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Suvendu Adhikari urges skilled professionals, migrant labourers working outside ‘Return to Bengal’

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Thursday urged skilled and educated professionals from the state working elsewhere in the country and abroad to return, assuring them of ample opportunities in the state under the "double-engine government".

Speaking at the inauguration of Phase-I of LTM's new IT campus, Ananda Niketan, in New Town, Suvendu Adhikari said his government's priority was to create employment opportunities for the state's large pool of educated youth and rebuild West Bengal as an attractive investment destination for diversified industries - big, medium and even smallscale.

"There are a huge number of educated unemployed. They need suable and attractive jobs opportunities and are very much interested in Bengal," the Chief minister said.

He said the state government has launched a special drive also to bring back the migrant workers, who travel across the country in search of work. "Come back to West Bengal", he called them .

"The state government has counted more than 22 lakh such migrant workers, and officials have been instructed to enrol them under the Centre's guaranteed rural employment scheme, VB-G RAM G", Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari said .

He said the central scheme promises guaranteed minimum 125 days of work, instead of the previous government's even less than 100 days of work, to eligible unskilled manual workers, every year. The government has now instructed all district administrations to enrol the eligible beneficiaries under the scheme.

Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari had earlier also urged



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari cuts the ribbon to inaugurate LTM's Global Delivery and AI Competency Centre in the presence of S. N. Subrahmanyam, Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro, in New Town, Kolkata, on Thursday.

all migrant workers to "return to Bengal", promising them work opportunities in a state "entering the era of development".

A letter issued to all district magistrates by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department stated, "The Viksit Bharat-

Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025 has been implemented with effect from

July 1, 2026. The Act provides a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment in each financial year to rural households

whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work, thereby strengthening livelihood security and reducing

distress migration." The letter asked all the districts to undertake a special drive to ensure that every iden-

tified migrant labour household is issued a Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Card (GRGC) so eligible adult members may avail employment under the VB-G RAM G scheme.

"This initiative is intended to facilitate the reintegration of migrant workers into the rural workforce and reduce out-migration from the state," the letter added.

Meanwhile, a senior official of the state administration has said, "Instructions have also been issued to ensure 100 per cent coverage by promptly issuing cards to eligible families... The work requirements of the concerned family members will also be documented... A plan has been drawn up to connect workers living in other states with rural employment in Bengal," he added.

As per the Labour Department data, a total of 22,24,060 migrant workers have been identified in West Bengal so far, spread across its 22 districts.

At 3,86,191, Murshidabad district has the highest number of identified migrant workers in the state. Malda ranks second with 2,86,329 workers, followed by Paschim Medinipur with 1,68,570; Nadia 1,61,908; Purba Medinipur 1,57,376; South 24 Parganas with 1,50,987; Cooch Behar 1,44,916; North 24 Parganas with 1,27,936; North Dinajpur with 1,20,160 workers; and Purba Bardhaman with 1,12,452 workers.

As per the panchayat department notification, the districts will first verify whether each identified migrant labour household has already been issued a GRGC card, and facilitate registration of eligible beneficiaries not yet registered under the scheme. The district administrations have been asked to carry out the exercise on priority and expeditiously.

'India need to participate in many more Olympic events' : PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India's performance in Olympic can improve only if the country manages to increase its participation in those events where it has not participated in the past.

In a virtual address to hundreds of athletes, students and volunteers who gathered at various locations for the Khelo India Dialogue, PM Modi said his vision for sports is not merely about winning medals but making it an integral part of the nation-building process.

"In the Olympics, there are so many different sports... Indian teams don't even participate in half of them," the Prime minister said, calling it a "bitter truth". For example in the 2024 Paris Olympics, India participated in only 16 of the 32 sports which were a part of the Games roster.

"We don't even compete for a huge chunk of the medal tally. And this has been going on for decades. Other countries of the world win medals in those sports, and we don't even participate in them, PM Modi said adding "in order to increase our medal tally, we will have to master these sports as well".

Earlier in his August 15 Independence Day speech, PM Modi had announced a nationwide talent hunt for children in the age group of 5 to 15 to ensure that India's participation improves at the Olympics. "On this 15th August, I have presented India's sports vision for the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort. When I talk about sports... it is not merely about winning medals", he said..

"It is a campaign to integrate India's sporting power and youth power together in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

the construction of a developed India," he stated further. Delivering a reality check on Indian sports and sportspersons Prime Minister Modi said it is a "bitter truth" that in the last Olympics in Paris our country participated in only half of the 32 sports that were part of the Games roster.

This problem was also visible during Team India's recent Commonwealth Games 2026 campaign, where India's predominant medal-winning sports like badminton, hockey, cricket, wrestling, etc. were not present. India took part in only 10 sporting events and six integrated para-sport events, but still came fourth on the points table, winning 13 gold, 17 silver and nine bronze medals. "We don't even compete for a huge chunk of the medal tally. And this has been going on for decades. Other countries of the world win medals in those sports, and we don't even participate in them. To increase our medal tally, we will have to master these sports as well," he added.

He specifically mentioned two sporting disciplines, surfing and sport climbing, where India can do well. "For example, surfing and sport climbing. We have a huge coastline and vast mountainous regions. From water sports to winter sports, we have the demography and geography. But we

do not have a strong presence in these sports. So, we have to look at the possibilities of developing the ecosystem for such sports and build it further," he continued.

"When I talk about sports, it is not merely about winning medals. It is a campaign to integrate India's sporting power and youth power together in the construction of a developed India," he said.

He gave the examples of para-athletes Avani Lekhara (shooting) and Jhandu Kumar (powerlifting), and how they inspired the nation. "Our para-athletes are an example of how sport can change lives. I have felt inspired by them," PM Modi said.

PM Modi reiterated India's ambition to host the 2036 Olympics and announced a nationwide talent hunt to identify sporting talent among children aged five to 15 years while addressing the nation on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day. "In 2030, India is also going to host the Commonwealth Games," PM Modi said.

"We have decided that the Olympics 2036 be held in India. In the disciplines in which India does not play or qualify, India will focus on these disciplines, and we will launch a talent hunt campaign," he added.

PM Modi said India needs to identify and nurture young talent in preparation for the 2036 Olympics, particularly children who are currently five, 10 or 15 years old.

"We have to pay attention to our sons and daughters. Therefore, a talent hunt campaign will be conducted in every village, every city and every school to identify sporting talent among children aged five to 15," he said.

More than 300 Indians missing in Nepal flash floods,death toll rises to 350

MI News Service, Kathmandu: More than 300 Indian tourists are among thousands who are reportedly missing after a devastating flash flood swept through parts of the Nepal-Tibet border on Wednesday morning.

According to Foreign minister of Nepal Shisir Khanal here on Thursday, "the fury of nature in the form of flash floods wreaked havoc across three districts in the Himalayan state" adding that over 300 Indians alone are among thousands reported missing in the flood waters.

"Town after town have been

wiped out within hours," said Shisir Khanal as he recounted the initial estimate of the devastating flash floods since yesterday.

Speaking at the World Anviksha Summit in Kathmandu, Khanal confirmed that at least 350 people have died and thousands remained untraced after the tragedy which first stuck in the Rasuwa region in Northern Nepal.

"Thousands of families have lost their homes and everything before gone missing as of now. We are still trying to ascertain the full extent of the disaster", he said .

The minister also informed that more than 300 Indian nationals, mostly Masarovar pilgrims, have been reported missing in the flash floods. "Foreign nationals, including Indians, take the route in the affected area to the Masarovar Yatra. Close to 300 Indians have been reported missing and the government is trying to establish contact with them," Khanal said.

In all around 700 foreign nationals also including those from the UK, the USA, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and many more countries are out of contact at present, the



minister informed. He added that the Nepal government has been in constant touch with embassies of countries regarding the safety of the foreign nationals who had gone missing. "We are as committed to the safety and well being of foreign nationals as we are to the Nepali citizens," the minister stated.

Describing the flash floods as one the worst disaster to have struck the Himalayan nation in recent times, Khanal thanked India for the prompt support and the relief materials being sent by New Delhi.

"Right now the focus is on rescue and immediate relief. Many from across the globe are supporting and empathising with Nepal. Government of India has already sent relief. We express gratitude.

The minister also appealed to the world to stand by Nepal in this hour crisis and continue to assist the country to help it rebuild itself. He informed that most tourist sites in Nepal are untouched by the floods and remain open to tourists.

"Beyond immediate relief, it is

important that the world remain connected with Nepal and help us rebuild. Tourism is critical to our rebuilding efforts. Would like to emphasise that majority of Nepal is not impacted and most tourist areas are still open. Places like Pokhara and Mount Everest region are open to tourists and safe. Request people to spend their tourism dollar in Nepal which will help us rebuild over the next few months," Khanal urged.

"We have emerged stonger after past tragedies, most recently the big 2015 earthquake. Nepal will rebuild itself again," the minister said.

Incidentally, a 32-member group from Kolkata on Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra was among at least 62 people from West Bengal who remained untraceable after the flash floods in Nepal, an official said.

The group, comprising 30 tourists and two tour managers, left the city on August 21 and reached Nepal the following day on way to Mansarovar, he said.

The group reached Rasuwagadhi in the morning to cross

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Kharagpur Retired Railway Employee, 62, Goes Missing Amid Severe Floods and Landslides in Nepal

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Concern has gripped the family of 62-year-old Swapan Kumar Sinha, a resident of the Prembazar area of Kharagpur, after the retired railway employee went missing during a trip to Nepal. The situation in Nepal has reportedly deteriorated due to severe flooding and landslides. Swapan Kumar Sinha has been out of contact with his family since Tuesday night. His wife, Sonali Sinha, and other family members are praying for his safe return. According to the family, Swapan Kumar Sinha travelled to Nepal on August 21 with a tour group arranged through a Kolkata-based tour and travel agency. Since Tuesday night, his phone has not been reachable, and there has been no response to messages sent through WhatsApp. Family members have repeatedly tried to contact him by phone and WhatsApp, but have so far received no response. With each passing hour, their concern is growing. Tour Agency Also Unable to Establish Contact. An official of the concerned tour and travel agency said that they last spoke with the tour manager regarding Swapan Kumar Sinha on Tuesday. His WhatsApp account showed a "last seen" status on Wednesday morning, but no contact could be established after that. The agency has confirmed that Sinha travelled to Nepal as part of its tour group. However, due to the difficult conditions in Nepal and disruptions to communication



networks, efforts are continuing to gather detailed information about his whereabouts and safety.

Fond of Travelling Even After Retirement. Swapan Kumar Sinha had worked at the Kharagpur Railway Workshop before retiring.

According to his family, he was very fond of travelling and would often visit different places either alone or with family members whenever he got the opportunity. It was this passion for travelling that prompted him to undertake the Nepal trip. However, the sudden deterioration of the situation in Nepal has turned the family's excitement into deep anxiety. Amid reports of floods and landslides, the family's biggest concern is now his safety. Family Contacts Indian Embassy. After losing contact with Sinha, his family also approached the Indian Embassy in Nepal in an effort to obtain information about him. Efforts are being made to trace his whereabouts and confirm his safety. However, at the time of writing, there has been no official confirmation regarding his current location or whether he is safe. The family is now anxiously waiting for just one phone call. They hope that the communication breakdown is due to the adverse weather conditions and network problems in Nepal and that Swapan Kumar Sinha is safe. The family remains hopeful that contact will soon be restored and that he will return safely to his home in Kharagpur.

Minister makes surprise visit to Krishnanagar hospital, flags sanitation gaps

MI News Service, Nadia : State minister of health Sumana Sarkar made a surprise inspection of Krishnanagar Sadar Hospital during her visit to Nadia on Thursday, inspecting the emergency department and several wards and reviewing the hospital's overall services.

Sarkar, who was in the district to attend a pre-scheduled programme of a party MLA, visited the hospital without prior notice. She interacted with patients and examined the condition of the wards, cleanliness and basic infrastructure.

After the inspection, the minister expressed dissatisfaction over shortcomings in sanitation and waste management. She said she had discussed the issues with the hospital superintendent and the chief medical officer of health (CMOH) and directed them to take corrective measures at the earliest.

Sarkar also criticised successive governments over what she described as longstanding deficiencies in the state's public healthcare infrastructure. Referring to the 34-year Left Front rule



and the subsequent 15 years of Trinamool Congress rule, she alleged that inadequate recruitment of doctors, nurses and Group-D staff had contributed to the problems faced by government hospitals.

"Our government is only 108 days old. Everything cannot change overnight, but the process of change has begun," Sarkar said.

The minister also highlighted an increase in the daily food allocation for hospital patients, saying it had been raised to Rs 110, nearly double the earlier allocation. She claimed that patients were responding positively to improvements in healthcare services.

Sarkar stressed that hospitals should not become alert only when min-

isters or senior officials are scheduled to visit. "Staff must remain equally responsible and vigilant every day," she said.

Calling hospitals places of service that should command the same respect as a temple, Sarkar said the government wanted patients to receive treatment in a clean and dependable environment and return home with confidence.

The minister said the government had sought at least six months to bring about visible improvements across the healthcare system. Her unannounced visit to Krishnanagar Sadar Hospital is likely to intensify scrutiny of day-to-day hospital management and sanitation standards in the district.

Furfura Hospital Faces Uncertainty, Locals Fear Service Cut

Nurul Islam Khan: MI News Service: A fresh controversy has emerged over the future of the State General Hospital at Furfura Sharif, with local residents and several Pirzadas raising serious concerns over the hospital's status, infrastructure and continuation of services.



