had virtually addressed media persons at New Delhi's Foreign Correspondents' Club last week, claiming that law and order in Bangladesh had vanished, that its economy was in ruins, and that her homecoming in December would be "a duty" to the citizens of Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh government, in a terse statement, had criticised India for allowing her to make comments, calling it "deeply hurtful to people's sentiment

SC permits Abhishek Banerjee to travel abroad for eye treatment

MI News Service, New Delhi : The Supreme Court on Monday permitted Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee to travel abroad for three weeks for eye treatment, brushing aside the West Bengal government's apprehension that he may not return due to 16 pending cases against him. A three mmeber bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana observed that every individual has a right to choose medical treatment and asked Abhishek Banerjee to share his itinerary of the visit, including the place of stay, with the probe agency. The Apex court was hearing the Diamond Harbour MP's plea challenging the Calcutta High Court's August 5 order denying him permission to travel abroad for the treatment. Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the West Bengal government, told the bench that there were 16 cases against Banerjee and "We apprehend that he may not come back". The bench observed, "Every individual



has a right to go abroad. Every individual has a right to choose his medical treatment". Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for Abhishek Banerjee, opposed Raju's submissions and said the TMC leader was an MP and his family is in India.

He said most of these cases were registered against the TMC leader after the change of government in West Bengal. The law officer said they don't have any objection to Abhishek Banerjee getting medical treatment abroad, but it has to be ascertained after medical assessment from within the country whether he will need to go abroad or not. He said if Abhishek Banerjee was not willing to undergo medical assessment, then adverse inference must be drawn

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West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari attends the 'Janata Darbar' public outreach programme at the state BJP headquarters in Salt Lake, Kolkata, on Monday.

Soma Sebak's 'Guru Naman' Celebrates the Bond of Guru and Disciple

MI News Service, Kolkata: Maheshtala Nriya Tirtha hosted the day-long 'Guru Naman' Dance Festival 2026 on August 2 at the Bata Sports Club Auditorium in Maheshtala. Conceptualised by Nriya Tirtha's Director and dance guru Soma Sebak, the festival celebrated India's rich Guru-Shishya tradition and the timeless bond between teachers and disciples. The event was graced by Hindustan Art & Music Society director Guru Pandit Prasenjit Poddar, dance gurus Pradipta Niyogi, Anuradha Niyogi, Poly Guha, Laily Basu and Susmita Nandi, theatre personality Raja Gupta and mime artiste Kamal Naskar. Chandroday Ghosh of the West Bengal Dance Group Federation extended his greetings through a video message.

The festival opened with a Saraswati Stotra and featured performances by dance groups from India and abroad. Artists from Bangladesh and the USA, along with performers from Mumbai, Delhi, Kunoor, Bengaluru, Pune and Bhubaneswar, added an international and pan-Indian dimension to the celebration. A special performance by Riya



Sengupta from the USA in Odissi was particularly appreciated. Students of Soma Sebak presented classical dance compositions in Tritaal, Jhaptal and Dhamar. Soma Sebak herself performed a solo Kathak recital, accompanied on tabla by Pandit Prasenjit Poddar and Ridim Poddar.

With the wholehearted support of parents, artistes and well-wishers, 'Guru Naman' concluded on a memorable note, reaffirming the enduring significance of the Guru-Shishya tradition.



A grand blood donation programme was organised by the Taltala Helping Heroes Association near Taltala Sheeta Temple, with State Industries Minister Tapas Roy attending as the chief guest. BJP leader from North Kolkata Santosh Phatak, social activist Ashok Kumar Chakraborty, alias Mana Chakraborty, and other distinguished personalities were also present. Shahabuddin Mallick, Rohit Kumar Singh, Arbaaz Khan and Ashok Kumar Chakraborty, alias Mana Chakraborty, played a key role in making the programme a success.

Little Thespian's 46th Rang Adda Brings Literature and Theatre Together Through Laghukatha



MI News Service, Kolkata: Little Thespian successfully organised the 46th edition of Rang Adda - "Laghukatha Sangosthi" on Sunday, bringing together writers, theatre practitioners and literature enthusiasts for an evening of literary discussion, readings and performance.

Rang Adda is a regular literary and cultural initiative of Little Thespian, created to bring literature and theatre closer to society and provide a common platform for writers, artists and audiences. Through readings, discussions and theatrical presentations, the initiative aims to encourage dialogue, promote literary expression and explore the connection between literature, performance and social life.

The 46th Rang Adda focused on the Laghukatha (short-short story) genre. Writers including Shikhar Chand Jain, Sabi

highlighted the possibilities of bringing short literature to the stage.

The programme was conducted by MD Asif Ansari, while Rawel Pushp served as the coordinator. Senior member of Little Thespian, Padmar Vyas, and Secretary Aftab Alam honoured the guests. In her concluding address, Director Uma Jhunjhunwala thanked all the participating writers, artists, guests and audience members. She emphasised that the true success of any cultural programme lies in the participation and encouragement of its audience.

Little Thespian also expressed its gratitude to the A.P. Department of Calcutta Madrasah, along with the STF in Jamuria, while Hussain was arrested in Ranchi, Jharkhand. Both suspects are notorious figures wanted for running large-scale illegal

The 46th Rang Adda concluded as a meaningful celebration of literature, theatre and cultural dialogue, reaffirming Little Thespian's continuing effort to create a space where writers, performers and audiences can come together and engage with creative ideas.

Centre mulls more funds for KMC flood control works

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Central team has sought fresh proposals from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) for strengthening the city's flood-mitigation measures after a 2.5-day inspection of ongoing projects, raising the possibility of another round of funding.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has already sanctioned more than Rs 500 crore for the KMC's waterlogging-control programme. The delegation inspected several project sites and expressed satisfaction with the progress, KMC sources said. The team visited the Itkhola-1 and Itkhola-2 waterbodies and a stretch of a canal known locally as Khelar Math.

It also examined the drainage system near the Mint in Alipore and sought details of the data-based monitoring mechanism being developed by the civic body. According to KMC sources, the funds are being used for a range of measures, including restoration of canals and large wetlands, excavation of ponds and construction of retention tanks. Work is also planned on a barrage across the Adi Ganga, while several drainage pumping stations are under construction.

The civic body is simultaneously working on ground-water recharge measures and a monsoon information system that will provide area-specific early warnings during heavy rainfall. The Centre has sanctioned funds for similar flood-risk reduction measures in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru. Most of the projects under the current allocation are expected to be completed by July 2027. Two pumping stations, however, are scheduled for completion by March 2028. After reviewing the progress, the delegation asked KMC to submit a detailed proposal for additional interventions to tackle flooding and waterlogging in the city.

ANDAL: STF seizes illegal firearms

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough against cross-border arms smuggling networks, the state police Special Task Force (STF) seized a massive cache of illegal firearms and ammunition during a midnight raid at an abandoned Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) housing in Andal of West Burdwan. Acting on precise intelligence, the STF officials raided an abandoned housing complex in the Parascole colliery area near the Padmavati Temple.

The operation resulted in the recovery of 15 illegal firearms, including 11 sophisticated pistols, three improvised pipe guns, and one revolver, along with 56 live cartridges concealed inside plastic bags. The breakthrough came following the intense interrogation of two high-profile interstate arms traffickers and coal mafias, identified as Khairul Alam Choudhury and Shamsher Hussain. Choudhury was initially intercepted by the STF in Jamuria, while Hussain was arrested in Ranchi, Jharkhand. Both suspects are notorious figures wanted for running large-scale illegal

coal trade operations across the West Bengal-Jharkhand border. Sources informed that on Saturday night, STF officials raided the housing with the arrested duo to pinpoint the exact location of the hidden arsenal.

cattle are linked to an organized cattle-smuggling network.

Several Questions Before Police. The incident has raised several questions for investigators. Where were the two vehicles heading with 22 cattle in the middle of the night? Why did the drivers speed up as soon as they noticed the police vehicle? Where had the cattle been brought from, and where were they being taken? Police are also investigating whether a larger cattle-smuggling network is operating behind the incident. Nayagram Police are currently working to find answers to these questions. The ownership of the recovered cattle, their source and their possible destination are also being investigated. For now, police vigilance has led to the recovery of 22 cattle. However, the identities of those involved and the ultimate destination of the animals will become clear only after the investigation is completed.



for the time being. Police initially suspect that the cattle were being transported to another location under the cover of darkness. However, the exact source of the animals and their intended destination are yet to be established. An investigation is underway. Drivers Flee from the Spot. According to police, the drivers of both vehicles managed to flee from the scene. Police have launched a search to locate the absconding drivers. Other people found in connection with the vehicles are being questioned. Investigators are also examining whether the recovered



IPS officer Amit Verma, SP, HRD, inspected several areas along the UN Pur riverbank in Uluberia on Monday to assess the flood situation and review preparedness measures in coordination with the civil administration. IPS Additional SP Shoubhanik Mukhopadhyay, Uluberia SDO Manas Kumar Mandal, UN Pur BDO Manik Karmakar, an Assistant Engineer from the Irrigation Department and Officer-in-Charge Soumen Gangopadhyay were also present during the inspection.

MLA Distributes National Flags Under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Ahead of Independence Day, a programme promoting patriotism and national unity was organized in Medinipur as part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. During the programme, MLA Dr. Shankar Kumar Guchhait respectfully distributed the national flag, the Tricolour, to people who visited his party office.

The programme was organized on the initiative of MLA Dr. Shankar Kumar Guchhait and witnessed the participation of people from different sections of society. Personally handing over the Tricolour to the participants, the MLA appealed to people to hoist the national flag at their homes on Independence Day and strengthen their sense of respect and responsibility towards the nation. A great deal of enthusiasm was visible among the participants. Carrying the Tricolour in their hands, people expressed their patriotic spirit and commitment to na-



tional unity. The programme aimed not only to ensure that the Tricolour reaches households across the area but also to spread awareness about the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, the unity and integrity of the country, and the responsibilities of citizens towards the nation. On the occasion, the MLA appealed to people to hoist the national flag at their respective homes with full respect on Independence Day. He also urged them to educate the younger generation about India's freedom movement and the sacrifices made

by the country's freedom fighters. Through the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the organizers sought to take the message of patriotism to every section of society while strengthening the sense of pride and respect for the national flag. The participants expressed their enthusiasm for the initiative. The programme in Medinipur once again conveyed the message that the Tricolour is not merely a national flag, but a symbol of India's unity, freedom, pride and the emotions of millions of Indians.

Police Organize Free Health and Eye Check-Up Camp for Vehicle Drivers

MI News Service, Kharagpur: With the aim of reducing road accidents and raising awareness among vehicle drivers about health and road safety, the Keshiary Police organized a free health and eye check-up camp for drivers. The special camp was held on the final day of Road Safety Week. During the camp, the health of vehicle drivers was examined, with special emphasis on their eyesight. Police officials stressed that a driver's physical and mental fitness, along with good vision, is extremely important while driving. Health check-ups were conducted for the drivers, who were also made aware of essential road-safety precautions. Keshiary MLA Bhadr Hembram, Belda SDPO Anand Mondal, Keshiary Police Station Officer-in-Charge Soumya Chatterjee and other police officials were present at the event. Police officers also actively participated in the initiative. During the camp, SDPO Anand Mondal himself underwent



an eye examination, highlighting the importance of regular vision checks. The police administration said that preventing road accidents requires more than simply following traffic rules. Drivers must also remain physically fit, alert and attentive while behind the wheel. In particular, drivers who travel long distances can face vision-related problems, which may increase the risk of accidents. Regular health and eye examinations can therefore play an important role in improving road safety. Traffic Civic Volunteers Receive Safety Kits. The police administration also took a special initiative for traffic civic volunteers who perform their duties on roads every day. During the camp, various traffic safety kits were distributed among them. According to the

police, controlling traffic can be particularly challenging during adverse weather conditions, intense sunlight, rain and periods of low visibility. The safety kits are expected to help traffic civic volunteers perform their duties more safely and efficiently while improving traffic management on the roads. Positive Message on Road Safety. The health and eye check-up camp organized by Keshiary Police on the concluding day of Road Safety Week was welcomed by local residents as a positive initiative. The message from the police was clear: healthy drivers, better vision and safer roads. Police officials appealed to vehicle drivers to follow traffic rules, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, refrain from speeding and undergo regular health and eye check-ups. The police administration emphasized that road safety is not the sole responsibility of the police but a collective responsibility of every driver and citizen.



Anirban Chowdhury, founder of the 'Ani Diary & Bondhura Society', felicitates popular musician Subrata Sengupta. The event held recently also features songs, recitations and a musical tribute to Rabindranath Tagore, at Madhusudan Mancha.

Indian Bank Organises Financial Literacy Camp-cum-CSR Activity at Derozio Memorial College, Rajarhat to Commemorate its 120th Foundation Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Bank organised a Financial Literacy Camp-cum-CSR Activity at Derozio Memorial College, Rajarhat, as part of the Bank's celebrations commemorating its 120th Foundation Day. The initiative was aimed at fostering financial awareness, promoting responsible banking practices and strengthening the culture of financial inclusion among students and the wider community.

The programme was graced by Ashutosh Choudhary, Executive Director, Indian Bank, who visited the college and addressed the gathering. The event was attended by Dr. Saikat Mandal, Teacher In Charge, Derozio Memorial College; Neelmani Bharadwaj, Field General Manager, Kolkata; Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Manager, Barasat; Nilesh Kumar, Zonal Manager, Kolkata Central; Abhilakshit Kaushal, Zonal Manager, Kolkata North; and Pramod Kumar, Zonal Manager, Kolkata South, along with faculty members, students and officials of Indian Bank.

Addressing the students, Ashutosh



Choudhary, Executive Director, emphasised the crucial role of financial literacy in empowering young citizens to make informed and responsible financial decisions. He encouraged students to cultivate sound financial habits, including regular savings, prudent borrowing, responsible use of credit and judicious adoption of digital banking services. He also highlighted the growing importance of cyber security, fraud awareness and safe digital transactions in the rapidly evolving digital banking ecosystem. Neelmani Bharadwaj, Field General Manager, Kolkata, while addressing the gathering, emphasised the impor-

tance of developing financial discipline and informed financial decision-making from an early age. He reiterated Indian Bank's commitment to extending financial literacy initiatives to educational institutions, students and communities, thereby contributing to greater financial inclusion and empowerment.

The programme also included a CSR activity by Indian Bank in support of the educational institution and student community. Dr. Saikat Mandal, Teacher In Charge, appreciated the Bank's initiative and highlighted the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and financial institutions in promoting financial awareness and responsible financial behaviour among youth.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members and bank officials. The initiative, organised as part of the celebrations marking Indian Bank's 120th Foundation Day, reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to financial inclusion, youth empowerment and inclusive socio-economic development.

DENGUE surveillance increases in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Health Department has stepped up surveillance after identifying a new species of Aedes mosquito in the state. State Health minister Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee said Aedes lineatopennis, a species belonging to the Aedes genus, has been detected in West Bengal for the first time. Until now, Aedes aegypti has been regarded as the primary vector responsible for transmitting dengue, yellow fever and chikungunya.

