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Bengal working towards full NEP 2020 implementation

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal government is working towards full implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and will soon sign a pact with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for teacher support, state School Education Minister Dipak Barman said on Monday. Speaking at a state-level workshop attended by district inspectors of schools and other education department officials from across the state at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in New Town, Barman said the state was "somewhat behind" in implementing NEP 2020, and efforts were underway to complete the process expeditiously.

He said the state was also preparing to sign an MoU with NCERT to facilitate orientation programmes for teachers and provide technical and academic guidance for implementing the new education framework. He said the



Higher Education Department has notified a 20-member state task force chaired by Additional Chief Secretary Binod Kumar to sequence reforms. Union NEP review committee head Jagadesh Kumar also joins the state task force as an advisor. Meanwhile, the state has signed the mem-

orandum of understanding to upgrade regional schools as exemplar institutions under the central framework. A newly formed syllabus committee is also targeting phased structural adjustments and new school syllabi. A couple of days ago, West Bengal Chief Minister Suven-

Adhikari also said that the state has joined the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme, paving the way for the release of central funds during the current financial year. Following a meeting with Union and state officials in

Kolkata, the Chief Minister outlined a series of education reforms, including improved school infrastructure, gas-based cooking for mid-day meals, phased installation of solar panels, sanitary napkin vending machines in girls' schools, transparent teacher recruitment, and

an increase in the primary-level PM POSHAN cooking cost from Rs 6.78 to Rs 10 per student per day with effect from August 1. "We held a highly productive meeting today. Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar was present along with eight senior officials from Delhi. We have officially joined the National Education Policy and the PM-SHRI scheme," CM Adhikari said. Referring to discussions held earlier between the Centre and the state, Suwendu Adhikari said all outstanding issues had been resolved, enabling the release of central funds.

He criticised the previous government for failing to access central assistance, alleging that it had not complied with the Government of India's policy requirements. "The previous government did not avail of the funds because it failed to comply with the Government of India's policies. Even if the Centre had wanted to release the funds,

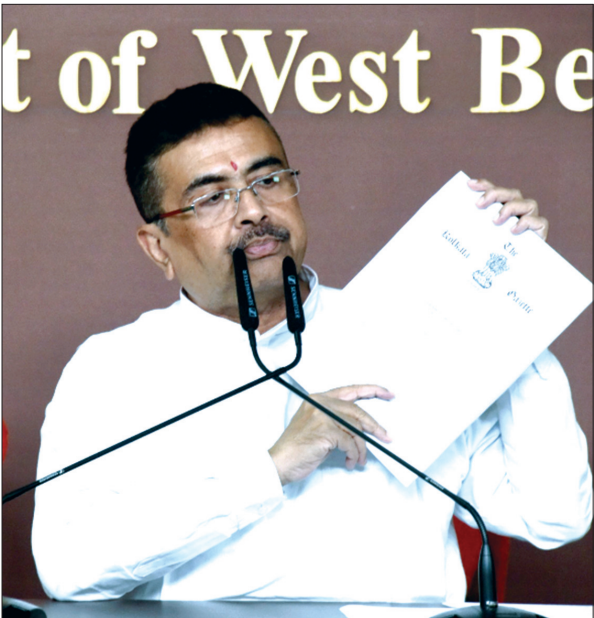
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25 fall ill after ammonia gas leaks in Basirhat



MI News Service, Kolkata : At least 25 people, including some women and children, fell ill after suspected ammonia gas leaked from an ice factory in Basirhat area of North 24 Parganas district, police said on Monday. The incident occurred around 9.30 pm on Sunday at Shapurpur area of Basirhat, triggering panic among residents as the gas spread to adjoining areas, they said. "Those affected complained of breathing difficulties and other health issues, and are undergoing treatment at Haroa Rural Hospital," a police officer said. "The situation is being closely monitored and the cause of the leak investigated," he said. A fire engine was also pressed into service after the incident to bring the situation under control, the officer said. In protest against the incident, angry local residents had briefly blocked the Berachampa-Harua Road. The blockade was, however, withdrawn follow-

ing intervention of senior district administration officials. As per some eyewitnesses account, soon after the ammonia gas leak was felt last night, the gas spread throughout the surrounding area with many villagers experiencing breathing problems. Upon receiving information about the incident, police from the Harowa police station and a fire brigade arrived at the scene and the leak was brought under control. Soon an investigation into its cause was launched. Following the incident, local residents expressed widespread anger against the factory management. Villagers protested by blocking the Bedachampa-Hadawa road and burning tires on the road, demanding the factory's closure. Protesters said the factory is experiencing repeated gas leaks, endangering the lives of residents living nearby. Locals have demanded the factory's closure to prevent future such incidents.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari is showing a government document on CAA certificate, at his virtual Press meet at Nabanna on Monday

PM Modi's tenure has ushered in peace, development in J-K

MI News Service, Srinagar : Union minister Jitendra Singh has stated said there has been a paradigm shift in the mindset of people in Jammu and Kashmir after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power at the Centre about a decade ago. "The mindset in Jammu and Kashmir has changed completely just like in the Northeast. This happened after the Narendra Modi government was formed in 2014," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of BJP's organisational meeting here on Monday. "Since Prime Minister Modi's tenure began, the atmosphere here has changed. Peace, and normalcy are returning fast

and development works are continuing at a steady pace," he asserted. The Union minister said after losing generations to persistent violence over the past three decades, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir has now become aspirational. "You can see it in their performance in competitive examinations like UPSC and engineering entrance exams over the past few years," he said. Singh said while many saffron party workers were lost to the violence in Jammu and Kashmir, he is lucky to have survived to witness the change in the mindset of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Abhishek's bank account reactivated following KYC update

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Monday disposed of a petition by TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee, noting that his bank account, debit and credit cards, which were frozen, were reactivated following submission of KYC documents by him to a private bank. Abhishek Banerjee's lawyer Ayan Bhattacharjee had claimed that the TMC MP's bank account had been frozen and his debit and credit cards blocked on August 10, when the Supreme Court permitted him to travel

abroad for medical reasons. He also informed the court that the Diamond Harbour MP plans to go abroad this week. Incidentally, the leading private bank, which had imposed debit restrictions on the personal bank account of Trinamool Congress General Secretary informed the Calcutta High Court on Monday that the freeze has been lifted and his debit and cards have been reactivated. Abhishek Banerjee, the nephew of former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, had

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GRSE bags Rs 45-cr electric ferry contract from Tourism Development Corporation

MI News Service, Kolkata : In order to provide a major boost to develop tourism in the state further, the West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation (WBTDCL) has handed over an order to city-based 'Navaratna' PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) to procure two 100-passenger capacity electric ferries valued at Rs 45.02 crore to augmenting the state's tourism infrastructure. In a regulatory filing, GRSE said on Monday that the order is to be completed within 18 months from the contract signing date.



Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As per the disclosed information, the order was received on Monday, marking a critical milestone for Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers in its ongoing efforts to expand its portfolio of projects and services. The procurement project from WBTDCL involves a domestic entity, and the contract outlines the supply and delivery of the two ferries. These ferries are designed to accommodate 100 passengers each, which aligns with West Ben-

gal's objectives to enhance transportation services and promote eco-friendly tourism solutions. The focus on electric ferries underlines the state's commitment to sustainable development and innovation in public transportation infrastructure. The completion of this project is slated for within 18 months from the date of contract signing, underscoring a timeline that allows for meticulous planning and execution. The contract does not fall into related party transactions, and there is no interest from any

promoter or promoter group entities in the awarding organisation, as confirmed by the GRSE.

This new order not only signifies an expansion of GRSEs' operational capabilities but also highlights the company's role in contributing to the state's transport initiatives. The integration of electric ferries is expected to significantly benefit both tourism and local commuting by offering a clean, efficient, and reliable mode of transport. The market response to this strategic order is likely to be positive, as it mirrors broader trends towards energy-efficient technologies and sustainable tourism development. Observers within the financial and industrial sectors will be watching to see how the execution of this project unfolds and its subsequent impact on the state's tourism growth and the company's financial performance.

30 vehicles gutted in a fire at car showroom in Madhyamgram

MI News Service, Kolkata : At least 30 vehicles were gutted in a fire that broke out at a car showroom on Jessore Road at Madhyamgram area in North 24 Parganas district in the early hours of Monday, police said. However, there were no reports of any fatality or injury in the blaze that erupted around 4.45 am in the Northern fringe of the city, they said adding eight fire tenders took around three hours to douse the flames. "the ball of fire spread to other parts of the showroom within minutes. Fire tenders from Madhyamgram and Birati were the first to arrive. Several more fire engines were also pressed into service later," said a senior district police official.



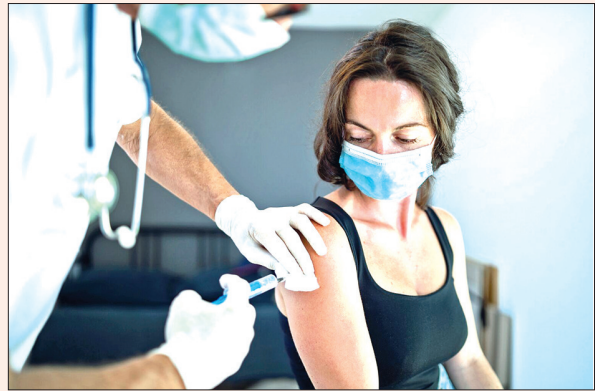
"The cooling process is underway at present. The exact cause of the fire can be ascertained only after a probe," the officer said adding the fire also caused traffic congestion on Jessore Road in the busy morning hours. "We have managed to bring the blaze under control. However, there was no firefighting or fire safety measure inside the showroom," Madhyamgram Fire Station Officer Shubhashis Nath said. The cooling process is still underway and authorities will determine the exact cause of the fire after completing the investigation, officials said. As a result of the massive fire roughly 30 vehicles were completely gutted or badly damaged. As many as 22 new cars were completely burned while several others sustained damage of different scales.

How well do COVID antivirals actually work?

MI News Service, New Delhi / Mumbai : If you're aged over 70, or over 50 with underlying health conditions, and have tested positive for COVID, you might have been offered free or subsidised antivirals. Earlier in the pandemic, these medicines were an important way to reduce the chance of people becoming severely ill with COVID, needing to be hospitalised, or dying. But our new research suggests that with high levels of vaccination and immunity from previous infections, COVID antivirals are no longer working as well.

One was for nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (Paxlovid), which reported an 89% reduction in severe illness. The other was a trial of molnupiravir (Lagevrio), which reported a 30% reduction. Paxlovid and Lagevrio work by stopping SARS-CoV-2 from replicating. So they need to be taken early in the course of illness – within five days – to be effective. Both drugs became available in India and were listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in early and mid-2022. This ensured people most at risk of severe illness had access to drugs at low or no cost.

Paxlovid and Lagevrio are expensive. A course of treatment cost the government around USD 1,100 from 2022 to 2025, much more than the treatment for influenza, oseltamivir (Tamiflu), which is only around USD 40. Between mid-2022 and mid-2025 several governments in the world spent more than USD 2 billion on



Paxlovid and Lagevrio. Most people in the world including in India have now been vaccinated against COVID and infected with SARS-CoV-2 more than once. This results in hybrid immunity and reduces the likelihood and severity of future infections.

The virus itself has also changed, with the original variants replaced by new ones that appear to be less severe than early in the pandemic. These changes prompted the researchers to

evaluate the more recent evidence. First, they examined randomised controlled trials – the gold standard of evidence and found eight trials of Paxlovid and Lagevrio, but most were done before people were vaccinated. "When we looked at the two randomised control trials in vaccinated people, neither reported a reduction in severe outcomes after taking either Paxlovid or Lagevrio", one researcher said adding that the Lagevrio trial re-

ported no statistical difference in hospitalisation or death in people who did and didn't receive treatment. The other was a trial of people in hospital who were treated with Paxlovid. It found no difference in the people treated and not treated. There were some nuances to these findings. Randomised controlled trials are expensive and resource-intensive. As COVID went from being the leading cause of death worldwide in 2021 to the 20th in 2023, it became more difficult to justify the costs and recruit enough participants, so some trials were stopped early. However, two randomised controlled trials of Paxlovid have been published since the research work, and neither reported a reduction in hospitalisation or death. In phase two of the research, "we looked at the 35 observational studies, where researchers can include many more people but can't control who gets the treatment.

We pooled the results from the studies to estimate the effectiveness for each drug against hospitalisation and death", the researcher said. This meta-analysis found Paxlovid, but not Lagevrio, reduced hospitalisation and death. Paxlovid was associated with a 40% reduction in hospitalisation and a 67% reduction in death. Lagevrio wasn't associated with a significant reduction in hospitalisation and the results were mixed against death. Because the treatment wasn't randomised, there may be differences between people who received treatment and those who didn't. People accessing treatment, for example, may have greater health literacy or access to other health services.

While some studies use methods to adjust for differences in people who do and don't receive treatment, it's usually not possible to adjust for every difference.

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Minor student allegedly harassed during tuition, tutor arrested

MI News Service, Basanti: A 71-year-old private tutor has been arrested in South 24 Parganas after being accused of sexually harassing a third-grade girl during a tuition session, triggering widespread outrage in the Jharkhali area of Basanti. Police have initiated an investigation under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The accused, identified as

Subhash Chandra Mistry, is a resident of the area and has reportedly been tutoring local students for several years. According to the complaint lodged by the minor's family, Mistry allegedly subjected the child to sexual misconduct while he had gone to her residence to teach her on Sunday afternoon. The alleged incident came to light soon after the tuition session, following which the girl's family

confronted the situation and approached the police. The family has also alleged that attempts were subsequently made to persuade them to settle the matter privately. They have rejected such pressure and demanded strict punishment for the accused. Following receipt of the complaint, Jharkhali police arrested Mistry. The accused was subsequently produced before the Alipore court on Monday.

After considering the matter, the court ordered that he be sent to judicial custody. Police said the minor underwent a medical examination at Canning Hospital in accordance with the requirements of the POCSO Act. She received initial treatment and was later allowed to return home. According to police, her condition is currently stable. Investigators are examining the circumstances surrounding the alleged incident, recording statements and gathering relevant evidence. Officials are also expected to examine whether anyone attempted to influence the family or obstruct the legal process after the allegation emerged. The case has generated considerable anger among residents, particularly because the accused was known locally as a tutor who had been teaching children for a long period. The allegations have intensified concerns over the safety of minors in informal tuition settings, where children may be placed in close contact with adults outside the supervision of their parents. Authorities have stressed the importance of allowing the investigation to proceed according to law. The allegations against the accused will be subject to judicial scrutiny as the case progresses. The incident has also prompted renewed calls for parents to remain vigilant about children's safety and to ensure that any complaint involving a minor is reported promptly to the appropriate authorities rather than being settled through private pressure.

CCTV captures brutal assault, Noapara man dies

MI News Service, Noapara: A 30-year-old man, identified as Shekhar Chowdhury alias Bunty, was allegedly beaten to death in Garulia under the Noapara Assembly constituency, triggering tension across the area and raising fresh questions over law and order. Shekhar, who was associated with former Noapara MLA Sunil Singh as his personal assistant, died at a private hospital in Kolkata late Sunday night after battling critical injuries. The incident reportedly began on Wednesday night when several youths were allegedly drinking alcohol at a club near Shekhar's residence. According to local accounts, Shekhar objected to the activity, following which an altercation broke out. What began as a confrontation allegedly escalated into a violent assault. Shekhar was reportedly attacked and struck with bricks during the clash.