The controversy began after Jangipara MLA Prasenjit Bag reportedly questioned the hospital's government records and approval following an inspection. He alleged that there was no record of the 100-bed hospital and questioned the decision to establish it at Furfura instead of a more densely populated part of Jangipara. The remarks have triggered strong resentment among local residents and several Pirzadas, who say the hospital is an important healthcare lifeline for thousands of people. They are demanding that instead of questioning its existence, the authorities should strengthen the hospital's services and infrastructure. The four-storey facility reportedly caters to around 200-250 patients every day. Although government records reportedly show only two doctors, hospital sources claim that four to five doctors are currently providing services. Locals also point out that before the facility was upgraded as a State General Hospital, only around 60-70 people sought treatment there daily. Several Pirzadas, including Saferi Siddiqui, Sauban Siddiqui, Tahbib Siddiqui, Mujahid Siddiqui and Nurullah

Siddiqui, have strongly objected to the controversy surrounding the hospital. They claim that the healthcare centre has a long-standing historical connection with Furfura Sharif. According to them, in 1948, Pir Hazrat Boro Huzur donated 10 bighas of land and Rs 40,000 in the name of Hazrat Pir Dada Huzur to establish the health centre. They say the institution was created keeping in mind the healthcare needs of ordinary people, students and the large number of visitors who come to Furfura Sharif. The Pirzadas have alleged that there is now an attempt to shut down the historic Maulana Abu Bakar Memorial Health Centre and have demanded clarity from the authorities. Local residents are also seeking an assurance that healthcare services will not be reduced or discontinued. Their grievance is straightforward: if hundreds of people depend on the hospital every day, why should its future be uncertain? Instead of creating uncertainty, they want the government to ensure adequate doctors, medicines, equipment and modern healthcare facilities. The issue has gained further significance as former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the super-specialty hospital at Furfura on March 17 last year. Residents now want the authorities to resolve the controversy at the earliest and provide a clear assurance regarding the hospital's future and uninterrupted public healthcare services.

NMACC: Where culture speaks in stone and dreams in light

Sanjay Samar : If Mumbai is defined by the waves of the sea, the glamour of Bollywood, and the bustle of the stock market, a new cultural radiance has now been added to its identity. Standing in the Bandra-Kurla Complex, the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) is a cultural complex where India's millennia-old traditions converge with modern technology and international-standard performances in a single space.

Launched on March 31, 2023, NMACC was developed by Reliance Foundation with the aim of bringing together the arts and culture of India and the world. Its initial offerings included projects such as The Great Indian Musical Civilization to Nation, India in Fashion, Sangam/Confluence, and Swadeshi.

The complex features four major cultural dimensions—the Grand Theatre, the Studio Theatre, the Cube, and the Art House.

Dhirubhai Ambani Square and its Fountain of Joy further enhance the public appeal. According to Reliance Industries' annual reports, the Art House is a landscaped art space spanning approximately 16,000 square feet. Culture here is not confined to a single language or art form. Separate spaces have been created for classical music, dance, theatre, folk art, modern art, literature, experimental performances, and international shows.

Barrackpore Metro may extend to Kalyani AIIMS, direct bus links also planned

MI News Service, Nadia : Residents and patients in Nadia could get a major public transport boost if a proposed extension of the Barrackpore Metro corridor to Kalyani AIIMS takes shape. State transport minister Arjun Singh on Wednesday said the Metro could eventually be extended from Barrackpore to the AIIMS hospital through Kalyani Road, while direct bus services from several parts of North 24 Parganas and neighbouring districts are also being planned.

Speaking to reporters at Jagaddal, Singh said there was enough space along Kalyani Road to take the Metro towards the AIIMS campus. "If the Metro goes from Barrackpore to AIIMS through Kalyani Road, it will be better. This will happen in the future," he said.

The minister also spoke of a direct bus network linking AIIMS Kalyani with Basirhat, Bongaon, Barrackpore, Dum Dum and parts of Hooghly. The idea, he said, is to allow patients and their attendants to reach the hospital without having to change multiple modes of transport. "Sit in front of your home and reach AIIMS. This is what we will do," Singh



said. The proposal comes at a time when the long-delayed Baranagar-Barrackpore Metro project has finally cleared a major hurdle. The 12.5-km Pink Line corridor has been held up for years over water pipelines running beneath B.T. Road. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation recently issued the required clearance for the project, paving the way for construction activity.

Seminar Explores Relevance of Anandamurti Ji's Philosophy in Indian Knowledge Tradition

MI News Service, Kolkata: Renaissance Universal, the intellectual wing of Ananda Marga Pracharaka Samgha, in collaboration with Prof. Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) University, Prayagraj, organised a national seminar on "The Relevance of Shrii Shrii Anandamurti Ji's Philosophy in the Context of the Indian Knowledge Tradition" during the university's seven-day Sanskrit Utsav.



The programme was held at Academic Block-A and began with Mangalacharan by Sanskrit research scholar Nitin Tripathi, followed by a welcome address by Dr Praveen Kumar Dwivedi. Prof Vivek Kumar Singh introduced the guests. Acharya Divyachetananda Avadhuta, Central Secretary of Renaissance Universal, delivered the introductory address, discussing Ananda Sutram and its relationship with Indian philosophical systems. He explained concepts including the evolution of physical, mental and spiritual forces, along with Saincara and Pratisaincara.

He also elaborated on the progression from humanism to neo-humanism, describing the latter as an inclusive consciousness extending compassion to all forms of existence. He further discussed P. R. Sarkar's Progressive Utilization Theory (PROUT), highlighting universalism, minimum necessities, resource utilisation and economic development. Prof Ashutosh Kumar Singh addressed the seminar's theme and significance, while Prof Anil Pratap Giri discussed Anandamurti's contributions and the seven principles of Ananda Sutram.

The event concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates to Sanskrit Utsav participants, followed by the National Anthem and a vote of thanks by Dr Priya Jha.

Wife's baby shower turns sombre as social media influencer jumps into Ganga, goes missing

MI News Service, Nadia : A celebration marking his wife's baby shower ended on a tragic note after a young man allegedly jumped into the Ganga from a vessel at Nrisinhapur ferry ghat in Nadia's Shantipur early Thursday. The man, identified as Sagar Biswas, has been missing since the incident. Biswas was reportedly active on social media and also worked in advertising.



According to police and local sources, Biswas had attended his wife's baby shower at his in-laws' residence in the Nikuthi area of Shantipur on Wednesday. Later that night, he left on a motorcycle with his brother-in-law Ajay Halder. Ajay told local sources that the two travelled around different parts of Santipur through the night and consumed alcohol.

The two reached Nrisinhapur ferry ghat early Thursday to have tea. Ajay claimed that Biswas had received a phone call on Wednesday night and had a heated conversation with someone for nearly an hour. He reportedly appeared disturbed after the call.

According to Ajay, Biswas suddenly got off the motorcycle, ran towards a vessel anchored at the ghat and climbed aboard. Before Ajay could understand what was happening, Biswas jumped into the river. Ajay immediately en-

tered the Ganga in an attempt to rescue him. He managed to swim close to Biswas and grabbed him by the collar. However, Biswas reportedly made a sudden movement, causing Ajay to lose his grip. He then disappeared into the deep waters.

Major Breakthrough in Kharagpur Robbery Cases: Gang Busted, Three Arrested, Six Gold Necklaces Recovered

MI News Service, Kharagpur : West Medinipur district police have achieved a major breakthrough in a series of six robbery cases reported across Kharagpur city during May, July and August.



Police have claimed to have busted a gang allegedly involved in the incidents and arrested three people, including Suraj Kahar. Two minors have also been detained in connection with the cases. Speaking at a press conference held at the Medinipur District Police Superintendent's office, Superintendent of Police Papiya Sultana detailed the investigation and said police had managed to identify and reach the suspects allegedly linked to the robberies. Police recovered six stolen gold necklaces from the possession of the accused and based on their disclosures. According to police, two of the necklaces were recovered from a gold jewellery shop, while the remaining four were recovered from the arrested suspects. Police have also arrested the owner of the gold shop in connection with the case. Investigators are now trying to determine the role of other individuals involved in the alleged purchase, sale and disposal of the stolen jewellery and to uncover the wider network operating behind the robberies. According to police, the robberies were carried out at different locations across Kharagpur city, including areas around Shershab Stadium, Atul-Moni School, Sanghashree Club, New Traffic and Sai Baba Temple, among others. The repeated incidents had created considerable concern among residents. Police have begun interrogating the arrested suspects to determine how many more people may be involved in the gang and whether the robberies were connected to a larger criminal network. Further investigation is underway based on the recovered jewellery and other evidence. SP Papiya Sultana stated firmly that no one involved in criminal activities would be able to escape the law. She also warned that strict legal action would be taken not only against those directly involved in crimes but also against anyone found helping criminals, disposing of stolen property or providing protection to them.

The police action following the series of robberies in Kharagpur is being viewed as a significant success. Investigators are now focusing on identifying the gang's other possible members and tracing the complete network involved in the stolen jewellery trade.

Major RPF Action at Hijli Station; 5.376 Kg of Suspect Ganja Worth Rs 2.69 Lakh Recovered from Unclaimed Bag

MI News Service, Kharagpur : In a major crackdown on the illegal transportation of narcotic substances, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Kharagpur Division recovered 5.376 kg of suspected ganja from Hijli Railway Station. The estimated value of the seized substance is around ₹2,68,800. No arrest was reported during the operation as the narcotic substance was found inside an unclaimed handbag. According to information, the RPF team was conducting a routine and intensive checking operation at Hijli Railway Station. During the inspection, after Train No. 22643 Patna Superfast Express arrived at Platform No. 1, the personnel noticed a red-and-blue handbag lying unattended under a bench near the C&W office. The RPF personnel questioned passengers present in the area about the bag, but no one came forward to claim it. Suspecting something unusual, the team inspected the bag. A packet wrapped in brown cello tape was found inside. When a strong smell resembling ganja was detected from the packet, RPF officials were immediately informed. Following this, the necessary legal procedure was initiated under the provisions of the NDPS Act. The unclaimed bag was opened in the presence of independent witnesses, and sus-



pected ganja was recovered from inside. Upon weighing, the total weight of the suspected ganja was found to be 5.376 kg, while the total weight including the bag was recorded as 6.107 kg. The RPF team packed, labelled and sealed the recovered suspected narcotic substance as per the prescribed procedure. The seized ganja and related materials were subsequently handed over to GRP/Kharagpur for further legal action.

The RPF operation highlights increased vigilance against the possible transportation and trafficking of narcotic substances through railway premises. Further investigation is underway to determine how the unclaimed bag reached the station and who may have been behind it.

Market Inspection in Jangipara



Nurul Islam Khan: Amid the current soaring prices of essential commodities, a team of government officials conducted inspections at various stockists and shops in the Jangipara area on Thursday to assess market prices and stock levels.

In view of the rising prices of sugar, edible oil, rice and other essential commodities, the officials held discussions in the interest of the general public. Present during the inspection were the SDPO of Chanditala, the BDO of

Jangipara and the Food Inspector of Jangipara Block. On Thursday, the officials inspected several stock godowns and business establishments to verify the stocks and market prices of rice, sugar, mustard oil/edible oil and other essential commodities. The stock registers and other relevant documents of the traders were also examined. The selling prices of essential commodities were checked to determine whether any excess pricing was being charged. The officials also looked into the possibility of artificial stockpiling of goods to create or encourage a trend of price hikes in the market. Inspections and monitoring of various markets and storage centres will continue.

Alleged adulterated milk unit unearthed in Nadia; cooperative link under scanner

MI News Service, Nadia : An alleged adulterated milk manufacturing unit was unearthed in the Ghoshpara area of Mahishura in Nabadwip, triggering concern among local residents. Police shut down the facility late Tuesday night following an inspection by local residents and BJP leaders after a tip-off.

According to BJP leader Shashadhar Nandi, the unit was allegedly producing large quantities of adulterated liquid milk by mixing around 20 litres of genuine milk with whey water, chemicals, medicines and acid to make nearly 100 litres of liquid milk. The product was allegedly packed in containers and supplied to different areas and smaller milk companies.

Various chemical substances, powders, liquid materials, medicines and prepared liquid milk were reportedly found on the premises. Nandi claimed that the alleged adulteration process was underway when the inspection took place. A man identified as the nephew of the alleged owner was reportedly detained and handed over to police.

The case, however, has raised another significant question. A signboard outside the premises bears the name 'Nabadwip Ghoshpara Dugdha Utpadak Samabay Samiti Ltd', along with the name of 'The Kisan Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited'. The board also mentions registration number WB/ARD(N)/03, 2025-2026, dated February 13, 2026, and lists the address as Uttar Ghoshpara, Nabadwip, Nadia.

The presence of the cooperative's name on the premises has prompted questions over whether the alleged unit



had any official or operational connection with the cooperative. However, the presence of the signboard by itself does not establish any involvement of the cooperative in the alleged adulteration. Officials of the cooperative were yet to comment on the matter.

Police are examining the substances recovered from the premises, the nature of the liquid allegedly being manufactured and the supply network, if any. Investigators are also looking into how long the unit had been operating and whether others were involved.

Nandi said a written complaint would also be submitted to the health department and the chief medical officer of health. The actual composition of the recovered liquid and other materials, and whether they were being used for adulterating milk, will become clearer after laboratory examination.

The police investigation is currently focused on establishing the facts behind the allegations and determining whether the premises was being used for unauthorised milk processing and distribution.

Kolkata Police to Use Videos for Law and Order Briefings

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police officers will now brief their subordinates on law-and-order duties through video messages, following a new directive issued by Police Commissioner Ajay Nanda. The initiative aims to ensure that instructions given by senior officers reach every police personnel deployed on duty.

According to the directive issued by Lalbazar, the concerned Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner or Inspector will record a video explaining the duties and responsibilities of subordinate officers and personnel before law-and-order deployments. The videos will be shared through the official WhatsApp groups used by the police.

Lalbazar sources said police officers routinely brief inspectors, other officers and personnel before major law-and-order situations such as rallies, large gatherings and protests. However, the headquarters has received reports that instructions often reach senior and supervisory officers but do not reach personnel at the ground level with the same clarity.

As a result, some constables and officers, including those at the sub-inspector level, may remain unclear about their specific responsibilities while on duty and their role in maintaining law and order.

The new system has been introduced to address this longstanding communication gap. Discussions had reportedly been underway at Lalbazar for some time on how to ensure that operational instructions reach every member of a deployment before duty begins.

Under the new guidelines, the briefing videos must be recorded by the designated DC, Assistant Commissioner or Inspector. However, there is a strict time limit: each video must not exceed two minutes.

The recorded briefing must then be posted on the police department's official WhatsApp group. Officers have also been instructed to ensure that the video reaches all personnel concerned so that no one deployed for the assignment misses the instructions.

