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Biplab to lead India Bhutan parliamentary friendship group

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The Speaker of the Lok Sabha has nominated Biplab Kumar Deb, Member of Parliament from West Tripura, as the President of the India-Bhutan Parliamentary Friendship Group for the 18th Lok Sabha. Before being elected to the Lok Sabha, Deb served as Rajya Sabha member for a brief period and he was also the Chief Minister of Tripura. He is presently looking after the all-important West Bengal poll preparations for the BJP. The Parliamentary Friendship Group has been constituted in Parliament with Bhutan for the current Lok Sabha term to strengthen inter-parliamentary engagement and bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Apart from Deb, the members of the group include Kalaben

Modi to visit Israel on Feb 25-26 as 1st round of FTA talks begins



New Delhi, Feb 24 (IANS)

The first round of negotiations for the proposed India-Israel Free Trade Agreement (FTA) began in New Delhi and will continue until February 26, coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Israel on February 25-26, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Tuesday. The ministry said the timing of the talks provides fresh momentum to deepen economic ties between the two countries. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the agreement were signed in November 2025, creating a structured

framework for discussions aimed at expanding trade and economic cooperation. The FTA is expected to provide greater certainty and predictability to businesses, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and help unlock new opportunities across sectors. Total merchandise trade between India and Israel stood at \$3.62 billion in FY 2024-25. Both countries have complementary strengths in areas such as innovation, science and technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, high-tech manufacturing, agriculture and services. The ministry believes the agreement could

Tripura HRC takes cognisance of report of extortion by TTAADC MDC

Times News
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The Tripura Human Rights Commission has taken cognisance of a media report alleging that a Member of District Council (MDC) of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) extorted Rs 22 lakh from a government engineer and directed the police to examine the matter.

Following a news item published in the Pratibadi Kalam on February 23 a local newspaper, an order issued by the THRC chairperson Justice Arindam Lodh and member Udit Choudhury said the allegations involved public money meant for development works under the TTAADC. According to the report, Hangsa Kumar Tripura, an MDC under the TTAADC, allegedly extorted Rs 22 lakh by threatening

a government engineer. The amount was stated to have been sanctioned for construction of a 4-km road from ADC village in the tribal colony area to Bhagyamani Royapara under the Chawmanu Sub-zonal office. The report further alleged that the MDC threatened the concerned Executive Engineer to surrender the work order. "Having perused the above noted allegations published in the newspaper, the

Commission has taken a serious view of the matter since it involves public money and extortion of the looting of the said money were committed by Hangsa Kumar Tripura, a public representative," the order said. "The Commission has taken cognisance of the said news item," it added. The Commission requested the Director General of Police, Tripura, to lodge an FIR if the allegations published in the February

23 issue of the newspaper were found to be prima facie established. It also asked the DGP to submit a report within seven days on the action taken. The Chief Executive Member (CEM) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the TTAADC, the DGP, the Superintendent of Police of Dhalai district and the Officer-in-Charge of Chawmanu Police Station have been made necessary parties in the case. They have been asked to submit

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State Govt provided 20,248 jobs, says CM

Times News
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Chief Minister Prof. Dr. Manik Saha today said that, as promised to the people of the state, the present government is providing jobs with transparency and job offers are being distributed openly because employment is being given to unemployed youth in a transparent manner. Dr. Saha said this while offering TFS Grade-One Fishery Officer posts to 52 candidates at a function held at Pragya Bhavan. He said that the goal of every initiative of the government is public welfare. "Starting

Bus service to Kolkata via Dhaka resumes, Sushanta greets tourists

Times News
Agartala, Feb 24

Tripura Transport and Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury on Tuesday welcomed a passenger bus from Bangladesh at the Akhaura Integrated Check Post, Agartala, marking the resumption of the Agartala-Kolkata bus service via Dhaka after a hiatus of 15 months. Speaking to media



persons, the minister said, "Kolkata-Dhaka-Agartala bus service has resumed after a gap of 15 months. The bus which started its journey from Kolkata entered Agartala today." Referring to recent diplomatic developments, he said, "The Prime Minister of India has congratulated the new democratically elected government of Bangladesh. Lok Sabha speaker has attended the swearing in

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Meeting with Shivraj Singh Chouhan : Ratan seeks additional funds for farmers projects

Times News
Agartala, Feb 24

Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath today demanded additional expenditure allocation from the central government for the benefit

of the farmers of the state in various projects. He also requested facilitation for 30,000 hectares of hybrid paddy cultivation under the RKVY-DPR project in the financial year 2026-27. The Minister informed this during a financial review meeting of various central

projects of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare of Tripura for the current financial year, held through video conferencing under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan today. The Union Minister of Agriculture held this review

meeting with a total of 18 states, including Tripura. In the meeting, the Union Minister of Agriculture expressed satisfaction with the financial discipline and expenditure trends of the state. During the meeting, Minister Ratan Lal Nath

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Dog trafficking racket returns