BPCL Brings Next-Generation LPG Experience

MI News Service, Rourkela: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a Fortune Global 500 company and a Maharatna PSU, is bringing a new-age LPG experience to consumers across Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Cuttack and Rourkela with the rollout of Bharatgas Lite ZIP, its premium convenience-led LPG offering. Available in Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Cuttack and Rourkela in Odisha, the rollout brings together BPCL's lightweight Bharatgas Lite composite cylinder, Instant New Connection and Express Delivery, creating an integrated proposition designed around the changing lifestyles and expectations of today's LPG consumers.

InfinityDAO Moves Toward US\$1 Billion Insurance Protection for IDL Ecosystem

MI News Service, Kolkata: InfinityDAO, the AI-driven decentralized-finance ecosystem behind the IDL token, is moving to establish an institutional-scale insurance protection programme with an aggregate insured value of up to US\$1 billion, marking a significant step toward stronger risk management, user protection and institutional credibility within the digital-asset market. Underwriter final policy issuance, underwriting terms, limits and exclusions, the insurance structure is being arranged through a UK-based specialist crypto insurance syndicate and is intended to provide multiple layers of protection for the InfinityDAO ecosystem, its stakeholders and qualifying insured interests.



Members of Sachetan Nagarik O Prouddha Samaj (Conscious Citizens and Enlightened/Awakened Society) took part in a protest rally against the alleged reactionary Communist conspiracy at Jadavpur University, held in Jadavpur, Kolkata, on Monday.

Bombs, threat note, Arson: Tension grips Nanoor

MI News Service, Birbhum: A late-night bomb attack targeting the residence of a BJP leader in Nanoor, Birbhum, has triggered tension in the area, with allegations of political intimidation and violence emerging from Tiluti village. The incident occurred at around 2 am on Sunday, when a bomb was allegedly hurled at the house of Rasmoy Das, general secretary of the BJP's Nanoor-1 Mandal.

According to sources, the adjoining BJP party office was also set ablaze during the incident. White canisters, a garland, incense sticks and an alleged threatening letter were

reportedly found outside Das's residence, adding a disturbing dimension to the attack. Police subsequently recovered a fresh bomb from the spot. The incident has led to accusations against Trinamool Congress supporters. Das alleged that a dispute had developed in the village over an electricity bill connected with a drinking-water facility. According to his account, money had been collected from villagers to pay the electricity bill for the submarine pump, and the funds were allegedly in the possession of some Trinamool leaders. A demand was made for the bill to be paid, following which tensions

reportedly escalated between Trinamool leaders and several families supporting the BJP. The situation took a dangerous turn in the early hours when the alleged bomb attack took place at Das's residence. Panic spread rapidly through the village following the explosion and the reported arson at the party office. A local fisherman was also injured in the incident. According to preliminary information, the man was travelling by car to go fishing in a nearby pond when a bomb reportedly struck the vehicle's wheel as he was taking a turn. The resulting explosion damaged the tyre and left him injured. After receiving

information, personnel from Nanoor police station reached the area and began examining the scene. Police recovered the suspected explosive and initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the attack. The incident has once again brought political tension and allegations of violence to the fore in Nanoor. Investigators are now examining the recovered materials, the alleged threatening letter and other evidence from the spot to establish the sequence of events and identify those responsible. No definitive conclusion regarding the perpetrators has been announced so far.

BJP takes control of Haripur panchayat in Nadia

MI News Service, Shantipur: The BJP on Monday took control of the Haripur gram panchayat in Nadia's Shantipur block, marking another shift in the local political equations following the change of government in West Bengal.



The new board was formed after Haripur panchayat chief Biren Mahato and deputy chief Sadhana Biswas resigned a few days ago. The block administration subsequently fixed August 24 for the formation of a new board. The 30-member panchayat had 20 Trinamool Congress members, nine BJP members and one Congress member. Despite having fewer elected members than the TMC, the BJP managed to form the board after TMC members reportedly remained absent from Monday's meeting. The Congress member supported the BJP, paving the way for

the saffron party to take control of the panchayat. BJP's Papon Barman was elected as the new pradhan, while Nilima Sarkar Mondal was elected deputy pradhan. The change in control comes at a significant juncture for Nadia, where the BJP has strengthened its political position following the 2026 Assembly elections. The

Election Commission's final results show the BJP won the Shantipur Assembly seat with 1,17,941 votes, defeating Trinamool's Brajakishore Goswami, who polled 72,565 votes. The newly formed board has said its focus will be on development work in Haripur and ensuring that government schemes and civic services

reach residents. The BJP has also alleged irregularities during the previous panchayat board's tenure and said the accounts would be audited again. These allegations could not be independently verified. The BJP's takeover of Haripur is particularly noteworthy because the party did not have a majority of elected members on its own. The absence of the TMC members and the support extended by the lone Congress member proved decisive in the board formation. Haripur is one of the gram panchayats under the Shantipur community development block in Nadia district. The development is expected to trigger further political debate in the area, with the new BJP-led board now facing the challenge of demonstrating that the change in political control translates into improved delivery of basic services and development projects.

Krishnanagar Durga idol heads to Japan, crafted by 20-year-old artisan

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: A 4ft 2in Durga idol crafted by a 20-year-old artisan from Krishnanagar is set to travel to Japan, giving the town's famed clay-art tradition another international showcase. The fibre-glass idol, made by sixthitla-based artisan Agnib Pal, was completed after nearly three months of work and is now awaiting shipment. The order came from Japan around Buddha Purnima through one of Pal's relatives. Despite being made of fibre glass, the idol's creation began with clay. Pal first sculpted the complete idol in clay, following which a mould was prepared and the design transferred to fibre glass. The finishing work, including painting, ornamentation and decoration, was then carried out by the young artisan. The choice of fibre glass



was primarily driven by durability and transportation. Unlike traditional clay idols, which are relatively fragile, fibre-glass idols are sturdier and can withstand long-distance handling better. This makes them more suitable for shipment overseas and for longer-term preservation. For Pal, however, the material does not diminish the

importance of traditional clay craftsmanship. "I worked on the idol for nearly three months after receiving the order. It feels special knowing that something made by my own hands will travel to another country. I am particularly happy that I have been able to take a piece of Krishnanagar's artistic tradition to an international audience,"

he said. Pal also believes that clay remains unmatched when it comes to showcasing an artisan's finer skills. The material allows artists to bring out intricate detailing, facial expressions and delicate craftsmanship more naturally. The Japan-bound idol is also significant for Pal personally. At just 20, the young artisan is attempting to combine Krishnanagar's traditional sculpting techniques with a material better suited to international transportation. His work has drawn appreciation from fellow artisans in the town, where idol-making remains closely associated with its centuries-old artistic identity.

With the idol now ready at his workshop in Sixthitla, Pal is busy with the final preparations before it leaves Krishnanagar for Japan.

Ambulance Driver to ISRO: Nadia Youth Turns Setbacks Into Success

MI News Service, Nadia: For Devjit Bhadra of Gangapur in Nadia, the journey from driving a government ambulance to securing a job at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been anything but easy. Working nearly 12 hours a day as an ambulance driver at Shakhtinagar District Hospital, Bhadra continued preparing for competitive examinations with one goal in mind-to work for India's premier space agency. Bhadra is now set to join the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota as a Technician-B, marking a significant turnaround in his



career. His preparation took place largely outside conventional classrooms. With long working hours leaving little time for studies, Bhadra relied heavily on YouTube-based learning. He watched educational videos and online classes whenever he could find time, while also taking assistance from coaching centres to strengthen his preparation.

Success, however, did not come easily. Bhadra reportedly faced failure five to six times in competitive examinations. Instead of giving up, he used each setback to reassess his preparation and return to the next examination with renewed determination. His family said financial constraints and work pressure never stopped him from pursuing his ambition. His mother, Chhayana Bhadra, said the family never stood in the way of his aspirations despite financial difficulties. Instead, they encouraged him to continue pursuing his goal. His father, Dipak Bhadra, is equally delighted at the new

chapter in his son's career. His wife, Priyanka Bhadra, too, has expressed pride in his achievement. For Bhadra, the transition from spending long hours behind the wheel of an ambulance to joining one of India's most significant space establishments is more than a career change. It is the culmination of years of persistence, self-study and repeated attempts. His story also underlines how digital learning platforms such as YouTube can become an important educational resource for aspirants who have limited access to conventional coaching and study time.

'Egg therapy' for Bakura headmaster over fund irregularity

MI News Service, Bankura: Tension erupted at Banki Sendarra High School after an agitated group of local residents humiliated the headmaster, Sadhan Chandra Pal, over allegations of financial irregularities involving school funds. The headmaster was reportedly dragged outside the school premises, made to sit on a chair in the rain and subjected to egg throwing and the smearing of cow dung on his head.

The incident followed repeated protests by villagers, who have accused Pal of misappropriating money allocated for the mid-day meal programme and diverting funds from the school's development account. The allegations have triggered anger, with residents surrounding the headmaster and demanding accountability. Pal arrived at the school when a crowd confronted him and took him outside

the gate. He was made to sit on a chair as protesters raised slogans branding him a "thief". Eggs were hurled at him, while some members of the crowd allegedly smeared cow dung over his head. Police from Bankura Sadar Police Station reached the school after receiving information about the confrontation and intervened amid the tension. The School Education Department has initiated an inquiry into the allegations surrounding the school's finances in the ongoing inquiry. Residents maintained that the diversion of school funds must be investigated and any money found to have been misappropriated should be recovered. "This school is 150 years old. Nothing like this has happened before. It has become a disgrace," a protester said. Pal, however, rejected the allegations and claimed that investigations had failed to establish

Why CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) helps businesses



Nabin Kumar Sahoo (Company Secretary)
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) helps businesses build public trust, managing operational risks, and improve brand reputation by actively addressing social and environmental needs rather than focusing solely on profits.

KEY Benefits of CSR
Better Brand Image: Customers prefer buying from brands that support ethical and green causes.
Happier Workers: People feel proud to work for a company with a clear and positive social purpose.
Lower Costs: Using eco-friendly and energy-saving habits helps cut down utility and material waste.
Easier Access to Funds: Investors look closely at sustainable goals before backing a firm.
Less Trouble with Rules: Fixing issues early keeps companies clear of heavy fines or strict new laws.
CORE Operational Areas:
Direct Cost reduction and efficiency: Integrating waste management into CSR strategies B2B

Market Dominance & Compliance. Implementing a circular economy model helps secure lucrative long-term supplier partnerships. Remove the risk of forced labor or environmental violations in sub-tier supply chains.
Valuation Premium : Institutional financiers aggressively favor companies with strong Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) records
Labor Stabilization & Retention : Placing a heavy CSR focus on employee health, strict safety governance and fair wages significantly reduces absenteeism and improves plant floor productivity.

Mantras Foundation hosted the Grand Finale of the Environment Champion Quiz 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mantras Foundation hosted the Grand Finale of the Environment Champion Quiz 2026 – 3rd Edition at The Heritage School, Kolkata, bringing together school students, educators, institutional leaders, industry representatives and distinguished guests to promote environmental awareness and youth leadership.



Mantras Crowns Young Environment Champions.

Ashok Hall Girls' Higher Secondary School emerged as the winner of the third edition. Ideal Public School, Kulgachia secured the second position, while Lions Calcutta Greater Vidya Mandir finished third. The Environment Champion Quiz is a flagship initiative of Mantras Foundation aimed at promoting environmental awareness, sustainability and responsible citizenship among school students. Through the quiz, students are encouraged to deepen their understanding of environmental issues while developing curiosity, teamwork and a sense of responsibility towards the planet. The Grand Finale featured several rounds, including the Preliminary Round, Knowledge & Awareness Round, Visual/Audio & Rapid-Fire Round, Semi-Final and Final Round. The competition was followed by a ceremonial and cultural

programme featuring the felicitation of distinguished guests, Ganesh Vandana, a welcome dance, result declaration, prize distribution, special addresses and the screening of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" video. The event was graced by Mayapati Khemka, Chairman, Mantras Foundation; Vibhor Tandon, President, Mantras Foundation; and Pragya Jhunjhunwala, National Secretary, Mantras Foundation. Several other distinguished personalities, including B. D. Surana, Mukesh Parekh, Manoj Bhrolia, Amar Bhartiya, K K Jalan, K S Adhikary, Manish Drolia, Seema Saproo, Piya Nandy, Chandra Shekhar Yadav from Praxis Skills and Atul Singh, were also present. The initiative was powered

by SBI and Duroproly, with EMC Limited and Emami Group as CSR Partners. Heritage Group and CAGS College supported the initiative. Partner organisations included Lions Club of Calcutta Tollygunge, MASA Forum, Rabindra Sarovar Friends Forum, Concern for Calcutta and Praxis Skills. IDFC FIRST Bank, Sigma Energy, Manafuli Group, Federal Bank, Anmol Biscuits and WIN Pens also extended support. The successful conclusion of the third edition marked another milestone in Mantras Foundation's efforts to strengthen environmental learning and responsible citizenship among young people. The Grand Finale concluded with the felicitation of the winning teams and participating institutions.

Bandhan Bank Marks 11th Anniversary With 2,000th Branch Milestone

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank marked its 11th anniversary on Monday by inaugurating its 2,000th branch at Egmore in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, taking its total number of banking outlets across India to 6,400.

The milestone further strengthens the bank's presence across urban, semi-urban and rural areas and places it among the top three private sector banks in terms of its branch network. The bank said the expansion reflects its focus on improving financial access and bringing banking services closer to customers across the country. On the occasion, Bandhan Bank also launched mBandhanLite, a simplified mobile banking application designed specifically for its microfinance customers. The platform aims to make digital banking more accessi-

ble and user-friendly, offering features including Aadhaar-based onboarding, account tracking, loan repayment, access to statements and certificates, chatbot assistance and multilingual support in English, Hindi and Bengali. Commenting on the milestones, Bandhan Bank MD and CEO Partha Pratim Sengupta said the opening of the 2,000th branch demonstrated the scale of the bank's growth and its commitment to expanding banking access across geographies. He said mBandhanLite reflected the bank's focus on providing essential digital services to microfinance customers. Bandhan Bank currently operates across 35 of India's 36 states and Union Territories and serves more than 3.2 crore customers through its network of 6,400 banking outlets.

Bengal working towards full NEP 2020...

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it could not have done so. All issues have now been resolved, and we will receive the entire allocation for this financial year," he said. Outlining the roadmap for modernising government schools, the Chief Minister said component grants would be released to nearly 81,000 schools across the state. "Gas-based cooking will be adopted for mid-day meals across all schools, while solar panels will be installed in a phased manner. Clean and hygienic toilets, along with arsenic-free drinking water, will be provided, beginning with Birbhum, Bankura, Purulia and Jhargram districts," he said. Suvendu Adhikari also announced that ceiling fans would be installed in all schools that currently lack them to provide relief to students during the summer months. In addition, he directed the installation of sanitary napkin vending machines in girls' schools and recommended the use of water purifiers to promote a healthier learning environment. The Chief Minister said the government would also conduct strict inspections of private educational institutions and private universities that have been granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs). Emphasising transparency in teacher recruitment, Suvendu Adhikari said appointments would be made strictly on merit, free from political interference. "We discussed maintaining complete transparency in teacher recruitment by keeping politics out of the process and ensuring appointments are based solely on merit. The reservation roster for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes will also be implemented transparently. To oversee the process, we have appointed an administrator of Chief Secretary rank," he said. The Chief Minister further stated that the state government would withdraw the pending OBC reservation case from the Supreme Court to expedite teacher recruitment.

