

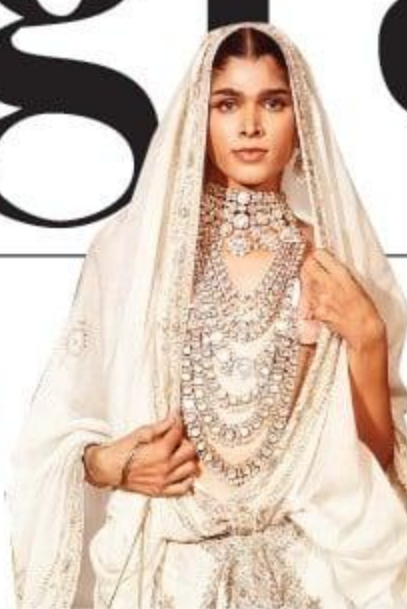
The Telegraph



IN FINE
TOUCH
Solid Ishan scripts
India's series victory **P15**



CRAFTS &
COUTURE
Glimpses from Anamika
Khanna's Moonlit Palace **t2oS**



LOOK WHO'S
TALKING
Interviews with super
seniors **P12-13**



44 PAGES

CALCUTTA SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 ₹ 7.00

XXCL

www.telegraphindia.com

IN BRIEF

Houthis attack Saudi

■ **CAIRO:** Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels said on Saturday that they fired missiles and drones at Saudi Arabia in response to Saudi air strikes on the strategic Red Sea city of Hodeida, in another escalation over vital shipping routes in West Asia while the US and Iran vie for control of the Strait of Hormuz. Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree, the Houthis' military spokesperson, said the attack targeted facilities in the Red Sea cities of Yanbu and Jizan that belong to Aramco, the world's largest oil company. **FOREIGN**

Building razed

■ **LUCKNOW:** The Lucknow Development Authority on Saturday demolished the three-storey building in Allgari where a fire had killed 17 people on June 22. The LDA said the building had been constructed illegally. **NATION**

US trade talks

■ **CALCUTTA:** The Union commerce ministry on Saturday said India would continue talks with the US for an "early conclusion" of the proposed bilateral trade agreement, after Washington imposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on imports from India under fresh trade measures. **BUSINESS**



Kanthil
Effective for Cough, Sore Throat, Smoker's Cough & Freshens Mouth

Kushal Ayurvedic Pharmacy
☎ +91 99988 88330 ✉ sales@kushalsharma.com
Kolkata: Vinod Medico ☎ +91 9631128293

Cockroach protests force historic cabinet exit; Pralhad Joshi made education minister

Youths topple Pradhan



Abhijeet Dipke holds up a copy of the Constitution as he celebrates with supporters near Jantar Mantar after the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday. (Reuters)

J.P. YADAV

New Delhi: The Narendra Modi government buckled on Saturday before sustained Cockroach Janta Party pressure and got education minister Dharmendra Pradhan to resign, its reputation for impregnability taking a hit from the country's Gen Z protesters.

The BJP, agitating near Jantar Mantar since June 20 for Pradhan's exit over exam paper leaks, announced the "immediate withdrawal" of its protest but left behind proof that the formidable Modi administration can be humbled through persistent street mobilisation.

The government also promised that all the FIRs registered against the protesters in NDA-ruled states would be withdrawn and they would face no police action.

Pradhan announced his resignation just hours before a scheduled third round of talks between the government and the BJP, marking a rare retreat by a government whose managers had till morning insisted



Dharmendra Pradhan

that the minister's resignation was "out of the question".

"To prevent anti-national forces from exploiting the situation at Jantar Mantar and across the country, safeguard national unity, spare students from legal entanglements, and allow them to focus on studying and careers, I have submitted my resignation to the Honourable Prime Minister," Pradhan's two-page letter in Hindi, posted on his X handle, said.

A communiqué from President Droupadi Murmu at night said Pradhan's resignation had been accepted and that consumer affairs and renewable energy minister Pralhad Joshi had been given addi-



Pralhad Joshi

tional charge of the education ministry.

The resignation came after the government found itself cornered, with the Opposition parties and the BJP insisting that Pradhan's departure was non-negotiable.

A series of damage-control measures — from dozens of sackings at the National Testing Agency to promises of fast-track courts and a stricter anti-paper-leak law — failed to satisfy the protesters.

The spread of the Gen Z protests to heartland cities too seemed to unsettle the government.

Party insiders said their top leaders including Modi —

a product of the student-led movement inspired by Jayaprakash Narayan in the 1970s — were well aware of the possible fallout of such prolonged agitations.

Slogans and social media posts targeting Modi alongside Pradhan too alarmed the BJP.

There is only one comparable instance during Modi's tenure of a minister being forced to resign under public pressure. Then junior foreign minister M.J. Akbar had to step down in 2018 after many women accused him of sexual harassment during the MeToo movement.

Pradhan's resignation is more significant since the government seemed to have turned it into a prestige issue. His departure marks the second big climb-down by the 12-year-old Modi government, after the repeal of three contentious farm laws in November 2021 following a yearlong farmer protest.

BJP leaders had then maligned the protesters as "Khalistanis" and "anti-nationals", and Modi had insisted almost

till the end that the farm laws would not be withdrawn.

The confrontation with Gen Z could, however, prove politically more damaging. It has exposed the simmering anger among urban youth voters, long seen as a reliable support base for the BJP, and shredded the Modi government's aura of invincibility and its power to strike fear in opponents and critics.

While the protesters will now disperse, their success can embolden similar agitations in the future, BJP old-timers felt.

The government's latest retreat, too, appeared to carry a farmer angle.

Pradhan's resignation followed a late Friday night announcement by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) that its members would march to Delhi on Monday, join the Jantar Mantar protest and remain there until the minister quit. Government managers feared that this could compound the crisis.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 ►

After 36 days, sweet taste of victory

AMIYA KUMAR KUSHWAHA

New Delhi: Jantar Mantar erupted into boisterous celebrations as education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation capped the Cockroach Janta Party's gruelling 36-day sit-in on Saturday.

As soon as the news broke, BJP founder Abhijeet Dipke — who had been diagnosed with typhoid earlier in the day — jumped with joy and kissed the ground. He billed it a victory of student power and democracy. Drumbeats and *Vande Mataram* slogans rent the air as the crowd waved the Tricolour and fived to *Chak De, India* and *Suno Gaur Se Duniyawalo*.

Later in the day, the BJP said it was withdrawing its agitation after the government agreed to all its remaining demands, including compensation for the families of students who died by suicide following the NEET-UG paper leak and withdrawal of FIRs against protesters.

"We have done it," Dipke said, adding: "They said that in this government, resignation doesn't happen. We are saying, *Jhukti hai duniya, jhukane wala chatye* (the world bows down, it needs someone to bend it)".

"Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned and this is the proof that if you don't get scared, you can win. You should not be scared to speak in a democracy. Only if you raise your voice, they will stay in line. They are sitting in power because of us," Dipke added.

Pradhan's resignation marked a milestone for the protesters who insisted it was a non-negotiable demand during their talks with the government. "Today's victory is a powerful testament to the extraordinary foresight of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and the framers of our Constitution. Decades ago, Babasaheb envisioned a nation where power flowed directly from the people, and he engineered the framework to make that possible. Jai Samvidhan! Jai Bhim!" the BJP posted on X.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 ►



A BJP supporter holds up a placard during the celebrations near Jantar Mantar on Saturday. (PTI)

Goonda Act debut threat

PRANESH SARKAR AND JOYJIT GHOSH

Calcutta: Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari on Saturday said 70 people suspected to have attacked police and journalists during Friday's paper-leak protest in Calcutta had been identified and would face the lash of the recently passed Goonda Act.

He claimed that these 70 were non-students "supplied" by Opposition parties, and identified a number of mostly Muslim-majority areas as the places they had come from. He mentioned five suspects by name — making it even clearer that he blamed the minority community for the alleged violence — and pledged to punish them in a way that their "next three generations" would remember it.

The Left students' organisations that had called the rally, with support from the Calcutta unit of the Cockroach Janta Party, however, accused BJP "goons" of attacking the peaceful protesters as well as targeting the journalists to tarnish the programme.

"The parties that lost the elections supplied people

— hardly any of them were students — from places like Kidderpore, Rajabazar, Watgunj, Metiabruz, Park Circus, Akra Fatak, Belgachhia and Rajarhat-New Town," Suwendu said in the Assembly. "We have identified 70 people, most of them notorious criminals. Seven FIRs have been registered, and the new Goonda Act will be invoked to punish the offenders."

If that is done, it would be the first instance of the newly passed West Bengal Public Safety and Control of Anti-Social Activities Act — condemned as draconian by the Opposition — being invoked in the state.

Police have arrested 11 people — 10 of them Muslims — from Calcutta and its adjoining areas for allegedly assaulting cops and journalists during Friday's rally. The lone Hindu suspect is from Karaya, officers said. In Delhi, the Centre said no action would be taken against any of the protesters and promised the withdrawal of FIRs filed against them in all NDA-ruled states.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5 ►



AISA president Neha Bora, CPIML Liberation parliamentary party office-in-charge N Sai Balaji and Rahul Gandhi at a media conference in New Delhi on Saturday. (Reuters)

Opp hails students, blames Modi, RSS

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi/Thiruvananthapuram: Opposition parties on Saturday described education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation as "the beginning" and thanked India's Gen Z and the Abhijeet Dipke-led Cockroach Janta Party for bringing "the country out of an atmosphere of fear".

"First and foremost, this victory belongs to our students..." Lok Sabha Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi told reporters.

"It was acknowledged worldwide that India's education sys-

tem was excellent. For years, it has been under attack; it is being captured and privatised. There was a reaction against that. This was a reaction against unemployment and the current state of affairs in India."

He added: "The RSS's capture of India's system — specifically, the education system — is a major issue. If Modi is at fault, the RSS is equally to blame, because the RSS has acted like termites. They have hollowed out our education system from within. They have attacked knowledge itself."

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 ►

'PATRIOT BADDIE' MESSAGE TO PM: JUST DO YOUR JOB

The andolan came to me: Rhiya

MEGHDEEP BHATTACHARYYA

Calcutta: Dressed in an oversized hoodie, baseball cap, slacks and slides, a 27-year-old woman stood quietly in the Dadar rain on Wednesday afternoon, on the asphalt outside Mumbai's Kohinoor Square, right hand pressed against the bonnet of a revving police van.

She had decided she was prepared to die a martyr rather than a helpless citizen.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't fear what could happen," Rhiya Ahir told The Telegraph on Friday, recalling how she had halted a police vehicle packed with detained students — protesters against the exam paper leaks.

"Worst-case scenario, I'd die — but I'd die a martyr, not a helpless citizen. That would be my story," the actor-model said.

The 40-minute standoff ended with the police yielding to her and releasing the students on the spot.

The incident has catapulted Rhiya into inter-



Rhiya Ahir stands in front of the police van after protesters were picked up in Mumbai on July 22; (right) Ahir for the cameras

national limelight and earned her comparisons with Tiananmen Square's "Tank Man", who had stood bravely before a column of military tanks during the June 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy Chinese students.

It has also thrown her into the vortex of the Cockroach Janta Party-led Gen Z movement, bringing her the opprobrium of the Right-wing ecosystem.

She has been lampooned as a clout-chasing influencer and faced misogynistic



attacks over her choice of clothes. Trolls have seized on her background in modelling and her standard Instagram subscription payroll to allege a PR stunt.

"Whenever a woman raises her voice, people try to use internal misogyny to discredit her," Rhiya said.

She refused to duck the charge of being an attention-seeker: "Yes, I am doing this for attention: for the government's attention, to call attention to everything wrong in our system."

Rhiya said a journalist

from a West Asian media outlet had sent her screenshots of trolls pointing to her Instagram creator subscription tool — a standard feature built into the platform years ago — to imply she was seeking quick, monetisable fame.

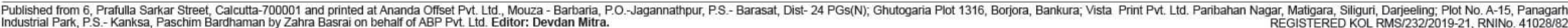
"Gandhi, Nehru, Netaji... Savitribai Phule — they were all hate-pelted or criticised. If you do something right, there will be naysayers," Rhiya said.

Wednesday's confrontation, she said, had begun not with a deliberate leap into the spotlight but with a quiet procedural inquiry.

Rhiya had travelled about 85 minutes from her home in Andheri to join the demonstrations. As she walked past Kohinoor Square towards Shivaji Park, she saw a police van crammed to capacity with young protesters.

"I asked a policeman gently, politely, respectfully: 'Do you have a memo?' Because they require something in writing to carry out whatever they were doing," she said.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 ►



Three-storey structure illegal: LDA
Bulldozers raze fire-hit building

PIYUSH SRIVASTAVA
Lucknow: The Lucknow Development Authority on Saturday demolished the three-storey building in Aliganj where a fire had killed 17 people on June 22. "We had served notices to the building's owners soon after the incident and asked them to respond within 15 days. They failed to give a satisfactory reply," LDA vice-chairman Pratham Kumar said. "The building had been constructed illegally, in violation of most safety measures." Kumar said the owners of the building — all three of whom have been arrested — would be made to pay the cost of the demolition. The building housed a coaching centre and some shops. Most of the people killed in the fire were students of digital animation. The special investigation team's initial report says people were trapped on the first and second floors because the building owners had locked the door of the terrace and the lone es-



Lucknow Development Authority demolishes the fire-hit building in Aliganj on Saturday. (PTI)

cape route left — a narrow staircase — was engulfed in flames. The shopkeepers and customers on the ground floor had apparently run away without alerting those on the upper floors. A day after the fire, the government suspended two officials from the LDA and one each from the fire and electricity departments on the charge of dereliction of duty. It took three bulldozers, a hydraulic machine and 45 officers and workers of the LDA about seven hours to bring down the structure in the presence of over 100 policemen.

"The three-storey building shared common sidewalls with other structures on both sides. So we had to work slowly and patiently," an LDA official said. "We had informed the neighbouring shopkeepers two days ago not to open their stores today (Saturday)." Rajendra Shukla, counsel for Virendra Shukla, one of the jailed building owners, said: "We had opposed the demolition. The government had sought a reply from us by today, but it razed the building on the last day without serving us with a notice." Jaydeo Singh, a resident of the neighbourhood, alleged that most of the structures near the demolished building were illegal. "The government should have surveyed other buildings in the area, too," he said. He said the LDA had allowed commercial activities in some residential areas of Lucknow about 12 years ago. "Soon after, many residences were converted into multi-storey business complexes without the necessary permissions and inspections," Singh said.

SP backs protest against varsity demolition threat

PIYUSH SRIVASTAVA
Lucknow: A delegation of a dozen Samajwadi Party MPs, MLAs and leaders met Ramapur district magistrate Ajay Kumar Dwivedi on Saturday and demanded that he reconsider the decision to demolish some buildings of Maulana Ali Jauhar University. They also met students protesting at the university gate against the decision and promised support to them. Hundreds of students of the university have been on dharna for the last one week against the Yogi Adityanath government's demolition notice that claims that it has constructed 38 out of 40 buildings without formal approval. "We have asked the Ramapur Development Authority (RDA) to withdraw its notice, which claims that 38 out of 40 buildings on the campus were constructed illegally. We have also resolved to support the students at every level," SP MP Javed Ali said. "Our party members have started protests in every dis-

trict of the state against the vindictive attitude of the state government towards a place of learning," he added. Dwivedi had confirmed earlier this week that they would raze the university buildings, which included several departments, libraries and administrative blocks. "Action would be taken against the university under Section 27 (1) of Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act 1973," he had said. The provision is about demolishing buildings erected without RDA approval.

Unesco tag for Sarnath

PHEROZE L. VINCENT
New Delhi: The "ancient Buddhist site at Sarnath" has been inscribed on Unesco's World Heritage List. The decision, taken at Unesco's World Heritage Committee's 48th meeting in South Korea's Busan, makes Sarnath as India's 45th World Heritage Site. Sarnath, near Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, is where the Buddha travelled to in the 6th century BCE after attaining enlightenment, and where India's national emblem — Emperor Asoka's Lion Capital — was excavated in 1905. Sarnath is one of the four

key Buddhist pilgrimages. The other three being Bodhi Gaya, and Kushinagar in India, and Lumbini in Nepal. Bodhi Gaya and Lumbini are also on the World Heritage List. Unesco, in a statement, said: "It was here that he (the Buddha) met his first disciples and delivered his first sermon, an event regarded as the beginning of the spread of Buddhist teachings...." "Today, this legacy survives in two protected archaeological sites: the Chaukhandi Stupa and the Archaeological Remains of Sarnath, which include the Dhamek Stupa and the Dharmarajika Stupa. Together, these monuments form the historic landscape widely known as Deer Park. In Buddhist tradition, the site is also referred to as Rishipatana, Isipatana, and/or Mrigadava — names preserved in different sacred texts through varying historical accounts and legends." In an X post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: "This recognition celebrates India's profound civilisational and spiritual heritage. It will also inspire more people across the world to come to Sarnath and connect with the ideals of Lord Buddha." India has hosted two Global Buddhist Summits since 2023.

USHA Microchip+ **BLDC** 100% COPPER MOTOR

ONLY **COPPER MOTOR** ALWAYS **BETTER**

USHA'S PROMISE TO YOU

3 YEAR WARRANTY

www.usha.com

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KORBA

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Main Portal: <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> KORBA

NIT No: 413/2026 Dated:- 21.07.2026

SN	System Tender No.	Name of Work/Description of Work	Probable Amount of Contract
1.	195916 (1st Call)	CONSTRUCTION OF SYNTHETIC TRACK AT P.G COLLEGE, KORBA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KORBA (C.G.) (DMF Fund)	Rs. 1431.97 Lakh

The details can be viewed directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 21.07.2026 at 15.30 Hours. (IST) onwards.

Sd/-
Commissioner
Municipal Corporation
Korba (C.G.)

IEM INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT KOLKATA

IEMJEE 2026

IEM JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

37 Years Academic Excellence

PROGRAMS WITH INDUSTRY RELEVANT SPECIALIZATIONS

- CSE- IOT
- CSE- IOT, CS, BCT
- CSE- Cyber Security
- CSE- Cloud Computing & Visualization
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Civil Engineering

ADMISSION OPEN 2026-27

OTHER UG & PG PROGRAMS

- Hotel & Hospitality Management
- BBA LLB (Law)
- BPT
- MCA
- M.Tech
- LLM
- MBA
- MPT
- Ph.D

Times School Ranked #1 Among top B-schools in West Bengal

HIGHEST CTC INR 1 CPA PACKAGE OFFERED BY GOOGLE

AVERAGE CTC INR 9 LPA PACKAGE OFFERED

Apply for B.Tech Admission through IEMJEE
Apply for BHM, BBA LLB, M.Tech, MCA Admission through IEMCET
MBA Admission through CAT / MAT / XAT

8010 700 500 <https://exam.iem.edu.in>

supported by

NITI Aayog

ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

aic techno Atal Incubation Centre Techno Innovation & Incubation Council

an initiative of **techno india university** WEST BENGAL

Techno India University, WB launches Bengal's First Atal Incubation Centre for Start-ups

Supported by NITI Aayog, Govt. of India

26th July, 2026 | Offbeat CCU, EM Bypass, Kolkata | www.aic-techno.com

CHIEF GUEST

Shri Ashok Kumar Lahiri
Hon'ble Vice Chairman
NITI Aayog, Govt. of India

GUESTS OF HONOUR

Shri Swapan Dasgupta
Hon'ble Finance Minister,
Govt. of West Bengal

Prof. Suman Chakraborty
Director, IIT- Kharagpur

CONVOCATION 2026
—CELEBRATING INNOVATION—

Techno India University, West Bengal proudly celebrates its Convocation Ceremony 2026 in the esteemed presence of distinguished thought leaders, honouring the achievements of its graduating students.

techno india university WEST BENGAL

www.technoindiauniversity.ac.in

Abhinav Bindra
Olympic Gold Medallist,
World Champion Shooter & Author

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
Spiritual Leader,
Humanitarian & Founder, Art of Living Foundation

Ravindra Chamaria
Chairman & MD,
Infinity Group

Rajkumar Hirani
National Award-Winning Film
Director, Screenwriter & Producer

Dr. Naresh Chandra Murmu
Director, CSIR-CMERI,
Durgapur

Anup Jalota
Playback Singer, Bhajan & Ghazal Maestro

and many more.

26th July, 2026 | 11:00 AM onwards | Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan (Near Science City)

Person in charge must apologise to youths for beatings, disrespect they have suffered: Leader of Opposition

Outrage at Mehbooba's crackdown contrast

MUZAFFAR RAINA

Srinagar: Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti has stirred a political row by condemning police action against protesters in Delhi while arguing that Kashmir's security situation, shaped by militancy, is different — a distinction that critics say appeared to justify stronger crackdown in the Valley.

At the Cockroach Janta Party's protest site near Jantar Mantar on Thursday, Mehbooba had denounced as "incomprehensible" Delhi police's action against youths, adding that such crackdown was understandable in Kashmir because of the prevailing militancy.

"It is not just Delhi police but their *dangays* (rosters) were with them, using Delhi police batons and uniforms without name badges, helping Delhi police in raining lathis," she told reporters from the CJP platform.

"We have seen this spectacle first time. We have seen it in Kashmir, from last many years. Magar *wahan* militancy *hai*, *us ka ek banda hai* (but you have militancy there and it is understandable). You have militants on one side and security forces on other. There are no militants here," she said.

Ruling National Conference's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said he was appalled by Mehbooba's remarks. "For a former chief minister to virtually justify the use of force against Kashmiri protesters by saying '*banta hai*' is nothing short of disgraceful. Worse still, she has gone to the extent of branding protesting Kashmiris as 'militants'," he posted on X.

Others reminded Mehbooba of her controversial "milk and toffee" remarks at the peak of the unrest that erupted after Hizb commander Burhan Wani's death in 2016.

"Another statement after Milk & Toffee, every protesters/stone pelted as per @MehboobaMufti was militant. She had a reason to use pellet guns and shower bullets.... AFSOOS (regrets)," activist Ifthikhar Misgar wrote on X.

During the 2016 agitation, then chief minister Mehbooba had said the protesting youths did not go to security camps to "buy milk and toffee", suggesting they were there to attack the forces, justifying their killings.

Victory

► FROM PAGE 1

The CJP's decision to withdraw the protest was announced at a media conference attended by Union ministers J.P. Nadda and Jitendra Singh and CJP spokespersons Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka.

"We appeal to our protesters and supporters to withdraw peacefully. All our demands have been accepted," Ranka said.

He said the CJP had submitted a five-point exam reform charter to the government. "Our delegation will meet the government again in the next four weeks to discuss that charter," Ranka added.

Energised by the victory, Dipke referred to Chief Justice Surya Kant's remark and said: "I thank CJI Surya Kant ji for calling us cockroaches. If you had not called us cockroaches, I would not have returned to India. If you hadn't called us cockroaches, the youth would not have been on the roads."

He also thanked climate activist Sonam Wangchuk for awakening an entire nation by fasting for 26 days for the youth of this country. Calling it a "pure and supreme sacrifice", he said "It will go down in history as the moral force that united us all against impossible odds. Words cannot fully express our thanks for your contributions. We love you and are endlessly grateful for your satyagraha."

Reacting to Pradhan's resignation, Wangchuk said on X: "It's a victory of democracy... straight from the streets.... Congratulations CJP, Gen Z of the nation and thank you all citizens for shedding fear... and rising up from every corner of the nation. From accountability, now to reforms."

Rahul's culpability poser over attack on students



CJP supporters near Jantar Mantar celebrate the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday. (Reuters)

PHEROZE L. VINCENT

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi discussed the BJP's "anti-national" narrative and the Cockroach Janta Party's protest against NEET paper leak and other exam lapses with student activists on Saturday, while asserting that "past can never fight the future".

After a 45-minute meeting at 10 Janpath, Rahul held a media conference with members of the CPIML-Liberation-backed AISA — two of whom were on hunger strike on Jantar Mantar Road and another who was injured during the July 20 police crackdown.

At the new conference, held before education minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced his resignation, Rahul said: "We have information about discussion in the Modi cabinet about moving Dharmendra Pradhan from the education ministry to another ministry. This is unacceptable to the students of India. It is unacceptable to anyone."

He was flanked by AISA

president Neha Bora, general secretary Prasenjeet Kumar, Delhi University unit secretary Anjali and Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) joint secretary Danish Ali. CPIML-Liberation parliamentary party office incharge N. Sai Balaji stood behind them with the Tricolour.

Bora was on hunger strike for 23 days, Anjali has been diagnosed with a torn ligament on her right leg during the police action on protesters and Ali had fasted for a week during the agitation.

"Look at this young lady; she is injured," said Rahul, pointing to Anjali. "Yesterday, I showed you a young man who had been shot (with pellets) in the eye, and there are thousands of youngsters who have suffered broken legs and broken heads from lathi blows; people who have been beaten all over their bodies. The people responsible for this must be punished and held accountable."

"Yesterday, he (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) made a video claiming that excel-

lent suggestions had been received. But this isn't about suggestions; that is not what is being demanded. The demand is for the removal of Dharmendra Pradhan. So, the person primarily in charge must apologise to the students for the beatings, the violence and the disrespect they (students) have suffered," he added.

Rahul said he had asked AISA members to be fearless. "I said 'Do not worry... No amount of force, the entire Indian government cannot move you from there (Jantar Mantar Road). So, let them do whatever they want... We are not going to budge'. They are not going to budge. They are the future of India... No one can fight against this. Narendra Modi is India's past. The past can never fight the future," he said.

The AISA members couldn't suppress their smiles at the media conference. "Rahulji cracked a lot of jokes. Just before the press conference, he remarked how everybody in the room has been branded anti-national, and all of us anti-nationals are sitting together to strengthen the fight against the real anti-nationals," Anjali told The Telegraph.

On her July 20 ordeal, she said: "When the police began to beat up the driver of the truck on which (actors) Shabana Azmi and Prakash Raj were on, we women rushed to form a human chain around the truck. But the police came charging towards us. I got hit on my head and back. Lines of police were pushing the crowd of around 7,000 from both sides of Jantar Mantar Road. This led to a stampede-like situation around 3.30pm."

Anjali said she got dragged for quite some time as the policemen were pushing the protesters with their shields. "I felt an intense pain in my leg but I could only get out of the chaos and reach a clinic with friends around 8.30pm," she said.

Rahul offered to arrange for a physiotherapy consultation for Anjali. Bora said several students and CPIML-Liberation MLA Sandeep Saurav had been held for protests in Bihar.

expected to end on Monday. The Centre is set to introduce in Parliament on Monday its amended anti-paper-leak law, prescribing stricter punishment for offenders, with the Opposition likely to participate in the debate.

Some within the BJP sought to portray the climb-down as a tactical move, arguing the resolution of the crisis would now allow the government to shift its focus to its next priority — getting the contentious constitutional

amendment bill on delimitation passed. A united Opposition — which fears the legislation would enable the BJP to redraw Lok Sabha constituencies to its electoral advantage — had defeated the bill in April. But a series of recent defections by Opposition MPs has brought the government closer to the two-thirds majority it needs to secure the bill's passage.

Some Union ministers held up Pradhan's resignation as proof of Modi's commitment to

PM leak-law vow taken with a pinch of salt

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Academics are sceptical about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's latest assurance to bring a new bill with "stronger provision for imprisonment" for exam paper leaks two years after he spoke about putting in place a "strict" law to deal with the issue.

The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, was enacted by Parliament in February 2024, just ahead of Lok Sabha elections, and enforced four months later. The law provides for 3-10 year jail terms and up to ₹1 crore penalty. Several paper leak incidents have been reported since the passage of the bill, but nobody has been convicted under this law.

On July 2024, a few days after the NEET paper leak, Modi had told Parliament: "I would also like to tell every student and every young person in the country that the government is extremely serious about preventing such incidents and we are taking one step after another to fulfil

our responsibilities on a war footing. Those who play with the future of the youth will not be spared at all. Continuous arrests are being made across the country in the case of NEET. The central government has already enacted a strict law. Necessary steps are being taken to strengthen the entire examination system."

Against the backdrop of protests by the Cockroach Janta Party over the 2026 NEET-paper leak, Modi on Friday said it his government would bring a legislation to deal with it. "I have directed the setting up of fast track courts. A bill has been prepared with stronger provision for imprisonment," Modi said.

Prof. Anita Rampal, former dean of the faculty of education at Delhi University, said mere tweaking of laws was not enough to deal with paper leaks. "The NTA (National Testing Agency) ecosystem, including the network of coaching institutes and testing centres, as shown by preliminary investigations are in cahoots with the culprits in getting papers leaked. The government needs to serious-

ly regulate the coaching system," she said.

Rampal said centralised exams based on MCQ format promoted organised corruption and wasted creative potential. It needs to be discontinued, she added. "The NTA is a registered society and is not answerable to Parliament. We have seen its utter incompetence in conducting exams and the lack of professional probity and academic autonomy. It must be dismantled."

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, retired faculty member of computer science at IIT Kharagpur, said the CBI recently gave a clean chit to Sanjeev Mukhiya, the main accused in the 2024 NEET paper-leak case. "There have been many cases of paper leaks in the last two years. Has anybody been convicted under the existing law? When nobody is punished, what is the justification for bringing the law?" Kumar asked.

According to a PTI report, the cabinet on Friday approved a draft bill to amend the 2024 law. The bill proposes a jail term of up to 10 years and a maximum fine of ₹10 crore in case of organised paper leaks.

Graft, centralisation root cause of unrest: Experts

BASANT KUMAR MOHANTY

New Delhi: Government measures to promote centralisation and privatisation have made education costly, encouraged unfair practices in exams and led to student distress and unrests, several academics said as education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned on Saturday.

Rajesh Jha, former executive council member of Delhi University, said the youth movement led by the Cockroach Janta Party against NEET paper leak is born out of the National Education Policy's (NEP) thrust on centralisation and privatisation. He said the government made National Eligibility cum Entrance Test a single entrance exam for admission into medical colleges and Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission into general colleges.

"Exams like NEET and CUET are products of this very NEP, plagued by numerous flaws — corruption being one of them. Instead of listening to voices of criticism, their

implementation was touted as an achievement. Now, the beginning marked by the education minister's resignation will serve as a clarion call to end grant cuts and absurd experiments conducted in the name of the NEP," Jha said.

Prof. Onkar Singh, former vice-chancellor of Uttarakhand Technical University, said the education sector had seen several changes such as the introduction of online education, replacement of grants with loans to public institutions to create infrastructure, fee hike, conduct of computer-based entrance tests in multiple-choice questions (MCQ) format and the imposition of uniform syllabus.

"In education, diversity and autonomy should be promoted. Institutions should be able to decide their admission process and academic affairs. The focus on one nation, one syllabus, one examination etc is not healthy for education and the students. MCQ-based CBT can never be a model to test the ability of candidates. Rather centralised entrance tests become vulnerable to malpractices. The solution lies

in decentralisation," Singh said.

Prof. Sumil Ray, former director of A.N. Sinha Institute, Patna, said Pradhan's resignation should not be viewed as the end of discontent among the youths. He said paper leak was a manifestation of corruption inherent in the education system and a structural reform was essential while ensuring the creation of more jobs.

"The CJP only provided a platform for youths to express their anger over a variety of issues. Unemployment has been an issue pushing the youths to agitation. Millions of youths feel desperate over lack of jobs and corruption in the selection process of government jobs and entrance tests," Ray said.

A faculty member of Jamia Millia Islamia said the cost of education had increased manifold. "Public schools are being closed and private schools are opening to meet the demand. There are rules to check fees but the state governments are not enforcing them. People are struggling for quality education. The NEP has no solution for this problem," the faculty member said.

Opp hails Gen Z Pradhan exits, Pralhad Joshi takes charge

► FROM PAGE 1

Rahul said his party's stand on the upcoming bill to amend the law against exam leaks would be decided collectively with other Opposition parties.

"The first thing is that we hold Mr Amit Shah directly responsible for the violence that has taken place against our students. He authorised the shooting of our students. He authorised the use of lethal weapons, pellet guns against our students..." he said.

"We will not accept our own forces shooting at the future of India. So, that is going to be a major issue in Parliament."

In Wayanad, Kerala, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra told reporters: "I believe that the victory is for the youth of India. I'm so proud of each one of them who had gone and stood there like the way Mahatma Gandhi taught us, nonviolence."

She said that for more than a decade, she had often wondered: "When are our young people going to wake up?" She added: "So now this is the beginning. Today, I'm a very happy person because the youth of the country has spoken. Nobody can ever dare to silence their views."

Former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray announced, alongside Maharashtra Navnirman Sena leader Raj Thackeray, that their Tricolour march in Mumbai on Sunday, in solidarity with the CJP agitation, would now be a victory march.

"I congratulate Abhiyeet Dipke; a united youth defeated an arrogant government; the youth have brought the coun-

try out of an atmosphere of fear," he told reporters.

CPM general secretary M.A. Baby congratulated Dipke as well as Sonam Wangchuk — who was on hunger-strike for 26 days — and student groups including the SFI.

He posted on X: "@dpradhanbjp's resignation is only the first step. Now the @NTA_Exams has to be disbanded and the anti-student, commercial and communal NEP 2020 has to be rolled back as well."

Trinamool Lok Sabha leader Abhishek Banerjee tweeted: "The people in power must realise that the power of the people is greater than any office or authority."

On what the Opposition's stand will be on the proposed amendment to the paper leak law, Trinamool Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien told The Telegraph: "The House will not run until the PM apologises for the violence against students, and the home minister explains why pellet guns were used against them."

BSP chief Mayawati too welcomed Pradhan's resignation and demanded "strict action" against "police personnel who brutally assaulted unarmed boys and girls".

She asked the protesters not to allow "any party to politicise their struggle".

Rajya Sabha MP Sharad Pawar tweeted that the movement was "a symbol of the power of democracy" and marked "a major victory for the unity of the youth power".

Former Tamil Nadu chief minister M.K. Stalin reiterated his party's longstanding demand to scrap the NEET.

► FROM PAGE 1

"*Ab aayega maza!*" CJP leader Saurav Das posted on X on Saturday morning in response to the farmers' announcement. "The government must understand that it can either bomb the peaceful protesters... Or, accept the demands. The time is ticking!"

Pradhan's exit is expected to ease the pressure on the government for now, with the CJP calling off the agitation and the parliamentary logjam

expected to end on Monday. The Centre is set to introduce in Parliament on Monday its amended anti-paper-leak law, prescribing stricter punishment for offenders, with the Opposition likely to participate in the debate.

Some within the BJP sought to portray the climb-down as a tactical move, arguing the resolution of the crisis would now allow the government to shift its focus to its next priority — getting the contentious constitutional amendment bill on delimitation passed.

A united Opposition — which fears the legislation would enable the BJP to redraw Lok Sabha constituencies to its electoral advantage — had defeated the bill in April. But a series of recent defections by Opposition MPs has brought the government closer to the two-thirds majority it needs to secure the bill's passage.

Some Union ministers held up Pradhan's resignation as proof of Modi's commitment to

expected to end on Monday. The Centre is set to introduce in Parliament on Monday its amended anti-paper-leak law, prescribing stricter punishment for offenders, with the Opposition likely to participate in the debate.

Some within the BJP sought to portray the climb-down as a tactical move, arguing the resolution of the crisis would now allow the government to shift its focus to its next priority — getting the contentious constitutional

"What if they run me over?" And to be honest, I didn't care about that," she told this newspaper.

As the minutes ticked by and the vehicle remained stationary on one of Dadar's busiest roads, a massive crowd swelled behind her, chanting: "*Jab jab Modi daria hai, police ko aagey karta hai.*"

Rhiya realised that Mumbai's notorious traffic, exacerbated by the downpour, was her strongest ally. "They would either have to drive over me or let the detainees go," she said.

Eventually, the doors of the van opened; the students stepped out and thanked her. Some have now crowned her the Internet's latest "Patriot Baddie".

For Rhiya, who started performing in professional Hindi theatre aged four-and-a-half, spent 13 years on stage and was felicitated at the Wagah border for her performance as a teenager, the impulse that prompted her to stop the

police van stemmed from a learned capacity for empathy.

"In theatre, you portray a character that is fiction," she said. "You have to step into the shoes of a person you've never met, never touched, never felt. That's where this sensitive nature comes from — to show up in ways that can correct wrongdoings."

Her courage, she said, comes directly from her family's military bloodline. Her father was in the Indo Tibetan Border Police, and many in her wider family served in armed forces. "My dad was so proud," she smiled. "He joked that I shouldn't have pushed the van that hard, the bonnet could have broken."

While Rhiya harbours a quiet ambition to join the military herself — admitting candidly that she needs to rebuild her physical fitness following a recent illness — she currently channels her observations into writing.

She recently completed a

screenplay: a dystopian, Black Mirror-esque tale exploring societal irony in India, and what happens when power roles are suddenly reversed. "Just the one life, so difficult to pick and choose... I want to do it all, you know?" she giggled.

For now, she is focused on the current national crisis, the one she has been sucked into. "Every time someone compares me to the freedom fighters, my eyes well up with tears — it feels like more than a national award," she said.

"But we should not deflect. The real faces of this movement are the students... To the students of India reading this: Your life is important. Stand your ground."

Rhiya has a message for Prime Minister Narendra Modi too: "Just do your job."

"You ran for elections, you pledged, you were elected. Just do your job, because you signed up for it. That is what we ask. Nothing more, nothing less," she said.

timony (to) the fact that for Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and our government, safeguarding the future of our students and youth is of paramount importance."

Rajnath praised Pradhan's tenure as one "marked by a steadfast commitment to transforming India into a developed nation".

"His contribution to public service has been inclusive, future-ready, and aligned with the aspirations of a New India," he said.

She distilled the current youth movement into a simple principle: "Gen Z's slogan is 'Live and Let Live'. You are entitled to your opinion, I am entitled to mine. I won't interfere with your faith, don't interfere with mine. But what is happening is totally against what I stand for."

With the Mumbai police deploying facial recognition software to track the protest participants across Dadar and Shivaji Park, Rhiya remains acutely aware that formal legal harassment might follow her viral moment.

"If you are going to zero in on students who are peacefully requesting their rights, remember that the operational word here is 'peaceful'. Even standing in front of that bus, I wasn't yelling, I wasn't throwing my hands... I was exercising my right."

She added softly: "Do not be afraid of the haters. Hate is one of the many things we are fighting."

IPS officer among five suspended for TMC-era acts, Suvendu broaches all incidents in Assembly speech

Bill hands panchayat powers to officials

PRANESH SARKAR

Calcutta: The Assembly passed a bill on Saturday to appoint administrators to gram panchayats if the chiefs or deputy chiefs did not attend offices for over 15 days and to delegate financial powers to government officers at the rural bodies.

"This bill was moved to ensure that rural people are not deprived of development in case panchayat chiefs are staying off offices," Dilip Ghosh, the state panchayat minister, said in the House on Saturday.

According to sources, the West Bengal Panchayats (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026 was introduced after it was found that more than 2,000 gram panchayat chiefs and deputy chiefs — all belonging to the Trinamool Congress — were not attending offices after the Assembly poll results were out on May 4.

As the signature of the chiefs (deputy chiefs in their absence) was mandatory to prepare the action plan, hold gram sabhas to vet the action plan and approve payment, the work at the lowest tier of the three-tier panchayat system came to a standstill.

According to the bill, the authorities will be able to appoint an officer in the rank of extension officer and above as an administrator of a gram panchayat in case the chiefs and deputy chiefs remain unavailable for 15 days. The bill also divests the chiefs of financial powers and relegates the authority jointly to the executive assistant and the secretary of the panchayats.

CAG reports

Finance minister Swapan Dasgupta tabled 28 CAG reports — prepared between 2020-21 and 2025-26 — in the House as the previous government had not tabled those in the past six years.

Didi protest fails to take off

Calcutta: Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee on Saturday joined a protest at Padmapukur here in support of students agitating over the NEET paper leak after Calcutta High Court refused permission for a rally, with the demonstration triggering a confrontation between police and party supporters.

The police detained Bellaghata MLA Kunal Ghosh and student leader Balshwan Chattopadhyay while attempting to disperse the gathering, prompting Mamata to rush to the protest site. The protest was organised by the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), along with the party's youth and IT wings.

Justice Sougata Bhat-tacharyya of the high court, in a special sitting on Saturday, said that in view of the violence during Left student organisations' NEET protest here on Friday, permission for another rally could not be granted.

Despite the court's order, Trinamool supporters assembled at Padmapukur from the afternoon. PTI

Dereliction axe on cops

AVIJIT SINHA

Siliguri: Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday announced that the home (police) department under him had suspended five police officers, including an IPS officer, for alleged dereliction of duty in four different cases reported across Bengal during the Trinamool Congress regime.

Speaking in the Assembly on the final day of the budget session, he said the decision had been made on the basis of preliminary investigations conducted against the police officers concerned.

"From 2011 to 2026, when the earlier chief minister was in power, the police were misused in different cases. Today, I am referring to four incidents on which the home department has taken certain decisions," said the chief minister.

The decision involves suspension and departmental proceedings against five police officers — IPS officer Koteswar Rao, Amalendu Biswas and Moazzem Hossain, and two sub-inspectors of the Kolkata Police, respectively.

Suvendu referred to the police firing at Chandga village in the Kallaganj block of North Dinajpur district in April 2024. During a raid in search of people involved in an attack on the Kallaganj police station following the rape and murder of a minor girl, a police team reached the village and ASI Hossain opened fire, killing local youth Mrityunjoy Barman.

"Mrityunjoy Barman used to work in Siliguri and had come home to attend a wedding. The police were in search of his uncle. When the police could not find him, ASI Moazzem Hossain shot him (Barman) in the chest," said the chief minister.

After voted to power, his government carried out a primary investigation. "Based on it, ASI Hossain is being suspended. An FIR would be filed

against him and if required, more stringent steps would be taken," Suvendu said.

The second case that the chief minister referred to was the alleged mental torment faced by former IG and retired IPS officer Pankaj Dutta.

In October 2024, Dutta was interrogated at the Burtolla police station in Calcutta following his remark on a red-light area in Calcutta during a seminar at the Presidency University after the rape and murder of the woman doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

In November 2024, Dutta passed away in Varanasi. "Pankaj Dutta was harassed by the police at the instructions of the then chief minister and was made to sit at the police station from 10am to 10pm and was not even offered water. That is why we have decided to suspend Sadhan Das, who was also the investigating officer and Subarna Dutta Choudhury, who was the inspector-in-charge of the police station then," said Adhikari.

Murderous tag for Sebashray

Calcutta: Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday accused Diamond Harbour MP and Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee of running his flagship doorstep healthcare camps Sebashray through large-scale anomalies that allegedly left several patients, including women and children, permanently disabled.

Suvendu alleged that medical students, who were not legally qualified to provide treatment, were made to attend to patients at the camps where radioactive substances were also allegedly used in illegal ways.

Addressing the Assembly while responding to a demand raised by Falta BJP MLA Debanshu Panda, a day after the issue had rocked the House, Suvendu said multiple crim-

inal cases had already been registered at the Bishnupur police station in South 24-Parganas and that an extensive investigation was underway.

According to the chief minister, South 24-Parganas police, the Special Task Force of the CID and a panel of medical experts have been tasked with probing the allegations to ensure "exemplary punishment" for those responsible.

He announced that the Bengal government had sought assistance from the secretary of the department of atomic energy, government of India, and the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board after

allegations surfaced that radioactive materials had been used illegally at the camps. Abhishek had launched Sebashray, primarily covering his Diamond Harbour parliamentary constituency, with the stated objective of delivering doorstep medical services to underprivileged residents.

Speaking in the Assembly, Suvendu said: "A big scam has emerged. This is related to *bhaipo*'s (Abhishek's) Sebashray camps. Several cases have already been filed at Bishnupur police station."