Times News
Teliamura, Feb 24

Tripura is once again witnessing the resurgence of dog trafficking networks. The latest incident unfolded in the Champlai area under Mungiakami police station, where four to five indigenous breed dogs were discovered stuffed inside sacks and abandoned in the forest under the cover of night. On Tuesday morning, vigilant locals spotted the disturbing scene and immediately alerted Mungiakami police. Officers rushed to the site and launched a rescue operation. Soon after, Pawsome, a dog protection organization, arrived from Agartala and took custody of the animals. The rescued dogs are now being kept in safe shelter. Residents allege that local individuals are involved in this illegal trade, specifically naming Lonsa



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GB staff unpaid for 4 months

Times News
Agartala, Feb 24

Doctors and staff at the Trauma Care Centre of GBP Hospital have alleged that they had not received salaries for the past four months and warned of an indefinite work stoppage if the issue was not resolved immediately. According to the agitating employees, including four doctors among 22 staff members, salaries had been pending since November last year despite their continued duties. They claimed the AGMC administration had not provided a clear explanation for the delay. The prolonged non-payment caused severe financial hardship for the workers, who urged authorities to intervene.

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Tripura boy Pragyat Prasun's AI Innovation promises safer, smarter farming

Times News
Agartala, Feb 24

Tripura's young innovator Pragyat Prasun, a robotics enthusiast and world record holder from Badharghat, has unveiled a revolutionary AI-powered plant disease detection system at the prestigious AI Summit 2026 held at Bharat



Mandapam, New Delhi. Prasun's system combines computer vision

and machine learning algorithms to identify crop diseases in their earliest stages. "By detecting diseases early, farmers can take preventive measures that could save entire harvests and reduce the need for excessive pesticide use," he explained during his presentation. The technology promises to make farming safer, smarter, and more sustainable by reducing chemical

dependency, protecting yields, and cutting costs for farmers. This latest breakthrough adds to Prasun's impressive portfolio of practical solutions. He previously gained national recognition for his sewage-cleaning robot, which won first place at the National Science Exhibition. His ongoing projects include ice-based cooling systems for AI data centers and

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"...you are strong only as long as you don't deprive people of everything. For a person you've taken everything from is no longer in your power. He's free all over again."
- Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn

EDITORIAL

Tripura's stand in Power Sector!

The State Tripura has been placed in the lowest performance category i.e Band 'E'. The state scored 21.3 out of 100. The first ever regulatory assessment on the performance conducted by the Power Foundation of India in association with REC Limited revealed 11 states have secured the top Band 'A'. These include four from the Northeast; Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram, Sikkim have been placed in Band 'B' along with nine other states. Total 10 states, including Manipur and Nagaland, are in Band 'C'. Four states fall under Band 'D'. Tripura is the only state in Band 'E'.

Accordingly, the report evaluates five key parameters. These measures regulatory strength, financial discipline, consumer service standards and readiness for energy transition. The state registering moderate performance in Financial Health of DISCOMs, Consumer-Centric Reforms and Energy transition. But it scored zero in the critical parameter of Resource Adequacy and Regulatory Governance. The Resource Adequacy parameter carries the highest weight age of 32 percent. However, Tripura failed to score and left with zero heavily impacting the assessment score.

The report cites the absence of notified regulations, defined reserve margins and enforceable compliance mechanism. There are no approved multi-year capital expenditure plans. Experts warn that such gaps weaken long term planning. They increase risks during peak demand or supply disruptions. Resource adequacy is critical for grid stability and investor confidence. However, the overall score remains low. Financial stress distribution companies may affect infrastructure upgrades. Under Ease of Living and Doing Business, Tripura scored 7 out of 23. Though, the state performed better in maintaining supply quality. In Energy transition, Tripura secured 7 out of 15. It got zero out of 5 in Regulatory Governance.

Spiritual Umbrella

The concept of salvation in Judaism

Salvation is closely related to the idea of redemption – a saving from the state or circumstance that destroys the value of human existence. God, as the universal spirit and Creator of the universe, is the source of all salvation for humankind, provided we honour Him by observing His precepts. In other words, redemption or salvation depends on the individual. According to Judaism, salvation cannot be obtained through anyone else, or in believing in any outside power.

When faced with danger, evil and suffering, Jewish Prophets advised people to walk in the way of righteousness, to help the poor and needy and to repent for their sins and waywardness. There is a figurative passage in the 'Book of the Prophet Zechariah' in which Joshua, the High Priest, is standing before the Angel of the Lord, with Satan, the evil influence standing at his right hand to accuse him. Now, Joshua was clothed in filthy garments, symbolising the iniquities of people who hamper the completeness of redemption. The Lord enjoined that the filthy garments should be taken off the High Priest, and not only should he be clothed with clean robes, but a crown should be placed upon his head. In other words, what was symbolised was the removal of people's sin and resultant forgiveness that entitled them to redemption and a life of general felicity and security.