Senior officers at Lalbazar believe the move will make pre-deployment briefings more effective and accessible. Instead of relying solely on conventional verbal briefings, personnel will be able to watch the instructions before reporting for duty and understand exactly what is expected of them.

The initiative is particularly significant ahead of sensitive deployments involving rallies, demonstrations and large public gatherings, where clear communication is crucial.

More than 300 Indians missing in Nepal flash floods

Continued from Pg 1: into Tibet. Its members were at the immigration office around 8.30 am when the flash flood struck the area along the Nepal-Tibet border, he added.

"There has been no communication with any of the 32 members since the "We are trying to establish contact with all those from West Bengal who may have been in the affected areas. The situation on the ground is extremely difficult, and communication has been disrupted," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari has expressed deep concern and shared emergency helpline numbers after catastrophic flash floods in Nepal affecting numerous tourists and pilgrims from West Bengal. He posted on social media to offer condolences to families affected by the deadly flash floods near the Tibet border. The state administration and the Indian embassy are actively monitoring the situation and running rescue operations, he said.

Similarly, as many as 53 Keralites, including children, are stranded in Nepal following yesterday's disaster.

An agency of the Keralam government that coordinates overseas affairs and welfare services for non-resident Keralites told a press conference said 17 sets of information regarding stranded Keralites had been received through the Chief Minister's Office and the Chief Secretary's Office.

Nepal Flash Floods: State Govt Coordinates Rescue Efforts for Missing Indian

MI News Service, Kolkata: At least 98 people have died and 384 others remain missing following devastating flash floods in Nepal, with more than 100 Indian tourists, mostly pilgrims travelling for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, among those reportedly unaccounted for. The disaster has triggered concern in West Bengal, with Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari assuring that the state government is standing firmly with Nepal and affected families.

Expressing concern over the situation, Adhikari said the West Bengal government was making every effort to assist pilgrims, tourists, businesspersons and workers from the state who may have been caught in the disaster.

"We are extremely concerned about reports of more than 100 Indian tourists, mostly pilgrims on the Kailash



Mansarovar Yatra, going missing," the Chief Minister said in a social media post.

He added that the West Bengal government was actively coordinating with the Embassy of India in Kathmandu and other relevant administrative authorities to gather information and facilitate assistance and rescue operations.

"The exact number of people from West Bengal who are missing or affected is

currently being ascertained, and verification is underway," Adhikari said. He added that information about those stranded was being collected and monitored in real time so that prompt assistance and rescue could be arranged.

Adhikari also expressed solidarity with the people of Nepal and conveyed his condolences to families who have lost their loved ones in the natural disaster.

The state government has

issued emergency helpline numbers for people seeking information or assistance. The Embassy of India in Nepal can be contacted through phone and WhatsApp at +977 985 131 6807 and +977 970 910 7500.

A separate police control room has also been made operational at Bhabani Bhawan in Kolkata. The numbers are 03324793311 and 9147890181.

The Chief Minister urged people to remain hopeful and said he was praying for the safety, swift rescue and well-being of all those stranded or affected by the flash floods.

The West Bengal government is continuing to monitor developments and coordinate with central and Nepalese authorities as efforts continue to trace missing Indian nationals and provide assistance to those affected by the disaster.

Sunil Chowdhury Meets Farakka BDO Over Rising Ganga Water Level

MI News Service, Kolkata: Concern has grown in riverbank areas of Farakka as the water level of the Ganga continues to rise steadily, reportedly nearing the danger mark. With water flowing downstream from the upper reaches, authorities fear that the river level may increase further in the lower areas in the coming days.

The Farakka block administration has already started taking precautionary measures to deal with the situation. Residents living close to the river have been alerted and advised to remain cautious. They have also been urged to follow administrative instructions if the situation worsens.

Amid the rising water level, BJP leader Sunil Chowdhury held a meeting with the Farakka Block Development Officer (BDO) to discuss the situation. The meeting focused on possible measures to be taken if the Ganga rises further and ways to protect people living in vulnerable riverbank areas.

Chowdhury discussed with the BDO how residents could be shifted to safer locations if required and what steps the administration should take to prevent the situation from escalating. The administration is closely monitoring the water level and developments along the river.

Residents in low-lying and river-adjacent areas have been advised to remain alert and cooperate with officials.

Meanwhile, concerns have also emerged over tourists and pilgrims stranded following devastating flash floods near the Nepal-Tibet border. Communication with several tourists and pilgrims from West Bengal and Tamil Nadu has reportedly been disrupted.

A 32-member group from West Bengal, which had travelled from Kolkata for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, has reportedly been untraceable since Wednesday morning. The group comprised 30 tourists and two tour managers.

The group was at the

Rasuwadaghi immigration office when the flash floods hit the area. They had been waiting there to complete the necessary formalities before entering Tibet. Floodwater reportedly entered the area at around 8.30am, disrupting movement and communication.

There has also been some relief in the case of seven tourists from Maharashtra. Four have been confirmed safe, while efforts are underway to establish contact with the remaining three.

The developments have heightened concern among families as authorities continue efforts to trace missing tourists and pilgrims. Meanwhile, the Farakka administration remains on alert as the Ganga continues to swell.

Officials are monitoring the river closely and are expected to take further precautionary measures if the water level rises beyond the current threshold. Residents have been asked not to panic but to remain vigilant and follow official instructions.

Finance Min Seeks Greater Recognition and Funding for CGCRI

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has announced plans to strengthen its institutional ties with the CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI) in Jadavpur and seek greater financial support for the premier research organisation from the Centre.

Speaking at the institute's 76th Foundation Day programme on Thursday, state Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta said efforts would be made to enhance the institution's national importance and ensure that its research and technologies receive wider recognition.

Although CGCRI is a well-known research organisation in scientific circles, many people in Kolkata are unaware of the nature and importance of the work being carried out

there. The minister said the state government now wants to play a greater role in highlighting the institute's contribution and strengthening its links with the government and industry.

Established in 1950 under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), CGCRI conducts research in areas including glass, ceramics, biomaterials, fibre optics, photonics and nanomaterials.

Speaking after the Foundation Day programme, Dasgupta said, "Such an important institution exists in the heart of Kolkata. Many people may have seen its signboard, but they did not know what work was being carried out there. There may be several reasons for this. Our responsibility now is to increase its national importance, and we will do whatever

we can. We will approach the Central government in this regard."

The institute is also focusing on taking its research beyond academic publications and towards industrial applications and commercialisation. Over the years, CGCRI has developed technologies including transparent armour glass-ceramics, hypersonic radome materials, electrical components for satellites, advanced optical glass and fibre lasers. Several of these technologies have been utilised by organisations including DRDO and ISRO.

Dasgupta said stronger collaboration between CGCRI and major industries in Bengal could become an important step towards boosting research, innovation and industrial development in the state.

National Med Clg Warns Students Over Blood Camps Roles

MI News Service, Kolkata: The authorities of National Medical College have warned medical students against participating in blood donation camps while posing as medical officers. The warning follows allegations that several students had attended a blood donation camp and performed duties in the capacity of medical officers despite not having completed their medical education.

The college principal issued a notice on Wednesday, cautioning students that strict action would be taken if any such incident was reported in the future. The authorities made it clear that students must not assume the responsibilities of a medical officer at blood donation

camps under any circumstances.

The controversy arose after a few students of National Medical College reportedly participated in a blood donation camp organised following a proposal from a private blood bank. According to the allegations, the students not only attended the camp but also acted as medical officers during the event.

The incident was reported last Tuesday at a blood donation camp organised at the proposal of a blood bank on CIT Road. Following the complaint, the college authorities initiated an inquiry and identified the students who had attended the camp. They were subsequently summoned to Swasthya Bhawan for discussions and clarification.

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Questions were raised over how undergraduate medical students could have taken up the role of medical officers at a blood donation camp.

According to medical regulations, the role of a medical officer at a blood donation camp can be performed only by a qualified doctor.

Following discussions with the students at Swasthya Bhawan, the National Medical College authorities issued a warning to all students.

The principal instructed students to refrain from taking up the role of medical officers at blood donation camps in the future. The notice also warned that any student found violating the directive could face stringent disciplinary action.

Park St Row: Pavement Dweller Refuses Govt Shelter

MI News Service, Kolkata: The pavement dweller at the centre of the Park Street milk-heating controversy, has refused to stay at a government shelter despite efforts by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and police to provide her and her two younger daughters with accommodation.

The development comes days after she met West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari at the BJP state headquarters. She reportedly expressed confidence in the Chief Minister, following which he directed the Kolkata civic authorities to arrange shelter

for her family.

Since Tuesday, KMC officials and police personnel have made several attempts to convince her and her two younger daughters to stay at government shelters. They took the family to shelters in Belegata and on Ram Mohan Roy Road, but she declined both options. Her daughter Puja, however, agreed to the civic body's arrangement and stayed at a government shelter.

Questions were subsequently raised about her whereabouts and those of her two younger daughters. BJP MLA Sajal Ghosh said she and her daughters were safe and

staying at the homes of party workers.

The controversy began when the dweller was stopped while heating milk for her grandson on the Park Street pavement. Municipal Minister Agnimitra Paul intervened, citing safety concerns, and asked her to stop. It later emerged that she had been living on the pavement for nearly 50 years.

A video of the incident went viral, prompting criticism of Paul. She later clarified that the child's milk had not been taken away and admitted that she could have explained the matter more sensitively.

State Plans Mega Rakhi Celebrations with ₹8.97 Crore Budget

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government will organise Raksha Bandhan celebrations across the state on Friday, August 28, with the objective of strengthening the bonds of fraternity, communal harmony and nationalism.

As part of the government-sponsored celebrations, around 25,60,500 rakhis will be distributed across different parts of the state. The government has allocated a total of ₹8.97 crore for organising the festivities at various administrative levels.

Government programmes will be held from village panchayats and blocks to subdivisions,

district headquarters and municipalities. Special celebrations will also be organised by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC).

According to the allocation plan, ₹22 lakh has been earmarked for 22 district headquarters, while ₹1 lakh each has been allocated for the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) and KMC. The 144 wards under KMC will receive ₹28.8 lakh for the celebrations.

Six municipal corporations have been allocated ₹6 lakh, while 121 municipalities will receive ₹1.21 crore. An amount of ₹11.25 lakh has been earmarked for 45 subdivisions and ₹86.25 lakh for 345 blocks.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari at inauguration of LTM's Global Delivery and AI Competency Centre, in New Town, Kolkata, on Thursday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: LTM, a Larsen & Toubro Group company, on Thursday inaugurated its new Global Delivery and AI Competency Centre in Kolkata, strengthening the group's long-term commitment to West Bengal as an emerging technology and innovation hub.

The centre was inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari in the presence of S. N. Subrahmanyan, Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro, Venu Lambu, CEO and Managing Director of LTM, senior executives from both organisations and other dignitaries.

The new facility marks a significant step in LTM's expansion in India and is expected to strengthen its global delivery capabilities and AI-focused initiatives. It will also create opportunities for skilled professionals in West Bengal and neighbouring states.

LTM said Kolkata's strong academic ecosystem, availability of skilled talent and expanding digital infrastructure made the city an important location for its growth strategy. The centre will function as a platform for collaboration, technological innovation and global service delivery.

Adhikari said West Bengal was emerging as a preferred destination for technology and AI investments and welcomed LTM's decision to expand its presence in Kolkata. He said the investment would generate opportunities for young professionals while contributing to the state's technology ecosystem and economic growth.

Subrahmanyan said the new centre reflected the L&T Group's continued investment in India's growth and its commitment to expanding into regions with strong potential. He added that the initiative would promote innovation, technology-driven development and opportunities for local communities.

Lambu said Kolkata's talent base, academic heritage and growing digital ecosystem

made it strategically important for LTM. He said the centre would help the company develop future-ready skills, leverage local talent and deliver next-generation AI and technology solutions to clients worldwide.

The Kolkata centre will further expand LTM's nationwide delivery network and support its strategy of bringing global opportunities closer to regional talent.



Kolkata Police and KMC officials moved to remove TMC billboards from Abhishek Banerjee's Camac Street office in Kolkata, on Thursday.



Municipal authorities raid Abhishek's Camac Street office, claiming it is 'illegal'; scuffle with police ensues

MI News Service, Kolkata: During the final five years of the Trinamool era, this very building served as the second seat of power—ranking right after the fourteenth floor of Nabanna was the seventh floor of Camac Street. At 9, Camac Street, Abhishek Banerjee's office spanned an area of over 3,000 square feet. Trinamool leaders, both prominent and minor, would flock there to meet Abhishek, often enduring long waits for an audience. It was from this office that various 'directives' were issued to leaders across the districts and to others. A signboard bearing the name 'All India Trinamool Congress' used to shine brightly atop the building; however, as of Thursday evening, it does so no longer. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation dismantled the signboard that day, acting on allegations that it had been installed illegally.

The operation, however, did not proceed without incident. Abhishek initially put up resistance; the police and municipal team retreated at first but returned later. A scuffle ensued with the Trinamool leaders and workers present. Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien and others tried to block the police and municipal staff by lying down on the staircase. Several police personnel were also shoved.

Ultimately, however, no obstruction proved effective. Municipal workers broke the lock, entered the rooftop, and tore down the signboard, leaving the debris scattered there. Twelve people were detained on charges of obstructing the police and municipal officials.

Abhishek alleged that the municipality had illegally intruded upon private property at the behest of a vindictive BJP. The Trinamool has also moved the High Court regarding this matter; the Chief Justice has indicated that the issue can be mentioned on Friday.

Previously, the administration had demolished a portion of Abhishek's MP office at Amtala in Diamond Harbour, citing allegations of 'illegal' construction; that matter also led to litigation. Now, the party signboard at his Camac Street office has been taken down.

No ordinary Trinamool workers or supporters were seen with Abhishek on Thursday. Upon hearing the news, no one gathered outside the Camac Street office either. At most, some 20 to 25 people obstructed the police; usually, they are seen around Abhishek's Kalighat residence.

Police presence outside the Camac Street office was increased shortly after evening fell. As tensions escalated, the police force entered the prem-

ises wearing helmets. Officials broke the lock to gain entry to the area where the billboard was located.