The newly identified species, Aedes lineatopennis, is found in several parts of Asia and Africa, including India, but has now been recorded in West Bengal as well. The minister said entomologists in the Health Department have intensified surveillance following the discovery, and an expert team is studying the species and its potential public health implications. Mukherjee said the presence of another Aedes species capable of transmitting disease could increase the risk of dengue outbreaks in the future. However, he stressed that the Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and there is no immediate cause for alarm.

The state has so far reported six dengue cases till the end of July. The minister said details of all cases have been uploaded in the national surveillance portal. Regular review meetings are being held at the state level under his leadership, with the next meeting scheduled for August 17.

Monthly review meetings are also being conducted at the district level under District Magistrates and at the block level under Block Development Officers to monitor the dengue situation. Meanwhile, entomologists urged caution against drawing premature conclusions about the newly identified mosquito. They said Aedes lineatopennis is already known to occur in Odisha and Patna, as well as in Sri Lanka, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Australia and several countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The species typically breeds in rainwater-filled ground depressions, marshy areas, grassy lowlands and temporary pools formed after flooding. It is most active around dusk, though limited biting activity may also occur shortly before sunrise.

The mosquito feeds on humans, other mammals and birds. Experts noted that Aedes lineatopennis is recognised as a secondary vector of the Rift Valley fever virus in Africa. However, there is currently no scientific evidence from India linking the species to the transmission of dengue, Zika or chikungunya.

BLOOD BANK FIASCO: Bengal to send report to Centre

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government will send a report to the Centre on alleged irregularities at various blood banks accused of flouting the standard norms set by the state Health Department. Sources said state Health Minister Sharadwat Mukherjee has informed Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari about the matter. The Chief Minister has given certain advice to Mukherjee on how to proceed. Adhikari's message was clear that no negligence would be tolerated by the BJP government. The Calcutta High Court directed the West Bengal government to file a report by August 14 on the status of an investigation that led to 11 blood centres being barred from organising outside voluntary blood donation (VBD) camps. The court also recorded the state's submission that the restriction does not affect in-house blood collection. Justice Krishna Rao was hearing a petition filed by Life Care Medical Foundation, whose Life Care Blood Centre on Linton Street was among the blood centres directed by the Joint Director of the State Blood Transfusion Council and Blood Transfusion Services (SBTC & BTS) to stop conducting outdoor VBD camps from August 1 until completion of the investigation. The petitioner challenged the July 31 order, contending that the Joint Director lacked the jurisdiction to issue such a direction. The state disputed the objection and argued that the plea had not raised that contention.

CM Leads Tiranga Yatra, Announces Govt-Org Rakhi From This Year

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal has officially joined the Centre's 'HarGharTiranga' campaign for the first time, with Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari leading a TirangaYatra through the streets of Kolkata on Monday ahead of Independence Day. Several state ministers, MLAs and senior BJP leaders, including Dilip Ghosh and Arjun Singh, participated in the march carrying the national flag. The procession began from Gostho Pal Sarani and proceeded towards the North Gate of Victoria Memorial. Adhikari was seen at the front of the march holding the Tricolour. Panihati MLA RatnaDebnath, ministers Arjun



Singh, Jagannath Chatterjee and Deepak Barman, along with MLAs Rudranil Ghosh and KaustavBagchi, were among those who joined the event. Thousands of people also took part in the procession, turning the city's streets into a sea of Tricolours. A prominent banner carrying the message

'HarGharTiranga' led the procession, followed by ministers, political leaders and members of the public. After the march, Adhikari announced that the West Bengal government would officially organise RakhiBandhan celebrations from this year. Explaining the decision, he said the ini-

tiative would respect the religious significance of RakshaBandhan while also strengthening social harmony, unity and the bond of brotherhood among people. He called upon citizens to come together through the festival and pledged to work towards the 'reconstruction' of West Bengal, with the aim of making the state one of the best in the country. The Centre's National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government organises the 'HarGharTiranga' campaign every year from August 9 to 17 as part of the Independence Day celebrations on August 15. The campaign encourages citizens to display the national flag at

their homes and participate in activities celebrating the spirit of patriotism. According to the state government, around 70 lakh Tricolours will be distributed across West Bengal as part of this year's campaign. Adhikari urged citizens to participate in the official Independence Day celebrations at Red Road on August 15 and also contribute to the campaign by hoisting the national flag at their homes. The state government's participation marks a significant change from previous years, when the campaign was not officially observed by the state administration under the earlier government.

Bank Deputy Manager Arrested Over Alleged 7.8 Lakh Customer Fraud

MI News Service, Kolkata: A private bank's deputy branch manager has been arrested for allegedly defrauding a customer of 7.8 lakh by misusing confidential account and credit card information. Kolkata Police arrested the accused from Anandanagar in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, following an investigation into the alleged financial fraud. She is being brought to Kolkata on transit remand. The arrested accused has been identified as MamataKumari, a resident of Uttar Pradesh. She was serving as the deputy branch manager at a private bank's Chetla branch in Kolkata. According to the complaint, Kumari allegedly obtained a customer's credit card by misusing her official position and

subsequently used it to make purchases worth 1 lakh. The customer also alleged that another 6.80 lakh was withdrawn from his bank account without his authorisation. Investigators suspect that the accused allegedly misappropriated a total of 7.80 lakh from the customer through the unauthorised use of his financial information. Following the incident, the customer lodged a complaint with Chetla police station, prompting Kolkata Police to begin an investigation. During the probe, officers allegedly found that the accused had taken advantage of her position at the bank to obtain sensitive information belonging to the customer.



Traffic moves slowly around Dharmatala as a large number of people gather for the Tiranga Yatra in Kolkata on Monday.

'Azad Hind Party' Set to Launch With Gen Z as Its Driving Force

MI News Service, Kolkata: A new political party, the 'Azad Hind Party', is set to be launched with Gen Z as its principal driving force, with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's great-grandson Chandra Kumar Bose likely to serve as its mentor. The party will seek to promote Netaji's ideals and is expected to formally begin its activities on October 21, the date on which Netaji announced the formation of the first Provisional Government of Free India, or Azad Hind Government, in Singapore in 1943. According to Chandra Bose, the new political outfit will be launched from Cuttack, Odisha, the birthplace of Netaji. The city is also likely to host the party's first programme. Besides Chandra Bose, a group of Netaji admirers, researchers and young followers from across the country are expected to be associated with the initiative. Chandra Bose said his long-standing interaction with young Netaji admirers and researchers from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal and other parts of India has encouraged him to pursue the idea. Bose recently severed ties with the Trinamool Congress, citing personal reasons in a letter to Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee. Before joining the TMC, he was associated with the Forward Bloc and had spent seven years in the BJP. He joined the BJP in 2016 in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and had expressed his desire to work politically based on Netaji's ideology. However, he said he could not pursue that objective within the party. "While I was in the BJP, it was not possible to do anything based on Netaji's ideals. After the TMC's defeat in Bengal, there is no scope for me to pursue that mission at the national level by remaining with the party," Bose said, explaining his decision to form a new political outfit. The proposed party will now work towards completing formalities, including registration with the Election Commission and finalising its electoral symbol. Bose said the idea of forming a political organisation based on Netaji's ideals was not new. Before joining the BJP, he had even discussed the possibility with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to Bose, Modi had then pointed out that India already had around 1,600 political parties and suggested that he work within an existing party.

Kolkata Set for Unified Digital Parking System as Govt Plans Crackdown on Illegal Parking

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government is preparing to introduce a unified digital parking system in Kolkata as part of efforts to modernise the city's traffic and parking infrastructure. The proposed platform will bring all authorised parking areas under a single digital network, aiming to improve transparency, curb illegal parking practices and make parking management more efficient. The plan was finalised at a high-level meeting held at Nabanna, where officials discussed a roadmap for transforming the city's parking system. The proposed service will operate through a dedicated mobile application, allowing motorists to locate parking spaces and make digital payments. The platform is expected to offer real-time information on available parking slots, along with cashless payment options through UPI, QR codes, cards and digital wallets. Commuters will also receive instant digital receipts reflecting government-approved parking charges, reducing the scope for fake or unauthorised receipts. Authorities are considering a fa-



cility for advance booking of parking spaces as well. A digital identification mechanism, potentially involving vehicle stickers or unique IDs, has also been proposed to help traffic police identify vehicles using authorised parking areas and detect violations more efficiently. According to Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) officials, nearly 15,000 parking spaces have been identified within the civic area, of which around 9,000-10,000 are formally registered. The government plans to float fresh tenders to regularise nearly 10,000 spaces and ensure that parking revenue reaches the municipal treasury instead of unauthorised collectors. Meanwhile, Kolkata Police will begin a stricter enforcement drive from

September 1, with revised penalties for parking violations. Blocking footpaths, parking in no-parking zones and leaving commercial vehicles unattended on major roads for extended periods will attract tougher action, including towing. Authorities also plan to end the long-standing practice of parking on both sides of narrow roads, allowing vehicles to park only on designated sides. Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Paul said roads should remain available for traffic rather than being used as overnight parking areas. She urged bus owners to use designated stands or arrange dedicated parking facilities and asked vehicle owners with garages not to leave their cars on public roads.

RPSG's Purvah Green Power to Buy 1.4 GWp Operating Solar Assets for 4,859 Cr

MI News Service, Kolkata: The RPSG Group on Monday announced that Purvah Green Power Pvt Ltd, the renewable energy arm of CESC Ltd, will acquire a 1.4 GWp operating solar portfolio from ReNew Solar Power Pvt Ltd for an enterprise value of 4,859 crore. The portfolio comprises six special purpose vehicles operating projects in Rajasthan and Karnataka. The acquisition has been financed by the parent company and is among the significant purchases of operational solar assets in India. More than 90% of the acquired capacity is tied to long-term power purchase



agreements with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), while the remaining capacity is contracted with Karnataka distribution companies. All the agreements have a tenure of 25 years. Following the transaction,

Purvah's contracted renewable capacity will increase from around 3.4 GWp to 4.8 GWp. Of this, 1.8 GWp will be operational, while 3 GWp will be under various stages of construction. The company will also have 2.2 GWh of battery capacity under implementation. RPSG Vice-Chairman ShashwatGoenka said the acquisition would provide immediate operating scale, strengthen recurring cash flows and accelerate the group's renewable energy expansion. The deal also advances RPSG's target of building a 10 GW renewable energy platform over the next few years.

Over 15k Runners to Take Part in 11th JBG Kolkata Marathon

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 11th edition of the JBG Kolkata Marathon 2026, organised by Sportz and sponsored by Jai Balaji Group, was officially launched on August 9 under the theme 'CholoDourai' (Let's Run). The event is scheduled for November 29, 2026, and is expected to attract more than 15,000 participants from India and abroad. The marathon will feature a 42.2-km Full Marathon, 21.1-km Half Marathon, 10-km and 5-km runs, a Cosplay Run and a Special Heroes Category. The Full Marathon has been recognised as Eastern India's only World Athletics Bronze Labelled Full Marathon. The event will feature several sports and entertainment personalities. Gurindervir Singh will serve as Event Ambassador, while fitness icon MilindSoman will be the Face of the Event. Paralympic javelin champion SumitAntil will represent the Special Heroes category, while actress and triathlete SaiyamiKher will be the Star Guest Runner. Marathon winner KartikKarkera will represent the Marathon category,



11th edition of the JBG Kolkata Marathon 2026

while triathlete and fitness influencer AnikaKonwar will mentor more than 50 women pacers. Former Olympian Anju Bobby George will also attend the event. JBG Director Gaurav Jajodia said the Bronze Label status places Kolkata on the global marathon map, while Sportz CEO and Race Director NishantMaheshwari said the organisers aim to deliver international standards in race management, safety, hydration, medical support and runner services.

Dilip Says BJP Had No Role in Mamata Convoy Attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: Political tensions in West Bengal have intensified following protests and an alleged attack on former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's vehicle in Halisahar. While the Trinamool Congress has accused the BJP of being behind the incident, BJP spokesperson Shamik Bhat-tacharya categorically denied any party involvement and strongly condemned the attack. However, BJP leader Dilip Ghosh took a different position, saying he saw nothing wrong with the public expressing their anger. He recalled alleged attacks on him and BJP workers when his party was in opposition and said both he and Bhat-tacharya were correct in their respective positions. Commenting on the incident, Ghosh questioned the criticism surrounding slogans directed at Banerjee. Referring to former TMC leader Kunal Ghosh, he said Kunal had previously used the term "Dacoit Queen" for Banerjee and later received promotions within the party. Ghosh argued that ordinary people may have drawn inspiration from such political rhetoric. Ghosh also recalled alleged attacks on him, claiming he had been hit by bricks and that his vehicle had been vandalised several times. He cited incidents involving BJP workers in Diamond Harbour and accused the previous government of remaining silent over alleged violence against his party workers. "I have endured 10 years of walking on thorns and fighting anti-social elements," Ghosh said, questioning where the concern for humanity and political courtesy was when BJP workers allegedly faced attacks.



Trinamool Congress MLAs stage a protest condemning the alleged attack on party supremo Mamata Banerjee and raising slogans against the BJP-led government, outside the West Bengal Assembly, on Monday.

Suwendu Blames Mamata for Convoy Attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: A day after former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee alleged that her convoy was attacked by a mob while she was travelling to Halisahar in North 24 Parganas, Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari visited the family of BirjuKeot, who died in police custody on Saturday. Adhikari held Banerjee responsible for the incident, alleging that despite having Z-category security, she did not inform the police about her movement in advance. He said adequate security arrangements require time to be put in place. The Chief Minister said Banerjee's office should inform the police about her future movements to ensure proper security. "Mamata can go wherever she wants, but not where

Section 163 is in force," he said, referring to restrictions on gatherings and protests. Banerjee was travelling with Trinamool Congress MPs Kalyan Banerjee and Dola Sen when her vehicle was allegedly targeted with stones. Adhikari dismissed her claim that she could have been killed in the attack. Calling the incident "painful", Adhikari said the former CM had attempted to enter the victim's house, which was opposed by locals. The Chief Minister, who also holds the Home portfolio, assured the bereaved family of justice and announced the suspension of the local police station's Inspector-in-Charge. The District Magistrate will conduct an inquiry and submit a report after the post-mortem findings are available.

SC permits Abhishek Banerjee to travel abroad for

against him. The bench observed that seeking treatment for illness or condition sometimes is a part of the right to privacy. After hearing the submissions, the apex court allowed Banerjee's appeal and permitted him to go abroad for three weeks. The high court had on August 5 dismissed Banerjee's plea seeking permission to travel abroad, noting that he was unwilling to appear before the medical board at the state-run SSKM Hospital the next day for an assessment of his medical condition. The high court noted that had Banerjee appeared before the medical board, based on the opinion furnished by the medical experts, the issue could have been examined by the court in order to find out whether he needed to go abroad for treatment or not. On August 3, the apex court had asked the Calcutta High court to take up within a week Banerjee's plea seeking permission to travel abroad for eye treatment. The top court was then told by Banerjee's counsel that the plea sought modification of the High court order to allow the MP to travel for medical treatment. The high court had earlier extended till October 6 Banerjee's interim protection from coercive action in a case related to alleged comments against leaders and workers of a rival party at a public meeting on April 27 in the run-up to the second phase of the West Bengal assembly polls. Granting relief, the high court had directed Banerjee to cooperate with the probe and not travel abroad without the court's permission as previously ordered. The high court had extended the interim protection to Banerjee till October 6, or until further orders, whichever is earlier and said the TMC leader's plea for modification of conditions for granting him interim protection would be heard in August, but did not fix any date. Maintaining that the court was not inclined to allow the petitioner to travel abroad while the investigation was underway, the high court had earlier said there were several reputed eye clinics in Kolkata. The TMC leader had also prayed for quashing the FIR against him.