"The previous government created this issue by mishandling the OBC reservation policy. We have corrected that through a new law passed in the Assembly. However, since the previous government had approached the Supreme Court, the state will now formally withdraw the case. Once that happens, the remaining 6,000 teacher appointments will be completed, in addition to the 6,000 already assured," he said. The Chief Minister also proposed reforms in school governance by giving parents a greater role in the management of educational institutions. "I have asked the Education Minister to amend the education law and introduce a Bill in the Assembly at the earliest so that the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of School Management Committees can be entrusted to parents. This system exists in several other states, but it had not been implemented in West Bengal," CM Adhikari said.

Abhishek's bank account reactivated following KYC

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approached the Calcutta High Court's single-judge bench of Justice Krishna Rao accusing the bank authorities of freezing his personal account and blocking his debit and credit cards without informing him and that too just before his scheduled US trip for ophthalmic treatment as permitted by the Supreme Court earlier this month. As the matter came up for hearing on Monday, the bank authorities informed Justice Rao's bench that the debit transactions were imposed and debit and credit cards were earlier blocked because of pending Know Your Customer (KYC) updating. Now, with the KYC being updated, the debit restrictions have been lifted, and the debit and credit cards of the Diamond Harbour MP have been reactivated, the bank authorities informed the court. The lawyer for the bank also informed the court that Abhishek Banerjee's account was temporarily frozen and the bank authorities did not take that step intentionally. According to the bank's counsel, Abhishek Banerjee's name was involved in another case and after receiving that news, the account was frozen for some time as per normal procedure, and now it has been made operational again. After hearing the bank's argument, Justice Rao disposed of the case. At the end of the hearing, Justice Rao issued an advice to the bank authorities to always inform the concerned customer before imposing debit restrictions on a bank account. Justice Rao also advised that this practice should be followed not only for Abhishek Banerjee, but for all customers. Justice Rao also advised the bank authorities to update the customers in advance about the reason for imposing debit restrictions.

How well do COVID antivirals actually

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COVID can still cause severe illness, hospitalisation and death, particularly in older people. If you test positive for COVID, talk to your GP about whether antivirals may be appropriate for you. The research work shows there may be some benefit from Paxlovid. But as the number of cases and the risk of severe illness continues to fall, this benefit is becoming very small. Given how little evidence there is for Lagevrio, its role in treating COVID should be carefully considered. Harms of antivirals can include side effects – such as taste changes, nausea and vomiting – and allergic reactions. Paxlovid can also interact with other drugs, causing serious reactions. It should be avoided, or the dose adjusted, in people with severe liver or kidney disease because it can make these conditions worse. Meanwhile, Australia's independent Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) is set to review COVID antivirals later in 2026. It will assess the costs and benefits of Paxlovid and Lagevrio and it may change its recommendations about who can access the drugs on the PBS.



Minister-in-Charge of the Departments of Panchayats and Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing, Dilip Ghosh, addresses a session on "Business Opportunities in West Bengal in a Changing Scenario", organised by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, in Kolkata on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya.

Agnimitra Paul Defends Eviction, Says No Illegal Occupation Will Be Allowed

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Paul has defended the government's ongoing drive against illegal constructions, encroachments and unauthorised parking, saying no one would be allowed to occupy government land or obstruct public roads and footpaths. She said the government was committed to keeping the city clean, accessible and free of illegal structures. Paul recently came under criticism after a video showing her asking a woman living on a footpath on Free School Street to move away went viral on social media. The woman had reportedly been using a stove to heat milk for her infant beside the busy road. Opposition leaders criticised the minister's action, prompting Paul to respond to the controversy.

Paul accused successive governments of failing to address the issue of slum development and footpath encroachments. She alleged that previous administrations had allowed illegal hawking and occupation of footpaths in exchange for money and said she would



not take lessons in humanitarianism from the Opposition. Questioning the safety of the child, Paul said Free School Street remained a busy road with vehicles moving throughout the day. She pointed out that a six-month-old child was crawling near the roadside while the mother and grandmother were reportedly at some distance. She questioned who would be held responsible if an accident occurred. The minister said the government had already held meetings on slum development and claimed that the family had earlier been asked to return to their home in Dhapa. She questioned why the family was using

the Park Street-area footpath for cooking if they had a place to stay elsewhere. Paul also claimed that the woman's son had earlier been released after being accused of theft. She maintained that footpaths belonged neither to the rich nor the poor but were meant for public use and should remain free for pedestrians in accordance with Supreme Court directives.

According to Paul, the Opposition was uncomfortable with the removal of illegal parking and encroachments. She argued that clean and accessible roads were essential for attracting investment and generating employment, as investors would hesitate to enter a city with congested roads, encroached footpaths and inadequate infrastructure. Paul said the government was working to improve roads and drainage and referred to the Chief Minister's deadline of October 10 for repairing roads across the state. She asserted that the government had come to power with a strong public mandate and would continue implementing development measures.

Bengal Police Arrests 107 Cyber Fraudsters in Seven-Day Crackdown

MI News Service, Kolkata:

In a major crackdown on cybercrime, the West Bengal Police arrested 107 alleged cyber fraudsters during a seven-day statewide operation named 'Operation Prhar'. The campaign was launched amid growing concerns over digital fraud, including the increasingly common 'digital arrest' scam, which has emerged as a major challenge for investigators. According to police sources, 69 cases were registered across the state in connection with cyber fraud amounting to around Rs 92.644 crore. Based on these cases, police teams conducted searches at multiple locations in Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal and arrested 107 people allegedly involved in cybercrime networks. The operation was conducted by the Cyber Crime Wing of the West Bengal Police. Investigators first gathered intelligence on suspected cybercriminals and subsequently identified locations considered to be cybercrime hotspots. Teams then carried out coordinated searches and arrests across the state as part of the seven-day operation.

Police said the crackdown focused on disrupting organised cybercrime networks rather than targeting individual fraud cases alone. During the investigation, authorities detected three alleged fake call centres that were reportedly being used to facilitate cyber fraud. Investigators also monitored mule accounts, including bank accounts allegedly obtained or rented illegally for transferring proceeds of fraud. Suspicious bank branches, ATMs and cash withdrawal points were placed under surveillance as part of the operation. Police teams further tracked locations allegedly involved in the distribution and supply of fake or fraudulent SIM cards. Areas from which cybercrime networks were suspected to be operating were also identified and monitored during the operation.



The NSG's 29 Special Composite Group (SCG) conducted an operational reconnaissance of Kalighat Temple on August 24 and is scheduled to continue the exercise through August 27, 2026, as part of an assessment of vital installations, in coordination with the Kolkata Police, STF and the Kolkata Commando Unit.

Snakebite at School: Student Hospitalised at SSKM

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Class I student of Mitra Institution was allegedly bitten by a snake inside the school premises on Monday morning, days after a similar incident involving a student of a private school in Kolkata. The child, a resident of Tollygunge, is currently undergoing treatment at SSKM Hospital and is reported to be in stable condition.

The injured student has been identified as Dripto Pal. According to his family, the incident took place between around 9 am and 10 am when students were playing inside the school premises. The snake allegedly bit the child on his left hand. It remains unclear how the reptile entered the classroom, raising questions about the

circumstances surrounding the incident. The child reportedly informed his teachers immediately after being bitten. School authorities promptly rescued him and took him to SSKM Hospital. He was initially admitted to the emergency department, where doctors conducted several examinations, including blood tests. According to hospital sources, the test results indicated the presence of snake venom in the child's blood. Doctors are closely monitoring his condition, though his health was reported to be stable. The incident has left the child's family concerned, particularly as they claimed there were no obvious conditions inside the school that could have attracted a snake.



ABVP, BMS and ABRSM hold a joint press conference on the prevailing situation at Jadavpur University outside Aurobindo Bhavan in Kolkata on Monday.

Centre, Bengal to Crack Down on Sugar Hoarding as Prices Surge

MI News Service, Kolkata: Rising sugar prices are beginning to pinch both consumers and sweet manufacturers in West Bengal, with the price of sugar increasing by more than Rs 20 per kg over the past three weeks. Amid concerns that the rising input cost could push up the price of sweets and other confectionery products, the Centre and state government have decided to step up surveillance against hoarding and black marketing. The state will conduct a special drive from September 1 to No-

vember 30 to check illegal stocking of sugar during the festive season. The Centre has also said that its officials may join the state authorities in joint inspections wherever required.

The move assumes significance as the festive season begins next month, with Durga Puja, Bengal's biggest festival, scheduled in October, followed by a series of other celebrations. Sweets remain an integral part of festivities in the state, making sugar an essential commodity for businesses. The Union Ministry of Consumer Af-

fairs, Food and Public Distribution has written to Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Agarwal, directing state officials to maintain strict surveillance and prevent unauthorised stockpiling of sugar.

Under the guidelines, businesses that require large quantities of sugar, including confectionery manufacturers, soft drink producers, large sweet shops and food processing companies, will not be permitted to store more than 10 metric tonnes or maintain stocks for over 15 consecutive days. The

authorities have been directed to conduct physical inspections of stocks and take action against traders and businesses found violating the prescribed limits. Officials will monitor stock levels to prevent artificial shortages and illegal hoarding during the festive period. The Centre has warned that violations could attract a minimum jail term of three months, apart from financial penalties. The state authorities have been asked to ensure strict enforcement of the guidelines and intensify inspections in markets and

commercial establishments. The sharp rise in sugar prices has already raised concerns among sweet shop owners, who fear that higher production costs could affect sales during the festive season. Any further increase in retail prices of sweets could also put additional pressure on household budgets.

With the festive season expected to generate increased demand for sugar, authorities are now focusing on ensuring adequate availability and preventing speculative stocking and black marketing.

KOLKATA hosts session on Business Opportunities in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised a special session on "Business Opportunities in West Bengal in a Changing Scenario" in Kolkata. The session was graced by Dilip Ghosh, Minister in-Charge of the Departments of Panchayats and Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing, Government of West Bengal, as the distinguished speaker.

Anant Saharia, President, Calcutta Chamber said that West Bengal offers considerable opportunities for investment supported by workforce

and expanding Infrastructure engagement between further strengthen the business environment in the state. In his address, Dilip Ghosh outlined the growth initiatives aimed at strengthening government policies, programmes and outlook. He said that West Bengal's industrial revival has started with the change of guard in West Bengal and all efforts are on to build up a congenial business atmosphere in the state. The Interactive session provided members of the business community to directly interact with the Minister.

Awareness camp on Traffic rules held at Dunlop More



MI News Service, Kolkata:

A discussion on traffic rules and awareness camp was held at Dunlop More in collaboration with the Barrackpore Police Commissionerate and the Dunlop Punjab Youth Club on Monday. During the event free helmets are distributed to the two-wheeler riders. Baranagar MLA

Sajal Ghosh, DCP (Traffic) Rajnarayan Mukherjee, and the organization's convener Surajit Singh were present in the event. During the awareness camp two-wheeler riders are urged to wear helmets before setting out from home. Apart from that they urges everyone to follow traffic rules.

Woman Killed, Two Injured as Old Tree Falls at SSKM Hospital

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A woman was killed and two others, including a child, were seriously injured after a large old tree suddenly uprooted and fell at the SSKM Hospital premises on Monday morning, triggering panic among patients and their relatives. According to eyewitnesses and hospital sources, the incident occurred at around 8 am near the Urology Department, when the hospital campus was crowded with patients, attendants and visitors. The huge tree, believed to have stood on the premises for several years, suddenly gave way and crashed to the ground. A woman standing nearby was trapped underneath the falling tree and suffered fatal injuries. She died at the spot. The sudden incident caused chaos on the hospital premises, with patients and atten-

dants rushing to the site. A child and another person were also trapped under the fallen tree and sustained serious injuries. Local people, hospital staff and police personnel immediately joined the rescue operation and worked to pull the victims out from beneath the branches and debris.

The injured were subsequently rushed to the emergency department of SSKM Hospital, where they are currently undergoing treatment. The condition of the injured was not immediately known.

The incident has raised questions over the maintenance and safety of old trees within the hospital campus. Relatives of patients alleged that the authorities should have inspected the large, ageing tree earlier and taken necessary measures to prevent any mishap.

Change of Name
I, Shri Srinandal Shaw (Old Name) S/o Late Lakhin Shaw Residing at 1/1, Cebra Gosteharan Road, Po- Goshinda Khatrik Road, Ps- Topsia, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700046, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shri Srinandal Shaw (Old Name) to Nandlal Shaw (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Nandlal Shaw (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 24-08-2026. Nandlal Shaw (New Name) and Shri Srinandal Shaw (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Rafique Rahaman Midhya (Old Name) S/o Fajlu Rahaman Midhya Residing at 38, S N Banerjee Road, Po - Entally Ps - Taltala, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Rafique Rahaman Midhya (Old Name) to Rafique Rahaman Midhya (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rafique Rahaman Midhya (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 24-08-2026. Rafique Rahaman Midhya (New Name) and Rafique Rahaman Midhya (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Shukkur Ali Molla (Old Name) S/o Tmijudin Molla Residing at Vill - Goran Bose, Po - Nafarganj, Ps - Basanti, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743312, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shukkur Ali Molla (Old Name) to Abbas Shukur Molla (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Abbas Shukur Molla (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 24-08-2026. Abbas Shukur Molla (New Name) and Shukkur Ali Molla (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Vijay Gupta (Old Name) S/o Satnarayan Gupta Residing at Plot No - 175, Block - GC, 3rd Floor, Sector - 3, Salt Lake City, Po - IB Maricel, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700106, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Vijay Gupta (Old Name) to Vijay Kumar Gupta (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Vijay Kumar Gupta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 12-08-2026. Vijay Kumar Gupta (New Name) and Vijay Gupta (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sk Hasibul (Old Name) S/o Sk Raisuddin Residing at Dwipamalit, Po - Birampur, Dwipamalit, District - Howrah, Pin - 711303, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sk Hasibul (Old Name) to Sk Hasibul Jamal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Hasibul Jamal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 21-08-2026. Sk Hasibul Jamal (New Name) and Sk Hasibul (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, MANALI GUHA MALLICK, D/o BIRENDRA NATH GUHA MALLICK, resident of Vill & P.O. Bishalakshnipur, P.S. Kakdwip, District South 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my father's correct name is **BIRENDRA NATH GUHA MALLICK**. His name has been incorrectly recorded as **BIRENDRA GUHA MOLLIK** in my academic documents issued by West Bengal and WBCSSE, and as **BIRENDRA NATH GUHA MALLIK** in my Voter Card No. WIK2025211. **BIRENDRA GUHA MOLLIK, BIRENDRA NATH GUHA MALLIK and BIRENDRA NATH GUHA MALLICK** are one and the same identical person. This declaration is made for rectification of the aforesaid records vide Affidavit No. 12824, dt. 13.08. 2026, sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kakdwip.