Salvation would also connote a society free of oppression, fear, hatred and threat of war, in a state of peace when people would live together in harmony and friendship. As the Psalmist puts it, "Behold, how good and how lovely it is when brethren dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133). What could be a nobler concept of salvation for humankind than the wonderful words of Prophet Isaiah, "And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more". This brings to mind the idea of the Messiah; as developed over centuries. The Jewish concept of Messiah visualises the return of Prophet Elijah as the harbinger who will redeem the world from war and suffering, leading humankind to universal brotherhood.

MESSAGE

"I prostrate to the Perfect Buddha,
The best of teachers, who taught that
Whatever is dependently arisen is
Unceasing, unborn,
Unannihilated, not permanent,
Not coming, not going,
Without distinction, without identity,
And free from conceptual construction."
- Nagarjuna

From Panini to the AI Stack: Delhi's AI Moment and the Logic of National Capability

By- Hardeep S Puri



When Panini reduced the chaos of spoken language into a compact, computable grammar, he proved something that still holds: intelligence is most powerful when it is expressed as structure. Nalanda took that instinct into institutions, building methods to debate, preserve, and transmit knowledge across borders. India's decision to host the India AI Impact Summit 2026 draws from the same civilisational impulse, because the next leap in technology is about systems that can learn, reason, and act at scale, and the world cannot afford a future in which only a few capitals decide how those systems are built. Held at Bharat Mandapam last week, the Summit was the first global AI summit hosted by a Global South nation, and no previous edition drew participation at this scale: over 20 heads of state, 60 ministers, more than 500 AI leaders from over 100 countries, and 300 exhibitors across ten thematic pavilions. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India is putting forward an organising idea of its own: sovereignty over data, inclusion by design, accountability by default. And it is inviting global capital to build here on those terms.

That idea finds its sharpest expression in the Prime Minister's M.A.N.A.V. vision: ethical guardrails, accountable governance, sovereignty over data so that the raw material of intelligence is not extracted the way commodities once were, broad access so that the benefits reach a farmer in Madhya Pradesh as surely as an engineer in Bengaluru, and legal validity so that every deployed system remains answerable to democratic scrutiny. His formulation about giving AI an open sky while keeping command in human hands draws a line many advanced economies have been reluctant to draw. Those principles now carry multilateral

weight through the Delhi Declaration, adopted at the summit and already being called the first major AI governance blueprint from the Global South; taking a development-oriented view, anchored in a techno-legal approach that favours flexible guardrails over rigid compliance. It organises global collaboration around three pillars: People, Planet, and Progress. Population-scale solutions like BharatGen, which supports 22 Indian languages, address the reality that most of the world does not operate in English. A proposed global Compute Bank, modelled on India's own subsidised GPU access at 1.65 per hour, lowers entry barriers everywhere. And the Declaration's insistence on data sovereignty directly challenges AI extractivism: the pattern in which developing nations' data is harvested to train models they must then pay to use.

What gives that framework its credibility is the decade of execution that precedes it, because this government did not arrive at AI through a white paper but through the most ambitious digital public infrastructure programme any democracy has undertaken. UPI processed over 228 billion transactions in 2025, worth roughly USD 3.4 trillion, nearly half the world's real-time digital payment volume, more than Visa processes globally. The JAM trinity has delivered over 1.348 lakh crore in welfare savings since 2015. No other country has built identity, payments, and entitlement delivery at this scale within a single policy arc, and that is the foundation on which India's AI moment stands. If the logic of digital public infrastructure was to connect every citizen to the state, the logic of AI infrastructure is to connect every citizen to capability, and here the numbers reveal a striking gap: India generates nearly 20 percent of the world's data but hosts roughly 3 percent of global data centre capacity. That gap is now being closed with the same intent that built UPI: fast, at scale, and with sovereign design. Consider what was announced in a single week at Bharat Mandapam.

Microsoft: USD 50 billion by 2030 for the Global South, with USD 17.5 billion already committed to India. Google: the America-India Connect initiative, anchored by USD 15 billion over five years. Amazon Web Services: USD 8.3 billion in Maharashtra. Adani Group: USD 100 billion toward renewable energy-powered AI data centres by 2035. Yotta Data Services: over USD 2 billion for one of Asia's largest AI computing hubs using Nvidia's Blackwell Ultra chips. Larsen & Toubro: a proposed venture with Nvidia to build India's largest gigawatt-scale AI factory. The IndiaAI Mission's national compute cluster has crossed 38,000 GPUs and is scaling to 58,000, available to startups at roughly one-third of global cost. The government's target of USD 200 billion in AI infrastructure investment over the next two years is not aspiration; the commitments already announced bring it within reach.

Ensuring that this investment becomes long-term structural advantage is the purpose of the Union Budget for 2026-27, which extends a tax holiday until 2047 for foreign companies using Indian data centres for global cloud services and commits USD 1.1 billion to a venture capital fund for AI and advanced manufacturing startups. The National Critical Mineral Mission, at over 1.34,000 crore, secures the lithium, cobalt, and rare earths that AI and semiconductor manufacturing depend on.