NAME CHANGE
I, Md. Abdul Latif Molla, S/O- Akbar Ali Molla, residing at Vill - Gunjirpur, P/O- Dhopahat Krishnapur, P/S- Mathurapur, Dist- 24pgs(S) do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md. Abdul Latif Molla to Abdul Latif Molla and henceforth I shall be known as Abdul Latif Molla in all Purpose, vide Affidavit no- 51 sworn before the Ld.Notary public at 24pgs(S) on 30/07/2026 Abdul Latif Molla and Md. Abdul Latif Molla both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, RINKI DEVI, W/o- BINDU SHAW, R/o: 3rd Floor, Flat-A5, 343 Jogendra Gardens, P.S.- Kasba, P.O.- E.K.T.P., Kolkata- 700107, do hereby declare that in my son ANKIT SHAW's School record my name has been recorded as RINKI SHAW. On 10.08.26 vide affidavit no. 70801 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, I affirm that myself RINKI DEVI & RINKI SHAW is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, RIJIYA BIBI (Old Name), W/o- NAZRUL ISLAM DHALI, R/o : Vill- Swaruppur, P.O.- Kholapota, P.S.- Matia, North 24 Pgs., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RIJIYA BIBI DHALI (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Kolkata affidavit no. 26384 dt. 22-07-26, RIJIYA BIBI (Old Name) and RIJIYA BIBI DHALI (New Name) both are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, RAHUL AMIN MANDAL (Old Name), S/o- Lt. MOHORUDDIN MONDAL, R/o : Vill.- Bansiharaj Mallikpur, P.O.- Soladana, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., PIN- 743429, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RUHUL AMIN MONDAL (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court affidavit no. 764 dt. 14-07-26. RAHUL AMIN MANDAL (Old Name) and RUHUL AMIN MONDAL (New Name) both are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, NIRANJAN MONDAL (Old Name), S/o- Late LAKSHMIKANTA MANDAL, R/o : Vill.- Hariharpur, P.O.- Soladana, P.S.- Basirhat, North 24 Pgs., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RANJAN MONDAL (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court affidavit no. 19402 dt. 03/08/26. NIRANJAN MONDAL (Old Name) and RANJAN MONDAL (New Name) both are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, NAZRUL ISLAM (Old Name), S/o- Lt. JURAN DHALI, R/o : Vill.- Swaruppur, P.O.- Kholapota, P.S.- Matia, North 24 Pgs., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NAZRUL ISLAM DHALI (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court affidavit no. 15072 dt. 10.06.26. NAZRUL ISLAM (Old Name) and NAZRUL ISLAM DHALI (New Name) both are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Shamim Kousar (DOB-14.03.1985), W/o: Naseer Ahmed, R/o-331/B/14, Cossipore, CIT, near Jheel Guest House, Gun & Shell Factory, P.S.: Cossipore, Kolkata-700002 shall be known as Shamim Kousar (DOB:24.03.1985),changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Sealdah Court, (Affidavit No:17798 & 17799) respectively Dated: 07.08.2026. Therefore, Shamim Kousar (DOB:24.03.1985) & Shamim Kousar (DOB:24.03.1985) is the same & identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KASTURI DUTTA W/o Supriyo Dutta, R/o Palpara, Utkalpara Road, P.O.&P.S.-Baruipur, Kolkata-700144, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kasturi Dutta to KASTURI DE DUTTA and henceforth I shall be known as KASTURI DE DUTTA in all purpose, vide affidavit No. 63598 sworn before the Notary Public at Alipore 3rd J.M.1st Class on 20/07/2026 KASTURI DE DUTTA and KASTURI DUTTA both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Soyeab Alam (old name) residing at 128 L.N. Atta Road, Champdani, P.O. Baidyabati, P.S. Bhadreswar, Dist. Hooghly, Pin 712222, WB, have changed my name to SAYEB ALAM (New name). Vide an Affidavit 5446, dated 24.06.2026 before the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Chandanagore Hooghly. That Sayeb Alam and Soyeab Alam both are same & One identical person. Md Salim is my Son.

Name Change
I, Musafir Mollah, son of Halim Mollah-residing at Keshabpur, Mollipara, P.O.-Begri, P.S.-Domjur, Dist. Howrah, Pin 711411, and born on 2nd April 1996-have executed an affidavit (No.10559/26) on 24/07/2026 before the First Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah Court. This was done because my nickname appears as 'Navab Mulla' and my father's name appears as 'Aleem Mulla' in certain documents, including my Aadhaar card and PAN card. I hereby declare that Musafir Mollah and Navab Mulla are the same person, and that my father, Halim Mollah and Aleem Mulla, are also one and the same person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SIRAJUL BISWAS S/o- DAUD BISWAS Residing at, - Kani Bamoni, Duttapulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741501, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SIRAJUL BISWAS To SIRAJUL BISWAS (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) SIRAJUL BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2139 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SIRAJUL BISWAS and SIRAJUL BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALI NAWAZ BISWAS S/o- SIRAJUL BISWAS Residing at, - Kani Bamoni, Duttapulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741501, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALI NAWAZ BISWAS To ALINAWAZ BISWAS (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) ALINAWAZ BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2138 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ALINAWAZ BISWAS and ALI NAWAZ BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MAHAKI BIBI W/o- JARJIS ALI Residing at, - Gaintola, Chandmoni Eksajpur, Ratua, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732139, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAHAKI BIBI To MAHKI (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) MAHKI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2137 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MAHKI and MAHAKI BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Diplo Das (old name), S/o, Chapti Das, R/o. Keeta Ghoshpara Main Road, Sahagani, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712104, WB., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Dilip Das to Dilip Kumar Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dilip Kumar Das (New Name) in all purpose. Vide an affidavit no. 353 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 23/07/2026. I, Dilip Kumar Das & Dilip Das S/o. Chapti Das, both are the same & one identical person. Robin Aditya Das is my son.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mita Shaw (Old Name & DOB-01/01/1981 & xxx/xx/1983), W/o- Anil Kumar Shaw, R/o- 46 B.B. Ghosh Road, P.O. & P.S.- Burdwan, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713101, WB, have change my name & DOB and be known as Mita Shaw Saha (New Name & 20/06/1981), vide an Affidavit Sl. No. 144, dt. 10.08.2026, before the Notary, Purba Bardhaman. That, Mita Shaw (Old Name & DOB-01/01/1981 & xxx/xx/1983) & Mita Shaw Saha (New Name & 20/06/1981) both are same & one identical person.

NAME/SURNAME DECLARATION
I, Himanshu Paira, S/o Late Shyaml Kantii Paira, R/o Vill. & P.O. Borai, P.S. Mohanpur, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, PIN-721457, West Bengal, declare that my name and surname have been recorded in my Madhyamik Admit Card and Pass Certificate as "Himangshu Paira, S/o Sri Shyaml Kantii Paria" instead of my correct name "Himanshu Paira, S/o Sri Shyaml Kantii Paira."As per Affidavit No. 4530 dated 25.07.2024, sworn before the Judicial Magistrate (1st Class), Dantan, Paschim Medinipur, Himanshu Paira and Himangshu Paria are one and the same person.

NAME/SURNAME DECLARATION
I, Sandhyarani Payra W/o Late Shyaml Kantii Paira, Resident of Vill. & P.O. Borai, P.S. Mohanpur, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, hereby declare that I "Sandhyarani Payra W/o Late Shyaml Kantii Paira," "Sandhyarani Payra W/o Late Shyaml Kantii Paira" and "Sandhyarani Paira W/o Late Shyaml Kantii Paira" refer to one and the same person, i.e., my mother. I further declare that "Payra" and "Paira" are variant spellings of the same family surname. This declaration is made pursuant to an Affidavit sworn before the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Dantan, Paschim Medinipur, dated 14/07/2026.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE S/O MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and ALIMA BEGUM residing at Vill. - Furfura, P.O. - Furfura, P.S. - Jangipara, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin- 712706 do hereby declare vide affidavit in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate, at Serampore, Hooghly dated 06.08.2026 that my actual name is MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE and my father's name is MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and my mother's name is ALIMA BEGUM. Due to mistake, my father's name has been recorded in my Passport before no. 25245450 as MOHAMMAD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE, MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and MOHAMMAD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE i.e. myself am the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE S/O MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and ALIMA BEGUM residing at Vill. - Furfura, P.O. - Furfura, P.S. - Jangipara, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin- 712706 do hereby declare vide affidavit in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate, at Serampore, Hooghly dated 06.08.2026 that my actual name is MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE and my father's name is MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and my actual Date of Birth is 01/01/1987. Due to mistake, my name has been recorded in my Passport before no. 25245450 as MOHAMMAD SAFERY SIDDIQUE, MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE and MOHAMMAD SAFERY SIDDIQUE i.e. myself am the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Shreyoshi Mandal, daughter of No. 14636436k Rank Ex Hav Name Rajesh Mandal resident of Vill.- Bolpur/Kalikapur, P.O.- Bolpur, Dist.- Birbhum (WB), Pin-731204 have change my Name from Shreyoshi Mandal to Shreyashi Mondal vide Affidavit dated 06 Aug 2026 before the Court of Ld. J.M. 1st Class at Bolpur, Birbhum

NAME CHANGE
I, Chameli Mandal, Wife of No. 14636436k Rank Ex Hav Name Rajesh Mandal resident of Vill.- Bolpur/Kalikapur Mathpara, P.O.- Bolpur, Dist.- Birbhum (WB), Pin-731204 have change my Name from Chameli Mandal to Chameli Mondal vide Affidavit dated 06 Aug 2026 before the Court of Ld. J.M. 1st Class at Bolpur, Birbhum

NAME CHANGE
I, No. 14636436k Rank Ex Hav Name Rajesh Mandal resident of Vill.-Math Para Kalikapur, P.O.- Bolpur, Dist.- Birbhum (WB), Pin-731204 have change my Son's Name from Shreyam Mandal to Shreyam Mondal vide Affidavit dated 31 Jul 2026 before the Court of Ld. J.M. 1st Class at Bolpur, Birbhum