Displaying photographs of alleged victims, including women and children who had reportedly lost limbs or

become crippled following treatment, the chief minister said: "What he (Abhishek Banerjee) has done is horrible.... Murderous."

"Ultrasound (USG) and X-ray machines were taken outside authorised medical facilities and used at the camps. Doctors from government hospitals were deployed there. Even medical students who are still undergoing training were made to treat patients. Are these students eligible to provide medical treatment? What happened at these Sebashray camps is nothing short of an attempt to murder," Suvendu alleged.

The chief minister claimed that investigating agencies had seized seized medicines from the godown of Trinamool leader Dilip Mandal that date back to 2021. "It means the medicines administered to patients had already expired," he alleged.

Indrani, Dutta's wife, thanked the chief minister for the two officers' suspension. In his speech, the chief minister broached the vandalism of a Kali idol at Suryanagar in the Kakdwip area of the Sunderban police district in October last year. "People gathered in protest and the police used batons to disperse them. Then, they took the Kali idol to the police station in a prison van," said Adhikari.

"Koteswar Rao, an IPS officer, was the SP of the Sunderban police district then. It has been decided to suspend him," the chief minister added.

Speaking on the same issue, Suvendu touched on the lathicharge during the immersion procession of Jagadhatrī Puja at Krishnanagar in Nadia district in November 2025.

The chief minister said Amalendu Biswas, who was the inspector-in-charge of the Kotwali police station then, had made derogatory remarks and beaten up those who were in the procession.

Rally whip

► FROM PAGE 1

Asked whether the Centre's promise of immunity would apply to Bengal, a senior state government official said: "As of now, what the CM told the Assembly stands. Seven FIRs have been lodged."

The rally had been called to demand the resignation of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET exam paper leak and condemn the Delhi police crackdown on protesters on Monday.

The Sealdah-to-Dorina Crossing march started around 4pm, with large contingents of police, RAF and central forces deployed along the entire route.

Around 6pm, some participants — dubbed "outsiders" by the organisers — flung slippers and lathis at the police and attacked a few journalists. The police resorted to a baton-charge and hurled a few tear gas shells.

Suvendu said he had told the police that "no force should be applied until the rally violated law and order".

"A rally of 9,000 people was advancing peacefully. Suddenly a section of people within the rally tried to instigate the police so that the situation turned volatile. But the police acted in a restrained manner," he said.

The rally organisers had on Friday put the number of marchers at 50,000.

Suvendu said: "I went to meet six injured journalists at SSKM Hospital around 8 last night. It's not the culture of Bengal to throw bottles and shoes at journalists."

SFI state secretary Debanjan Dey condemned those who attacked the journalists and alleged that the BJP had embedded "agent provocateurs in the historic rally" to malign and derail it.

"The manner in which the police in other states have attacked peaceful protesters, the police in Calcutta did the same. They attacked the protesters with teargas shells and batons," Dey said.

"Several members of the Left student and youth outfits



Congress supporters hold candlelight vigil at Nabadwip in Nadia district on Saturday evening to remember NEET aspirants who committed suicide following question paper leak. Picture by Dibakar Das

have suffered injuries and are undergoing treatment at the Calcutta Medical College and Hospital. Neither the chief minister nor anyone else from the administration has met the injured protesters."

Sharing a video whose authenticity The Telegraph has not verified, Dey claimed the BJP's "agent provocateurs" had attacked the rally in Moulali and that the "saffron ecosystem" had started a hate campaign against the march by evening. He challenged the chief minister to punish the BJP goons.

"The video clearly shows a group of saffron-clad BJP workers standing atop a fire

brigade vehicle and throwing stones at the rallyists. BJP workers were also seen throwing stones at the rally from the Moulali Yuva Kendra, where they were holding a party workers' meeting on Friday," Dey said.

"When the students occupied the Dorina Crossing, these agent provocateurs started throwing stones, shoes, sticks and bottles, molested girl students and assaulted journalists," he added.

"The administration should carry out a probe and instead of making hate speeches, the CM should use the video to identify those who attacked the rally."

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KORBA

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> KORBA
NIT No: 535/2026 Dated: 21.07.2026

SN	System Tender No.	Name of Work/Description of Work	Probable Amount of Contract
1.	195913 (1st Call)	CONSTRUCTION OF HOCKEY TURF AT STADIUM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KORBA (C.G.) (DMF Fund)	Rs. 1109.78 Lakh

The details can be viewed directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 21.07.2026 at 20.30 Hours. (IST) onwards.

Sd/-
Commissioner
Municipal Corporation
Korba (C.G.)

Govt. of Bihar

Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar
1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015

(Tel: 0612-2215580, 2215385; Fax: 2217059, 2231566;
Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, Website: <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>)

Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency for the Integrated Media & Communication Support for Strategic Communication and Public Outreach Enhancement Initiative for Urban Development and Housing Department, Bihar

- Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible firms for "Request for Proposal for Selection of Consultants for the for "Selection of Agency for the Integrated Media & Communication Support for Strategic Communication and Public Outreach Enhancement Initiative for Urban Development and Housing Department, Bihar".
- Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposals (RFP) Document, from website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> or <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and at the same time submission of Hard copies of Tender fee, Bid Security, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, declaration regarding Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFP document at Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1 st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015
3	Date, time and venue of Pre bid meeting	31/07/2026, 12:30PM At: Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1 st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015
4	Last date and time for Submission of Proposal on	17/08/2026 up to 03:00 PM www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (EMD, Tender fee, payment proof, original copy of BG affidavit, Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFP document)	18/08/2026 up to 03:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, Vikas Bhawan, Bailey Road Patna, Pin-800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	18/08/2026 at 04:30 PM
7	Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
8	Method of Selection	Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method (70:30)

- Agencies/ Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> or <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>
- For participating in e-RFP process, the applicant shall have to get them registered to get user ID Password and digital Signature. This will enable them to access the website- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and participate in e-tender. Those who are not registered in e-tendering systems, they may contact "e-procurement HELPDESK, Junction Services Limited, RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajipura, Ashiana Road, P.S.-Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014" (Toll Free Number: 18005726571, Email: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in) for registration.

For further details please visit website: state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR-008684 (Urban Dev.) 2026-27

Special Secretary

नरो की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिसर।

Urban Development and Housing Department

Charnock HOSPITALS

VIP Road | Girish Park

Charnock Hospital
NABH Accredited Super Specialty Hospital

Charnock Lohia Hospital
Bengal's First Tertiary Care Heritage Hospital

630+ BEDS

SUPER SPECIALTY DEPARTMENTS

- Cardiology & CTVS • Neuromedicine • Neurosurgery
- Kidney Transplant • Nephrology • Gastroenterology
- Urology • Gynaecology • Paediatrics (Advanced NICU & PICU)
- Orthopaedics • Pulmonology and others...

24 X 7

CARDIAC EMERGENCY TRAUMA CARE QUALIFIED NURSES
EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS AMBULANCE SERVICE BURN UNIT

EMERGENCY
☎ 033 40 500 500
VIP Road

EMERGENCY
☎ 033 4509 4510
Girish Park

www.arnackhospital.com | www.arnacklohiashospital.com

IN LOVING

Memory

A life of guidance,
discipline and strong
will power will continue
to inspire us forever.

ॐ

BIPIN BHAI MOTI BHAI PATEL
(CHAIWALA)

23 DECEMBER 1949 - 25 JULY 2026

CORTEGE WILL LEAVE HOME AT 12:00 PM
FOR KEORATALA
ON MONDAY, 27TH JULY 2026

Prayer Meet
PUNJAB BRADREE
7, MAYFAIR ROAD
ON TUESDAY, 28TH JULY 2026
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Nayana Ben Patel (Wife)
Shibani & Navin Kashyap, Ishani & Vinay Kruttiventi
Kushal & Srishti Patel (Children)
Anisha, Ariha, Shriya, Ashna, Avyaan & Adidev (Grandchildren)

COMPANY
VMT Fibreglass Industries Pvt. Ltd., Glass Fibre Roofing Industries
M.R. Patel & CO.

3 INJURED
AS GOODS
VEHICLE HITS
2-WHEELER
IN WEST PORT

The Telegraph NO ONE KNOWS OUR CITY BETTER

METRO

LORETO COLLEGE LOOKS FOR SECOND CAMPUS P10 ● St JAMES' SCHOOL BEGINS 162-YEAR CELEBRATIONS P10

CALCUTTA SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

XXCE



First win, reform watch begins

City CJP turns to Bengal education

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: Dharmendra Pradhan may have resigned, but much more needs to be done to cleanse the system, many Calcuttians who joined Friday's rally said on Saturday.

For a second-year English student, the joy of achieving one demand was tempered by caution over what lies ahead. "Till wider reforms are implemented and the corrupt are rooted out, irregularities in exams will continue," he said.

The education minister's resignation was the loudest demand at Friday's rally, but it was not the only one. Protesters also called for greater transparency and accountability from the government.

A paper leak has a hidden consequence: the emotional toll it takes on candidates. Months of preparation, discipline and investment are disrupted when students are forced to reappear for a test. They struggle to recreate the same momentum and performance on a re-exam day, losing out on coveted courses, opportunities and dreams.

Several young people crit-

icised Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's recent remark that a paper leak was not necessarily harmful because it gave students more time to prepare.

"How insensitive and callous can you be?" one college student asked.

"It is good that Pradhan has resigned, but it will mean nothing till the conduct of exams is made foolproof. The system needs an overhaul," said Sayan Gharal, 20.

Some protesters continued to demand that the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts NEET, be scrapped. Instead of one nationwide test, states should be allowed to conduct their own medical entrance exams, they said.

A decentralised system would prevent the country's medical education system from being affected by a failure in one region.

"The goal is to ensure there are no paper leaks," a student said.

A 22-year-old NEET-UG 2024 examinee questioned why NEET was a pen-and-paper test while JEE-Main for engineering admissions — also conducted by the NTA — was computer-based.



Students during the march from Sealdah to Esplanade on Friday. Picture by Bishwarup Dutta

Lamiya Firdausi, 55, who walked Friday's rally with her 27-year-old daughter

and 23-year-old son, said Pradhan's resignation was only the beginning.

"The resignation is the first step. I think the protesters will now keep an eye on what

the government does next. If it does not fulfil the promises it made, they may again come back to the streets. For the moment, it is time to withdraw," she said.

Firdausi said she was glad to be among the voices across India that forced the government to respond. "I had thought about going to Jantar Mantar with my children if the minister continued to remain in the chair," she said.

After announcing the withdrawal of the protests, the Cockroach Janta Party posted on X that the Centre had accepted all its demands. These included withdrawal of FIRs filed by the Centre and NDA-ruled states, no action against protesters, maximum compensation for families of those whose suicides were linked to the NEET paper leak, and wider exam reforms.

CJP spokesperson Sauro Das said in Delhi that the protests were withdrawn "in good faith and understanding that the agreed-upon terms will be executed within the agreed-upon time."

"If not, we will hit the streets again," a medical student in Calcutta said.

SAMARPITA BANERJEE
AND KINSUK BASU

Calcutta: The Cockroach Janta Party has called off its proposed rally in Calcutta on July 29 but said it was not stepping away from the turf.

The outfit said it would now focus on improving infrastructure in educational institutions across Bengal, from schools to colleges. Its members said they had sought meetings with chief minister Suvedu Adhikari and state higher education minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay.

The decision came within hours of Dharmendra Pradhan resigning on Saturday and the Centre accepting the students' other demands.

"We have decided to call off our protests as our demands have been met. But we will focus on the development of the education system and infrastructure of educational institutions in our state," said Dedipya Ganguly, a CJP member in Calcutta.

CJP members said the day's developments were their biggest achievement and the result of a nationwide protest movement led by Gen Z. The resignation and acceptance

of their demands showed that sustained student mobilisation could compel the government to respond to concerns raised by the youth, they said.

"We are students from Bengal, and we want to meet our chief minister and the education minister to discuss the development of education infrastructure in our state," Ganguly said.

The group said it wanted the state government to consider issues affecting students.

"We want the government to consider bus fares for students, as many of them come from different socio-economic backgrounds... We have seen how the previous government dealt with the education system... We want a better environment across campuses. If the government gives us time for a meeting, we would place some of our demands," Ganguly said.

"We condemn the attack on journalists at Friday's rally. We did not go under our banner as we did not receive permission from police. We request the police to look into the matter and take strict action against those responsible."

The CJP told police that the 11 arrested men were not members of the organisation.

Cops track Cockroaches 'for rally violence probe'

SANJAY MANDAL
AND OUR BUREAU

"Do you have any cockroaches in your area?"
"No, we have an insecticide. So, no cockroaches here."

Calcutta: This was the exchange between a police officer and a BJP worker in a south Calcutta neighbourhood after Friday's rally called by Left student organisations and supported by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), demanding Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation among other issues.

The officer was enquiring whether anyone from the area had attended the rally.

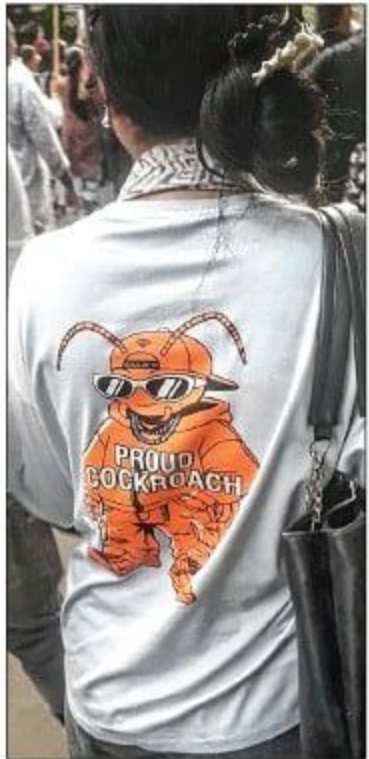
"The officer asked me whether there were any cockroaches in our area. I checked with my party workers, and they said there were no supporters of the Cockroach Party here," said the BJP worker.

Another BJP mandal leader from south Calcutta said police had asked his co-workers whether anyone from the locality had gone to Friday's rally.

According to sources, Kolkata Police have started collecting information about people who attended the protest. At least two BJP mandal leaders in south Calcutta said they had been approached by local police stations seeking help to identify people from their neighbourhoods who were present at the rally.

Police officers, however, said they were gathering information about those involved in violence and the heckling of journalists.

Officers at Kolkata Police headquarters said no instruc-



A protester at Friday's rally

tion had been issued to police stations to identify all rally participants.

"This was a students' rally. Everyone has a right to protest. We have no interest in knowing who attended the rally. Our effort is to identify those who unleashed violence.

We are trying to identify those who heckled reporters and those who threw bottles, bamboo sticks and shoes. They will be booked," said an officer of the rank of additional commissioner.

Another officer said videos of the violence and heckling of reporters had been shared with police stations, which were asked to identify those involved.

"Usually, identifying and arresting perpetrators (in law-and-order cases) is done by the anti-rowdy squad. But this time, the information has been shared at the police station

level to speed up the process," the officer said.

An Inspector posted as officer-in-charge of a south Calcutta police station said videos were circulated to OCs through WhatsApp. The OCs then shared them with anti-rowdy officers for identification.

A Trinamool leader from south Calcutta said that the police had not made similar inquiries after rallies by Opposition parties in the past 15 years.

"Even during the RG Kar movement, no police officer sought information about participants. However, we would internally gather information about participants from our locality," the leader said.

Chief minister Suvedu Adhikari on Friday warned: "If any anti-national slogans are raised, we will identify those responsible and take appropriate action. The country became independent in 1947. Raising 'Azaadi, Azaadi' slogans or engaging in any inappropriate activities will not be tolerated. You may raise any legitimate slogans; there will be no problem."

He added: "Leave the matter to me. Suvedu Adhikari will ensure that anti-national forces are uprooted from the soil of Bengal. This is the land of India's freedom struggle, the land of Rishi Aurobindo, and we will not allow any disruptive or objectionable activities here."

On Saturday, Suvedu condemned the attack on journalists and said those accused would face the "strictest action" under the new Bengal Public Safety and Control of Anti-social Activities Act, 2026, known as the Goonda Act.



Protesters in the rally in Esplanade on Friday. Picture by Sanat Kr Sinha

No one forced us: JU protesters

SUBHANKAR
CHOWDHURY

Jadavpur: Around 5,000 Jadavpur University students hit the streets on Friday demanding the Union education minister's resignation, even as the varsity sought an "urgent report" from hostel superintendents on Suvedu Adhikari's allegation that students had been forced to participate in a protest rally on July 20.

Many of those who marched from Sealdah to Esplanade on Friday were hostel residents. Students who spoke to Metro said they had joined both the July 20 rally and Friday's march voluntarily.

"There was no pressure... We felt compelled to protest for a just cause, given that many students of our age ended their lives over the botched-up of NEET exams. The resignation of the education minister on Saturday showed that the complaints of irregularities were genuine," said Souren Mallick, a first-year electrical engineering student who lives

in the New Boys' Hostel on the JU campus.

"The minister had to resign because of a spontaneous and sustained movement by students," he said.

A student of the international relations department who lives in the JU Main Hostel said it was absurd that the authorities had sought reports from hostel superintendents.

"If we don't protest after problems of this scale have shaken the entire nation, when will we? If this still does not boil our blood, what will? No one forced us. It was our decision, and it will remain so in the future," the student said.

According to many, the July 20 rally from JU to Golpark, which drew Suvedu's attention, was the first big student protest in Bengal since the BJP came to power in May.

Suvedu had alleged that JU students were dragged out of hostels and forced to participate in it. On Thursday, he had said: "We are not opposed to protest rallies. But students cannot be dragged out of hos-

tels and forced to participate in them—something that happened at Jadavpur University a couple of days ago. Students themselves complained to me about this."

The ABVP's JU unit president, Nikhil Das, said: "We have prepared a list of hostel residents who participated in the July 20 rally. We will share it with the university authorities so they can find out who among them had been forced to participate... The chief minister must have received complaints about forced participation."

JU hostel superintendents informed vice-chancellor Chiranjib Bhattacharjee on Friday that they had received no complaint from any student about being forced out of hostels to join protests. Bhattacharjee is expected to send the report to the government on Monday.

Students from other campuses also joined Friday's rally. Among them were at least 30 residents of Presidency University's Eden Hindu Hostel off College Street.

"We took part in the rallies on Monday and Friday because the cause was important," said Sayak Sahoo, a sociology student at Presidency.

On Friday, Suvedu said: "If anti-national slogans are raised, we will identify those responsible and take appropriate action. The country became independent in 1947. Raising 'Azaadi, Azaadi' slogans or engaging in inappropriate activities will not be tolerated."

Several JU teachers expressed disappointment that a university with a long history of student activism had been asked to investigate whether students had been coerced into joining a protest.

"Delhi University and JNU had warned students against participating in the protests at Jantar Mantar, citing possible disciplinary and legal consequences. In Bengal, the chief minister, instead of leaving the matter to the university authorities, took it upon himself to warn students," said Manas Ghosh, a film studies professor at JU.

11 arrested for clashes, Goonda Act invoked

KINSUK BASU

Calcutta: Police arrested 11 men in the city and adjoining areas for allegedly assaulting cops and journalists during Friday's protest.

"Eleven accused were arrested in connection with yesterday's violence," said Kunal Aggarwal, Calcutta's additional commissioner of police, crime, on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, seven cases were registered, with the government invoking the new Goonda Act.

"Five cases have been registered at Hare Street police station based on complaints lodged by journalists. Another case has been registered at Entally police station on the complaint of a man who said he was assaulted," an officer said.

"Separate cases have been registered under the BNS," another officer said.

Police said around 70 people had been identified in connection with the incidents.

The police said those arrested included Mohammed Azad, Mohammed Afroz, Irfan Khurshed, 30, Arshad Ali, 50, Mohammed Molnuddin, 26, Mohammed Alamgir, 48, Imran Ahmed, 19, Khalid Reja, 47, Zamir Ahmed, 42, Mohsin Khan, 30, and Dipak Bhowmick, 38.

At least six journalists were injured and admitted to SSKM Hospital after the rally, while several other reporters and camerapersons suffered minor injuries.

Suvedu visited the injured journalists at SSKM on Friday night and assured them that strict action would be taken.

City's 100 wards split into 130, the other 44 into 70

SUBHAJOY ROY

Calcutta: Under a draft proposal prepared by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, the city's first 100 wards will be reorganised into 130, while the remaining 44 wards will be reconstituted into 70, taking the total number of civic wards from 144 to 200.

The draft, which redraws the boundaries of all existing wards, is currently being scrutinised at different levels of the state government. It is expected to be made public by July 31, sources in the civic body said.

The first 100 wards have been part of the KMC since around Independence, with the civic body serving as the custodian of their land records.

The remaining 44 wards were added later. Forty-one were incorporated in the 1980s, while wards 142, 143 and 144 became part of the KMC in 2012. The land records for these 44 wards are maintained by the South 24-Parganas district administration.

The redrawn ward boundaries along with a report will be submitted to KMC's administrator

by Sunday.

"The administrator will discuss the changes with engineers and officials who worked on the delimitation exercise. The draft will be published for the public by July 31," said a civic official.

"We have broken the existing 144 wards into 200 wards. Wards 1 to 100 have been split into 130 wards, while wards 101 to 144 have been split into 70 wards," said the official aware of the draft that has been prepared.

The 16 boroughs of KMC will remain unchanged after the revision, though

the number of wards in the boroughs will go up. "Eight boroughs will have 12 wards each while eight other boroughs will have 13 wards each," said the official.

The KMC administrators an area of 206.08sqkm, stretching from Cossipore in the north to Joka in the south, and from EM Bypass and adjoining areas in the east to Garden Reach and Metiabruz in the west.

Though the entire area is commonly identified as Calcutta, a substantial portion falls within South 24-Parganas district.

"Wards 101 to 144 are lo-

cated in South 24-Parganas. The district administration is the custodian of the land records for these wards through the office of the block land and land reforms officer," a civic official said.

The land records of wards 1 to 100 are with the KMC.

Officials ensured that areas currently under wards 101 to 144 remained under the South 24-Parganas district administration even after they were split into smaller wards.

"The area that is part of South 24-Parganas district must remain so even after

revision. We have only split the larger wards into smaller wards but the area has remained unchanged," said an official.

The delimitation exercise aims to reduce the size of very large wards and those with a high voter concentration. Once completed, the wards are expected to have nearly uniform area, population and voter strength.

Last month, chief minister Suvedu Adhikari announced that the State Election Commission would undertake the delimitation exercise and redraw the city's ward map.

GOOD MORNING

EVENT

■ 2nd Documentary Film Festival 2026, Kolkata International Foundation for Arts, Literature and Culture, 3pm to 8pm.

TMC rally

■ CALCUTTA: Police removed over a dozen Trinamool leaders, including Kunal Ghosh and Balshwanor Chatterjee, from CIT Road for allegedly gathering at Puddapukur to march to Moulaali after the high court denied permission

for the rally. Police said the two leaders were taken to Lalbazar and later released.

WEATHER

YESTERDAY

☀ Maximum: 29.6°C (-3)

☾ Minimum: 26.4°C (-0.3)

☁ RAINFALL: 9.6mm

💧 HUMIDITY: Max: 97%, Min: 85%

THE FORECAST

☀ Maximum 29°C ☾ Minimum 25°C

🌩 EXPECTED:

☁ Light rain/thundershower

🌇 SUNSET 6.20pm 🌅 SUNRISE 5.06am



A Satyam Roychowdhury Initiative



SNU

SISTER NIVEDITA UNIVERSITY

Presented by



YOUNGMETRO

AXIOM

Powered By



THE EXCELLENCE QUIZ LEAGUE 2026



(From extreme left) Minal Parekh, Sister Nivedita University, Nilesh Ghosh and Archisman Gupta of Birla High School, Moira Street, Shreyas Kundu and Ayush Krishnan of M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School and Avigayan Sur and Aanya Singh of National High School, Hazra Road, with their trophies & Subhamoy Chakraborti, CTO, ABP Pvt. Ltd.

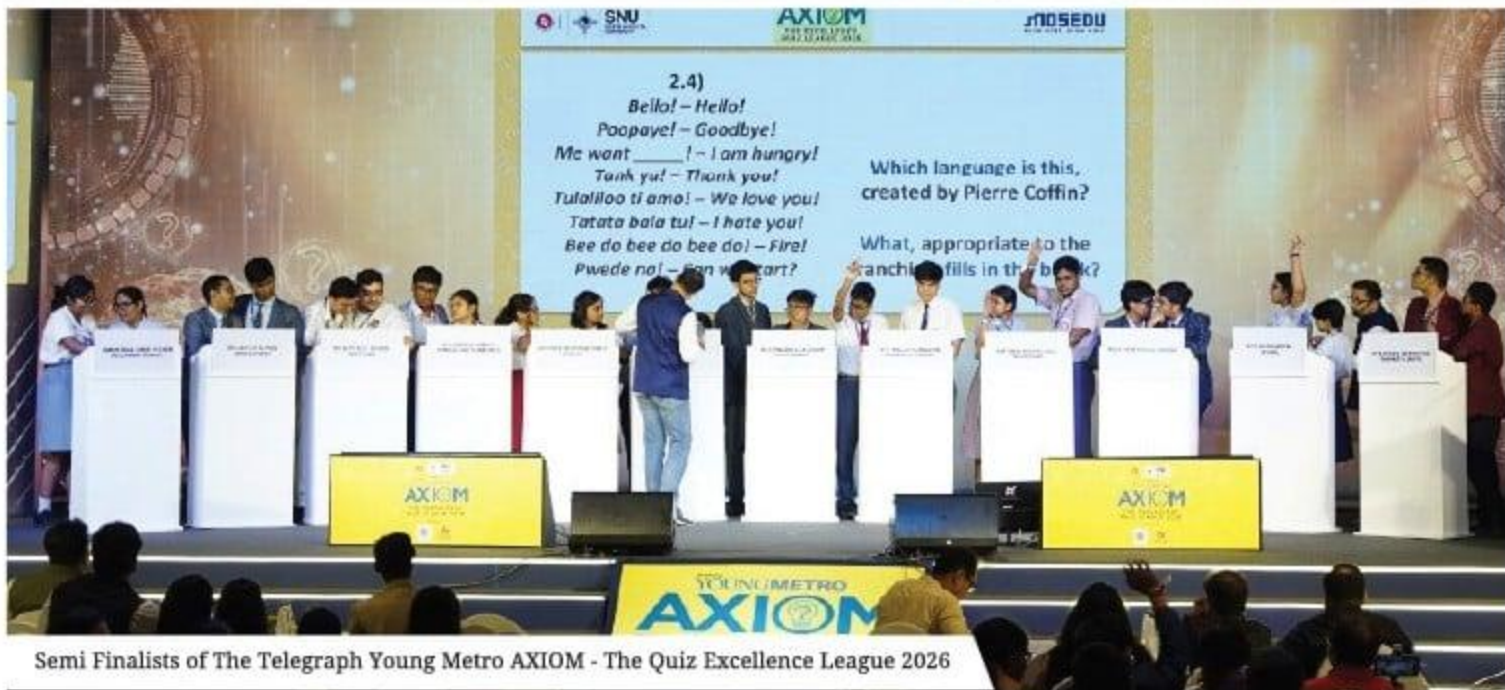
Sister Nivedita University Presents The Telegraph Young Metro AXIOM The Quiz Excellence League 2026

The inter-school quiz showcased knowledge, teamwork and intellectual excellence

Sister Nivedita University presents The Telegraph Young Metro AXIOM - The Quiz Excellence League 2026, powered by National High School and Supertron Electronics, brought together the brightest young minds from across the region for a prestigious inter-school quiz competition. The event was held on 7 July at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata, and served as a platform to nurture critical thinking, teamwork and intellectual curiosity among school students while celebrating academic excellence. Conducted by the Mosedu Knowledge Foundation, the quiz challenged participants through engaging and intellectually stimulating rounds that tested their knowledge, analytical ability and presence of mind.



Finalists of The Telegraph Young Metro AXIOM - The Quiz Excellence League 2026



Semi Finalists of The Telegraph Young Metro AXIOM - The Quiz Excellence League 2026



Prelims - Round 1



Prelims - Round 2



Prelims - Round 3

A Truly Regional Contest

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 36 leading schools, making it one of the largest inter-school quiz events in the region. Besides premier institutions from Kolkata, the contest also welcomed schools from beyond the city and outside West Bengal, reflecting its expanding reach and popularity, including Sai International School and Sai International Residential School from Odisha, Apex Academy, Mahishadal (Purba Medinipur), and Magnus Global School, Burdwan, among several other reputed schools. The diversity of participating institutions added a rich competitive spirit and transformed the event into a truly regional celebration of knowledge.

An Intense Battle of Young Minds

The competition commenced with three preliminary rounds that tested participants across history, science, literature, sports, current affairs and general knowledge. After several closely fought rounds, 12 schools progressed to the semi-finals before the competition narrowed to the top six finalists. The grand finale witnessed a gripping contest as teams displayed remarkable composure, teamwork and analytical thinking under pressure.

Emerging as the Champion was M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School, while Birla High School, Moira Street secured the First Runner-up position and National High School, Hazra Road finished as the Second Runner-up. Their outstanding performances reflected not only academic brilliance but also the confidence, collaboration and quick thinking required to excel in competitive environments.

More Than a Quiz

The winners, finalists and semi-finalists were felicitated by ABP officials and partner organisations. Beyond identifying champions, The Telegraph Young Metro AXIOM - The Quiz Excellence League 2026 reaffirmed the importance of curiosity, collaboration and lifelong learning. By bringing together students, educators, parents and distinguished institutions on a common platform, the event strengthened its position as one of India's premier intellectual competitions, inspiring the next generation of learners to think critically, compete ethically and strive for excellence.



It was wonderful to see so many bright young minds come together on one platform. Axiom has been organised beautifully and initiatives like these encourage students to think critically, collaborate and enjoy the process of learning.

- Prof. (Dr.) Minal Pareek
Dean -School of Arts, Media and Design at Sister Nivedita University
Director of Digital Media at Techno India Group



I must congratulate the organisers for putting together such a well-planned event. Competitions like Axiom give students the confidence to believe in their potential, embrace challenges and recognise education as the greatest tool for transforming lives.

- M. Viswanathan
President, National High School



It's inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and curiosity of the participants. Axiom has created an excellent platform where knowledge, teamwork and healthy competition come together

- Vipul Bhandari
AVP, Supertron Electronics Pvt. Ltd.



Best wishes to all the participants, organisers, teachers and parents in this quiz competition. I congratulate ABP for this wonderful event which has been curated to challenge the thought process of the students.

- Abhishek Kumar Yadav
Founder Chairman & Academic Director, Griffins International School



Our teachers help us with materials and things we may not know. We learn to answer under pressure and within time limits.

- Nida Khan
St. John's Diocesan Girls' Higher Secondary School



AXIOM was a thrilling and fiercely competitive experience, where staying calm under pressure proved to be our biggest strength.

- Ayush Krishnan
M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School

AXIOM stood out for its refreshing game show-style format, making it a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Winning under quiz-masters I've long admired made the victory even sweeter.

- Shreyas Kundu
M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School



One of the defining moments of the day was the interaction with renowned educationist Anand Kumar, Founder of Super 30. Sharing his inspiring personal journey, he encouraged students to believe in their potential, embrace challenges and recognise education as the greatest tool for transforming lives.

"Never look for shortcuts," he told the students, stressing that real success comes only through sustained effort and cannot be rushed. His powerful message on perseverance, resilience and equal opportunity resonated deeply with students, parents and teachers alike.

- Anand Kumar
Educationist, Founder - Super 30

Powered by Strong Educational Partnerships

The event was further enriched through the support of distinguished academic and institutional partners. The event was presented by Sister Nivedita University and

powered by National High School and Supertron Electronics. The Knowledge Partners included Griffins International School, Vidyamandir Society & JDBI, Sai International Residential School, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), Morning Bells Academy, and KIIT International School, each contributing towards creating a vibrant ecosystem of learning and academic excellence.

The event's commitment to student well-being was reinforced by its Health Partners - Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute and Dr. S. C. Deb Homeo Research Laboratory (Pvt.) Ltd. - whose association reflected the importance of holistic development alongside academic achievement.

Knowledge Partners



Health Partners



To book space on these pages
Call 8017745199

The Telegraph CLASSIFIED

CALCUTTA SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026

For Matrimonials
Call 9836743307

GROOM WANTED

পাত্রী 31 বৈদ্য, MBBS, MD (Psychiatry) দিল্লীতে সহ হাসপাতালের স্পেশালিস্ট (UPSC recruit)। পিতা-মাতা কলকাতায় সংকলনের অধ্যাপক/অধ্যাপিকা। দিল্লীতে সরকারী উচ্চপদে কর্মরত ডাক্তার/ইঞ্জিনিয়ার/অধ্যাপক বা সমতুল্য সংকলিত মনস্ত 34 অনুর্ধ্ব পাত্র চাই।
Mobile/WhatsApp: 9434157311

EB Baishya Saha 27/5'2", Gynaecologist (PG Kol 2nd year), only child, fair slim. Seeks Kolkata/adjacent, Baishya/General caste, within 31 MD/MS groom.
Mobile/WhatsApp: 8101607313

EB Baishya Saha, 26/5'5", M.Sc., beautiful bride seeks suitable groom. (Has a slight disorder) (Only those who are genuinely interested may contact)
Ph + WhatsApp: 9007039225

KULIN Kayastha, Manushya Gon 33/5'1" B.Tech, MBA Working in MNC B'lore, Central Calcutta resident Fair & Good Looking. Seeking a suitable qualified & well established groom under 37yrs preferably based in B'lore, 9830637642

Seeking a suitable groom (aged up to 33) from Kolkata or nearby districts for a pleasant-looking, slim, non-Manglik, private school teacher (B.Ed qualified) belonging to the Vaishya Saha community and residing in Behala.
Mobile: 9163437709

EB Baishya 34/5'3" Fair and good-looking B.Tech, Ph.D., employed in Milwaukee (WI), USA. Daughter of a retired PSU Bank Manager. Seeking a suitable groom.
M + WhatsApp: 6291660044

Resident of Kolkata, 28/5'1", Baishya, M.S. (Engg.), employed in the USA, beautiful, highly educated bride from a respectable family. Seeks well-educated, suitable groom below 34 years, employed in the USA (Preferably West Coast).
Call: 7439288548, WhatsApp: 9434013294

শ্রুতগৌ-এর MNC Company তে কর্মরত M.Pharm Development Scientist, বৈদ্য ভদ্রদ্বজ গৌত্র নর গণ মকর রাশি 25+/5'3" সূত্রী একমাত্র সন্তান পাত্রীর জন্য উপযুক্ত প্রবাসী পাত্র চাই। Caste no bar.
M: 8697513616 (7 pm to 9 pm)

শ্রুতগৌ-এর MNC Company তে কর্মরত M.Pharm Development Scientist, বৈদ্য ভদ্রদ্বজ গৌত্র নর গণ মকর রাশি 25+/5'3" সূত্রী একমাত্র সন্তান পাত্রীর জন্য উপযুক্ত প্রবাসী পাত্র চাই। Caste no bar.
M: 8697513616 (7 pm to 9 pm)

পঃবঃ, ব্রাহ্মণ, 37/5'4", B.Tech, MBA, দেবী, নামমাত্র বিবাহে ডিভোর্স, কর্মরতা (দিল্লী), সূত্রী, ফর্সা, সুকেশী, ভদ্র পাত্রীর জন্য সংস্পর্গে, সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত, সুমনোভাবাপন্ন ব্যঙ্গালোর/দিল্লীর সুপাত্র কাম্য।
M/Wap: 99580 16997

বৈদ্য সাহা MBBS, DNB 32/5'1" কলকাতা Gen. Caste, ফর্সা, সুদর্শনা W.B. Health Service Specialist Medical officer পাত্রীর জন্য উপযুক্ত সং/অসং বর্ণ পাত্র চাই। (ডাক্তার অগ্রগণ্য)
M/WhatsApp: 9433156719

পাত্র চাই 31+/5'1" Gen Mtech & Phd (IIT) জামশেদপুরে উচ্চপদে কর্মরত (TISCO) নরগণ সুদর্শনা পাত্রীর জন্য সং/উচ্চ শিক্ষিত / শিক্ষিত হিন্দু বাঙালি অবিবাহিত নেশাহীন চাহ্নীসী পাত্র চাই।
Ph: 8910008387

EB, বৈদ্য সাহা, ব্রাহ্মণ নিবাসী 34/5'2", M.Sc., B.Ed., মধ্যমবর্ণ, একমাত্র সন্তান, নামমাত্র বিবাহে মিউচুয়াল ডিভোর্স। একটি ইংরেজী মাধ্যম স্কুলে (নিউটাউন) শিক্ষিকা। পিতামাতা পেনশনার। কলকাতায় প্রতিষ্ঠিত সচল/বেসচল/ব্যবসায়ী শিক্ষিত 40 মনো পাত্র চাই।
M+ Wapp: 6289843386 (7 PM - 10 PM)

WB Subramanik, 28/5'2", Nargan, M.Tech, working in Bangalore as Sr. Soft. Engr, 20 LPA beautiful bride. Seeks a educated, well-established groom below 32 years, from Subramanik/Any Caste. Bangalore preferred. (Except Debari Gan & Manglik)
M+ W/APP: 9874737411

EB Brahmin, 30/5'10", Kanya Rashi, Nargan B.Tech (CSE), employed at TCS, Kolkata. Father Retired Railway Officer. Mother Homemaker. Resident of Kolkata. Seeking a suitable groom from North-East India, working in the corporate sector in Kolkata or outside West Bengal.
6000567816/7896690148

জন্ম 1৯৮৭, নিঃসন্তান ডিভোর্সি, ৫'৩", বাঙালি ব্রাহ্মণ, কলি নিবাসী, গড় ব্যাক্স কর্মরতা পাত্রীর জন্য পাত্র কাম্য। পিতা Retd. শিক্ষক, মাতা প্রয়াত। সন্তান গ্রহণ আলাচনা সাপেক্ষ।
8479060096

Kayastha, Bride, 32/5'3", Pretty, Bengali, M.Tech (IISC Bangalore), Senior Data Scientist (Base 32+ Lac PA) a reputed MNC in Bangalore. Seeking a suitable groom.
M- 9038662324 / 7044573914

ব্রাহ্মণ 38/5'1" সূত্রী B.Tech, MA কলকাতার IT-MNC-তে উচ্চপদে কর্মরতা পাত্রীর জন্য উপযুক্ত কলকাতা নিবাসী শিক্ষিত প্রতিষ্ঠিত অনুর্ধ্ব 42 সুপাত্র কাম্য। ইঞ্জিনিয়ার, ডাক্তার অগ্রগণ্য।
Mobile - 8910081570 9432944465

West Bengal Deb Gan, Meen Rashi, Brahmin divorcee (issue-less) 32/5'0", B.A., engaged in family business, beautiful, only daughter resident of Batanagar, seeks a graduate groom below 38 years with a minimum annual income of ₹12 LPA, preferably from Kolkata or nearby areas.
Contact: 9836043510

Beautiful, well-educated, unmarried daughter from a respectable Bengali Brahmin family, 36/5'6", M.A. (Sociology), presently working in the Administration Department of a hospital in Kolkata. Seeking a well-educated, well-established, unmarried Bengali Brahmin groom of good character, aged 37-40.
9831980355/9088104594

Bengali Brahmin parents invite alliance for daughter 28+/5'1", Qualified Dietitian working with reputed clinics in Kolkata. Seeking Brahmin Doctor groom max 33 years, Kolkata based, MD/MS/DNB/MDS. M/Wap: 90077 50022

পঃবঃ বানালী 33/5'3" মকর, দেবগণ, একমাত্র কন্যা ফর্সা, সুদী কলিত বেসরকারী হসপিটালে Consultant পদে কর্মরতা। MD, DM ডাক্তার পাত্রীর জন্য, অনুর্ধ্ব 38 কলিত ডাক্তার, উপযুক্ত ব্রাহ্মণ/কায়স্থ সুপাত্র চাই।
9477374028

WB তিলি হুসলী ব্যবসায়ী জ্যেষ্ঠ কন্যা 28/5'3" কাশ্যব গৌত্র ফর্সা স্নিম সুদর্শনা MA যোগ্য পাত্রীর জন্য প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী/উচ্চ আয় সম্পন্ন/উচ্চ পদে সরকারি চাকুরে, রুচিশীল হাওড়া/হুসলী কলিকাতার অবিবাহিত 30-32 তিলি পাত্র কাম্য। ঘটক ও প্রতিষ্ঠান নহে।
9679769595

Distinguished and affluent Rashi Brahmin family from Asansol, own residence in Kolkata. Bride 30/5'4", good-looking, fair, M.A. (Geography), M.Ed., highly educated, cultured and family-oriented. Deb Gan, Manglik. Seeks well-educated Brahmin groom, Doctor, Engineer, IAS/IPS, Professor, Senior Corporate Executive or well-established Businessman from an established family.
9547782054/9830428105

WB Mahishya, 33/5'5", Barrackpore, MBBS, M.Sc. Seeks same/other caste, 33/5'5" above, suitable groom DM/MS/MD/MS from Kolkata & surrounding location. Established non-medico professionals are also welcome.
M: 9432669432 9051108753

Kayastha, Bride, 32/5'3", Pretty, Bengali, M.Tech (IISC Bangalore), Senior Data Scientist (Base 32+ Lac PA) a reputed MNC in Bangalore. Seeking a suitable groom.
M- 9038662324 / 7044573914

Brahmin (Bharadwaj), 29 years, 5'5", fair, well-educated and working as a Manager in a Government Bank. Seeking a well-settled, professionally qualified Brahmin groom, aged 31-34 years, preferably holding a senior position in Government PSU or a reputed organization. Candidates from IIT, IIM or equivalent premier institutions will be preferred.
9839603131/7007909492

ব্রাহ্মণ ফর্সা 26+/5' B.Sc GSV (কলকাতা) মাহিস্তা গ্রুপে HR কলকাতায় কর্মরতা। বর্তমানে স্বপুং সন্তান সম্পূর্ণরূপে দায়িত্ব পরিবর্তন একমাত্র সন্তান উপযুক্ত পাত্র কাম্য। বর্মান অগ্রগণ্য। Caste no bar.
Wapp: 9242548412

EB রুদ্রজ ব্রাহ্মণ, 26/5'2", M.Sc. Appeared, সূত্রী, দেব গণ, মাজুলিক। হুসলী। অনুর্ধ্ব 35 বৎসরের সং/অসং সুপাত্র কাম্য। ঘটক/ম্যাট্রিমোনি নয়।
M: 9239844206 Wapp: 9007897871

IAS পিতার একমাত্র কন্যা MA পাশ, 29/5'6" EB, SC, ফর্সা পাত্রীর জন্য IAS/IPS/WBSCS (Exe)/WBPS/IT/MD/MBBS স্ববর্ণ পাত্র কাম্য। কলিতে 3 BHK 2 টি Flat, শহরতলীতে 3 তলা 1টি বাড়ি আছে।
M: 7980087540 8240001072

দঃ কলি ব্রাহ্মণ 40+/5'8" নর/সিংহ ইস্যুয়েল মিউচুয়াল ডিভোর্সি B.Com (Hons), C.S, MBA অধ্যয়নরত ফর্সা সুন্দরী কর্মরতা পাত্রীর জন্য 46 এর মধ্যে 5'9" উর্ধ্বে, সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত বাঙালি পাত্র কাম্য। কলকাতা অগ্রগণ্য।
M/Wap: 9674416201

EB Brahmin 30/5'4" fair debari B.Tech, MNC working at Mumbai. Seeks working at Mumbai/Bangalore groom. Caste no bar.
Mobile: 9330828332