None of this matters, however, unless it reaches people. On the first day of the Summit, more than 2.5 lakh students took a pledge to use AI for responsible innovation, a number submitted for Guinness World Records recognition. Thirty Data and AI Labs are operational in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, the first wave of a planned 570-lab network, while AIKosh offers over 7,500 datasets and 273 models as shared public infrastructure. When this government took office India had 16 IITs; today there are 23. OpenAI's CEO disclosed that India is ChatGPT's second largest market, with 100 million weekly active users. The

consumption is here, and the production capability is catching up: three sovereign AI models were unveiled at the summit, including Sarvam AI's 105-billion-parameter large language model trained entirely on Indian compute and BharatGen's Param2, a 17-billion-parameter multilingual model supporting all 22 scheduled languages. These are not fine-tuned adaptations of foreign models; they are built from scratch on sovereign infrastructure. Equally telling is how partnerships are now structured, because they are no longer about licensing foreign technology but about co-building sovereign capacity. The Tata Group's strategic partnership with OpenAI, beginning with 100 megawatts of AI-ready data centre capacity under the Stargate initiative and scaling to one gigawatt, signals that Indian industry is moving from the demand side to the supply side of global intelligence. India's formal signing of the Pax Silica Declaration on the sidelines of the summit places it in the US-led coalition securing supply chains for AI, semiconductors, and critical minerals alongside Japan, South Korea, the UK, and Australia. The bilateral India-US AI Opportunity Partnership, signed alongside, commits both nations to pro-innovation approaches on critical technologies, while the India-France Year of Innovation in 2026 adds another axis organised around joint skilling and measurable outcomes. Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the first Global South nation to host the global AI summit series did not merely convene a conversation but laid out the terms on which it intends to compete: a Delhi Declaration that rewrites the rules of AI governance, digital infrastructure processing nearly half the world's real-time payments, investment commitments in the hundreds of billions, sovereign models built from scratch, and entry into the supply chain security architecture of the AI age. Panini's lesson was never complicated. Structure is intelligence. India is building that structure now.

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Do not take things personally to be happier!

Dr. Rajesh K Pillania



A lot of stress, loneliness, and unhappiness surrounds globally. Stress, loneliness, and unhappiness are significant challenges of life in the 21st century. The presence of digital technologies, instant media, and social media has added another layer of complexity to today's challenges. Among the many reasons for stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness, and unhappiness is the problem of taking things personally. This problem of taking things personally creates a lot of stress, anxiety, and anger. It can lead to numerous ripple effects such as disturbed sleep,

depression, loneliness, and long-term sadness. In the last 15 years of research on happiness, the author has encountered many people who take things personally. Surprisingly, many of these people are not even aware that they have this problem, and that it is causing them a lot of harm in terms of stress, anger, anxiety, depression, loneliness, unhappiness, and so on. This is not the right way to live life. A better way to live life is not to take things personally. It is easier said than done. How does one go about it? To keep it simple and easy to implement, follow these steps. There can be two broad scenarios. Scenario one: It is not about you. This is accurate many times. Many times, people comment, react, or behave in a certain way not because it is about you, but because it is about them—the position or role that one holds. Based on a person's position and role, they take

specific actions, and others react to them. It is not about the person; it is about the position one holds and the role one plays. With the role a person plays and the position they hold, others react accordingly. Their reactions are not directed at the person personally, but at the position or role. Based on that position or role, one behaves in a certain way, takes specific actions, or makes comments. It is not because it is about you; it is because of the position or role. With this clarity, one can think clearly and distance oneself from the situation. One can understand that this is not about them personally, and so does not take it personally. One can look at the situation more objectively, from a distance. Scenario two: it is about you. Sometimes you may be personally targeted, not because of your position or role, and even then, you

do not take it personally. You stay focused on what you want to do. If you have done your job sincerely, you can explain your position as clearly as possible. Beyond that, it is not in your control, so stop worrying about it. Whatever somebody thinks or says to you, let it be. By thinking in this way and engaging in meditation and breathing practices, one can cultivate the habit of not taking things personally. By doing so, one can address or minimise the harms of taking things personally. Even in the challenges of life of 21st century, it is possible not to take things personally and also build happier habits to live a happier life. **The author is a Professor of Strategy at the Management Development Institute, Gurgaon. He is popularly known as India's Happiness Professor and India's Happiness Guru.**

ASTRO TODAY

Aries: A group with which you're affiliated may be temporarily torn apart by politics and quarrels. If so, Aries, it's best to stay out of it. A friend could be having trouble and come to you for advice and help. Don't get too frustrated by his or her weaknesses. This could be a frustrating day for you - one best spent working on your own projects. All will be better tomorrow.

Taurus: Changes in your home could cause temporary frustration that creates some tension with family members. Perhaps you're moving, cleaning, or refurbishing, and everyone is getting in everyone else's way. The best way to handle this situation is to try to get the job done as quickly as possible. Once it's done, Taurus, tempers will subside and all will be fine.