Speaking from the site, Abhishek lashed out at the BJP and Suwendu Adhikari. The Trinamool MP claimed that the municipality had dismantled the billboard belonging to his office out of political vendetta, driven by fear of Mamata Banerjee's party. Abhishek stated, "There is a concerted effort to forcibly finish off the Trinamool. Why is the BJP so afraid? They think, 'We won't allow Trinamool to hold meetings or rallies; we'll attack their leaders, vandalize party offices, and tear down billboards'—is the fear really that deep? I want to tell Suwendu Adhikari: we are the 'Grass-flower' (Trinamool). The more the grass is cut, the more it grows."

Abhishek pointed out that there are numerous billboards on the footpaths in front of many shops in the Camac Street area. He alleged that none of those boards are being removed; the municipality intends to dismantle only the board at his office. He remarked, "So many boards are installed on the footpaths, yet no one touches them. Those who have constructed illegal buildings one after another all this time get away with everything—because they are now

aligned with the BJP. We will move the High Court against this police conduct and strong-arm tactics. No one is above the Constitution."

It was the Kolkata Police that lodged a complaint with the municipal corporation regarding the billboard at Abhishek's office, alleging that it had been installed illegally. Acting on this complaint, officials from the civic body's advertising department visited Camac Street on Thursday afternoon. Upon receiving the news, Abhishek, along with Vaishwanar Chatterjee and Derek O'Brien, arrived at the location. They contended that the copy of the order presented by the municipal officials was invalid. After a prolonged argument, the officials initially left but later returned and, accompanied by the police, forcibly entered the premises. Officers from the Anti-Rowdy Section were also present at the scene.

Abhishek has vented his anger on social media regarding the role of the police and has also threatened legal action. Commenting on the police raid on Abhishek's office, the state's Leader of the Opposition, Ritabrata Banerjee, said, "He is a high-level 'Chartered Mafia.' I do not have the time to react to matters concerning him."

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RAHAMA BIBI W/o-ABDUL KHALEK Residingat-Guripara, Krishnapur, Lalgola, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742148, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RAHAMA BIBI To REHEMA BIBI (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) REHEMA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2186 On Date 27/28/2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, REHEMA BIBI and RAHAMA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ABDUL KHALEQUE S/o-ABDUL AZIZ SARDAR Residingat-Guripara, Krishnapur, Lalgola, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742148, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ABDUL KHALEQUE To ABDUL KHALEK (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ABDUL KHALEK in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2185 OnDate 27 August 2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ABDUL KHALEK and MD ABDUL KHALEQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) IMARN ALI S/o- ABDUL HAKIM SEKH Residingat- Soluya Akundabaria, Baruipara, Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742165, West-Bengal. Do here by declare that I have Changed my name from IMARNALI To IMRAN SEKH (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be known as (New Name) IMRAN SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2185 On Date 27 August 2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, IMRAN SEKH and IMARNALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) AJIMUDDIN S/o- GUDAR SEKH Residingat- Naya Shuknagar, Akandabaria, Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732216, WestBengal. Dohere by declare that I have Changed my name from AJIMUDDIN To AJIMUDDIN SEKH (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) AJIMUDDIN SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2184 On Date 27August 2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, AJIMUDDINSEKH and AJIMUDDIN both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Enamul Haque (Old Name), S/o-Md Earfan Ali (Old Name), Nubaher Bibi (Old Name), R/o- Gabtala, P.O- Laigola, P.S- Laigola, Dist- Murshidabad do hereby declare that I have changed my and my father's name from Enamul Haque (Old Name), S/o- Md Earfan Ali (Old Name), Nubaher Bibi (Old Name) To Enamul Hoque (actual Name), S/o- Erfan Ali (actual Name), Nurbuna Biswas (Actual Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Enamul Hoque, S/o- Erfan Ali in all purpose, vide affidavit no- 24/26 Sworn before the Notary Public at Lalbagh, Murshidabad on 29/07/2026. Enamul Haque (Old Name), S/o- Md Earfan Ali (Old Name), Nubaher Bibi (Old Name) and Enamul Hoque (actual Name), S/o- Erfan Ali (actual Name), Nurbuna Biswas (Actual Name) all the names are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, MARJUNA BIBI (OLD NAME) W/O JIYARUL KAYAL residing at Vill+PO - Pifa, PS-Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas do hereby declare that on 12.08.2026 vide an affidavit (No. 20034) before Basirhat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that from now I will be known as MARJINA BIBI KAYAL (NEW NAME). MARJINA BIBI (OLD NAME) and MARJUNA BIBI KAYAL (NEW NAME) is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, MARJUNA BIBI (OLD NAME) W/O JIYARUL KAYAL residing at Vill+PO - Pifa, PS-Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas do hereby declare that on 12.08.2026 vide an affidavit (No. 20035) before Basirhat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that from now will be known as MARJINA BIBI KAYAL (NEW NAME). MARJINA BIBI (OLD NAME) and MARJUNA BIBI KAYAL (NEW NAME) is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, ZIYARUL KAYAL (OLD NAME) S/o ABDUL JIYAD KAYAL residing at Vill+PO - Pifa, PS-Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas do hereby declare that on 20.08.2026 vide an affidavit (No. 10442/26) before Basirhat Notary Public I affirm that from now I will be known as JIYARUL KAYAL (NEW NAME). ZIYARUL KAYAL (OLD NAME) and JIYARUL KAYAL (NEW NAME) is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, DEBDEEP MITRA S/o Sandip Kumar Mitra, R/A- 190/6, Santoshpur East Road, Santoshpur, Kolkata - 700075 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as DEBDIP MITRA as declared before the Notary Public, at C.M.M's Court, Kolkata-700001 (WB) vide an Affidavit dated 05.02.2024. DEBDEEP MITRA and DEBDIP MITRA both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Samrat Sutradhar, S/o Archana Dey, Residing at - Mira Mathpara, Mira Plessey, Kaliganj, Nadia - 741136, have changed my name from Samrat Sutradhar to Samrat Dey vide an affidavit (72266) sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Alipore on 12.08.2026. Henceforth I will be known as Samrat Dey. Samrat Sutradhar and Samrat Dey both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, PROBIR CHAKRABORTY S/o Late Ashutosh Chakraborty R/A - 1/7A, Azadgarh Regent Park, Kolkata - 700040 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRABIR CHAKRABORTY as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court (WB) vide Affidavit No. - 74768 dated 24.08.2026. PROBIR CHAKRABORTY & PRABIR CHAKRABORTY both are same & identical person.

Name Change
I, Munsur Ali (Old Name) S/o Jubbar Ali Molya Residing at Vill - Kabiladanga, Po - Bamunia, Ps - Bhojanganj Bazar, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743502, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Munsur Ali (Old Name) To Munsur Ali Molla (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Munsur Ali Molla (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Munsur Ali Molla (New Name) and Munsur Ali (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abu Taleb Molla (Old Name) S/o Abdul Latif Residing at Khamar Rameshwarpur, P.O- Mglishpur, P.S- Shasan, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743423, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Abu Taleb Molla (Old Name) To Abutaleb (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Abutaleb (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Abutaleb (New Name) and Abu Taleb Molla (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swati Sarkar (Old Name) D/o Manash Paul W/o Sujit Sarkar Residing at 121, 3rd Lane Chandipara Purba Chandmari, Pin- 712409, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Arabinda Santra (Old Name) To Arabinda Santra (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Arabinda Santra (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. Arabinda Santra (old name) and Arabinda Santra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Asit Sarkar (Old Name) S/o Adhir Sarkar Residing at Purba Chandmari Bilpara, Po - Nonachandankpur, Ps - Titagarh, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700122, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Asit Sarkar (Old Name) To Asit Chandra Sarkar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Asit Chandra Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Asit Chandra Sarkar (New Name) and Asit Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rafikol Islam Mallick (Old Name) S/o Ismail Mallick Residing at Vill - Rajipur, P.S- Hasnabad, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743426, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Rafikol Islam Mallick (Old Name) To Rafikul Islam Mallick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rafikul Islam Mallick (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 20567 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Barasat on Dated 21-08-2026. Rafikul Islam Mallick (New Name) and Rafikol Islam Mallick (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Biplob Moulick S/o Late Bimal Kumar Moulick Residing at 5/50, Jagatipota West, Kishan Market, Po - Dhuala, Ps - Narendrapur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700152, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my deceased father name from Bimal Moulick (Old Name) To Bimal Kumar Moulick (New Name) and henceforth he shall be known as Bimal Kumar Moulick (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 15/2026 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Baruiapur on Dated 25-08-2026. Bimal Moulick (Old Name) and Bimal Kumar Moulick (New Name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change
I, Sujata Chakraborty (Old Name) W/o Sourav Chakraborty D/o Subhas Mondal Residing at 199, R.N.C Road, Rajpur Sonarpur, Po - Subhas Gram, Ps - Sonarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700147, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sujata Chakraborty (Old Name) To Sujata Chakraborty Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sujata Chakraborty Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Sujata Chakraborty Mondal (New Name) and Sujata Chakraborty (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aji Ali Fakir (Old Name) S/o Sher Ali Fakir Residing at Uttar Kanyanagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743398, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Aji Ali Fakir (Old Name) To Aziz Ali Fakir (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Aziz Ali Fakir (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-08-2026. Aziz Ali Fakir (New Name) and Aji Ali Fakir (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD TAMIJUDDIN SHAIK S/o- EKBAR SEKH Residingat- Natun Naldahari Lalgola, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin-742148, WestBengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD TAMIJUDDIN SHAIK To TAMIJUDDIN SK (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) TAMIJUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2188 On Date 27 August 2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, TAMIJUDDIN SK and MDTAMIJUDDIN SHAIK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD REZAUL HAQUE S/O-TAMIJUDDIN SK Residingat- Natun Naldahari Lalgola, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742148, WestBengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD REZAUL HAQUE To MD RE-JAUL HOQUE (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD REJAUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit No-2187 On Date 27August 2026. Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MD REJAUL HOQUE and MD REZAUL HAQUE bothare Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Babujan Mullick (old name), S/O Year Ali Mollick, residing at Jalakandua, Panaria, Howrah- 711302, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Babujan Mullick (Old Name) To Babuzan Malik (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Babuzan Malik (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/08/2026. Babuzan Malik (new name) and Babujan Mullick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, RITTIKA DAS (Old Name), D/O DEBASISH SHAW, Resident of 3C, JANATA ROAD, HAPPY RESIDENCY, NEW SANTOSHPU, PS- SURVEY PARK, KOLKATA -700075, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RITTIKA DAS (Old Name) To RITTIKA SHOW (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as RITTIKA SHOW (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. RITTIKA SHOW (new name) and RITTIKA DAS (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arabinda Santra (Old Name), S/o Jiban Santra, Resident of Karicha, Karicha Bheri, Karicha, Hooghly, Pin- 712409, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Arabinda Santra (Old Name) To Arabinda Santra (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Arabinda Santra (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. Arabinda Santra (new name) and Arabinda Santra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Archana Santra (Old Name), W/o Arabinda Santra, Resident of Karicha, Karicha Bheri, Karicha, Hooghly, Pin- 712409, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Archana Santra (Old Name) To Archana Santra (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Archana Santra (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. Archana Santra (new name) and Archana Santra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (Old Name), S/O Abdur Rahaman Shaikh, Resident Of Vill - Dharmatala, PO.- Amtala, P.S.- Canning, Dist - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743337, West Bengal, Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name To Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (Old Name) To Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (New Name) in all purpose, vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2026. Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (New Name) And Jahedur Rahaman Saikh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Marufa Khatun (Old Name) W/o Ekramul Haque Residing at Debrajapur, Srinagar, Basirhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743428, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Marufa Khatun (Old Name) To Mst Marufa Bibi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Mst Marufa Bibi (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 15/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Mst Marufa Bibi (New Name) and Marufa Khatun (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pallabi Kundu (Old Name) W/o Arjun Kundu Residing at Gandhipally, Bongaon, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743235, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Pallabi Kundu (Old Name) To Pallavi Kundu (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Pallavi Kundu (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 14/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Pallavi Kundu (New Name) and Pallabi Kundu (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Janara Bibi, Jahanara Shekh Mondal (Old Name) D/o Ajiul Mondal Residing at Petropol, Vtc+Po - Petropol, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743405, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Janara Bibi, Jahanara Shekh Mondal (Old Name) to Jahanara Shekh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Jahanara Shekh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 13/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Jahanara Shekh (New Name) and Janara Bibi, Jahanara Shekh Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arjun Kundu S/o Sanjit Kundu Residing at Vill - Gandhipally, Po+Ps - Bongaon, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743235, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my minor daughter name from Paycom Kundu (Old Name) To Pekhom Kundu (New Name) and henceforth she shall be known as Pekhom Kundu (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 7230 Sworn before the Ld. Executive Magistrate at Bongaon, North 24 Parganas on Dated 11-06-2026. Paycom Kundu (Old Name) and Pekhom Kundu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Khorsed Ali Mondal, Khorsed Mondal (Old Name) S/o Daud Mandal Residing at Vtc - Kanaiapur, Po - Panchberia, District - Nadia, Pin - 741501, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Khorsed Ali Mondal, Khorsed Mondal (Old Name) To Khorsed Mandal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Khorsed Mandal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 16/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 27-08-2026. Khorsed Mandal (New Name) and Khorsed Ali Mondal, Khorsed Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shakti Ghosh (Old Name), S/o Yatishchandra Ghosh, Resident of Shampa Mirja Nagar, Purba Para, South Indian Mandipor- Sarkarpool, South 24 parganas, pin-700143, West Bengal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shakti Ghosh (Old Name) To Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (new name) and Shakti Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kishor Dutta & Kishore Kumar Dutta (Old Name), Son Of Late Girindra Nath Dutta, Resident Of Roypara, Mirdanga Gupta Para, Ps-Balagarh, Hooghly- 712512, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kishor Dutta & Kishore Kumar Dutta (Old Name) To Kishor Kumar Dutta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Kishor Kumar Dutta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 57 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Kishor Kumar Dutta (New Name) And Kishor Dutta & Kishore Kumar Dutta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Adam Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Ockeh Mondal, Resident Of Sarfaripur Baijyapur, Purna Baduria, North 24 Parganas- 743427, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Adam Mondal (Old Name) To Adom Ali Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Adom Ali Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 54 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Adom Ali Mondal (New Name) And Adam Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nirmal Podder (Old Name), Son Of Late Surendrachandra Poddar, Resident Of Pramodnagar Dakshinpara, Po- Bablagobindapur, Ps- Santipur, Nadia- 714104, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nirmal Podder (Old Name) To Nirmalchandra Poddar (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nirmalchandra Poddar (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 28699 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Ramnaghat On 20/07/2026. Nirmalchandra Poddar (New Name) And Nirmal Podder (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tanay Podder (Old Name), Son Of Nirmalchandra Poddar, Resident Of Pramodnagar Dakshinpara, Po- Bablagobindapur, Ps- Santipur, Nadia- 714104, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Tanay Podder (Old Name) To Tanay Podder (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Tanay Poddar (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 28699 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Ramnaghat On 20/07/2026. Tanay Poddar (New Name) And Tanay Podder (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kusum Khandelwal (Old Name), Wife Of Tarun Khandelwal, Resident Of 117, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Barot Colony, South Dum Dum(M), North 24 Parganas- 700089, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kusum Khandelwal (Old Name) To Chanchal Gupta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Chanchal Gupta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 55 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Chanchal Gupta (New Name) And Kusum Khandelwal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Debrati Mukherjee (Old Name), Son Of Pt. Behari Mukherjee, Resident Of B-14, Flat-4d, Club Town Estates, 87 Dum Dum Road, South Dum Dum(M), North 24 Parganas- 700074, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Debrati Mukherjee (Old Name) To Debrathi Mukherjee (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Debrathi Mukherjee (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 56 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Debrathi Mukherjee (New Name) And Debrati Mukherjee (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Sahalam Midhya, Saha Alam Midya And Sahalam Midhya (Old Name), Son Of Morsed Midya, Resident Of Purbamandira, Gopalnagar, Panskura- 2, Purba Medinipur - 721130, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sk Sahalam Midhya, Saha Alam Midya And Sahalam Midhya (Old Name) To Shañ Alam Midya (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Shañ Alam Midya (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 45 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2026. Shañ Alam Midya (New Name) And Sk Sahalam Midhya, Saha Alam Midya And Sahalam Midhya (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hemant Kumar Gupta (Old Name), Son Of Shyam Sundar Gupta, Resident Of 1st Floor, 30/1/7 Doctor Lane, Entally, Kolkata, 700014, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Hemant Kumar Gupta (Old Name) To Hemant Gupta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Hemant Gupta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Hemant Gupta (New Name) And Hemant Kumar Gupta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Amin (Old Name), Son Of Ad Razak, Resident Of Address -64/H/8, Broad Street, Po-Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Amin (Old Name) To Amin Ahmed (Old Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Amin Ahmed (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 67 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/08/2026. Amin Ahmed (New Name) And Md Amin (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shakti Ghosh (Old Name), S/o Yatishchandra Ghosh, Resident of Shampa Mirja Nagar, Purba Para, South Indian Mandipor- Sarkarpool, South 24 parganas, pin-700143, West Bengal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shakti Ghosh (Old Name) To Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. Shakti Sadhan Ghosh (new name) and Shakti Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rasula Khatoon (Old Name), Wife Of Sk Bagabul Islam, Resident Of Vill- Shibpur, Hazrapara, Po Rathipur, West Medinipur-721212, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rasula Khatoon (Old Name) To Rasula Khatun (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Rasula Khatun (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Rasula Khatun (New Name) And Rasula Khatoon (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dishari Ghosh Lahari (Old Name), W/o Amit Lahari, Resident of 4A Raja Manindra Road, Tala Tank, Po.- Belgachia, PS.- Chitpore, Kolkata- 700037, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Dishari Ghosh Lahari (Old Name) To Dishari Ghosh (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dishari Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 27/08/2026. Dishari Ghosh (new name) and Dishari Ghosh Lahari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amit Kumar Lahari (Old Name), S/o Gunendra Nath Lahari, Resident of 4A Raja Manindra Road, Tala Tank, Po.- Belgachia, PS.- Chitpore, Kolkata- 700037, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Amit Kumar Lahari (Old Name) To Amit Lahari (new name) and Amit Kumar Lahari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, KALYAN KUMAR MUNSI (old name) S/O LATE SHISHIR KUMAR MUNSHI residing at SUBHASH PALLY,PURBA-PARA, PO- KHALISANI, CHANDANNAGAR, HOOGHLY- 712138, West Bengal do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KALYAN KUMAR MUNSI (Old Name) To KALYAN KUMAR MUNSHI (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as KALYAN KUMAR MUNSHI (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 27/08/2026. KALYAN KUMAR MUNSHI (New Name) and KALYAN KUMAR MUNSI (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, POMPA (old name) W/o TARAK PORIDA, residing at 7/H/20, KUMAR DANGA ROAD,ENTALLY,KOLKATA-700046, West Bengal do hereby declare that I have changed my name from POMPA (Old Name) To PAMPA PARIDA (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as PAMPA PARIDA (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 25/08/2026. PAMPA PARIDA (New Name) and POMPA (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Neraj Shaw (Old Name), Son Of Naresh Kumar Shaw, Resident Of 24/1, Chandra Nath Roy Road, Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Neraj Shaw (Old Name) To Neraj Kumar Shaw (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Neraj Kumar Shaw (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 11 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Neraj Kumar Shaw (New Name) And Neraj Shaw (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Soriful Ali (Old Name), S/o Md Kashed Ali, Resident of Vill - Karigar Para, P.O.- Anulia, P.S.- Ranaghat, Nadia, Pin- 741255, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mohammed Soriful Ali (Old Name) To Md Sariful Ali (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Sariful Ali (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 27/08/2026. Md Sariful Ali (new name) and Mohammed Soriful Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jayashri Mondal (Old Name), Daughter Of Nabakrishna Mondal, Resident Of Vill- South Sangru, Po - Kustia, Ps - Sonarpur, South 24 parganas - 743330, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name Of Jayashri Mondal (Old Name), To Jayasri Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth He Shall Be Known As Jayasri Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 38 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/08/2026. Jayasri Mondal (Old Name) And Jayashri Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ama Pal (Old Name), C/O Sekh Sirajuddin, Resident Of Vill- Barataripura, Po- Barataripura, Ps- Chanditala, Hooghly- 712306, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Arna Pal (Old Name) To Jesmin Begam (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Jesmin Begam (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 45 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/08/2026. Jesmin Begam (New Name) And Ama Pal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Balirani Sil (Old Name), Wife Of Dulal Sil, Resident Of Vill & Po-Akaipur, Ps-Gopalanagar, North 24 Parganas-743710, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Balirani Sil (Old Name) To Bali Sil (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Bali Sil (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 53 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Bali Sil (New Name) And Balirani Sil (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Natun Dutta (Old Name), Wife Of Kishor Kumar Dutta, Resident Of Miradanga Musalman Para,Ps-Balagarh, Hooghly-712512, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Natun Dutta (Old Name) To Nutan Dutta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nutan Dutta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 58 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Nutan Dutta (New Name) And Natun Dutta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Major Action in Kharagpur Following Kerala Police Alert; 21-Year-Old Detained with 150 Grams of Gold on Train