পুং বঃ কুলিন ব্রাহ্মণ 37+/5'8" ফর্সা সূত্রী সিংহরাশি, নরগণ M.Sc সরকারী চাকুরীরতা। উপযুক্ত চাকুরীরত ব্রাহ্মণ/কায়স্থ পাত্র চাই।
9831298510 8910835868

প্রকৃত সুন্দরী, ফর্সা, কায়স্থ, 5'2"/35, MBBS, MD পাত্রীর জন্য পঃবঃ/পুঃবঃ, সং/অসং অনুর্ধ্ব 40, নেশাহীন Doctor পাত্র চাই।
M/Wapp: 9339626177

Seeking a suitable alliance for a well-educated, Sunni Muslim, Bengali lady based in Kolkata, issueless divorcee, 35, 5'3". She is strikingly beautiful, intellectually vibrant and professionally accomplished with an M. Tech in Biotechnology, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and a gold medalist academic background. She is working as an Associate Professor at a reputable medical institute in Bengaluru. Looking for an educated, well established and compatible Muslim groom between 35 and 39 years of age.
Contact: 9232395746 (WhatsApp)

কায়স্থ MD. ডাক্তার 34/5'3" কলকাতা হাসপাতালে কর্মরত, ফর্সা সুন্দর পাত্রীর অনুর্ধ্ব 38 উপযুক্ত পাত্র চাই। কলকাতা/খিত ডাক্তার MD/MS/MCH অগ্রগণ্য। ম্যাট্রিমোনি/ঘটক নিষ্প্রয়োজন।
Mobile No: 8910659012 6290308279

Highly educated with having completed Masters in Accounting and finance, attractive, fair, 30 year old bride belonging from kayastha, business family in Maheshala, currently looks after family business, seeks a well educated, well established, respectful, handsome groom having good respectable family, Kolkata based, with minimum height of 5'6" within the age limit of 35 years with the minimum income of Rs.30 lakhs P.A. and above.
Mobile no.: 9874268857

EB কায়স্থ, 29/5'3" M.A. B.Ed. (CBSE Teacher), গান জানেন (বৌদ্ধ) সঙ্গীত, সুদর্শনা, Slim, পিতা ব্যবসায়ী, একমাত্র কন্যা। কলকাতার স্থায়ী, উপযুক্ত সন্তান পরিবারের (31-33) মধ্যে শিক্ষিত ব্যবসায়ী/চাকুরে পাত্র চাই। সং/অসং চলবে। ঘটক নহে।
9433185709 9477374875 (8am-1pm & 7pm-9pm)

WB Kayastha, 34/5'2", beautiful, nargan, MA (CU) & PGDRM (NIRD, Hyderabad), 6 years' work experience, currently pursuing MA (2nd Yr), own house at Salt Lake, daughter of an educated, affluent family. Seeking an educated and well-established Kayastha groom, below 39 yrs, B.Tech/CA/Class-V Bank or equivalent (Govt/Pvt), from a small family.
M+ W/APP: 9830421168 / 8617780590

পুঃবঃ কায়স্থ 37/5'4" M.COM (CU) দেবারিগণ ফর্সা সূত্রী স্নিম শিক্ষিকা 41 এর মধ্যে সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত চাকুরীরত পাত্র চাই। কলকাতা অগ্রগণ্য।
9007168296 9903482208

WB, বেলেড় হাওড়া নিবাসী কায়স্থ, নর 31/5'6" O+/BA সূত্রী উচ্ছল শ্যামবর্ণ ব্যবসায়ী পরিবারের জ্যেষ্ঠ কন্যার জন্য উপযুক্ত সং প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী অথবা চাকুরীজীবী সুপাত্র কাম্য।
Mob - 7278483667 (4PM - 8PM)

তত্ত্বাবধায় 32/5'3" ফর্সা, সূত্রী, পঃবঃ সরকারী চাকুরীরতা (Transferable Job) পাত্রীর জন্য অনুর্ধ্ব 37, ব্যাক্স, সং অফিসার, ইঞ্জিনিয়ার, সং প্রফেসর, সং/অসং সুপাত্র কাম্য। Matrimony বা ঘটক ব্যতিত।
Mobile/Wapp: 9477761007 9433993583

EB, Kayastha, Nar Gan, Partially Manglik 28+/5'1", B.Tech (Comp), working in the IT sector in Mumbai (10 LPA), fair and beautiful, seeks an educated, cultured, professionally well-established groom, from the same or higher caste, below 33 years. Mumbai preferred.
9874321149 (6pm-10pm)

MD Doctor Kayastha Gen.Caste, 33/5'5", fair, good looking bride, working in Govt. Medical College in Kolkata & belonging to a doctor family looking for a suitable Specialist Doctor Groom within 36 yrs., Gen. Caste, around Kolkata.
Contact- 8276885762

26/5'1", Bengali Hindu Kayastha (Kulin), Debari, Non-Manglik, M.A. (Graphics & Animation), Fine Arts Graduate, engaged in own creative design profession, beautiful, well-educated bride from an established business family of Kolkata. Seeks well-established, educated, well-charactered Bengali Hindu groom from South Kolkata with strong family values.
7065194977/7980123966

মাহিস্তা, রানাবাট এবং কলিকাতা নিবাসী, শিক্ষিত পরিবারের একমাত্র সন্তান (পিতা-সিদ্ধি ইঞ্জিনিয়ার) পাত্রী: 24+/5'3" উপায়মবর্ণ, সুন্দর মুখবী, কলিত ইঞ্জিনিয়ার নিজস্ব সরকারী কনকর্ডাকশন ফর্ম (C.P.W.D. Class-II) পাত্রীর ডাক্তার, ইঞ্জিনিয়ার, C.A. সরকারী অফিসার, অনুর্ধ্ব 32 পাত্র কাম্য। উচ্চ-অসং চলবে।
যোগাযোগ: 9434119691 9735250823 8 TO 10PM

EB Kayastha 39/5'6" Debari, LL.B Central Govt. Employee, fair slim, own house in Barrackpore. Wanted highly educated, high ranking govt./private sector employee (above 9LPA), Kayastha/ Brahmin/ Baidya groom within 43/5'9" from Kolkata or adjacent area. Divorcee or any marriage arrangers not allowed.
M/W: 8334939561 (7:30 pm - 10:30pm)

কায়স্থ, বারুজীবী 27/5'2" ফর্সা স্নাতক (1st Class) L.L.B (প্রাক্তন/সরকারী) সং/বেসচল/সুপাত্র কাম্য। নবীয়া, উত্তর ২৪ পরগণা, কলকাতা অগ্রগণ্য।
WhatApp: 6290842817/ 8617086865, যাম্যনগর নিবাসী

WB General 28/5'3", Deb Gan, non-Manglik, well-educated, upper middle-class, unmarried resident of Kolkata, from a well-established business family bride seeking a well-established, well-educated, unmarried groom, within 32 years, with a high income businessman/ Govt employee, residing in Kolkata/ near by adjoining areas.
9874886841/ 9051178034 Email id: bharati bhoomic-100@gmail.com

পাত্র চাই পুঃবঃ কায়স্থ বৃদ্ধক, দেবারী, 32/5'3" B.Tech., বাঙ্গালোরে নামী MNCতে কর্মরতা, 20+ lacs PA, মালিক: কিন্তু দোষ কাটানো আছে, পাত্রীর সুশিক্ষিত, সং/উচ্চবর্ণ, MNC তে কর্মরত সুপাত্র কাম্য।
9434047131 (w.app)

WB মাহিস্তা শ্রীরামপুর পাত্রী 31/5' BDS নিজস্ব চেয়ার আছে সূত্রী ফর্সা MBBS/MD/সংচাঃ উচ্চপদে কর্মরত 35 অনুর্ধ্ব অবিবাহিত সং/অসং পাত্র চাই। ঘটক/বিবাহ প্রতিষ্ঠান নয়।
Mobile No: 9163434878

EB কায়স্থ, 28+/5'4", convent, B.Tech, IT কর্মরতা, সূত্রী পাত্রী। Govt./IT কর্মরত, কায়স্থ/ব্রাহ্মণ সুদর্শন পাত্র 32 yrs এর মধ্যে কাম্য। ব্যঙ্গালোর/কলকাতা অগ্রগণ্য।
Whatsapp: 8910470653

SC কলিত উচ্চ মধ্যবিত্ত অবসরপ্রাপ্ত কেন্দ্রীয় সরকারী কর্মচারী পিতা-মাতার একমাত্র সন্তান 36 বৎসর 5'3" ফর্সা সূত্রী ইস্যুয়েল ডিভোর্সি এম এ পাত্রী (পাত্রীর দুই বাহুতে ট্যাটু আছে) জন্য প্রতিষ্ঠিত উদার আধুনিক মনস্ত সরকারী/বেসরকারী/ব্যবসায়ী ইস্যুয়েল ডিভোর্সি/বিপত্নীক অবিবাহিত 39-44 সুপাত্র চাই। জাতিগত বাধা নাই। বিবাহ প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঘটক নহে।
9836941869

WB Mahishya, 26/5'4", B.Sc. (Hons), only beautiful daughter from a respectable family. Seeking a suitable, handsome, well-established General caste groom below 32 yrs. Preference: Howrah, Kolkata, Hooghly, South & North 24 Parganas suburban areas.
Ph: 9874253555 (7 PM to 10 PM)

EB Mahishya, Deb Gan, DOB: 01-02-1989, 5'1", B.Tech, working in an MNC (Kolkata), 20-30 LPA, resident of Uttarpara. Father is a businessman, mother is a retired Bank Officer, beautiful bride from a respectable family. Seeking a suitable groom below 42 yrs, Engineer/Doctor/ Government or Private high-ranking employee/ Bank Officer, posted anywhere in India or abroad, height above 5'6". Caste no bar. Interested in early marriage.
9831109232/ 9831851397

Wanted SUITABLE GROOM FOR BENGALI, KAYASTHA, 5 FEET 4 INCH, FAIR, BEAUTIFUL, DOCTOR (MD, DNBSS-CARDIOLOGY) BRIDE PRESENTLY STAYING AT KOLKATA.
CONTACT: 7045453890; dasak53@yahoo.com

WB, Mahishya, Debari, Tula, Manglik, 41 yrs, 5'2", Divorced, H.S. (Science) and Diploma in Computer Applications. Working as a post office agent. Resides in a flat in Garia. Both parents are retired. Seeking a suitable divorced or widowed groom, up to 47 years, with no children. Minimum height 5'6". Minimum Graduation. Minimum annual income 5 lakh. Preferred locations: Central Kolkata, South 24 Parganas district are requested to contact.
Contact: 8250170880 (wapp) please call between 10am - 7pm

WB Mahishya, 34/5'3", M.Sc. (Zoology), working in an MNC in Hyderabad, 18 LPA. Father is a retired Bank Officer, mother is a retired Headmistress. Resident of Howrah. Seeking a well-established groom below 41yrs, highly educated, minimum 30 LPA, based in Hyderabad/ Bangalore/ Pune or abroad. Caste no bar.
8240079432/ 9239406225

Kolkata resident Bengali Sunni Muslim family's daughter 26/5' working in America, fair, beautiful bride, Seeks a suitable groom working in America.
9831262630 9903369118

পাত্রী বৈদ্য প্রফেসর, Ph.D. কর্মরতা। নমঃপুত্র, ফর্সা, স্নিম, ৩৬+/৫'৬"। নরগণ, বৃহদাশী। সংঅসং বর্ণ, ৪৫ মূল্যবর্ণ, নুনতম ৫'৭" Prof/Doctor/Engineer/Govt Officer (ডিভোর্সি, বিপত্নীক বাধে) পাত্র চাই। কলকাতায় কর্মরত অগ্রগণ্য।
যোগাযোগ: 9432124560 (9am-12noon, 5.30-9pm) subhas7576@gmail.com

WB Saha 25+/5'5" BHM (IIMH) Debari Manglik aristocrat family Kolkata resident Bride seeks suitable Groom within 30 years Min graduate aristocrat family Any metro city 15 LPA(Min) same/ other castes will be accepted.
Ph- 9433872538 Mail ID- priyosmita5@gmail.com

WB SC, Kestopur, 30/5'3", Debari Manglik, MA (Eng), B.Ed (Eng), currently engaged in private tuition. Seeking a groom 30-35 years, residing in Kolkata/ working in Kolkata, with B.Tech/ M.Tech/ MBA/ CA/ Dr Teacher/ Ph.D/ Law/ Master's or equivalent, Govt/Pvt job (min 8 LPA). Well-educated decent and from a good family.
Mobile: 9143254626

EB SC, Sodepur, 31/4'10", M.Tech, working Pvt Co. (Nagpur), ordinary family. Seek equivalent Govt./Private, demandless groom. Bride partially manglik. Matchmaker/ Marriage Bureau excuse.
Mobile: 7278460508

EB রজক 35+/5'2" Ph.D ৩য় বর্ষ নর মীন ফর্সা কর্মমন্ডলা পাত্রীর কেঃসংচাঃ/রাঃসংচাঃ/উচ্চ বেসংচাঃ 36-40/5'9" দেবগণ সুদর্শন সং/অসং পাত্র চাই। শীঘ্র বিবাহ, সংস্থা নহে।
8001055035

W.B. (Das) Central Govt. Employee (Retd.) father's daughter 36/5'4" fair-complexioned, beautiful, Debari, Ge (H) Comp. Diploma bride, seeks an unmarried, non-manglik, suitable groom aged between 37-41, height at least 5'6", working in a high post in Govt./ Private sector. Contact directly with Photo and Biodata. Divorcee not allowed.
Mobile/Wapp: 8584096597

Wanted suitable match for WB Kol SC Saha girl, 26+/5'3" Debari, MD 1st year (SSKM). Father: Engineer, Mother: HS Teacher. Groom must be minimum PG Doctor/ IIT Engr/ CA/ Central Govt. Officer within 33, height above 5'5", Kol preferred. Caste no bar.
M/W: 8910067889 (7pm- 10pm)

পুঃবঃ নমঃপুত্র SC 28+/5'4" B.Sc Zoology (H) পিতা Retd. কেঃসং Gazetted অফিসারের ঘরোয়া কন্যার জন্য সচল/33 অনুর্ধ্ব কলিত পাত্র চাই।
Mobile+Wapp: 8902701070

পুঃবঃ খড়দা নমঃপুত্র 30+/5'3" ফর্সা সুন্দরী MA (Eco) MBA পাঠরতা পাত্রীর জন্য অনুর্ধ্ব 34 মুখুই/পুণে/ব্যঙ্গালুরু চাকুরী সং/ অসং পাত্র কাম্য।
M+ Wapp: 9407983176

WB কলকাতা নিবাসী, নাপিত (GEN) নরগণ 31/5'5", B.A. বাক্সে কর্মরতা সূত্রী, শিক্ষিতা পাত্রীর জন্য নুনতম স্নাতক, অনুর্ধ্ব 38 সচল/বেসচল/সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী পাত্র চাই। শীঘ্র বিবাহ কাম্য।
M: 7980556166 (6-9pm) WA: 8017652581

WB, General Arambagh, Hooghly, 28/5'4", Fair, BA-LLB, Bank employee. Seeks groom Doctor / Engr./ Govt./ Pvt. Sec. in a Senior/high ranking position (Cast no bar)
9732208719

পঃ বঃ সুবর্ণবিনিক 28+/5'3" স্নাতক, Pol. Sc. (Hons), D.Ed. ফর্সা, সূত্রী, স্নিম, ঘরোয়া। সং/উচ্চ অসং সরকারী চাকুরে পাত্র চাই।
M-9932360579

WB SC Kolkata 33/5' Professor (Govt.), M.Sc., M.Tech, smiling fair pretty slim, Musicology, brisha, debari, cultural, father and mother retd. govt. service holder, only child. Seeks within 36 post graduate, Professor/ Govt./MNC service holder/ equivalent within Kolkata groom. Caste no bar. Matchmaker and Matrimony excuse.
M & Wapp: 9830907875

WB (Gen), 1989/5'1", দেবারি কলি Asst Prof. Pvt. কলেজে, ফর্সা, সূত্রী পাত্রীর জন্য কলকাতা নিকটবর্তী চাকুরীরতা পাত্র চাই। ডিভোর্সি চলিবে না।
M+Wapp: 6291569592 (6pm- 9pm)

পঃবঃ তাম্বুলী পাত্রী 30/5'2" B.Tech. কেঃসংচাঃ কর্মরতা। অনুর্ধ্ব 32 কেঃসংচাঃ/সংচাঃ সমতুল্য পাত্র চাই। কলি/নিকটবর্তী (EB নহে) ফটো ও বায়োডাটা সহ যোগাযোগ।
Wap- 97488 59685 (ফোন নহে)

WB তাম্বুলী বাঁকুড়া ফর্সা 31yrs (11/94) 5'1" B.Pharm MNC ব্যঙ্গালোরে কর্মরতা। চেমাই, ব্যঙ্গালোর, হায়দ্রাবাদে কর্মরত পাত্র চাই।
Mobile: 8282093797

বর্ধমান নিবাসী উগ্রমুদ্রিত, প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ীর কন্যা, সূত্রী 32/5'7", MCA, দেবারীগণ, মাজুলিক কলিতে MNC-এ কর্মরতা, জেনারেল কাস্ট কলিতে সন্তান পরিবারের সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত পাত্র কাম্য।
9475740255 7001240703

West Bengal Hindu, 28 yrs, 5'4", Deb Gan, Brishchik Rashi, fair, beautiful, M.Com., employed, resident of Kolkata. Father deceased, mother is an established businesswoman. For the younger daughter, a handsome, well-educated, well-charactered and well-established groom wanted, residing in Kolkata. Groom's annual income should preferably be minimum of ₹25 Lakhs.
Mobile: 9831951541

WB, General Arambagh, Hooghly, 28/5'4", Fair, BA-LLB, Bank employee. Seeks groom Doctor / Engr./ Govt./ Pvt. Sec. in a Senior/high ranking position (Cast no bar)
9732208719

পঃ বঃ সুবর্ণবিনিক 28+/5'3" স্নাতক, Pol. Sc. (Hons), D.Ed. ফর্সা, সূত্রী, স্নিম, ঘরোয়া। সং/উচ্চ অসং সরকারী চাকুরে পাত্র চাই।
M-9932360579

WB Brahmin, Howrah, Vatsya Gotra, Deb Gan, 28+/4'11", B.Tech (CSE), fair and good-looking, experienced IT professional, currently exploring new career opportunities, seeking a well-established WB Brahmin groom up to 33 years. Howrah/ Kolkata preferred.
9831638970 8697136544

সুবর্ণ বিনিক, কাশ্যপ নরগণ 34/ 5'4" ফর্সা, সূত্রী MBBS, Bangalore-এ থাকে, 2013 সালে Hip Joint Replacement হয়েছিল, Bangalore-এ থাকে MBBS/MD/IIT/IT সমতুল্য কাশ্যপ ও দেবারী বাদে 5'10" সং/অসং 37 মধ্যে পাত্র চাই।
9434144496

EB Tili bride from a reputed and well-established business family in Laketown, Kolkata. Smart, very fair, graceful and family-oriented, 25+/5'2", B.Tech (Comp Sc) currently employed as a Sr Software Developer with a leading MNC in Kolkata. Seeking a professionally accomplished (Min income 20 LPA), well-educated, cultured Kolkata-based groom, up to 32 yrs, well-established business family preferable.
9830752386/ 9830036791

EB তিলি পাল হাড়া 27/5'3" M.Sc (Math) B.Ed ফর্সা সূত্রী দেবারি মকর প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী কন্যার জন্য সং/বেঃসং চাকুরী, প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী, 28-33 মধ্যে General পাত্র চাই।
M. 9775025421

পঃ বঃ মোদক 31/4'10" B.Tech কলিতে MNC তে কর্মরতা। ফর্সা, সূত্রী পাত্রীর সং/বেঃসং কর্মরত সর্বর্ণ/অসর্বর্ণ উপযুক্ত পাত্র কাম্য।
8240365732 (7pm - 9 pm)

Well-educated, 29/5'4", M.Pharm, working in a reputed MNC, resident of Kolkata polite and cultured. Seeking an educated and well-established groom.
6289048573/ 9433467423

পঃবঃ তিলি 39/5' সূত্রী NET Ph.D, Post-Doc (USA) Asstt. Prof. Mumbai শিক্ষিত সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত সং/অসং/মুম্বাই/Delhi/other metropolitan cities এ থাক্যে পাত্র কাম্য।
891830

BRIDE WANTED

EB বৈদ্য 33/5'8"
Phd (Maths - বিশেষ) ব্যঙ্গালোরে TIFR-এ কর্মরত (গবেষণা) পাত্রের জন্য গবেষণারত/চাকুরীজীবী (বিজ্ঞান শাখা) **EB বৈদ্য** ব্রাহ্মণ/ কায়স্থ মধ্যবিত্ত পরিবারের উপযুক্ত পাত্রী কাম্য। প্রয়োজনে বিদেশে যেতে আপত্তি নেই।
9831489616
(8PM-9PM)

Doctor, Child specialist, 39yr, E.B., Baidya Brahmin from Kolkata Sodepur seeks homely bride upto 34yr age. 6291961756

A caring well educated, stable UK based Baidya family with roots at Kolkata invite proposal from skilled young women, Cast no bar Boy- 36/5'5" Pvt Sector/ M.Sc., BBA/ Teetotaler/ Mithun, Devgan.
9830040746

EB Saha 30/5'8"
Ph.D IIT KGP Associate Research Scientist UAE fair beautiful highly educated minimum 5'3"/25-27, working bride wanted.
Mobile: 7980100933

EB Balshya Saha 30/5'8" B.Tech (IIT), Ph.D (USA), employed at a leading MNC in California. Seeking a US based Good looking, general caste bride (working/ study) or willing to relocate, under 29, MS/PhD preferred.
Mobile 9433907484

Baishya, 35/5'3", M.S. in Computer Science Engineering from Oklahoma University, presently settled in New Jersey, working as a Senior Software Engineer in an Insurance Company, salary above \$100,000. Own house in Kolkata. Seeks good-looking, well-educated bride below 34 years, B.Tech & Master's, willing to relocate to the USA.
WhatsApp no. 8910929275/ 9831431263.

পূর্ববঙ্গীয় সাহা, একমাত্র সন্তান, B.Tech 35/5'8" নরগণ বৃহৎ বেংসং ব্যাঙ্ক ম্যানেজার 6 LPA, কলিকাতায় নিজস্ব বাড়ি, Salt lakes এ Furnished Flat, মধ্যগ্রামে জমি, পিতা কেংসং ব্যাঙ্ক ম্যানেজার (Retd.) শিক্ষিতা স্ত্রী ঘরোয়া পাত্রী চাই। বৈবাহিক বয়স।
9038142044

পঃবঃ, 38+/5'8", ব্রাহ্মণ সুদর্শন, 30 LPA, সন্তানসহ ডিভোর্সী। অববাহিতা, শিক্ষিতা, সুন্দরী, অনুবর্ণ 32, ঘরোয়া, নিজের সন্তান মনে করে সন্তানকে পালন করতে ইচ্ছুক পাত্রী চাই। অত্রাক্ষণ চলবে।
M+Wapp: 7735085282

We are looking for a well educated good looking brahmin bride for our only son. Qualification of the boy: B.Tech, M.Sc (University of London). Age 32 years. Height 5' 11". Engaged in family business having most modern manufacturing factories in Kolkata and suburban. Financially well settled. We are Dubey/Bharadwaj, migrated from UP to West Bengal long ago, settled in Saltlake & New Town (Mother from Banerjee family). Parents are highly qualified and socially well established. Seeking qualified bride from Bengali/Non Bengali family with good family background.
Interested persons may contact : 9830010069, between 10am to 8pm

ব্রাহ্মণ 32/5'8" সুদর্শন, বুদ্ধি, দেবগণ, B.Com (ST. XAVIERS), M.COM (C.U.), MBA (IISWBM), হলদিয়ার Adani Willmar (MNC) তে HR পদে কর্মরত। কলিকাতায় পৈতৃক বাড়ি। পাত্রের জন্য সুদর্শন, Eng. Medium শিক্ষিতা, চাকুরীত, 26-29 পাত্রী কাম্য। ব্রাহ্মণ/বৈদ্য/কায়স্থ চলবে।
Ph & Wapp 8697910538 7003640989

পাত্র ডাক্তার (কেংসং কমি) 44/5'10" চাটাজী, বৈবাহিক, কলিঙ্গ নিজবাড়ী। যোগ্য পাত্রী কাম্য। (প্রেক্ষণ, সং, চা, ডাক্তার) অগ্রগণ্য। পিতা পরলোকগত ও মা পেনসনার, এবং একমাত্র সন্তান।
Mobile 9330503563 9051397044 (10am-10pm)

ব্রাহ্মণ 31/5'6" দেবগণ মিথুন রাশি, B.Tech, MBA MNC ব্যঙ্গালোরে উচ্চপদে কর্মরত, কলিতে স্বল্পাট Retd. কে.স. কুমার একমাত্র পুত্র 25-27 মধ্য ফর্সা স্ত্রী চাকুরীত পাত্রী কাম্য।
6291509478

ব্রাহ্মণ 27/5'10" নরগণ মেঘ রাশি শান্তিল গোট, B.Tech TCS Kolkata 11 LPA, কলকাতার বাসিন্দা। ফর্সা below 25 ব্রাহ্মণ চাকুরীত/ঘরোয়া পাত্রী চাই
9231342513

Scientist (USA - MNC) + নিজের Business, IIT, B.Tech & M.Tech, 30+/5'9" সুদর্শন, অতি ভদ্র পাত্র, সম্ভ্রান্ত ফ্যামিলি। ভদ্র - নম্র, 18-28, অতি সংসারী মনের, শিশুপ্রেমী পাত্রী চাই। স্বল্প - শিক্ষিতা ও নিম্নবিত্ত ও চলবে।
Caste No Bar. M+Wapp: 9315369326

ব্রাহ্মণ নর মীন ক্যাপ মাস্টালিক, 34+/5'8" Asst. Prof. IIT KGP. ব্রাহ্মণ, মাস্টালিক 27+/5'3" Master degree পাত্রী চাই। ক্যাপ, দেবগণ চলবে না।
M: 9434095842

দক্ষিণ কলিকাতা নিবাসী ব্রাহ্মণ ক্যাপ গোট অধ্যাপক (৩২ বছর, ৫'৮") সচ্ছল পাত্রের উপযুক্ত পাত্রী চাই। দালাল নিষ্প্রয়োজন।
Mobile 9831135821

EB ব্রাহ্মণ 35+/5'11" M.Tech Ph.D (NIT) পাত্রের কলকাতার একটি নামকরা বেসরকারি Engineering College-এর Asst. Professor সুদর্শন কলকাতায় নিজ গৃহ পাত্রের জন্য 28-32 অনুবর্ণ দীর্ঘাঙ্গী ফর্সা প্রকৃত সুন্দরী পাত্রী কাম্য।
8240062037 8240716288

W.B ব্রহ্মদান, ব্রাহ্মণ অধিকারী(ব্যানাজী) দেবগণ ভুলারশি, 33+/5'7" B.A.D.ed প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী (পিতা Retd সচিব শহরে 2টি বাড়ী এবং গ্রামে কৃষিজমি) একমাত্র পুত্রের জন্য 30 অনুবর্ণ উপযুক্ত ঘরোয়া স্ত্রী শিক্ষিতা পাত্রী কাম্য।
M-9474778449/ WhatsApp-8900248314

পাত্রী চাই
WB ব্রাহ্মণ শান্তিল মিথুন, 31/5'7" B.Tech, MBA from UK বর্তমানে কলিকাতায় কর্মস্থ। পিতা BE-IEST. Retd. মাতা উচ্চশিক্ষিতা, গৃহবধূ। একমাত্র পুত্রের জন্য উপযুক্ত, স্ত্রী উচ্চশিক্ষিতা পাত্রী কাম্য।
WA 8777464670

Brahmin Norogan 36/5'8" B. Tech, MBA (IIM) Working in PWC Hyderabad, wants educated, slim & Pretty Bride
9830313882 8017136513

EB ব্রাহ্মণ, 33/5'10" মীন রাশি, নরগণ, মাস্টালিক M.Tech (Mechanical) Indian Railways - এ কর্মরত, একমাত্র সন্তান, কলিকাতায় নিজস্ব বাড়ি। পাত্রের জন্য স্ত্রী, ক্রটিশীল, উপযুক্ত পাত্রী কাম্য। চাকুরীত ও চলবে।
W: 9123019394

EB ব্রাহ্মণ একমাত্র সন্তান 28+/5'5" B.Tech, M.B.A বেং সং চাকরি সুদর্শন কলিকাতায় নিজ বাড়ি ও ফ্লাট আছে। নরগণ পাত্রের জন্য শিক্ষিতা, সুন্দরী, উপযুক্ত ব্রাহ্মণ পাত্রী চাই।
6291352683

EB Banerjee, 34/5'5", Singha rashi, Naragan, M.Com, MBA, employed in a senior position at an MNC, seeks an educated, employed bride. Mangalik Debari will not be considered. Immediate contact.
M- 7439446458/ 8981545387

EB কলি নিবাসী কায়স্থ বাৎসব নর মিথুন ডিভোর্সী পাত্র 38+/5'3" Cognizant Canada-India এ Manager পদে কর্মরত সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত পাত্রের জন্য শিক্ষিতা পাত্রী চাই। Agencies Excuse.
M: 9830980299

পঃ বঃ কর্মকার (50) উচ্চমাধ্যমিক, টেকনিক্যাল কাজ জানে, নিজস্ব ব্যবসা আছে, বর্তমান কামারপাড়া গ্রামে দোতলা পাকা বাড়ি, জমি জায়গা আছে, সচ্ছল, অববাহিত, মা বর্তমান, বড় ভাই বিবাহিত। ঘরোয়া, স্ত্রী, মাধ্যমিক, সুপাত্রী কাম্য।
9433009151(মামা) / 8967871541

EB কায়স্থ 50/5'7" ফর্সা BE (Civil) WB Govt Class 1 অফিস, 22 LPA, Never Married. পিতা Retd. Central Govt Class 1 অফিস, একমাত্র সন্তান। ফর্সা সুন্দরী সুশিক্ষিতা সুচাকুরে, Never Married অনুবর্ণ 40 পাত্রী কাম্য।
M+Wapp: 9051411938/ 033-2334 2525

BRIDE WANTED
Groom Bengali Kayastha, 26 / 5'-7", fair looking, convent educated, MBBS passed and now pursuing M.D. in a reputed Govt. medical college of Kolkata, belongs to a well-established cultured family of Kolkata where both parents are Doctors, seeks a suitable good-looking bride (not more than 25 yrs) who is convent educated, has either passed or pursuing higher education like MBBS / Engineering / MBA / PhD etc. and belongs to a Kolkata-based cultured family preferably.
Mob + Wapp - 8276001119 (8-10 pm.)

Kol Brahmin, 44/5'5" Norogon B.Tech & MBA, Divorced, employed in a private company. Seeking Kol Surrounding, issue-less, non-Manglik bride. Caste no bar.
Mobile 9239758734

Groom: 51 years old, handsome, well-established Eye Surgeon, residing in Howrah. Issueless divorcee. Seeks a sweet, homely bride, aged 38-42 years, minimum graduate, Never Married / Issueless Divorcee / Widow.
Contact: 9477362900

EB Brahmin, 32/5'5", Deb Gan, Makar Rashi. BHM, working in Mumbai, 8 LPA. Only son. Own house in Kolkata. Seeking a beautiful, educated, not working/working Brahmin/ Baidya bride below 27 years.
Mobile 8972502461

EB Banerjee, divorcee (3 months), only child own house in Behala, 36, Debari, Kumbha, 57", working at CESC (posted in Haldia), B.Tech (EE), 15 LPA. Seeking an educated, homely, humble Gen caste bride, aged 27-30, height up to 5'5", Nari Gan and Mangalik excluded. Bride and family will be considered. No marriage brokers.
9231615306 8274936084 7384093552

ব্রাহ্মণ 33/5'5" ফর্সা, M.Tech (IIT Bombay), Bengaluruতে কর্মরত Sr. Engr. (30+ LPA) পাত্রের জন্য মিম, ফর্সা, স্ত্রী B.Tech M.B.A/ M.Tech/ C.A Complete, কর্মরত (Bengaluru তে অগ্রগণ্য) 30-এর মধ্যে ব্রাহ্মণ, বৈদ্য, কুলীন কায়স্থ পাত্রী চাই। ঘটক নিষ্প্রয়োজন।
M/Wapp: 9163823710

পঃবঃ কায়স্থ 29/5'8", B.Tech (M.Tech পাঠরত), সেক্সলুরু MNC তে উচ্চপদে কর্মরত পাত্রের জন্য অনুবর্ণ 26, উচ্চশিক্ষিতা, কর্মরত (বেঙ্গালুরু অগ্রগণ্য) পঃবঃ কায়স্থ/ব্রাহ্মণ ন্যূনতম 5'2" স্ত্রী পাত্রী কাম্য।
M: 9749129380

WB SC, Kolkata, 38+/5'11" B.Tech, M.Tech, MBA (IIM), working in an MNC. Norogon (Manushyagan) working (IT Sec) bride preferable. Manglik, Debari and divorced are not acceptable.
M- 7980518849/ 7980502028

পঃ বঃ কর্মকার (50) উচ্চমাধ্যমিক, টেকনিক্যাল কাজ জানে, নিজস্ব ব্যবসা আছে, বর্তমান কামারপাড়া গ্রামে দোতলা পাকা বাড়ি, জমি জায়গা আছে, সচ্ছল, অববাহিত, মা বর্তমান, বড় ভাই বিবাহিত। ঘরোয়া, স্ত্রী, মাধ্যমিক, সুপাত্রী কাম্য।
9433009151(মামা) / 8967871541

EB কায়স্থ 50/5'7" ফর্সা BE (Civil) WB Govt Class 1 অফিস, 22 LPA, Never Married. পিতা Retd. Central Govt Class 1 অফিস, একমাত্র সন্তান। ফর্সা সুন্দরী সুশিক্ষিতা সুচাকুরে, Never Married অনুবর্ণ 40 পাত্রী কাম্য।
M+Wapp: 9051411938/ 033-2334 2525

WB বসু 1988, 5'5" মেঘ, দেব, সুদর্শন, বনেদি পরিবার, Ph.D. Bangalore-এ MNC তে কর্মরত, Registry cancelled by Nulity. একদিনও ঘর করেনি। সাধারণ পরিবারের স্ত্রী পাত্রী চাই।
9831882888 8981203387

কলকাতা নিবাসী কঃ ব্রাহ্মণ দেবগণ মিথুনরাশি 50+/5'8" নিজস্ব বাড়ি, ফ্লাট, পাড়ি। সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী আর 9LPA- সশীত ও গ্রন্থ ডিগ্রি, স্বামীনী ডিভোর্সী পাত্রের জন্য 37-48-এর মধ্যে সুন্দরী সাক্ষরিতা পাত্রী চাই। ডিভোর্সী/বিবাহ চলবে। ঘর জমাই থাকিতে আপত্তি নাই। শিশু বিবাহ। ফটো ও বায়োডাটা WAPP-এ পাঠাতে পারেন। বিবাহ/বিবাহিত/ঘটক নাই।
M+Wapp 7439473544 7278729795 9007607083

পাত্র ব্রাহ্মণ, 28 বছর, বাণিজ্যে স্নাতক, উচ্চতা 5'6" নিজস্ব ব্যবসা, একমাত্র পুত্র, পিতা অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারি কর্মচারী, নিজস্ব বাড়ি, গাড়ি, বাৎসরিক আয় ৭ থেকে 10 লাখ টাকা, পাত্রী চাই, ব্রাহ্মণ না হলেও চলবে। কোনো দাবি নেই।
M 8981545160

বাঙালী, কনোজ ব্রাহ্মণ, 60+/5'10" B.Sc. Retd. Rly Employee স্বাস্থ্যবান, ফর্সা। 5' বা বেশী, 55-60, পিতৃচানহীন, ফর্সা, স্বাস্থ্যবান, বিধবা, কুমারী, সং/অসং পাত্রী কাম্য। রেজিষ্ট্রি ম্যারেজ (আজীবন পেনশন পাবে)।
9831634851

EB ব্রাহ্মণ, বাৎস, নর 29/5'4" B.Tech, MNC কলিতে কর্মরত নিজ গৃহ ও Flat একমাত্র পুত্রের জন্য উপযুক্ত পাত্রী চাই (চাকুরীত/অগ্রগণ্য)। যোগাযোগ
9433281185 8420281183 9836020757

For Kayastha 46/5'6" Marketing from USA, working in Germany TCS bridegroom, a Professional bride aged below 39, height 5' 3" is desired. The bride must have the willingness to go to Frankfurt, Germany. Caste No Bar.
8777062323 7003032030

Brahmin, 37/5'6", additionless issueless divorcee Professor (Govt.Aided College), groom seeks a highly educated, employed, additionless issueless divorcee bride. Please send photograph and biodata to: Marriage bureaus please excuse.
M+WhatsApp- 9674649427 Sonarpur. Kol-150

EB কর্মকার, 44/5'7" BCA কলি আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা সম্পন্ন। সহানুভূতিশীল (অনাথ হলেও চলবে) পাত্রী কাম্য।
M: 6289882909

WB Kayastha, Deb gon, fair and handsome 46/5'7" Groom, settled in Kolkata, working as Deputy Manager in an MNC, seeks good looking, qualified Bride within 40 years.
M: 8335854249

Need well Background (Joint Family) bride for a business oriented family groom. (Working woman is not required) groom 5.9 ft, 45 years old, Norogon. Stay in own house in Kolkata. (Debari gon not required) Please Contact-
9830016413

W.B. কায়স্থ B.Tech 32/5'7" মহারাষ্ট্রের নাসিকে কেং সং PSU কর্মরত একমাত্র সন্তান সুদর্শন নেশাটী সাং কলিতে নিজস্ব ফ্লাট, ডিম চিকেন খায় বাবা মা সরকারি ডিটায়ার্ড উপযুক্ত উচ্চ আয়বর্ণ সুদর্শন শিক্ষিতা মণ্ডিত পাত্রী কাম্য। কোঠা বিবেচ্য চাকুরী করলে বদলী কাম্য। সম্ভ্রান্ত নহে।
8906400997 7557003023

E. B কর্মকার 31+/5'8", B. Com(Hons) PGDM, কলকাতা, কলিতে Deloitte(Big-4) -এ কর্মরত। পনিমতি সোদপুর নিজ বাড়ি, পিতা ব্যবসায়ী, 1 মাত্র পুত্রের জন্য ন্যূনতম Graduate 25-28-র মধ্যে (5'2"-5'4") ফর্সা, স্ত্রী, রীম পাত্রী কাম্য, কর্মরত ও চলবে ঘটক/বিবাহ গ্রহণিত নহে।
9123366021 9836452037

EB Brahmin, 34+, Issue-less Divorcee, 5'9", Deb Gan, resident of Gujarat, B.C.A., Pvt employed in Bangalore. Seeks Homely/ Working/ Issue-less Divorcee/ Never Married suitable bride below 33 years.
M + Wapp: 9913115691

WB ব্রাহ্মণ 34/5'10" কন্যারশি, MBA (Marketing) কলিতে নিজস্ব ব্যবসা, দুটো বাড়ি, Marriage Hall, একাধিক গাড়ি, একমাত্র পুত্রের জন্য ফর্সা, সুন্দরী, শিক্ষিতা, ঘরোয়া 24+ পাত্রী কাম্য।
Caste No Bar. 7595821935 9433007258

EB কায়স্থ সরকার উঃ কলকাতা 36/5'4" M.Sc. বেসরকারি সংস্থায় Software Developer নিঃসন্তান Mutual Divorcee সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত পরিবারের পাত্রের জন্য কলকাতা/পাশ্চাত্য এলাকার স্ত্রী ঘরোয়া/চাকুরিত/আমাস্টালিক সংস্কৃতিমণা পাত্রী কাম্য।
M+Wapp: 7605897135

কায়স্থ 38 একমাত্র সন্তান কলিকাতা নিবাসী M.Tech (CHE), J.U, Star paper Mill, U.P তে কর্মরত, (S.5L- 6L P.A), পিতা P.S.U. Retired Engg. নিজস্ব বাড়ি, ফ্লাট। সুন্দরী, ফর্সা (Eng. Medium) চাকুরী/চাকুরীতে ইচ্ছুক শিক্ষিতা (ব্রাহ্মণ, কায়স্থ) পাত্রী চাই। প্রবাসী অগ্রগণ্য।
M-8240608954 (7 to 10 PM)

WB কায়স্থ দাস 33/5'9" B.Pharm আসানসোল নিবাসী, স্মার্ট, Home Teacher নিজস্ব বাড়ি ও গাড়ী পাত্রের ফর্সা সুন্দরী উভয়বঙ্গের পাত্রী কাম্য। পাত্রের হবি Long Drive, জাতিভেদ নেই, সেম বয়স হলেও চলবে ঘটক/বিবাহ গ্রহণিত চলবে।
Mob/Wapp- 7679404048 / 7908100467

Kayastha groom, Kolkata-based, 39, 5'10", MBA, employed with an MNC in Kolkata, earning 10 LPA. Father is an Advocate and mother is a Central Government Officer. Only son with own house in Kolkata. Groom is medically unable to father a child. Seeking a beautiful, well-cultured bride from a respectable family. Divorcee/ Widow need not apply. Working professionals will be preferred.
M-7596893443/ 8336907427

Need well Background (Joint Family) bride for a business oriented family groom. (Working woman is not required) groom 5.9 ft, 45 years old, Norogon. Stay in own house in Kolkata. (Debari gon not required) Please Contact-
9830016413

পাত্র কায়স্থ, কৃষ্ণনগর 5'-6" 27yrs, নরগণ, MBA, কর্পোরেট সংস্থায় কর্মরত 6 lac PA, বাবা সরকারি (অবসর প্রাপ্ত) মা রাজ্য সরকারি কর্মী, নিজ সু-গৃহ, একমাত্র সন্তান পাত্রের উপযুক্ত সু-পাত্রী চাই।
M-9475236452

নিউজিউজ কায়স্থ 37/90 5'-8" কন্যা, দেবগণ B.Tech (Computer Engineering) 40 Lakh P.A. বড় ভাই ডাক্তার মা স্কুল শিক্ষিকা সং/অসং ডাক্তার ইঞ্জিনিয়ার/প্রফেসর/ক্লাটিকার পাত্রী চাই (central govt)
7029334593 9563112242

EB কায়স্থ 30+/5'8" বুদ্ধিক দেবারি আমাস্টালিক M.Sc., কলকাতায় নিজ ফ্লাট, MNC Kolkata উচ্চপদে কর্মরত। সুদর্শন, শিক্ষিতা, 5'2"+, চাকুরিত পাত্রী চাই।
9123696340

পূঃবঃ কায়স্থ 36/5'11" নয়ডায় কর্মরত বেসং চাং (IT Sector) একমাত্র সন্তান কল্যাণী স্মিকটে নিজ বাড়ি। ন্যূনতম 30/5'4" গ্রাজুয়েট ফর্সা স্ত্রী পাত্রী চাই।
Mobile+Wapp 9635209796 7863928912

EB কায়স্থ দঃ কলকাতা নিবাসী 31/5'8" B.Tech MBA একমাত্র সন্তান পরিবারিক ব্যবসায় যুক্ত উচ্চ মধ্যবিত্ত পরিবার। কলকাতায় একাধিক বাড়ি ও গাড়ি। সং চাং, ফুল/কলস শিক্ষিতা/IT/রটায়র সংস্থা বা অন্যকোন ভাল চাকুরিতা সুন্দরী সং/অসং ঘরোয়া পাত্রী চাই।
9830836958 9830602741