Change of Name
I, Vikay Kumar Shaw, Vijay Kr. Shaw (Old Name) S/o Late Sitaram Shaw Residing at 26/1 Khagendra Chatterjee Road, Cossipore, Cossipore H.O., District - Kolkata, Pin - 700002, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Vikay Kumar Shaw, Vijay Kr. Shaw (Old Name) to Vijay Kumar Shaw (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Vijay Kumar Shaw (New Name) in all purpose. Vide an affidavit no 71/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026, Vijay Kumar Shaw (New Name) and Vikay Kumar Shaw, Vijay Kr. Shaw (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Pravat Sarkar (Old Name) S/o Narendranath Sarkar Residing at Sahani Chiniui, Nimo, Vtc+Po- Nimo, District - Bardhaman, Pin- 713146, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Pravat Sarkar (Old Name) to Prabhat Sarkar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Prabhat Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 71/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Prabhat Sarkar (New Name) and Pravat Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Dolly Das, Doli Das (Old Name) D/o Nema Pal W/o Bikash Das Residing at 49, Pratiraha Nagar, Po - Birati, Ps - Nimta, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700051, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Dolly Das, Doli Das (Old Name) to Dali Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dali Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Dali Das (New Name) and Dolly Das, Doli Das (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Bijay Sankar Das, Bijay Shankar Das (Old Name) S/o Radha Ramjan Das Residing at 18, Star Apt, 4th FLR, F/O 5, Vidyasagar Pally, Baguiati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700059, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Bijay Sankar Das, Bijay Shankar Das (Old Name) to Bijoy Sankar Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Bijoy Sankar Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Bijoy Sankar Das (New Name) and Bijay Sankar Das, Bijay Shankar Das (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Soma Nag, Soma Nag (Das) (Old Name) W/o Bijoy Sankar Das Residing at Fl. T 8, Star Apt, 4th FLR, F/O 5, Vidyasagar Pally, Baguiati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700059, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Soma Nag, Soma Nag (Das) (Old Name) to Soma Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Soma Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Soma Das (New Name) and Soma Nag, Soma Nag (Das) (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) NAZRUL ISLAM S/o- SARKAR ABUL RASID Residing at, - Malibari, Malibari, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742306, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NAZRUL ISLAM To SARKAR NAZRUL ISLAM (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) SARKAR NAZRUL ISLAM in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2143 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SARKAR NAZRUL ISLAM and NAZRUL ISLAM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOJAMMEL HAQUE S/O- RAFEZUDDIN MONDAL Residing at, - Saheb-nagar, Jalangi, Sagarpada, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742306, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOJAMMEL HAQUE To MOZAMMEL HAQUE (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) MOZAMMEL HAQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2145 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MOZAMMEL HAQUE and MOJAMMEL HAQUE both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE S/O MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and ALIMA BEGUM residing at Vill. - Furfura, P.O. - Furfura, P.S. - Jangipara, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin- 712706 do hereby declare vide affidavit in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate, at Serampore, Hooghly dated 06.08.2026 that my actual name is MD SAFERY SIDDIQUE and my father's name is MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and my mother's name is ALIMA BEGUM. Due to mistake, my father's name has been recorded in my Passport before no. 25245450 as MOHAMMAD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE, MD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE and MOHAMMAD HABIBUR RAHAMAN SIDDIQUE i.e. myself am the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) KHEJUJARA BIBI W/o- MOZAMMEL HAQUE Residing at, - Saheb-nagar, Jalangi, Sagarpada, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742306, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from KHEJUJARA BIBI To KHEJUARA BIBI (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) KHEJUARA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2144 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, KHEJUARA BIBI and KHEJUJARA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) BIKASH MALLICK S/O- ASHUTOSH MALLICK Residing at, - Betal Civiangni, Betal, Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741763, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from BIKASH MALLICK To BIKASH MALLIK (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) BIKASH MALLIK in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2142 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, BIKASH MALLIK and BIKASH MALLICK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Usha Yadav Wife of Nit N 1578636k Rank HAV (OC) Name Sonu Kumar Unit 129 AD Regt Co 99 APO Pin- 926129 Parment Residing at, - Aurangabad Agher, Bulandshahr, Dist-Bulandshahr, Pin-203205, Uttar Pradesh. That my actual date of birth 10 May 1986 and my wrong Date if birth 10 April 1987 Recorded in my Husband Service Record Do hereby declare that I have Changed my Date of birth 10 May 1986 Vide an affidavit No- 22AC 904927 On Date 25 July 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Domikil Murshidabad.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SIBH KUMAR BISWAS S/o- GOSTA BISWAS Residing at, - Bathanga-chi, Hanksahli, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741507, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SIBH KUMAR BISWAS To SHIBKUMAR BISWAS (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) SHIBKUMAR BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2141 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SHIBKUMAR BISWAS and SIBH KUMAR BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Kayum Sardar (Old Name), Son Of Khayrul Sardar, Resident Of Mallickpur, Vtc- Shirampur, South 24 Parganas- 700145, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Kayum Sardar (Old Name) To Kayum Sardar (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Kayum Sardar (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 35 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Kayum Sardar (New Name) And Md Kayum Sardar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Khayrul Ali Sardar (Old Name), Son Of Mojir Ali Sardar, Resident Of Mallickpur, Vtc- Shirampur, South 24 Parganas- 700145, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Khayrul Ali Sardar (Old Name) To Khayrul Sardar (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Khayrul Sardar (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 34 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Khayrul Sardar (New Name) And Khayrul Ali Sardar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ankita Chatterjee Nabi (Old Name), Wife Of Syed Firji Nabi, Resident Of Nakshi Mohalla- Po & Se-Bendul, Hooghly- 712149 West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ankita Chatterjee Nabi (Old Name) To Ankita Chatterjee (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ankita Chatterjee (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12047 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Hooghly Sadar On 14/05/2026. Ankita Chatterjee (New Name) And Ankita Chatterjee Nabi (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Jebunnesha Begam (Old Name), Daughter Of Mohammad Musa, Wife Of Shaikh Sahidul Islam, Resident Of Morolpara, Uludanga, Am-danga, North 24 parganas- 743221, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Jebunnesha Begam (Old Name) To Jebunnesha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Jebunnesha (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 19 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Jebunnesha (New Name) And Jebunnesha Begam (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rajan Kumar (Old Name), S/o Laxman Prasad, Resident of Khushi Collection R P Centre N S Road SBI Building, Jaigaon-736182, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajan Kumar (Old Name) to Rajan Kumar Jaiswal (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rajan Kumar Jaiswal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Rajan Kumar Jaiswal (new name) and Rajan Kumar (Old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Yasmim Akhtari (Old Name), Wife Of Md Shamim Ansari, Resident Of Pucca Baazar, Asansol, Po-Asansol, Ps-Asansol South, Dist, Paschim Bardhaman 713301, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Yasmim Akhtari (Old Name) To Asmin Banu (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Asmin Banu (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 18 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Asmin Banu (New Name) And Yasmim Akhtari (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nousaba Naz (Old Name), Wife Of Md Salahuddin, Resident Of Azad Nagar, Mahanagar, Burmapur, Po-Burmapur, Se-Hirapur, Dist, Paschim Bardhaman 713325, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nousaba Naz (Old Name) To Nousaba Naaz (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nousaba Naaz (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Nousaba Naaz (New Name) And Nousaba Naz (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Change of Name
I, Subrata Karmakar (Old Name) S/o Sri Hari Sadhan Karmakar Residing at Ee-126, Flat No -Y1, Sector -II, Salt Lake, Po- Seeh Bhan, Ps - Bidhannagar East, District - North 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700091, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Subrata Karmakar (Old Name) to Subrata Karmakar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Subrata Karmakar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 68039 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore on Dated 31-07-2026. Subrata Karmakar (New Name) and Subrata Karmakar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sundar Chandra Naskar, Sundar Ch Naskar (Old Name) S/o Rakshit Naskar Residing at Mondalerhat, 36 no Mondalerhat, Vtc - Madhusudanpur, Po - Chhotrisrhat, Hat, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743338, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sundar Chandra Naskar, Sundar Ch Naskar (Old Name) to Sundar Naskar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sundar Naskar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 72/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Sundar Naskar (New Name) and Sundar Chandra Naskar, Sundar Ch Naskar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Prasenjit Sarkar (Old Name) S/o Prabhat Sarkar Residing at Sahaniui, Chiniui, Vtc+Po- Nimo, District - Bardhaman, Pin - 713146, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Prasenjit Sarkar (Old Name) to Prosenjit Sarkar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Prosenjit Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 75/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Prosenjit Sarkar (New Name) and Prasenjit Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sambhu Nath Shaw (Old Name) S/o Stal Prasad Shaw Residing at 125 Mahakola De-bendra Road, Hatkhola S.O. Hatkhola, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700005, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sambhu Nath Shaw (Old Name) to Shambhunath Shaw (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shambhunath Shaw (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 74/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Shambhunath Shaw (New Name) and Sambhu Nath Shaw (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Bamang Shanti (Old Name) D/o Bamang Tassar Residing at 023, Batt Itanagar, Near Ganga Lake, Itanagar, Vtc - Bat, Ram Krishna Mission, District - Purnam Pin - 791113, Arunachal Pradesh, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Bamang Shanti (Old Name) to Sasha Bamang (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sasha Bamang (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 73/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 10-08-2026. Sasha Bamang (New Name) and Bamang Shanti (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tipu Samanta (Old Name), W/o Asok Samanta, Resident of Abakash Apt, Flat-A-7, 121/24/F, Kalitalla Road, North Purbachal, Kolkata- 700078, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Tipu Samanta (Old Name) to Tipu Rani Samanta (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Tipu Rani Samanta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Tipu Rani Samanta (new name) and Tipu Samanta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mofitid Ali Am Qureshi (Old Name), Son Of Husen, Resident Of 51/5, Cowies Ghat Road, Shibpur, Howrah - 711102, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mofitid Ali Am Qureshi (Old Name) To Mofid Alam Qureshi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Mofid Alam Qureshi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 31 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2026. Mofid Alam Qureshi (New Name) And Mofitid Ali Am Qureshi (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bagaban Jana (Old Name), Son Of Bhagbat Jana, Resident Of Vill-Purunda, Po-Negua, Ps-Egra, Purba Medinipur-721448, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bagaban Jana (Old Name) To Bhagaba Jana (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Bhagaba Jana (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 27 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/07/2026. Bhagaba Jana (New Name) And Bagaban Jana (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Darshna Arvind Kumar Mehta (Old Name), W/o Arvind Kumar Kantilal Mehta, Resident of Flat-71, 4A, Ray Street, L.R. Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Darshna Arvind Kumar Mehta (Old Name) to Darshna Arvind Mehta (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Darshna Arvind Mehta (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Darshna Arvind Mehta (new name) and Darshna Arvind Kumar Mehta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Salim Molla (Old Name), S/o Idris Molla, Resident of Vill & P.O.- Khariop, P.S.- Amta, Dist.- Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Salim Molla (Old Name) to Selim Molla (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Selim Molla (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Selim Molla (new name) and Salim Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Jeyatatsna (Old Name), W/o Sekh Hasbul Islam, Resident of Vill.- West Bainan, P.O.- Bainan, P.S.- Bagnan, Dist.- Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sekh Jeyatatsna (Old Name) to Sekh Jyotsna (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sekh Jyotsna (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Sekh Jyotsna (new name) and Sekh Jeyatatsna (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Hasbul (Old Name), S/o Sharif Mahomed, Resident of Vill.- West Bainan, P.O.- Bainan, P.S.- Bagnan, Dist.- Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sk Hasbul (Old Name) to Sekh Hasbul Islam (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sekh Hasbul Islam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Sekh Hasbul Islam (new name) and Sk Hasbul (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Akram (Old Name), Son Of Late Md Aslam, Resident Of 86, Boli Tola, Nawajawan Club, Kolkata, Karamatullah, North 24 Parganas-700058, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Akram (Old Name) To Md Akram (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Akram (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 55 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Md Akram (New Name) And Mohammad Akram (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Samistha Kundu (Old Name), W/o Ashim Kundu, Resident of 87/23, Bhairab Dutta Lane, Salkia, Howrah- 711106, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Samistha Kundu (Old Name) to Samistha Kundu (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Samistha Kundu (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/08/2026. Samistha Kundu (new name) and Samistha Kundu (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mirinal Kanti Paul (Old Name), Son Of Bency Bhuvan Paul, Resident Of 11/4 Pkicnic Garden Road, Po & Ps-Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mirinal Kanti Paul (Old Name) To Mirinal Kanti Paul (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Mirinal Kanti Paul (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 36 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Mirinal Kanti Paul (New Name) And Mirinal Kanti Paul (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Aditi Ganguly (Old Name), Wife Of Late Sumit Kumar Ganguly, Resident Of Manjusree Apartment, 38d-Fr-3c, 159, Sodepur First Lane, Haridevpur, South 24 Parganas-700082, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Aditi Ganguly (Old Name) To Aditi Roy (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Aditi Roy (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 37 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Aditi Roy (New Name) And Aditi Ganguly (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Asif Iqbal (Old Name), Son Of Md Yunus, Resident Of 39/1, Pilkhana 3rd Bye Lane, Golabari, Po-Howrah, Howrah-711101, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Asif Iqbal (Old Name) To Md Asif Iqbal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Asif Iqbal (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 39 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Md Asif Iqbal (Old Name) And Asif Iqbal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hosneara Bgum (Old Name), Daughter Of Sekh Ali Rakha, Resident Of Begari, Nasr-karapara, Howrah-711411, West Bengal. Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Hosneara Bgum (Old Name) To Hosneara Sekh (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Hosneara Sekh (New Name) I In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 38 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/08/2026. Hosneara Sekh (New Name

Indian football making excellent progresses: UNION SPORTS MINISTER

MI News Service, New Delhi: After Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that Indian football is making "excellent progress", his assessment drew sharp reactions online, with several questioning his evaluation and some calling it out as something "far from the truth". "Football is making excellent progress. The ISL will be hosted again, and new football clubs are being formed," Mandaviya said. "The government has also announced a package of Rs 36,000 crore, under which we have decided to promote an academy culture; academies for various disciplines will be encouraged. These academies will be run specifically by retired athletes," he added. However, with Indian football facing several problems on and off the pitch,



Mandaviya's optimism was justifiably under scrutiny. "Which alternate reality?" one user asked. Others questioned what yardstick was being used to measure the "excellent progress". Another pointed to India's FIFA ranking, failure to qualify for the men's premier continental competition and problems faced by clubs.

"FIFA ranking: 138. Haven't qualified for the men's premier continental competition. Clubs shutting down due to high participation fees levied by AIFF. Club headed by a mafia suing other clubs mercilessly," the user wrote. "Excellent progress in what? Shutting down clubs?", questioned another, referring to Tata Steel deciding to withdraw Jamshedpur FC from the ISL for the 2026-27 season. The Ranjit Bajaj-Bibiano Fernandes fiasco is another example. Mandaviya's comments come against this backdrop, with questions about the domestic game's stability and India's international performances continuing to dominate discussions around the sport.

Bengal Ministers pledge for education & industrial growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: Education and industrial growth are one of the prime agendas for the new government of West Bengal led by BJP leader and Chief Minister of West Bengal Suwendu Adhikari. The Higher and State Audit and Accounts Service Association, West Bengal recently conducted a seminar on "West Bengal: Unfolding the Story of Excellence in Economic and Industrial Development and Public Finance". Among those pres-



ent were Finance Minister Dr. Swapan Dasgupta, Industry, Commerce and Enterprises Minister Tapas Roy, Higher Education Minister Jagannath Chattopad-

hyay and Minister of State in the Finance Department Anandamoy Barman. The ministers outlined the government's priorities in maintaining fiscal discipline, promoting industrial growth and strengthening higher education to support long-term development. The academic sessions featured presentations by Dr. Ambujaksha Mohanty, former professor at IIM Calcutta, and Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury, Professor of Economics at Presidency University. Partha Chakraborty, General Secretary of the Higher and State Audit and Accounts Services Association also addressed the gathering.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

On behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer, South Eastern Railway, Adra, Pin-723121, West Bengal invites following e-tender with closing date & time of tender is 31.08.2026, 11.00 hrs. Details are available at website www.irps.gov.in: Tender Notice No.: SnT_e Tender ADA_26_27_23. Name of the work: S&T work in connection with the construction of the subway at closed LC No. KA-61 at Km 199/25-27 between Piardoba-Bishnupur to facilitate the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the Adra Division. Tender Value: ₹ 57,82,452.64. (PR-591)

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-tender is invited by Dy. Chief Engineer/Track-1, Eastern Railway, 17, N. S. Road, Fairlie Place, Eastern Railway Headquarter, Kolkata-700001 from reputed and eligible contractors for the under mentioned work: E-Tender No.: W2_623_12_05_EPC-SDAH_26, Dated: 07.08.2026. Name of the Work: Complete track renewal (P) 60 Kg = 31.475 Tkm and Through Sleeper Renewal (P) = 11.444 Tkm. Total = 43.019 Tkm by using any Track Laying Equipment (TLE) in Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway. Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹ 55,89,11,151.00. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,11,78,200. Period of Completion: 16 months. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 04.11.2026, 11.00 hrs. The details of tender documents are available at website www.irps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. MIS-C-137/2026-27 Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.irps.gov.in and www.irps.gov.in

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Tender No. SDSTE-ETN-CCTV-HAZAT-HWH, Dated: 07.08.2026. Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, Eastern Railway, New DRM Building, near Rail Museum, Howrah, West Bengal-711001 invites E-Tenders against Tender No. SDSTE-ETN-CCTV-HAZAT-HWH for the following work: Name of Work: SCH-A-Howrah - Proposal for installation of additional CCTV at HWH Station, SCH-B-Proposal for Upgradation of Storage Capacity of RPF Post Hazat CCTV, Howrah Division; Tender Type : Open; Tender Closing Date & Time : 01.09.2026, 15.00 Hrs.; Advertised Value: ₹ 3,22,70,579.85; Earnest Money/Bid Security : ₹ 6,45,40,000; Tender Doc. Cost : ₹ 0.00; Bidding Start Date: 18.08.2026; Bidding System: Single Packet; Validity of Offer (Days): 60; Period of Completion: 09 Months; Date & Time of Uploading Tender: 07.08.2026, 16:56 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. HWH-257/2026-27 Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.irps.gov.in and www.irps.gov.in

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ENGAGEMENT OF SPECIALIST & SUPER SPECIALIST DOCTORS AT WORKSHOP RAILWAY HOSPITAL, KANCHRAPARA

Employment Notice No. 03/2026 (Med) HVS (Specialist & Super Specialist)/2026/KPA Dated : 08.08.2026

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Applications are invited for the post of 03 (three) numbers of Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVS) Doctors (E.N.T., Cardiologist, Gastroenterologist) in Workshop Railway Hospital, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara, Pin-731415, West Bengal on contract basis for 01 (One) year through Walk-in-Interview on following terms : Date & Time of Walk-in-Interview : Reporting Time: 25.08.2026 (Tuesday) at 10.30 A.M. Number of Posts : E.N.T. - 01 Nos., Cardiologist - 01 Nos. & Gastroenterologist - 01 Nos. Venue: Office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara [C.M.S.'s Chamber/C.M.S. Office]. Nature of the posts, Hours of Duty & Monthly remuneration are as follows:

Nature of Posts	Hours of Duty	Monthly Remuneration
E.N.T. Specialist	04 hours a day for 04 days/week	Rs. 61,000/-
Cardiology Super Specialist	02 hours a day for 04 days/week	Rs. 51,000/-
Gastroenterologist Super Specialist	04 hours a day for 04 days/week	Rs. 77,000/-

Essential Criteria : Post Graduate Degree from a recognized University for E.N.T. Specialist and Post Doctoral qualification DM/Or equivalent for Cardiology Super Specialist and Gastroenterologist Super Specialist. **Desirable Criteria for E.N.T. Specialist :** Minimum 03 (three) years experience in the professional work related to concerned Specialty after obtaining P.G. degree. Where suitable candidates with PG degree are not available, P.G. Diploma holders with 05 (five) years experience in the professional work related to concerned Specialty after obtaining P.G. diploma.