Name Change
I, Md Reyazuddin Ansari, S/o Nooruddin Ansari, R/o Thaipara, Sarai, Pandua, Hooghly - 712149, WB., do hereby declare that, my daughter's correct name is Firdhousi Khatun as per her Birth Certificate. However, her name has been wrongly recorded as Ashiya Mohammad Riyajuddin in her Aadhaar Card and as Firdaushi Khatun in her Ration Card. By virtue of this affidavit, I change these names and declare that her correct name is Firdhousi Khatun for all future and official purposes. It is further declared that Firdhousi Khatun, Ashiya Mohammad Riyajuddin, and Firdaushi Khatun, D/o Md Reyazuddin Ansari, are the same person and henceforth I have an affidavit No. 19619, sworn before the Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 14/08/2026.

Name Change
I, Nkr Name, Wife of No. 8023909H Rank Ex Noor Name Late Saikh Maniruzzaman resident of Vill.-Saota, P.O.- Saota, Dist.- Birbhum (WB), Pin- 731301 have change my Name & Date of birth from Noor Bano & 01 Apr 1958 to Nurbano Bibi & 01 Aug 1965 vide Affidavit dated 21.08.26 before Ld. J.M. 1st Class at Bolpur, Birbhum

I, URMILA DEVI TAPARIA, W/o- Sri JAIPRAKASH TAPARIA, residing at 493/C/A, G.T. Road(S), Vivek Vihar, Phase-4, Block-6, Flat-4A, P.S.- Shibpur, Dist.- Howrah, PIN- 711102, WB., do hereby declare that in my children's School Certificate my name was recorded as URMILA TAPARIA instead of URMILA DEVI TAPARIA. On 20.11.2025 vide an affidavit (no. 8338) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, I affirm that URMILA DEVI TAPARIA & URMILA TAPARIA is one and same identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME

I am Mostafijur rohaman S/O Mijanur rahaman Born on 02/05/1997 at Nurpur karai Banshihari dakshin Dinajpur 733121 West Bengal.Haved change my name Mostafijur rahaman Name affidavitit date 12/08/2026 at bhalurghat The person with the two names is one and the same

Name Chngi
I, Anita Samanta (Old Name), W/o/- Apu Samanta, D/O- Mahadeb Bera, R/o/- Vill.- Samantar Chak Choto, Sanku, P.O.- Akshay nagar, Ps.- Harwood Plot C, Dist.- 24 Pgs. (S), WB, I have change my name from Anita Samanta to Anita Bera Samanta (New Name) & henceforth I shall be known as Anita Bera Samanta (New Name) and have an Affidavit SL. No. - 118/15 dated 06.07.2015. PRIYANKA BANERJEE & PRIYANKA MUKHOPADHYAY both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PRIYANKA BANERJEE W/o Kausik Mukhopadhyay R/A- Kolkata Residency, 68B, Jadavpur Central Road, Flat-1B, 1st Floor, Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700032, WB, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRIYANKA MUKHOPADHYAY as declared before the Notary Public at Asansol Court (WB) vide Affidavit SL. No. - 118/15 dated 06.07.2015. PRIYANKA BANERJEE & PRIYANKA MUKHOPADHYAY both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Hitesh Kothari (Old Name), S/o Kamal Singh Kothari, Resident of Flat No 301 and 302 Mahadev Apartment, 156, Mahendra Bhattacharya Road, Howrah- 711104, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Hitesh Kothari (Old Name) to Hitesh Kumar Kothari (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Hitesh Kumar Kothari (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 44 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Hitesh Kumar Kothari (new name) and Hitesh Kothari (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Narayan Prasad Sonthalia(Old Name),Son Of Ram Niraman Sonthalia,Resident Of Raadhya Apartment,3Rd Floor,Flat - 3A,31/1/1,Ramkrishna Samadhi Road,Po - Kankurgachi,Kolkata - 700054,West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Narayan Prasad Sonthalia(Old Name) To Narayan Prosad Sonthalia(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Narayan Prosad Sonthalia(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026. Narayan Prosad Sonthalia(New Name) And Narayan Prasad Sonthalia(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Vahid Malik (Old Name), S/o Md Osman @ Mohammed Osman, Resident of 4/2/H/2, MOMINPUR ROAD, PO KHIDDERPORE, KOLKATA, Kolkata. 700023, West Bengal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Vahid Malik (Old Name) to Wahid Ali Md (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Wahid Ali Md (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Wahid Ali Md (new name) and Md Vahid Malik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jemi Das (Old Name), Daughter Of Sudhanshu Das, Resident Of Vill - Helenchpa, Po- Helenchka Colony, Ps- Bagdahi, Dist - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743270, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name Jemi Das (Old Name) To Jimi Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Jimi Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026. Jimi Mondal (New Name) And Jemi Das (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shudhanshu Das And Sudhangshu Das (Old Names), Son Of Late Bishnu Das, Resident Of Vill & P.O.- Asharu, Ps.- Bagdahi, Dist - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743251, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name Shudhanshu Das And Sudhangshu Das (Old Names) To Sudhanshu Das (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sudhanshu Das (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026. Sudhanshu Das (New Name) And Shudhanshu Das And Shudhangshu Das (Old Names) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) PRAHLAD GHOSH S/o-MOHAN GHOSH Residing at - Hijuli, Gobrapota, Bhimpur, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741103, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from PRAHLAD GHOSH TO PRAHALAD GHOSH (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) PRAHALAD GHOSH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 234C 540736 On Date 17 August 2026 Sworn before the 1 St Class Krishnagar Nadia, PRAHALAD GHOSH and PRAHLAD GHOSH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RENTU SK S/O- ABUL SEKH Residing at - Mohanpur, Bijnora, Domkal, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742303, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RENTU SK TO RENTU SEKH (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) RENTU SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2182 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, RENTU SEKH and RENTU SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MARITUNJAY BISWAS S/o-NETAI BISWAS Residing at - Rahamatpur Colony, Goas, Karimnagar, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741165, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MARITUNJAY BISWAS TO MRITUNJAY BISWAS (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MRITUNJAY BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2181 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MRITUNJAY BISWAS and MARITUNJAY BISWAS both are Same and one identical person

Name Change
I, (Old Name) KARTIK MANDAL S/o-GOPINATH MONDAL Residing at - Debipur Sagarpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742306, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KARTIK MANDAL TO KARTICK CHANDRA MONDAL (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) KARTICK CHANDRA MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2180 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, KARTICK CHANDRA MONDAL and KARTIK MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANIMESH SIKDAR S/o- AMAL SHIKDAR Residing at - Dahar Bunchinha, Hanksahli, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741505, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ANIMESH SIKDAR TO ANIMESH SHIKDAR (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ANIMESH SHIKDAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2179 On Date 07 August 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ANIMESH SHIKDAR and ANIMESH SIKDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sikha Currie H/o Late Carlisle Nicholas John Currie Residing at Block - R, Flat - 1, 40/1, Tangra Road, Po - Tangra, Ps - Tangra, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sikha Currie Banerjee (Old Name) to Sikha Currie (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sikha Currie (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 24-08-2026. Carlisle Currie (Old Name) and Carlisle Nicholas John Currie (New Name) both are same and one identical person

Change of Name
I, Sikha Currie Banerjee (Old Name) D/o Late Santimoy Banerjee W/o Late Carlisle Nicholas John Currie Residing at Block - R, Flat - 1, 40/1, Tangra Road, Po - Tangra, Ps - Tangra, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sikha Currie Banerjee (Old Name) to Sikha Currie (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sikha Currie (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 24-08-2026. Sikha Currie (New Name) and Sikha Currie Banerjee (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Anisha Begum & Anisa Khatoon(Old Name),Wife Of Abdul Mokim,Resident Of Kulipukur Mahipara,Vic,kulipukur,Po-Pan-dua,Hooghly-712149,West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Anisha Begum & Anisa Khatoon(Old Name) To Anisa Khatun(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Anisa Khatun(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 11 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/08/2026,Anisa Khatun(New Name) And Anisha Begum & Anisa Khatoon(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Ranjit Maity(Old Name),Wife Of Chandicharan Bera Resident Of Vill-Lakshya-Po-Lakshya,Ps-Mahisadal,East Medinipur-721654,West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ranjit Maity(Old Name) To Shyamali Bera(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Shyamali Bera(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 21 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026,Shy-mali Bera(New Name) And Ranjit Maity(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Alai Akbar Khan(Old Name),Son Of Gofur Abdul-Resident Of Dungalpara,Adda,Ps-Buri-Birhum-731102,West Bengal Do Herby De-Clare That I Have Changed My Name From Alai Akbar Khan(Old Name) To Akbar Khan(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Akbar Khan(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/08/2026,Akbar Khan(New Name) And Alai Akbar Khan(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Sujala Halder(Old Name),Wife Of Maniklal Das,Resident Of Kholakhali Ramnagar,South 24 Pgs-743368,West Bengal Do Herby De-clare That I Have Changed My Name From Sujala Halder(Old Name) To Sujala Das(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sujala Das(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 13 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/08/2026,Sujala Das(New Name) And Sujala Halder(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Tayba Mamta(Old Name),Wife Of Akbar Khan,Resident Of Dungalpara,Adda,Ps-N,Barbhun-731102,West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Tayba Mamta(Old Name) To Tayaba Mamta(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Tayaba Mamta(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026. Tayaba Mamta(New Name) And Tayba Mamta(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Saroda Prasad Sirmani (Old Name), S/o Late Saful Chandra Sirmani, Resident of 543/A/2, G.T. Road, Serampore, Hooghly, Pin- 712201, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Saroda Prasad Sirmani (Old Name) to Saroda Prasad Sirmani (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Saroda Prasad Sirmani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ambara Bibi (Old Name), W/o Abdur Rofik Baidya, Resident of Vill & P.O.- Baneswarpur, P.S.- Usthi, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743375, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ambara Bibi (old name) to Ambara Bibi Baidya (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ambara Bibi Baidya (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 1 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Ambara Bibi Baidya (new name) and Ambara Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anowara Bibi (Old Name), W/o Sanaulla Sarkar, Resident of Chak Jaydi, Sitatala, Rajarampur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743513, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anowara Bibi (Old Name) to Anowara Sarkar (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anowara Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 3 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Anowara Sarkar (new name) and Anowara Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarkar Rahamant (Old Name), S/o Late Tamujindin Sarkar, Resident of Chak Jaydi, Sitatala, Rajarampur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743513, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sarkar Rahamant (Old Name) to Rahamt Ali Sarkar (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rahamt Ali Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 2 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Rahamt Ali Sarkar (new name) and Sarkar Rahamant (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tanumoy Mondal (Old Name), S/o Tushar Mondal,my actual date of birth 25/07/1990 in my passport P0213879,Resident of Vill-Uttar Kolsir, P.O.- Kolsir, Ps.- Degana, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 744348, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Tanumoy Mondal (Old Name) to Tanmay Mondal (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Tanmay Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 18918 sworn before the Chief Judicial Magistrate at Barasat on 04/08/2026. Tanmay Mondal (new name) and Tanumoy Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdul Jolli Akunge (Old Name), S/o Late Haran Akunj, Resident of Matia, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743437, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Abdul Jolli Akunge (Old Name) to Abdul Jalil Akunji (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Abdul Jalil Akunji (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 46 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Abdul Jalil Akunji (new name) and Md Abdul Jolli Akunge (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sangeeta Santra (Old Name), W/o Souman Das, Resident of E-2/7, Labony Housing Estate, Salt Lake City, Sector-1, Bidhannagar (M), Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700064, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sangeeta Santra (Old Name) to Sangeeta Santra Das (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sangeeta Santra Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 47 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Sangeeta Santra Das (new name) and Sangeeta Santra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Rain fury Monday: Yellow alert across Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The weather over West Bengal is set for another spell of rain and thunderstorms from Monday, with the regional Meteorological Office issuing yellow

NAME CHANGE
I, Pratima Kundu, W/o- Mrinal Kundu, D/o.- Manindra Nath Biswas (Father) & Parul Biswas (Mother), R/o.- Bankim Sarani, P.O.- Aswininagar, P.S.- Baguiati, Dist.- 24 Pgs. (N), Kolkata- 700159, I have changed my name & surname from Reba Biswas (Madhyamik Mark Sheet by W.B.B.S.E.) to Pratima Kundu (after marriage & all my documents-Aadhar Card, Pan, Voter Card & Ration Card) & henceforth be known as Pratima Kundu, vide an Affidavit No. 15321, dt.12.08.26, in the Court of Ld. J.M., 1st Class at Barasat. That, Pratima Kundu (after marriage) & Reba Biswas both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Saidul Seikh (xx.xx.1991), S/o.-Jahur Seikh- (Old Name), R/o.- Vill. Joldakshin, P.O.- Jotesriram, P.S.- Jamalpur, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713408, have change my name from Saidul Seikh (xx.xx.1991), S/o.- Lt. Jahur Seikh to Saidul SK (01.01.1990), S/o.- Lt. Jahur Ali SK (New Name), vide an Affidavit SL. No. 35,843, dt.12.05.2025, before the E.M. Purba Bardhaman. That, Saidul Seikh (xx.xx.1991), S/o.-Jahur Seikh- (Old Name) & Saidul SK (01.01.1990), S/o.- Lt. Jahur Ali SK (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Vinod Kumar Sujanti, Vinod Sujanti Jain(Old Name) Son Of Bhadr Singh Jain, Resident At Bi-Ce-Fi-3E-43, Shyamnagar Road, Natural City, South Dum Dum M, Po- Bangur Avenue, Sub District-Jessore Road, District-North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700055, West Bengal Do Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vinod Kumar Sujanti, Vinod Sujanti Jain (Old Names) To Vinod Kumar Jain(New Name) Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Vinod Kumar Jain (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide An Affidavit No 38 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026 Vinod Kumar Jain (New Name) And Vinod Kumar Sujanti, Vinod Sujanti Jain (Old Names) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, SHANTANARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (Old Name), S/o RAJESWAR CHAKRABORTY, Resident of C.K.SEN ROAD, SHAKTIPUR, POST - AGARPARA, PS - GHOLA, DIST - NORTH 24 PARGANAS -700 109, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SHANTANARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (Old Name) to SHANTA NARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as SHANTA NARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 41 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. SHANTA NARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (new name) and SHANTANARAYAN CHAKRABORTY (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, JAYASRI MALLIK (Old Name), W/o SHANTA NARAYAN CHAKRABORTY, & D/O ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK, Resident of C.K.SEN ROAD, SHAKTIPUR, POST - AGARPARA, PS - GHOLA, DIST - NORTH 24 PARGANAS -700 109, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from JAYASRI MALLIK (Old Name) to JAYASHREE CHAKRABORTY (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as JAYASHREE CHAKRABORTY (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 42 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. JAYASHREE CHAKRABORTY (new name) and JAYASRI MALLIK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ASOK KUMAR MALLIK & ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (Old Name), S/O LATE SUBODH MALLICK, Resident of HARIDRADANGA SIL-BAGAN Lane 2, POST - CHANDANNAGAR, DIST - HOOGHLY- 712 136, West Bengal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ASOK KUMAR MALLIK & ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (Old Name) to ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 43 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (new name) and ASOK KUMAR MALLIK & ASHOK KUMAR MALLICK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Asraf Dhali, Md Ashraf Dhali, Asraf & Ashraf Ali Dhali (Old Name), S/o Tamizuddin Dhali, Resident of Vill & P.O.- Kumarhat, P.S.- Barulpur, Dist.- Sonbadia, Pin-743387, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Asraf Dhali, Md Ashraf Dhali, Asraf & Ashraf Ali Dhali (Old Name) to Asraf Dhali (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Asraf Dhali (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No. 47, sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Asraf Dhali (new name) and Md Asraf Dhali, Md Ashraf Dhali, Asraf & Ashraf Ali Dhali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Clarence Dessa (Old Name), S/o Late Francis Dessa, Resident of 281, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Paschim Barisha, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700063, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Clarence Dessa (Old Name) to Clarence Dessa (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Clarence Dessa (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 48 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Clarence Dessa (new name) and Clarence Dessa (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sofick Dhali (Old Name), S/o Late Abdul Khalek Dhali,my correct date of birth is 11/09/2001,Resident of Matia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743437, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sofick Dhali (Old Name) to Saifick Dhali (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Saifick Dhali (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 17063 sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat on 17/07/2026. Saifick Dhali (new name) and Sofick Dhali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prasanta Khan (Old Name), S/o Ananda Mohan Khan, Resident of 4/74, Joydev Avenue, B-Zone, Durgapour-05, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713205, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Prasanta Khan (Old Name) to Prasanta Kumar Khan (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Prasanta Kumar Khan (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 24/08/2026. Prasanta Kumar Khan (new name) and Prasanta Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

warnings across several districts as a low-pressure system and the monsoon axis continue to influence the state.