রাজপুত ক্ষত্রিয়, একমাত্র পুত্র MBBS, MS (Ortho). 33/5'11" ফর্সা সুদর্শন, কলকাতা বাড়ি পিতা ডাক্তার, ফর্সা শিক্ষিত লম্বা স্ত্রী রাজপুত/ব্রাহ্মণ/কায়স্থ, সম্ভ্রান্ত পরিবারের পাত্রী চাই। ডাক্তার অগ্রগণ্য।
M+Wapp: 6291107688

WB Kayastha, 54/5'8", B.Sc. (H), dehgana fair, handsome, bachelor, working as a Data Analyst, 15-16 LPA, own three-storied house and car in Kolkata only son. Seeking a beautiful, unmarried bride aged 38-45.
Contact: 9051899114

WB কায়স্থ 37/5'10" অববাহিতা MS PHD (Computer Science) Germany-তে উচ্চপদে কর্মরত। Germany-তে স্থায়ীভাবে বসবাসে ইচ্ছুক উপযুক্ত সং/উচ্চ আয়বর্ণ পাত্রী চাই।
Mobile+Wapp: 8910438154

EB কায়স্থ 37/5'9" কাশ্যপ A+ Ph.D, কোং কলি Software Engg, 15.3 LPA, পিতা প্রয়াত govt. অফিস। কল্যাণীতে বৃহৎ। ন্যূনতম গ্রাজুয়েট অনুবর্ণ 33 নিম্ন মধ্যবিত্ত ঘরোয়া (job চলিবে না) ডিম ফর্সা সং/উচ্চ-অসং পাত্রী চাই। হুগলি, বর্ধমান, নদিয়া অগ্রগণ্য। ঠিকুরি মানি। ঘটক/সংস্থা বাদে।
M/WA: 9433956193 (4PM-11PM)

পূর্ববঙ্গ কায়স্থ সুদর্শন 41/5'6" MBA ফাইনাল ব্যাঙ্ক ম্যানেজার 15 LPA, সোদপুরে ব্রিতল স্বগৃহ। ফর্সা স্ত্রী শিক্ষিতা কায়স্থ সম্ভ্রান্ত পরিবারের অনুবর্ণ 34 পাত্রী কাম্য। ঘটক ও বিবাহ প্রতিষ্ঠান কাম্য নয়
9830872811 8289084092

E.B কায়স্থ- B.C.A. Income -Tax (T.A) Puneতে কর্মরত। 5'8"/32, স্ত্রী, ঘরোয়া পুনেতে থাকতে ইচ্ছুক উপযুক্ত সুপাত্রী কাম্য।
8478062499 8013102105

ব্যানাজী 31/5'9" দেবগণ, দঃ কলি নিবাসী B.Tech, MBA, Sr. Mngr., Tata Motors বর্তমানে গৌহাটিতে Posting. পিতা কেং সং Pensioner শিক্ষিতা সুন্দরী পাত্রী চাই।
9830728733

WB General, Mahishya, 39/5'6" Ph.D, Asst Prof. at Engg University Kolkata. Seeks Suitable Unmarried professor/ Lawyer/ Anyothers (Brahmine/ Malakar/ General) Kolkata and Villager Bride.
Wapp/ M: 6289152003 (Agent Don't Call)

EB Gandhabanik, nara gan, 31/5'9", resident of South Kolkata, B.Tech, employed as a Manager in Indore. Seeks well-educated and good-looking bride below 29 years, willing to relocate to Indore.
Mobile 8250025087

Scientist (USA - MNC) + নিজের Business, IIT, B.Tech & M.Tech, 30+/5'9" সুদর্শন, অতি ভদ্র পাত্র, সম্ভ্রান্ত ফ্যামিলি। ভদ্র - নম্র, 18-28, অতি সংসারী মনের, শিশুপ্রেমী পাত্রী চাই। স্বল্প - শিক্ষিতা ও নিম্নবিত্ত ও চলবে।
Caste No Bar. M+Wapp: 9315369326

পঃবঃ কায়স্থ অতীত সুদর্শন, 32/5'10" LLM, Judicial Magistrate, 1.70 LPM, কলিতে বাড়ি, গাড়ী, পিতা HC Adv. সুন্দরী, নম্র, শিক্ষিতা অনুবর্ণ 29 পাত্রী চাই। সুন্দরী ব্যতীত যোগাযোগ নহে।
WhatsApp 9831025196

পূঃবঃ উচ্চ কায়স্থ, বনির্ভর অবসর প্রাপ্ত পিতা, মাতা প্রাক্তন শিক্ষিকা, কলিতে নিজ ফ্লাট, একমাত্র পুত্র নেশাটী, দেবগণ, 38/5'8", MA (Eng), BEd, বালাংর বাইরে প্রখ্যাত স্কুলে পি.জি.টি. শিক্ষক, বার্ষিক আয় ৬ লাখ, ভবিষ্যতে কলকাতায় ফেরার সম্ভ্রান্ত। উপযুক্ত পাত্রী চাই। সন্তর বিবাহ।
M-79806 03792

WB Kayasthya Doctor's son Asansol Divorced Mangolik Debari 37+/5'11" B.Tech SAP (Sr Manager) MNC Kol looking Educated Cultured working / non working bride.
9476137971

Groom Kolkata native, Kayastha, 49+/5'8", Unmarried, Dev, Mangalik, Vrishchik, BHM (BU), Working as a Consultant (DM), Father- Retd. Prof. Mother- Pensioner, owns a house. Looking for an educated bride under 45/5'5", preferably Gen. caste.
Mobile 6291136003

Groom Asst. professor of medicine in govt. medical college, Kolkata Mahishya, 46-year, issueless divorcee, 5'5", looking for general caste bride, suitable for the groom between 37 year to 42 year, in Kolkata or nearby.
Mobile 9433458444

WB Gen নরগণ 30+/5'6" MS (Medical) দুই বোন(বিবাহিত), এক ভাই, ডাক্তার Govt চাকুরী 5'2" সমবয়সী পাত্রী চাই।
আন্দুল, হাওড়া। Caste no Bar
9748485704 (After 7.30pm)

WB, Kolkata স্ত্রী মুসলিম একমাত্র সন্তান, MBBS 27+/5'10" সুদর্শন নিজস্ব বাড়ি গাড়ি, পিতা ইঞ্জিনিয়ার শিক্ষিতা সুন্দরী প্রকৃত ফর্সা, নামাজী অনুবর্ণ, 22-25/5'2"-5'4" মধ্য পাত্রী চাই। কোলকাতা অগ্রগণ্য।
M: 9830787358

WB মাফিয়া 38/5'9" দেব B.Com, Accounts Executive Officer, 6.3 LPA, কলিতে নিজস্ব তিনতলা বাড়ি, পিতা Retd. কেংসং অফিসার একমাত্র পুত্রের জন্য ফর্সা, স্ত্রী উপযুক্ত পাত্রী কাম্য।
9831859196

EB Brahmin Bharadwaj Deb, 32/5'4", B.Tech MNC-employed in Kolkata. Seeking an educated, Brahmin, mangalik, beautiful, not-working/working bride, 25-30 years from Kolkata/ nearby area. Debari, Singha, Tula need not respond.
Mobile 6292154643

BRIDE WANTED
MBBS, Masters in Bio Entrepreneurship, working as VP in Sweden. 30/5'3" Mukherjee 1.5 Cr. P.A. Seeking qualified bride willing to settle abroad. Caste no bar. No agency.
Contact : Phone or WA 90511 16609

সদগোপ (General Caste) নরগণ সল্টলেক, 35+/5'10" বি.টেক সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত সুবাবসায়ী, (Govt. Contractor), নিজের বাড়ি আছে, সুদর্শন সুপাত্রের জন্য চাকুরীত/চাকুরীবহীন সুন্দরী, ঘরোয়া সুপাত্রী চাই। দাবিহীন।
8274073276

Mahishya (Debgan) 29/

IN BRIEF

Setu shut

■ **CALCUTTA:** Vidyasagar Setu will remain closed to traffic from 6am to 6pm on Sunday for the replacement of its cables and bearings.

Diversion plan

■ **CALCUTTA:** The Howrah district magistrate has written to the National Highways Authority of India, seeking permission for buses on at least 30 routes to use Nivedita Setu and requesting a 45-day toll waiver while the PWD repairs the deck slab of Bally Bridge.

Loreto looks for second campus

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: Days after being granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Loreto College has begun looking for land or a property to set up a second campus, a move it says is essential to expand its academic offerings and accommodate more students.

"We are searching for land or a property for a second campus. Our present infrastructure is not enough," said Sister Monica Suchlang, provincial of Loreto South Asia.

The 114-year-old institution was granted autonomy on Tuesday and will become co-educational from the next academic session.

The UGC informed Calcutta University that it had approved the recommendations of its Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges and granted autonomy to Loreto College, affiliated with the varsity, for 10 years from the academic year 2026-27 to 2035-36.

"Autonomy also means expansion. At present, we can admit only as many students as our campus can accommodate. If we are to make the most of the freedom that autonomy offers, we have to open our doors to more students," Sister Suchlang told Metro on Saturday.

The college plans to introduce new programmes, including BCom, BBA and career-oriented courses such

as informatics and fashion design.

With the transition to a co-educational institution, the college expects a larger applicant pool. It has already recruited a few male teachers, a college official said.

Autonomous status gives the college the freedom to design its curriculum, introduce new courses, frame its academic calendar, conduct exams and publish results.

"A second campus will give us space to expand because space is limited here. We need more space to start new courses," said Sister A. Nirmala, teacher-in-charge of Loreto College.

From the next academic year, the college also plans

to introduce morning and evening shifts.

"Even with two shifts, our intake will remain constrained because of infrastructure limitations," a college official said.

To ease the space crunch, the Loreto nuns have handed over a portion of their residential premises to the college.

The institution spent 18 months preparing for autonomy before applying in January. As part of the process, faculty members and staff visited autonomous colleges to study their functioning, while Father Felix Raj, vice-chancellor of St Xavier's University, interacted with teachers to address their queries on autonomy.



JAMES' @162: St James' School on Saturday began its 162nd anniversary celebrations with its annual Founders' Day service, a tradition the institution says remains central to its identity. The service was presided over by Reverend Paritosh Canning, moderator of the Church of North India Synod and Bishop of the Calcutta Diocese of the Church of North India. "The Founders' Day service has been an integral part of St James' tradition for generations. Remaining rooted in our traditions is one of our greatest strengths," said Terence Ireland, principal of St James' School. The service was followed by an outreach programme that brought together children from neighbouring schools. Children from underprivileged families showcased their talents through dance performances, underscoring the school's emphasis on inclusion and community engagement as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Reporting by Jhinuk Mazumdar; pictures by Bishwarup Dutta

The Telegraph
CLASSIFIED

The Telegraph
AIR SURCHARGE
TRIPURA: ₹8.00.
ROAD / RAIL
SURCHARGE
ASSAM: ₹3.00.
NAGALAND: ₹3.00.

BRIDE
WANTED

পাত্রী চাই
পাত্রী ৩৩, ৫-৩
নামস্রু সর্কারি
ব্যাংক অফিসার,
শিলিগুড়ি ও কলকাতা
নিবাসী-ডানহাতে
নিউরোজানিত
সমস্যা
চিকিৎসার
সুখী অনুরাধী ২৮.
শিক্ষিতা পাত্রী চাই।
অসবর্ণ চলবে
(৯৮০৮৫৬৭৮৯)

WB Gen.
33/5'10" সুদর্শন
অবিরাহিত একমাত্র
সন্তান Advocate
Cal High Court
এবং নিজস্ব লিগ্যাল
কনসালটেন্সি ফার্ম
পরিচালনকারী
28-30 LPA.
শিক্ষিতা সুন্দরী
24-30 পাত্রী চাই।
6291315766

তত্ত্বাবধায়, 34/5'7",
B.Tech, (Mech
Engr.) পঞ্চাঙ্ক
(ঝাড়খড়) নিবাসী,
দিল্লিতে M3M Co. তে
কর্মরত (Data
Analyst, 8 LPA),
পাত্রের শিক্ষিতা ফার্ম,
সুখী, দিল্লিতে থাকতে
ইচ্ছুক অমঙ্গলিক,
অনুধী 30 পাত্রী চাই।
M/Wap
80131 10800

WB Tili 43/5'4" B.Tech,
presently working in IBM
as a Sr. Manager, earning
35 lakhs per annum.
Having own flat in Kolkata
Newtown. Both parents
are retired teachers.
Issueless divorced in a
nominal marriage.
Required an ordinary
educated bride upto 35
yrs.
Mobile
8100273007

WB Tili AI Engineer
working in a Big 4
MNC at Bengaluru, 30
LPA, 31/6" Nar Gan,
B.Tech, PGP, own
house at Burdwan,
handsome groom
from an affluent
business family. Seeks
beautiful, fair,
well-educated, slim
bride within 31 years,
minimum 5'3",
working in Bengaluru
preferred. No caste
bar.
M+ W/App:
**9734686844/
9832250144**

সং/ অসং পাত্রী চাই
নামস্রু 27/ 5'5"
সুদর্শন, B.Tech,
MNC তে কর্মরত
(8 Lac PA), একমাত্র
পুত্র, পিতা Retd.
কোম্পানি, মাতা W.B.
Govt. চাকুরী, দমদমে
দুটি নিজস্ব দ্বিতল বাড়ী।
ঘরোয়া/ চাকুরীভা,
ফার্সি, সুন্দরী উপযুক্ত
পাত্রী কাম্য।
M-7003164262

ব্রাহ্মণ, কুলীন, ভূলা রাশি, দেবারী গন,
26/ 5'7" Senior Data Analyst,
Bengaluru, এ প্রসিদ্ধ কোম্পানিতে
কর্মরত, নিজ গৃহ কলিকাতা এবং দুর্গাপুর
পাত্রের জন্য অনুধী 25, শিক্ষিতা, সুন্দরী,
দায়িত্বশীল পাত্রী কাম্য। চাকুরীভা
অগ্রগণ্য। কোনো Agency নহে।
M: 9830384561/9564697890

**EB, 47/5'11", A REPUTED
DOCTOR FAMILY IS
SEEKING FOR THEIR ONLY
SON, DOCTOR
(MDS - MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGEON), ISSUELESS
DIVORCE, LOOKING FOR A
QUALIFIED, VALUE-
ORIENTED BRIDE.
AGED WITHIN 37 YEARS
(SINGLE/DIVORCE WITHOUT ISSUE)
MAY CONTACT AT
8697782547**

**তত্ত্বাবধায় সুদর্শন
35/5'4" Asst.
Professor IIT
Hyderabad
Govt. of India
সুন্দরী/সুখী সং/অসং
শিক্ষিতা সুপাত্রী চাই।
সংস্কার নয়।
Mobile No-
9932648215**

JOBS
MANAGER
A Leading Stock
Broking Company
required Managers for
Eastern Region. We
value your skill. Contact
9339868096

MARKETING/SALES
LOOKING for a sales
executive for Electronics
Company. (M):
8866454612
A106A55106

WE are Hiring! Position:
Senior Sales Executive.
We are looking for a
dynamic and
experienced Senior
Sales Executive for the
marketing of logistics
services in West Bengal.
send your CV to:
Wapp-9434012818
AN05A5N02455

MULTIPLE VACANCIES
Bengal Chemicals &
Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
CIN No. U24299WB1981G0133489
6, Ganesha Chandra Avenue,
Kolkata-700013
Applications are invited
from interested candidates
for the post of Asst. Hindi
Officer/Hindi Officer and
Legal Retainer for
Kolkata. For details,
please visit 'Current job
vacancies' in Career
section of our website:
www.bengalchemicals.
co.in

**REQ-SALES &
Marketing/Design
Engineer, O&M
Manager, Exp. 1-2 years
in Solar. Email CV:
contact@
gridsolutionsindia.com
AF51A5F510**

REQUIRED Female
graduate convent
educated fluent in
Eng/Hindi/Beng for
back office. Apply to
sylvsc9@gmail.com
AF51A5F510

HITACHI Service Centre,
Urgent Hiring, Service
Coordinator/CRM
Exe, Exp in AMC, CRM,
Service Coordination,
Customer Support &
Computer Operations
preferred. Sal: ₹15,000 to
₹25,000. Call/Wapp:
9147310642
AN12A5N120

**REQD (1) B.Sc./ M.Sc/
PhD for tech search and
analysis (2) Database in
Charge. Mail :
anjanonline@pindiaa.
com
AN16A5N1405**

● **HR Manager**
● **Production Assistant**
● **Senior Accountant**
● **Accounts Assistant**
● **Receptionist**
● **Sales Person**

One of India's most respected
jewellery brands is
HIRING

Salary: Highest in the Jewellery industry
Nemichand Bamalwa
Jewellers
Salt Lake, City Center 1, Kolkata
+91 62936-91667
hr@ncbjewellers.com
www.ncbjewellers.com

**3 Star Resort reqd Front
Office, Sales/Marketing
Executive, graduate with
prior experience and
degree in hospitality.
Call: 9230070306/7,
hr.lbdresorts@
gmail.com**

"CANDIDATES with
M.Sc./M.Tech degree in
any field of Life Science
and qualified in
CSIR/UGC/DBT NET or
GATE or other
equivalent national level
exam, are invited for
Walk-in-interview at 3.00
pm on 6th August, 2026,
with relevant
documents for the post of
Junior Research
Fellow under DBT
(Government of India)
sponsored project
"Molecular mechanism of
AB13-mediated
regulation of root
architecture in
Arabidopsis and its
implication in drought
stress response:
translation of the
knowledge to rice",
under the supervision of
Dr. Ronita Nag
Chaudhuri, at the Post-
Graduate and Research
Department of
Biotechnology, St.
Xavier's College,
Kolkata. Project
Duration: 3 years.
Interested candidates
may also contact at
ronita.nag@sxccal.edu
for any further query."

**REQUIRED Commerce
Graduate Book Keeper,
(Excel, Word, Accounts)
Park Circus, Contact No.
9748623596
AN35A5N3056**

OFFICE ASSISTANT
A reputed businessman
requires a personal
secretary for handling
personal & business
work. Call: 9830203596 /
9748623596

TEACHER
NEED Physics and
Chemistry female
faculty in H.S. School at
Behala. e-mail id:
bidyabhaban8
@gmail.com

Wanted trained and Exp.
Teacher for Sc. Grp, Hist
& Hindi from areas
surrounding Lake Town
at: idealsecondary@
gmail.com

ST. MONTFORT'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL (CBSE)
Balarampur, P.O. Madarat, Baruipur, South 24 Parganas - 743610, W.B.
Required Teachers for CBSE School
■ **Primary Teachers (PRT)** — English, Mathematics,
Science, Art & Craft, P.T.I, Library, Music, Dance
■ **Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT)** — Mathematics,
Science, Social Science, Bengali, Hindi, IT (AI)
■ **Post Graduate Teachers (PGT)** — English, Economics,
Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science
Candidates with relevant teaching experience, required
qualifications, fluency in English, and an English-medium
background will be preferred. Interested candidates may
send their detailed resume to:
Contact : 9432357378 / 9432013024
Email : 15718montfort@gmail.com
Web : www.montfortkolkata.in

WANTED subject
Teachers (F), for WBSE
Eng. Medium School at
Jadavpur. Mail CV/ Wapp
to: ssspcvt@gmail.com /
6292300386.
AN18A5G028

CBSE school invites expd
MSc/ MCA, B.Ed
teachers for Chemistry,
AI/ IT/Comp Sc. Walk in
(10:30 - 2pm). Call
9230070309/04,
recruitsps19@
gmail.com
AN05A5N3042

EXPd Teacher reqd
English SST Math
Physics Chemistry
Biology. Salary 8K-20K
Fresher may apply. Mail:
ilmaschoolbaruipur@
gmail.com Wapp-
9231510342
AN05A5N3042

URGENT req. exp. PGT
Physics & Psychology,
Special Educator, in
Divya Arya Vidya Public
School, South 24pgs
(Near Joka) Mail-
dabishnupur21@
gmail.com
AN05A5N3032

BRAINIAC Heritage
School, Sarisha Requires
Principal, all Subjects
Teacher & Physical
Education Teacher.
Apply to:
brainiacheritageschool@
gmail.com Contact-
348811020
AN05A5N3032

URGENT Required-
Experienced Computer
Science Teacher M.Sc
(B.Ed) (B.Tech) Age
above 30, Address-
Batamora,
Maheshtala, (S)24
Parganas,
Kolkata-700141, Send CV
at Mail-id:
happyhomeenglish
school@gmail.com Ph-
8420798994.
AN05A5N3032

AN ISC school in Howrah
near 2nd bridge wants
Experienced Teachers for
Pre-Primary, Eng Sc.
in Primary, Eng Hist Phy
Ed. Robotics and AI for
6-12, Office Asst. and
Lib. Mail detailed CV
with photograph to
teacherscise@gmail.
com
AN18A5G028

POSITION WANTED
EXPERIENCED Diploma
Civil Engineer seeks Job.
Contact- 9432283396
AN18A5G028

**FLAT PURCHASE/
SALE**
AT Newalipore Posh 3 no
chaterji Colony on
S.N.Roy Road 2BHK S/E
open 850 sqft flat
@6000/- on 1st Floor
+lift for Sale.
9836981820.
AN05A5N3032

3 BHKD and 2 bath, new
flat for Sale near
Mainland China
Gurusaday Road, and
mosque, with lift.
Contact: 9831193936
AN05A5N3032

2 New Flats of 2 BHK 2
toilet each. KMC
Sanctioned plan.
Rs.30-35L. near
Tollygunge/Behala
metro. Bank Loan.
M:9830074300
AN05A5N3032

**LAND PURCHASE
SALE**
LOOKING for 1-2 bigha
freehold residential land
with clear title at Murti,
Dhupjhora, or Lataguri.
Call 9734618922. No
broker.
AN15A5F511

For Sale Factory Land &
Building 83 Katha with
Boundary & 8800 Sq. ft.
RCC at Delhi Road,
Rajhat More, Poliba,
Bandal, 7980710924 &
7003276832
AN05A5N3032

WANTED Land Required
3 to 5 bighas of land,
New Alipore extn road,
Near Morya Complex.
Mobile-9339102360
AN05A5N3032

FLAT RENT/LEASE
ON Rent furnished flat
for Ladies/ Families,
Ground Flr 1600 Sqft 2
BHK+ in Salt Lake.
Contact: 9903155989. No
brokers.
AN18A5G028

2 min Walk to Rabindra
Sarovar Metro, 2BHK 750
sq.ft Flat (with AC), 1st
Flr, Roadside, S/E open,
Well-Maintained,
available on Rent.
(Rs20000), Govt/PSU/
Bank/Corporate with
family pref. No Broker,
contact: 8334081158
AN05A5N3032

EDUCATION
ADMISSION NOTICE
CENTRAL MODERN
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
156, M.N.K. Road (S), Baranagar,
Kolkata - 700036
Recognised by: NCTE
Affiliated to: BSAEU & WBPE
SESSION: 2026 - 2028
B.Ed.
D.El.Ed.
9051687096
9088010194
PRIVATE TUTOR
30 years teaching
experience in
Psychology Worked in a
reputed CBSE school for
26 years Teaches, CBSE,
ISC, WB, and Cambridge
Boards online and
offline. Contact:
9874895546
AN18A5G028

30 years teaching
experience in
Psychology Worked in a
reputed CBSE school for
26 years Teaches, CBSE,
ISC, WB, and Cambridge
Boards online and
offline. Contact:
9874895546
AN18A5G028

NOTICE
I, affirmed on 21.07.2026
by affidavit no 10340
before Ld. Executive
Magistrate 2nd Court,
Howrah, that before
marriage my name was
Poonam Shamdasani
given by my parents.
After marriage with Mr.
Harish Ram Keshwani, I
have acquired the name
Kirti Harish Keshwani.
I further state that
Poonam Shamdasani
and Kirti Harish
Keshwani is same and
identical person
identifying myself.
AN18A5G028

REMEMBERING our
beloved mother Renu
Chatterjee who left us
on this day in 2013.
Daughters Sikha, Tapati
& Leena, sons-in-law &
grandchildren.
AN18A5N329

NOTICE
I am going to surrender
my SEBI registration
certificate as a Research
Analyst with registration
number INH30003074
and BSE RA Enlistment
Number 5187, and if
anyone has any
grievances, they can
lodge the grievances at
scores.sebi.gov.in
AF51A5F510

Notice with hereby given
to all general public that
my client Smt. Anannya
Chowdhury, wife of Sri
Uttiya Chowdhury,
residing at 472, Hementa
Mukhopadhyay Sarani,
P.O.- Sarat Bose Road, P.S.-
Lake (Now P.S. Rabindra
Saraboi), Kolkata- 700029,
Dist.- South 24-Parganas
by virtue of a Registered
Deed of Conveyance
dated 15.07.2026 which
was duly registered at
Additional Registrar of
Assurances- III, Kolkata
vide deed No. 6027 for
the year 2026 purchased
the bastu land mesuring
6 Satak together
structure standing
thereon comprise in L.R.
Dag No. 314, under L.R.
Khatian No. 1393, 12014,
12015 & 12016 of
Mouza- Ismail, J.L. No. 22
(also J.L. No. 122) P.S.-
Hirapur, Dist.- Paschim
Bardhaman under ward
No. 9 of Assansol
Municipal Corporation,
holding No. 84/9/1, S.B.
Goral Road from its
recorded owner (1) Sri
Minral Roy, son of Late
Lombadar Roy, (2) Smt.
Nabanita Karmakar, wife
of Late Nemat Chand
Karmakar, daughter of
Late Lombadar Roy and
(3) Dr. Arpita Adhikary,
wife of Late Dr. Subhas
Kumar Adhikary and
daughter of Late
Lombadar Roy, Smt.
Nabanita Karmakar, wife
of Late Nemat Chand
Karmakar, daughter of
Late Lombadar Roy
executed power of
attorney on 28.04.2026 in
favour of her son Sri

**Commercial Property For
Sale: Prime investment near
Minakhan Bus Stoppage,
Basanti Highway, North 24
Parganas. Commercially
sanctioned G+3 building,
7,640 Sqft. on 25.41 decimals,
approx. 80% complete. Price:
₹4.50 Cr (Negotiable).
M: 8910262090**

A Safe & Peaceful Home for Seniors
Furnished AC rooms with attached
bath & 24/7 power backup
Nutritious meals, daily check-ups &
24x7 emergency medical aid
Yoga, terrace garden, library,
community hall & events
Facilities: 24/7 Lift, TV, Geyser,
Laundry & Intercom
8100466564
9903489330
9331042237
www.apnalay.com
A UNIT OF INNERWHEEL CLUB OF CENTRAL CALCUTTA
APNALAY
For Short & Long Stay

OBITUARY
WITH Heavy Heart And
Profound Love, I Mark
The Passing Of My
Father, Dr. Rajat Kanti
Chaudhuri (Bacchu)
Who Passed Away
Peacefully On 23.7.26.
Aniruddho (Babua)
AG42AG042

**CHANGE OF
NAME**
I, affirmed on 21.07.2026
by affidavit no 10340
before Ld. Executive
Magistrate 2nd Court,
Howrah, that before
marriage my name was
Poonam Shamdasani
given by my parents.
After marriage with Mr.
Harish Ram Keshwani, I
have acquired the name
Kirti Harish Keshwani.
I further state that
Poonam Shamdasani
and Kirti Harish
Keshwani is same and
identical person
identifying myself.
AN18A5G028

IN MEMORIAM
REMEMBERING our
beloved mother Renu
Chatterjee who left us
on this day in 2013.
Daughters Sikha, Tapati
& Leena, sons-in-law &
grandchildren.
AN18A5N329

NOTICE
I am going to surrender
my SEBI registration
certificate as a Research
Analyst with registration
number INH30003074
and BSE RA Enlistment
Number 5187, and if
anyone has any
grievances, they can
lodge the grievances at
scores.sebi.gov.in
AF51A5F510

**ANandabazar Patrika Ityadi, The Telegraph Classified and
ABP Weddings Online Agents in your area**

Location	Contact Person	Phone No.
Agarpara	Baby Roy	9830478452
Alipore	Animesh Kumar Chowdhury	7044400205
Anwar Shah Road	Nilotpal Chowdhury	9830038047
Baghajatin	Palash Nath	7890003333
Baguati	Sandip Bagui	9903250623
Barrackpore	Apu Roy	9830478452
Behala	Pratap De	9830187381
Behala	We Make Us Advertising	8961591831
Belgharia	Apu Roy	9830478452
Buxarah	Dipten Sen	9830203559
Dunlop	Santanu Ray	9007110032
Ganguli Bagan	Dhananjay Mondal	9331085917
Garia Station	Jayanta Sarkar	9674187085
Gariahat	Prohaldal Halder	8777741987
Jadavpur	Madhu Nath	7044279308
Kadamtala	Suvro Kundu	9836788158
Kankurgachi	Mrityunjoy Banik	9051762309
Karimpur	Amritava Biswas	9039688530
Kasba	Abhijit Das	9330858650
New Town	K. Basu Roychowdhury	9831020234
Park Circus	Oner Advertising	9433807378
Rajarhat	Natig Masood	9883599090
Salt Lake	Anil Gupta	9830058308
Salt Lake, A.E. Market	Sujata Roy	9830478452
Shyambazar	Roy Chowdhury & Co.	9874463132
Sealdah	Devyani Dutta	8017090000
Sodpur	Suman Saha	9831630186
Survey Park	Prim Zone	8777437208
Tollygunge	Sudip Roy Chowdhury	9330363132
Uttarpara	Pradip Dey	9830364603

The Telegraph
CLASSIFIED
RELISH THE REPEAT!
If you're a property owner or seeker, grab the opportunity right
away! Advertise in The Telegraph Classified and your property
ad will get a free repeat in **t2 Classified** on Wednesday!
ANYTIME BETWEEN 99030 88888
MON-SAT 10AM-6PM **99030 88888**
CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AGENT BOOK YOUR AD TODAY.

DISCLAIMER: ABP (P) LTD. or any of its
agents assume no responsibility for the
authenticity or reliability of any advertisement
published in this newspaper. The
advertisements carried in the newspaper are
accepted in good faith.

For advertisements
in The Telegraph
Classified please call
● 7666700400
● 7003837231

Warner buyout delayed

■ **NEW YORK:** Paramount and Warner Bros Discovery have agreed to delay closing their \$81 billion merger well into next year, a stunning move that arrives as a judge continues to consider a challenge from 12 states seeking to block the deal altogether. The agreement comes just days after US District Judge Araceli Martinez-Olguin granted a temporary restraining order to freeze the transaction for weeks. **AP**

PhonePe revenue

■ **NEW DELHI:** Demonstrating strong top-line momentum, PhonePe's consolidated revenue from operations rose to ₹7,920 crore in FY26, according to regulatory filings. **PTI**

AI in arbitration

■ **NEW DELHI:** Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said that AI has very quickly moved from the periphery of arbitration practice to its centre and flagged concerns over its accuracy, authenticity and ethical use. **PTI**

Russian gasoline

■ **BENGALURU:** Russia's ban on gasoline exports will be extended until the end of the year, while its ban on diesel exports will be lifted "as the market recovers", Interfax cited deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak as saying on Saturday. **Reuters**

BOTTOM LINERS



“The specific authorities this administration is using have changed, but the trade strategy has not”
Jamieson Greer,
 US Trade Representative,
 on the Trump administration using
 tariffs to boost production
 and shrink the trade deficit

XXCE

Softer US levy spurs deal push

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: The Union commerce ministry on Saturday said India would continue talks with the United States for an “early conclusion” of the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA), after Washington imposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on imports from India under fresh trade measures.

While India's exports to the US have been spared the worst of the latest tariff sweep, more than half of the country's shipments to its largest trading partner will still face an additional 10 per cent duty, prompting New Delhi to step up its push for a trade deal.

The Trump administration on Friday announced additional duties ranging from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent on goods from 60 trading partners, including India, citing

concerns that the countries had failed to curb imports linked to forced labour.

The additional tariff imposed on Indian goods is lower than the 12.5 per cent duty proposed in June. The measure also excludes a range of products, including generic pharmaceuticals, smartphones, steel, aluminium and auto parts. The new 10 per cent duty replaces the temporary 10 per cent tariffs imposed for 150 days from February 24.

The commerce ministry said India's sustained engagement with the office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) during the investigation had helped secure a relatively favourable position for Indian exporters.

“The government of India remained closely engaged with USTR throughout the investigation through detailed written submissions and in-person



LOWER TARIFF TIER

consultations, including participation in public hearings. As a result of these sustained efforts, India has been placed in the lower tier of additional tariffs under the final measures, providing a relative advantage to Indian exports in key sectors,” the ministry said.

According to the ministry, around 45 per cent of India's exports to the US will remain outside the purview of the additional 10 per cent Section 301 duty because of the exemp-

tions. The remaining 55 per cent will attract the additional levy, although India's overall tariff incidence is comparatively lower than that faced by most other economies covered by the investigation.

The new duties will be levied over and above the existing most-favoured-nation (MFN) tariffs applicable to products entering the US market.

The ministry also sought to allay concerns among textile exporters over the potential impact of the new measures. It said the textile-specific mechanism referred to in the final measures of the Section 301 investigation into forced labour issues had not yet been established or operationalised. The ministry said that engagement with Washington on the matter continues as part of the ongoing negotiations for the BTA.

The USTR has directed

the creation of three-year tariff-rate quotas for Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia and Malaysia. Once operational, eligible volumes of textile and apparel exports from these countries will be allowed to enter the US without the new Section 301 tariff, subject to purchases of US cotton and textile inputs. India has not been included in the proposed mechanism.

Meanwhile, two US small businesses — spice importer Burlap & Barrel and watch retailer Collective Horology — have challenged the latest tariffs in the US Court of International Trade in New York. The lawsuit argues that the new duties, like several earlier Trump tariff measures, exceed the president's legal authority and require more detailed, country-specific findings on unfair trade practices to be legally justified.

Tech giants back open-source AI models

San Francisco: Nvidia, Microsoft and other tech heavyweights made a public case to lawmakers on Friday in favour of open-source AI models, wading into a debate rolling the business and policy worlds over who controls the powerful technology.

In a letter posted on X and also signed by two dozen companies and groups including Meta Platforms and IBM, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang said that lawmakers should avoid “premature restrictions on open models that stifle competition or drive innovation overseas”.

The letter adds to the growing debate about open-source models that are harder to regulate, such as Nvidia's own and those released in recent weeks by Chinese labs, and the closed-source models controlled by specific companies such as OpenAI and Anthropic.

In recent months, Silicon Valley business leaders have bristled at the cost of closed-source models. The CEOs of Microsoft and defence contractor Palantir Technologies have publicly argued that open-source models their customers can run inside their own data centres will help control AI costs.

Tech leaders have also chafed at controls that OpenAI and Anthropic build into their models. Hugging Face, the AI coding collaboration site that was hacked by a rogue OpenAI model, this week said that it had to use a Chinese open-source model to defend against the attack because closed-source models have restrictions on use for cybersecurity work.

At the same time, US law-



Two dozen companies, including Meta and IBM, have signed the letter

makers alarmed by the rogue OpenAI cyberattack proposed legislation that would require a “kill switch” for AI models, and President Donald Trump's administration is weighing sanctions on Chinese open-source model makers over alleged theft of US closed-source technology.

The letter from Nvidia and other companies acknowledged the concerns about technology theft but argued they should be addressed “through targeted legal and commercial frameworks rather than sweeping restrictions”.

South Korea AI summit
 South Korea announced \$950 billion in new AI initiatives involving Samsung, SK Group and US tech firms as global AI leaders rush to fill a shortage of faster chips to power and develop advanced systems.

SK Group has signed deals worth \$750 billion, including SK Hynix's partnership with Nvidia valued at more than \$500 billion, while Samsung signed an MoU with Broadcom covering up to \$200 billion across memory chips, foundry services and advanced packaging. **Reuters**

NTPC board greenlights ₹12000cr NCD issue

New Delhi: State-run power giant NTPC's board has approved a proposal to raise up to ₹12,000 crore through issuance of non-convertible debentures (NCDs).

The board of directors of the company, at its meeting held on Friday, July 24, 2026, approved the issue of non-convertible debentures up to ₹12,000 crore, in one or more tranches through private placement in the domestic market, the company said.

The company said the issuance period will commence

from the date of passing of the special resolution until completion of one year thereof or the date of the next annual general meeting in the financial year 2027-28, whichever is earlier.

The size, tenor, listing details (BSE and/or NSE), coupon/interest rate, security, if applicable, and other applicable details will be decided at the time of issue of each tranche/series, the filing said.

In another filing, giving operational and financial highlights in the April-June quarter this year, the company said its group installed capacity has increased to 90,904 MW as on June 30, 2026, from 82,646 MW as on June 30, 2025.

NTPC Group capacity addition was 1796 MW in the first quarter of this fiscal.

Commercial power generation rose to 93.63 billion units (BU) in the quarter from 91.06 BU last year. **PTI**

IDFC First Bank records ₹1075cr net profit

New Delhi: IDFC First Bank on Saturday reported its highest-ever quarterly profit after tax (PAT) of ₹1,075 crore in April-June period of the current fiscal year, up 132.4 per cent from ₹463 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal.

Total customer business increased to ₹6,04,776 crore from ₹5,10,031 crore in the year-ago period, a growth of 18.6 per cent.

The bank further said its loans and advances increased to ₹3,05,370 crore as of June 30, 2026 from ₹2,53,233 crore as of June 30, 2025, a growth of 20.6 per cent.

REPORT CARD

Quarter ended June

Profit (₹ crore)	2025	2026
IDFC First	463	1075
Birla Corp	119	115
AU SFB	581	796

Birla Corporation

M P Birla Group firm Birla Corporation on Saturday reported an on-year decline of 3.2 per cent in consolidated net profit at ₹115.73 crore in the June quarter, due to subdued realisation from cement sales

and escalation in power and fuel costs.

Birla Corporation had posted a net profit of ₹119.57 crore for the April-June period a year ago.

AU Small Finance

AU Small Finance Bank (SFB) on Saturday reported a 37 per cent jump in June quarter profit at ₹796 crore, helped by a lowering in provisions and expansion in the net interest margin (NIM).

The lender, which is on its way to transitioning to a universal bank, had reported a net profit of ₹581 crore in the year-ago period. **PTI**

admissiontree.in
 An ABP initiative

School admission
 Log in.
 Not line up.



Scan to experience
 the convenience



Follow us on

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग
executiveengineerirri@gmail.com

पत्रांक :- 621

हजारीबाग / दिनांक :- 24.07.2026

शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 573 दिनांक 11.07.2026 के द्वारा निर्गत ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना DMFT/MID/HAZARIBAG/F2-13/2026-27 पीओआरनं- 375165 Minor Irrigation (26-27)#D द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा में योजना का आंशिक संसोधन निम्न प्रकार किया गया है। रोप शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।

- बैक्ससाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय - 29.07.2026 at 03:00 PM
- ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 10.08.2026 at 05:00 PM
- ऑन लाईन निविदा शूल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 10.08.2026 at 05:00 PM
- ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 12.08.2026 at 03:00 PM

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल
हजारीबाग

PR 385878 Minor Irrigation (26-27)_D

Kendriya Vidyalaya Bandel Railway Colony
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
 A Walk-in interview to prepare panel for contractual appointments for the post of PGT(Maths) & Bengali for the Academic Session 2026-27 will be held at Kendriya Vidyalaya Bandel Railway Colony on 01.08.2026 at 09:00 a.m. For qualification & registration form log on to Vidyalaya website : <https://bandel.kvs.ac.in/> Principal

बिहार सरकार

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना द्वारा आयोजित 70वीं संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के आधार पर चयनित एवं अनुशसित अभ्यर्थियों की सूची नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग को उपलब्ध कराई गई है। उक्त सूची के अनुसार बिहार नगर सेवा के कुल 59 नगर कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी का शैक्षणिक एवं अन्य प्रमाण-पत्रों के सत्यापन (Document Verification) की कार्यवाई दिनांक-27.07.2026 को पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से बिप्राई, पटना में सम्पादित किया जाना है।

2. बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना द्वारा आयोजित 70वीं संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के आधार पर चयनित एवं अनुशसित अभ्यर्थियों की अनुक्रमांकवार सूची निम्नवत् है:-

अनुशसित अभ्यर्थियों का अनुक्रमांक					
टीम-A	टीम-B	टीम-C	टीम-D	टीम-E	टीम-F
515079	537219	392316	359860	248348	543349
535934	563564	198489	202638	104427	437076
247759	561684	539775	310156	202854	181741
223886	412199	553461	370970	256989	487294
131336	423968	123328	528253	303313	313242
482307	532721	541631	216004	548277	271222
533204	115409	219467	335382	567961	425064
524645	531753	157423	502673	567592	507351
447420	138312	575324	482076	560840	351474
254799	131466	313792	493918	530789	

3. अतः उपर्युक्त सभी अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक-27.07.2026 को पूर्वाह्न 09:00 बजे से बिहार लोक प्रशासन एवं ग्रामीण विकास संस्थान बाली, फुलवारीशरीफ, पटना (बिप्राई, पटना) में ऑनलाइन सत्यापन (Document Verification) हेतु उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

नोट:- दस्तावेज सत्यापन से संबंधित अन्य जानकारी विभागीय बैक्ससाईट <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban/CitizenHome.html> के नोटिस बोर्ड पर उपलब्ध है।

PR. No. 008727 (Urban) 2026-27

(शशि मृणाल प्रसाद) संयुक्त निदेशक,
 नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Through e-procurement)
 for
 Procurement, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Support of
 GIS Software (Indo ArcGIS Suite)
 Tender No.: CCF(IT)/SW-PROC/01/2026

1. Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests (IT), O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Bihar, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar (Authority) invites Tender from eligible OEMs and their authorized resellers/system integrators for Procurement, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Support of GIS Software (Indo ArcGIS Suite) for the IT Cell in the Department.