Gemini: Miscommunication with someone far away could lead to bruised egos, heightened emotions, and angry phone calls. Don't get sucked into a quarrel, Gemini. Try to sort out the problem. Changes in your neighborhood could cause trouble getting around, so be prepared for blocked streets and heavy traffic. Walk, if you can. It will clear your head and get you where you're going more quickly.

Cancer: Your psychoanalytical talents could be put to work today when misunderstandings come up. Your friends aren't likely to be thinking clearly and may not respond to reassurances, Cancer. Use your intuition to determine the best way to defuse the situation. Finances might cause some worry now, but your ingenuity and fiscal sense should put things right. Go out and have a good time tonight.

Leo: A person you're attracted to may seem to be interested in someone else. This could bring up your insecurities and jealousy. Don't make yourself crazy, Leo. Try to learn the facts before letting the situation get the better of you. Invitations to more than one social event for the same night might force you to make an uncomfortable choice. Make the choice that's best for you.

Virgo: Someone is keeping secrets from you. We all have private issues we don't wish to share, Virgo, but this affects you. Your intuition will probably tell you who this person is. Try to get him or her to open up without exerting pressure. Unfinished tasks could be driving you crazy. You may try to run through them quickly, causing too much stress. Get the most crucial done and let the others go.

Libra: Perhaps you planned to attend a group event but circumstances beyond your control got in the way. Maybe it was canceled. This could cause some disappointment for you and others, Libra. Find something else to do. A project of your own is likely to need some attention, and this challenge could keep you engrossed for hours. Tonight, treat yourself to dinner out.

Scorpio: A visitor who needs a little sympathy could visit you today. Your friend probably wants some advice about some problems. He or she could also bring information involving new scientific or metaphysical studies that you find fascinating. This information could trigger your own insights. Write down your ideas. You will want to remember them.

Sagittarius: Some important plans, perhaps for a vacation or involving education in some way, could be temporarily blocked by circumstances beyond your control, Sagittarius. This can cause considerable upset and might even set your temper on edge. You may be tempted to take your frustrations out on others. It would be far more productive to find ways to make your plans work, even if there's a delay. Go to it.

Capricorn: A letter or phone call could bring upsetting news about money, Capricorn. Your first reaction may be to blame yourself or someone else, but the circumstances are probably beyond anyone's control. Chances are good that it can be set right. Before anyone gets too upset, it's best to investigate and find out what needs to be done. It may take some effort, but all will be well.

Aquarius: Jealousy could rear its ugly head today, Aquarius. This may involve a romantic relationship. Jealousy is often groundless. If you want to avoid an upset, try a little communicating. This is definitely the time to make the effort to turn a disadvantage into an advantage. Strong emotions can work for you under some circumstances.

Pisces: Nervous tension could cause a temporary malaise that keeps your energy low today. Tasks and chores need to be done, Pisces, so you will probably drag yourself up and try to finish them in spite of the way you feel. Try not to get overworked, and try not to take your weariness out on others. It's better to let work go than make yourself and everyone else more stressed out.

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Daring theft in warehouse; 2 tons of rubber, cash looted

Times News
Teliamura, Feb 24: A daring theft occurred late Monday night at a rubber dealer's warehouse in the Madhya Brahmachara area under Teliamura police station, leaving the local business community shocked. Reportedly, a gang of thieves allegedly broke into the warehouse of rubber trader Rajkumar Sarkar and made away with a large quantity of rubber and cash. The incident was discovered by the businessman on Tuesday morning when he visited the warehouse. He reportedly expressed shock at the scale of the theft and immediately informed the Teliamura police. Sarkar alleged that the gang stole approximately two tons of rubber sheets, with an estimated market value of over Rs 3 lakh, along with around Rs 1 lakh in cash. Speaking to the media, Sarkar urged the authorities to swiftly identify the culprits and recover the stolen rubber and cash.

Bengal govt assures assistance to judges after receiving bomb threat in seven courts

Kolkata, Feb 24 (IANS) A bomb threat was sent to seven courts in West Bengal, including the Calcutta High Court, through e-mails, causing panic among judges and lawyers on Tuesday, police said. Following the bomb threat, the state administration hastily called a high-level meeting in State Secretariat. West Bengal Chief Secretary Nandini Chakraborty, in a press conference, said: "The security in the courts is the responsibility of the state government. There is no reason to panic." The State Chief Secretary, on Tuesday, appealed to the general public not to listen to rumours.

School leads awareness drive against pollution

Times News
Agartala, Feb 24. An awareness rally and sit-and-draw competition on environmental pollution was organised on February 20, 2026 by the Eco-Science Club of Noagaon Tairajkari High School, Hezamura to promote environmental consciousness among students and the local community. The programme began at 11 am with an awareness rally that marched through the areas surrounding the school. Students actively participated in the rally, raising slogans and spreading messages on the importance of protecting the environment and reducing pollution. The initiative aimed to sensitise people about the growing threat of environmental degradation and the need for collective action to preserve nature. As part of the programme, a sit-and-draw competition was also conducted on the theme of environmental pollution. Students enthusiastically showcased their creativity

Eyes on West Bengal, Assam polls: Jute MSP hiked

Special Correspondent

New Delhi, Feb 24: With upcoming Assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam in mind, the Narendra Modi government on Tuesday raised the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of Raw Jute for Marketing season 2026-27 to benefit the growers in these two poll-bound states.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister.