A low-pressure area has formed over Gangetic West Bengal and the adjoining north Odisha coast. The system is reportedly tilted towards the south. At the same time, the monsoon axis stretches from Amritsar to Daltonganj through Shahjahanpur. Meteorologists expect these two systems to trigger widespread rain activity over the coming days. In South Bengal, Monday will bring a yellow warning for heavy rain in Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia, with heavy

showers possible at one or two locations. Across most other districts, scattered light to moderate rain accompanied by thunderstorms is expected. Despite the showers, humidity is likely to remain high, keeping discomfort levels elevated. The weather situation is expected to remain unsettled on Tuesday. North and South 24 Parganas, East and West Midnapore, Jhargram, Purulia, Bankura and West Burdwan will remain under a yellow warning for thunderstorms and rain. Gusty winds reaching 30 to 40 kmph may accompany the showers in isolated areas. On Wednesday, the warning belt will cover Paschim Medinipur,

Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Burdwan, Birbhum, Murshidabad and Nadia. Light to moderate rain and thunderstorms are likely, with winds of 30 to 40 kmph expected in places. North Bengal, too, is bracing for unsettled weather. Thunderstorms and light to moderate rain are forecast across all districts on Monday, with gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph possible in isolated areas. A yellow warning for heavy rain has been issued for Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Alipurdwar and Jalpaiguri on Tuesday, while Malda and the two Dinajpur districts face a thunderstorm and rain warning. The wet spell is expected to persist

later in the week. Jalpaiguri, Alipurdwar and Cooch Behar may receive heavy rain under a yellow warning on Friday. On Saturday, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Alipurdwar, Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri are likely to face thunderstorms and heavy rain, with isolated areas potentially recording intense showers. With multiple districts under weather alerts, residents are advised to remain cautious during thunderstorms and monitor official forecasts. Residents should avoid exposed areas during lightning, secure loose outdoor objects and exercise caution while travelling through potentially waterlogged roads.

Santipur murder mystery: Wife, alleged lover accused of poisoning husband

MI News Service, Shantipur: A suspected poisoning death in Santipur, Nadia, has triggered tension in the area after a daily-wage labourer died following a meal at his estranged wife's residence. The deceased, identified as Tapan Das, was allegedly called to his in-laws' house on the pretext of meeting their 13-year-old child and completing paperwork. His family has accused his wife, Monika Das, and her alleged partner, Tarak Biswas, of conspiring to kill him by mixing poison with food or drinks.

According to the family, Tapan, a resident of Hare Krishnapally in Ward No. 1 of Santipur, had been married to Monika, a resident of Haripur, for 23 years. The couple have a 13-year-old child. Relatives allege that Monika had recently left the marital home and was staying in Bagh Anchra with

the child and Tarak Biswas. Tapan had not seen his child for around eight months. The family claims that Monika recently expressed a desire to return to her husband. Subsequently, Tapan was allegedly summoned to the Haripur residence, where he was reportedly offered sweets and a cold drink. Relatives suspect that a poisonous substance had been mixed into the food or beverage. Tapan reportedly fell seriously ill later that night. His condition deteriorated rapidly, prompting his admission to Santipur State General Hospital. Despite receiving treatment for two days, he died at the hospital. Following the death, Tapan's family lodged a written complaint at Santipur police station, naming Monika Das and Tarak Biswas as accused in an alleged murder conspiracy. Police have launched an investigation and sent the body

for post-mortem examination. Investigators will await autopsy and forensic findings to determine the exact cause of death. Meanwhile, both named accused have allegedly been absconding since the incident. Police have begun searching for them and are examining the circumstances surrounding Tapan's final visit to his in-laws' house and identifying those responsible. The death has angered local residents. Demonstrators gathered outside Santipur police station on Monday morning, demanding swift action and stringent punishment if the allegations are established. Police officials have not yet publicly confirmed the poisoning allegation or established the motive behind the death. The investigation remains underway, while the autopsy report is expected to be crucial in determining the next course of action.

RMBF Kolkata Marks 10 Years with East India Summit 2.0



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Rotary Means Business Fellowship (RMBF) Kolkata marked a decade of its journey by bringing together more than 200 entrepreneurs, business leaders and professionals at The Saturday Club for the RMBF Kolkata East India Summit 2.0 2026.

The summit focused on relationships and cross-industry collaboration as drivers of business growth. Participants engaged in one-to-one meetings, roundtable discussions and speed-networking sessions aimed at exchanging knowledge, exploring partnerships and identifying opportunities. Addressing the gathering, West Bengal Industry Minister Tapas Roy said the state was working on a new industrial policy, land policy and land bank

to support industries and entrepreneurs. He said the government had witnessed growing interest from investors and representatives from countries including Japan, the United States, Ireland, Australia, Germany and the UAE. Roy called for closer cooperation between the government and business community, urging entrepreneurs to contribute ideas towards Bengal's economic prospects. Rotarian Arvind Batra, World Chair of RMB Fellowship International, underlined the importance of professional connections, saying the next business opportunity could emerge from a single relationship. The summit also placed emphasis on branding as a driver of commercial success. Dr Sanjay Arora, a 14-time TEDx speaker with more than 37 years of experience in

branding and marketing, conducted a session titled "Build Your Brand to Build Mega Profits", focusing on positioning, differentiation and brand building. RMBF Kolkata Chapter Chair Kaushik Sen highlighted the importance of trust in networking, observing that business growth depends on strong relationships. The event brought together entrepreneurs at different stages, creating opportunities for established business leaders and emerging entrepreneurs to learn from one another and develop connections across the region and beyond. The summit followed RMBF Kolkata's 10th anniversary celebrations on August 9, marking a decade of efforts to create a collaborative business community based on knowledge-sharing, referrals, introductions and mutual support. For the organisers, the East India Summit 2.0 represented an extension of that mission. Beyond presentations and formal discussions, the event sought to create practical avenues for collaboration across industries and geographies. The central message remained clear: in an interconnected business environment, growth can begin with a conversation, a trusted introduction and the right relationship.

From Campus Walls to 'Democracy Walls': New Protest Plan

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a move aimed at drawing a line between democratic protest and indiscriminate wall writing, the Health Department has decided to create dedicated spaces for slogans, graffiti and protest messages across medical colleges in West Bengal. Health Minister Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee announced the plan within 72 hours of the controversy over wall writings at Burdwan Medical College, where slogans appeared across the campus.

INDIA-POLAND strategic partnership session in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bharat Chamber of Commerce organised an exclusive session on 'India-Poland Strategic Partnership: Expanding Horizons for Trade, Investment and Business' at 'BHARAT CHAMBERS', Kolkata. The Session was addressed by Guest-in-Chief Dr Piotr A. wital ski, Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Poland

in New Delhi. In his Address, Dr. wital ski observed that India-Poland relations were entering a new phase, stating that „a new page is being written in the political history of our bilateral relationship and a new chapter is opening in our partnership.” He stressed that the two countries should not remain satisfied with the existing level of engagement, considering the size, capabilities and dynamism of their respective economies. The Ambassador noted that Poland had been actively repositioning itself within the changing European and global economic landscape and viewed India as one of its important partners in Asia. “We have to actively rethink and redefine our engagement, particularly in the changing economic environment,” he observed, adding that Poland wished to develop

a more substantive and future-oriented partnership with India.

He further observed that the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement, once concluded and brought into force, could provide a significant boost to commercial relations. The Ambassador stated that the evolving trade framework could encourage businesses on both sides to look beyond traditional areas and build deeper partnerships through investments, joint ventures and long-term industrial collaboration. “My target is to double our annual bilateral trade to USD 10 billion”, he added. Referring to emerging opportunities, Dr. wital ski identified a number of sectors including information technology, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, mining, coal and critical minerals, green technolo-

gies, e-mobility, battery recycling, defence and space-related technologies. He noted that West Bengal, with its industrial and mineral-resource base, could find meaningful areas of engagement with Poland. Speaking about Kolkata, he observed that Kolkata could serve as one such important gateway, particularly for strengthening Poland's outreach to Eastern India.

The Ambassador also highlighted the importance of the defence sector, noting Poland's

growing role in defence manufacturing and its position within the European and NATO security architecture.

EASTERN RAILWAY

The following E-Tender is invited by the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer(General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works: **Sl. No. : 1; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1376-2026-27, Date : 19.08.2026. Particulars of the work :** Electrical works in connection with "Proposed construction of 7 nos. Gang Hut & ladies changing room 1 – NG, 3 MBB, under PWI Krishnanagar City and 7 MBB, 8 MBB, 9MBB, 15 MBB, 16 MBB under PWI/Beldanga with all other ancillary work under DEN/III/Sealdah". **Tender value :** ₹ 33,17,606.00. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 66,400.00. **Completion period :** 12 Months. **Sl. No. : 2; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1349-2026-27, Date : 19.08.2026. Particulars of the work :** General Electrical works for Substation Shifting – "Electrical work towards set up a new sub-station at Dum Dum Jn. station." **Tender value :** ₹ 1,32,75,347.00. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,65,500.00. **Completion period :** 18 Months. **Sl. No. : 3; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1378-2026-27, Date : 19.08.2026. Particulars of the work :** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance schedule and Breakdown Contract of Passenger Escalator (02 Nos.) (Make : M/s Johnson) at Sealdah station near South Booking for 03 (three) years. **Tender value :** ₹ 24,71,479.68. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 49,400.00. **Completion period :** 36 Months. **Bidding Start Date :** 27.08.2026 for Sl. No. 1 to 3. **Tender Closing Date & Time :** 10.09.2026 at 14.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 to 3. Details of Tender Notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.irps.gov.in SDAH-191/2026-27 **Tender Notice is also available at websites :** www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in **Follow us at :** [@EasternRailway](https://www.facebook.com/easternrailwayheadquarter) [@easternrailwayheadquarter](https://www.facebook.com/easternrailwayheadquarter)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Attention! Diagnostic Centers/Hospitals

For Orthopaedic Hospital/Howrah
Notification No.: HG/MED/Tie-Up/Blood & Urine/CGHS/2026
Chief Medical Superintendent/Orthopaedic Hospital/Howrah is inviting applications for Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested diagnostic centers/hospitals for extending investigative facilities on **Blood, Urine and other Special investigations to railway patients** of Orthopaedic Hospital/Howrah for 02 (two) years. Last Date and Time of receipt of application is on **16.09.2026 up to 14.00 hrs.** The details are available in Eastern Railway Website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in under Division – Howrah – Department – Medical.

For Barddhaman Health Unit
Notification No.: HG/MED/Tie-Up/BWN/2026
Chief Medical Superintendent/Orthopaedic Hospital/Howrah is inviting applications for Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested diagnostic centers/hospitals for extending investigative facilities on **Pathology, Radiology, USG and other type of investigations to railway patients** at Barddhaman Health Unit for 02 (two) years. Last Date and Time of receipt of application is on **18.09.2026 up to 14.00 hrs.** The details are available in Eastern Railway Website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in under Division – Howrah – Department – Medical – Important notice.

Chief Medical Superintendent, Howrah
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Tender Notice No. : EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/775, dated 21.08.2026. Open e-tenders is invited by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, New DRM Building, near Rail Museum, Howrah-711101 for the under-mentioned electrical works : **Sl. No. 1. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3376-R. Name of Work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Harinsingh - Shifting of X-over point No. 53A/B at Dumka end and relocated beyond X-over point No. 54A/B for increasing CAL/CSR of Line No. 2 (Main line). **Tender Value :** ₹ 7,98,473.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 16,00,000. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Sl. No. 2. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3369-R3. Name of Work:** (1) Electrical (General) work in connection with replacement of Steel O.H. Tank by RCC O.H. Tank of capacity 50000 gallon along with pipeline & other ancillary works at Bandal (03 Nos.), Memari (01 No.) and Bainchi (01 No.) under AEN/Bandal. (2) Electrical (General) work in connection with replacement of Steel O.H. Tank by RCC O.H. Tank of capacity 50000 gallon along with pipeline & other ancillary works at Bardhaman (04 Nos.) under AEN/Bardhaman. (3) Electrical (General) work in connection with replacement of Steel O.H. Tank by RCC O.H. Tank of capacity 50000 gallon along with pipeline & other ancillary works at Liluah (02 Nos.), Seoraphuli (01 No.) and Tarakeswar (01 No.) under DEN/I/Howrah. **Tender Value :** ₹ 30,65,655.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 61,300.00. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Sl. No. 3. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3680. Name of Work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Procurement of 69 nos. ATVMs and 67 nos. SMC terminals for various stations over Howrah Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 19,28,537.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 38,600.00. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Sl. No. 4. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3671. Name of Work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with installation of additional CCTV at Howrah Station. **Tender Value :** ₹ 26,50,181.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 53,000.00. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Sl. No. 5. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3300-R3. Name of Work:** Installation of Pump-motor set in connection with the work for Provision of Deep Tube Well (200 mm x 150 mm) Kamarna, Khetia, Chamarigudi, Karjana Gram, Amaru including Chlorination Plant with standby boring at Khana and Shaktigarh station under AEN/Bardhaman. **Tender Value :** ₹ 24,88,991.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 49,800.00. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Sl. No. 6. Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3681. Name of Work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Provision of Divyangjan facilities at Miagram, Bazarsau, Kazipara, Chowrigacha, Kanthalia Road, Karnasubarna, Jibanti, Kagraghat Road, Niyalish Para, Lalbagh Court Road, Dahapara Dham, Azimganj Jn., Azimganj City, Gossaingram, Barala, Sagardighi, Moregram, Lohapur & Takipur stations under jurisdiction of AEN/Azimganj. **Tender Value :** ₹ 31,25,639.00. **Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) :** ₹ 62,500.00. **Completion Period :** 180 Days. **Closing date and time :** 10.09.2026 at 15.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 & 6. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.irps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. HWH-295/2026-27 **Tender Notice is also available at websites :** www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in **Follow us at :** [@EasternRailway](https://www.facebook.com/EasternRailway) [@easternrailwayheadquarter](https://www.facebook.com/easternrailwayheadquarter)

BENGAL mulls new policies in cold storage & Panchayati Raj

MI News Service, Kolkata: The new BJP government in West Bengal is planning an overhaul in cold storage and panchayatiraj policies. Dilip Ghosh, Minister in-Charge of the Departments of Panchayats and Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing, Government of West Bengal said that he aims at a change in policies in various sectors to make systems hassle and corruption free. Dilip Ghosh was interacting at a special session on "Business Opportunities in West Bengal in a Changing Scenario" organized by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata. Ghosh said that the state government has planned to whittle down the powers of Panchayat Pradhans thereby

making it more smooth and decentralized. To him, Panchayat is a big place for corruption and Panchayat Pradhans play a pivotal role in this respect. Quailing the powers of Panchayat Pradhans will help to fight with corruption and there would more development in rural areas.