Particulars	Bid processing Fees Inclusive of GST (Non-refundable)	Bid processing Fees Inclusive of GST (Non-refundable)	Bid Security (EMD)
Procurement of GIS Software (Indo ArcGIS Suite)	Rs 1180/- (As applicable as per e-PROC Bid Processing Fee Structure)	INR 5,000/- (INR Five Thousand only)	INR 1,00,000/- (INR One Lakh only)
2. Date of downloading of bid document	From 27.07.2026, 12:00 PM		
3. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting (both online and in person attendance permitted)	06.08.2026, 12:00 PM Conference Hall, 4th Floor, O/o PCCF, Aranya Bawan, Saheed Peer Ali Khan Marg, Patna-800014, Bihar. Hybrid Mode - Online link will be shared a day before, on request through e-mail: ccfe-bih@nic.in / ccfbihar@gmail.com		
4. Last date and time for receipt of bids on eproc2.	Date 18.08.2026 Time 12:00 PM		
5. Time and Date of opening of technical bids	Date 18.08.2026 Time 03:00 PM, through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in		
6. Time and Date of financial bids	To be intimated to technically qualified Bidders.		
7. Bid Submission	Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in		
8. Period of bids validity	120 days from the Bid Due Date		
9. Officer inviting bids	Chief Conservator of Forest (IT), O/o PCCF, Bihar.		
10. For participating in the e-tendering process, the bidder shall have to get themselves registered to obtain a User ID, Password and Digital Signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in the e-tender.			
11. Bids must be submitted through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only, within the due date and time. The Bid Security (EMD) and Tender Document Fee must be drawn in favour of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bihar payable at Patna.			
12. For any information, Chief Conservator of Forests (IT), O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bihar, Aranya Bawan, Saheed Peer Ali Khan Marg, Patna - 800014 Mob - 8002343700 can be contacted.			
13. For clarification regarding the e-tendering process, please contact the e-procurement Helpdesk at: Junction Services Limited, R.I. Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajupura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800014, Bihar. Working Hours: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (all days in a week except Sunday and a few selected State holidays). Mobile: 7605056831 / 7605056830			

Chief Conservator of Forest (IT)
 O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
 Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
 PR. No. 008666 (Forest) 2026-27
 This information is available on website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prd/bihar also
अगर मन में हो एच.आई.सी. अथवा यौन जनित रोग से जुड़े सवाल तो तुरन्त 1097 पर करें कॉल।

FOR SALE : G+2 COMMERCIAL BUILDING
Location:
 Near Tapsia More, Kolkata
Property: Approx. 10,000 sq. ft. (2nd floor: 8500 sq. ft.), Independent Commercial Building | Private Lift | 9 Parking Bays (6 Open + 3 Covered)
Ideal For: Corporate Offices • Furniture Showrooms • Pub • Lounge
Call: 98301 94867
Email: bd.gcp9@gmail.com

admissiontree@abp.in

An ABP initiative
 To enlist your school,
 connect through
 90735 28655
 (Mon - Sat | 10am - 8pm)
 62922 18603
admissiontree@abp.in

INSIGHT

The idea of this edition of **Graphic** was born when someone drew attention to the public recital of Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay. Around the same time, Ruby Palchoudhuri told us about her exhibition. Both alerts struck awe because of the advanced years of the protagonists. Is this because we are conditioned to expect nothing of our elderly population? Or is it because we are so afraid of ageing that we have willed them to be invisible? Is it ignorance or is it indifference, or is it just wily market forces at work? And yet, people over 60 constitute more than 10 per cent of India's population. Those who are 80 and above, the super seniors, are a growing number, thanks to science. Odysseus — not Mr and Mrs Damon's boy, but son of Laertes and Anticleia of Greece — was possibly past 60 when he left on his last adventure, by some accounts. He fought a war, and even got married on that trip. “Much have I seen and known,” he sang. We interviewed six Ulyssean figures. Read on

LIFE PILED ON LIFE



Those days in Coochbehar...

Narendra Chandra De Sarkar, 94, Artist

When it came to heavy rains, Coochbehar was second only to Cherrapunji at that time, says Narendra Chandra De Sarkar. The sky outside his tiny terrace flat in Dumdum is dark with clouds and heavy with memories.

De Sarkar moved to Calcutta in 1951 but inside his head and heart, for the greater part, he is in Coochbehar. He continues, “We lived in a traditional Coochbehar house. The house was built on a raised mud plinth. And when it rained, the courtyard would go under water as would the roads...”

Outside, the clouds have begun to drip, washing away the dust from the haphazardly arranged potted plants on the terrace.

De Sarkar was born in 1932 in Coochbehar to advocate Nalini Kanta and Jyotsnamoyee De Sarkar. “Right outside the *baithakkhana* where my father met clients was a huge mango tree. That was the landmark by which rickshaw pullers recognised the house. Those days hand-pulled rickshaws had just been introduced.”

Apart from that landmark of a tree, the De Sarkars' garden had four other mango trees and five jackfruit trees, including one that was reserved for raw jackfruit. By now the memories assume a logic of their own, and a force too. De Sarkar continues, “Food was cooked on wood fire. Wood for the entire year was bought at once and stored in two rooms next to the kitchen.”

His current kitchen is a tiny space but meticulously organised. De Sarkar has cooked his own meals for most of his life and prides himself on his culinary skills.

But wait, we are travelling backwards again. For the summer and winter holidays, the family travelled to Tufanganj, where his uncle Dinesh Chandra De Sarkar lived. The only mode of travel was the bullock cart and the De Sarkars had to cross three rivers — the Torsa, Kaljani and Gadadhar — on the way. The bullock cart

would be put on a raft-like contraption made by joining two boats and poled across the river.

Every Durga Puja, his uncle's family too would join them in Coochbehar. The high point of that visit was shopping for shoes for all the cousins.

Those festive pairs, however, were seldom worn. De Sarkar remembers going to school barefoot most days. “There was no prescribed uniform. Only children from well-to-do families went to school immaculately dressed and shod.”

For De Sarkar, formal attire still means *dhuti-panjabi*, even in the winter chill.

De Sarkar's elder sister also had no prescribed uniform but she had to wear a sari to school Class IX onwards. Younger girls wore frocks. Long frocks, he says. And his sister taught herself to ride a bicycle in their huge courtyard, De Sarkar says proudly. Those days girls would not be seen riding bicycles on the road.

After completing school, De Sarkar came to Calcutta for further studies. He lodged with his eldest brother who was a doctor and lived in the lane beside Khanna Cinema in Shyambazar. His brother was a very good surgeon and an even better teacher at National Medical College. Students from other colleges would crowd the classroom to listen to his lectures...

Memory seems to be a slippery thing for the nonagenarian. Names he sometimes falters at but he remembers well enough the price of paper and paint and of tram tickets.

About one thing he is clear, the times were better before. “People were not so self-centred, they had some principles, some humanity. And they were happy living ordinary lives,” says De Sarkar.

As told to Paromita Sen;
Photograph sourced by The Telegraph

I don't think about retirement

Ruby Palchoudhuri, 97, Art activist

The philosophy of my life has been *chalo, chalte thako*,” says Ruby Palchoudhuri. The art activist and founding member of the Crafts Council of India recently organised an exhibition and seminar titled Santali Katha at the Kolkata Centre of Creativity. The exhibition is a collection of all that she has gleaned over the years.

She continues, “And that is also my biggest drawback. I never stopped to think or research what treasure I was accumulating. My father had a transferable job so I travelled widely even in my childhood and early youth. I have seen so many cultures and lived among so many communities but I never realised it. To date, I have not documented all that I have collected.”

For half a century, she has spent days, weeks and months in the tribal villages of Birbhum, Bankura, Purulia, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri as well as those in Jharkhand, collecting their artwork, showcasing it in exhibitions, promoting it in India and abroad, and helping the artists make a living.

Palchoudhuri's home in south Calcutta is full of artefacts. A cast iron Ganesh, a wall-to-wall *kantha* tapestry, a pair of wooden ducks, an ornate conch, some terracotta and *dokra* figurines. A Jagannath idol is at attention on a window sill, a rag doll lounges in a chair, then there are textile wall hangings.

“Those paintings are funeral art. A Chinese scholar had given them to me,” she says. A dozen string dolls hang from the staircase railing. She says, “They are from different places. That couple is from Laos, the others are Indian dolls collected from Karnataka, Rajasthan and Madhubani in Bihar.”

Palchoudhuri does not like to tell a linear story. She recalls things in snapshots, moving as it were from one highpoint to another. How she started her career as an interior designer. That year when she started Kabari.

“It was the first salon in Calcutta to do bridal makeup professionally. And from there I dived into textiles. I have given away most of the saris that I had designed. The only music those days



in my house was the constant *thup thup thup* of the block printing. Do you know I designed Air India's first sari uniform?”

Palchoudhuri talks about her tribal art collection fondly. “I have travelled extensively through the eastern parts of India. I have been to Hazaribagh. My mother-in-law Ila Palchoudhuri was a member of the second and third Parliament. She was a Lok Sabha MP from Nadia and had even opened a school for children there. She founded the Ila Palchoudhuri Foundation. She entrusted me with her life's work. Most of the people I have worked with are not there now. Everyone has gone, and I am still here... I don't think about retirement. I want to die with my boots on.”

As told to Moumita Chaudhuri;
Photograph by Bishwarup Dutta

I have quite a few things to do

Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, 100, Classical singer

This custodian of the Bishnupuri *gharana* of Indian classical vocal music turned 100 last February. A month later, he gave a public performance.

Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay still tutors students. At the time of this interview, they are singing a *vilambit* in raga *darbari*. Bandyopadhyay patiently corrects a note or two. And when he starts talking, he begins right at the beginning.

“My father Satyakinkar Bandyopadhyay was a classical exponent himself. He was also a sitar artiste. He knew how to play many musical instruments — the esraj, the flute, the harmonium. His *vilambit* and *dhrut* recitals were unmatched,” he stops.

The senior gazes at nothing in particular, as if trying to keep up with his own thoughts, then starts to talk again. “At a time when singing was not considered a respectable profession, my father gave equal weightage to education and singing. At my *hathekhodi*, I was also taught *sa re ga ma...*”



Bandyopadhyay says he fell in love with classical music when he heard Ustad Amir Khan on radio. “I was barely 18. I had tuned into the radio at 5am, and there was an announcement that he was about to sing. When I heard him, I was stunned. What *gayaki*!”

From the balcony of his apartment, he stares at the green expanse before him. A distance away is a playground. It is morning; some boys are exercising.

Bandyopadhyay opens his mouth several times but stops. When he speaks next, we are in the 1940s. He says, “Classical singers Tarapada Chakraborty, Prasun Bandyopadhyay, Usha Ranjan Mukhopadhyay and Biresw Roy... all were in their heyday then.”

But times change. Bandyopadhyay recalls a time when he was attending a concert of Amir Khan in the late 1960s. “He was singing the soulful *malikauns*, when a group of women got up and left the auditorium. Khan *sahib* said nothing but continued

to sing. But I look back on that moment as a sign that people's understanding of and interest in classical music had started waning,” he says.

Bandyopadhyay has written many books. He incantates the names — *Sangiter Shilpa-darshan*, *Sangiter Soundarya Chintita*...

Suddenly, he breaks into a song. Sudhirlal Chakraborty's *Bon phool jage pather dhare*. Stops midway and asks, “Have you heard the song, *Madhur amar mayer hashi*? That one is also Chakraborty's. Later, Nachiketa Ghosh sang a version; he would have turned 100 last year. This is also music director Salil Chowdhury's centenary year. Bengali music, those days, had a classical touch. And classical music had a Western touch to it.”

He adds, “I love listening to *adhunik gaan*.”

As told to Moumita Chaudhuri;
Photograph by Bishwarup Dutta

The Ganges whispered in my ears



Sanjib Chattopadhyay, 92, Writer

He has an easy manner of talking, elicits laughter and smiles with every utterance. The underlying weight of Sanjib Chattopadhyay’s words is for the listener to gauge. He talks about his childhood. How loneliness has been his constant companion since then. His mother died before he was old enough to know her. His father would be away at work for long hours. The uncle and aunt had died early. The sprawling Dutch-era family home felt emptier than it was. As a child, he kept wandering through it alone. And then, one day, he discovered the Ganges flowing by Kuthighat at Baranagar. He says, “I was amazed to find it moving, even whispering into my ears. I learnt to swim there. One evening, sitting near an abandoned temple, an owl suddenly shrieked. I was terrified; I fainted right there. I almost drowned in the river. That day, though I survived, I carried home something else — the conviction that unseen mysteries always surround human life.” The unseen, the mysterious continue to draw Chattopadhyay in. He jokes that perhaps in an earlier incarnation, he had been a petty thief. Yes, he claims he has this urge to steal. Only in this life, he doesn’t want to break into houses, rather wishes to steal people’s minds. A happy-go-lucky person, he observes, often carries unbearable sorrow. On the other hand, those who can cry their hearts out are often the happiest of the lot. He says, “Sri Ramakrishna called such things *dhong* or illusion.” This penchant for life’s mysteries is what keeps Chattopadhyay going. He says, he has become more curious with age. His mind eddies with questions. Why, he wonders, do we interview only famous people? Why not interview a paddy plant? Ask it how it grew, what

fertiliser it received, how the grains appeared. Does the paddy know it was born only so a farmer might someday buy a scooter for himself after selling it? He speaks of death too as if it were a mystery, a question, at best an inevitable oddity. He says, “Life is a strange school. Once you graduate, you are not alive anymore.” Chattopadhyay has seen two near ones battle with death, he carries with him that memory, talks about it. He says, “My father was very energetic, he was full of life. But at some point, he reached a stage where he quietly accepted death. Towards the end, he could barely speak because of oesophageal cancer. And that is when he got obsessed with mental arithmetic and music, especially instrumental music.” He adds, “Those who visited him were confused by his attitude.” Chattopadhyay’s wife died of brain cancer but before she took her leave, she offered what he calls “an even more unforgettable philosophy”. He continues, “One day she asked me to bring to her the suitcase. What suitcase, I wondered. Was she having a hallucination? But the next thing she said was — ‘the suitcase of karma. Don’t you see, the time has come? We have to leave now.’” But life does not stop with any death save one’s own. It continues at an altered pace, in an altered direction, with more gaps than before. Chattopadhyay says he misses the auditorium, the listeners before whom he had spent decades speaking on religion. And then with a laugh he adds, “But enough. From the moment I was born, I have seen life come chasing at me. It ensnared me with its innumerable obligations. Enough. Let me go home now.” As told to Bitan Sikdar; Photograph by Bishwarup Dutta

Ink-stained fingers and a callus or two

Shanta Gokhale, 87, Writer

Let me begin with writing implements. I was promoted from pencils to penholders in Class III. Penholders were slim wooden handles fitted with nibs. The desk had a hole for the inkwell. You dipped the pencilholder in it, let the extra ink drip off and filled your cursive writing copy-book with upstroke-light, downstroke-heavy letters. If you had the skill to control the flow of ink, you produced beauty on the page. Otherwise, smudges. By the time I was in Class V, we had progressed to fountain pens. What we gained from them were ink-stained fingers and a callus or two. Ball points came later. And although older teachers looked upon them with deep suspicion, they compensated adequately by not leaking and particularly by not drying up in the middle of compositions and exams. I wrote my first article on a portable Hermes typewriter that my grandfather had given my journalist father as a wedding present in lieu of the dowry he had not asked for, nor would have accepted. I used it for a long time during my teaching and freelancing years before investing in a more sophisticated Brother typewriter. I made the final and most radical leap when *The Times of India*, where I was working as arts editor, marked India’s economic liberalisation by replacing our typewriters with computers. My colleague and friend Bachi Karkaria said, “Don’t worry. It won’t bite. I’ll show you how it works.” Soon I was thinking on the computer in English and in Marathi. India became independent when I was eight. Father paraphrased the national anthem for us so we understood the significance of every word we sang. On January 26, 1950, he explained why this day was even more important than August 15, 1947. I was 11 then, old enough to experience the triumph and pride of being a free citizen of a free and equal country. According to sociologists, one

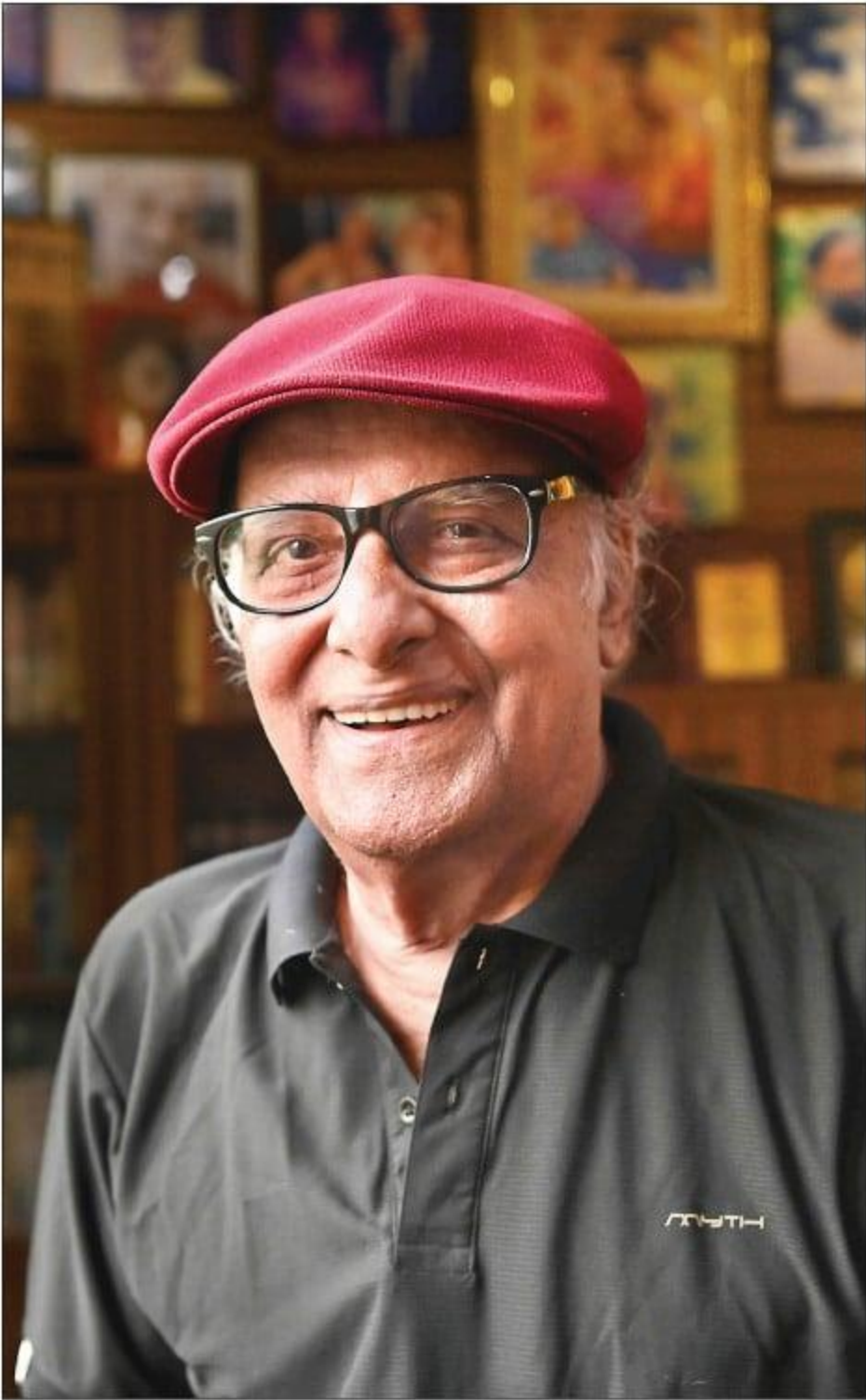


generation equals 15 to 20 years. All things being normal, it is assumed that a notable shift in technology, social mores and cultural practices occurs with every generation. Life-changing events like wars, create their own generations. Mine was created by the Great Depression and World War II, when things did not merely change, they upheaved. With five-and-a-half generations behind me, I can say without much doubt that in this country, technology changes with every generation through global pressure; but social mores and cultural practices do not. We continue to be guided by religion and astrology

as we always were. We continue to practise the same customs that our great-grandparents did, without question. We continue to be feudal and revere authority. Authority in turn expects to be revered. Progressive thinkers of the late 19th and early 20th century and Marathi playwrights of the 1970s and 80s, challenged entrenched socio-cultural norms. If they made any dent at all, it was on the surface. Deep down nothing changed. All the same, surface changes have been important reflectors of our dreams and aspirations. Change is life, but choice is freedom. You are free only when you have the option to reject changes

that you find unacceptable. I am living through a generation in which the very idea of India that I was born to has been upturned. I had naively assumed that we all believed in a uniquely diverse India where tolerance, inclusion and peaceful co-existence were the route to civilised progress. As it turns out, many believed otherwise. Their India had to be purged of its diversity and the route to progress was intolerance, exclusion, perpetual rage and violence. This idea now dominates the public sphere. But change is never far away and this too shall pass. Photograph by Jabeen Merchant

I climbed trees, swam in ponds and played all day



Paran Bandyopadhyay, 85, Actor

I was born in Beleghata many years before Partition. My mother died when I was just five months old. I don’t remember anything about her. I grew up in a remote village of Jessore district in East Bengal where my grandfather lived. An aunt brought me up and I called her Maa. Her mother, whom I called Dida, had named me Paran because I was close to her heart. I was embarrassed by this name. In our village, among people of our social orbit no one else had such a name. My friends would tease me about it. When I grew up, I discovered that the bearded saint Rabindranath Tagore had frequently used the word “*paran*” in his songs. He made my name respectable and now I feel proud of it. I was a very naughty child. I climbed trees, swam in ponds and played all day. I remember a palm tree destroyed by lightning. All its leaves got burnt; a bird built its nest in it. I noticed the mother bird feeding her chicks. I wanted to get one of those tiny birds. I had seen how peasants climbed trees. I got a rope from our cowshed and climbed the palm tree one quiet afternoon. I grabbed the bird and climbed down. I had a penchant for mimicry. I was a keen observer of people and their mannerisms. It never occurred to me that this was a “talent”. After Partition, we moved to the outskirts of north Calcutta. Ever since we have been living here. In my youth, I joined the IPTA or Indian People’s Theatre Association and travelled to various places of Bengal and beyond. I remember walking alongside a riverine island of the Padma for a

show in a remote village in Murshidabad. We settled down on a makeshift stage or *macha* and started playing the harmonium and tabla in near darkness. Gradually, lanterns and petromax lamps arrived one by one. They looked like fireflies floating towards us. Once the play ended, at dawn, they had dissipated. The things about live performances is that people either love you or hate you for the role you are playing. During a college programme, a group of students hurled bricks at us because they disagreed with our revolutionary views. We barely survived the attack. Another time, in the colliery belt of Asansol and Ranigunj, I played a moneylender. Once the curtains came down, some of the labourers in the audience screamed at me and chased me out. I ran for my life and took shelter in the makeup room and bolted the door from inside. It was only when the organisers and other team members spoke to the labourers that they understood that I was just acting. They met me and apologised for their outburst, “*Galti ho gayi huzur*”... I loved acting so much that I often bunked work at the PWD where I was a clerk. Oftentimes, I’d get only half a salary because of “leaves without pay”. ...I joined cinema much later in life, in 2000. It was a small role in *Dekha*, which was directed by Goutam Ghose. Sandip Ray launched me in a television series in 1988. My life as an actor has been a *songram*. Now I have the “*song*” but have lost the “*gram*”. As told to Prasun Chaudhuri; Photograph by Bishwarup Dutta

Jack Nicholson won the Oscar for it 51 years ago, the first in his kitty of three, when *One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest* bagged the Academy’s Big Five (Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay). A dramatic comedy that raised its laughs from a psychiatric ward, the undercurrent of an individual’s freedom versus society and the power of an authoritative force made it timeless. Relevant anytime, anywhere, author Ken Kesey’s 1962 book connected down the ages as if it were written on current events. And so, when *One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest* had an adaptation staged early this month, the relevance continued to seem contemporary. Adding personal nostalgia was that lead actor Zafar Karachiwala’s father-in-law, the late Amjad Khan, had played the same role of McMurphy nearly four decades ago in Hindi. Titled *Chun Chun Karti Aayi Chidiya* and directed by brother Imtiaz Khan, Amjad would sing the title number

with as much ease as he switched emotions right through the evening. To have watched Amjad play Jack Nicholson’s role in Hindi at Shashi Kapoor’s Prithvi Theatre and years later, see his son-in-law perform the same in English was rare. Rarer were the colourful incidents that used to enliven the 80s. Amjad Khan used to drink nothing less than 32 cups of tea every day with milk and sugar. When *Chun Chun Karti*... was being staged, late one evening the Prithvi Theatre caught tea because they couldn’t get his tea told him that he couldn’t get his tea because they’d run out of milk. Shashi Kapoor’s son Kunal who was managing the theatre at that time, was stunned when next morning, Amjad brought in two buffaloes and had them tied outside Prithvi for an uninterrupted supply of milk. Tomorrow, 27 July, will be 34 years since Amjad passed but his gigantic persona is remembered to this day. When son-in-law Zafar did the play this month, the venue was different but had its own appeal. *One*



CELEBRITY CIRCUS
BHARATHI S. PRADHAN

Yesterday once more



Amjad brought in two buffaloes and tied them outside Prithvi for an uninterrupted supply of milk

Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest was one of the first plays staged at Mumbai’s swank new Aditya Birla Centre for Performing Arts. On a much quieter scale, the Kumar Mangalam Birla family has been stepping into Mukesh Ambani’s cultural territory. While Jio makes a splash all over the big screen and OTT platforms

(*Dhurandhar* remains the main feather in their cap), Birla’s Applause Entertainment marks its presence through shows like *Criminal Justice* and *Scam*, besides feature films like *Main Vaapas Aaunga*. With Rajshree Birla spearheading the newly opened auditorium next to Mumbai’s iconic Babulnath Mandir, the performing arts have got an impressive alternate venue to Nita Ambani’s opulent NMACC. Anupam Kher’s new play *Jaane Pehchaane Anjane*, which has won applause all over Mumbai and other cities, has also found a new venue in the Birla Centre. The foyer has the welcome smell of fresh coffee and Anupam Kher’s reassuring face in an illuminated audio-visual. On stage, the gifted actor moves in and out of houses in a neighbourhood where a motley lot of residents come together as the play weaves human equations into amusing situations. Like Amjad, Anupam too sings well on stage. Meanwhile, wife Kirron who leads a quiet life in Chandigarh,

was the one who suggested the title *Jaane Pehchaane Anjane* to him. Just the way she’d suggested *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* to Yash Chopra for Aditya’s debut film. Talking of plays, Aamir Khan’s *Batwara 1947* is based on the 1989 drama *Jis Lahore Nai Vekhya, O Jamya E Nai*. Ever since director Rajkumar Santoshi saw writer Asgar Wajahat’s play, he’s been wanting to turn it into a film. The story of a Muslim family from India (led by Sunny Deol and Preity Zinta) that moves to Lahore after Partition features Shabana Azmi as an elderly Hindu woman who was left behind in the haveli. Friction melts into friendship and communal forces dance in the backdrop as the drama culminates in a battle over a cremation for the Hindu woman. Come August, and we’ll know how much of the original play has been tweaked for its cinematic translation. Bharathi S. Pradhan is a senior journalist and an author

HEAR THEM ROAR

The Narendra Modi government is not known to blink first. In this decade, it has done so only twice. On the first occasion, it retreated on the issue of the contentious farm laws in the face of a prolonged protest by farmers. It has now blinked for the second time: Dharmendra Pradhan has had to resign as Union education minister after the ruling regime was forced to concede to the principal demands of the spirited and the courageous youth of India who have been demanding political accountability in light of the revelations of several infirmities in India's examination and education systems.

The factors that led to the regime pulling back for now merit examination. That the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government misread the depth of the anger of the youth and, also, the scale of their protest is evident. More revealingly, the government's tried-and-tested toolkit to discredit resistance, a strategy that has punctured other mobilisations, was out-thought by the imaginative Cockroach Janta Party and its massive constituency of young supporters. The initial counterthrust by the government — the use of brutal force — backfired, leading to even greater solidarity between the protesters and the people. The other strategies — communalisation of the agitation or discrediting it by weaving in fictitious charges of the protest being the handiwork of the invisible, anti-national, foreign hand — did not work either. The diffused leadership of this movement, the ingenious use of social media to amplify its message, and its commitment to peaceful agitation despite provocation won the youth a precious victory. Most importantly — this may have forced

India's youth have invigorated the hope for a democracy that is righteous and responsive

the government's hand — unlike the farmers' protests or those against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, this demonstration saw heavy participation from social constituencies that constitute the BJP's support base. The protest, if it was allowed to continue, could have deepened the anger within an electoral base that is vital for the party. There is a tactical element at work as well. Mr Pradhan's removal from the education ministry could not only bolster the prime minister's image as a responsive leader but also force the BJP to climb down from its moral high horse. But it can be argued that a chink in the steely armour of a muscular government may well have been exposed. While the regime has proven to be adroit in defanging protests that remain marginal to its core base — electoral

and ideological — it invariably retreats — panics — when confronted with a democratic, public, as opposed to political, movement that cuts across constituencies, is just in its demands, and is self-sustaining.

The political Opposition may find something to gloat at in the government's present discomfiture. But what it needs to ponder is its inability to serve as an effective platform to voice the concerns of the people. As for the BJP, the youth, and, not to forget, Sonam Wangchuk, this is a moment to savour. They have fought, suffered and succeeded where organised political outfits have failed on numerous occasions. Indeed, it will not be incorrect to reflect on whether the mantle of Indian democracy, its continuation and renewal have passed onto the hands of a young, vigorous, imaginative and righteous force.

SCRIPSI

As long as there is one upright man, as long as there is one compassionate woman, the contagion may spread and the scene is not desolate. Hope is the thing that is left to us, in a bad time.

E.B. WHITE

The moral ballast of the insurgent cockroaches is undeniable Dawn for democracy

MUKUL KESAVAN

It was the 6th of June. Abhijeet Dipke had set out his stall at Jantar Mantar after returning from Boston. I took an Uber to the junction where Tolstoy Marg met Janpath and walked down to the barricaded square into which the Delhi Police had kettled the protesters, the camera persons and curious political tourists like me. It was striking how young the milling crowd was. A man came up to me and hesitantly asked why I was there, given how old I was. I grinned and said, "curiosity", which was true. It was a lively gathering, with posters calling on Dharmendra Pradhan to resign and men in startlingly plausible cockroach masks, complete with antennae, but it also felt a bit low-pressure and desultory. Sonam Wangchuk wasn't yet a part of the demo and the hunger strike hadn't begun.

When I returned on Monday, seven weeks later, a couple of days after Wangchuk had been forcibly removed by the police, I didn't know what to expect. We took the Metro down to Connaught Place where the Delhi Police with characteristic pettiness had barricaded all the exits closest to the demonstration. This meant we had to walk a couple of minutes longer. As we crossed the face of the Regal Building and got to Parliament Street, we saw that the place was rammed with people. It was impossible to get to the *manch*; we were jammed in the middle of a congealed mass of young people, shifting this way and that. The average age of the gathering seemed lower than India's voting age and yet, for the first time in years, a release from the airless inhumanity of Narendra Modi's politics began to seem possible.

Not because the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan will change *desi* politics or even fix the broken examination machinery that triggered this uprising. The possibilities that this movement has created are to do with the way in which it expresses its exasperation with a system that has failed it. The justness of their cause is self-evident because generations of *desis* have staked their all on all-India competitive examinations of one sort or another.

In a country where the so-called demographic dividend of a young population has been squandered because the economy can't create remotely enough jobs for its young people, the villainy of a government that corrupts one of the few avenues

mukulkesavan@hotmail.com



to a decent, professional education is established beyond argument. Modi's government has done worse things, but the massive consensus about the NEET disaster gave the insurgent cockroaches assembled at Jantar Mantar and elsewhere a moral weight that was hard to discredit even for the scheming operatives of this vicious regime.

Edward Thompson, historian of the English working class and other subaltern movements, once explained that insurrection doesn't necessarily occur because of scarcity. It occurs when people come to believe that the shortages that oppress them are the result of unfair manipulation. It is the unfairness, not the scarcity itself, that outrages people and gives them the strength to risk the reprisals that collectively challenging the State always entails. Thompson's term for this melding of the material world and morality is moral economy. The corruption of NEET violated the moral economy of *desi* aspiration and transformed the chief justice of India's 'cockroaches' into avenging angels.

Pradhan's resignation wasn't inevitable. It was, in fact, very unlikely because it has been a point of honour with Modi's government to never acknowledge error. This is the first time in twelve years that the prime minister has been forced by an or-

ganised political protest to sack a cabinet colleague. Something in the pharaonic facade of this government has cracked.

The Cockroach Janta Party won this battle partly because the legions it led seemed armoured with an alloy of innocence and insouciance. This had something to do with how young they were. I saw Neha Bora, one of the students who fasted alongside Wangchuk, make an inspired speech that spoke the language of solidarity and idealism and righteous anger in a way that had, in the defeated cynicism of our world, seemingly gone out of style. I saw clips of young people defiantly talking back even as they were savagely beaten by policemen. I saw laughing students chanting, "*Jab jab Modi darta hai, pulis ko aage karti hai!*" The alternative rhyme was even more rousing: "*Jab jab Modi darta hai, Hindu-Muslim karti hai!*" I saw a young woman in Mumbai stop a police bus loaded with detained protesters by casually leaning against its windscreen. Idealism isn't just the opposite of knowingness; it's also the absence of learnt fear, of disabling prudence.

The contrast between this cheerful insolence, this inspired idealism, and the corrupt, leaden, violent response of Modi's government, its brutal police, its grotesque *godis* anchors and its

leering influencers, was so stark, and this starkness was so massively available on social media, that the struggle was abstracted into a no-contest between light and darkness, good and evil, Rama and Ravana.

None of us, not even, I suspect, the organisers of the CJP know how this movement will evolve. What we do know is that the prime minister's affectation of Olympian impunity is now past its sell-by date. Nothing illustrated this better than the toe-curling informality of his vertical video on Instagram. It was like watching Ozymandias, Shelley's fallen pharaoh, do a piece to camera.

I returned from Jantar Mantar that afternoon, both buoyed up and worried. The battalions of police seemed like a bad augury and the spaces enclosed by the barricades with their narrow entries made me nervous. Still, the cockroaches won the first round. As things stand, it's CJP 1:BJP 0. After years of defeat, we'll take the win. I think of all the times my student cohort marched up Parliament Street or assembled at Jantar Mantar, and this triumph makes those memories better. The young redeem us. The cockroach insurrection isn't quite the French Revolution, but these lines could have been written for it: "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, / But to be young was very heaven!"

DELHI DIARIES

Home turf

■ The resignation of the Union education minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, has left the Odisha chief minister, Mohan Charan Majhi, in an uncomfortable position. The Majhi camp fears that with Pradhan stepping down, he will now have more time to focus on Odisha politics. Pradhan, widely credited with steering the Bharatiya Janata Party to power in Odisha, has long been regarded as a strong contender for the CM's post. When the BJP ended the 24-year rule of the Biju Janata Dal in the 2024 assembly elections, speculation was rife that Pradhan would be sworn in as CM. However, Majhi emerged as the surprise choice of the party. With most BJP legislators in the state being Pradhan loyalists and the Majhi government facing criticism over several controversies, talks of Majhi being replaced have gathered strength. However, both camps remained tight-lipped over the development. On being asked how they would react to Pradhan's resignation, a senior BJP leader said, "We need to wait for more time before reacting to the development." In the meantime, the BJD president, Naveen Patnaik, congratulated the young people of India, especially Gen Z, for their victory. "Accountability and sensitivity to public opinion are integral values of a strong democracy. Nobody is above the will of the people. Voices of our people, especially of the youth, deserve to be heard. The future of India belongs to the youth. I wish them all the best," Patnaik tweeted.

Reel connect

■ Despite the anti-Narendra Modi slogans reverberating through the student protests at Jantar Mantar, the BJP is unwilling to concede that the image of the man it calls the "world's most popular leader" has suffered a dent. The ruling party insists that the slogans were part of a wider political conspiracy by its rivals. In an apparent bid to counter that perception, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stepped up his presence on Instagram. "We have realised, albeit belatedly, that Gen Z has virtually taken over Instagram. They are active there, not on X, YouTube or Facebook," a BJP leader said. Buoyed by the massive public engagement with Modi's recent reels, the BJP has projected the numbers as evidence of the PM's enduring popularity. "... Prime Minister Narendra Modi's latest Instagram reel has become the most-viewed reel in the first 24 hours... It reflects the unparalleled reach, credibility and connect that PM Modi enjoys across generations and geographies..." the BJP's social media head, Amit Malviya, posted on X. Modi has reportedly asked his

ministers to become more active on Instagram.

Power struggle

■ Amid the student protests over the NEET paper leak issue, the spotlight in Assam shifted to the state minis-



Dharmendra Pradhan: going back home?

ter and Asom Gana Parishad working president, Keshab Mahanta. Videos of Mahanta's daughter participating in the protest — first in Guwahati and then in Delhi — have surfaced online. While the minor has received support for her vocal participation, calls for Mahanta's resignation have grown louder.

Since a senior journalist considered close to the BJP-led ruling alliance shared the two videos, AGP insiders feel that the episode may be tied to an internal power struggle. Resentment is growing against the AGP president, Atul Bora, and Mahanta for "thinking only about themselves" instead of the party, which had ruled the state twice but

now plays second fiddle to the BJP. Bora and Mahanta have been ministers in successive BJP-led governments since 2016. Mahanta's detractors could use the protest videos to remove him from the party. An AGP insider said there is strong pressure to give Mahanta's berth to someone from the BJP.

Surprise critic

■ The appeal by the veteran BJP leader and former Union education minister, Murlu Manohar Joshi, to treat protesting students with empathy got an unexpected reaction from Sandeep Warriar, a Congress legislator from Kerala. Warriar, who was previously with the BJP, seized Joshi's remarks to criticise the BJP. Warriar claimed that Joshi might have understood that the BJP has become a "Gujarati company". But the Kerala BJP gave scant regard to their observations.

Charm personified

■ Ahead of every Parliament session, the senior Congress parliamentarian, Shashi Tharoor, makes a whirlwind trip to his constituency, Thiruvananthapuram. This time around, he gave everyone a scare when he and his personal staff were trapped inside a hotel lift for 15 minutes. The grapevine had it that those who were stranded with Tharoor were unlikely to have been bored as the wordsmith would probably have coined a new expression for their predicament. Tharoor was found hopping from one venue to another, releasing books and launching a football turf.

Footnote

■ The legal fraternity has turned its attention to a head constable for his half-hearted expression of regret after manhandling advocates who came to the aid of the detained students at the Cockroach Janta Party rally. The constable shoved lawyers who had come to Lodhi Colony Police Station. Following an outcry from lawyers, the constable put out a video with the two aggrieved lawyers saying that his behaviour was unintended. But the lawyers were not satisfied and extracted a long written apology from the policeman.



Artificial joy

■ Sir — Birdwatching is a hobby that needs a lot of patience and seldom reaps proportional rewards, especially with avian species declining in numbers and going extinct all around the world. Yet, the joy of spotting a bird or, better still, capturing the photograph

of a rare bird is unmatched. But people these days seem too impatient to wait for this joy and resort to Artificial Intelligence instead. Images of rare birds generated and edited with AI can get accolades on social media but it will never deliver the satisfaction and the sense of wonder that spotting even a common bird species after hours of waiting can yield.

A.K. Sen, Calcutta

Keep fighting

■ Sir — The resignation of the Union minister for education, Dharmendra Pradhan, is a moment of reckoning for both the Narendra Modi government and the country. For the government, it was a wake-up call about how a democracy functions — it is a government by the people and those people can and will hold it accountable. For the country, it was a reminder that no matter how autocratic and powerful a regime is, united opposition by the people can bring it to heel. It is a victory for the youth of the country who stepped out in droves to hold the government accountable. This sets a positive precedent.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

■ Sir — Dharmendra Pradhan may have been forced to resign but this is just the beginning of the battle. The roots of corruption in the Indian education system go deep. It needs a complete overhaul. Agencies like the National Testing Agency need to be scrapped and universities and colleges need to be given more power over admissions. Oversight from bodies like the University Grants Commission must be stepped up. But, more impor-

tantly, the syllabi of schools and colleges have to be stripped of propaganda and students admitted on merit. Underprivileged students from minority communities have been progressively marginalised in the education system with State grants



Fight on

and scholarships being withdrawn. This should change too. The youth should not stop demanding their right to free and fair education for all Indians.

Jayati Sen, Calcutta

■ Sir — While it is heartening that the Cockroach Janta Party has withdrawn its strike on the assurance from the government that no first information reports shall be lodged against the students, there are several aspects that remain unclear. There was news that the passports of protesters would be can-

celled. There is no clarity on this matter. Moreover, many of those who participated in the protests have had to pay steep personal costs — a start-up founder has claimed that his government contract has been withdrawn; a Muslim man who was distributing food at the protest has had his family members arrested; several students have been identified using facial recognition and their data been extracted by the authorities. FIRs are just one way to harass protesters. The CJP should stay alert for such other kinds of retribution.

Pratima Manimala, Calcutta

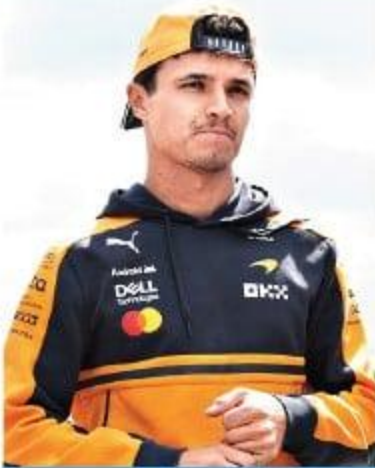
■ Sir — The idea that Gen Z is a generation without any conviction or intelligence has been belied. The resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan is a resounding win for the youth and proof that the future generations are not going to meekly accept oppression.

Rinchen Lama, Siliguri

■ Sir — There is a significance of the CJP protests that goes beyond the immediate wins. For the thousands of students across the country who stepped out onto the streets, it is the kindling of a political engagement. Many of these youth had claimed to be apolitical before these protests. One hopes that in the future they will continue to hold the powers that be accountable.

Ehsan Alam, Mumbai

Letters should be sent to:
The Telegraph
6 Prafulla Sarkar Street,
Calcutta 700001
tcedit@abp.in



NORRIS
EDGES PAST
HAMILTON
P18

KICK OFF WITH The Telegraph SPORT

LIFTER MIRABAI BEGINS CAMPAIGN TODAY P18

CALCUTTA SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026



XXCL

IN BRIEF

World jr title for Anahat

■ **ONTARIO (CANADA):** Anahat Singh on Saturday became the first Indian to be crowned world junior squash champion after beating Ruqayya Salem of Egypt in the summit clash here. World No. 20 and top seed Anahat defeated Ruqayya 11-3, 11-7, 11-9 in the women's final of the World Squash Junior Individual Championships here. Last year she had won the bronze. **PTT**

Contract signed

■ **SANTIAGO:** Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha has signed a contract with Colo Colo, Chile's biggest football team. The 40-year-old Vozinha, World Cup's breakout star, has a contract for 18 months, as per local media. **AP**

Maeda in Ipswich

■ **LONDON:** Newly-promoted Ipswich have signed Japan forward Daizen Maeda from Celtic, the English club said Saturday. The 28-year-old Maeda played at the World Cup, scoring in a 1-1 draw with Sweden. **AP**

Cousin's move

■ **PRAGUE:** Sparta Prague has signed Norwegian center-forward Jonatan Braut Brunnes, cousin of Manchester City star Erling Haaland, from Polish side Raków Częstochowa. **AP**

Atletico signing

■ **MADRID:** South Korea midfielder Lee Kang-In has agreed to join Atletico Madrid from Paris Saint-Germain, the Spanish club said Saturday. The 25-year-old Lee played all three group-stage games at the World Cup. **AP**

EB's loss ends Habas' unbeaten streak in derby

Bagan do the basics right to seal deal

DURAND CUP	
MOHUN BAGAN	1
EAST BENGAL	0

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: Preparation was a concern for both coaches going into their Durand Cup opener, which was also the first derby of the season, at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. In the end, Mohun Bagan Super Giant coach Panagiotis Dilmpieris pipped his counterpart Antonio Lopez Habas as the green and maroons won by a solitary goal against East Bengal to begin the season on a pleasing note.

Sahal Abdul Samad found the target in the 52nd minute, which went on to be the winner for Bagan.

Not to say that Mohun Bagan were the overwhelmingly dominant side on the day, as East Bengal certainly had their moments in the closing stages of the game. But misfortune and Bagan goalie Vishal Kaith stood in East Bengal's way.

After the final whistle, Dilmpieris and Habas were seen exchanging greetings, though one could gauge the disappointment in the expres-



Kiyan Nassiri (centre) in an aerial tussle with two East Bengal players at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. (Picture by Sanat Kr Sinha)

sion of the latter who suffered his first derby loss as coach.

Both Bagan and East Bengal began with no overseas players in their XI. On match eve, Dilmpieris had spoken about his faith in the Indian players in his side. And the way the players stood up, the Bagan coach has every reason to be happy.