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Acting on an important and immediate alert from the Kerala Police, the Government Railway Police (GRP) in Kharagpur detained a 21-year-old youth and reportedly recovered around 150 grams of gold from his possession. The action was taken in connection with an investigation into Crime No.



432/2026 registered at Nallalam Police Station in Kerala.

Change of Name
I, Kasem Ali, S/o Akbar Mondal & Azida Bibi Mondal, residing at Vill - Keolsha, P.O.- Buni, P.S.-Baduria, Dist- North 24 Parganas do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kasem Ali, S/o Akbar Ali Mandal, Akbar Ali & Ajida Bibi (Old Name) To Kasem Ali, S/o Akbar Mondal & Azida Bibi Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be known as Kasem Ali, S/o Akbar Mondal & Azida Bibi Mondal in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 22503 and detained the suspected passenger, identified as Sameer SK (21).During a search, police reportedly recovered approximately 150 grams of gold from his possession. The gold was seized by the police, and further legal proceedings were initiated in the matter.Kerala

Name Change
I, Suresh Baid (old name),S/O Late Bhoro Raj Baid, residing at Ganges Garden, Block - C2, 4th floor, 106, Kiran Chandra Singha Road, Haora (M.corp), Howrah - 711102, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Suresh Baid (Old Name) To Suresh Kumar Baid (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Suresh Kumar Baid (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit No. 22, dated 21/08/2026. Suresh Kumar Baid (new name) and Suresh Baid (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jamal Mohammed S.I (old name),S/O Aydrass Jamal Mohammed Ismail, residing at 103, princep street, kmc bow-bazar, kolkata - 700072, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jamal Mohammed S.I (Old Name) To Jamal Mohammed (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Jamal Mohammed (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit No. 21, dated 21/08/2026. Jamal Mohammed (new name) and Jamal Mohammed S.I (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaiba Khatoon (old name),W/O Mohammad Shamim, residing at 6e/2 Topsia 2nd lane, tiljala, kolkata - 700039, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shaiba Khatoon (Old Name) To Sahaba Khatoon (New Name) and henceforth shall I be known as Sahaba Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit No. 20, dated 21/08/2026. Sahaba Khatoon (new name) and Shaiba Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashim Kumar Ghosh (Old Name), Son Of Amaresh Chandra Ghosh, Resident Of Vivekananda Sarani, Barasat, Barasat Sadar, North 24 Parganas-700127, West Bengal Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ashim Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) To Ashim Ghosh (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ashim Kumar Ghosh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 45 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2026. Ashim Ghosh (New Name) And Ashim Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Understanding Brain Hemorrhage : Symptoms, Causes, Treatment, and Types

What is a brain hemorrhage?
A brain hemorrhage, also known as an intracranial hemorrhage, is bleeding that occurs inside or around the brain.

What happens during a brain hemorrhage?
During a brain hemorrhage, the bleeding affects the brain's oxygen supply and increases pressure between the skull and the brain, thereby impacting brain function. This accumulation of blood forms a pool inside the skull, exerting pressure that obstructs the flow of oxygen to brain tissues.

What causes bleeding in the brain?
Causes of intracranial hemorrhage or brain hemorrhage involve bleeding within or around the brain. It is often caused by head trauma, such as car accidents, falls, sports-related injuries, or bicycle accidents. Additionally, high blood pressure and weakness in blood vessels can lead to bleeding.

Additional factors contributing to brain hemorrhage include:

- o Use of blood-thinning medications or aspirin, which increases the risk even with minor head injuries.
- o Untreated high blood pressure, which weakens blood vessel walls.
- o Brain tumors with thin walls; their fragile vessels are prone to rupturing and bleeding.
- o Aneurysms, which are weak spots in blood vessel walls that bulge outward.
- o Arteriovenous malformation (AVM), where abnormal connections between arteries and veins weaken blood vessels in and around the brain.
- o Cerebral amyloid angiopathy, a condition often seen in elderly adults with high blood pressure, causing irregularities in blood vessels.
- o Various medical conditions that can trigger spontaneous bleeding in the brain.

What are the symptoms of a brain hemorrhage? These symptoms may appear immediately after a head injury or gradually over a few hours. They include:

- o A sudden, severe headache, often described as a "thunderclap headache"
- o Weakness, numbness, or tingling,



usually affecting one side of the body

- o Nausea or vomiting, which could potentially indicate a brain hemorrhage
- o Dizziness, which may also be a sign of a brain hemorrhage
- o Confusion
- o Difficulty speaking or understanding speech
- o Loss of movement on the side of the body opposite the head injury
- o Drowsiness and progressive loss of consciousness, suggesting an intracranial hematoma
- o Unequal pupil size, a potential indicator of an intracranial hematoma
- o Slurred speech, which may indicate an intracranial hematoma
- o Fatigue and drowsiness, which can also be symptoms of a brain hemorrhage

What are the types of brain hemorrhage?
Bleeding in the brain can occur inside or

outside the brain tissue, or within or outside the protective layers covering the brain.

1. **Epidural bleed:** Blood collects between the skull and the outer layer known as the dura mater. If left untreated, it can lead to increased pressure, breathing difficulties, brain damage, or death. It is usually caused by injury and is often associated with a skull fracture.
2. **Subdural bleed:** Blood leaks between the dura mater and the thin layer beneath it called the arachnoid mater. There are two types:
 - o Acute subdural bleed: Develops rapidly and carries a high mortality rate; it usually occurs following head trauma from falls, car accidents, sports injuries, whiplash, or similar events.
 - o Chronic subdural bleed: Develops gradually and is less immediately life-threatening; it often results from minor head injuries in elderly individuals, those on

blood-thinning medications, or those with brain shrinkage due to dementia or alcohol use disorder.

1. **Subarachnoid bleed:** Blood collects beneath the arachnoid mater and above the delicate inner layer, the pia mater. If untreated, it can lead to permanent brain damage and death; it is often caused by a brain aneurysm or other vascular issues. A sudden, severe headache is a common warning sign.
2. **Intracerebral hemorrhage:** Blood accumulates within the brain tissue itself, usually due to untreated high blood pressure. It is the second most common cause of stroke and the most deadly.

How is a brain hemorrhage treated?
Treatment for a brain hemorrhage begins by supporting bodily functions, with a focus on:

- o Ensuring an open airway for breathing and adequate oxygen intake.
- o Supporting blood circulation and maintaining blood pressure.
- o Monitoring intracranial pressure, which can rise dangerously due to the bleeding.

Surgical intervention may be necessary to treat a brain hemorrhage, aiming to achieve one or more of the following:

- o Stopping the bleeding.
- o Reducing pressure inside the skull.
- o Repairing the affected area.

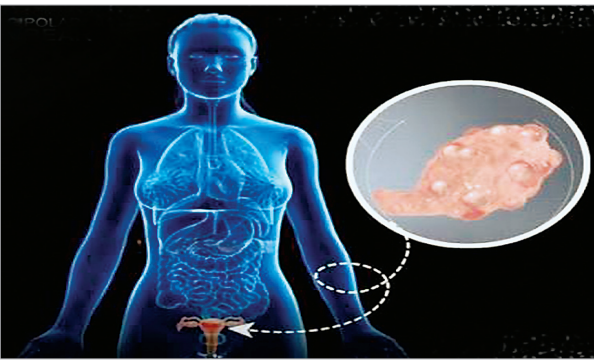
Depending on the location and severity of the bleed, surgery may involve minimally invasive techniques or a craniotomy.