The Candidates appearing for Walk-in-Interview should submit their Bio-data and two self attested xerox copies of relevant certificates [in support of Age/Date of Birth, All Academic and Professional Qualification Certificate, Registration Certificate, experience (if any) along with PAN Card, Aadhaar Card] & two no. of passport size photograph. Candidates should bring original certificates/documents for verification at the time of interview. Entry level age limit of candidates for appointment is 30 years and the maximum age limit for first time engagement upto 64 years. Kindly log on to <https://er.indianrailways.gov.in/KanchraparaWorkshop> > Department > Medical > Notification for details terms and conditions.

Chief Medical Superintendent, Kanchrapara

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Notice is hereby given that BEAUFORT REALTORS PRIVATE LIMITED, CIN U70109WB2019PTC232499, proposes to shift its Registered Office from 69B Rash Behari Avenue, 1st Floor, Southern Market, Kolkata, West Bengal-700026 to Plot-AK-109/98, Flat-1A, 1st Floor, A.A. II, New Town, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal-700161, within the State of West Bengal, resulting in a change of jurisdiction of the Registrar of Companies. Any person having any objection may communicate the same to the Company within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. For BEAUFORT REALTORS PRIVATE LIMITED Mr Md Jakir Ali (Director) 9907064349newtown593@gmail.com

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মৌসুম কুমারী, স্বামী-বিকাশ কুমার গত 06/12/23 তারিখে হাওড়া ADSR অফিসে 1-12586 নম্বর পাওয়ার অফ এ্যাটর্নি বা আমমোক্তার নামা দলিল বলে শ্রী রাজা দাস, পিতা-শঙ্কর দাস নিকট হইতে বালী মৌজায় হাল 19873 নম্বর দাখল হাল 63241 খতিয়ানে 0.0248 ACG জমি বিক্রয় করিবার ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত হইয়াছেন। উক্ত বিক্রয় কারো কোন প্রকার আপত্তি থাকে তিনি বালী জগাহা B.L. & L.R.O. অফিসে ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that Surajit Saha (son of Sumitranandan Pant), acting under the authority of Power of Attorney Deed No. 401/2018 (executed by Subhash Panja and registered at the Bishnupur A.D.S.R. office on 28/09/2018), sold a plot of land measuring 2.64 decimals to Shipra Adhikari (wife of Bipra Das Adhikari) via Registered Sale Deed No. 1926/26. The land is situated in Block Bishnupur-I, Mouza Kanyanagar (J.L. No. 32), Khatian No. 6581, and Plot No. 289. An application for recording the land has been submitted to the office of the B.L.&L.R.O. Bishnupur-I. Any objections regarding the Power of Attorney must be communicated to the B.L.&L.R.O. office within the next 20 days; otherwise, no objections will be entertained. Golam Masud Advocate Alipore Police Court.

NOTICE

My client, Nanjana Bhattacharyya, wife of Ashok Bhattacharyya, residing at 29, Block "K", Baisnabghata Patuli Township, P.S. Patuli, Kolkata 700094, hereby inform the general public that by virtue of the Power of Attorney Deed No. 159/2018 dated 16-02-2018, she intend to sell a portion of the said premises to a intending purchaser. If any person has any objection or claim in respect of the aforesaid property, she is requested to submit such objection, along with photocopies of the relevant supporting documents relating to the property, at the address mentioned below within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any objection received after the expiry of the said period shall not be entertained or considered legally valid. Sankar Naskar Advocate M: 9907423437

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সুল্ল্যা ঘোষ, পিতা-মানস কুমার ঘোষ, (স্বত্বিক টারামিলা প্রাণ গিও ডিভিশন) বিপত্ত 2025 সালে হাওড়া DSR-11 রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 051306492/25 নং দলিলমূলে এবং কালকাটা ইলিনয়ারি কনসলিডেশ প্রাণ গিও এর পক্ষে 05130-4970/25 ও 051306491/25 দলিল দ্বারা বিক্রয়পত্রের পক্ষে গত 2023 সালে ADSR- হাওড়া অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 0916/23 নং আমমোক্তার দলিল দ্বারা শ্যামল কুমার ঘোষ, পিতা-দিয়াদ ঘোষের নিকট থেকে জেলা হাওড়া, থানা জগৎবল্লভপুর, মৌজা যাদববাটা, J.L.-035, সাবেক ও হাল দাগ -14, 15, 19, 24, 28, 192 মোট 53+53+61=1.67 একর সম্পত্তি বরাদ্দ করে নামপতনের আবেদন করেন। এবিষয়ে কারোর আপত্তি থাকলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের এক মাসের মধ্যে B.L.&L.R.O জগৎবল্লভপুর অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবার অনুরোধ হইল।

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	(Borrower) New Matriseva Hospital & Diagnostic Centre & (Co Applicant) Neor Jehan Khatun & Rajesh Sekh & (Mortgagor) Rajesh Sekh/ Represented By Proprietor Rajesh Sekh Bhotarpura, Dakshin Para, Bajeprotappur West Bengal Purba Bardhaman- 713101/ 401105500226	R.S. & L.R. Dag No 200 & 199, L.R. Khatian No 628, 1129 & 153, Mouza Islampur, J.L. No 163, Touzi No. 25, Choudi Kalna, P.S. & A.D.S.R.O. Purbasthali, District & District Registry Office Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 4.75 Satak Bounded By: On The North By: Pond On The South By: Pond, On The East By: Ansar Ali Sekh's Farm, On The West By: Budrul, Sekh's House/ Date of Symbolic: 07/08/2026	10/09/2025 26,83,620.63/-	Purba Bardhaman

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

Date: August 11, 2026 Place: Purba Bardhaman

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Bablu Mali Jamadar (Deceased Through It's Legal Heir/ Bharti Mali (Deceased Through It's Legal Heir/ S/o Poshal Mali, Kashimpur, Hemtabad District Unti Dinajpur West Bengal Hemtabad- 713341/ LBSGI00005598696	L.R. Dag No.1318, R.S. Dag No. 1707, L.R. Khatian No. 2280, J.L. No. 79, Mouza, Kashimpur, Touzi, P.S. Hemtabad, A.D.S.R. Office & Sodar Registry Office Raiganj, District Unti Dinajpur West Bengal Admeasuring an area of: Measuring Area 5 Satak. North: House of Samsul Hawk South: Approx 8 Ft Wide Kacha Road East: House of Probar Mali West: House of Babul Ali/ Date of Symbolic: 05/08/2026	April 26,2026 20,96,434.04/-	Hemtabad Rs. Islampur

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

Date: August 11, 2026 Place: Hemtabad & Islampur

Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Original Indenture of Sale being no. 2107 for the year 1980 between West Bengal Housing Board, described therein as the Board and Sri Rash Behari Ghose, Son of Sachindra Nath Ghose, described therein as the Purchaser in respect of ALL THAT piece and parcel of one self contained Apartment No. 5 on the Second Floor, Block No. CS-4 at Golf Green Urban Complex, P.S.- Golf Green, Kolkata-700 095, District South 24 Parganas has been lost. Anybody having custody of the lost Deed and/or if anyone have any claim over the said Flat may contact the undersigned herein within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice with proper valid documents. After expiry of the date nobody's claim can not be accepted for the same should write and/or inform to the undersigned within 15 days from date of publication failing which anything done on the basis of the said deed, shall be invalid and not binding upon my clients.

Bijoy Shaw, Advocate Alipore Judges' Court, Kolkata 700 027. Ph. 9874402489

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring into the public notice of all concern that my clients Smt. Biva Devi W/o Pancham Yadav and Smt. Prabha Kumari @ Prabha Devi W/o Navin Kumar both D/o Jay Narayan Yadav have lost one original copy of Deed of Sale registered in the office of District Registrar (Now D.S.R.-I), South 24 Parganas, recorded in Book No. 1, Volume no. 96, Pages from 94 to 103, being Deed no. 4208 for the year 1990, in respect of property measuring about 2 Katha situated at District South 24 Parganas, Block-Kolkata, Mouza-Maduradha, J.L. No. 12, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 457. A G.D.E. is also lodged at Shibpur P.S. vide No. 688 dt. 09.08.2026 in this subject matter.

If any one finds the deed or if anybody has any claim or objection on the property can contact me within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

RABI PRASAD SHAW Advocate Judges' Court, Howrah M : 9836436663 F/478/370/2016

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The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Manish Khemka/ Sweta Khemka/ (LBUM00001805489 & LBH0V00003370400) Block A201 295, G T Road, Anirant Tower, Bally M, Bally, Howrah, Kolkata, West Bengal Kolkata 711202 & Flat No. 2c-1202, Dreams Complex, Lbs Marg, Bhandup West, Nr Bhandup Railway Station, Mumbai, Maharashtra Mumbai400078	Flat No 1301, 13th Floor, A-wing, Prity Park, Ghodbunder Road, Near Owla Bus Stop, S. No. 100, H. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Ovala Gaon, Opp Abhyudaya Bank, Thane-west, Thane, Maharashtra Thane400607/ Admeasuring 678 Sq. Ft. Carpet Area	Jul 08, 2026/ Rs. 21,87,069.38/-	11-May-2026

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or guarantor(s) (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: August 11, 2026, Place: Kolkata

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	(Borrower) Sourav Bhownick & (Co-Applicant) Shakti Prasad Bhownick & (Mortgagor) Shakti Prasad Bhownick/ Kamrapa Balurghat Kamrapa FP School West Bengal Dakshin Dinajpur- 733153/ 089605011537	Survey Sabek & Hal Dag No. 406, Settlement L.R. Khatian No. 569, 126 (Old) Mouza Kamrapara, J.L. No. 265, Thana & Registry Office Balurghat, District Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal, Owned By Shakti Prasad Bhownick (Admeasuring An Area of 7.5 Satak North: Seller's Own (As Per Sale Deed No 3334 of 2004) South: Alok Karmakar (As Per Sale Deed No. 3334 of 2004) East: Kamark & Alok (As Per Sale Deed No. 3334 of 2004) West: Shih Prasad Bhownick (as Per Sale Deed No 3334 of 2004)/ Date of Symbolic: 06/08/2026	24/12/2025 15,65,226.80/-	Dakshin Dinajpur

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

Date: August 11, 2026 Place: Dakshin Dinajpur

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Anup Mandal/ Akhil Mondal/ Mallerbil P.S. Samudragarh, P.S. Purbasthali, District Purba Bardhaman West Bengal Samudragarh- 713519/ TDBGRO0007185634/ LBDGR00007188839	Dag No. 2186, Khatian No. 852, 907, 2811, 2864, J.L. No 180, Touzi No. 25, Chowki Kalna, B.L. & L.R.O. Purbasthali 1 No, Post Office Sirampur, Samudragarh Gram Panchayat, Mouza Samudragarh, Police Station And A.D.S.R Office Purbasthali, District Registry Office Bardhaman, District Bardhaman, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of Measuring Area 4.95 Satak North: Land of Dilip Ghosh And Ratan Biswas South: 8 Feet Wide Kacha Road East: Land of Tarun Biswas West: Sellres Land/ Date of Symbolic: 05/08/2026	January 27, 2026 Rs. 23,77,343.00/-	Samudragarh
2.	Abhijit Saha/ Susmita Saha/ 186 (1) Dalharamahall, Kalna Kalna (P) Beside Ramdhanu Club, District Bardhaman West Bengal Kalna- 713409/ LBLKN00005214534	Dag No R.S 241, L.R Dag No 3511, J.L.R Khatian No 17339, Ground Floor 403 Sq Ft Covered Area, District Registry Bardhaman, Thana A.D.S.R Kalna, Touzi No 26, R.S.N No 965, J.L. No 164, Mouza Kalna, Pargana Ambika under Kalna Municipality 13 No Ward Under Ghosh Para, Mohalla 168/3 Holding No, Burdwan, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 950 Sq. Ft. First Floor, Land Area 298 Satak North: Kalna Municipality Pakka Road South: Own Property of Seller East: Kalna Municipality Pakka Road West: Land of Rita Pramanik/ Date of Symbolic: 05/08/2026	April 27, 2026 Rs. 13,72,701.00/-	Kalna & Burdwan

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Date: August 11, 2026 Place: Samudragarh & Kalna & Burdwan

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Study finds how body's invisible scalpel removes brain cancer

LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) : Glioblastoma, the most prevalent and lethal type of brain cancer, spreads quickly, invading and destroying healthy brain tissue. The tumour shoots malignant tendrils into the brain, making surgical removal of the tumour extremely difficult or impossible.

Salk researchers have discovered that the immunotherapy drug anti-CTLA-4 significantly improves survival in mice with glioblastoma. Furthermore, they observed that this therapy was dependent on immune cells known as CD4+ T cells invading the brain and activating the tumor-destructive actions of other immune cells known as microglia, which live in the brain permanently.

The findings, which were published in Immunity, demonstrate the benefit of using the body's own immune cells to attack brain cancer and could lead to more successful immunotherapies for treating brain cancer in humans.

"There are currently no effective treatments for glioblastoma-a diagnosis today is basically a death sentence," says Professor Susan Kaech, senior author and director of the NOMIS Center for Immunobiology and Microbial Pathogenesis. "We're extremely excited to find an immunotherapy regimen that uses the mouse's own immune cells to fight the brain cancer and leads to considerable shrinkage, and in some cases elimination, of the tumor."

When standard cancer treatments like surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation cease to be effective, doctors increasingly turn to



immunotherapy. Immunotherapy encourages the body's own immune cells to seek and destroy cancer cells. Though not universal, immunotherapy works on many tumors and has provided many patients with strong, long lasting anti-cancer responses. Kaech wanted to find new ways of harnessing the immune system to develop more safe and durable treatments for brain cancer.

Her team found three cancer-fighting tools that have been somewhat overlooked in brain cancer research that may cooperate and effectively attack glioblastoma: an immunotherapy drug called anti-CTLA-4 and specialized immune cells called CD4+ T cells and microglia.

Anti-CTLA-4 immunotherapy works by blocking cells from making the CTLA-4 protein, which, if not blocked, inhibits T cell activity. It was the first immunotherapy drug designed to

stimulate our immune system to fight cancer, but it was quickly followed by another, anti-PD-1, that was less toxic and became more widely used. Whether anti-CTLA-4 is an effective treatment for glioblastoma remains unknown since anti-PD-1 took precedence in clinical trials. Unfortunately, anti-PD-1 was found to be ineffective in multiple clinical trials for glioblastoma-a failure that inspired Kaech to see whether anti-CTLA-4 would be any different.