It's not that they did anything extraordinary. In de-

fence, they simply didn't offer room for their rivals to have a crack at the target. And in attack, they avoided a crowded midfield, orchestrating their moves from the flanks. That was enough for Bagan to walk out winners.

A little before the half-hour mark, senior pro Rahul Bheke effected an excellent blocking to keep out a right-footed attempt from East Bengal's David Hmar, who cut into the box from the left.

Seven minutes into the second half, the flank-based moves eventually paid Bagan dividends. Kiyan Nassiri did well to win the ball from Rohit Danu, before sending a cross from the right flank. It was intended for Manvir Singh, who didn't take the right-footed flick, leaving it for Samad instead.

Samad, perfectly positioned, tapped it home, much to the delight of his team members and Bagan fans. Just as much credit goes to both

Kiyan and Manvir for the way they set it up for goal-scorer Samad.

Stung by that strike, Habas introduced his overseas players Dani Ramirez and Mohammad Rashid a little later. Dilmpieris, too, brought in both Dejan Drazic and Alberto Rodriguez.

The foreigners were striving for sharpness, not having gone through enough practice in the lead-up to the derby. Still, Ramirez and Rashid had put Bagan under enough pressure in the closing minutes.

Three minutes to regulation time, Ramirez's attempt, after substitute PV Vishnu whipped in a floater from the left, beat keeper Kaith, only to come off the near post. In the second minute of added-on time, Rashid stretched his right foot to keep the ball on target after Ramirez sent in a long pass. But Kaith parried it away to safety. Bagan couldn't have been more relieved.

Easy for India, but Prince hamstrung

OUR BUREAU

India flaunted their batting muscle as Ishan Kishan and Tilak Varma blasted half centuries to help the Shreyas Iyer-led side defeat Zimbabwe by 90 runs and win the three-match series 2-0 at the Harare Sports Club.

The final T20I is on Sunday. The duo stitched together a 94-run stand in only 7.1 overs to set the stage for India's comfortable victory on Saturday.

Zimbabwe, after electing to field, struck early, with Abhishek Sharma departing cheaply yet again.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi slammed Richard Ngarava for three boundaries and a six off successive deliveries in the third over, but was dismissed a little later.

India didn't concede the advantage to the hosts, with Ishan and Shreyas stitching together a 66-run stand for the



Ishan Kishan takes a run during his innings of 81 off 44 balls in the second T20I against Zimbabwe in Harare on Saturday. India won by 90 runs. (Picture: BCCI/X)

third wicket. Shreyas fell for 25 but Kishan (81 off 44 balls) and Tilak (60 not out off 29) ensured the momentum wasn't lost.

Rinku Singh, Tilak and Shivam Dube hit some lusty blows towards the end to help India pile up a massive 219/5.

However, the victory was somewhat soured as Prince Yadav suffered a hamstring injury which will rule him out of Sunday's T20I.

Prince hobbled off the field after taking two wickets, clutching his hamstring after pulling up during his bowling run-up on the second ball of his second over.

"One of our players got injured unfortunately so you might see a few changes tomorrow (Sunday)," Iyer said.

"The way Ishan and Tilak played was outstanding. I thought 180-200 would be par score, but we ended up getting (almost) 220 which was the icing on the cake."

"That's how you have to approach the game, it's about the attitude. Be in the present and try to execute," he added.

Man of the Match Kishan, who hammered nine fours and two sixes, said it was not an easy wicket to bat on.

"I did not feel that the wicket was where you can just go and score runs. There was the odd bounce for few deliveries so we felt we needed partnerships," he said.

"You don't have to think about wickets, past is past and just see what bowlers you can target," Kishan added.

Pace attack to dominate selection meet

INDRANIL MAJUMDAR

Calcutta: India will return to red-ball cricket when they tour Sri Lanka for a two-match Test series beginning August 15, with both matches forming part of the ongoing ICC World Test Championship cycle.

The opening match will be played in Galle, before the action shifts to the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo for the second and final Test from August 23.

The Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee will meet virtually to pick the squad on Tuesday with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj set to feature in the series.

The matches will help the team management to shortlist their pace attack ahead of the two Tests in New Zealand and the five matches early next year against Australia

at home.

While Prasidh Krishna has been a regular in the Test squad, the likes of Gurnoor Brar, Akash Deep and Aaqib Nabil are expected to feature in the discussions. Bumrah is unlikely to play all five Tests in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and the selectors need to hone in on the core group. Hence the choice of pacers remain a priority for Agarkar's panel.

The selectors will face a tricky call on Ravindra Jadeja after ignoring him for the recent ODI matches. Given his experience and all-round skills, it is understood that it will be hard to ignore Jadeja.

India's spin options appear to be one dimensional with Manav Suthar, who picked up seven wickets in his debut Test against Afghanistan last month, and Harsh Dubey both left-arm orthodox.



Jasprit Bumrah

Madhya Pradesh all-rounder Saransh Jain was selected as an off-spinner on the recent India A tour of Sri Lanka. He took seven wickets in the two unofficial Tests but failed to make much of an impact.

A lot will depend on the selectors' vision on Kuldeep Yadav. The team management doesn't trust his white ball

skills but he could be a handful in Test cricket especially in subcontinent conditions.

With a fitness cloud looming over Washington Sundar, Jadeja could be preferred along with Suthar and Kuldeep.

The whitewash at the hands of South Africa at home earlier this year is sure to weigh heavy on Gautam Gambhir and Shubman Gill.

It's not just about the bowling, the No.3 slot will also be up for major debate. Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul are a settled opening pair with Gill at four, followed by Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel, and Jadeja.

Sai Sudharsan had edged out Devdutt Padikkal at No.3 for the Afghanistan Test and made 84. He also featured in both India A matches in Sri Lanka, scoring 332 runs at an average of 166, including

two centuries.

His struggles in England on their last tour has made him doubtful for the series in New Zealand. Unless he performs creditably in the two Tests in Sri Lanka, the selectors could be forced to try out Padikkal, who had a prolific domestic season for Karnataka.

Performance review

The BCCI will soon hold a review of the team's recent white-ball performances on the tours of Ireland, England and Zimbabwe. The meeting will be held at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai.

Ryan ten Doeschate has already expressed his unwillingness to continue as assistant coach and the matter will come up for discussion. Fielding coach T. Dilip's role will also be reviewed.

England cricket's leadership crisis

OUR BUREAU

Joe Root and Marcus Trescothick are likely to be England's captain and coach on an interim basis for their Test series against Pakistan next month.

The ECB, however, is yet to take a final decision on either position as they face a crisis on the captaincy issue following Ben Stokes' retirement.

Stokes was in favour of Harry Brook as his permanent successor and the limited overs captain has publicly indicated his willingness to take the job on. But the ECB reportedly has no desire to distract him unnecessarily.

It is unlikely that anyone will be asked to lead in all three formats given England's congested schedule.

Earlier this month, Andy Flower refused to take charge as coach because of his commitments in various franchise leagues.

The hunt for the next coach is being complicated by the need for the new appointee to work alongside the man he would be replacing, Brendon McCullum, rather than taking full control of both red and white ball squads, English media reported.

Some high-profile candidates have been unwilling to work within such a setup, either because they want full control over the senior teams or because of the unique challenge of working alongside the person who was sacked as Test coach earlier this month.

England have a very complicated schedule next year. While the Test side will be the focus until the end of the Ashes in early August, they

would take a backseat as the ODI team prepares for the World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia in October-November.

Several multi-format players, including the current white-ball captain Harry Brook and Root are part of the ODI set-up.



Joe Root

Rob Key, England's managing director, is running the recruitment process for a new Test head coach along with an external headhunter, and has made contact with multiple potential candidates this week for preliminary conversations. Contenders for the role include Stephen Fleming, Jonathan Trott, Richard Dawson and Tom Moody.

Richard Gould, the ECB's chief executive, said when Brendon McCullum was removed from his role as Test coach that the vacancy would "ideally" be filled before the first Pakistan Test on August 19, but left open the possibility that an interim coach could fill the role. Trescothick, previously McCullum's assistant, is likely to step in that role.



Brazil players pose for a group photo before their 2026 World Cup Round of 16 match against Norway. (Reuters)

Brazil in talks to play friendly in city

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: With the World Cup hangover still going strong, football fans in India — Calcutta to be precise — have reasons to cheer as reports of the Brazilian national team planning to play a match here has been doing the rounds.

According to ESPN Brasil, the Selecao are interested in playing an international friendly in India in October this year. And the Salt Lake Stadium here is the front-runner to host the five-time World Cup winners.

As per reports, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) is in advanced stages of negotiations with Indian organisers to play a match

here during the Fifa international window in early October. Brazilian newspaper *Es-tadão* has also confirmed the development, reporting that an agreement for the game could be inked soon.

Reports say that Brazil are scheduled to play three friendlies between the end of September and the beginning of October. Two of the three games will be against Australia — on September 25 in Townsville and September 29 in Brisbane. The match in India would be the third one.

It is not however clear who would be Brazil's opponents if they play in India.

Brazil did not have a memorable outing at the recent 2026 World Cup, being ousted from the Round of 16 by

Norway. But that hasn't had an adverse effect on their popularity in this part of the world. That might be a prime reason why India, and Calcutta, has emerged as the preferred destination though countries like Singapore and Qatar were also interested.

While Brazil have never played here, its biggest-ever star, Pele, had played at Eden Gardens in 1977. It was a match between New York Cosmos and Mohun Bagan.

However, if Brazil comes to Calcutta, the organisers and the administration will have to be vigilant to ensure that the event doesn't turn into an ugly spectacle of chaos like it did when Lionel Messi visited the city last year.



A fan carries a cutout of Brazil's Neymar in Calcutta during the recent World Cup. (PTI)

TT Connect Initiative

EDUCONNECT

THE NEXT BIG STEP BEGINS HERE

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A WORLD OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Over two enriching days, Education Symposium 2026 became a vibrant confluence of ideas, inspiration and opportunity.

The fourth edition of Education Symposium 2026, presented by Anandabazar Patrika and The Telegraph, was more than an education event - it was a movement to prepare students for a rapidly changing world.

The symposium opened with Axiom - The Excellence Quiz League, one of its most anticipated attractions. 36 school teams competed, with M.P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School emerging as the champions; and Birla High School, Moira Street, and National High School, Hazra Road finished as the runners-up.

Recognising Excellence, Inspiring Aspirations

Celebrating achievement remained at the heart of the symposium. Outstanding Board achievers from schools across the region were felicitated in the presence of actor Abir Chatterjee, recognising their dedication and perseverance. The event also honoured distinguished speakers, sponsors and institutional partners whose contributions enriched the two-day learning experience.

Special Sessions That Inspired Beyond Academics

Among the most memorable moments of the symposium were the special

success.

Anand Kumar, founder of Super 30, captivated students with his inspiring story of resilience and his unwavering belief in the transformative power of education. Through practical advice and personal anecdotes, he encouraged students to dream big, persevere through

আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা & The Telegraph
present

EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

ed students that true education builds character, values and inner strength alongside academic excellence.

Conversations That Defined the Future

The symposium emerged as a platform for meaningful dialogue on the future of education. The ASE-curated panel on

“Creating 300 Entrepreneurs from the City of Joy” challenged students to become job creators rather than job seekers, while experts shared practical insights into entrepreneurship, innovation and start-up ecosystems.

Other panel discussions explored pressing themes including Artificial Intel-

industry readiness and the skills needed for tomorrow's workforce.

Learning Directly from the Experts

Day Two featured a series of Expert Masterclasses, where accomplished professionals introduced students to emerging career opportunities beyond traditional professions.

Sessions on radio, journalism, fashion, photography and digital content creation offered valuable industry insights and practical guidance.

Adding another dimension to the event was the Spotlight Session with Mandira Bedi, who shared powerful lessons on resilience, reinvention and self-belief. Her conversation encouraged students to embrace change, develop confidence and pursue success beyond academic scores.



Education Symposium 2026 was brimming with student energy



Abir Chatterjee felicitating winners of Axiom - The Excellence Quiz League

sessions featuring personalities whose journeys transcended conventional

challenges and never let circumstances limit their aspirations.

Equally inspiring was Swami Shantatmananda's session on holistic

education. Drawing upon the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, he remind-

ingful dialogue on the future of education. The ASE-curated panel on

ligence and holistic learning, the evolving role of educational institutions,

Extensive Masterclass Sessions Hosted by Experts



Soumya Shankar Ghoshal, Photographer



Sandip Jaiswal, Fashion Designer



Madhushree & Anindya Basu, Content Creators



Joyjit Ghosh, Journalist



Praveen, Aritra & Priyanka, Content Creators



Jimmy Tangree, Radio Jockey

Mandira Bedi

Inspires Students to Own Their Story

In a powerful Spotlight Session, actor, television presenter, fitness icon and entrepreneur Mandira Bedi shared life lessons on resilience, reinvention and self-belief.

One of the most anticipated sessions at the Education Symposium 2026 was the Spotlight Session featuring Mandira Bedi. Far from being a celebrity interaction, the conversation evolved into an honest and inspiring dialogue about overcoming challenges, embracing uncertainty and building a meaningful career in an ever-changing world.

Success Beyond Marks

In a world where academic excellence is often viewed as the sole benchmark of achievement, Mandira reminded students that marks are important but they do not define an individual's potential.

She encouraged young people to discover their passions, remain curious and pursue continuous learning beyond classrooms. Skills such as communication, confidence, empathy and discipline, she said, are equally essential for long-term success.

The Courage to Reinvent

Throughout her career, Mandira Bedi has successfully transitioned across multiple roles - from actor and television anchor to sports presenter, entrepreneur and fitness advocate.

Reflecting on this journey, she highlighted the importance of embracing change rather than fearing it. Every new opportunity, she explained, demands learning, resilience and the willingness to step outside one's comfort zone.

For students standing at important crossroads in their academic journeys, this message served as a reminder that careers today are no longer limited to a single path.

Resilience in the Face of Challenges

Mandira shared how setbacks are an inevitable part of every journey, but resilience lies in choosing to move forward despite adversity. She urged students not to be discouraged by failures or comparisons, but instead to focus on personal growth and self-improvement.

The Spotlight Session concluded with an engaging interaction, where students listened attentively to practical advice on balancing ambition with well-being, building confidence and staying authentic in an increasingly competitive world.



Dream Big, Work Hard

Anand Kumar's Inspiring Message to the Next Generation

The founder of Super 30 captivated students with a deeply personal session on resilience, determination and the transformative power of education.

One of the most anticipated highlights of Education Symposium 2026 was the special session featuring Anand Kumar, the visionary educator and founder of the internationally acclaimed Super 30 initiative. Speaking before a packed audience of students, parents and educators, Anand Kumar shared his extraordinary journey - from humble beginnings and financial hardships to becoming one of India's most celebrated educationists.

There Is No Shortcut to Success

Addressing students preparing for competitive examinations, Anand Kumar stressed that success is never ac-



cidental. It is built on discipline, consistency and an unwavering commitment to one's goals.

He urged students to remain focused, make the best use of every opportunity and avoid distractions. Hard work, he said, will always outperform shortcuts, while genuine curiosity and continuous learning remain the strongest foundations for lasting success.

Failure Is a Teacher, Not a Defeat

One of the most powerful messages from the session centred on embracing failure. Anand Kumar en-

couraged students to stop fearing setbacks and instead view them as opportunities to grow.

Every unsuccessful attempt, he explained, teaches lessons that success often cannot. Resilience, adaptability and the courage to rise after every fall are qualities that define true achievers, regardless of their profession.

Education as a Force for Change

Beyond examinations and careers, Anand Kumar emphasised that education has the power to transform families, communities and society itself. He encouraged students to pursue knowledge not merely to secure employment, but to become responsible citizens capable of creating positive change.

The session concluded with an engaging interaction where students and parents sought advice on exam preparation, time management, stress management and maintaining motivation. Anand Kumar responded with practical insights drawn from years of mentoring aspiring students, reinforcing that confidence comes from preparation and perseverance.

TT Connect Initiative

EDUCONNECT



The Asian School of Economics panel discussion “Creating 300 Entrepreneurs from the City of Joy,” including Angshuman Bhattacharya, Partner, ASE Venture Garage; Saikat Biswas, Director, ASE; Ravi Ranjan, Partner, ASE Venture Garage and Curator of Shark Tank India; Shantanu Som, Partner, ASE Venture Garage and Abhijit Roy, Director - Communications, ASE.

Creating 300 Entrepreneurs from the City of Joy

The Asian School of Economics curated panel discussion, “Creating 300 Entrepreneurs from the City of Joy,” emerged as one of the most engaging sessions of Education Symposium 2026, inspiring students to rethink conventional career choices and embrace entrepreneurship as a powerful driver of innovation, economic growth and social impact.

Drawing from their rich experience across technology, venture capital, communications and start-up ecosystems, the panellists shared practical insights into identifying opportunities, building resilient businesses, securing mentorship and accessing seed funding. They emphasised that entrepreneurship is not merely about launching a company, but about

solving real-world problems through innovation, perseverance and calculated risk-taking. Experts discussed how schools can foster innovation, creativity, problem-solving and leadership through experiential learning, industry mentorship and start-up exposure. The initiative envisions empowering the

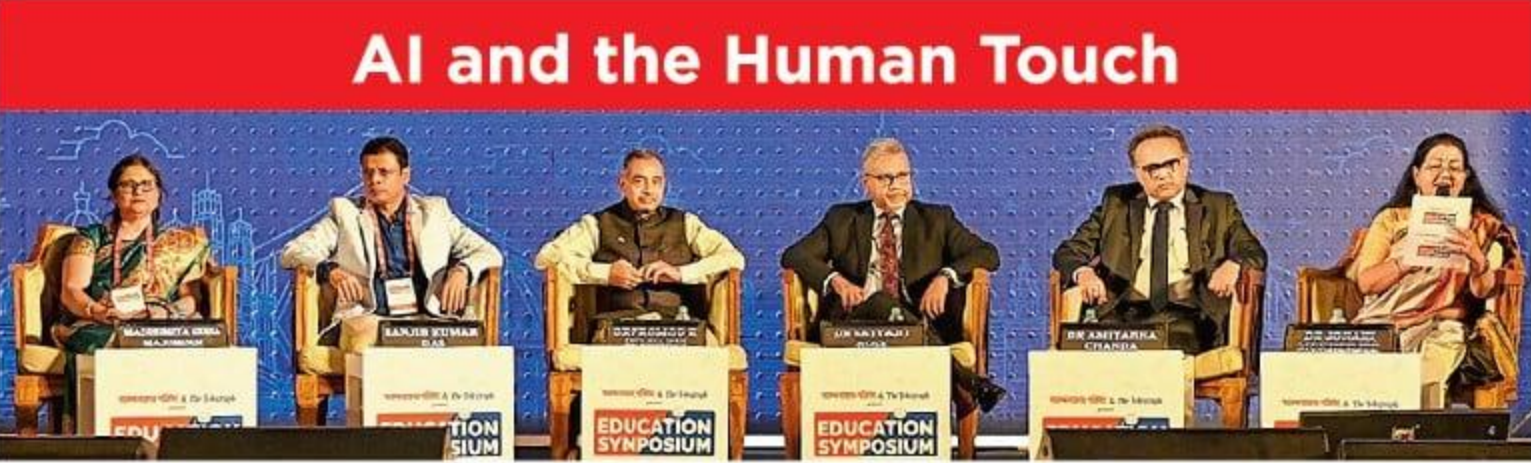
next generation of job creators by equipping students with the confidence, skills and ecosystem needed to transform ideas into successful enterprises, positioning Kolkata as a thriving hub for future entrepreneurs.

A key highlight of the session was the introduction of ASE Venture Garage's ambitious vision of creating 300 entrepreneurs from Kolkata by nurturing 30 student-led, seed-funded start-ups every year. The initiative aims to build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem by equipping young innovators with the resources, guidance and industry connections needed to transform ideas into successful enterprises.

The Future of Learning Takes Centre Stage

From the promise of Artificial Intelligence to Bengal’s ambition of becoming a national benchmark in higher education, two thought-provoking panel discussions at Education Symposium 2026 brought together distinguished educators, industry leaders and policymakers to chart the future of learning.

Education Symposium 2026 served as a platform for meaningful dialogue as two engaging panel discussions explored the changing landscape of education in an increasingly technology-driven world. Moderated by eminent counsellor Dr Jonaki Mukherjee, the sessions encouraged students, educators and parents to think beyond conventional classrooms and embrace innovation, collaboration and lifelong learning.



Madhumita Guha Majumdar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University; Sanjib Kumar Das, CEO, Bandhan School of Business; Commodore (Dr) Pramod R Kulkarni, Pro Vice-Chancellor, REVA University, Bengaluru; Dr Satyajit Bose, President, Dr B. C. Roy Engineering College Society and Chairman, The Mission Hospital, Durgapur; Dr Amitabha Chanda, Director and Head of Neurosurgery, CMRI Hospitals; and Dr Jonaki Mukherjee, Counsellor; discussing “The Future of Learning: Can AI Complement Holistic Education?”

The first panel, “The Future of Learning: Can AI Complement Holistic Education?”, examined one of the most relevant questions facing educators today - how artificial intelligence can transform learning while preserving the values that make education truly meaningful. Opening the discussion, Dr Amitabha Chanda, Director and Head of Neurosurgery, CMRI Hospitals, reminded the audience that while technology is transforming education at an unprecedented pace, “technology can accelerate learn-

ing, but compassion will always remain the greatest teacher.” Echoing this sentiment, Dr Satyajit Bose, President, Dr B. C. Roy Engineering College Society and Chairman, The Mission Hospital, Durgapur stressed that AI should be viewed as a partner rather than a substitute, observing that “AI should enhance education, not replace the human values that shape future leaders.” Highlighting the importance of balanced learning, Madhumita Guha Majumdar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University remarked

that, “the classroom of tomorrow must blend digital intelligence with emotional intelligence,” while Commodore (Dr) Pramod R Kulkarni, Pro Vice-Chancellor, REVA University, emphasised that “innovation succeeds only when it is guided by ethics and purpose.” Concluding the discussion, Sanjib Kumar Das, CEO, Bandhan School of Business, noted that the professionals of tomorrow will be those who combine technological proficiency with adaptability, adding that “future-ready graduates will be those who combine technological skills with lifelong learning.”



Bidyut Majumdar, Deputy Director - Business Development, JIS Group; Dr Suborno Bose, Founder & Chief Mentor, Indismart Group and IIHM; Prof. Tapas Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT); Prof. (Dr) Satyajit Chakrabarti, Vice-Chancellor, University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata and Director, Institute of Engineering & Management; Prof. (Dr) Ankita Chakravarty Bhattacharya, Sr Vice President, Adamas University; and Dr Jonaki Mukherjee, Counsellor; at the panel discussion “Benchmarking Bengal: What Will It Take to Build the Next Generation of Learning?”

The second discussion, “Benchmarking Bengal: What Will It Take to Build the Next Generation of Learning?”, focused on strengthening Bengal’s education ecosystem and preparing institutions to compete on a global stage. Reflecting on Bengal’s rich academic heritage, Prof. (Dr) Ankita Chakravarty Bhattacharya, Senior Vice President, Adamas University, observed that “Bengal’s greatest strength lies in its legacy of learning; its future depends on continuous innovation.” Looking ahead, Prof. (Dr) Satyajit Chakrabarti, Vice-Chancellor, University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata, said universities must evolve with changing times, noting that “they must prepare students not just for jobs, but for industries that are yet to be created.” Speaking on global competitiveness, Dr Suborno Bose, Founder & Chief Mentor,

Indismart Group and IIHM, highlighted that “global exposure and industry integration are no longer optional - they are essential,” while Bidyut Majumdar, Deputy Director - Business Development, JIS Group, underlined the importance of collaboration, saying “academia and industry together form the bridge to employability.” Summing up the discussion, Prof. Tapas Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT, remarked that “research, technology and interdisciplinary education will define Bengal’s next chapter of academic excellence.” Together, the two panel discussions reinforced the central message of Education Symposium 2026 - that the future of education lies in embracing innovation without losing sight of humanity, while building institutions that inspire minds, nurture talent and prepare learners for a rapidly changing world.

“ Education forms the bedrock of our conscience. Students should have faith in their abilities and fly high! -Swami Shantatmananda, Secretary Ramakrishna mission, Gurgaon

Education today is no longer about preparing students for a single career. It is about equipping them with the ability to adapt, innovate and continue learning throughout life. In a world where technology, industries and careers are evolving at an unprecedented pace, students must develop resilience, critical thinking, creativity and a lifelong curiosity to remain relevant. Our responsibility is not merely to impart knowledge, but to nurture confident, compassionate and future-ready individuals who can lead change, solve complex challenges and make meaningful contributions to society. - Dr Jonaki Mukherjee, Counsellor and motivational speaker

Recognising Institutional Excellence



Dr Suborno Bose Founder & Chief Mentor, International Institute of Hotel Management



Prof. Dr Madhumita Guha Majumdar Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academics), SNU



Dr Amrita Saha Registrar, Amity University, Kolkata



Dr Shubram Das, Principal, Narula Institute of Technology and Bidyut Majumdar, Deputy Director - Business Development, JIS Group



Prof. Dr Ankita Chakravarty Bhattacharya Senior Vice President, Adamas University



Payel Samanta, Academic Director and Lalit Mohan Das, Managing Director, TEM Management College



Goutam Talukdar Secretary, Bidhan Shishu Udyan



Prof. Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti Vice Chancellor, University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata & Director IEM-UEM Group



Dr Satyajit Bose, President and Tarun Bhattacharya, General Secretary, Dr. B.C. Roy Engineering College, Durgapur



Dr Suparna Dhar Dean, School of Advanced Computing, Head Digital, Bhawanipur Global Campus, Kolkata



Biswanath Bera Secretary and team, Vidyasagar Primary Teachers' Training Institute



Sanjib Kumar Das CEO, Bandhan School of Business



Prof. Dr Subrata Kumar Dey Vice Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda University



Sudipta Ghosh Sur Principal, Kingston Polytechnic College, Kingston Educational Institute



Subhranshu Roy Chairman, JNMS Educational Hub



Ranadeep Das & Manas Mandal Directors, Asian School of Economics, Kolkata



Dr Kamal Goyal Outreach Manager North Zone, PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University



Commodore (Dr) Pramod R Kulkarni Pro-Vice Chancellor, REVA University, Bengaluru

TATA SOULFULL

মশলাদার ওটস সঙ্গে মিলেটের ভরপুর পুষ্টি

জোয়ার এবং
কাথনির সাথে

আসল সবজি

ডেসি-লিশিয়াস
স্বাদ

*MRP (₹) সব কবর সবেত. ছবি শুধুমাত্র দৃষ্টান্তস্বরূপ. পরিবেশন পরামর্শ. *ওটস-মুকে সোলফুল ওটস মিলেট মিল পণ্যের সঙ্গে তুলনায়

Bronze balm on Jhandu's battle against adversity

Glasgow: India's Jhandu Kumar overcame a childhood marked by polio, poverty and years of odd jobs to fetch the men's heavyweight para powerlifting bronze at the Commonwealth Games on Friday, delivering the country's first medal of the competition.

The 28-year-old amassed 130.9 points to finish on the podium after successfully lifting 181kg and 190kg. He failed his final attempt of 196kg.

The other Indian in the fray, Sudhir (114.1), finished sixth.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Nigeria's Idris Riluan scored 132.8 points to win the gold while Matthew Harding (131) took home the silver medal.

Kumar's triumph capped a remarkable rise from Harnaut village in Bihar's Nalanda district, where he helped his parents sell vegetables to support the family after contracting polio at the age of five.

With little financial backing, Kumar initially took up weight training between 2010 and 2012 simply to build strength before trying shot put and javelin. He eventually found his calling in para powerlifting.

The biggest hurdle, however, came outside the gym.

Unable to afford the nutrition required for elite com-



India's Jhandu Kumar bites the bronze medal during the medal ceremony for the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event in Glasgow. (PTI)

petition, Kumar ran a small vegetable business, travelling nearly 20 kilometres to local markets despite not owning a wheelchair.

He later borrowed money from friends to buy an e-rickshaw to earn a livelihood, but those plans were disrupted by the pandemic.

His perseverance eventually paid off as he climbed onto the Commonwealth Games podium, giving India an early boost in the para sports programme.

"I cannot express my happiness," said Kumar.

"It is very important for India, the first medal. When I

see my flag, I feel very happy."

Earlier in the day, Ashok Malik narrowly missed out on a medal in the men's lightweight competition, finishing fourth with 143.8 points.

England's Mark Swan won gold with 153.9 points, edging Nigeria's Roland Ezurike, who matched that score but settled for silver, while Malaysia's Bonnie Bunyau Gustin claimed bronze with 153.5 points.

Siwach stretched

In boxing, Sachin Siwach, survived a stern challenge from familiar foe Keoma Al-Ahmadieh of Canada to enter the

pre-quarterfinals.

The Bhiwani boxer relied on his experience against Al-Ahmadieh, whom he had beaten at the Boxam tournament in Spain earlier this year and at the World Cup in Kazakhstan last year, to script a hard-fought 4-1 split decision victory at the SEC Centre.

The 26-year-old will next face England's William Hewitt in the round of 16.

Duo shine

The Indian duo of Rupa Rani Tirkey and Pinki Singh continued their dominant run in lawn bowls competition, prevailing over Tonga 2-0 in tie-breaker of women's pairs sectional play (Section B) to stay on course for a berth in the semi-finals.

Rupa and Pinki won the first set 5-2 against Paris Baker and Milika Nathan.

With inputs from PTI



India's Sachin Siwach (in blue) punches Canada's Keoma Al-Ahmadieh during a men's 60kg round-of-32 match on Saturday. (PTI)

Tainted by doping, lifters seek solace

Glasgow: Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu will spearhead India's campaign at the Commonwealth Games as the lifters seek to overcome a doping-hit build-up and extend their dominant record at the quadrennial event.

India's medal prospects suffered a setback before the competition when their weightlifting contingent was cut from 16 to 11 after multiple doping violations. The latest casualty was Dilbag Singh (96kg), who was withdrawn earlier this week, further depleting the squad.

Despite the disruptions, India remain a dominant force in Commonwealth weightlifting, benefiting from the absence of traditional giants China and North Korea.

Indian lifters finished as the best-performing nation in the sport at the 1990, 2002, 2018 and 2022 Common-



Mirabai Chanu (centre) and other Indian athletes during the opening ceremony of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games at OVO Hydro last week. (PTI)

wealth Games and are the second-most successful country overall with 133 medals, including 46 gold, behind Australia.

The team topped the weightlifting medal table at the 2022 Birmingham Games with 10 medals, including three gold and three silver, and another strong showing is expected in Glasgow.

While all 11 Indian lifters are considered capable of reaching the podium, only a handful are realistic gold medal contenders.

Chief among them is Mirabai, who is expected to retain her Commonwealth crown without any difficulty.

The former world champion and Olympic silver medallist owns a personal best total of 205kg (89kg snatch and 116kg clean and jerk), comfortably ahead of the rest of the field in the women's 48kg category.

With the Asian Games less than two months away, however, Mirabai said she would avoid unnecessary risks in Glasgow.

"Our main aim is the Asian Games, so my performance here will depend on keeping that in mind. I won't be pushing hard here and taking any risks," Mirabai said.

PTI

TODAY'S ACTION

BOXING
● Round of 16: Women's 54kg: Preeti vs Deborah Mtenje (Malawi, 10.45pm IST); Men's 55kg: Sumama Rehman (Pak) vs Jadumani Singh (11.45pm); Men's 65kg: Aditya Pratap Singh vs Nuhu Batte (Uganda), 12.45am (Monday).

LAWN BOWLS
● Women's Pairs: India vs Namibia (1pm IST); England vs India (10.05pm)
● Swimming
● Men's 4x200m freestyle heats (4.39); If India qualify then final 1:56am (Monday) onwards.

WEIGHTLIFTING
● Men's 60kg: Rishikanta Singh (2.15pm); Women's 48kg: Mirabai Chanu (6.45pm); Men's 65kg: Raja Muthupand (11:15pm)

Live on Sony Sports Network & Sony LIV

Chief coach bullish on Neeraj

Glasgow: India's javelin ace Neeraj Chopra is in "perfect physical shape" ahead of the Commonwealth Games, chief athletics coach Radhakrishnan Nair said on Friday, expressing confidence that the country will better its medal haul from the 2022 edition.

Neeraj, who won gold in the 2018 Games in Gold Coast in Australia with a throw of 86.47m, missed the 2022 edition due to an injury.

He sustained a lower back injury just before the World Championships in September 2025 and he has competed in just one event this season in the Doha Diamond League where he finished fourth with a throw of 85.69m in June.

"Neeraj is in perfect shape physically. I have not seen him so good in a long time. He is very confident and we can expect a very good performance from him," Nair said.

"I need not tell you the colour of the medal but he is very confident of doing his best."

Neeraj reached Glasgow on Friday.

PTI



Neeraj Chopra (right) and Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha in Glasgow on Saturday. (PTI)

'Magic' for feature

STAR RACER

Bengaluru: Trainer Kishan Thomas' Mayne Magic (Antony Raj-up) may lift the 1,600m Karnataka Mile Championship Cup, here on Sunday.

SELECTIONS

2pm: Act Of Kindness 1. Sindoor 2. Spark Of Life 3. 2.30pm: Thessallian 1. Joondalup 2. Valiant Stream 3. 3pm: Aristocratic Queen 1. Altman 2. Zakharova 3. 3.30pm: Siege Storm 1. Sassy Sarah 2. Glorious Strides 3. 4pm: Mayne Magic 1. Alfonso 2. Shamrock 3. 4.30pm: John Wick 1. Power Of Beauty 2. Rodney 3. 5pm: Pole Star 1. Eagle Eye 2. Perfect Attitude 3.

SATURDAY RESULTS

(With RCTC dividends)
1st race: Blue Saint (Vivek) 1, Magna Carta 2, Bruce Almighty 3. Win ₹ 110; (P) 23, 10, 17; 2nd race: Character (Ratique) 1, Rocking Star 2, Annabelle 3. Win ₹ 42; (P) 17, 13, 14; 3rd race: Born To Rise (Suraj) 1, Garzian 2, Bellucci 3. Win ₹ 21; (P) 12, 17, 83; 4th race: Agera (Rozario) 1, Hushed 2, Zayana 3. Win ₹ 59; (P) 26, 14, 19; 5th race: Dream Seller (Trevor) 1, Rieko 2, Czar 3. Win ₹ 14; (P) 13, 11; 6th race: Bezwada Baasha (K. Sai) 1, Feeling Good 2, Chotipari 3. Win ₹ 316; (P) 67, 27, 10; 7th race: Frederika (Akshay) 1, Imperador 2, Shutterfly 3. Win ₹ 22; (P) 11, 19, 13.

Withdrawals a worry

Montreal: The Canadian Open expressed disappointment over the withdrawals of Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic from next week's tournament in Montreal, saying the recurring absence of top players from ATP 1000 events had become a broader issue for the sport.

Sinner withdrew on Friday to prioritise his health nearly two weeks after retaining his Wimbledon title, while 24-time grand slam winner Djokovic continued to manage his workload, leaving the US Open tune-up short of star power.

With Carlos Alcaraz still nursing a wrist injury, the August 1-13 tournament will be without three of the sport's top names.

"We are very disappointed that Jannik and Novak won't be joining us in Montreal this year, especially after they also withdrew from last year's tournament in Toronto," said tournament director, Valerie Tetreault.

Reuters

Norris on pole for first time this season

Budapest: McLaren's Formula One world champion Lando Norris denied Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton a first pole position since 2023 with a last-lap blast in Hungarian Grand Prix qualifying on Saturday.

This was Norris' first pole this season.

It was the first time this season, at the 11th round, that leaders Mercedes had not secured pole position for a Grand Prix.

Hamilton joined Norris on the provisional front row, subject to a stewards' enquiry, after the seven-time world champion missed out by a mere 0.012 of a second on what would have been his first pole since Hungary three years ago. "Very happy to be back on top," said Norris, last year's winner in Hungary who now has a strong chance of repeating the feat at a circuit where overtaking can be tricky.

"It's been tight the whole weekend but we seemed quick from the first laps we did and we brought a few upgrades.

"I'm in the best position for the start. But these guys (Ferrari) get good starts and have



Lando Norris (centre) after qualifying in pole position for the Hungarian GP, with second placed Lewis Hamilton (left) and third placed Charles Leclerc in Budapest on Saturday. (Reuters)

been fast all season."

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc qualified in third place with Mercedes's Formula One leader Kimi Antonelli, winner of six of 10 rounds and 45 points clear of closest rival Hamilton, completing Sunday's second row.

Hamilton, chasing a record-stretching 10th pole in Hungary, was fastest after the first runs but the pole got away at the end and he also faced an investigation for possible impeding.

"My mind is just elsewhere this second because once I finished my lap I don't know if

I got in the way of someone. So I'm trying to just run that through my mind because I wasn't aware anyone was coming," he said.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri qualified fifth, alongside Red Bull's four-time world champion Max Verstappen, with the Australian possibly blocked by Hamilton.

"It was just Lewis not looking in his mirrors," Piastri said.

Reuters

HUNGARIAN GP

● From 6.30 pm IST, Sunday. Live on FanCode, F1 TV

Coach hopes to break the jinx

New Delhi: Fully aware of the legacy he is chasing, India men's hockey team chief coach Craig Fulton is determined to break the 51-year-old medal jinx at the World Cup, and said the Harmanpreet Singh-led is eyeing to "write its own piece of history" in the upcoming showpiece.

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Fulton, who guided India to their second consecutive bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, knows that consistency will be key if India are to win a drought ending medal at the upcoming World Cup in The Netherlands and Belgium from August 15 to 30.

Eight-time Olympic gold medallist, India boast of only three World Cup medals, the



Craig Fulton

last of which, a gold, came way back in the 1975 edition in Kuala Lumpur under Ajit Pal Singh's captaincy.

"We are excited about the opportunity. Tournament hockey is about playing your best hockey when it counts... We have shown in Paris that we can put in an experienced squad with some youth. We have a good chance and we can beat any team on our day.

"I am fully aware of the

legacy of Indian hockey and also the fact it hasn't gone really well in the World Cup, we would love to change that..."

Placed in Pool D along side Wales, England and archrivals Pakistan, Fulton emphasised on the need to start well in the tournament.

"We have a tough group and we need to do good job against Wales in game 1 and really focus on building momentum and try to get to the end of the tournament where you play your best hockey."

Currently ranked eight in the world, Fulton has already set his realistic goals from the World Cup and the Asian Games that follows within three weeks' time.

The Asian Games holds greater significance for India as it is a qualifying event for the 2028 Olympics.

PTI

IndiSetu 2026 Bridges Artificial Intelligence, Healthcare and Human Purpose

Experts, policymakers and healthcare leaders deliberate on building ethical, patient-centric AI for India's healthcare future

Setu 2026 Healthcare Summit

From zero to AI: India's innovation journey has only just begun and I believe our country will lead the world in AI and quantum computing."

- Dr. Sharadwat Mukherjee, Health Minister of West Bengal

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming healthcare across the world, but its true value lies not merely in technological sophistication but in its ability to improve patient outcomes and strengthen healthcare systems. This central message resonated throughout IndiSetu 2026, held at Taj Taa Kutir, Kolkata, where clinicians, scientists, technologists, policymakers, educators, institutional leaders and students came together to explore how AI can reshape healthcare while remaining firmly anchored in human values.

A Vision for India's Technological Future

The session gained added significance with the presence of Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal. Emphasising India's rich scientific heritage, he called for greater readiness to harness emerging technologies for public good.

Echoing this vision, Dr Amit Ghose, Founder Director of IndiSetu and Consultant Urologist at

Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata, highlighted that the success of AI would ultimately be measured by its ability to assist doctors in making better clinical decisions, enable timely patient care and build trust within healthcare systems.

Bringing Diverse Perspectives Together

The summit commenced with a thought-provoking keynote by Fr Felix Raj, Founder Vice-Chancellor

for an AI-driven future. Dr Madhu Sashidhar, President and CEO of Apollo Hospitals Division, outlined strategies for building scalable healthcare systems, while Mr Abhijit Majumder, CEO of Apollo Medical Centre, Kolkata, highlighted the importance of smarter and more patient-centric healthcare ecosystems.

Keeping Ethics at the Centre

Recognising that

healthcare. A fireside discussion featuring Dr Arghya Sengupta, Founder and Research Director of Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, examined issues of fairness, accountability and institutional responsibility as AI assumes a greater role in medical decision-making. The session on Operationalising Ethics in AI for Healthcare, moderated by Dr Rajeshwari Singh of the World Health Organization, focused on translating principles such as transparency, patient safety and bias mitigation into everyday clinical practice.

Towards a Global Healthcare Dialogue

The summit concluded with the leadership dialogue, Feeling the Future, featuring Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee, Dr Amit Ghose, Prof. Prokar Dasgupta OBE, Mr Roopendra Narayan Roy, and Fr. Felix Raj, who reflected on the opportunities and responsibilities associated with integrating AI into healthcare.

Building on the success of the Kolkata edition, IndiSetu will next convene in London in September 2026, extending its mission of connecting Indian innovation with global expertise.



From left - Dr. Amit Ghose, Felix Raj, Dr. Madhu Sashidhar

of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, who spoke on the theme of Divine Intelligence. He urged educators to prepare future generations not merely to use artificial intelligence but to develop it responsibly with ethical awareness and human purpose at its core.

Several distinguished experts enriched the scientific discourse. Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, former Director of the Indian Statistical Institute, discussed the critical role of robust data infrastructure in developing reliable healthcare AI systems. Dr Deepika Mishra of AIIMS New Delhi explored how medical education must evolve to prepare healthcare professionals

technological advancement must be accompanied by ethical safeguards, IndiSetu devoted significant attention to responsible AI. Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Director of IIT Kharagpur, reflected on balancing technological capability with human values in



From top left - Dr. Rajeshwari Singh, Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Dr. Mona Duggal



From top left - Dr. Rajeshwari Singh, Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Dr. Mona Duggal

The Telegraph

XXCF

26 July 2026

t2 on Sunday



■
PAGES
12-17

MOONLIT MARVEL

ANAMIKA KHANNA
UNVEILS A
CRAFT-FOCUSED
COUTURE LINE

OmDayal Group Unveils State-of-the-Art Astronomy Lab at DPS Ruby Park



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
RUBY PARK, KOLKATA**



Shri Sagar Agarwal,
Secretary, DPS Ruby Park

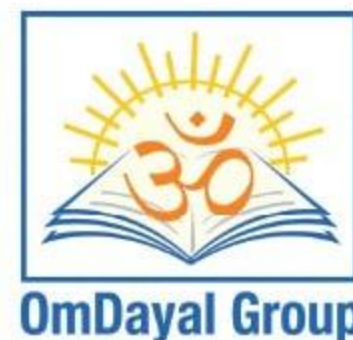
A pioneering initiative aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047



The futuristic Astronomy Lab - where young
minds explore the universe



Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar felicitated by
the school management



Honouring Distinguished Guests

A special felicitation ceremony was held to honour Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar for his extraordinary contributions to India's space programme, particularly his leadership in developing scientific instruments for landmark missions such as Chandrayaan-1 and the Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan). The school also felicitated the Guest of Honour, Mr Prann Sharma, Director General of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, recognising his contributions across industry and commerce.

Students added a creative dimension to the event with a captivating dance recital themed around the mysteries of the universe, reflecting their fascination with space and celestial exploration.



Shri SS Agarwal, Shri Sanjiv Agarwal and Shri Sagar Agarwal
welcome Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar to DPS Ruby Park



Rocket launch

Delhi Public School Ruby Park, Kolkata, marked a significant milestone in its pursuit of academic innovation with the inauguration of its state-of-the-art Astronomy Laboratory on 20 July 2026. Conceived to ignite scientific curiosity and nurture future innovators, the laboratory is aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and aims to equip students with critical thinking, technological skills and hands-on exposure to astronomy, astrophysics and space science from an early age.