Briefing mediapersons after the meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the decision will benefit jute growers, especially in West Bengal and Assam. India is one

of the largest producers of raw jute in the world.

The MSP of Raw Jute (TD-3 grade) has been fixed at Rs. 5,925/- per quintal for 2026-27 season. This would ensure a return of 61.8 percent over the all India weighted average cost of production. The announced MSP of raw jute for Marketing season 2026-27 is in line with the principle of fixing MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times all India weighted average cost of production as announced by the Government in the Budget 2018-19. The MSP of Raw Jute for Marketing season 2026-27 is an increase of Rs.275/- per quintal over the previous Marketing season 2025-26. Government has increased MSP of Raw jute from Rs.2400/-per quintal in 2014-

15 to Rs.5,925/- per quintal in 2026-27, registering an increase of Rs.3,525/- per quintal (2.5 times).

The MSP amount paid to jute growing farmers during the period 2014-15 to 2025-26 was Rs. 1342 Crore while during the period 2004-05 to 2013-14, amount paid was Rs. 441 Crore. The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) will continue as Central Government Nodal Agency to undertake Price Support Operations and the losses incurred, if any, in such operations, will be fully reimbursed by the Central Government. The Election Commission is likely to announce the schedule for Assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam, besides certain other states, next month.

Sudhangshu lays focus on timely delivery of benefits & rapid implementation of schemes

Times News

Agartala Feb 24: A district-level review meeting was held at the State Guest House conference hall, on Tuesday, bringing together officials from the Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD), Fisheries Department, and Scheduled Caste Welfare Department, along with elected representatives of West Tripura district. Minister

for ARDD, Fisheries and SC Welfare, Sudhangshu Das, presided over the session. In his address, Minister Das stressed the importance of ensuring that all beneficiaries under various departmental schemes in West Tripura receive government facilities within the stipulated timeframe. He further emphasized the need for speedy implementation of projects already undertaken by

the departments. "We are closely examining whether benefits are reaching the people on time, and we are committed to accelerating the execution of ongoing schemes," he stated. The meeting witnessed detailed discussions on the progress of initiatives across sectors, with a focus on bridging gaps in delivery and strengthening accountability. Prominent attendees included West Tripura.

MLA alleges obstruction to streetlight project

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: An opposition party MLA has alleged that a group of persons obstructed installation of streetlights taken up under the MLA Area Development (BRUP) fund in his own constituency and sought police action in the matter. Nayan Sarkar, CPIM MLA from Bamutia Assembly constituency, submitted a complaint alleging that two streetlights were sanctioned in Navagram panchayat area under the BEUP (Bidh ayakElakaUnnayanPrakalpa) scheme. According to the complaint, on February 20, workers

engaged by the contractor began installation work in a densely populated village located behind the Chintaharan Debnath Anganwadi Centre under Navagram panchayat. One street light was installed successfully with assistance from locals, he said. However, while work on the second streetlight was under way, a few persons allegedly arrived at the spot and forcibly stopped the work. The MLA named four persons — Bikash Das, Utpal Das, Karan Bhattacharjee and Tapas Chowdhury — all residents of Uttar Ramnagar, accusing them of preventing the workers from continuing

the installation. Sarkar alleged that the accused persons pressured the contractor to dismantle the already installed streetlight and threatened that no development work under the MLA fund would be allowed in the area in future. He stated that the locality remains poorly lit at night and that installation of streetlights was necessary for public safety and convenience. In his complaint, the MLA sought registration of an FIR under relevant sections for obstruction of government work, damage or removal of public property and criminal intimidation, and requested appropriate legal action.

School leads awareness drive against pollution

through drawings that highlighted issues such as air and water pollution, deforestation, and the importance of keeping the surroundings clean and green. On the occasion, two teachers, Jatan Debnath and Sarmistha Paul, were appreciated for their sincere efforts in maintaining a green and eco-friendly school environment. Their contribution towards environmental activities in the school was widely acknowledged. At the end of the

programme, prizes were distributed to the participants of the sit-and-draw competition. Sweets were also shared among students and staff members to mark the successful completion of the event. Headmaster Gautam Das expressed his gratitude to the Eco-Club Convener, Poli Debnath, and all the teachers and students for their wholehearted cooperation in making the programme a success.