As for the specialized immune cells, CD4+ T cells are often overlooked in cancer research in favor of a similar immune cell, the CD8+ T cell, because CD8+ T cells are known to directly kill cancer cells. Microglia live in the brain full time, where they patrol for invaders and respond to damage-whether they play any role in tumor death was not clear. First, the researchers compared the

life spans of mice with glioblastoma when treated with anti-CTLA-4 versus anti-PD-1. After discovering that blocking CTLA-4 prolonged their life spans considerably, but blocking PD-1 did not, the team moved on to figure out what made that outcome possible. They found that after anti-CTLA-4 treatment, CD4+ T cells secreted a protein called interferon gamma that caused the tumor to throw up "stress flags" while simultaneously alerting microglia to start eating up those stressed tumor cells. As they gobbled up the tumor cells, the microglia would present scraps of tumor on their surface to keep the CD4+ T cells attentive and producing more interferon gamma-creating a cycle that repeats until the tumor is destroyed.

"Our study demonstrates the promise of anti-CTLA-4 and outlines a novel process where CD4+ T cells and other brain-resident

immune cells team up to kill cancerous cells," says co-first author Dan Chen, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab.

To understand the role of microglia in this cycle, the researchers collaborated with co-author and Salk Professor Greg Lemke, holder of the Françoise Gilot-Salk Chair. For decades, Lemke has investigated critical molecules, called TAM receptors, used by microglia to send and receive crucial messages. The researchers found that TAM receptors told microglia to gobble up cancer cells in this novel cycle.

"We were stunned by this novel codependency between microglia and CD4+ T cells," says co-first author Siva Karthik Varanasi, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab. "We are already excited about so many new biological questions and therapeutic solutions that could radically change treatment for deadly cancers like glioblastoma." Connecting the pieces of this cancer-killing puzzle brings researchers closer than ever to understanding and treating glioblastoma.

"We can now reimagine glioblastoma treatment by trying to turn the local microglia that surround brain tumors into tumor killers," says Kaech, holder of the NOMIS Chair. "Developing a partnership between CD4+ T cells and microglia is creating a new type of productive immune response that we have not previously known about."

Cardiovascular disease risk factors are prevalent in young people: Study

CHICAGO [US] : A child with risk factors for heart disease has to wait nearly a year to see a cardiologist in the United States today due to high demand and constrained resources.

They could use this valuable time to manage their illnesses and avoid having a heart attack or stroke.

The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago and Northwestern University recently published the first comprehensive study on the practise of paediatric preventive cardiology in 30 years. It was found that children with cardiovascular disease risk factors were very common, but there was a severe lack of staff and resources to provide the prompt, preventive care these children needed. In the journal Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes, the study's findings were released. The study, according to the researchers, should be taken as a call to action for policymakers and healthcare systems to allocate more funds, such as increased investment in paediatric preventive cardiology, more research to guide clinical care, and more collaboration between programmes to develop best practices. "We're not talking about primordial prevention - they've already got risk factors and are at risk for having an early heart attack or stroke," said corresponding study author Dr. Amanda Marma Perak, assistant professor of pediatric cardiology and preventive medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a pediatric preventive cardiologist at Lurie Children's Hospital. "It's the difference between treating and controlling their risk over time versus letting that risk factor damage their vessels over many years to the point you've lost ground." These risk factors can and should be screened for at pediatric primary care appointments so children can be referred to a cardiologist if necessary, but therein lies the problem of limited resources, Perak said. "It's unfortunate because paediatrics is such a great opportunity to address these risk factors before they often disappear from clinical care for a while as young adults when maybe they'll be more at risk because they haven't been looked at for so long," Perak said. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for adult men, women and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with one person dying every 33 seconds from cardiovascular disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Parents with children on a long wait list might be panicking, but they might also get the message 'this isn't that important,'" Perak said.



"They've been referred by their primary care provider, but the longer they're on this waitlist, the more likely they are to not go to the appointment because months later, life has changed, more things are going on, who knows where the cholesterol levels are," Perak said she fears the paediatricians might also be getting the same message.

"If primary care paediatricians don't have anywhere to send these children, their hands are tied, and they may be less likely to refer a patient to a specialist," Perak said. Perak said parents can work with their paediatrician to identify local programs to manage their child's cardiovascular risk factors. The American Heart Association (AHA) is working to coordinate efforts to help address these gaps and challenges and to raise awareness with other stakeholders, such as policymakers, who need to take action, she said. Lurie Children's Hospital has been working to improve its waitlists, with new preventive cardiology patients in Chicago or the suburbs waiting between just one week to one month to be seen by a specialist in person or via telemedicine.

Additionally, Perak said Lurie Children's Hospital has hired additional advanced practice nurses to hold preventive cardiology clinics and is currently working to start a "mobile" clinic that will travel to underserved neighbourhoods to offer care on-site.

One outcome Perak and the AHA hope will come of these findings is to find ways to make kids' heart disease management more efficient for everyone - not just the patients and their cardiologists, but also physicians in other specialties, such as endocrinologists, nephrologists and weight-management specialists, Perak said.

New blood pressure related technique predicts health outcomes in patients: Study

BOSTON [US] : Critically ill patients who are in circulatory shock, which happens when the heart is unable to pump enough blood and oxygen to the rest of the body, frequently as a result of heart failure, sepsis, or haemorrhage, require close monitoring and treatment, especially to maintain adequate blood pressure to prevent damage to vital organs.

Recently, a system for monitoring these patients was created by a group of scientists from MIT and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), which may help doctors manage their blood pressure and cardiac function to lower the risk of mortality and other adverse health effects.

The study's results were released in Nature Medicine. The work entailed developing a method for measuring a circulation feature known as critical closure pressure, which is the blood pressure at which small blood capillaries collapse and blood flow ceases. Although critical closing pressure can provide an indicator of blood vessel tone in response to disease and therapy, it has not been frequently measured in clinical care.

Development of the new approach utilized high reso-



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Ai+ Smartphone Partners with Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 18: A Legacy of Trust Meets a New Generation of Technology

The association brings together one of India's most trusted television properties with Ai+ Smartphone's vision of building technology around trust, transparency and privacyKolkata : Ai+ Smartphone today announced its partnership with Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) Season 18, bringing the new-age Indian smartphone brand together with one of the country's most iconic and trusted television properties.For over two decades, KBC and its legendary host Amitabh Bachchan have stood for credibility, knowledge and aspiration, earning the trust of generations of Indian audiences. For Ai+ Smartphone, the association reflects a shared belief that trust is not claimed, it is earned over time.As a young Indian technology brand, Ai+ Smartphone is building its journey around transparency, privacy and consumer-first technology. Its association with KBC gives the brand an opportunity to take this vision to millions of households across India.Archi Gogoi, Head of Brand, Marketing & Growth, Ai+ Smartphone and NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said, "KBC is more than a television show; it is a part of India's cultural fabric. Over the years, KBC and Mr. Bachchan have built an extraordinary legacy of credibility and trust. As a young Indian brand, that resonates deeply with us. We are building Ai+ with the belief that trust has to be earned every day through our products, our actions and our transparency. This partnership brings together an established legacy of trust with a new Indian technology brand aspiring to earn the same confidence from consumers."The association marks another step in Ai+ Smartphone's journey towards building an Indian technology brand rooted in trust, privacy and transparency.

Samsung Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Z Fold8, Z Flip8, Watch Ultra2, and Watch9 Go on Sale in India

GURURAM, India : Samsung's eighth-generation foldable smartphones, the Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Galaxy Z Fold8 and Galaxy Z Flip8 - along with the new wearables, the Galaxy Watch Ultra2 and Galaxy Watch9 are available for sale across retail outlets in India starting today. Consumers can also purchase these devices on Samsung.com, Amazon and Flipkart. The Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Galaxy Z Fold8, and Galaxy Z Flip8 have seen strong demand from Indian consumers, with Samsung securing 271000 pre-orders in just 72 hours of their launch. Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra comes with a large 8-inch main display and is just 4.1mm thin, making it Samsung's slimmest Fold design yet. It comes with 200MP main camera with HDR, a new 50MP ultra-wide lens with improved Nightography to deliver greater detail in any light, and is powered by the Snapdragon 8 Elite Gen 5 for Galaxy platform, with a 45W fast-charging 5000mAh battery. Weighing just 201g with a 4800mAh battery, Galaxy Z Fold8 is Samsung's lightest Galaxy Z Fold yet. The new Flex Titanium display structure reduces crease visibility and improves durability, while the main display reaches up to 3000 nits of peak brightness. Its dual 50MP camera system, Dual Recording and My FanCam features make capturing and editing content easier across different scenes. When folded, the Galaxy Z Fold8's 10:16 cover screen is designed for tasks such as messaging, social media, web browsing and watching short-form video. When unfolded, the 4:3 main display provides a larger viewing area for games and films while reducing unused screen space for 16:9 content. Galaxy Z Flip8 weighs just 180g and is just 6.1mm thin, making it Samsung's slimmest and lightest Flip yet. Its 50MP camera, powered by Samsung's ProVisual Engine, delivers detailed portraits and natural skin tones, while Flex Mode, Super Steady with Horizon Lock, FlipShot and Cover Screen Mirror support hands-free and cover-screen photography. Galaxy Watch Ultra2, Samsung's most capable smartwatch to date, combines rugged construction with specialised tracking modes for activities including trail running and diving. The new Trail Run feature measures elevation, climbing progress and terrain impact to help runners manage their pace. Nutrition Alert, a new addition to the existing Sweat Loss feature, estimates hydration needs by measuring sweat loss relative to body weight. It also adds professional diving support. Galaxy Watch Ultra2 features an 800mAh battery, Qualcomm's latest Snapdragon Elite platform and introduces a display capable of up to 5000 nits of peak brightness for improved visibility outdoors. The watch retains its shock-resistant titanium construction while softer, lighter bands are designed to improve comfort during continuous wear. Galaxy Watch9 is designed as Samsung's everyday smartwatch, with an emphasis on comfort, long battery life and continuous health tracking. The watch uses an aluminum case while retaining Samsung's cushion-shaped design. Galaxy Watch9 is powered by Qualcomm's Snapdragon Elite platform and includes a 390mAh battery in the 40mm variant and a 445mAh in the 44mm variant for day-long operation. Its display reaches up to 3000 nits of brightness, making it easier to view information in bright conditions. The watch will be available in 40mm and 44mm sizes.

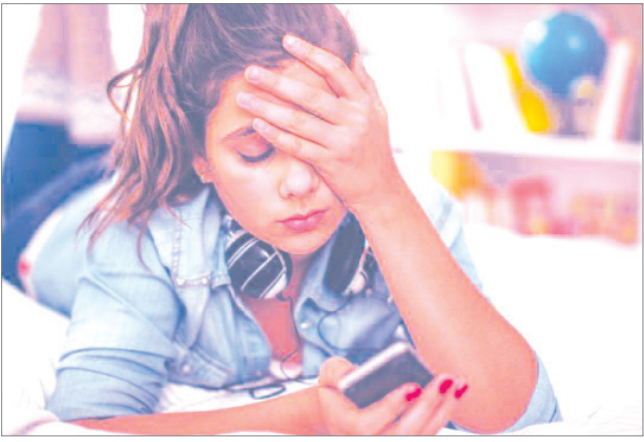
Kidney stone risk is lowered by a class of diabetes medications: Study

LOS ANGELES [US] : Kidney stones are becoming increasingly common around the world. Type 2 diabetes is related to an increased risk of kidney stones; however, various forms of treatment for this condition may potentially reduce the risk of kidney stones. Researchers at Mass General Brigham discovered that using sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors was associated with a decreased chance of acquiring kidney stones. The findings were published in JAMA Internal Medicine. The study included data from three nation-

wide databases of patients with type 2 diabetes who were seen in routine clinical practice. The team analyzed information from 716,406 adults with type 2 diabetes who had started taking an SGLT2 inhibitor or two other classes of diabetes medications known as GLP1 receptor agonists or dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) inhibitors. Patients who began taking SGLT2 inhibitors had a 30 per cent lower risk of developing kidney stones than those taking GLP1 agonists and about a 25 per cent lower risk than those taking DPP4 inhibitors.

lution waveform data from blood pressure monitoring of 5,532 patients in the cardiac intensive care unit at MGH. Researchers developed an analysis based on measured parameters (including arterial pressure, pulse pressure, and heart rate) to define the critical closing pressure. They then defined a value called tissue perfusion pressure-calculated as the difference between average arterial blood pressure and critical closing pressure-and found that it predicted a patient's risk of death, length of hospital stay, and peak blood lactate level (an indicator of tissue oxygenation).

"When treating patients with circulatory shock, it is essential to maintain adequate blood pressure targets, yet standard goals are not personalized to individual patients. We have developed a new metric that can identify individuals with inadequate tissue perfusion who are at risk for adverse outcomes. We believe this method can be used to optimize treatment decisions for patients in the intensive care unit," said senior author Aaron Aguirre, MD, PhD, an attending cardiologist and critical care specialist at MGH and an assistant professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.



Eastern Railway inaugurates 'Arambh' training program for ministerial staff at MDDTI Sealdah to enhance administrative efficiency



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major initiative to bolster administrative efficiency, the Multi-Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute, Sealdah (MD-DTI/SDAH) has commenced its maiden training batch tailored for the ministerial staff across all operational units of Eastern Railway (ER). Spearheaded under the visionary leadership of General Manager, Eastern Railway, Ms. Gitika Pandey, the

specialized curriculum is meticulously designed to address the intricate nuances of establishment matters through practical orientation, empowering workforce skillsets to drive qualitative organizational output. The inaugural session, titled the "ARAMBH COURSE," was officially launched during a distinguished visit by the Principal Chief Personnel Officer (PCPO), Dr. Mahua Verma, to MDDTI

Sealdah. Under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Division, Shri Rajeev Saxena, this capacity-building initiative is taking shape to ensure continuous professional growth, with Shri Saxena requesting all administrative units to send nominations liberally for upcoming training modules to maximize institutional value addition. Commemorating the occasion, Dr. Verma also unveiled an official "Handbook for Establishment Matters" to serve as a comprehensive reference manual for administrative personnel. Highlighting the scope of this ongoing initiative, Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Shri Shibram Majhi stated, "Today is just the beginning of our comprehensive administrative training roadmap, and Eastern Railway remains steadfast in expanding such skill-enhancement programs to achieve seamless operational governance."