Medications play a crucial role in treating brain hemorrhages and may include:

- o Blood pressure medications to lower high blood pressure.
- o Anti-seizure medications to prevent or stop seizures.
- o Medications for symptomatic relief, such as painkillers and anti-nausea drugs.
- o Reversal agents for blood thinners.
- o Medications to control blood sugar levels.
- o Corticosteroids to reduce inflammation.

Rehabilitation after treatment is crucial for recovery and includes...

Polycystic ovary syndrome linked to memory, thinking problems: Research



WASHINGTON [US] : According to research published in the online edition of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, people with polycystic ovary syndrome may be more prone to experience memory and cognitive issues in middle age. The study does not establish a link between cognitive deterioration and polycystic ovarian syndrome. It merely displays a correlation.

Polycystic ovary syndrome is a hormonal disorder that is defined by irregular menstruation and elevated levels of a hormone called androgen. Other symptoms may include excess hair growth, acne, infertility and poor metabolic health.

"Polycystic ovary syndrome is a common reproductive disorder that impacts up to 10% of women," said study author Heather G. Huddleston, MD, of the University of California, San Francisco. "While it has been linked to metabolic diseases like obesity and diabetes that can lead to heart problems, less is known about how this condition affects brain health. Our results suggest that people with this condition have lower memory and thinking skills and subtle brain changes at midlife. This could impact a person on many levels, including quality of life, career success and financial security."

The study involved 907 female participants who were 18 to 30 years old at the start of the study. They were followed for 30 years, at which time they completed tests to measure memory, verbal abilities, processing speed and attention.

At the time of testing, 66 participants had polycystic ovary syndrome. In a test measuring attention, participants looked at a list of words in different colors and were asked to state the color of the ink rather than read the actual word. For example, the word "blue" could be displayed in red, so the correct response would be red.

Researchers found for this test, people with polycystic ovary syndrome had an average score that was approximately 11% lower compared to people without the condition. After adjusting for age, race and education, researchers found that people with polycystic ovary syndrome had lower scores on three of the five tests that were given, specifically in areas of memory, attention and verbal abilities, when compared to those without this condition. At years 25 and 30 of the study, a smaller group of 291 participants had brain scans. Of those, 25 had polycystic ovary syndrome. With the scans, researchers looked at the integrity of the white matter pathways in the brain by looking at movement of water molecules in the brain tissue.

This oil can be natural treatment for dry eye conditions



AUCKLAND [NEW ZEALAND] : Following a successful pilot study, researchers at the University of Auckland are conducting a clinical trial of castor oil as a potentially safe and natural treatment for dry eye conditions.

It is estimated that dry-eye illness affects approximately 58 per cent of the population aged 50 and up in Australia.

Some risk factors for developing dry eye disease include advanced age, menopause, increased screen time, and contact lens wear.

Blepharitis is the leading cause of dry eye illness, accounting for more than 80 per cent of cases. It is a chronic disease with no known cure.

"Currently, patients are left grappling with symptoms of dryness, grittiness and, in some cases, watery eyes that feel uncomfortable impacting on their quality of life and work productivity," says doctoral candidate and lead clinical investigator Catherine Jennings.

Current treatments, such as antibacterials and anti-inflammatories, are generally unsuitable for long-term use, due to significant side effects and the potential for antimicrobial resistance.

"Often patients are left feeling helpless when attempting to manage a chronic condition," Jennings said. The current trial is of a product containing cold-pressed castor oil enhanced with manuka and kanuka oils applied using a rollerball attached to a small glass bottle.

"The previous pilot study, conducted by our research team, was unique in its use of castor oil in such an application on the eyelids, with the product not known to be used anywhere else in the world for treating blepharitis," said Jennings. Castor oil comes from a flowering tropical or subtropical shrub from the species *Ricinus communis*. It has been used therapeutically for millennia, including more recently in eye cosmetics and eye makeup removers. In the pilot study, 26 patients with blepharitis were treated with cold-pressed castor oil over four weeks. They had measurable improvements in symptoms, such as reduced redness of the lid margin, decreased thickening of the eyelid, and a decline in bacterial profusion, as well as reduced eyelash crusting. Building on the success of the pilot study, the research team is now engaged in a more extensive double-blind, randomised and placebo-controlled study. They are aiming to recruit 92 participants and generate robust scientific evidence for clinicians.

The ultimate goal is to sustainably improve the quality of life for this large group of patients using a natural, safe and effective product, principal investigator Professor Jennifer Craig said.

"Castor oil has been proposed as a natural product that could offer a safe, effective and easy-to-use alternative to existing therapies," Craig said.

Study identifies brain areas that influence political intensity

ILLINOIS: A person's level of political engagement can be influenced by a variety of factors, including education and environment. A new study led by Northwestern University and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, has for the first time revealed which brain networks control political passion.

The study analyzed Vietnam War veterans with and without brain injuries. By comparing people who had very localized brain lesions with those who didn't, the study team was able to identify the brain structures that can modify the intensity of political feelings.

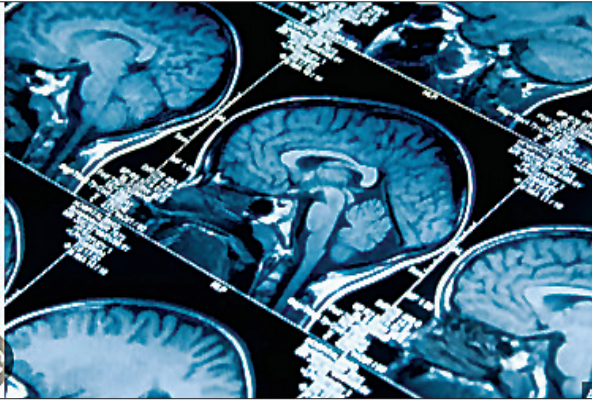
Damage to the prefrontal cortex, a region responsible for cognitive control and reasoning, led to an increase in the intensity of political feelings. Conversely, damage to the amygdala, a brain structure involved in emotional processing, decreased political intensity in participants. These findings held true even after accounting for factors like age, education, party affiliation, personality traits and other neuropsychiatric symptoms.

"While most people have not sustained brain injuries akin to those experienced by the veterans in the study, our findings tell us what neural circuits are at play for the population at large," said senior author Jordan Grafman, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and director of brain injury research at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

"We didn't find brain networks tied to liberal or conservative ideology, but we identified circuits that influence the intensity of political engagement across the political spectrum," Grafman added. "This suggests that factors like emotion shape how pre-existing political beliefs are expressed, rather than determining ideology itself."

Recognizing these brain mechanisms can help guide people in productive political engagement. For instance, one strategy would be to engage with others while reducing emotional attachment, or to take the position of an adversary in a discussion. Another approach would be to collaborate on a project both sides support.

The findings also have clinical implications. Currently, neuropsychiatric assessments rarely include questions about shifts in political behavior, but Grafman suggests they should.



"Like other aspects of social behavior, assessments should consider asking whether a patient has experienced changes in their political attitudes since their brain injury," he said.

Grafman and his team studied Vietnam veterans with and without brain injuries as part of the Vietnam Head Injury Study, a long-term project on the neurobehavioral effects of combat-related brain injuries. Grafman has led this study since his time in the U.S. Air Force decades ago.

Between 2008 and 2012, neuroscientists conducted extensive behavioral questioning on these veterans, assessing various aspects of their political beliefs and intensity of feelings - roughly 40 to 45 years after their injuries. Participants reported both their current political behavior and their recollections of pre-injury political behavior.

The study included 124 male U.S. military veterans with penetrating head trauma and 35 combat-exposed control participants who had not sustained brain injuries.

Prior to the questioning, scientists had already mapped the veterans' brain lesions using lesion network mapping, a neuroimaging technique that identifies the broader brain circuitry connected to a given lesion. They then analyzed whether specific brain networks were linked to political beliefs based on the behavioral data. Grafman, who has also studied links

between the biological and cognitive underpinnings of religious fundamentalism, says understanding the brain's role in shaping beliefs "allows us to better assess meaningful aspects of life for patients and healthy individuals." Additionally, he says, "we expect this research will point to ways we can assist patients in recovering from brain injuries."

New research suggests that longer lifespans of mammals like cats could be linked to their bigger brains and more complex immune systems.

An international team of scientists led by the University of Bath studied evolutionary differences between mammal species and found that those with bigger brains and longer lifespans tend to invest more heavily in immune-related genes. Their findings show how broad genomic changes, rather than individual genes, shape longevity.

The researchers looked at the maximum lifespan potential of 46 species of mammals and mapped the genes shared across these species.

The maximum lifespan potential (MLSP) is the longest ever recorded lifespan of a species, rather than the average lifespan, which is affected by factors such as predation and availability of food and other resources.

The researchers, publishing in the journal *Scientific Reports*, found that longer-lived species had a greater number of genes belonging to the gene families connected to the immune system, suggesting this as a major mechanism driving the evolution of longer lifespans across mammals.

For example, dolphins and whales, with relatively large brains, have maximum lifespans of 39 and up to 100 years, respectively; those with smaller brains, like mice, may only live one or two years.

However, there were some species, such as mole rats, that bucked this trend, living up to 20 years despite their smaller brains. Bats also lived longer than would be expected given their small brains, but when their genomes were analysed, both these species had more genes associated with the immune system. The results suggest that the immune system is central to sustaining longer life, probably by removing aging and damaged cells, controlling infections and preventing tumour formation.

AI-powered digital stethoscopes show promise in bridging screening gaps

"AI-enabled digital stethoscopes have demonstrated promising accuracy and feasibility for detecting lung and cardiovascular abnormalities, with promising results in early TB studies. Training and validation in diverse, high-burden settings are essential to explore the potential of this tool further," said corresponding author Madhukar Pai from McGill University, Canada, along with researchers from the UAE, Germany, and Switzerland.

New Delhi : As tuberculosis (TB) continues as the deadliest infectious cause of deaths globally, a new study has shown that artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled digital stethoscopes can help fill critical screening gaps, especially in hard-to-reach areas.

In a commentary published in the journal *Med (Cell Press)*, global experts contended that stethoscopes combined with digital technology and AI can be a better option against the challenges faced in screening programmes, such as under-detection, high cost, and inequitable access.

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with promising results in early TB studies. Training and validation in diverse, high-burden settings are essential to explore the potential of this tool further," said corresponding author Madhukar Pai from McGill University, Canada, along with researchers from the UAE, Germany, and Switzerland. Despite advance-

ments in screening and diagnostic tools, an estimated 2.7 million people with TB were missed by current screening programmes, as per data from the World Health Organization (WHO). Routine symptom screening is also likely to miss people with asymptomatic or subclinical TB. While the WHO recently recommended several

AI-powered computer-aided detection (CAD) software, as well as ultra-portable radiography hardware, higher operating costs and upfront hardware act as a deterrent. This particularly appeared difficult in primary care settings and or among pregnant women due to radiation concerns. At the same time, AI showed significant potential for screening, including applications beyond CAD of TB from radiographs, said the researchers. "One application of AI for disease screening is to interpret acoustic (sound) biomarkers of disease, with potential to identify sounds that appear nonspecific or are inaudible to the human ear," they added, while highlighting the potential of AI in detecting and interpreting cough biomarkers and lung auscultation to analyse breath sounds. Studies from high-TB burden countries, including India, Peru, South Africa, Uganda, and Vietnam, highlighted that AI-enabled auscultation could hold promise as a TB screening and triage tool.

"AI digital stethoscopes may become useful alternatives to imaging-based approaches for TB screening, with the potential to democratise access to care for populations underserved by radiography," the researchers said.

"Importantly, AI digital stethoscopes offer a scalable, low-cost, and person-centered tool that could bring us closer to reaching TB case finding goals," they added.

Trial for accused mastermind of 9/11 attacks set for June 2028



MI News Service, Washington: A US Air Force judge on Wednesday ordered Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the accused mastermind of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, and three co-defendants to go on trial before a military tribunal in June 2028.

The trial-scheduling order entered by Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Michael Schrama marked the latest milestone in a military prosecution beset by two decades of legal deadlock surrounding the four detainees held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Last month, a US appeals court refused to allow Mohammed and two of his co-defendants to plead guilty under agreements that would have spared them the death penalty.

The appellate decision reversed decisions of a military judge and the US Court of Military Commission Review in support of the plea deal.

The agreement had been offered last year and accepted by the official who oversees the Pentagon's Guantanamo war court, only to be revoked last August by then-Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin

amid criticism of the deal from Republican lawmakers.

Under Schrama's 11-page order, Mohammed and three co-defendants — Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak bin 'Atash, Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, and Ali Abdul Aziz Ali — will stand trial starting on Jun 5, 2028.

The proceedings open with selection of a panel consisting entirely of service members who will act as the jury to hear the case according to rules of military justice.

Opening statements will commence 30 calendar days after the panel is seated, followed by presentation of the prosecution's evidence, after which the defendants may file motions for findings of not guilty.

The order gives both sides opportunities to argue those motions and rebut one another, and for prosecutors to reopen their case. The defense presents its principal evidence starting 60 calendar days after the prosecution concludes its case. The trial ends with a sentencing phase.

Schrama rejected the prosecutors' proposal to open the trial in January 2027, saying that would leave too little time for the "resolution of pretrial evidentiary and compliance motions."

Mohammed remains the most well-known inmate at the Guantanamo detention facility, which was set up in 2002 by then-US President George W Bush to house foreign militant suspects following the Sept 11, 2001, attacks.

He is accused of orchestrating the plot to fly hijacked passenger jetliners into the World Trade Center in New York City and into the Pentagon. The 9/11 attacks killed nearly 3,000 people.