The minister further mentioned that West Bengal for long has been suffering from cold storage problem. Ghosh said that the new BJP government aims to open up multiple mini multipurpose cold storages in the entire state. He also stressed to enhance tourism prospect in West Bengal via Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

NEET: SC sets 5-member panel to probe police excess

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court has formed a five-member high-powered committee headed by former top court judge Justice R Subhash Reddy to examine allegations of police excesses against student protesters in Delhi recently and violence against police personnel. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joyrnalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the committee would also comprise former Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, former Delhi High Court Judge Justice Shalinder Kaur, former CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla and retired Meghalaya DGP L R Bishnoi. "This HPEC (High-Powered Enquiry Committee) has been constituted bearing in mind a wide variety of considerations, including the individual expertise and experience of each of its members, as well as the diversity of the Committee, among other factors. "We are confident that the recommendations of the HPEC will be of invaluable assistance to this Court, and the Committee will be able to undertake a comprehensive assessment of all such issues as merit due contemplation," the bench said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

All concerned are hereby informed that, 'M/S SAMANTA HOUSING DEVELOPER' a partnership firm as Representative partner Debashish Samanta (son of Kailashan Samanta) has obtained a Power of Attorney from Mukul Nigam (wife of Amitava Nigam) regarding a property registered at the A.D.S.R. Purba Bardhaman office, on 19/11/2019 vide Dead Deed No. -18721. The property comprises Mouza: Khaja-Anwar Berh, J.L. No-36, R.S. Khatian No- 504, L.R. Khatian No- 1406, R.S. Plot Nos- 621 & 754, and L.R. Plot No- 777. Should anyone have any objection regarding this registration, they may submit an application to the office of the B.L. & L.R.O., Bardhaman-I, within 15 days of the publication of this notice; otherwise, legal action will be taken in accordance with the law. Sd/-Ram Krishna Palit-Advocate Burdwan District Judges Court, Burdwan

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাচ্ছে যে, ১)প্রাচীন কালের, ২)মহাদেশ, ৩)মহাদেশ, ৪)মহাদেশ, ৫)মহাদেশ, ৬)মহাদেশ, ৭)মহাদেশ, ৮)মহাদেশ, ৯)মহাদেশ, ১০)মহাদেশ, ১১)মহাদেশ, ১২)মহাদেশ, ১৩)মহাদেশ, ১৪)মহাদেশ, ১৫)মহাদেশ, ১৬)মহাদেশ, ১৭)মহাদেশ, ১৮)মহাদেশ, ১৯)মহাদেশ, ২০)মহাদেশ, ২১)মহাদেশ, ২২)মহাদেশ, ২৩)মহাদেশ, ২৪)মহাদেশ, ২৫)মহাদেশ, ২৬)মহাদেশ, ২৭)মহাদেশ, ২৮)মহাদেশ, ২৯)মহাদেশ, ৩০)মহাদেশ, ৩১)মহাদেশ, ৩২)মহাদেশ, ৩৩)মহাদেশ, ৩৪)মহাদেশ, ৩৫)মহাদেশ, ৩৬)মহাদেশ, ৩৭)মহাদেশ, ৩৮)মহাদেশ, ৩৯)মহাদেশ, ৪০)মহাদেশ, ৪১)মহাদেশ, ৪২)মহাদেশ, ৪৩)মহাদেশ, ৪৪)মহাদেশ, ৪৫)মহাদেশ, ৪৬)মহাদেশ, ৪৭)মহাদেশ, ৪৮)মহাদেশ, ৪৯)মহাদেশ, ৫০)মহাদেশ, ৫১)মহাদেশ, ৫২)মহাদেশ, ৫৩)মহাদেশ, ৫৪)মহাদেশ, ৫৫)মহাদেশ, ৫৬)মহাদেশ, ৫৭)মহাদেশ, ৫৮)মহাদেশ, ৫৯)মহাদেশ, ৬০)মহাদেশ, ৬১)মহাদেশ, ৬২)মহাদেশ, ৬৩)মহাদেশ, ৬৪)মহাদেশ, ৬৫)মহাদেশ, ৬৬)মহাদেশ, ৬৭)মহাদেশ, ৬৮)মহাদেশ, ৬৯)মহাদেশ, ৭০)মহাদেশ, ৭১)মহাদেশ, ৭২)মহাদেশ, ৭৩)মহাদেশ, ৭৪)মহাদেশ, ৭৫)মহাদেশ, ৭৬)মহাদেশ, ৭৭)মহাদেশ, ৭৮)মহাদেশ, ৭৯)মহাদেশ, ৮০)মহাদেশ, ৮১)মহাদেশ, ৮২)মহাদেশ, ৮৩)মহাদেশ, ৮৪)মহাদেশ, ৮৫)মহাদেশ, ৮৬)মহাদেশ, ৮৭)মহাদেশ, 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Leg Cramps and Pain At Night: Causes, Treatments, And Prevention

Have you ever had your sleep disturbed by a sudden cramp or leg pain during the night? You're not alone. In fact up to 60% of adults have experienced uncomfortable leg cramps at night¹.

These intense muscle pains – sometimes known as “charley horses” – are usually felt in your calf, foot or thigh, lasting anywhere from a few seconds to several minutes at a time².

However, they can have a lasting impact on your sleep pattern and daily routine, especially if they happen frequently.

Luckily, there are several ways to ease, treat and prevent nocturnal leg cramps. Read on to learn more about leg pain causes, and potential treatments that could help.

Causes of Leg Pain and Cramps at Night

It can be hard to pinpoint the exact cause of our leg pain³. Some leg cramps are 'idiopathic', which means they have no known cause². But there are several popular theories around the causes of calf cramps and thigh pain at night, including:

Muscle fatigue – too much high-intensity exercise is one of the most common links to leg pain, as overworking your muscles can cause them to cramp during the night¹

Nerve issues – a pinched nerve or spinal cord injury can put pressure on your nerves, causing muscle cramps in your legs⁴

Sitting or standing for long periods – this can restrict blood supply, which can increase the chances of leg pain or cramps²

Pregnancy – pregnant women often experience leg cramps at night, usually in the second or third trimester⁵

Medications – leg cramps can be a side effect of certain medications, such as blood pressure drugs, diuretics and statins³

Age can also be a factor, as the risk of leg pain and other pains at night increases as you get older³.

Health Conditions Associated with Leg Pain and Cramps at Night

Some cramps in the calves, feet or elsewhere may be linked to an underlying condition, such as:

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) – a narrowing of the peripheral arteries that carry blood from your heart to other parts of the body. Lower-extremity 'PAD' is the most common type, and reduces blood flow to your legs and feet⁶

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) – similar to the above, but to do with the coronary arteries that bring blood to your heart⁷

Spinal stenosis – a narrowing of spaces within your spine, which can put pressure on your nerves⁸

Kidney failure – where one or both kidneys no longer work²

Diabetic neuropathy – a type of nerve damage that may



affect up to 50% of people with diabetes⁹

Some people may also confuse Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS) with leg cramps while sleeping, but they are not the same condition. RLS doesn't tend to be painful either³.

Symptoms and Types of Leg Pain at Night

People may experience muscle cramps, intense pain or aching legs at night across a variety of areas. Different types of leg pain while sleeping include:

Calf cramps at night – these tend to be the most common ¹. They usually involve your gastrocnemius or soleus muscles, but can also affect other parts of your leg¹⁰ too

Foot pain – the muscles in the sole of your foot function the same way as your calf muscles, so some nocturnal cramps may cause a tightening here¹⁰

Thigh aches – you may experience thigh pain at night from

nocturnal cramps. Aching knees at night – these could be a sign of injury, inflammation or arthritis¹¹. A combination of knee and ankle pain at night can also be an indication¹²

When it comes to the symptoms themselves, this will depend on the type of nocturnal leg pain. You might experience sore legs, throbbing knee pain or even bone pain in the leg.

As well as an initial muscle tightening or spasm from the leg cramps, up to 20% of patients experience daily symptoms too¹.

If the issue persists or you experience chronic cramps, you should talk to a doctor as soon as possible.

Nighttime Leg Pain Treatment and Relief

While leg cramps usually only last a few minutes or even seconds, they can cause severe leg pain at night, making you

uncomfortable and disturbing your sleep. Given how important sleep is for our health and well-being, it's important to manage this issue. Fortunately, there are some leg pain remedies and prevention tactics you can try to help treat your sore legs, and sleep better.

Home Remedies For Leg Pain and Cramps

Various leg pain relief techniques can help ease your discomfort when a muscle cramp strikes, including²:

Stretching – straighten your leg and flex your foot to stretch out any cramping muscles

Massage – using your hands or a foam roller, massage any knots in the muscles to help them relax

Movement – get out of bed and press your feet against the floor, or walk around the room to aid muscle movement and blood circulation

Applying a cold or hot press – try using a heating pad or ice pack on the painful area of your leg to ease the discomfort. Just be careful not to burn your skin.

Over-the-counter pain relief – TYLENOL® PM Extra Strength Nighttime Pain Reliever & Sleep Aid contains 500mg acetaminophen, which can provide temporary leg pain relief, and help with falling asleep.

OTC medication can also help if you're suffering from back pain at night too.

How To Prevent Nightly Leg Pain and Cramps

Looking for ways to put a stop to your nocturnal leg cramps? Try out these simple tips that might help reduce them¹³:

Give your legs a good stretch before bed with our simple guides to calf stretches and hamstring stretches

Drink plenty of water throughout the day to stay hydrated

Make sure your everyday shoes have the right amount of support for your feet

Untuck the covers at the bottom of your bed so your legs aren't restricted during the night

When To See A Doctor About Nocturnal Leg Pain

If you're experiencing frequent, unbearable or long-lasting leg cramps at night – which interrupt your sleep and disturb your daily life – you should speak to a doctor to see if there is any underlying cause². You should also seek immediate medical attention if you experience leg pain after being exposed to an infection, through a cut in your skin for example, or a poisonous toxin, such as lead².

Study finds how new type of cell therapy help ARDS patients



LOS ANGELES : A novel form of cell therapy may help patients who are critically ill with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) brought on by severe COVID-19, according to a study.

Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a co-senior author of a recent study that examines the application of agentT-797, an allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell treatment developed by MiNK Therapeutics.

The work was published in the journal Nature Communications.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung. The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agentT-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care.

The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agentT-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.

Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with

Study reveals how new breast imaging tech transforms cancer diagnosis

ILLINOIS : A new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America.

Researchers believe the method can deliver more reliable breast cancer screening to a larger range of individuals.

Mammography is an effective new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America.

Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same timeframe. Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, "During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients. "Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agentT-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly. "AgentT-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials." Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress. "The data demonstrate agentT-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections.

require further breast imaging, usually with an MRI, following mammography.

Low-dose positron emission mammography (PEM) is a novel molecular imaging technique that provides improved diagnostic performance at a radiation dose comparable to that of mammography.

For the study, 25 women, median age 52, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, underwent low-dose PEM with the radiotracer fluorine 18-labeled fluorodeoxyglucose (18F-FDG). Two breast radiologists reviewed PEM images taken one and four hours post-18F-FDG injection and correlated the findings with lab results.

PEM displayed comparable performance to MRI, identifying 24 of the 25 invasive cancers (96 per cent). Its false-positive rate was only 16 per cent, compared with 62 per cent for MRI.

Along with its strong sensitivity and low false-positive rate, PEM could potentially decrease downstream healthcare costs, as this study shows it may prevent

further unnecessary work compared to MRI. Additionally, the technology is designed to deliver a radiation dose comparable to that of traditional mammography without the need for breast compression, which can often be uncomfortable for patients.

"The integration of these features--high sensitivity, lower false-positive rates, cost-efficiency, acceptable radiation levels without compression, and independence from breast density--positions this emerging imaging modality as a potential groundbreaking advancement in the early detection of breast cancer," said study lead author Vivianne Freitas, MD, MSc, assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

"As such, it holds the promise of transforming breast cancer diagnostics and screening in the near future, complementing or even improving current imaging methods, marking a significant step forward in breast cancer care." Low-dose PEM offers potential clinical uses in both screening and diagnostic settings.

Researchers discover protein that help prevent cancer treatment-related heart damage

WASHINGTON : Blocking the protein CDK7 could prevent heart damage caused by a routinely used cancer chemotherapy treatment, according to a study conducted by scientists at Washington State University.

Importantly, the researchers discovered that blocking CDK7 could improve the medication's cancer-killing efficacy. Based on an animal model, the study's findings potentially lay the groundwork for future treatment options to decrease chemotherapy-related heart damage and improve treatment efficacy. This has the potential to help people with cancer live longer lives. Heart damage caused by chemotherapy can manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Cardiovascular Research, the WSU study focused on doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer, lymphoma, leukemia and other cancers.

Capable of killing a wide range of cancer cells, doxorubicin and other similar chemotherapy medications are known to be toxic to the heart. Despite this toxicity, the drug still sees a lot of use.

"Doxorubicin remains the mainstay treatment for certain cancer types for which targeted therapies or other better treatments are not available," said senior study author Zhaokang Cheng, an associate professor in the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Cheng has been working to unravel the underlying mechanisms of doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity to make the use of doxorubicin safer for patients who rely on the drug. This new study builds on findings from earlier research that showed that doxorubicin activates a protein known as CDK2. That protein then activates another known as FOXO1, which causes heart cells to die. Cheng's team collaborated with WSU cancer biology researcher Boyang (Jason) Wu to take a closer look at CDK7.

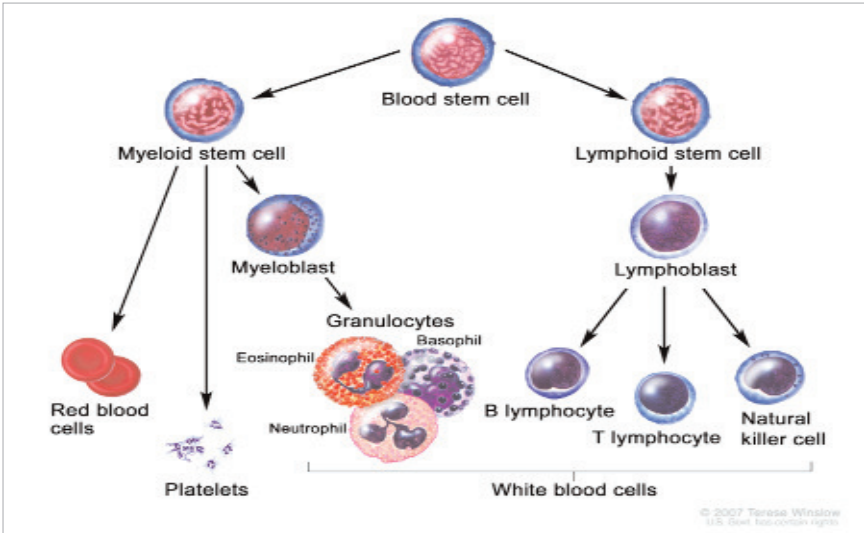
Study reveals type of childhood leukaemia originates during foetal development

BARCELONA : Acute myeloid leukaemia is the second most prevalent type of acute leukaemia in childhood, and it can be detected within a few months of life. The disease's early beginning raised the possibility that the cancer originated before birth. However, validating this notion has been difficult due to the scarcity of prenatal or newborn samples.