Eastern Railway Ensures Smooth & Safe Travel for Over 2.8 Lakh Pilgrims on Day 11 of Shravani Mela 2026



MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the guidance of General Manager Eastern Railway Ms. Gitika Pandey, extensive passenger arrangements, special train operations, and healthcare support were provided to thousands of devotees on August 9, 2026, marking the 11th day of the Shravani Mela 2026. Eastern Railway effectively managed passenger movement across major stations serving the pilgrimage routes. Jasidih station catered to 72,890 passengers (a 13.63% decline compared to 84,392 passengers in 2025), while Sultanganj recorded 1,06,640 inward passengers (a 39.43% growth compared to 76,481 passengers in 2025). Meanwhile, Basukinath witnessed a growth of 9.47%, serving 17,850 passengers

compared to 16,306 in 2025. Deoghar saw an 11.08% increase with 21,582 passengers compared to 19,429 in 2025. Baidyanathdham registered a 22.63% decline with 5,433 passengers compared to 7,022 in 2025, and Tarakeshwar served 57,526 passengers (an 11.83% decline compared to 65,243 in 2025). Alongside passenger transit, dedicated medical assistance and mobility aid were provided at all key stations throughout the day. Medical aid was provided to 632 pilgrims at Basukinath, 301 at Jasidih, 189 at Deoghar, 145 at Tarakeshwar, 90 at Baidyanathdham, and 82 at Sultanganj. Additionally, wheelchair assistance was extended to elderly and disabled pilgrims, including 8 wheel-

chairs at Tarakeshwar, 7 at Jasidih, 1 at Deoghar, 1 at Basukinath, and 1 at Sultanganj. To manage the heavy rush seamlessly, Eastern Railway operated a large fleet of special trains and augmented extra coaches across all key routes. Jasidih station operated 32 special trains carrying 478 coaches, while 8 GS/LS unreserved coaches were augmented in existing train services. Deoghar operated 18 special trains containing 234 coaches. Basukinath ran 10 special trains with 120 coaches, and Baidyanathdham operated 6 special trains with 72 coaches. At Sultanganj, six pairs of special trains were run—namely train numbers 03479/80 (08 coaches), 03233/34 (16 coaches), 03441/42 (08 coaches), 05027/28 (16 coaches), 03235/36 (18 coaches), and 05545/46 (18 coaches)—along with 1 additional LS coach augmented in train number 13409/10. Chief Public Relations Officer Eastern Railway Shri Shibram Majhi stated that Eastern Railway is fully committed to providing safe, comfortable, and seamless travel arrangements for all pilgrims visiting during the auspicious Shravani Mela. He added that dedicated staff and medical teams are working round-the-clock at all key stations to ensure every devotee receives prompt assistance and a hassle-free journey.

Ichapur Rifle Club Shines at 58th West Bengal State Shooting Championship

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ichapur Rifle Club put up an impressive performance at the 58th West Bengal State Shooting Championship (WBSSC) 2026, winning a total of seven medals at the championship held at Asansol Rifle Club, Paschim Bardhaman from August 3 to 9, 2026.

Among the notable performances, Shreya Munda clinched an individual gold medal, bringing laurels to Ichapur Rifle Club with her outstanding performance in the championship. The club also secured individual bronze medals through Harsha Gupta and Raju Das. In the team events, Shreya Munda, Aradhya Das and Riddhima Debnath combined effectively to win a team bronze medal.

Ichapur Rifle Club's overall tally stood at seven medals, reflecting the club's growing strength and the hard work of its shooters. The performances at the state-level championship also highlighted the promising talent emerging from the club. The championship, organised at Asansol Rifle Club in Paschim Bardhaman, brought together shooters from different parts of West Bengal, providing a competitive platform for athletes to showcase their skills. The achievement of the Ichapur shooters is expected to further motivate young and aspiring shooters associated with the club and strengthen Ichapur Rifle Club's presence in the state's shooting fraternity.

Typhoon Dolphin makes landfall: China evacuates millions amidst flooding, heavy rain

MI News Service, Beijing: Authorities in China have evacuated hundreds of thousands of people along its east coast after Typhoon Dolphin made landfall, bringing with it heavy rain and flooding, state media reported on Monday.



Xinhua reported that as of 7 am (local time) today, about 167,900 people had been moved from vulnerable areas on land and at sea in Fujian Province. By late Sunday, Shanghai had evacuated around 215,600 people from areas considered at risk. Dolphin was the 13th typhoon of this year and, according to China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC), made two landfalls in Zhejiang Province on Sunday. While authorities have downgraded Dolphin to a tropical

storm, they continue to warn of torrential rains, severe flooding and the risk of landslides through to Wednesday. Authorities issued a blue typhoon warning on Monday morning, forecasting persistent heavy rainfall through Wednesday in regions including Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Henan and Hebei. Some areas are likely to experience torrential rain, thunderstorms and strong winds, as per Xinhua. The storm moved over a long distance of 6,000km before making landfall, suggesting a lifespan of more than three times that of an average typhoon, according to China's state broadcaster CCTV. The Chinese state media cited the NMC as saying that from Thursday, the remnants of the typhoon are expected to move northward and interact with cold air, bringing significant rainfall to Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei and Liaoning. Meteorological experts warned that the typhoon could raise the risk of flooding and other disasters in some areas, calling for strengthened defences against geological disasters and flooding in small and medium-sized rivers. Beijing's flood control authorities said that the city plans to activate a Level II flood response on Tuesday morning.

Regulation of trains for non-interlocking work over East Central Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Pre Non-Interlocking/Non-Interlocking work in Dhanbad Division over East Central Railway, following trains will be regulated as under:

Diversion of trains:
13503/13504 Barddhaman – Hatia – Barddhaman Express (both journey commencing on 11.08.2026) will be diverted via Asansol- Dhanbad – Chandrapura – Rajbera instead of Asansol – Dhanbad – Gomoh – Chandrapura – Rajbera.

Moreover, 13545 Asansol – Gaya Express, 12357 Kolkata – Amritsar Express, 13554 Varanasi – Asansol Express & 13320 Ranchi – Dumka Express (all journey commencing on 11.08.2026) will be rescheduled by 90 minutes, 90 minutes, 60 minutes & 90 minutes respectively.

East Coast Railway General Manager inspects Arang Mahanadi-Titlagarh section



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager East Coast Railway, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Arang Mahanadi-Titlagarh Section on Monday.

The inspection focused on reviewing the safety measures, traffic facilities, passenger amenities and the ongoing infrastructure works across several stations in the section.

During the inspection, Funkwal thoroughly reviewed the status of various traffic facility works, passenger amenities and infrastructure development projects at various stations including Arang Mahanadi, Mahasamund, Khariar Road, Nawapara Road, Harishankar Road, Kantabanji.

General Manager emphasized the importance of ensuring safe and smooth train operations and directed officials to take necessary precautions. Funkwal also reviewed the progress of several ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing passenger facilities. These include improvements in parking areas, circulating areas, and landscaping at stations.

He focused on the progress of station redevelopment works under the Amrit Station Scheme, which aims to elevate passenger experience across the network.

The General Manager stressed upon timely completion of these critical projects, underscoring their significance in improving overall service quality for passengers.

Subash C Chaudhary, Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur and other senior officials from Railways were present during the inspection.

Taiwan prosecutors uncover Chinese intelligence link in alleged personal data leak case

MI News Service, Taipei: Taipei prosecutors have uncovered links to a Chinese intelligence network while investigating Huang Po-wei and Wang Ta-wei over alleged Chinese espionage activities, including the disclosure of personal information belonging to a retired navy sergeant who has publicly spoken out against the Chinese Communist Party.

According to a report by Taipei Times, Huang and Wang are being investigated for allegedly violating Taiwan's Personal Data Protection Act by obtaining the personal records of millions of Taiwanese citizens, publishing individuals' personal information online and passing such information to Chinese intelligence agencies.

The retired navy sergeant, identified by the surname Tsai, has been a vocal opponent of communism for years and continued to closely follow national defence and cross-strait developments after retiring from military service.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar meets envoys of Angola, Suriname to deepen global electoral cooperation

MI News Service, New Delhi: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Chairman of the Council of Member States of International IDEA, Gyanesh Kumar, held bilateral meetings on Monday at NirvachanSadan with the Ambassador of Angola to India, Clemente Camenha, and the Ambassador of Suriname to India, Hanishajairam.

The discussions focused on strengthening democratic cooperation and expanding mutual collaboration in election management and the training of electoral personnel, aligning with the vision established at the International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026. Taking to X, the Election Commission of India (ECI) highlighted the engagements, noting that both diplomatic missions reaffirmed their commitment to working closely with India on electoral training and administrative frameworks.

Chief Election Commissioner and Chairman of the Council of Member States of International IDEA, Shri Gyanesh Kumar, today met His Excellency Mr Clemente Camenha, Ambassador of Angola to India, at NirvachanSadan, New Delhi.

The ECI added, "Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening democratic cooperation, in line with the vision set out at IICDEM 2026. They also agreed to work closely together to deepen collaboration on election management and the training of election staff."



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In another post on X, the Election Commission of India said, "Chief Election Commissioner and Chairman of the Council of Member States of International IDEA, Shri Gyanesh Kumar, today met Her Excellency Ms Hanishajairam, Ambassador of the Republic of Suriname to India at NirvachanSadan, New Delhi."

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The talks draw upon the momentum of the International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026, held earlier this year from January 21 to 23.

India dispatches 8 MT of life-saving medicines to Bolivia

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that India has dispatched an eight-metric-tonne consignment of essential and life-saving medical supplies to Bolivia to bolster the South American nation's public healthcare infrastructure.

Underlining India's commitment to supporting partner nations, the MEA on Sunday stated on social media platform X, "Extending a helping hand to a Global South partner. India has dispatched 8 MT consignment of life-saving and essential medicines to Bolivia in support of its public healthcare capacity. India always stands ready for advancing cooperation through solidarity and shared progress."

The diplomatic gesture follows recent engagements between the two nations. Earlier in February, Bolivia's Vice President Edmand Lara Montano visited India and held talks with Vice President CP Radhakrish-



nan on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit in the national capital, deliberating on avenues to deepen bilateral ties in solar energy, critical minerals, digitalisation, higher education and the medical sector.

Following their meeting, the Vice-President's Office, in a post on X, stated, "Vice President of Bolivia, Edmand Lara Montano, called on the Vice President of India, CP Rad-

hakrishnan, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi today on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026."

"The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the steady growth of bilateral relations between India and Bolivia. They discussed avenues for enhancing cooperation in solar energy, critical minerals, digitalisation, higher education, and the medical sector. The

leaders also exchanged views on strengthening collaboration in multilateral and other international forums," it added.

During the interaction, both sides explored mechanisms to expand practical cooperation across key areas, including solar energy, critical minerals, digital transformation, higher education and healthcare.

The latest assistance adds to India's ongoing health sector support for the South American country. According to the MEA, India previously provided a consignment of 300,000 doses of Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccines, along with essential administration supplies, in July last year.

India's Ambassador to Bolivia, RohitVadhwana, formally handed over the vaccine consignment at El Alto Airport in La Paz, at a reception attended by Foreign Minister Celinda Sosa Lunda, Minister of Health and Sports Maria Rene Castro Quisicanqui, and Vice Minister Max Enriquez Nava.

Strait of Hormuz will not reopen until US continues naval blockade: Iranian Foreign Ministry

MI News Service, Tehran: Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail-Baghaei stated on Monday that the Strait of Hormuz will not be reopened until the United States halts its naval blockade against Iran, according to local media reports.

Speaking at a weekly press briefing in Tehran, Baghaei attributed the closure of the strategic choke point to military aggression against Iran by the US and Israel. He underlined that reopening the critical corridor depends directly on the conditions imposed on Iran and the waterway by American and Israeli authorities, Iran's semi-official Tasnim News Agency reported.

Reaffirming Tehran's stance, Baghaei remarked, "As long as the US naval blockade continues, the necessary conditions for the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz do not exist." He urged Washington to halt and reverse its "destructive actions" to enable both parties to negotiate subsequent steps.

Connecting the Persian Gulf to



the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, the Strait of Hormuz serves as a vital energy artery, facilitating the movement of crude oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Gulf exporters to global markets.

Addressing ongoing discussions with Oman regarding maritime transit, Baghaei clarified that the dialogue remains a strictly bilateral matter between the two neighbouring nations.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi confirmed on Sunday that no active negotiations are taking place with Washington.

Addressing media personnel at the Foreign Ministry's Centre for Political and International Studies, Araghchi observed, "We currently have no negotiations with the United States. Intermediaries are still making efforts to find ways to resume negotiations.

From our perspective, there can be no resumption of talks until the United States ends its violations of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and makes amends for the breaches it has committed," Tasnim News Agency reported.

He reiterated that dialogue cannot resume unless Washington halts its breaches of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and remedies the infractions. He further revealed that technical talks with Oman over finalising a revised maritime passage through the Strait of Hormuz are in their concluding stage.

However, the Foreign Minister cautioned that concluding a maritime agreement with Muscat does not equate to opening the waterway to traffic.

Clarifying the situation, Araghchi noted, "Of course, this does not mean the opening of the Strait of Hormuz. This agreement may be reached, but the opening of the Strait of Hormuz is subject to a series of conditions."

With tricolour in hand, Russian crew aboard ISS wish India ahead of Independence Day

MI News Service, Delhi: Russian cosmonauts aboard the International Space Station have conveyed special greetings to the people of India as the nation prepares to mark its 80th Independence Day, holding the Indian tricolour and underscoring the enduring partnership between the two countries in space exploration.

In a video message, the cosmonauts extended congratulations and recalled the

decades-long collaboration between Moscow and New Delhi, identifying space exploration as a central pillar of bilateral ties.

Dear friends, today the Republic of India is celebrating its 80th Independence Day, cosmonaut PyotrDubrov said, offering wishes for peace and prosperity to the Indian people.

The cosmonauts linked the Independence Day observances with a significant milestone in human spaceflight, noting that

the year also marks 65 years since Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first person to journey into space.

Gagarin travelled to India in November 1961 and emerged as an early emblem of the strengthening friendship between India and the Soviet Union. The cosmonauts cited his well-known praise for the country, observing that it appeared beautiful from space yet proved even more beautiful

on Earth as the home of "true friends."

They pointed to the extensive record of India-Russia space cooperation, which began in 1975 with the Soviet launch of Aryabhata, India's first satellite. Nearly a decade later, in 1984, Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to reach space aboard the Soviet spacecraft Soyuz T-11, an achievement that further cemented the relationship.

135th Durand Cup: Mohun Bagan storm into quarters with dominant win over CISF Protectors

KOLKATA : Sahal Abdul Samad scored a scintillating first-half hat-trick as Mohun Bagan Super Giant sealed top spot in Group A and booked their place in the quarter-finals of the 135th Durand Cup with a commanding 6-0 victory over CISF Protectors at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Monday.

Sahal Abdul Samad stole the limelight with goals in the 17th, 19th and 37th minutes, while Manvir Singh, Jamie Maclaren and Tekcham Abhishek Singh also found the scoresheet as the Mariners completed a perfect group-stage campaign with three wins from three matches.

Already on six points from their opening two matches, Panagiotis Dilimperis' side entered the contest with a quarterfinal spot confirmed, while CISF Protectors were looking to end their campaign on a positive note after back-

to-back defeats.

Early in the contest, the CISF defence, marshalled by captain Mohammad Khalid, stood firm against wave after wave of Mohun Bagan attacks.

Subhasish Bose tested the goalkeeper with a low long-range effort in the ninth minute, but the Mariners' relentless pressure eventually paid dividends in the 17th minute. Dejan Draic produced a superb defence-splitting pass from inside his own half to release Tekcham Abhishek Singh on the right. His shot took a deflection into the path of Liston Colaco, who unselfishly squared the ball for Sahal Abdul Samad to apply the finishing touch.

Two minutes later, the Mariners doubled their lead with another slick attacking move. This time Manvir Singh threaded a delightful pass into the path of Draic on the right, and the Serbian calmly

squared the ball across for Sahal to tap home his second goal in as many minutes.