Eastern Railway Successfully Conducts CBT for Level-1 Posts Across Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the guidance of General Manager, Eastern Railway, Ms. Gitika Pandey, Eastern Railway has successfully conducted the Computer Based Test (CBT) for various Level-1 posts under the 7th Central Pay Commission. Conducted through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRB) Kolkata and Malda over a total period of 16 days from August 3, 2026, to August 25, 2026, the entire examination process was executed while maintaining the highest standards of transparency, integrity, and fairness throughout.

Under the overall supervision of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer (PCPO) of Eastern Railway, Dr. Mahua Verma, RRB/Kolkata successfully conducted the CBT at 06 examination centers under Eastern Railway's jurisdiction, comprising 05 centers under the Sealdah Division and 01 center under the Howrah Division. Out of a total of 2,19,615 candidates allotted for the examination under RRB/Kolkata, 1,25,764 candidates appeared at the six centers, resulting in an overall attendance of approximately 57.27%.

Similarly, RRB/Malda successfully conducted the CBT during the exact same period at 05 centers, comprising 04 centers under the Asansol Division and 01 center under the Malda Division of Eastern Railway. Out of a total of 1,04,160 candidates allotted for the examination under RRB/Malda, 50,443 candidates appeared across the five centers, resulting in an overall attendance of approximately 48.44%. The smooth and successful conduct of the examination was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the officers and officials of Eastern Railway, RRB/Kolkata, RRB/Malda, the concerned Divisions, examination centers, and other stakeholders, ensuring that the CBT remained fair, transparent, and orderly throughout the 16-day examination period.

Eastern Railway To Run Emu Special Trains In Howrah – Seoraphuli – Tarakeswar Section For Raksha Bandhan

MI News Service, Kolkata: To cope up with the expected heavy rush of pilgrims/passengers for Raksha Bandhan at Tarakeswar, Eastern Railway's Howrah Division decided to run EMU Special trains in Howrah – Seoraphuli – Tarakeswar section on 28.08.2026.

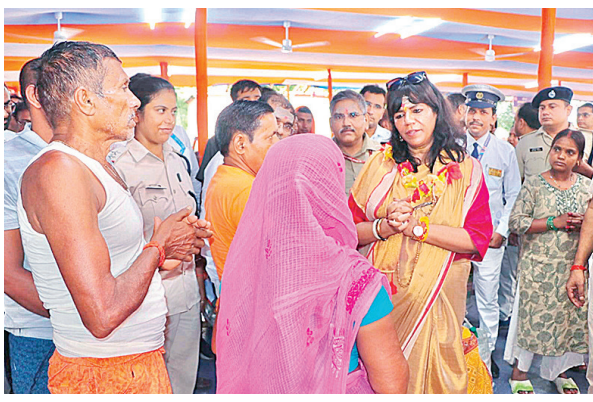
Howrah – Tarakeswar EMU Specials (i.e. 03089 & 03091) will leave Howrah at 04:00 hrs. & 07:45 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 05:30 hrs. & 09:15 hrs. respectively and Tarakeswar – Howrah EMU Specials (i.e. 03090 & 03092) will leave Tarakeswar at 06:00 hrs. & 10:45 hrs. to reach Howrah at 07:30 hrs. & 12:15 hrs. respectively. 03093 Seoraphuli – Tarakeswar EMU Special will leave Seoraphuli at 12:40 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 13:30 hrs. In opposite direction, 03094 Tarakeswar – Seoraphuli EMU Special will leave Tarakeswar at 11:40 hrs. to reach Seoraphuli at 12:30 hrs.

Above special trains will provide stoppages at all stations enroute.

GM-led railway sweep boosts readiness for Shrivani Mela pilgrims

MI News Service, Kolkata: Gitika Pandey, General Manager, Eastern Railway, accompanied by S Sangrah Maurya, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Asansol, along with branch officers, conducted an extensive inspection and operational review across key stations and sections of the Asansol Division to ensure maximum convenience, safety, and comfort for pilgrims during the ongoing Shrivani Mela.

During her inspection at Jasidih Station, Pandey thoroughly assessed the Passenger Holding Area, circulation area, entry and exit points, passenger waiting areas, and other passenger amenities, placing a strong emphasis on maintaining high standards of cleanliness and hygiene across the entire station premises to create a clean, hygienic, and comfortable environment for all pilgrims and passengers. She also interacted with passengers onboard trains and at Jasidih Station to review their experience and the arrangements made during the festival, while also speaking with media representatives at the station to share details regarding the extensive measures undertaken for pilgrim safety and comfort. Extending her field assessment to Deoghar Station, Pandey inspected the Passenger Holding Area, Help



& "May I Help You" Booth, First Aid Booth, cleanliness arrangements, and entry and exit points. She actively interacted with passengers to review the ongoing measures designed for their safe and smooth journey. Prioritizing safety at every level crossing, the General Manager, along with DRM Sangrah Maurya, inspected Level Crossing Gate No. 11/C/E between Mohanpur and Ghormara stations to evaluate safety protocols and assess the alertness and overall preparedness of the staff on duty.

Following the field inspections, Gitika Pandey chaired a review and coordination meeting with the Branch Officers of Asansol Division at the DRM Building, Asansol, regarding various operational and developmental issues. Principal Heads of Departments (PHODs) from the Engineering, Signal & Telecommunication, and

Commercial Departments at Headquarters, along with DRM Sangrah Maurya, were also present. The meeting included a detailed review and discussion on the progress of the Sonnagar-Andal multi-tracking project, with strong emphasis laid on smooth functioning, heightened alertness, overcoming challenges through better coordination, and ensuring passenger safety and convenience. Furthermore, a Kavach and Window Trailing inspection was conducted from Asansol (ASN) to Howrah (HWH). Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Shibram Majhi stated that Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its dedication to providing safe, comfortable, and seamlessly coordinated travel arrangements for all passengers and pilgrims throughout the Shrivani Mela period.

Glacial collapse caused seismic activity, 'catastrophic' Nepal floods: USGS

MI News Service, Kathmandu: A glacial collapse caused seismic activity and 'catastrophic' downstream impacts in Nepal and Tibet, the US Geological Survey said Thursday.

The agency said seismic activity initially reported as an earthquake "was instead a glacial collapse and debris flow" that "caused subsequent catastrophic impacts downstream".

At least 270 people were killed by torrents of water and debris that crashed downstream on either side of the Nepal-Tibet border, with hundreds reported missing in both areas.

The cause of the disaster was not immediately clear in the hours after it



occurred early Wednesday, but Nepal's Foreign

Minister Shishir Khanal had said an earthquake

likely triggered a landslide, in turn blocking a

river and sending water gushing downstream.

Other theories advanced included a glacial lake flood -- when a fragile debris wall holding back glacier melt collapses -- or an ice avalanche.

USGS said "a magnitude 5.2 seismic event occurred near the border between Nepal and China on Aug 26 at 8:37am local time."

"This event was initially reported as a magnitude 4.4 earthquake. Additional analysis of nearby seismic stations, long period seismic waves, and satellite imagery led to the determination that the seismic event was instead a glacial collapse and debris flow, and that no earthquake had occurred."

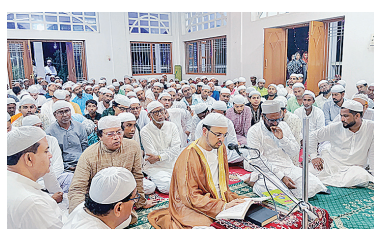
Russia launches massive attacks on Ukraine

MI News Service, Kyiv: Russia bombarded cities across Ukraine with missiles and drones in an overnight onslaught that ran into the daylight hours Thursday, when explosions echoed around Kyiv through the morning.

Ukraine is desperately short of US-made Patriot air defence missiles that can counter Russia's ballistic missiles, and Moscow's fast-flying jet-powered drones have brought another challenge since the Russian military's full-scale invasion On 24 February 2022. Ukrainian officials say Russia builds up missile stocks and launches major attacks every few days, hoping to exhaust Ukrainian defences through the sheer weight of numbers. In response, Ukraine has hit high-profile targets on Russian soil as the countries inflict mutual destruction.

Eid e Miladunnabi at Hazrat Rowshanganj, Purnia, Bihar

MI News Service, Patna: On Tuesday night, 25th August 2026, and Wednesday (12 Rabiul Awal) a sacred Birth Anniversary of the Prophet of Islam



Hazrat Muhammad (SAW), known as Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, was celebrated with grandeur at all the Khanqahs and Mosques of the 'Silila e Quaderia Razzakia Mustarshedia'.

All these programs were conducted under the guidance of the present successor and spiritual heir Sajjadanashin Hazrat Syed Shah Yasooob Ali Al-Quaderi Al-Baghdadi Adamallahu Fuyuzahum, 36th descendant of the Holy Prophet & 23rd descendant of Hazrat Syed Abdul Quadir Jilani (AS).

The central program is taking place in His presence at the Shrine of Qutub-e-Bari Pak, Hazrat Syed Shah Rowshan Ali Al-Quaderi Al-Baghdadi (AS), in Hazrat Rowshanganj Sharif, Purnia, Bihar, along with the adjoining Quaderia Mosque.

Crowds of people irrespective of caste and creed had gathered from different districts of West Bengal, and from across Bihar and Jharkhand, traveling by reserved buses, cars, and trains. With heartfelt devotion, they visited the sacred shrine and received the blessings of the Sajjadanashin Hazrat. After the Maghrib prayer, a Milad Mahfil was held, followed by an all-night recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Shabina Pak).

Rescheduling Of Trains For Track Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to track maintenance work at Barharwa station in Malda Division, 270 minutes (from 12:30 hrs. to 17:00 hrs.) Traffic & Power Block has been planned on 30.08.2026 with following rescheduling of trains:

Rescheduling of trains (journey commencing on 30.08.2026):

- 63064 Sahibganj – Bardhaman MEMU will be rescheduled by 90 minutes (i.e. the train will leave Sahibganj at 15:05 hrs.)
- 53434 Barharwa – Azimganj passenger will leave Barharwa t 17:00 hrs.
- 63422 Sahibganj – Azimganj MEMU will be rescheduled by 45 minutes (i.e. the train will leave Sahibganj at 15:30 hrs.).

AGM/SER Conducts Foot Plate Inspection and Intensive Review of Kharagpur Station

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Manish Jain, Additional General Manager/SER, undertook a foot plate inspection from Shalimar to Kharagpur by Train No. 12885, with the objective of reviewing railway operations, safety and passenger service arrangements along the section.

Manish Jain was accompanied by Shri Manoj Kumar, CCM (PS & Catering) during the inspection. The officers conducted a detailed and intensive inspection of Kharagpur Railway Station, covering various aspects of passenger amenities, station facilities and safety arrangements. During the station inspection, particular attention was given to the availability, upkeep and quality of passenger amenities, cleanliness and overall station management. The officers also inspected the catering stalls at Kharagpur Station and reviewed the quality, hygiene and service standards being maintained for passengers. Necessary instructions were issued to



ensure strict adherence to prescribed standards and provide passengers with safe, hygienic and quality services.

Following the station inspection, Manish Jain chaired a detailed meeting and review discussion in the DRM Conference Room with the divisional officers of Kharagpur Division. Various operational and passenger-service issues were discussed in detail, with special emphasis on Rail Madad grievances and punctuality of train services.

The AGM/SER stressed upon the need for prompt and effective redressal of passenger grievances received through Rail

Madad, close monitoring of complaints and ensuring a passenger-centric approach at all levels. Punctuality was also reviewed comprehensively, with emphasis on identifying operational constraints, and taking proactive measures to improve the overall punctuality performance.

The inspection and review meeting reaffirmed the commitment of Kharagpur Division towards maintaining high standards of safety, punctuality, passenger amenities and service delivery, while continuously striving to enhance the overall travel experience of railway passengers.

RPF-GRPS Joint Operation Busts Major Narcotics Network at Malda Town Station; 42 Kg Ganja Worth 21 Lakh Seized



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough against drug trafficking through rail networks, a coordinated intelligence-led operation by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRPS) led to the seizure of 42.019 kg of suspected Ganja valued at approximately 21 lakh at Malda Town Railway Station. General Manager of Eastern Railway, Gitika Pandey, commended the joint forces for their swift execution and vigilance. IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Eastern Railway, Amiya Nandan Sinha, emphasized that security teams across all divisions remain on high alert to thwart illegal contraband transportation attempts.

The operation unfolded during the intervening night of August 25 and 26 when Train No. 20501 (Anand Vihar Terminal Tejas Rajdhani Express) arrived at Platform No. 1. Surveillance teams targeted Coach B-04, detaining three passengers and recovering 42.019 kg of

contraband concealed within multiple packets inside a trolley bag and two luggage bags. Preliminary enquiries reveal the suspects were transporting the narcotics from Agartala toward Bhagalpur and Jamalpur for distribution. Divisional Railway Manager, Malda Division, Manish Kumar Gupta, confirmed that a case has been registered by GRPS/Malda Town under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C) and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, with court remand sought for further investigation. Eastern Railway has issued instructions to intensify surveillance on all long-distance trains originating from the northeast region and heading toward Bihar and adjoining states. Highlighting the zone's zero-tolerance policy, Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Shibram Majhi, stated, "Eastern Railway remains fully committed to ensuring safety across our transit corridors through stringent monitoring and seamless inter-agency coordination."

2nd Test: Dinusha’s unbeaten 133 helps Sri Lanka seal hard-fought draw against India

COLOMBO : Sonal Dinusha capped a defining series with a second-innings masterclass in resolve and patience by hitting a marathon unbeaten 133 off 264 balls to help Sri Lanka seal a hard-fought draw against India in the second Test at the SSC Ground on Thursday. The result also meant that India won the two-game series 1-0.

Forced to follow-on after making 290 in the first innings and starting Day Five with a slender 16-run lead, Dinusha's rearguard and resilient efforts meant Sri Lanka reached 429/9 in 154 overs before declaring late in the final session. Keshara Nuwantha also showed his abilities with the bat, as did the tail-enders. The hosts being steely resilient with the bat meant only three wickets fell on the final day of the game and series.

In the morning, resuming with a precarious 16-run lead on a pitch offering very little help to the bowlers, Sri Lanka added 100 unbroken runs in 31.2 overs of the first session, as Dinusha and Nuwantha walked back to a standing ovation from the hosts' dressing room.