International conference calls for human-centric framework for AI development

Times News

Agartala, Feb 23: A two-day international conference on "Digital Society and Human Values: Reimagining Integral Humanism in the AI Era" concluded at the Dr B R Ambedkar International Centre here on Sunday, with speakers underlining the need to align artificial intelligence (AI) development with ethical and human-centric principles. The conference, held from February 22 to 23, was organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya ShaikshikMahasangh (ABRSM) in collaboration with the Shaikshik Foundation and DeenDayalUpadhyaya College, University of Delhi. Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasad, addressing the inaugural session, said AI development must be inclusive and focused on human welfare. Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Vice Chancellor Alok Kumar Chakraborty said AI should serve as an assistive tool and not replace human moral and intellectual responsibility.

Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, who attended as chief guest, said legal and ethical frameworks governing AI must remain rooted in human welfare. He said the vision of a developed India included leadership in digital innovation anchored in human values. According to organisers, more than 800 researchers and academicians participated in the conference. Over 250 research papers were presented, of which 54 were selected for publication, including two from Tripura. Dr Arjun Gope, Associate Professor at Ramthakur College and North-East KshetraPramukh of ABRSM, served as a resource person in a technical session.

TET-2 qualified candidates detained during protest

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: A group of TET-2 qualified job aspirants were arrested by Agartala Police on Tuesday after they gathered in Agartala demanding immediate recruitment. The protesters, who cleared the 2024 TET-2 examination, said they were marching to meet the Director of Elementary Education when police stopped them on the

way. Later, a second attempt to reach the Finance Department also ended in detention, as police officials intercepted them at Orient Chowmuhani area. The candidates alleged that whenever they try to meet the Education Minister or visit the Elementary Education Department, they are treated "like criminals" and forcibly removed. Many said they have already crossed or are dangerously close to crossing

the upper age limit for government jobs and urged Chief Minister and Education Minister Dr Manik Saha to intervene before they become permanently ineligible. Protesters argued that despite a severe shortage of teachers across various schools in the state, hundreds of qualified TET-2 candidates still remain unemployed. They demanded an increase in vacancies and recruitment of all eligible candidates.

Fatal assault: Elderly woman dead

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: An elderly lady breathed her last at GB Pant hospital on Tuesday morning after being brutally assaulted by miscreants at her own residence located near Banikya Chowmuhani area. Prima facie evidence suggests that the perpetrators entered her residence with the motive to commit a robbery, police sources said.

The deceased had been identified as Raj Laxmi Bardhan (75). She used to stay with her son Uttam Bardhan. On Monday, her son went out as per his usual routine to handle his shop located at Banikya Chowmuhani at around 9 am in the morning. "He returned home at around 4 pm in the evening to discover his mother lying at the doors of their home with her legs and hands tied. She suffered grave head

injuries. She was immediately shifted to GB Pant hospital for treatment. A police case was also lodged with the Bodhjungnagar police station, in connection with the incident. While being treated at the hospital, she passed away on Tuesday morning," a police official said. According to the statement of the deceased person's son, two bangles and earrings of the deceased are missing.

Sakhi Shilpa Mela to showcase women entrepreneurs in Rupaichari Block

Times News

Sabroom, Feb 24: The Rupaichari Rural Development Block in South Tripura is set to host the "Sakhi Shilpa Mela, 2026" with self-help group (SHG) women entrepreneurs. The two-day fair will be held on February 26 and 27, running daily from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM, said Block Development Officer Pritam Debnath on Tuesday. Speaking at a press conference the BDO informed that the fair will provide SHG women a platform to showcase and sell their handicrafts, bamboo and cane products, traditional attire, clay items, spices, pickles, honey, dry foods, chocolates, and more. The event will enable the participants to directly connect with buyers and earn fair prices for their products.

He added that the fair is not just a commercial initiative, but also a platform for cultural exchange. Visitors will be able to enjoy local folk songs, dances, and other cultural performances that highlight the rich heritage of the region. The primary aim of the "Sakhi Shilpa Mela" is to strengthen the rural economy, boost women's confidence, and promote self-reliance among the participants. Rupaichari Block currently hosts 607 women's self-help groups, and with the support of TRLMS, many of these groups have made significant financial progress. So far, around 1,500 women have achieved notable success, with bank loans and revolving funds being disbursed promptly. Additionally, TRLMS has launched a major project in collaboration with IIM Kolkata aimed at nurturing rural women into millionaire or crore-pati entrepreneurs. The "Sakhi Shilpa Mela, 2026" is expected to provide SHG women in Rupaichari a fresh pathway toward economic empowerment, confidence-building, and self-reliance, while celebrating the cultural richness of the region.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 18.03.2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-
 WEST TRIPURA, GANDHIGHAT AGARTALA, 13506070037499.

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of NEFT/RTGS on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9072607147. Authorised Officer For Manappuram Finance Ltd

ESAF
 REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhavan, Mannuthy, Thrissur- 680 651, Kerala.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

DATE OF AUCTION: 07-03-2026 **TIME: 11am to 6 pm**

AUCTION VENUE: Through e-Auction

AUCTION ADDRESS: https://gold.matexnet.org/
Contact Number: 9944171360 / 9843312694

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site

BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
Udaipur: 63250000080726, 1713770, 1754592.