The opportunity to study the origin of this leukaemia arose from the case of a five-month-old baby diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia at the Hospital Nino Jesus in Madrid,' explained Pablo Menendez, ICREA professor at the University of Barcelona and the Josep Carreras Institute.

The parents, who had preserved the umbilical cord blood, opened a line of research that until now had not been possible to address,' added the researcher.

Using precision medicine techniques, researchers analysed the complete genome of the tumour. Unlike tumours in adults, where thousands of mutations are detected, only two chromosomal alterations were identified in this leukaemia. 'Genome analysis allowed us to design a personalised diagnostic method to monitor the disease,' says Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Barcelona. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo. 'But these data raise new questions, such as when the tumour arose and in what order these mutations have appeared,' he highlights. These questions are difficult to



answer, since such research requires blood samples from the baby before the diagnosis, something that is impossible in the vast majority of cases. However, in this particular case, the existence of a frozen umbilical cord sample allowed researchers to separate different populations of blood cells at birth and to study whether any of the chromosomal alterations detected in the tumour were already present during foetal development.

The study revealed that a translocation between chromosome 7 and 12 was already present in some haematopoietic stem cells

in the umbilical cord. In contrast, the other chromosomal alteration, a trisomy of chromosome 19, was not present in the foetus, but was found in all tumour cells, suggesting that it contributes to increasing the malignancy of the leukemic cells. 'These data are highly relevant for understanding the development of a devastating disease, and the existence of this umbilical cord sample was crucial to be able for conducting a study that had been impossible until now in acute myeloid leukaemia', adds Talia Velasco, researcher at the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of

Barcelona and co-leader of the study. In addition to reconstructing the genomic alterations that the cells undergo to generate this leukaemia, the study has also identified a molecular mechanism that had not been observed before in this type of leukaemia and which causes the activation of a gene, called MNX1, which is frequently altered in this type of tumour. Knowledge of these alterations is essential for developing cell and animal models that allow us to understand the disease's evolution and develop new therapies for treating these pathologies. The study has been led by Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo-IUOPA, Talia Velasco and Pablo Menendez, from the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona, with participation from researchers from four other institutions, including the Hospital Infantil Universitario Nino Jesus, the Hospital Universitario Central de Asturias, the Instituto de Biomedicina y Biotecnologia de Cantabria and the Instituto de Investigacion Sanitaria La Princesa de Madrid.

This research has been made possible thanks to the collaboration of the parents and funding from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, the European Research Council, the AECC Scientific Foundation, the Foundation Unontrecienmil, the "La Caixa" Foundation, the Government of Catalonia, CIBERONC and the III Health Institute.

Eastern Railway Ensures Smooth Operations on Day 25 of Shrivani Mela '26 During High-Volume Sunday



MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the leadership of General Manager, Eastern Railway, Gitika Pandey, Eastern Railway successfully managed a massive influx of 1,01,096 devotees on Day 25 (August 23, 2026, a High-Volume Sunday) of the Shrivani Mela '26 Operations Report for Asansol Division. Jasidih Station served as the

primary hub with the highest volume of footfall at 63,466 pilgrims. Deoghar Station maintained a steady flow as a key secondary transit point with 17,770 pilgrims. Basukinath Station saw significant footfall with 14,434 pilgrims, contributing to overall high traffic. Baidyanathdharm Station handled 5,426 pilgrims as a key entry and exit point

despite lower relative volume. To accommodate this heavy traffic, Divisional Railway Manager / Asansol, Shri Sangrah Maurya, overseen robust train operations across the key stations. At JSME (Jasidih), 147 total trains were operated (117 regular, 30 special). Deoghar Station managed 46 total trains (22 regular,

24 special). Basukinath Station ran 22 total trains (12 regular, 10 special), and Baidyanathdharm Station operated 26 total trains (20 regular, 6 special). Together, these train operations and passenger services generated ₹49.27 Lakh in ticket earnings on Day 25. Demonstrating strong passenger welfare support, railway staff provided critical welfare support to 581 total passengers assisted, which included attending to 571 medical cases and providing wheelchair assistance to 10 passengers. Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Shibram Majhi stated, "Our dedicated staff across the Asansol Division worked round the clock to provide seamless train services, safety, and medical care to all pilgrims. Eastern Railway remains steadfast in ensuring a comfortable, secure, and hassle-free journey for every devotee attending Shrivani Mela '26."

Short Termination / Short Origination Of Two Express Trains At Maltipatpur

MI News Service, Kolkata: For upgradation of Platform No. 5 & 6 at Puri station over East Coast Railway, 15644 Kamakhya – Puri Express (journey commencing on 27.08.2026, 03, 10, 17, 24.09.2026, 01, 08 & 15.10.2026) & 15640 Kamakhya – Puri Express (journey commencing on 30.08.2026, 06, 13, 20, 27.09.2026, 04, 11 & 18.10.2026) will be short terminated at Maltipatpur and 15643 Puri – Kamakhya Express (journey commencing on 29.08.2026, 05, 12, 19, 26.09.2026, 03, 10 & 17.10.2026) & 15639 Puri – Kamakhya Express (journey commencing on 25.08.2026, 01, 08, 15, 22, 29.09.2026, 06, 13 & 20.10.2026) will be short originated from Maltipatpur.

Railways to run special train between Howrah & Khatipura

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to run special train between Howrah & Khatipura. 09709 Khatipura – Howrah Special will leave Khatipura at 17:00 hrs. on 29.08.2026 to reach Howrah at 22:15 hrs. on the next day and 09710 Howrah – Khatipura Special will leave Howrah at 00:15 hrs. on 31.08.2026 to reach Khatipura at 11:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both the directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned Accommodations. The date of booking of tickets for the above special trains will be notified shortly.

Additional stoppage of Howrah – Natesar – Howrah special at Kahalgaon station

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the convenience of the passengers, Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 03029/03030 Howrah – Natesar – Howrah special at Kahalgaon station. 03029 Howrah – Natesar special (journey commencing on & from 26.08.2026) will arrive Kahalgaon at 05:46 hrs. to leave at 05:48 hrs. and 03030 Natesar – Howrah special (journey commencing on & from 27.08.2026) will arrive Kahalgaon at 20:40 hrs. to leave at 02:42 hrs.

Eastern Railway to run one unreserved special train between Asansol & Jhanjharpur for Shrivani Mela

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the extra rush of passengers during Shrivani Mela, Eastern Railway has decided to run one unreserved special train between Asansol & Jhanjharpur.

03573 Asansol – Jhanjharpur unreserved special will leave Asansol at 14:00 hrs. on 25.08.2026 to reach Jhanjharpur at 01:00 hrs. on the next day and 03574 Jhanjharpur – Asansol unreserved special will leave Jhanjharpur at 03:00 hrs. on 26.08.2026 to reach Asansol at 13:00 hrs. on the same day. The train will stop at Chittaranjan, Madhupur & Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute.

Iran's rial currency hits new record low

MI News Service, Abu Dhabi: Iran's currency hit a record low Monday as Washington prepared to announce new sanctions it said would be an "economic D-Day" and would add further pressure on an economy already battered by previous sanctions and a U.S. naval blockade.

The rial dropped to 2.02 million to the U.S. dollar as trading opened on informal currency markets. Iran's official Central Bank rate stood at around 1.5 million rial to the dollar, but the informal rate is what most Iranians pay.

The currency had already been under pressure before the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran on Feb. 28, with double-digit inflation and negative growth, but has been hitting new record lows as nearly six months of war have taken an even greater toll.

Still, U.S. President Donald Trump has been unable to win concessions from Iran, which continues to keep a firm grip on shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, the key waterway through which a fifth of the world's traded oil transited freely before the war began. Iranian attacks and threats have severely hampered that traffic during the war.

Iran and Oman, which is on the opposite side of the strait, are reportedly in the final stages of agreeing upon a plan for joint management of the waterway, which regional officials have said would include having ships to enter the Persian Gulf through an Iranian-controlled route and exit through a route controlled by Oman.

FICCI-Backed Talks to Boost Odisha's Cancer Care Infrastructure



MI News Service, Kolkata /Bhubaneswar: FICCI, on Monday organized 'OncoPharma 2026' Roundtable on Building a Resilient Cancer Care Ecosystem: Equitable Access through Sustainable Financing (Odisha Chapter), bringing together senior government officials, healthcare professionals, oncologists, hospitals, patient advocacy groups, public health experts and industry leaders to deliberate on strengthening cancer care in Odisha.

Addressing the roundtable, Dr Mukesh Mahaling, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Parliamentary Affairs, Electronics & Information Technology, Government of Odisha, said, "Odisha is committed to building a resilient and accessible cancer care ecosystem through substantial financial investment and robust mass screening. With a Rs 311 crore budget allocated for the Mukhyamantri Cancer Care Yojana, the state has expanded local treatment capabilities, establishing day-care chemotherapy centres across 32 districts that recently delivered over 35,000 treatment cycles." He added that the government has integrated 91 specialised cancer packages under state health schemes to reduce the financial burden on vulnerable families and is fully engaged in the national HPV vaccination drive for young girls. He highlighted the Sustha Nari, Sasakta Parivar initiative, under which more than 1.5 crore women have been screened for breast, cervical and oral cancers.

Dr Mahaling called for stronger participation from the private sector, industrial houses and technology startups to take advanced diagnostics and screening services to

rural communities. He urged major corporations operating in Odisha to utilise their CSR funds to adopt districts and deploy mobile cancer screening vans. He said public-private partnerships, including collaboration with institutions such as the Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre, can help promote innovative screening models, enable early detection, reduce late-stage treatment costs and ensure equitable access to life-saving cancer care. Jagannath P Nayak, Chairman, FICCI Odisha State Council, said, "As advances in medicine and technology unlock new possibilities for patients, ensuring these innovations reach everyone who needs them—especially in rural areas—remains an essential priority. Cancer imposes profound financial, emotional, and social strains on families, making equitable access, sustainable financing, and early detection mechanisms critical to easing this burden. Addressing a challenge of this magnitude requires government, healthcare professionals, industry, and patient advocacy groups to break down silos and build a truly resilient, accessible, and affordable cancer care ecosystem together." Providing the clinical perspective, Dr Durga Madhab Satpathy, Director, Directorate of Medical Education and Training, Government of Odisha, stressed the importance of early detection. He said that while primary prevention should remain the ultimate goal, cancer care must simultaneously focus on secondary prevention by detecting the disease at an early stage, when treatment is most effective. He emphasised the need to take systematic screening and diagnostic tools to remote

communities, address social stigma and ensure timely intervention irrespective of geographical location. Mamina Patnaik, Drug Controller, Government of Odisha, highlighted the importance of prevention alongside treatment and palliative care. She drew attention to the growing risks associated with tobacco consumption and novel nicotine products, including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), and emphasised the need for strong preventive strategies, compassionate patient support and streamlined regulatory pathways for essential pain-management medicines. The roundtable featured two key sessions—"Tackling the Cancer Menace: Collaboration for Care" and "Ensuring Equitable Access Through Innovative & Sustainable Financing". The discussions examined Odisha's existing cancer-care framework, disease burden, access gaps and opportunities for adopting advanced therapies. Participants also deliberated on systemic, financial and policy bottlenecks across the cancer-care value chain, including procurement, reimbursement, affordability, diagnosis, treatment and continuity of care. The roundtable concluded with a shared recognition that Odisha is at an important point in its cancer response. Stronger investments in screening, timely diagnosis, sustainable financing and access to appropriate therapies can help the state reduce avoidable cancer deaths and improve outcomes for patients and families. The roundtable was supported by EY as Knowledge Partner, with AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine and Novartis India as Industry Partners.

Railways on Guard: Station Water Systems to Be Inspected and Repaired

MI News Service, Kolkata / New Delhi: Indian Railways on Monday launched a special cleanliness drive across its network to clean and disinfect drinking-water tanks and filtration systems, part of a wider action plan to strengthen water-quality management for passengers and staff.

The board has instructed Zonal Railways to carry out comprehensive inspections of water sources, treatment and filtration plants, underground and overhead tanks, PVC tanks, water booths, dispensers and taps. All drinking-water tanks will be drained, desludged, scrubbed and disinfected, with measures to ensure tight covers and protected vents and overflow points to guard against contamination from birds, animals and algae. Officials said the end-of-pipe testing by prioritising frequent inspection and

maintenance across the entire drinking-water chain and by conducting water-quality tests at both source and point of consumption. Daily residual-chlorine monitoring will be introduced, with immediate re-chlorination or corrective action where required. Zonal units will identify deficiencies that require corrective work; damaged tanks, pipelines and filters will be repaired or replaced and any cross-connections between potable and non-potable systems will be eliminated. Leakages in piping that contribute to water loss will be addressed to prevent wastage.

Special attention will be paid to sites using hand pumps and borewells to ensure groundwater supplies meet safety standards. Water coolers and purification systems will be inspected and serviced, with UV/RO units checked for proper functioning. Filter elements

will be replaced on schedule, and new or replacement UV/RO systems will be procured on a mission mode where necessary. The same standards will apply to water vending machines.

Physical, chemical and bacteriological testing of samples will be undertaken at sources, post-treatment outlets, tanks, coolers, vending machines and representative taps wherever feasible. The Railway Board has asked zones to monitor and expedite sanctioned works for tank replacement and construction and to submit station-wise deficiency reports with time-bound corrective actions.

The drive also extends to drinking-water infrastructure in railway colonies and workplaces, aiming to ensure safe, clean and hygienic drinking water for passengers and railway personnel across the network.

Eastern Railway Upgrades Andal Yard Infrastructure to Ensure Enhanced Passenger Safety and Smoother Journeys

MI News Service, Kolkata: To ensure maximum safety, smooth train operations, and a comfortable travel experience for everyday passengers, Eastern Railway, under the leadership of General Manager Gitika Pandey, has successfully renewed a critical track junction at Andal Yard known as the "1 in 2.6 Special Diamond."