What looked like a simple task for India to take four remaining wickets developed into a full-blown headache. Opting for defensive, spread-out fields without close-in catchers, India allowed Dinusha and Nuwantha to rotate the strike and settle into an easy rhythm.

Consequently, not a single Indian bowler managed to string together a consistently threatening over, with the seamers mostly bowling away from the stumps.

Dinusha anchored the fightback with a flawless knock laced with only two boundaries and continued his exceptional run to register his fourth consecutive 50-plus score of the series. He was wonderful in playing the spinners with deft sweeps and driving cleanly through the off-side. It also earned left-handed batter Dinusha a place in an elite group of batters to achieve fifty or more in each of their first four Test innings against India.

At the other end, Nuwantha looked increasingly assured against both pace and spin, with drive being his go-to shot. He negotiated the second new ball spells from Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna with soft hands and admirable patience.

India's frustration boiled over in the 90th over when Siraj burned a review on a desperate caught-behind appeal against Nuwantha, only for the DRS to reveal the bat had merely hit the turf. In an eventual final over, Nuwantha survived a final scare on the stroke of lunch when on-field umpire Ahsan Raza adjudged him LBW off Ravindra Jadeja.

He immediately reviewed the decision, and DRS confirmed the delivery was sliding comfortably down leg, as Sri Lanka walked off as the happier side at lunch. Though Sri Lanka added only 54 runs in the second session, they still managed to keep India at bay, as Dinusha got his second standing ovation of the day from the Sri Lankan dressing room.

India began on a high as



Suthar took out a patient Nuwantha by having him caught at second slip and breaking the 112-run partnership. Dinusha kept going with immense patience - combining defensive discipline with calculated strokeplay, especially by showcasing various types of sweep shots in his repertoire.

He found capable support in Kumara, who mounted a stoic blockathon to frustrate the weary Indian attack. Though Suthar broke through early in the stretch, India didn't find many clear-cut opportunities to get more scalps and end Sri Lanka's defiant innings.

Veteran left-arm spinner

Ravindra Jadeja provided the second breakthrough of the session when he removed Prabath Jayasuriya for two after having him caught at slip. But India's hopes of quickly mopping up the tail were stymied by Kumara, who absorbed 56 deliveries for his unbeaten knock.

He survived a close run-out chance when a wide throw from Prasidh Krishna allowed him to dive back safely, while also edging past a vacant second slip off Saransh Jain. At the other end, Dinusha masterfully managed the strike and capitalised on any rare boundary offerings.

The left-hander repeatedly deployed the reverse sweep against Jain and Jadeja to break the pressure, while late-cutting and paddling with precision to be on the cusp of getting another three-figure score in the series.

Though India rotated their bowling options well and had close-in fielders, they were rendered ineffective by a combination of solid defensive cricket led by Dinusha and a pitch offering very little help till tea break arrived.

The final session began with Dinusha reaching his second century of the match off the very first ball. Clipping a full delivery from Mohammed Siraj into the mid-wicket pocket for a couple, Dinusha took off his helmet and raised his bat to soak in the applause for his third hundred of the series.

The landmark made him only the third Sri Lankan to score three centuries in a two-match Test series after Aravinda de Silva and Kumar

DAV Public School, Gaya Lift CBSE Cluster III Athletics Trophy



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RANCHI: The CBSE Cluster III Athletics 2026 concluded on a high note at the Main Field of Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi, on Thursday, with young athletes displaying exceptional talent, determination and sporting spirit throughout the championship.

The valedictory ceremony began with a warm welcome to the special guests, Rajesh Pillai, Principal, Kairali School, Ranchi, and Ravi Prakash, Principal, DAV Nandraj School, Ranchi. Their presence added distinction to the closing function.

Delivering the valedictory address, PS Kalra, Principal, Vikas Vidyalaya, congratulated the participating athletes and lauded the dedicated efforts of officials, technical personnel, medical staff, teachers, coaches, volunteers and the organising committee for the successful conduct of the championship.

A vibrant motivational song presented by the students added colour to the ceremony and encouraged the young athletes to pursue excellence with discipline, confidence and perseverance.

The special guests were felicitated by Kalra, while souvenirs were presented to CBSE Observer and DPS Ranchi Headmaster Santosh Kumar, Jharkhand Athletics Association president CD Singh, secretary SK Pandey and Technical Chairman Anwar Hussain in recognition of their contribution to the championship. The medical team from Samford Hospital and the technical team of the Jharkhand Athletics Association were also honoured for their dedicated services. The prize distribution ceremony was the highlight of the closing programme. Individual champions in various age groups and events were honoured for their outstanding performances. They included:

- U-14 Boys, Shot Put: Champion from Gyan Bharti School, Gaya
- U-14 Girls, 600m: Priti Kumari, DAV Public School, Cantonment Area, Gaya
- U-17 Boys, Discus Throw: Abhinav Kumar, DAV Public School CRRC, Gaya
- U-17 Girls, 100m: Stuti Kumari, St. Karen's School, Danapur
- U-19 Boys, Shot Put: Shubham Kumar, DAV Public School CRRC, Gaya
- U-19 Girls, 100m: Akansha Kumari, DAV Public School CRRC, Gaya

DAV Public School, Cantonment Area, Gaya emerged as the overall champion, securing the coveted Championship Trophy on the strength of its consistent performances across various events.

The host institution, Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi, also had a moment of glory, winning gold in the 4x100m relay. The victorious quartet comprised Ujjwal Anand, Chahat Raj, Aayush Bhagat and Arpit Sahu.

The athletic meet was formally declared closed, followed by the vote of thanks delivered by Shrishti Tuti. She expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, participating schools, athletes, teachers, coaches, officials, technical and medical teams, volunteers and all those associated with the successful organisation of the championship.

The ceremony concluded with the retreat of the CBSE Flag and the National Anthem.

The CBSE Cluster III Athletics 2026 thus came to an inspiring close, celebrating not only medals and trophies but also the enduring values of discipline, teamwork, perseverance, determination and sportsmanship among young athletes.

Gujarat Prisons Dept wins DGP Cup wrestling cluster championship with 13 medals



GANDHINAGAR/NADIAD : The Gujarat Prisons and Correctional Administration Department won the overall championship at the DGP Cup 2026-27 Wrestling Cluster Competition in Nadiad, securing 13 medals, including six gold, six silver and one bronze.

The competition, held at the Nadiad Sports Complex, brought together 22 teams from across Gujarat and featured contests in wrestling, Greco-Roman wrestling, arm wrestling and boxing.

The strong showing by the prison department across all four disciplines secured it the Champion Trophy.

In wrestling, department athletes won two gold and two silver medals. Captain Raghubhai Patel and Divya Chauhan claimed gold, while Tarun Singh Dahiya and Nagabhai Karangiya won silver.

Mahirhasan Shaikh also represented the department in the discipline. The department added another gold and a silver in Greco-Roman wrestling. Mahipalsingh Mori won gold, while captain Raghubhai Patel secured silver. Arm wrestling produced five more medals for the department. Tarun Singh Dahiya won gold, while MahmadMansur Mansuri, Dharmisthaben Vala and Mahirhasan Shaikh secured silver medals. Nagabhai

Karangiya won bronze. In boxing, Nikulbhai Thakor won gold, further contributing to the department's medal tally.

Congratulating the participating personnel, DGP (Prisons and Correctional Services) Dr K.L.N. Rao said the performance reflected the dedication and discipline of the department's personnel.

"This outstanding victory is a testament to the dedication, discipline, and relentless hard work of our personnel. Excelling across multiple combat sports and securing the overall Championship Trophy brings immense pride to the entire department. I extend my heartiest congratulations to all the medal winners and participants for their remarkable sporting spirit and commitment to physical excellence," Rao said. The department's performance across the different combat sports resulted in its overall victory at the DGP Cup 2026-27 Wrestling Cluster Competition.

The result also highlights the role of sporting activities and physical fitness programmes among prison personnel. Dr Rao has served in senior prison administration roles in Gujarat and continued to hold charge of the Prisons and Correctional Administration after being appointed DGP, CID (Crime and Railways), in 2025.

Yastika to lead India 'A' in one-day and multi-day games against Australia 'A', Anushka named T20 skipper

NEW DELHI : Wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia and batting all-rounder Anushka Sharma have been named captains of the India 'A' squads for the upcoming multi-format home series against Australia 'A', the BCCI said on Thursday.

Anushka will lead India 'A' in the T20 games, with seam-bowling all-rounder Sayali Satghare acting as her deputy. Yastika will come to take charge of both the 50-over squad and the red-ball sides, with Anushka serving as vice-captain in those two formats.

The women's selection committee have made notable structural adjustments across formats when compared to the India 'A' squads that toured England in July and won the 50-over series.

In the T20 setup, top-order batter Tejal Hasabnis, fast bowler Sayali Satghare, wicketkeeper Shipra Giri, and Sujata Dey have earned call-ups. They replace G Kamalini, Purvaja Verlekar, Saima Thakor, and Deeya



Yadav from the unit that played in England.

For the 50-over matches, Yastika, the first batter to hit a century in a women's Test match at Lord's, steps in to captain the side. The one-day roster features new additions in left-arm wrist-spinner Amandeep Kaur and pacer Akshita Bhagat, alongside Tejal Hasabnis and Anushka Sharma, who missed out on the previous 50-over leg in England. They come into the 50-over team in place of

Harleen Deol, Pratika Rawal, G Kamalini, Tanuja Kanwer, and Saima Thakor. IANS understands that Saima is currently undergoing rehabilitation for an unspecified injury. Though it is understood to be unrelated to a stress fracture, an injury common with fast bowlers, she will require time to heal fully.

The squad for the multi-day fixture in Dharamshala sees the inclusion of Test batter Shubha Satheesh, all-rounder Sushree Dibyardarshini, left-arm spinner Shuchi Upadhyay, and wicketkeeper Mamata Madiwala. The series will commence with three T20 matches in New Chandigarh on September 12, 15, and 17, respectively. The action then shifts to the PCA Stadium in Mohali for three 50-over fixtures scheduled for September 20, 23, and 25, respectively. The tour will conclude with the four-day match in Dharamshala, to be played from September 29 to October 2.

India A T20 games squad:

Anushka Sharma (captain), Sayali Satghare (vc), Vrinda Dinesh, Sujata Dey, Tejal Hasabnis, Nikki Prasad, Shipra Giri (wk), Shweta Sehrawat, Uma Chetry (wk), Tanuja Kanwer, Minnu Mani, Vaishnavi Sharma, Jintimani Kalita, Shabnam Shakeel, and Simran Dil Bahadur

India A One-Day games squad: Yastika Bhatia (captain & wk), Anushka Sharma (vc), Vrinda Dinesh, Priya Punia, Tanisha Singh, Tejal Hasabnis, Nikki Prasad, Uma Chetry (wk), Minnu Mani, Amandeep Kaur, Vaishnavi Sharma, Sayali Satghare, Jintimani Kalita, Shabnam Shakeel, and Akshita Bhagat

India A Multi-Day game squad: Yastika Bhatia (captain & wk), Anushka Sharma (vc), Shubha Satheesh, Priya Punia, Tanisha Singh, Tejal Hasabnis, Nikki Prasad, Mamata Madiwala (wk), Sushree Dibyardarshini, Shuchi Upadhyay, Vaishnavi Sharma, Sayali Satghare, Jintimani Kalita, Shabnam Shakeel, and Akshita Bhagat

I'm a Manchester City guy, like the way they play, says Rachin Ravindra



visit to the Etihad Stadium as the pivotal moment that cemented his support for the club. "I've had two incredible

football experiences. One of them made me a Manchester City fan. They hosted me at the Etihad (Stadium) for the

first Premier League game of last season against Tottenham. We didn't win, but it was still a great day.

"More recently, I went to the Round of 16 match between Spain and Portugal in Dallas. That was one of the best days of my life. It might have been Ronaldo's last international game, which was a bit sad, but it was special to be there," he added.

Asked to identify a fellow international cricketer with exceptional football skills, Wellington-based Ravindra picked former England fast bowler Chris Woakes to captain a key defensive position. "I'd say Chris Woakes. He would make a very solid centre-back. He's good on the ball, comfortable under pressure, and reads the game well. I think he has the skills to play that role."

For the first time, the country has seen sports as a national priority: Sports min Mandaviya to PM Modi

NEW DELHI : Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday said India had, for the first time, begun viewing sports as a national priority rather than merely an activity, while highlighting the government's wider efforts to provide young people with opportunities, mentorship and a greater role in the country's development and policymaking.

Addressing Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Khelo India Dialogue, Mandaviya said the government's approach towards youth development had sought to combine opportunities in sports, skills and nation-building through platforms designed to channel the energy and ideas of young Indians.

"Prime Minister, you have considered youth to be the future of India. You have also said that they are the future of India. For the first time, the country has seen sports as a national priority, not just an activity," Mandaviya said.

Mandaviya pointed to the launch of the My Bharat platform in 2023 as part of efforts to provide young people with direction, mentorship and opportunities to contribute to national development.

"To strengthen this vision on the ground, you started a powerful platform like My Bharat in 2023. Our youth had the desire for energy, ideas, passion and service. But they also needed the right direction, mentorship, and opportunity. Today, My India is fulfilling these needs as a one-stop solution. Across the country, more than 2.66 crore youth have joined us. They are contributing to the nation's development alongside their careers," he added. The Sports Minister also highlighted the Developed India Young Leader Dialogue, saying the initiative had created a direct channel for young people to contribute ideas that could feed into the policymaking process.

"By advancing this vision, you have connected youth and ideas directly to policy-making through the Developed India Young Leader Dialogue. Prime Minister, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birthday on 12th January, you sang a song with the youth. You listened to their ideas and interacted with them." Mandaviya said the interaction had helped reinforce among young people the belief that their ideas could have a tangible role in shaping the country's future.

"As a result, this year the Minister of the Development of the Nation drew on the ideas from the Developed India Young Leader Dialogue in his speech to present this year's budget as a youth-driven budget. Today, the country's youth feel that their ideas are not ignored but implemented." He further said the government had opened up new avenues for young people seeking opportunities and skill development. "Prime Minister, you have opened new doors for opportunities for the youth. If any youth wants to develop skills, you have launched the Prime Minister's Skills Development Programme."