Mohun Bagan continued to carve open the CISF defence, with Manvir first firing straight at the goalkeeper before making amends in the 24th minute. Tekcham Abhishek Singh whipped in an inviting cross from the right and the striker controlled brilliantly before finishing confidently to make it 3-0.

The Mariners almost added another when Manvir capitalised on a misplaced pass and burst into the penalty area, only for Muneesh Kumar to produce a vital touch that prevented an almost certain own goal.

Sahal then completed a memorable first-half hat-trick in spectacular fashion in the 37th minute. Picking up possession near the halfway line, the midfielder surged forward, glided past defenders



with sublime skill and calmly slotted a right-footed finish beyond the goalkeeper to crown an outstanding individual performance. Subhasish Bose nearly created a fifth moments later with a teasing cross that brushed the hair of Manvir Singh before drifting

wide, while Mehtab Singh produced an important defensive intervention to halt a rare CISF counter-attack.

The Mariners headed into the interval with a commanding 4-0 advantage after dominating possession with 75 per cent of the ball, while the

Protectors managed just one off-target effort during the opening 45 minutes.

Dilimperis made four changes at half-time, introducing Asish Rai, Alex Saji, Kiyan Nassiri Giri and Abhishek Dhananjay Suryavanshi to freshen up the side, resulting in an all-Indian line-up for the second half.

Mohun Bagan continued to create opportunities after the restart, although their finishing briefly deserted them. Manvir narrowly missed the target after attempting to chip the advancing Raj Kumar Mahato before heading another excellent Asish Rai cross wide.

Liston also saw an effort blocked after another dangerous delivery from Alex Saji, while Raj Kumar denied Manvir once again after the striker took one touch too many inside the area.

The fifth goal finally arrived in the 68th minute

through another moment of brilliance from Sahal. The midfielder produced a sublime no-look through ball that released substitute Jamie Maclaren, who opened up his body before calmly slotting his finish through the legs of the goalkeeper.

Five minutes later, Mohun Bagan added a sixth. Liston Colaco combined neatly with Tekcham Abhishek Singh, whose perfectly timed run into the penalty area ended with a precise finish into the roof of the net.

CISF came close to grabbing a consolation in the closing stages when Jacob C delivered an inviting cross that substitute Gaurab Das could not direct on target. Das later tested Syed Zahid Hussain with a powerful free-kick, while Guralpal Singh forced the Mohun Bagan goalkeeper into an excellent save deep into stoppage time after capitalising on a defen-

sive lapse.

At the other end, Liston continued to search for a goal but was denied repeatedly, first firing high over the bar before directing another effort straight at the goalkeeper in the closing moments.

The comprehensive victory sees Mohun Bagan Super Giant finish their Group A campaign with a perfect record of three wins from three matches, comfortably securing top spot and a place in the quarter-finals. CISF Protectors, meanwhile, bow out of the 135th IndianOil Durand Cup without registering a point.

Tuesday's matches:

NorthEast United FC vs FC1 (Group F) - 4:00 PM, Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Guwahati

Nongkseh SS & CC vs Mumbai FC (Group E) - 7:00 PM, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Shillong

Scotland and Netherlands boards call changes to ODI WC structure as 'setback' for Associates

NEW DELHI : Cricket Scotland and the Royal Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB) have termed the International Cricket Council's (ICC) sudden structural changes to the Men's ODI World Cup qualification pathway as a major 'setback' to the associate nations, warning that the move risks undermining years of global progress.

The statement comes nearly a month after the ICC overhauled the tournament's format following its annual conference in Edinburgh in July. While the event was originally slated to feature 14 teams divided into two groups of seven followed by a Super Six stage, the ICC has now added a 'Super Series' and a 'Super 7' phase.

Under the revised structure, the bottom three qualifying sides (ranked 12th, 13th, and 14th) will first compete in a round-robin Super Series, with only the winner advancing to join the top 11 teams in two six-team main groups. The top three sides from each group, along with the next best-performing team, will then advance to a seven-team round-robin Super 7 stage to determine the four semi-finalists.

"Cricket Scotland and the Royal Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB) are deeply disappointed by the International Cricket Council's recent decision to implement significant structural changes to the ICC Men's 50-over World Cup qualification pathway and tournament format with less than 18 months until the competition begins," the joint statement said.

"These changes represent a setback to Associate Member cricket and risk undermining the progress made in recent years to grow the global game. At a time when cricket is seeking to expand its reach, attract new audiences and strengthen its position on the international sporting landscape, reducing meaningful opportunities for emerging nations sends the



wrong message entirely," it added.

With the rejigged format clearly reducing the opportunities Associate nations will get to play in the ODI World Cup, the Netherlands and Scotland boards further questioned ICC's administrative integrity and transparency, arguing that decisions impacting nations operating on limited resources should never be made without proper consultation.

"Cricket Scotland and the KNCB remain fully committed to working constructively with the ICC and fellow Members to strengthen the global game. However, we have significant concerns about both the impact of these changes and the process through which they have been introduced.

"The changes risk weakening the integrity and credibility of international cricket, and only highlight the importance of strong governance, transparent decision-making and effective engagement with Members.

"Decisions of this significance, particularly those directly affecting Associate Members, should be made clearly following meaningful consultation and with sufficient notice for affected Members to understand and respond to the implications."

An associate national administrator told IANS, on the condition of anonymity, that none of the member nations had any inkling of the changes being made to

the format during the meeting in Edinburgh. "It came out of the blue for all of us there," further said the administrator.

The two boards also disclosed that two official meetings with the ICC after the annual conference yielded no formal written resolution. "Following the announcement of the changes, Cricket Scotland, KNCB and other Associate Members met twice with the ICC, seeking official written communication on the changes and greater clarity around the processes involved.

"We also requested positive action to strengthen future operational decision-making and an invitation to bilateral planning meetings with Full Members. Since the second meeting more than two weeks ago, there has been no further response from the ICC, which is disappointing and disrespectful given the significance of the issues raised. "The timing of these changes, with less than eighteen months until the tournament, has given affected Members limited opportunity to contribute to the process or adapt. We believe greater engagement with Associate Members would have supported a more effective and collaborative approach and helped maintain confidence in the qualification pathway. Along with other Associate Members, we value the ICC's investment in developing the game.

DAVIS CUP: NAGAL, BHAMBRI TO LEAD INDIA AGAINST SOUTH KOREA

NEW DELHI : India will bank on singles leader Sumit Nagal and doubles specialist Yuki Bhambri when the team travels to Seoul for a high-stakes Davis Cup Qualifiers second-round tie against South Korea on September 18 and 19, with a place in the Final 8 at stake.

The tie will be played on hard courts at the Olympic Tennis Centre, with the winner earning a berth in the Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna, Italy, in November.

Nagal, ranked 235th in the world, will spearhead India's singles contingent alongside Dhakshinewar Suresh (No. 393) and 19-year-old Manas Dhamne (No. 362), who receives his maiden Davis Cup call-up.

Bhambri, India's highest-ranked doubles player at No.

28, is set to team up with N Sriram Balaji, ranked 57th in doubles. The selection largely retains the group that delivered a 3-2 victory over the Netherlands in Bengaluru in the opening round.

Suresh was the standout performer in that tie, contributing to all three Indian wins. He began by defeating world No. 88 Jasper de Jong in the second singles rubber before combining with Bhambri to claim the doubles point. He then held his nerve in the deciding fifth rubber, defeating Guy Den Ouden to secure India's passage to the second round.

The inclusion of Dhamne is the only major addition to the core squad, with Siddharth Rawat named reserve and Arnab Paparkar



included as an additional reserve following his recent performances.

The Seoul clash carries added significance for India as it will be the country's first appearance in the second round of the Davis Cup Qualifiers since the current format was introduced in 2019. Victory would also take

India into the Final 8 for the first time under the revamped structure.

South Korea, meanwhile, have experience of competing at the expanded Davis Cup Finals, having featured in the 16-team event in 2022 and 2023. India have a strong historical record in the competition, finishing runners-up

three times, in 1966, 1974 and 1987, although those achievements came under previous formats. Their most recent meeting with South Korea was in 2016, when India registered a 4-1 win in an Asia/Oceania Group I tie on grass in Chandigarh.

With Seoul offering a direct route to the Final 8, India will be seeking to build on the momentum from their victory over the Netherlands and make a breakthrough under the current Davis Cup format.

India squad for Davis Cup tie vs South Korea: Sumit Nagal, Manas Dhamne, Dhakshinewar Suresh, Yuki Bhambri, N Sriram Balaji

Reserve: Siddharth Rawat

Additional reserve: Arnab Paparkar

Hockey World Cup 2026: New format puts greater emphasis on pool-stage results

NEW DELHI : The FIH Hockey Men's and Women's World Cup 2026 will feature a revamped competition structure, with the traditional quarterfinal stage scrapped and the top two teams from each of the two crossover pools advancing directly to the semi-finals as Belgium and the Netherlands jointly host the tournament from August 15 to 30.

The new format means teams will have little margin for error from the outset, with results from the opening pool stage potentially carrying over into the next phase. India's men have been drawn alongside England, Pakistan and Wales in Pool D, while the Indian women will face China, England and South Africa in their Pool D campaign.

The tournament will begin with the 16 teams in each competition split across four pools of four. From August 15 to 20, every team will play three matches against the other sides in its pool, with the final standings determining the composition of the next phase.

The top two teams from Pools A and D will move into Pool E, while the leading two teams from Pools B and C will form Pool F. The teams finishing third and fourth in Pools A



and D will make up Pool G, with the corresponding teams from Pools B and C placed in Pool H.

The second phase, scheduled from August 21 to 24, will see teams play three more matches. However, one result from the opening phase will carry forward - the outcome of the Phase 1 match between the two teams that progress from the same original pool.

This makes every pool match particularly significant, especially for sides targeting the semi-finals.

The top two finishers from Pool E and Pool F will advance directly to the last four. The semi-final matchups will be Pool E winners vs Pool F runners-up and Pool F winners vs Pool E runners-up. The remaining teams will

compete in classification matches for positions 5th to 16th.

Indian women's team's chief coach Sjoerd Marijne acknowledged that while he would have preferred the traditional quarterfinal route, the new structure presents opportunities that his team must exploit.

"It's an interesting schedule, but my preference is to have quarterfinals in a tournament format. I understand that for higher-ranked teams in the world they will prefer this, but I think quarterfinal matches are among the most exciting matches in a tournament. But it is how it is, and we will deal with this and make the best of this format. I am always thinking in opportunities and there are opportunities also within this format," Marijne said.

For the Indian men's team, coach Craig Fulton stressed that the importance of the opening pool matches has increased considerably because of the carry-forward system.

"The format of this tournament has obviously changed drastically - from having quarter-finals to not having them. So the emphasis on the pool games is really, really important, because it's obviously the top two that go through. And the head-to-head result between those two teams matters: if one beats the other, those three points carry into the next round, and that puts you in the driving seat to get out of the next group and into the semi-finals," said Fulton.

Fulton also highlighted the significance of goal difference, particularly in a format where a tightly contested pool could be decided by fine margins, adding,

"So yes, it's different - it's not good or bad. We can make it an advantage for us if we start well. We really have to manage our goal difference well. The team that finishes top of the group is decided by the most wins, and then it goes to goal difference - so if there's a draw, goal difference decides it."

BROOK, GREAVES, HASAN NOMINATED FOR ICC MEN'S PLAYER OF MONTH AWARD

NEW DELHI : England's white-ball captain Harry Brook, West Indies seam-bowling all-rounder Justin Greaves and Bangladesh opener Tanzid Hasan have been nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for July 2026 following their stellar performances.

Brook led England to white-ball series wins over India on the back of a dominant display in the shortest format. The right-handed batter finished as the top run-getter in the five-match T20I series by amassing 229 runs at an average of 114.50 while striking at an explosive 214.01 to claim the Player of the Series award. He also contributed 32 runs in two ODIs at a strike rate of 114.28.

On the other hand, Greaves enjoyed a sensational month with both bat and ball in Test cricket. The 32-year-old struck a brilliant 180 in the first Test against Sri Lanka at North Sound, Antigua, to help West Indies secure a draw and eventually seal the series 1-0.

He then turned match-winner with the ball against Pakistan in Tarouba - bagging figures of 5-27 in the first innings and 2-12 in the second to anchor a West Indies victory. Greaves finished the month with 215 runs at an average of 71.66 and picked up eight wickets at a miserly average of 10.25 across two Tests, alongside featuring in two ODIs.

'I almost decided to quit': Shooter Vidarsa's remarkable journey from borrowed rifle to Asian Games

NEW DELHI : For Vidarsa K Vinod, a place in India's Asian Games shooting squad represents far more than the culmination of a successful sporting campaign. The 27-year-old from Kozhikode, Kerala, who will compete in the 10m Air Rifle and 50m Rifle 3 Positions events at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games, has reached the continental stage after overcoming financial constraints, a pandemic-induced break, life in a new city and a point when she was ready to walk away from shooting.

Vidarsa's introduction to the sport came through the National Cadet Corps in 2018, initially with little ambition

beyond experiencing shooting. Training with borrowed equipment, she went on to emerge as the aggregate champion at the Kerala State Championship, an achievement that convinced her to pursue the sport seriously.

"I just wanted to experience shooting. I never imagined it would become my profession. When I became the aggregate champion at the Kerala State Championship despite training with borrowed equipment, I realised this was the sport I wanted to pursue," she said.

But turning that early promise into a career came with a substantial financial cost. For her middle-class



family, meeting the expenses associated with rifles, ammunition and repeated travel for national competitions was a major challenge.

"Shooting is a beautiful sport, but it's also expensive. There were times when my parents couldn't afford to travel with me to competitions, so I started travelling

alone to reduce the financial burden. Eventually in 2021, my family even took a loan so I could buy my first rifle. Looking back, that was one of the biggest investments they made-not just in equipment, but in my dream," Vidarsa said.

The COVID-19 lockdown brought her progress to a

standstill. Since the rifle she had been using belonged to her association, she was left without access to the equipment needed to train. Instead of allowing the enforced break to derail her completely, Vidarsa concentrated on keeping herself physically prepared.

"I couldn't shoot, but I never stopped training. I focused on fitness, yoga and meditation because I knew I had to be ready whenever the opportunity returned."

Her personal and sporting life took another important turn after the pandemic, when she met fellow rifle shooter Manu S Ravi. Their friendship eventually devel-

oped into marriage, with Manu now working as a shooting coach in Kerala and continuing to support her career.

A conversation between the two would ultimately push Vidarsa towards taking ownership of her sporting ambitions.

Vidarsa recalled, "He simply asked me, 'Why don't you own a rifle?' At first, I laughed because buying one wasn't financially possible for us. But he made me realise that if I truly believed in my dream, I had to take that step. That conversation gave me the courage to speak to my parents, and together we decided to invest in my

future."

Under the coaching of Manoj Kumar, with further guidance from her husband, Vidarsa began making progress on the competition circuit. Her first national medal came in 2022, offering tangible evidence that the sacrifices made by her family were beginning to bear fruit.

Seeking a more competitive training environment, she subsequently moved to New Delhi and began training at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range. Away from home and unfamiliar with Hindi, she had to navigate everyday responsibilities alongside the demands of elite-level training.