A Stellar Beginning

The inauguration ceremony began on an inspiring note with a symbolic rocket launch by the students of DPS Ruby Park. This was followed by the unveiling of the Astronomy Laboratory on the seventh floor of the school, marking the beginning of a new chapter in experiential science education.

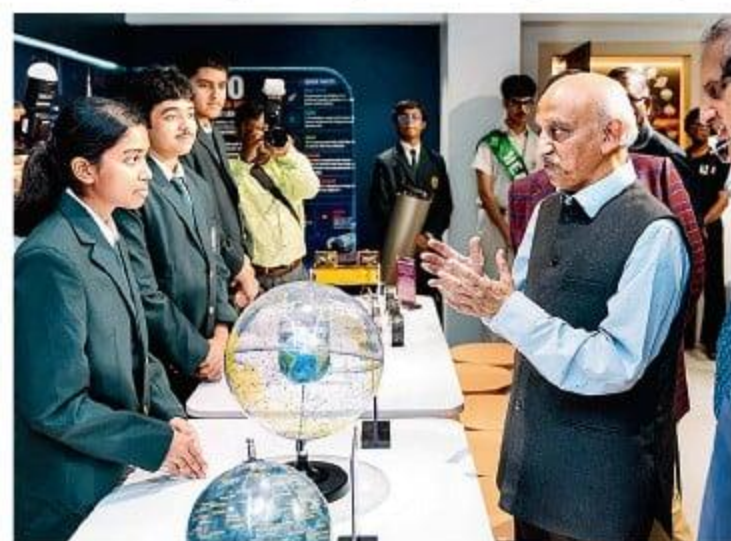
Welcoming the distinguished guests, Principal Joyoti Chaudhuri highlighted the school's vision of fostering scientific temperament among students. She emphasised that the Astronomy Lab would provide learners with practical opportunities to explore celestial phenomena and develop a deeper understanding of space science through observation and research.



Dignitaries and leadership of DPS Ruby Park commemorate the inauguration of the Astronomy Laboratory



Guest of Honour, Mr. Prann Sharma, Director
General, BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar interacts with students at
the DPS Ruby Park Astronomy Lab

Building Future-Ready Learners

Addressing the gathering, Shri Sagar Agarwal, Secretary, OmDayal Education and Research Society, underscored the transformative role the Astronomy Lab would play in enriching science education. Equipped with modern telescopes and advanced projection systems, the facility will enable students to conduct live sky observations, undertake research-based projects and develop analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for future careers in science and technology.

The highlight of the programme was an inspiring address by Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar, who shared fascinating insights into India's remarkable journey in space exploration. Encouraging students to dream fearlessly and embrace scientific inquiry, he spoke about the limitless possibilities that lie ahead for India's next generation of innovators. An interactive podcast moderated by students followed, offering a rare opportunity for young learners to engage directly with one of India's foremost space scientists and gain valuable perspectives on the future of space research.



FINE POLKI DIAMOND JEWELLERY EXHIBITION

0%
Making
Charges



*Complimentary
Gold/Silver Coin

LAST 1 DAY LEFT **26** July, 2026

📍 Mandarin Hall, Taj Bengal, Kolkata

JKJ JEWELLERS
4 EXCLUSIVE SHOWROOMS IN JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

M.I. Road

Mansarovar

Vidhyadhar Nagar

Jagatpura

🤝 In aid of charity
Organized by



Presents

An Evening

WITH

LIVING LEGEND
DR. KUMAR
Vishwas

Saturday, 22nd August 2026
05:30 PM

Donor Passes Available On

townscript

bookmyshow

district



Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium 1, Thackeray Road, Alipore Police Line, Alipore, Kolkata - 700 027

FOR BOOKING CONTACT : 81009 98386, 81009 98387, 81009 98388

CHAIRPERSON
RTN SANJAY BHALOTIA
(IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT)

PRESIDENT
RTN KAVITA BHALOTIA

SECRETARY
RTN SANGHAMITRA GHOSH

Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



Digital Partner



TURN TO... →

6 FICTION



Anish tries to play his wife and Reyna simultaneously in My Half-baked Home by Amrita Mukherjee

8 WHEELS



t2oS drives Honda's ZR-V eHEV, a Japanese import that is currently the flagship for the manufacturer

Cover picture courtesy FDCI

Puzzles 18 Comics 20

Zodiac THIS WEEK

Nita Chhotalal



ARIES

Personal: Your energy feels strong, helping you handle personal matters with confidence and clarity. A meaningful discussion may clear old misunderstandings. **Professional:** New responsibilities may come your way, but your leadership skills will help you stand out. Stay focused on priorities instead of multitasking. **Love:** Couples should focus on emotional understanding.

TAURUS

Personal: You may crave comfort, peace, and emotional stability. Spending time with trusted people will help you feel grounded and secure. **Professional:** Financial matters require careful planning, but steady efforts will bring

rewarding results. Avoid delaying important decisions. **Love:** Couples need to strengthen trust through honest communication.

GEMINI

Personal: Your curiosity and social energy remain high, making this a good time for networking and learning new things. Avoid scattered thinking. **Professional:** Communication skills become your biggest strength at work. A new idea or opportunity may bring exciting progress. **Love:** Lighthearted and playful energy will improve relationships.

CANCER

Personal: Emotional healing and self-care are important. Family matters may need your attention, but patience will help maintain

harmony. **Professional:** Your dedication and emotional intelligence will help you manage difficult situations effectively. Stay confident in your abilities. **Love:** Singles may meet someone caring and understanding.

LEO

Personal: Confidence and positivity help you attract attention naturally. You may feel motivated to make changes that improve your lifestyle. **Professional:** Recognition for your hard work may arrive soon. Creative ideas and leadership qualities can open new opportunities. **Love:** Couples may enjoy special moments together.

VIRGO

Personal: Practical thinking helps you organise your life better. Avoid stressing about things beyond your control and focus on inner balance.

Professional: Discipline and attention to detail bring success. A pending task or project might finally move forward smoothly. **Love:** Small gestures of care can strengthen bonds significantly.

LIBRA

Personal: You may seek balance between responsibilities and personal happiness. Social interactions bring comfort and inspiration this week. **Professional:** Teamwork and diplomacy may help resolve workplace tensions. A new partnership or collaboration may prove beneficial. **Love:** Harmony and romance improve your emotional life.

SCORPIO

Personal: Your intuition becomes stronger, helping you understand hidden emotions and situations clearly. Let go of unnecessary emotional baggage. **Professional:** Strategic thinking helps you stay

ahead professionally. Financial improvements may happen slowly but steadily. **Love:** Couples should avoid possessiveness.

SAGITTARIUS

Personal: Adventure and excitement will motivate you to try something new. A change in routine could refresh your energy completely. **Professional:** Learning and expanding your skills will benefit your career. Stay consistent even if progress feels slow initially. **Love:** Romantic life feels spontaneous and lively.

CAPRICORN

Personal: Discipline and maturity help you handle personal responsibilities smoothly. You may feel more focused on long-term stability than temporary emotions. **Professional:** Hard work and patience continue to bring steady growth. Recognition from seniors or colleagues is possible soon. **Love:** Singles may

attract someone dependable and emotionally grounded.

AQUARIUS

Personal: Creative thoughts and fresh ideas inspire you strongly. Social interactions may introduce exciting opportunities. **Professional:** Innovation and unique perspectives will help you stand out at work. Stay open to teamwork and collaborative projects. **Love:** Unpredictable but exciting romantic energy surrounds you.

PISCES

Personal: Your intuition will guide you towards meaningful decisions. Spiritual activities may bring clarity. **Professional:** Creativity and compassion help you succeed professionally. Avoid distractions and focus on completing important responsibilities. **Love:** Emotional intimacy will become stronger in relationships.

নতুন রূপে হ্যারি পটার: জাদুর এই নতুন জগতে চেনা মুখের বদল। বদল তাঁদের বৈশিষ্ট্য, আচরণ ও বর্ণ! কেন এই রাজনৈতিক অবস্থান?

দিল জেতার চেষ্ঠায় দিলজিৎ: মানুষ না শাসক, কোন পক্ষে অভিনেতা?

বিনোদনের নতুন ঘরানা মাইক্রোড্রামা: নতুন আসিকে গল্প, নাকি যৌন সুড়সুড়ি?

বিশ্বকাপ ফুটবল ২০২৬: বর্ণময় অ্যালবাম, অজানা ঘটনা...

সাক্ষাতে:

ঋতুপর্ণা সেনগুপ্ত • দিব্যেন্দু ভট্টাচার্য
হুমা কুরেশি ও সাকিব সেলিম
উদয় প্রতাপ সিংহ
উজান গঙ্গোপাধ্যায়

প্রায় রাজকীয় মেজাজেই
বিয়ে করলেন

টেলর সুইফট এবং

ট্র্যাভিস কেলসি। তবে

বিতর্কিত হয়ে থাকল এই

দু'দিনের অনুষ্ঠান। টেলর

কি পারবেন শেষ পর্যন্ত

এই বিয়ে টিকিয়ে রাখতে?

রইল বিয়ের যাবতীয়

খুঁটিনাটি খবর

টেলর-ট্র্যাভিসের
রাজকীয় বিয়ে



২৭ জুলাই
২০২৬

আনন্দলোক

তারকাদের লাইফ, লাইক, ডিসলাইক



Gopal
SHREE

ATTIRES LLP

For Every Celebration

ANNUAL
SALE
IS LIVE

INDO WESTERN
LEHENGAS
SAREES
ETHNIC SET
GOWN
BRIDAL

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SUNDAY OPEN

51B, SIR HARIRAM GOENKA STREET,
LAXMI NARAYAN MARKET, KOLKATA

+91 98747 30520

FICTION

The loss of my full-time career and a settled life in Singapore would have been justified if my parents had welcomed me with open arms and showered me with their affection, like they did when I was a little girl. Their love didn't come attached with the strings of give and take then.

When a relationship became transactional, especially between parents and adult children, there was a pervading sense of loss. In my case the first to fall were the beautiful memories of my childhood.

Circumstances were also responsible for the change I was witnessing. My parents wouldn't have become so obsessed with financial security if my father could have held on to his retirement money. He used it in its entirety to settle the hospital bills when my uncle remained strapped to the ventilator for 20 days. Miraculously, my uncle survived. Now he called my father often from his plush new home in Behrampore that his son, an IT professional, has acquired recently. He talked about everything under the sun but never brought up the topic of how his elder brother was surviving after spending all his retirement money for his treatment.

As a dutiful daughter it became my sole mission to give my parents the financial security they lost trying to save my uncle. I was quickly hushed up if I told them that it was my cousin's duty too to return the money. Well, devoted daughters were not supposed to ask uncomfortable questions.

When I went to Singapore, from basic financial security it quickly degenerated to providing for a boastful social media lifestyle — swish apartment, foreign trips, house parties, new car with a driver and enough fuel to keep the conversation running at the club. I never knew my middle-class parents had so much aspiration lying latent in their hearts. I must say Mark Zuckerberg really did his homework well.

Most of their friends had their adult children settled abroad or in other states of India earning fat pay packs, providing them with iPhones, fancy apartment interiors or tickets for their bucket list. They heartily flaunted these at the club *addas* or on social media. Suddenly, my parents were unable to contribute to those conversations. Their daughter didn't have the NRI status any more nor a lofty full-time position. She was tinkering with the computer at home and when their



Illustration: Kolkata Coffee Man

ACING THE GAME

friends asked, they couldn't say clearly what she was up to.

I wanted to keep it this way. Recently, in a remote capacity I had landed a plum assignment with an old client in Singapore. I didn't give the good news to my parents. I had managed to bring down their lifestyle within my affordable limits. I didn't want it to go haywire again.

I sometimes felt overwhelmed by this dichotomy. Most married Indian women had to keep suffering in abusive marriages because they lacked financial independence and their parents didn't want them back. Ironically, it was my financial independence that became a hindrance to my return to Calcutta. Sigh!

All these thoughts sometimes dissipated when my mother placed a slice of her special apple cake next to my laptop and gave me that old smile of my childhood years. The smile I so hungered for. The taste of the cinnamon-infused apples melting in my mouth would convince me that with a bit more effort, my half-baked home held the promise of becoming perfectly golden brown on the outside and luscious inside.

That promise was shattered when Anish came back. A chapter we had all closed long back was reopened. As I kept searching for the missing pages of my life, my parents' insecurity heightened. I didn't know they feared I would



**MY
HALF-BAKED
HOME** by
**AMRITA
MUKHERJEE**
CHAPTER 8

hold his hand and walk away, leaving them in the lurch. Gosh!

The thought of my marriage filled them with an unknown dread. They didn't want me married, neither did they want me occupying the adjacent room, chatting with them over coffee at the breakfast table and sharing the couch with them while watching movies on TV. My being there with them and not having my job in Singapore any more meant an end to the luxuries they had got used to. It took me a long time to reconcile with this harsh reality. No child, especially someone like me, who had known parental love and affection, could accept this easily.

Earlier it wasn't like this. I must admit at 24, when Anish evaporated into thin air and I crumpled like a sheet of paper, my mother was the rock I leaned on.

She wiped my tears, cooked me my soul food and pulled me out of the abyss. I didn't know then she had already sent feelers to our relatives settled abroad to look for a suitable match for me. When she told me that she was meeting an old

friend settled in the US and she was bringing her son along, I went along with her, my innocent mind not suspecting anything. Then when the coffee meet was followed by another meet in the club and then again a plan to watch a play at GD Birla Sabhagar where it was obvious she had deliberately bought tickets for me and the gentleman four rows away from them, I confronted her.

She admitted that this was an ongoing matchmaking process and marriage and settling abroad were the only solutions to my problem. She insisted this would be my passport to a better life in a better country.

"They have a two-storey house in a suburb in the US. Two cars, two dogs, and his parents run two successful businesses — a grocery store and a motel. What else do you want?" she asked me.

"There is no cultural similarity with him. He is American, with Bengali-Gujarati roots, can't speak a line of Bangla or Gujarati, is paranoid of the dust, traffic and water of Calcutta. I do not see a future with him," I said.

"Yes, the person you had seen your future with was so culturally refined, and was so brave and upright that he ran away from you."

As the tears streamed down my cheeks, I made a resolution; I would go abroad on my own.

I think when I flew off the hook that day, pulling violently at my

The taste of the cinnamon-infused apples melting in my mouth would convince me that with a bit more effort, my half-baked home held the promise of becoming perfectly golden brown on the outside and luscious inside

mother's hair; it was a reaction to years of accumulated humiliation, taunts and toxicity, something I had finally come to recognise. A bit late in the day, but I could now understand the fangs came out when things didn't go according to their wishes.

After I settled in Singapore, my mother's attitude to marriage made a complete U-turn. She kept asking me whether I was dating or wanted to get married, and every time I told her I had no such plans. Even if she was on the phone, without seeing her face, I could sense the relief in her voice.

I didn't tell her the truth. I had been on a few dates. None worked out because I could point out the red flags easily now, thanks to Anish. My love for him had blinded me so much that I couldn't recognise the narcissistic male in him.

For instance, when a guy told me that he thought Indian women looked dignified all covered up and looked disapprovingly at my skirt that sat just above my knees, I was instantly reminded of Anish. He was extremely finicky about how I dressed, didn't "allow" me to wear sleeveless clothes and insisted on a *dupatta* on every kurta I wore. He said it came from his love and protective instincts. I believed him then.

Anish really had no clue how much I had analysed him in all these years and the conclusions I had arrived at. That was why when he asked me to lend him money to settle his alimony, I kept him hanging. If he was playing a game with me, I could be better at it. He even said if I could ask Chhoto Mashi to help too since she had a steady flow of pension money. If shamelessness had a face...

He didn't know that I knew he was not leaving a single stone unturned to reconcile with his wife. He was meeting her regularly, taking her and Alvira to fancy restaurants, trying to convince her to withdraw the case.

The detective agency had not only given me the photographs that were proof of his efforts at appeasement, they had also made it clear to me that he was playing two women at the same time — Chandana and Reyna.

And it had been like this even 13 years back.

This was something Rishit knew, he kept it a secret. I worried about losing my best friend now.

(To be continued)

Amrita Mukherjee is the author of the novel *Exit Interview*, short-story collection *Museum of Memories* and the crime non-fiction book *The Secret Diary of a Criminal Lawyer*. She blogs at [amritaspeaks.in](https://www.amritaspeaks.in)

Partha Mukherjee, popularly known as *Kolkata Coffee Man*, tells stories through coffee art. Through mindful listening and coffee-art sessions, he is creating unique conversations around mental well-being. Follow him on Instagram @kolkatacoffeeaman

ANISH REALLY HAD NO CLUE HOW MUCH I HAD ANALYSED HIM IN ALL THESE YEARS AND THE CONCLUSIONS I HAD ARRIVED AT. THAT WAS WHY WHEN HE ASKED ME TO LEND HIM MONEY TO SETTLE HIS ALIMONY, I KEPT HIM HANGING. IF HE WAS PLAYING A GAME WITH ME, I COULD BE BETTER AT IT. HE EVEN SAID IF I COULD ASK CHHOTO MASHI TO HELP TOO SINCE SHE HAD A STEADY FLOW OF PENSION MONEY. IF SHAMELESSNESS HAD A FACE...

TRIBHOVANDAS BHIMJI ZAVERI



tbz
The original since 1864

DNM

FESTIVAL

*No Making Charges
on Natural Diamond Jewellery*

7% MAKING CHARGES
on Gold Bangles,
Kangans, Mangalsutra
& Chains

0% DEDUCTION
On Exchange of
Any Purity Gold,
From Any Jeweller

GOLD RATE PROTECTION
Book your Jewellery and Pay
whichever rate is lower at the
time of purchase

SHOWROOMS AT KOLKATA: • CAMAC - SARASWATI NIKET, 5 CAMAC STREET,
NEAR THEATRE ROAD • KANKURGACHI - CIT ROAD



The Honda ZR-V is a handsome SUV that has a nice jellybean look to it and performs surprisingly well on a race track.

NICHE GAME

Honda's ZR-V e:HEV strong hybrid is a refined and efficient SUV that is a tad pricey

WHEELS

It seems there will not be too many of Honda's new strong hybrid SUV, ZR-V e:HEV, to go around. This model is being imported from Japan as a completely built unit, or CBU. After it opened for bookings some time ago, the first two batches of imports have been sold out despite the fact that its final price of ₹47.99 lakh at the showroom was yet to be announced then. Honda says they have asked for a third batch now with demand remaining strong. While the exact number of vehicles being imported has not been given, it is still in three figures, we are told.

Importing the ZR-V as a CBU is an interesting move by Honda since the SUV has not only been homologated for India, there are features and adjustments to things like the suspension that are specific to this particular market although it is made in Japan. So, one cannot help wondering whether Honda will eventually be making the ZR-V in India. The company, though, says there are no plans to make the SUV in India — as of now. It is intended as a halo product and to showcase the company's strong hybrid power train, among other things.

Honda invited the motoring press to the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida to experience the vehicle, or specific aspects of it more like since it is not really possible to figure out a vehicle in its typical usage scenario by driving it on a super smooth racetrack. But then, a racetrack is also possibly the best place to push a vehicle to its limits in a safe environment to see how it behaves in more extreme situations. And that is exactly what we were doing last week.



The front end is deliciously devoid of chrome except for the Honda logo. The 18-inch alloys have a neat 10-spoke design.



The rear end is understated like the rest of the SUV. However, there is a bit of flash in the twin exhaust tips and a satin finish chrome garnish at the bottom of the bumper.

As mentioned earlier, the Honda ZR-V e:HEV is a strong strong hybrid that is being imported fully built. So, it attracts an import duty of 110 per cent, which, effectively, significantly bumps up its price. Despite that, it seems to be flying off the shelves. And that is the thing about a halo product. It somehow defies the typical value logic and becomes a bit of an emotional purchase. And it works for small-volume products as we have seen with other similar products from other manufacturers as well.

So much for the market and peripheral dynamics of the ZR-V. But what about the vehicle itself? Read on.

ON THE OUTSIDE

Honda has taken a measured approach with the ZR-V e:HEV, resisting the temptation to overload it with dramatic styling. It is a crossover and looks like one. There is no go-anywhere-SUV pretence

and, therefore, visual cues like faux scuff plates and the like is thankfully absent. In fact, it seems to sit lower than other SUVs in its price segment with a ground clearance of 186mm unladen that makes getting in and out convenient, although some of the much-vaunted 'SUV stance' is missing.

What is also interesting is that it uses more of jellybean-like styling with curved surfaces flowing into each other rather than angular styling cues. Positioned between the HR-V and CR-V in Honda's global SUV lineup, the ZR-V arrives in India as a premium offering and its exterior reflects that intent.

At the front, a broad hexagonal grille finished in gloss black with vertical slats dominates the fascia, flanked by slim LED headlamps with crisp daytime running lights. The lighting signature is distinctive without being flashy. Interestingly, the only bit of chrome up front is the Honda logo. The whole demeanour is understated, like it doesn't need to draw attention to itself to prove anything.

From the side, the ZR-V's proportions are among its strongest attributes. The long wheelbase, gently sloping roofline, and well-defined shoulder line give it a planted stance. The pronounced wheel arches house stylish alloy wheels that fill the arches nicely without appearing oversized. The jellybean-like design continues on the flanks as well. What also comes across is the length of the wheelbase. There is cladding too around the wheel arches, but things are done in a quiet rather than a shouty way.

The rear continues the theme. Horizontal LED taillamps stretch into the tailgate, visually widening the SUV, while the integrated roof spoiler and neatly contoured bumper complete the look. Here, the only bits of chrome are the monikers and the twin exhaust tips with a satin finish lighter strip across the bottom of the rear

HONDA ZR-V E:HEV IN NUMBERS

What: Mid-size, 5-seater strong hybrid SUV

LxBxH (mm): 4,567 x 1,840 x 1,621

Wheelbase: 2,655mm

Ground clearance: 186mm

Motors: Petrol: 2-litre Atkinson cycle four cylinder;

Electric: AC Synchronous (Permanent Magnet)

Peak system power: 184ps

Peak system torque: 315Nm

Wheels and tyres: 18/18J alloys with 225/55 R18 tyres

Certified fuel efficiency: 22.8kmpl

0-100kmph: 7.9 seconds

Price (ex showroom): ₹47.99 lakh



NEELKAMAL

First ever

SALE

SUNDAY OPEN
DURING SALE



LEHENGAS | SAREES | INDO-WESTERNS | GOWNS

68, MUKTARAM BABU STREET, 3RD FLOOR, NEAR RAM MANDIR

KOLKATA - 700007 | LIFT AVAILABLE | CALL 89109 54385



The front seats are spacious, nicely bolstered and the driver gets power adjustment



The rear seat is a touch low but has generous leg room and head room



Door pockets are spacious and the glass area is big.



A neat touch is a Reverse switch that actually needs to be pushed back in the direction of intended travel.



We totally loved the volume control rotary knob on the infotainment system.



The cabin has been thoughtfully done. Ports at a point where they are visible make using them easier than by feel.



The Honda ZR-V's premium interiors have an organic look with curves that seem to have been shaped by the wind. The soft touch materials and leatherette have a premium feel to them.

→ FROM P8

bumper connecting the two. In fact, it looks very shooting brake like from the rear.

Build quality is immediately evident. Panel gaps are consistently tight, the paint finish is rich, and every exterior element feels carefully assembled. It may not be the most attention-grabbing SUV in a crowded parking lot, but it looks well made once you take a couple of minutes to look at it.

ON THE INSIDE

Step inside the ZR-V and it quickly becomes apparent that Honda has prioritised usability and comfort over visual gimmicks. The dashboard layout is clean and uncluttered and the surfaces have very curvy shaped-by-the-wind kind of look to them. The horizontal design theme creates a sense of width, while the soft-touch surfaces and leather finishes all around convey a sense of premiumness.

The seats deserve special mention. Both front occupants benefit from supportive cushioning and ample electrical adjustment, that would make long-distance journeys less tiring. Rear passengers are equally well catered for, thanks to generous legroom and adequate headroom, despite the gently tapering roofline. The seating is a tad low, but, along with the leg-stretch room, works well enough to give a comfortable rear seat experience. Three adults can fit across the rear bench when required, although two will naturally travel in greater comfort.

The driving position is excellent, with large glass areas contributing to superb outward visibility. Controls are logically placed, and Honda wisely retains physical buttons and rotary knobs for the climate control system. In an era where many manufacturers bury essential functions within touchscreen menus, this decision significantly improves everyday usability. The 9-inch infotainment system supports wireless smartphone connectivity and offers a responsive interface but the graphics may not be the flashiest in the segment. A fully digital instrument cluster complements the center display, presenting hybrid-specific information alongside conventional driving data in a clear and customizable format.

Storage solutions have been thoughtfully incorporated throughout the cabin. Large door pockets, multiple cupholders, a spacious center console, and practical cubby holes make daily use convenient. This passenger compartment has been well thought through. We particularly liked how the lower deck of the

central console has been laid out with the charging ports facing out so that one can see them when plugging in appliances unlike many cars where one has to do this by feel. The luggage compartment is also fairly big and the absence of a spare tyre helps here.

Cabin refinement is another highlight. Extensive sound insulation keeps road and wind noise well suppressed, while the hybrid system operates with impressive smoothness. The result is a serene interior environment that reinforces the premium positioning of the ZR-V. Honda's reputation for ergonomic excellence remains intact. Everything feels precisely engineered, from the tactile switchgear to the steering wheel controls to the volume control knob on the infotainment screen. It is an interior designed to make every journey comfortable, intuitive, and stress-free.

Equipment levels are generous as well. There is as dual-zone climate control, wireless charging, premium audio, powered front seats, multiple USB charging ports and a suite of advanced driver assistance systems.

ON THE GO

The defining feature of the Indian-spec ZR-V is its e:HEV powertrain. Combining a two-litre petrol engine with an electric motor and intelligent energy management, the system focuses on delivering smooth performance alongside excellent fuel efficiency rather than outright acceleration. A quick look at the official numbers is in order here. The peak system power output is 184ps, peak torque is 315Nm, and the ZR-V has a 0-100kmph time of 7.9 seconds.

In urban driving, the electric motor handles much of the initial movement, allowing the SUV to pull away silently and effortlessly. Most of the time it is the electric motor that drives the wheels drawing power from the battery. When the battery runs low, the engine kicks in to charge the battery. Only when quick acceleration or high speeds are required does the petrol engine drive the wheels directly and parallelly with the electric motor. This results in a very electric vehicle like feel most of the time — stop-go traffic becomes less of a chore — but there is grunt available when needed. The regenerative braking system harvests energy.

Acceleration is progressive rather than explosive, but the immediate torque from the electric motor gives the ZR-V confident responses. The power delivery is linear and unless one looks at the graphic on the screen, it is impossible to find out which motor is clutching in or out at any time. And the

hybrid system rarely calls attention to itself, which is perhaps its greatest achievement.

We really did not get to test the ride quality in real life conditions, but it was handling the kerbs around the track with consummate ease. So, we are guessing it should be fairly decent on not so good public roads. What is commendable though is its body control through corners or direction changes. We did a slalom (not a terribly tight one) at over 90kmph and the vehicle did not miss a beat. The story was similar around the corners. While there is body roll, it is fairly well controlled as was evident while tackling a double apex at a quick clip. We think it should make for a good vehicle both for the city and the highway.

The steering, while not the most talkative, is predictable, well-weighted and accurate. As we said earlier, there is no neck-snapping acceleration here and the max we could manage to hit on the long long straight was a little over 150kmph before we ran out of road. At those speeds, it is supremely stable, no twitching at all, thanks to the rigid chassis and well-calibrated suspension setup.

Refinement is rather good. Okay, we were flooring it most of time we were on the track. So there was engine noise coming through, but vibration levels are impressively low.

Safety has also received significant attention. A comprehensive package of active and passive safety technologies, including multiple airbags, electronic stability control, collision mitigation systems, adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assistance, and autonomous emergency braking, enhances driver confidence. These systems intervene smoothly and unobtrusively, providing reassurance without becoming intrusive.

THE CALL

The Honda ZR-V e:HEV is targeting a niche, and the company says it is selling out whatever it is managing to import. The product is unique in its space. It is the only petrol-powered strong hybrid around its price point of ₹47.99 lakh (there is only one variant), where the competition is mostly diesel. Considering that there is a huge import tax incorporated in the price, it cannot be seen as a pure value proposition. But then value can be more than 'cost plus mark-up' in many ways. The ZR-V focuses on balance and excels at refinement, comfort, efficiency, practicality, and everyday ease of use. To buyers to whom those things matter, it is a well-rounded package.

— Abhijit Mitra
Pictures: Ranadip Mandal

**MAHABIR
DANWAR**
JEWELLERS
SINCE 1970

*Your Love Story
begins at*

in association with:



OUR JURY

MDJ
Couple No1
Season 5

BAKU
AZERBAIJAN



Richa Sharma
Actress



Naina More
Celebrity
Motivational Speaker



Radhika Nowlakha Agarwal
CEO
Benchmark Group



Rajeshwari Soni
Design Head
Mahabir Danwar Jewellers



Participate and get a chance to win
your second honeymoon

SCAN TO
REGISTER NOW



Limited Entries Only!



FOR MARRIED
COUPLES



REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW

FREE

REGISTRATION

42A Park Street, Kolkata - 700016 | +91 96742 28786

www.mahabirdanwarjewellers.com | mdjsan2022@gmail.com | /MDJsince1970

*T&C Apply

TT Connect Initiative

Congo Square Strikes a New Chord for Jazz in Kolkata

Congo Square marks a bold new beginning for Kolkata's thriving jazz community.

Kolkata's jazz landscape has entered an exciting new phase with the launch of Congo Square, the ensemble formerly known as The Jazz Collective. Making its debut under the new name at Skinny Mo's on 3 July, followed by a sold-out performance at the Dalhousie Institute Club on 13 July, the band reaffirmed that jazz continues to enjoy a passionate and growing audience in the city.



Led by acclaimed saxophonist Satyajit Roychaudhury, the ensemble takes its name from the Kolkata-based organisation behind the Kolkata JazzFest, which has played a pioneering role in bringing internationally celebrated jazz musicians to the city. The name also honours the historic Congo Square in New Orleans, where African musical

traditions flourished and helped shape the birth of jazz.

Keeping the Spirit of Jazz Alive

The performances showcased an engaging repertoire of jazz classics, including Fly Me to the Moon, The Girl from Ipanema, and Autumn Leaves, alongside fresh arrangements that



reflected the band's distinctive musical identity. A highlight of the concerts was the original composition, "Congo Square Blues," which captured the essence of jazz through spontaneous improvisation and creative interplay among the musicians.

The ensemble brings together some of India's accomplished jazz artists, including pianist Dr Richard Gasper, bassist David Jackson, guitarist Feroz Akhtar, violinist Anikit Adhikary, drummer Neil Bose, and Delhi-based vocalist

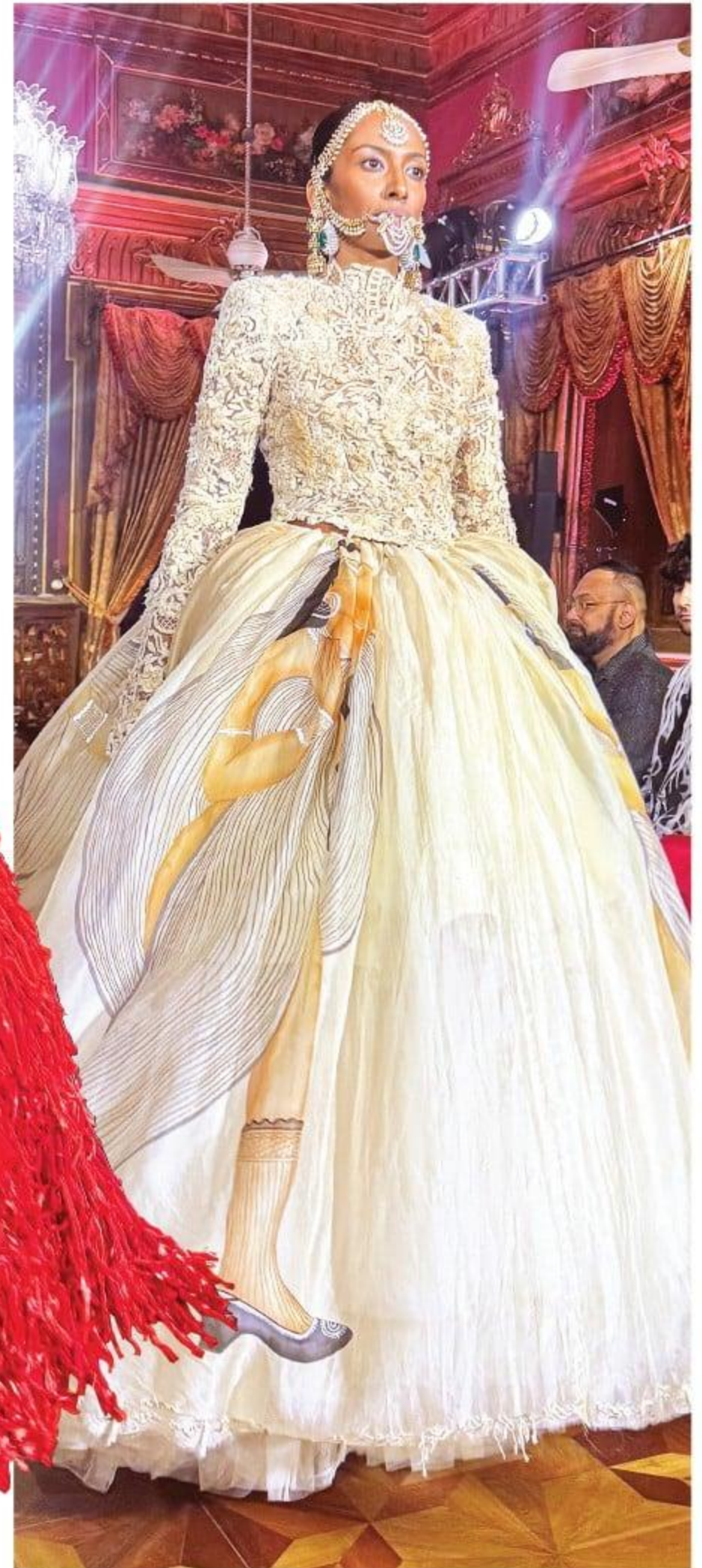
Subhagata Das. Also closely associated with the group are drummer Premjit Dutta and vocalist Sucheta Sanyal. The band also acknowledges pianist Arunava "Shonai" Chatterjee for his invaluable contribution to the formation and early success of The Jazz Collective.

More than a performing ensemble, Congo Square envisions becoming a catalyst for Kolkata's jazz movement.

For enquiries:

8240613086 (12:00 pm - 5:30 pm)
8777433413 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

**COVER
STORY**



CRAFTED SPLENDOUR

Anamika Khanna's inaugural showcase of the Hyundai India Couture Week 2026 celebrated heritage crafts of India! **t2oS** attended the spectacular showcase at the Taj Falaknuma Palace in Hyderabad

Breaking the mould has always been her groove. And she thrives doing that! Disruptive, fearless and bold are just some of the adjectives that have been used to describe her design DNA over the years, and she proves it with elan

with every collection. Anamika Khanna has been the indubitable queen of experimentation in Indian fashion and she just takes it several notches up with every show!

On Thursday night, Anamika overwhelmed a select gathering at the inaugural showcase of Hyundai

India Couture Week 2026, in association with Nexxus New York, a FDCI initiative, at the larger-than-life Taj Falaknuma Palace in Hyderabad. The Hyundai India Couture Week 2026 moved over to Taj Palace in New Delhi for the rest of the week, to be held till July 29.

Even before the first model took the ramp, the mood of the show was set at the palatial Durbar Hall of the Taj Falaknuma Palace, where fashion enthusiasts from all over the country had gathered in anticipation. The ambience was created through a play of light and

shadow with ornate chandeliers and intricately gilded interiors setting the opulent tone. Titled 'Moonlit Palace', the collection was brilliantly showcased through the play of light and movement. The

➔ **CONTD ON P14**



LUXURY LIVING

West Bengal's largest & most popular furniture retail chain

25th & 26th July 5th Anniversary
of Our **Patuli Showroom**

8th & 9th August 1st Anniversary
of Our **Chinarpark Showroom**

GET ASSURED GIFTS WITH EVERY PURCHASE

Micro Oven, TV, Smart Watch, Mixer Grinder etc



- **ZERO DOWN PAYMENT**
- **ALL OVER INDIA FINANCE FACILITIES**
- **5 YEARS OF GUARANTEE**

- **FREE DELIVERY ACROSS WEST BENGAL**
- **EASY EMI OPTIONS FOR 24 MONTHS**

80175 99955 / 91477 14413

Baruipur | Patuli | Behala | Chinarpark | Durgapur | Srirampur
Kanchrapara | Raiganj | Shibpur | Nimtouri

➔ FROM P12

space was bathed in soft light, evoking the interiors of a palace lit up by moonlight. The models gracefully meandered through the different rooms of the Durbar Hall, creating a rhythmic movement with their drapes and silhouettes.

The collection, focussed on heritage crafts of India — from Bengal and Barmer to be specific — was a play of contrasts. Whether it's adorning global silhouettes with traditional Rajasthani crafts, or splashing Kalighat-style paintings on minimal pieces — Anamika showed how the Indian craft conversation can be made a part of the global fashion firmament.

From Bengal, *shola* art and *patachitra* art were Anamika's chosen forms, treated with her signature aesthetics for the show. In a unique rendition of Kalighat-style *patachitra* art, the Calcutta-based designer splashed them across refined, fluid silhouettes on a neutral palate of creams and ivories. A grazing table-style dinner table awaited the guests post-show, adorned with breathtaking *shola* art installation.

The Barmer sequence was a celebration of the Rajasthani city's rich textile traditions and was marked by a noticeable shift in colour and aesthetics. Rich tones and intricate mirrorwork caught the light, while gold foil detailing added opulence across the garments. These textiles, developed



(L-R) Tarun Garg, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd, Anamika Khanna, and Jasprit Chandok, group vice-president, Reliance Brands

in collaboration with women's craft communities in Barmer, were reworked through dyeing, embroidery, and hand-painting, allowing traditional techniques to take on new life within a couture context.

In Anamika's trademark style, jewellery was incorporated into the garments rather than used as

accessories, appearing as an integral part of each outfit.

The visual rhythm of the show reinforced the collection's central idea: craftsmanship as something dynamic, not static. The idea that held the collection together was the exploration of clothing as a keeper of stories, carrying traces of hands, histories, and identities across time.

Moonlit Palace imagines heritage crafts as not something forgotten and redundant, but as

something continually rediscovered, adorned and celebrated.

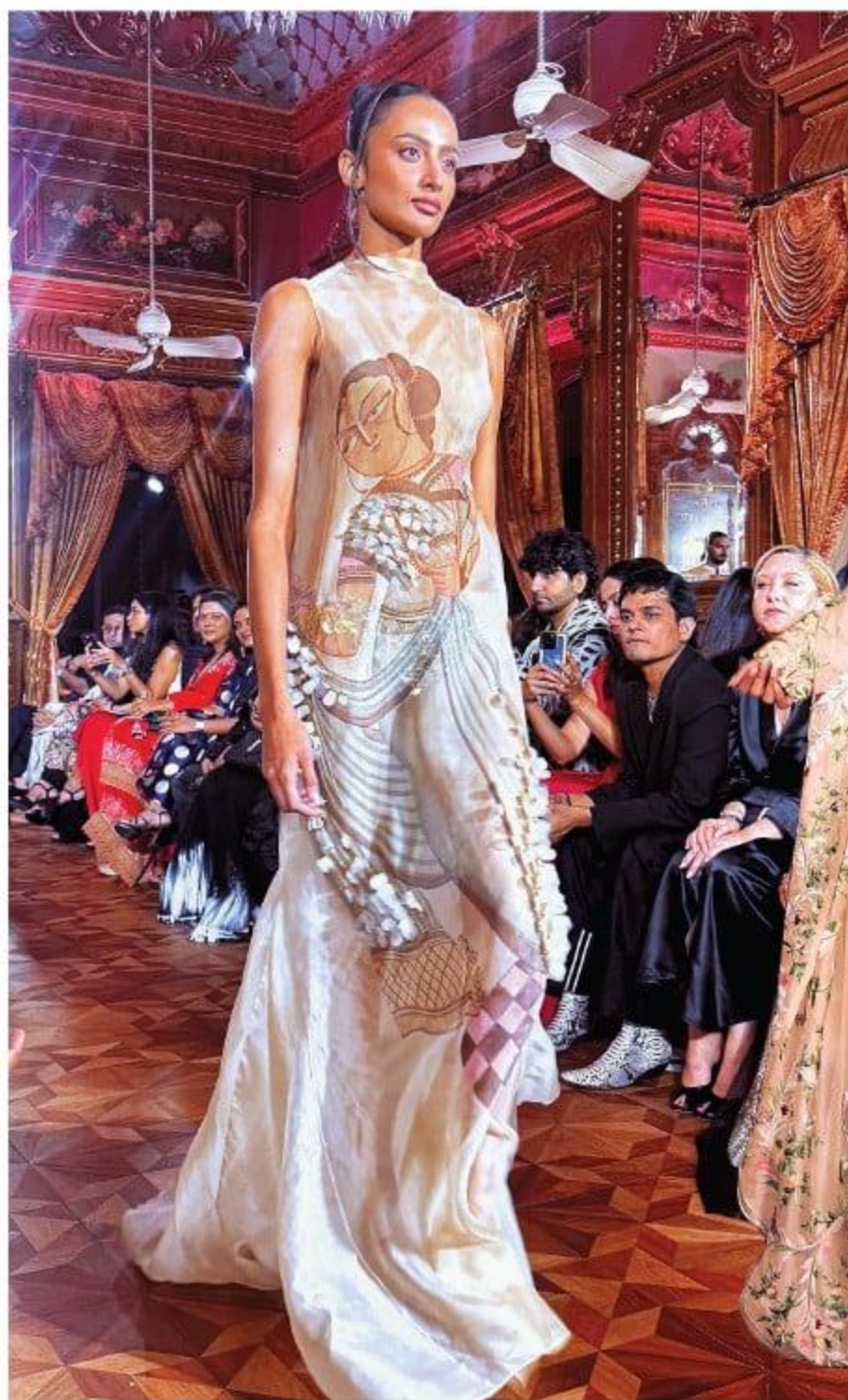
Tarun Garg, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd, said in an official press note: "At Hyundai Motor India Ltd, we believe that innovation and design have the power to inspire, connect and shape the future. Our continued

association with FDCI for Hyundai India Couture Week reflects Hyundai's commitment to celebrating creativity in all its forms. The special showcase of the Hyundai IONIQ 5 by acclaimed designer Anamika Khanna beautifully brought together precision, artistry and innovation — values that are integral to everything we do at Hyundai. Together, we were delighted to create an immersive experience that seamlessly blended cutting-edge mobility with the artistry of Indian couture, while reinforcing Hyundai's aspiration to be a lifestyle and innovation-led brand."

Sunil Sethi, chairman, FDCI, said: "The Hyundai Inaugural Show at the regal Taj Falaknuma Palace marks a significant milestone for Hyundai India Couture Week as we take the platform beyond Delhi for the first time. Anamika Khanna's work is deeply rooted in craft while constantly pushing creative boundaries, making her the perfect choice for this landmark presentation. We are delighted to begin this new chapter with an out-of-state showcase alongside a designer whose vision continues to shape the future of Indian couture."