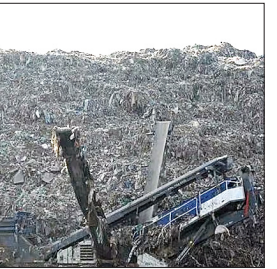
Previously, this crucial intersection relied on an older, non-standard 52 kg track layout that lacked standard replacement parts, requiring frequent manual maintenance that could lead to speed restrictions and travel delays. To deliver a safer and more dependable service, engineering teams completely replaced this complex section with a modern, heavy-duty 60 kg track structure. This major upgrade permanently eliminated all 8 weak connection points (compound joints) on its approach lines, restored proper track alignment, and cleaned out the underlying clogged gravel bed (caked-up ballast) beneath four busy train lines, signaling systems, and overhead power lines. To protect passengers from extra travel disruptions and avoid delays, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Asansol, Sangrah Maurya, directed teams to use an innovative "Shadow Block" strategy. This approach allowed railway crews to perform 17 additional vital maintenance tasks simultaneously during the single scheduled track closure—7 in track engineering and 10 in overhead electrical systems—with-



out needing any extra train stoppages. For track safety, crews packed gravel along 4,500 track meters (Tm) using specialized DTE machines (UDL-PAW line), fully renewed 800 Tm of track and gravel bed (TFR + deep screening), deep-cleaned 300 Tm of track bed (BCM deep screening on the KJME-UKA line), replaced 500 Tm of track fittings (UDL-KJME line), welded 14 rail joints using the SKV method (at TOP station limit and Sonachara bypass), realigned track geometry (UDL-TOF line, Points 54A & B), installed 10 sets of expansion joints (TWSEJ on UDL-KJME line), and machine-packed a key turnout section (PCTM turnout tamping).

Simultaneously, electrical teams worked overhead to secure the power lines that keep trains moving reliably. They serviced overhead power gantries at 2 locations (Sonachara/SP and UDL/SSP-II), replaced 5 lightning arresters to protect against electrical outages (3 at UDL/SSP-II, 2 at SCN/SP), modified 7 high-voltage PT DO fuses (3 at UDL/SSP-II, 4 at SCN/SP), completed annual maintenance on 10 DPI units (6 at UDL/SSP-II, 4 at SCN/SP) and 5 lightning arresters (3 at UDL/SSP-II, 2 at SCN/SP), performed tower wagon maintenance along 1 track kilometer (TW PAW: 1 TKM mast serviced, 1 power line replaced, 1 power line serviced) and 0.8 track kilometer (TW BBI: 0.8 TKM mast serviced, 2 insulated overhead wires, 1 PTFE insulator serviced), installed 2 overhead contact bars under JNC UDL, fixed 3 power feeder jumpers (1 replaced, 2 repaired), and inspected 5 assorted overhead electrical fittings. Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Shibram Majhi stated, "Every single detail of this engineering task was executed with our passengers' safety and comfort as the top priority. By combining 17 extra repair works across two key departments into a single work window, our teams permanently removed a critical safety bottleneck, improved track stability, and protected high-voltage electrical lines—ensuring faster, safer, and more punctual train travel without causing additional delays to the public."

Landslide at landfill in Guinea's capital, 30 killed



MI News Service, Conakry: A mountainous heap of refuse collapsed at the largest landfill in Guinea's capital Conakry early Sunday killing 30 people, according to an updated toll released by the central government.

Authorities said heavy rains, which started at around 2 am washed over the refuse at Dar Es Salam, triggering a landslide that buried nearby shacks. A

search and rescue operation was underway to find survivors. Six people were seriously injured and several homes were destroyed.

The site, an open-air waste dump, which is the largest in the city, had been designated for closure on Sunday, according to Lt. Col. Baldé Mamadou Bailo, the sanitation officer for the military engineering battalion.

Locals living around the landfill had been given eviction notices, which forced many to vacate the area, but many were still around at the time of the disaster, according to authorities.

"We will ensure that the remaining families are relocated elsewhere," said Dienabou Touré, the minister of territorial administration and decentralisation, at the scene.

2nd Test: Jurel’s ton, Pant’s fifty, bowlers help India seize control against SL

COLOMBO: Dhruv Jurel hit an unbeaten 115 while Rishabh Pant smashed a rollicking 63 before Prasidh Krishna and Manav Suthar struck late in fading light as India asserted total dominance over Sri Lanka on Day Two of the second Test at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) Ground in Colombo on Monday.

Having declared their first innings at 503/9 after a rain delay of two hours and ten minutes in the final session, Sri Lanka were reduced to a precarious 8/2 in just three overs. India crossing the 500-run mark was possible thanks to wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel hitting an unbeaten and rock-solid 115 off 177 balls - his second Test century and first in the island nation, while Rishabh Pant hit a rollicking 63.

In fading light, Suthar finished with figures of 1-6 from his lone over, while Krishna took 1-1 as Sri Lanka now trail India by 495 runs with eight wickets remaining in their first innings. India entered Day Two looking to build upon their firm foundation, but Sri Lanka made an early breakthrough with the second new ball.

Fast bowler Asitha Fernando surprised debutant Saransh Jain with a sharp bouncer from round the wicket, extracting a leading edge that was safely taken by gully. The early setback brought Pant to the crease, after he retired hurt on three due to a blow to his left wrist.

Pant was immediately targeted with a barrage of short-pitched bowling by the Sri Lankan seamers. But Pant soon began batting in his usual destructive style. A short ball down leg from Lahiru Kumara was pulled by Pant over the stadium roof, even damaging a solar panel as a replacement ball was sought.

Tested thoroughly by Kumara and Fernando, Pant took two painful hits to his right shoulder that required medical treatment. However, he countered using paddle sweeps, decisive footwork, and aggressive strokes to unsettle the opposition.

Alongside a solid Jurel,



who relied on crisp drives, flicks, and authoritative pulls against spinners Prabath Jayasuriya and Keshara Nuwantha, India wrested complete control. Both batters reached their half-centuries smoothly -- Pant thumping a pull to square leg for his 21st Test fifty, while Jurel pulled through mid-wicket to bring up his third half-century, as the duo took India to safety at lunch.

But Sri Lanka struck on the very first delivery after lunch when Pant hit Nuwantha straight to long-off and departed for an entertaining 63 off 89 balls. Jurel quickly re-established authority alongside Manav Suthar, who proved to be an able partner by handling the host side's short-ball tactics with composure and stepping down the pitch to loft Nuwantha over the mid-off boundary.

The pair added 39 runs to

Jayasuriya, Jurel reached his second Test century, and his first in Sri Lankan conditions, by driving Fernando over the bowler's head and diving full length to complete a risky single. Jurel celebrated by raising his sleeve to display a tattoo reading "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan".

With his century secured, Jurel shifted gears immediately by launching Fernando over long-on for six. Jayasuriya ended Siraj's 29-ball stay by trapping him plumb LBW with a slider. Prasidh Krishna then joined Jurel, who pulled Fernando over deep backward square leg for another six.

Krishna added the final touches by scything a low full-toss through cover for a boundary to push India past the 500-mark. After that, skipper Shubman Gill immediately declared the innings and called the batters back to have a crack at the Sri Lankan batting order in the toughest time to bat.

India handed the new ball to Siraj, who conceded just one run in a tight opening over. Krishna struck with his second ball in the next over, dropping one back of a length outside off that straightened sharply off the deck.

Lahiru Udara was squared up and edged the ball to gully, where Yashasvi Jaiswal took a sharp diving catch to send him packing for one. With light deteriorating rapidly, India introduced Suthar, who on the final ball of the third over, fired in a flatter delivery that skidded through to trap nightwatcher Jayasuriya lbw.

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Bhatia is set for Tour Championship as Clark completes wire-to-wire win

ST. LOUIS : Akshay Bhatia produced a spectacular eagle-birdie finish to close with a two-under 68 and tie for 12th at the 2026 BMW Championship, securing his place in the season-ending Tour Championship and retaining 15th position in the FedEx Cup standings.

Bhatia, who started the BMW Championship 15th in the FedEx Cup rankings, finished comfortably inside the top 30, becoming the only one of the three Indian-origin players in the field to qualify for the Tour Championship. The season finale features the top 30 players in the FedEx Cup standings.

The Indian-origin star made three birdies and an eagle against three bogeys in his final round, saving his best for the finish with an eagle followed by a birdie.

Aaron Rai also ended his campaign with a two-under 68, making four birdies and two bogeys to finish tied 16th. However, the result was not enough to secure a top-30 spot as Rai slipped up and edged the ball to gully, where Yashasvi Jaiswal took a sharp diving catch to send him packing for one. With light deteriorating rapidly, India introduced Suthar, who on the final ball of the third over, fired in a flatter delivery that skidded through to trap nightwatcher Jayasuriya lbw.

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Naveen-ul-Haq returns to Afghanistan's squad for upcoming T20Is against India

KABUL : Fast bowler Naveen-ul-Haq has returned to the Afghanistan squad after recovering from a shoulder injury for the upcoming three-match T20 International series against India, scheduled to be played at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on September 13, 15 and 17.

The series will also mark Ibrahim Zadran's first assignment as Afghanistan's full-time T20I skipper after taking over from Rashid Khan. Naveen's return bolsters the pace attack after he recovered from a stress fracture in his right shoulder, an injury that had sidelined him from the bilateral series against the West Indies and the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, where Afghanistan made an early exit.

He joins Fazal Haq Farooqi, Abdullah Ahmadzai and Azmatullah Omarzai in the fast-bowling department. The squad also sees the return of veteran seam-bowling all-rounder Gulbadin Naib, while uncapped wicket-keeper-batter Noor Rahman earned his maiden call-up following consistent domestic performances.

The spin contingent remains formidable, featuring Rashid, Noor Ahmad, Nangyal Kharoti, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, and Mohammad Nabi. "The Afghanistan Cricket Board has always made every effort to select a well-balanced and fully prepared squad for all relevant competitions. "We have followed the



same approach for the upcoming series against India, and I hope the Afghanistan team will deliver an outstanding performance in these matches. It is a great pride that Afghanistan is hosting a major cricketing nation for the first time.

"This reflects the progress Afghan cricket has made toward achieving its major objectives and shows that we are steadily advancing toward the strategic goals identified by the organization," said Naseeb Khan, the Afghanistan Cricket Board CEO, in a statement.

The Afghanistan squad will reach India early for a preparatory camp before the series begins. The series will

mark the first-ever men's bilateral T20I series between Afghanistan and India, after the two teams played in a one-off Test and three ODIs in June this year.

Afghanistan squad:
Ibrahim Zadran (c), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Noor Rahman (wk), Sediqullah Atal, Darwish Rasooli, Azmatullah Omarzai, Gulbadin Naib, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Nangyal Kharoti, Noor Ahmad, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Abdullah Ahmadzai, and Naveen-ul-Haq.

Reserves:
Ijaz Ahmadzai, Shahidullah Kamal, Fareed Ahmad Malik.

PM Modi to address young athletes as 'Khelo India Dialogue' set for August 27

NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address young athletes and youth leaders on sports, leadership and nation-building as part of a nationwide initiative, 'Khelo India Dialogue - Khel Ki Baat, Pradhan Mantri Modi Ke Saath', to be held across more than 1,500 educational institutions on August 27 to mark National Sports Day 2026. The large-scale youth engagement programme will bring together budding athletes, students, policymakers and leading sportspersons, creating a platform for young participants to share ideas to strengthen India's sporting ecosystem and expand opportunities for the country's youth.

The virtual address by the Prime Minister will be followed by physical programmes held simultaneously at participating institutions across the country. IITs, IIMs, NITs, AIIMS, leading medical colleges and universities are among the institutions expected to take part.

The initiative will focus on four broad areas - strengthening grassroots sports infrastructure, coaching and competitive opportunities; identifying and developing talent with an eye on the 2036 Olympics; increasing youth participation in governance and leadership; and equipping young people with future-ready skills, volunteering opportunities and avenues for nation-building.

A key component of the programme will be interaction between young participants and some of India's leading athletes and medal winners. Sportspersons, including Deepa Karmakar, Saina Nehwal, Gagan Narang, Sreesesh, Mary Kom, Baichung Bhatia, Pulella Gopichand, Anju Bobby George, Karnam Malleswari, Mirabai Chanu, and P.T. Usha, are set to engage with the youth and discuss their journeys, challenges, and experiences in sport. The programme will also extend the conversation beyond the sporting community. Members of Parliament, MLAs, Union Ministers, Ministers of State and State Sports Ministers will participate at various locations and interact with



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The focus on talent development is expected to tie into India's longer-term ambitions for the 2036 Olympics, with discussions centred on scientific talent identification, athlete development and creating stronger pathways for young athletes to progress from the grassroots to the elite level. The organisers also plan to use the event to encourage sustained youth participation beyond National Sports Day. Participants will be encouraged to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue Quiz and to register on the MY Bharat Portal. By bringing athletes, students, policymakers and elected representatives onto a common platform, the initiative aims to give young people a more direct role in discussions around India's sporting future and broader youth development. The nationwide programme will be held on August 27 as part of the National Sports Day celebrations, with participation spread across more than 1,500 educational institutions.

'Race to India Championship' to reshape PGTI season, boost pathway to DP World Tour

NEW DELHI : The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) has introduced a new season-long race that will determine the leading performers of the 2026 campaign and add greater significance to the India Championship, with the season finale set to decide the Order of Merit champion for the first time.

The 'Race to DP World India Championship', announced jointly by the PGTI and DP World on Monday, will culminate at the \$4 million India Championship at Delhi Golf Club from October 15 to 18.

Under the revamped structure, the PGTI Order of Merit champion will be crowned only after the season-ending championship, rather than at the conclusion of the tour's final event before the year-end break. The change is aimed at making the Delhi tournament a decisive part of the season while bringing the domestic circuit closer in line with the international calendar.

The race will comprise nine tournaments offering a combined prize purse of Rs 10 crore. Three events - the J&K Open, Coal India Open and Kolar Open - have already been completed, with the remaining six tournaments scheduled between August 25 and October 3.

The race will conclude



with the inaugural Kapil Dev Invitational Tour Championship at Jaypee Greens in Greater Noida from September 30 to October 3.

The event will also determine two key milestones for the players. The top 24 on the Race standings after the Greater Noida tournament will qualify for the season-ending championship, while the top 60 in the PGTI Order of Merit will retain their playing rights for the 2027 season. The Order of Merit champion will be formally crowned during the prize presentation at Delhi Golf Club after the

championship.

The revised structure also brings forward the conclusion of the PGTI season to October, replacing the previous calendar that extended into December. Officials believe the closer alignment with the DP World Tour calendar could provide a more seamless transition for the domestic circuit's leading players.

The change is particularly significant for the Order of Merit champion, who will gain exempt status on the DP World Tour. With the two calendars now more closely synchronised, the leading Indian

player could potentially take advantage of international playing opportunities soon after earning the exemption.

Hemant Kumar Ruia, Country Manager Subcontinent (India), DP World, said the initiative was designed to strengthen the pathway for Indian golfers to compete internationally.

"At DP World, we are committed to strengthening India's sporting ecosystem and creating meaningful pathways for homegrown talent to compete on the global stage. The Race to the DP World India Championship, in

partnership with DP World PGTI, reflects that ambition by giving India's leading golfers the opportunity to earn their place alongside some of the world's best. India is one of DP World's most important markets, and we are proud to play a role in growing the game and supporting the next generation of sporting talent. We look forward to welcoming India's finest golfers to Delhi Golf Club this October for the DP World India Championship, where they will have the opportunity to test themselves against a world-class field."

Kapil Dev, president of the PGTI, said the new format would add another layer of competition to the domestic season while improving the route for Indian players to move onto the global stage.

"The Race to DP World India Championship is a great initiative and reflects our shared vision with DP World of strengthening the pathway from Indian golf to the global stage. The Race introduces a fascinating season-long contest which will reward consistency, raise the competitive standard throughout the season and further enhance the significance of the DP World India Championship. Aligning our season with the DP World Tour creates greater opportunities for our leading players to make an immediate impact internationally.