Speaking about the presentation, Anamika said, "Being the inaugural show at India Couture Week was both an honour and a responsibility. It offered an opportunity to celebrate the

➔ CONTD ON P16



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



Shiraz
Golden Restaurant

Congratulates



Pramit Kumar Das
Belgachia, Dutta Bagan

**Kolkata's first-ever Biryani Eating Competition
Crowns its Winner**

Bring this newspaper clipping to any Shiraz Golden Restaurant outlet to enjoy a **10% discount** and receive your exclusive Shiraz Golden Restaurant Loyalty Card.

Our outlets: Mallick Bazar | Chinar Park | Ajay Nagar | Baghajatin | Salt Lake | Bypass



➔ FROM P14

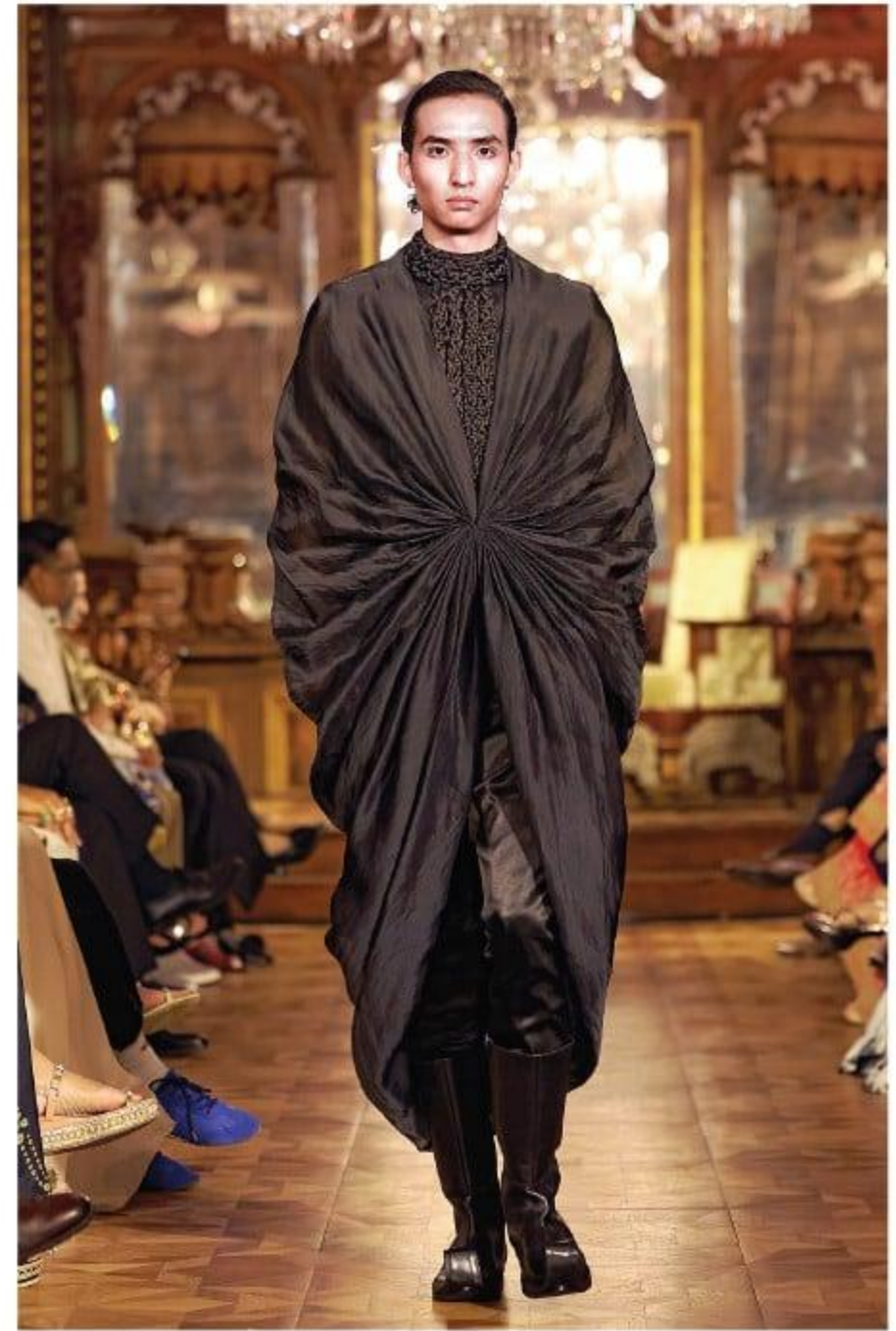
extraordinary craftsmanship that defines Indian couture while exploring new ways of expressing it. I have always been interested in how craft can remain deeply rooted yet feel entirely contemporary, and it was a privilege to share that perspective as we opened this season's showcase."

Hours before the show, we caught up with Anamika over lunch at the Taj Falaknuma Palace, where she gave t2oS an exclusive sneak peek into the collection:

We are looking forward to a grand show tonight! Please give me a sneak peek into the collection that you're about to showcase.

So actually the whole project started with this idea that I wanted to work with a lot of women who are craftswomen themselves. For this show, that's how the idea started, that I'll be working with different clusters of craft. Obviously, I can't do too many at a time. But I can't even do one at a time. So I'm picking up two or three each time. That's where the idea started. So it automatically just came through and then we decided to present the show.

And then, you know, we started searching for the right place (to show the collection). What can be more beautiful than this property?! And we launched the Hyderabad store recently. So it felt like the right thing to do. The show is a surprise because it's not a traditional show. It's not a Western show.




admissiontree.in

An ABP initiative

ONLINE APPLICATIONS
GOING ON
FOR SESSION **2027-2028**



CENTRAL MODEL SCHOOL
Barrackpore (CBSE)



KALYANI CENTRAL MODEL SCHOOL
Kalyani (CBSE)



KALYANI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Barasat (CBSE)



KALYANI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Salt Lake (CBSE)



MOTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Konnagar (CBSE)

Follow us on:   


admissiontree.in

An ABP initiative

ONLINE APPLICATIONS
GOING ON
FOR SESSION **2027-2028**



BD MEMORIAL JR. SCHOOL
Bansdrani (CBSE)



BD MEMORIAL JR. SCHOOL
Garia 1 Primary (CBSE)



BD MEMORIAL JR. SCHOOL
Garia 2 Pre Primary (CBSE)



BD MEMORIAL JR. SCHOOL
Golf Garden (CBSE)



BD MEMORIAL JR. SCHOOL
Vijaygarh (CBSE)

Follow us on:   



A stunning installation of *shola* art adorned the grazing table-style dinner table laid out for the guests post-show



What we've done with the table (a grazing table-style dinner table) is actually take *shola* art... I've worked with *shola* artists. It's insane, the kind of stuff that they do, and I always believed in this philosophy that craft is not redundant. It's not something that you need to keep in the almīrah. It's something that you push forward. And it could be any craft. It's the way you look at it. For me, it's not about that *patachitra* should only hang on the walls. It's never been about that.

For me, when I'm working with the women in Barmer with their

craft, I'm not seeing the typical foreigners wearing Barmer jackets with cut-work. I don't see things like that. For me, it's about how do I take that? How do I make it relevant and how do I expose it to everybody? So that other people can reach out and give them work. You know, for me, I don't know what has got into my system, but I just want to keep doing that.

You say you are working with crafts for this collection, but you have always worked extensively with various crafts. How are you enhancing the crafts focus this

time?

So this time I'm actually going to the craft clusters and I'm working with them specifically. This time it's women and crafts. We've started that and that's what I want to do. I want to make them financially independent.

So is this kind of the grandest, or the most experimental show you have done?

I'm not visualising it as the grandest show. I've chosen this space because it talks to me. It's so beautiful. It's really grand, but it's really understated. Just beautiful. For me, it's never about how grand something is. I just felt that the concept of my show is the Moonlit Palace, this palace automatically extended itself to it. So I was like, okay, this is it.

This is the first time an India CoutureWeek show is happening in another city, while the rest of the Couture Week will follow in Delhi. How did you convince FDCI to agree to this?

FDCI supported my vision all out. I mean, of course, we are all being responsible, but I'm very happy that they became part of this show, and this journey... I think, that's a big deal.

— *Smita Roy Chowdhury*
Pictures by the writer and courtesy FDCI

Is high blood sugar common in your family?

Protect your health with the dual power of **Karela & Jamun**.

Baidyanath
ASLI AYURVED

Karela Jamun Juice



- Helps manage blood sugar levels
- Improves sugar metabolism

NO ADDED SUGAR COLOUR FLAVOUR

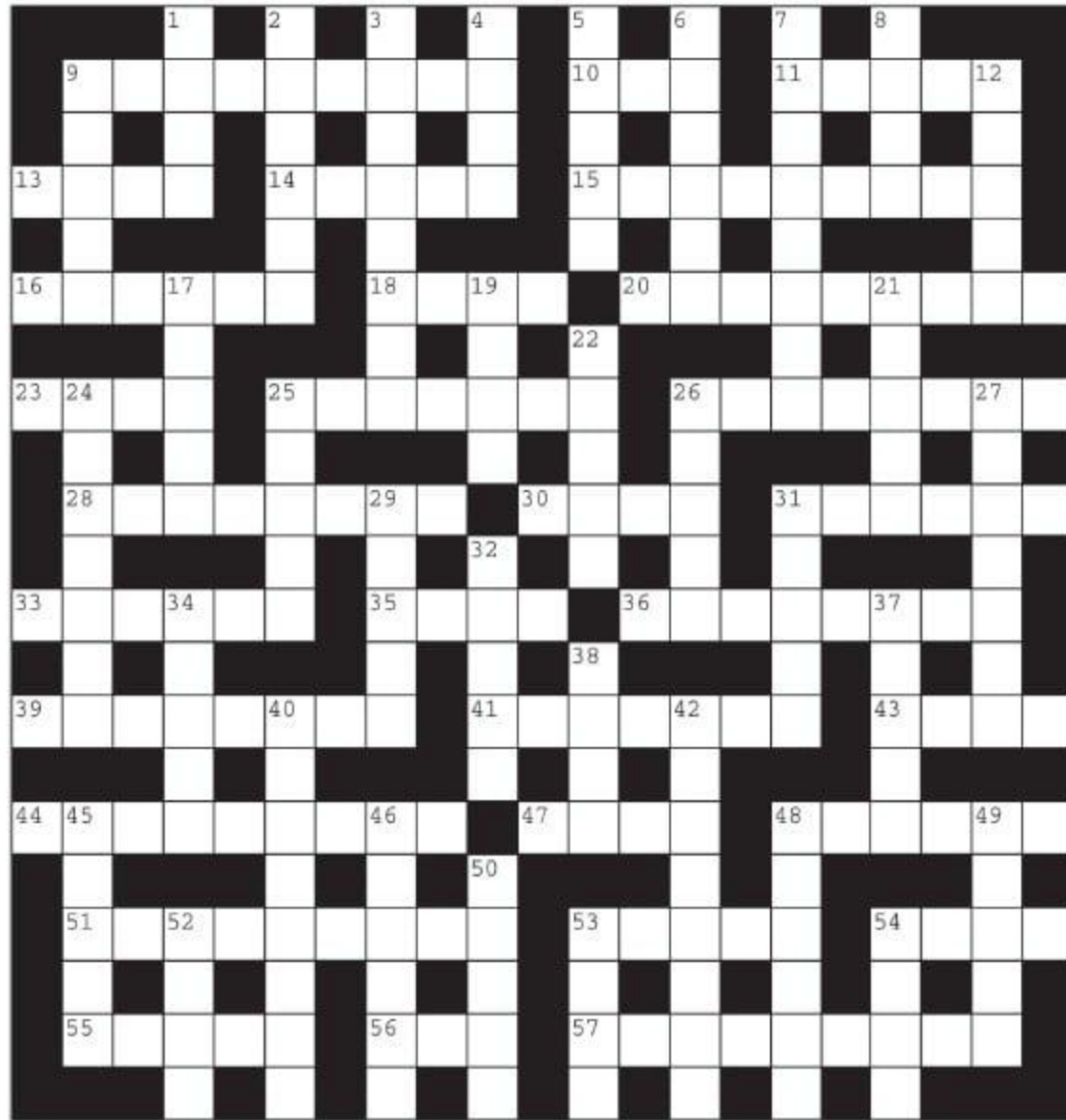


Also available - Baidyanath Amla Juice, Aloe Vera Juice, Triphala Juice & others
Scan to buy www.baidyanath.com

9798678474, 8420044204

PUZZLES

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 871



ACROSS

- 9 Author of Jamaica Inn, Rebecca and My Cousin Rachel whose novel Frenchman's Creek was inspired by a part of the Helted River (2,7)
- 10 Fruit or summer, a classic lemonade mocktail traditionally garnished with strawberries, cucumber, fresh mint and borage flowers (3)
- 11 With cliffs, sandy dunes, shingle beaches, rocky shores and flora in Britain including thrift, spring squill and sea campion, a border where land meets the ocean (5)
- 13 Associated with the goddesses Luna and Selene and with old names including Pink, Flower, Harvest and Hunter's when full, Earth's only natural satellite (4)
- 14 National —; conservation charity co-founded by Octavia Hill and Sir Robert Hunter, today with the Prince of Wales as its president (5)
- 15 Jardin des —; depicted in paintings by Manet and Pissarro, formal gardens next to the Louvre, originally commissioned by Catherine de Medici (9)
- 16 Mrs —; Victorian author who wrote a best-selling book on household management and cookery containing some 2,000

- recipes by the age of 23 (6)
- 18 Collective noun for pigeons or a coop for housing such; a stroke causing a golf ball to rise; or, a space above a stable for hay (4)
- 20 General word for a manual of typographic rules and deeds for writers, editors and publishers (9)
- 23 Any one of a series of pictograms displayed on a computer's desktop representing a program, application, function or file (4)
- 25 Design or print created from an engraved block in xylography or the Japanese art ukiyo-e (7)
- 26 Author of The Water-Babies, Hypatia and Westward Ho! who lived in the Devonshire fishing village Clovelly as a child (8)
- 28 — for Boys; woodcraft manual originally written and illustrated by Lord Baden-Powell (8)
- 30 General word for a seafaring sailing vessel with a staircase known as a companionway and other elements known nautically as cabin, galley and saloon (4)
- 31 The branch of ornithology that studies birds' eggs (6)
- 33 With a cast including Nicholas Hoult, Emily Watson and Julie Walters, Richard E. Grant's film based on his boyhood in

- Swaziland (3-3)
- 35 With a population of around 75 million, a field mouse-like animal which is one of Britain's most common mammals; or, in écarté the winning of all the tricks in one deal (4)
- 36 Mythological Greek Titan who was the father of Eos (dawn), Helios (sun) and Selene (moon); or, an unfinished poem by John Keats (8)
- 39 Actor in Four Weddings and a Funeral and Love Actually who also played Edmund Blackadder and voiced Zazu in The Lion King (8)
- 41 Victorian novelist who founded All the Year Round as a direct successor to the discontinued journal Household Words (7)
- 43 Flower —; song from Léo Delibes' opera Lakmé (4)
- 44 Small French sponge cake traditionally of génoise batter baked in the shape of a scallop shell (9)
- 47 Forename of the mother of Richard II by her third husband Edward the Black Prince who was known as the Fair Maid of Kent (4)
- 48 Postage —; invented in adhesive form by Rowland Hill, items collected or studied in the pastime or hobby formerly known as timbrology (6)
- 51 Auk forming a "bazaar" with its own species or a "seabird city" with a myriad of others including razorbills, puffins and kittiwakes (9)
- 53 First —; finest quality of the clarity and lustre of diamonds and pearls (5)
- 54 Top of a page; upper end of a bed; source of a river; or, the leaves of a cabbage or lettuce collectively (4)
- 55 Used by the ancient Egyptians and medieval embroiders, a flax textile used in the present day for household textiles and summer clothes (5)
- 56 Tree growing as part of a quercetum with leaves symbolising the charity described in 14 Across (3)
- 57 Frames or racks used to position the balls in snooker and pool (9)

DOWN

- 1 Country with the capital Muscat (4)
- 2 Author whose portrait features on Bank of England £10 notes (6)
- 3 Spanish red pepper served stuffed with cream cheese as a tapas dish (8)
- 4 Horse's gait in which a rider may sit in the saddle or rise and sit according to the correct diagonals (4)
- 5 Novelist depicted in a painting by Henry Raeburn who wrote Rob Roy, Waverley and Ivanhoe (5)
- 6 Short blast of running, cycling, swimming or rowing at top speed (6)
- 7 Actor whose film roles include D. H. Lawrence, Richard III, Gandalf the Grey and Sherlock Holmes (8)
- 8 Gold or silver thread used for the embroidery on tussar silk sarees (4)

- 9 Lorna —; R. D. Blackmore's novel set in and around Exmoor (5)
- 12 16th-century Italian poet and courtier described in a play by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (5)
- 17 Argentinian dance adapted for ballroom with staccato moves, often to the anthem La Cumparsita (5)
- 19 Dial of a watch or a clock (4)
- 21 A herb used to make pesto (5)
- 22 Group of drying grain sheaves (5)
- 24 US artist who moved to Paris where she became friends with Edgar Degas and exhibited her paintings with the French Impressionists (7)
- 25 Collective noun for nightingales (5)
- 26 Word for the jack in bowls, a pool of money in poker or a young cat (5)
- 27 Forename of the younger sister of Princess Beatrice of York (7)
- 29 Actor who starred as Phileas Fogg in Around the World in 80 Days and wrote about his life in the memoir The Moon's a Balloon (5)
- 31 Group Theatre co-founder and author of Waiting for Lefty whose play The Country Girl was adapted into a film with Grace Kelly (5)
- 32 Leaf of grass; flat part of an oar; or, a runner on an ice skate (5)
- 34 Colour of cricketers' flannels, fantail doves or flags signifying surrender/truce; or, the author of the children's classic Charlotte's Web (5)
- 37 Country which is the world's second-largest producer of tea after China whose other exports include oil, gold, diamonds and cotton (5)
- 38 Paris —; the most recent novel by Sebastian Faulks, author whose French trilogy includes The Girl at the Lion d'Or and Birdsong (4)
- 40 Archipelago with a native breed of pony whose economy relies on fishing, farming, oil, tourism and knitted textiles including Fair Isle (8)
- 42 Theoretical physicist who developed the formula E=mc² (8)
- 45 English gold coin bearing a figure of Michael killing a dragon (5)
- 46 Nickname of Edward Elgar's Variation IX (Adagio) (6)
- 48 Interviewed by Lucy Worsley in 2015, former director of both the National Portrait Gallery and the V&A who wrote The Elizabethan Image and The Story of Britain (6)
- 49 Orchard fruits other than apples; or, the author of In the Place of Fallen Leaves and the West Country trilogy (5)
- 50 Anvil used by a tinsmith; or, an upright rod over which the strands are woven in willow basketry (5)
- 52 Hebridean island with an abbey founded by St Columba in 563 (4)
- 53 Engineer who improved Thomas Newcomen's steam engine (4)
- 54 Word for a large country house (4)

ANSWERS

ACROSS

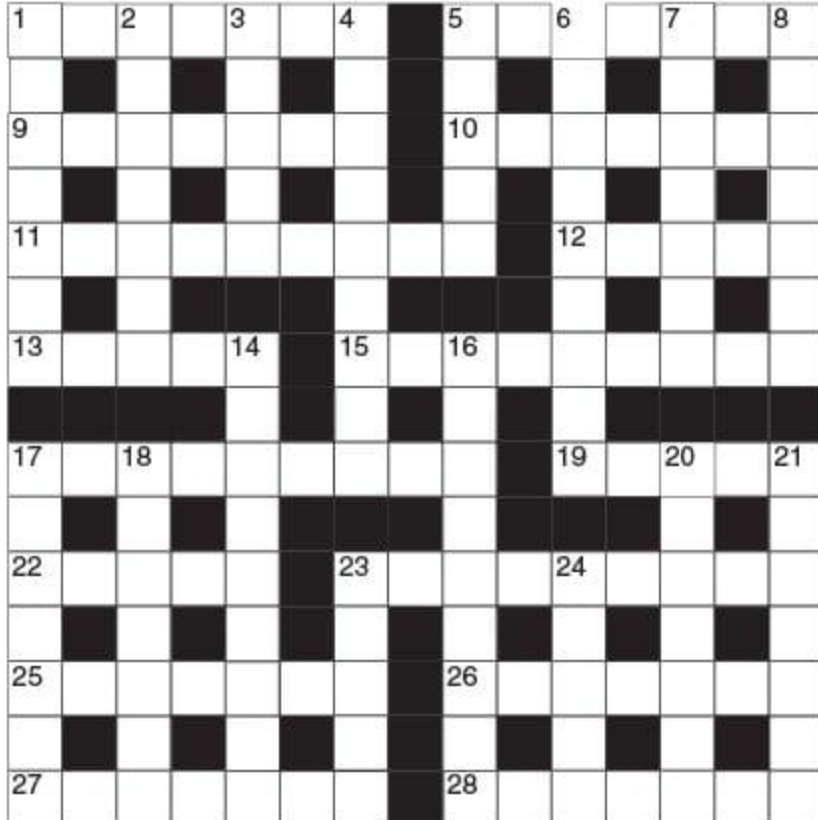
- 9 Du Maurier, 10 Cup, 11 Coast, 13 Moon, 14 Trust, 15 Tuileries, 16 Beeton, 18 Loft, 20 Stylebook, 23 Icon, 25 Woodcut, 26 Kingsley, 28 Scouting, 30 Boat, 31 Oology, 33 Wah-Wah, 35 Vole, 36 Hyperion, 39 Atkinson, 41 Dickens, 43 Duet, 44 Madeleine, 47 Joan, 48 Stamps, 51 Guillemot, 53 Water, 54 Head, 55 Linen, 56 Oak, 57 Triangles.

DOWN

- 1 Oman, 2 Austen, 3 Piquillo, 4 Trot, 5 Scott, 6 Sprint, 7 McKellen, 8 Zari, 9 Doone, 12 Tasso, 17 Tango, 19 Face, 21 Basil, 22 Stook, 24 Cassatt, 25 Watch, 26 Kitty, 27 Eugenie, 29 Niven, 31 Odets, 32 Blade, 34 White, 37 India, 38 Echo, 40 Shetland, 42 Einstein, 45 Angel, 46 Nimrod, 48 Strong, 49 Pears, 50 Stake, 52 Iona, 53 Watt, 54 Hall.

By arrangement with The Daily Telegraph

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 15115



ACROSS

- 1 Artist's picture? Animal, not a dicky-bird (7)
- 5 Expert upset swapping power with king (7)
- 9 Professional is enthralled by this compiler's potential (7)
- 10 Trendy teen's dancing is impassioned (7)
- 11 Getting smaller fish going round city in Germany (9)
- 12 Wind section's leader dances (5)
- 13 Understands frog's last disappearing croaks (5)
- 15 Former lover no oil painting, Edward rationalised (9)
- 17 Shocks us with riper bananas aboard ship (9)
- 19 Bare back in tremendous,

stimulating experience (5)

- 22 Supply problem is flipping EU's (5)
- 23 Cricketer going to main part of London (9)
- 25 US writer and editor getting hammered (7)
- 26 Clear five promissory notes with old boy first (7)
- 27 Justify diet, oddly, and give out food in restaurant? (7)
- 28 I stress about relatives (7)

DOWN

- 1 Liked tree outside university (7)
- 2 Opposes what bad pupils are given? (7)
- 3 Capture spies, we're told (5)
- 4 Cracks on English ships (3-6)
- 5 Pop star's time engaged in what

he might do? (5)

- 6 Breaks tin salver, unfortunately (9)
- 7 Large and tailless bird is light (7)
- 8 Doctor sees wound daughter bandaged (7)
- 14 Cave in ancient city ruins initially captured in poster (9)
- 16 Skin regularly covered by medicinal liquids gets spots (9)
- 17 Cut head on stone then slept (7)
- 18 Releases key on computer in regret, abashed at heart (7)
- 20 Food from Romeo is stuck on bottom of shoe (7)
- 21 Commends putting pressure on pay increases (7)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 23 Stir gallons in Cornish town (5)
- 24 Travel visa restricting the king (5)

By arrangement with The Daily Telegraph

JOIN US FOR THE

Grand Opening

of

INARRA

ATELIER

Labgrown Luxury

Step Into Our World of Labgrown Diamonds & Polki

24TH – 26TH JULY

11:30am onwards

📍 **BE-59, SECTOR 1, SALLAKE, KOLKATA**

☎ +91 9830031479 | 📱 @inarraatelier | 🌐 inarraatelier.com



Hernia is not just a hole — it's a disease of the abdominal wall

NEW ERA OF ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION (AWR)

Why some hernias need more than a routine repair

Most people think of a hernia as a simple swelling in the abdomen that can be fixed with a routine operation. While this is true for many small hernias, modern surgical science now recognizes that some hernias are far more complex. These large, recurrent, and neglected hernias represent a disease of the abdominal wall itself and often require a specialized procedure called Abdominal Wall Reconstruction (AWR).

Understanding Complex Hernias

A hernia occurs when there is a weakness or defect in the muscles of the abdominal wall, allowing tissues or intestines to protrude outward. Many hernias develop after previous abdominal operations and are known as incisional hernias.

Over time, these hernias can enlarge significantly, causing pain, poor posture, backache, reduced mobility, skin infections, digestive symptoms, and a visible abdominal bulge that affects daily life. In some patients, repeated failed surgeries lead to recurrent hernias that become increasingly difficult to repair.

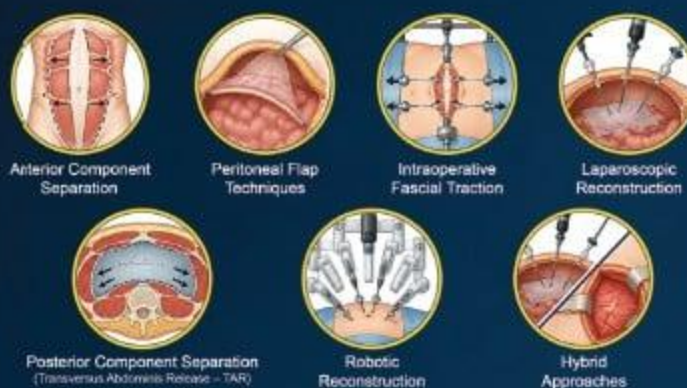
Beyond Conventional Hernia Surgery

Traditional hernia repairs are often suitable for small defects. However, large and complex hernias require a different approach.

Abdominal Wall Reconstruction is an advanced surgical specialty that focuses on restoring the anatomy, strength, and function of the abdominal wall, rather than simply covering a defect. AWR rebuilds the abdominal wall using specialized reconstructive techniques and mesh reinforcement to recreate a strong and functional abdominal core.

This approach has transformed outcomes for patients who previously had limited treatment options.

Advanced Techniques Used in Modern AWR



HERNIA & AWR PROGRAM @ DIGESTIVE SURGERY CLINIC

The Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Division at Digestive Surgery Clinic offers a comprehensive pathway for managing complex hernias, including advanced imaging, prehabilitation, robotic surgery, component separation techniques, loss-of-domain management, bariatric optimization, botulinum toxin therapy, and progressive pneumoperitoneum.

We at Digestive Surgery Clinic, have experience and infrastructure to perform all these procedures.

WE ARE THE PIONEER OF AWR IN INDIA AND ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING TO MANY SURGEONS AROUND THE GLOBE IN THIS DISCIPLINE.



DR. SARFARAZ BAIG (MS, FRCS, FMBS, FIAGES, FALS)

Dr Sarfaraz Baig is an internationally renowned Gastrosurgeon who is one of the pioneers in the field of hernia and abdominal wall reconstruction. His center is one of the referral centers in India for complex hernias. He has published many articles on the subject, written a widely read book on hernia across the globe, and is an invited faculty at international conferences. He is the President Elect of the Hernia Society of India and will assume office in 2027.



BEFORE

AFTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT

☎ 98300 06067 / 98307 51420 / 98301 57840 | 📧 info@digestivesurgeryclinic.com
📍 7B, Short Street, Kolkata - 700 017 | 🌐 www.digestivesurgeryclinic.com



12516

SUDOKU MODERATE

3			2	9	6	1		4
			7				6	
						3		
	5						2	6
2		8				4		7
7	6						9	
		4						
	7				5			
5		9	6	1	4			3

Fill in the 9x9 square grid with the numbers one to nine. The numbers should be arranged in such a way that each row, column and mini-grid contains one of each number. Solution to Sudoku 12514 is on the right

8	7	6	4	2	1	9	3	5
4	5	9	6	3	8	1	7	2
1	3	2	9	7	5	6	8	4
3	1	7	2	8	4	5	6	9
2	6	5	3	1	9	7	4	8
9	4	8	7	5	6	2	1	3
7	9	3	1	4	2	8	5	6
5	2	1	8	6	3	4	9	7
6	8	4	5	9	7	3	2	1

By arrangement with The Daily Telegraph Copyright: Michael Mephm 2005

12517

SUDOKU GENTLE

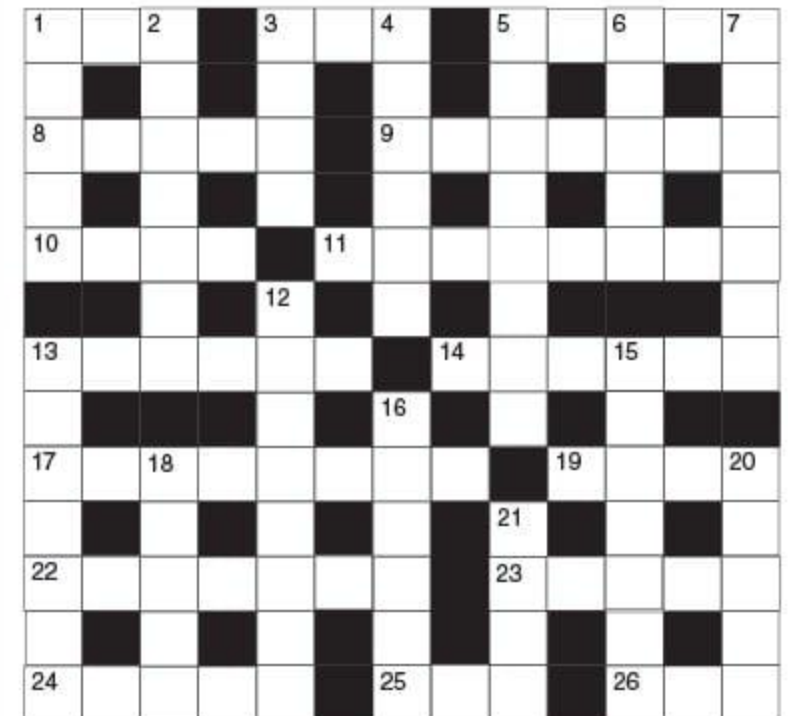
			8			1		4
9								3
	7			1	9		6	
		3	4	5				
7								6
				8	7	5		
	9		2	6			4	
3								9
		1	7		8			

Fill in the 9x9 square grid with the numbers one to nine. The numbers should be arranged in such a way that each row, column and mini-grid contains one of each number. Solution to Sudoku 12515 is on the right

9	7	2	1	5	4	6	8	3
5	4	6	2	3	8	9	7	1
1	8	3	6	7	9	5	2	4
6	2	8	3	4	5	7	1	9
3	9	1	7	6	2	4	5	8
4	5	7	9	8	1	3	6	2
2	6	4	8	9	7	1	3	5
7	1	5	4	2	3	8	9	6
8	3	9	5	1	6	2	4	7

By arrangement with The Daily Telegraph Copyright: Michael Mephm 2005

QUICK CROSSWORD 14767



- 1 Cut (grass) (3) 26 Natter (3) 7 Jumper (7)
 3 Sailor (3) **DOWN** 12 Show (8)
 5 Aimlessly wanders (5) 1 Type of parrot (5) 13 Anticipates (7)
 2 Injured (7) 15 Shouting (7)
 8 Hints (5) 3 Exam (4) 16 Goes inside (6)
 9 Contaminate (7) 4 Give an account of (6) 18 Blusher (5)
 10 Marries (4) 5 Dependable (8) 20 Jobs (5)
 11 Best (8) 6 Tickle (5) 21 Remain (4)
- Yesterday's solution**
 Across: 1 Yaw; 3 Fore; 5 Rear; 8 Laid-back; 10 Lung; 11 Err; 13 Erato; 14 Nosebleed; 16 Ewe; 17 Lea; 19 Alarm-bell; 21 Fever; 22 Ado; 24 Ulna; 25 Christen; 26 Dash; 27 Vain; 28 May.
 Down: 1 Yale; 2 Weir; 3 Fibreboard; 4 Recite; 6 Educable; 7 Regional; 9 Arrow; 12 Redemption; 14 New-found; 15 Servants; 18 Elide; 20 Asthma; 22 Atom; 23 Only.
- By arrangement with The Daily Telegraph

Jumble

David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OROED



SCEHS



RREFPE



NUEBCO



©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.



(Answers tomorrow)

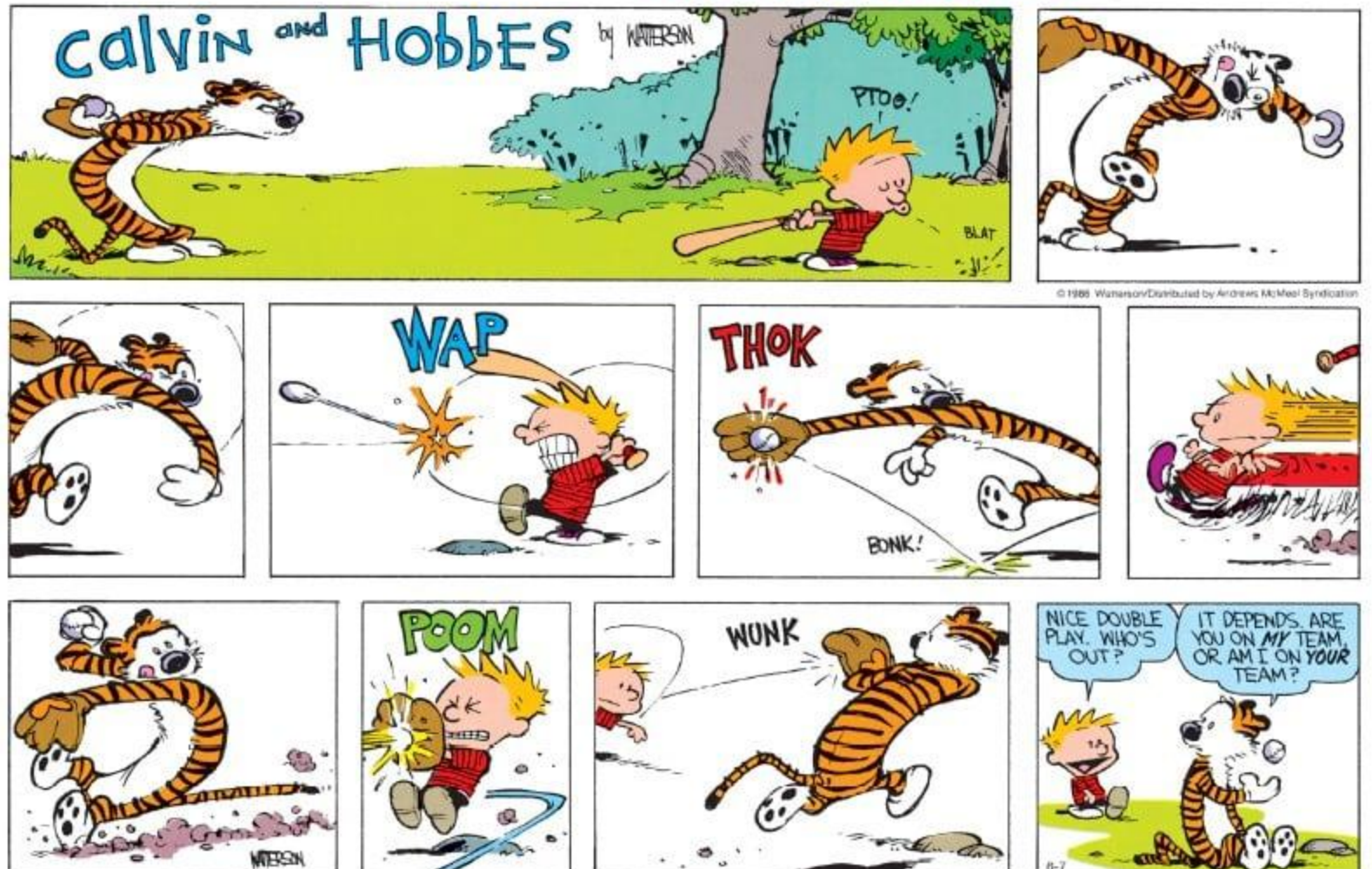
Yesterday's Jumbles: BRINK GROUT COPPER INHALE
 Answer: Before her upcoming speech in the legislature, the senator did much — "PREP-ORATION"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

COMICS

Calvin and Hobbes by Watterson



The Fusco Brothers
 by J. C. Duffy



A Voluntary Organisation of Sri Digamber Jain Samaj



SINCE - 1987

पुष्पांजलि

Puspanjali Ladies' Wing

Presents...

**PUSPANJALI
BAZAR**



Grand
Exciting
Exhibition



Our Inspiration Icon
DOLLY JAIN

**RAKHI &
SAWAN SHOPPING**

25th 26th JULY 2026

11am To 8pm

Venue

AJ'S BANQUET

5th Floor, G Center, 263, Rabindra Sarani
Kolkata - 700 007 (Near Ganesh Talkies)



Chief Guest

SAURAV HARIYANVI

Bollywood Actor / Producer

Awaiting your gracious presence

Sponsor



**EVER
GREEN**
be positive get positive



PRITAM
SWITCH ON THE GOOD TIMES
A Babli Bhai Creation®



SYTCO GROUP

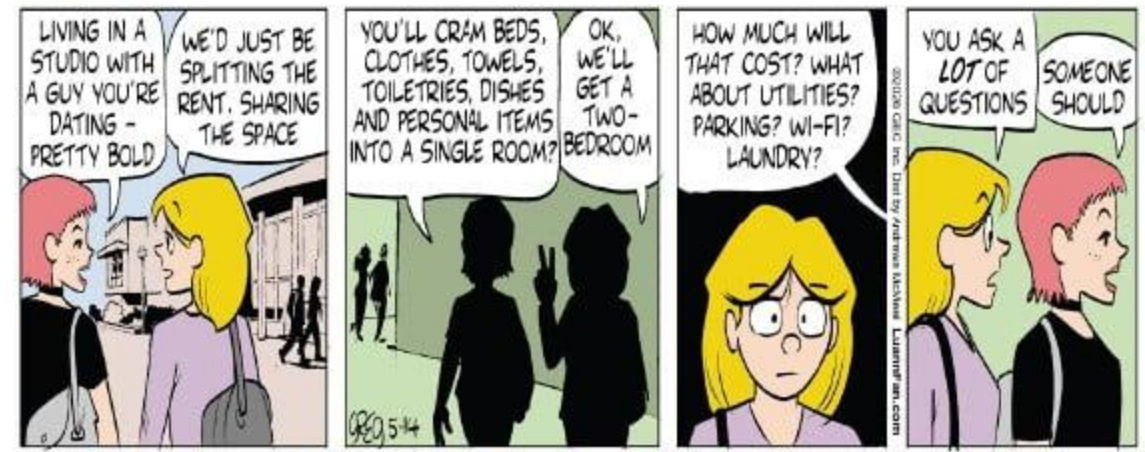
चक्रेश
सुपारी केशर



B.C. by Johnny Hart



Luann by Greg Evans



Baby Blues by Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



The Wizard of Id by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



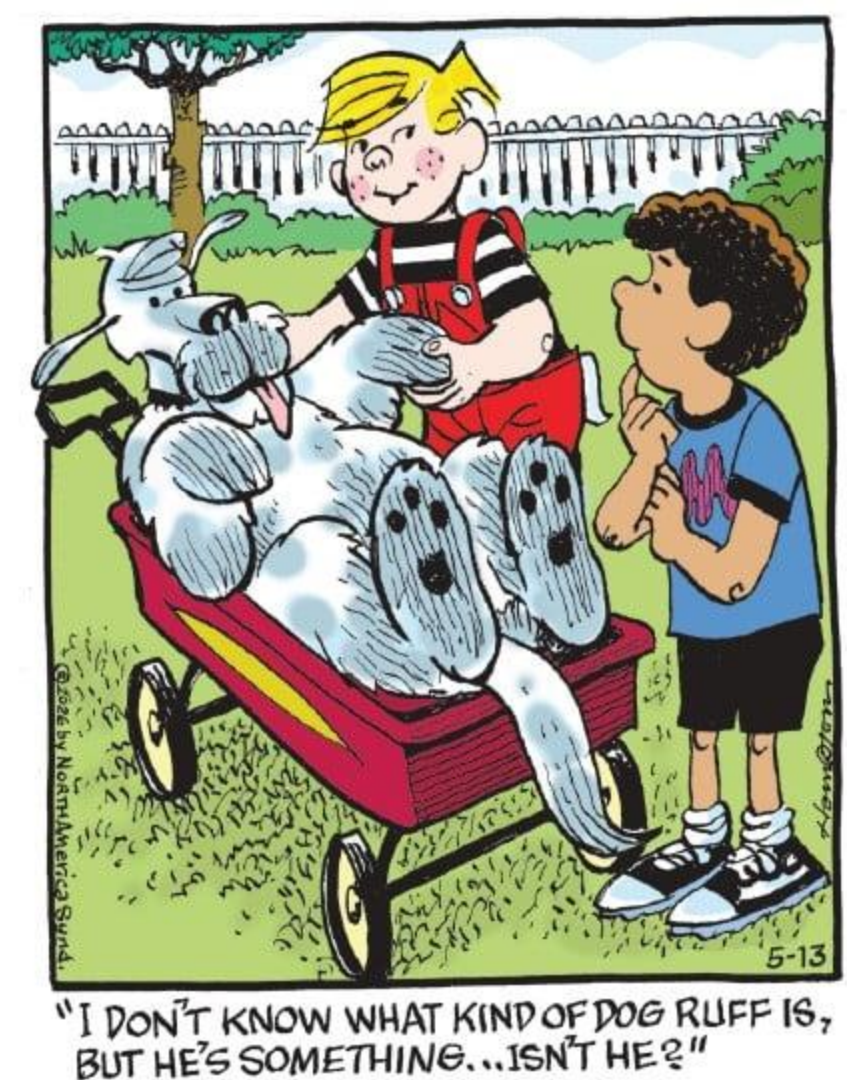
Hagar the Horrible by Chris Browne



Flash Gordon by Dan Schkade



Dennis the Menace



Doonesbury Classics by Garry Trudeau



chowman
serving happiness nationwide

ORIENTAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

22ND JULY ONWARDS

For Dine-in Only

AVAILABLE
across
ALL CITIES

Lobster, Octopus, Salmon, Pomfret,
Crab, Squid, Whole Beekti & many more

KOLKATA | BENGALURU | DELHI NCR | HYDERABAD | MUMBAI | CHENNAI



**Got the voice? Got the vibe?
Take over Kolkata's airwaves.**

**Join 91.9 Friends FM
RJ Hunt Season 10**

**If you're fluent in English, Hindi and Bengali with the
ability to build a digital presence, this is your moment!**

**To register, shoot a video in 30 sec. Type RJ Hunt 2026 <space> your name, location, age, phone
number and WhatsApp us on 8100919919 or DM on the official Facebook page of 91.9 Friends FM.**

**Thank You Kolkata for the overwhelming response.
If you haven't registered yet, do it now!**

Registration ends on July 31

NO.1 RADIO
FREQUENCY
IN CALCUTTA