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction. Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD before participating in the auction.

Thiruvananthapuram Sd/-
 Date: 25-02-2026 Authorized Signatory

PRESS NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NO: e-PT-80/EE/RD/KGT/DIV/2025-26 Dt. 21/02/2026

On behalf of the Governor of Tripura, The Executive Engineer, R D Kumarghat Division, Kumarghat, Unakoti, Tripura invites percentage rate e-tender on double bid system from the eligible bidders up to 3.00 P.M. of 02/03/2026 for 01 (One) no works. For details visit website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in/> eprocure.gov.in and may contact at ph. No.9612590474 (M) e-mail-een1kgt@gmail.com. Any subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only.

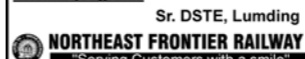
Executive Engineer
 RD Kumarghat Division
 Kumarghat, Unakoti, Tripura

ICA/C/4506/26

PROVISION OF POWER SUPPLY REDUNDANCY

E-Tender No.: SNT-42-LMG-2025-26; Dated: 20-02-2026. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work.

Name of work: Provision of Power Supply redundancy of both system of BPAC (HASSDC/Dual SSDAC) at stations of Lumding Division. Tender Value: ₹ 57,77,89,732.66; Bid Security: ₹ 4,39,000.00; E-tender will be Closed at 15:00 hrs. on 17-03-2026 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 17-03-2026. For details visit: www.ireps.gov.in

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The Chief Executive Officer, Bishalgarh Municipal Council, Tripura invites e-Tender against Press NIT No. 06/BMC/BLG/2025-26, Dated-18/02/2026

Sl.No	NAME OF THE WORK	ESTIMATED COST	EARNEST MONEY	TIME FOR COMPLETION In months	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR DOCUMENT DOWNLOADING AND BIDDING	TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF BID
1	DNIEt No:- 81/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	4,97,774.00	9,955.00	06	Up to 15.00 hrs on 05/03/2026 At 15.30 hrs on 05/03/2026	05/03/2026
2	DNIEt No:- 91/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	1,34,191.00	2,684.00	06		
3	DNIEt No:- 79/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	2,09,469.00	4,190.00	06		
4	DNIEt No:- 78/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	2,28,417.00	4,570.00	06		
5	DNIEt No:- 93/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	1,42,084.00	2,842.00	06		
6	DNIEt No:- 90/BLG-MC/DNIEt/2025	1,92,784.50	3,856.00	06		

Details tender notice and Draft NIT can be seen in the office of the Bishalgarh Municipal Council, Sepahijala Tripura and kindly visit: <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>

ICA/C/4502/26

Dy. Chief Executive Officer
Bishalgarh Municipal Council
Sepahijala, Tripura

MEMORANDUM

In reference to the letter received from the District Magistrate and Collector, West Tripura District and various subsequent order of Deputy Director UIDAI, RO Guwahati & foreigner Regional Registration Officer, Kolkata regarding Citizenship status of Aadhaar Card holder the hearing of below noted persons is hereby scheduled in the office of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate Sadar, West Tripura on 28.02.2026 from 11:00 AM onwards.

Sl.No	Name of the person	Address of the person
1	Sunil Kumar Sen, S/O- Ajit Kumar Sen	Chhinalhani, Airport Singarbil, Agartala.
2	Md. Samim Shekh, S/O-Majibur Shek	Madhya Bhubanban, Barjala, Agartala.
3	Chandan Deb, S/O- Lt. Narendra Chandra Deb	113, Lankamura, Madhya Para Near Bibuti Majumder Para, I.C.D.S.
4	Bappi Saha, S/O-Pabitra Saha.	01, Town Pratappgarh, Agartala
5	Utpal Das, S/O- Ranjit Das	Jogendranagar, Agartala
6	Soma Banik, W/O- Bishnu Banik	Ramnagar, Road No.04, Agartala.
7	Bimal Mahajan, S/O- Nishi Mahajan	Ramnagar Road No.04, Agartala.
8	Md. Firoz Miah,	Noya Para, Rayermura, Agartala. Pin -799130.
9	Sanjit Karmakar,	Aralia, Shilb Mandir Para, Agartala.
10	Ram Shankar Bhattacharjee	Aralia, Agartala, PinNo-799004.
11	Smt. Subhashree Bhattacharjee,	Chowmahani Bazar, Dukli, Agartala, 799130.
12	Swapna Bhattacharjee	Chowmahani Bazar, Dukli
13	Malina Rani Das, W/O-Ranjit Chandra Das	East Dukli, Purba Pratappgarh, Agartala.
14	Biswanath Sarkar, S/O- Abinash Sarkar	Hospital Road, Ishanchandra Nagar, Dukli, Agarala Pin 799002.
15	Anik Barman,	Malaynagar, VTC Renters Colony, Agartala West Tripura.

In this regard, the person in the column No.2 as mentioned above are hereby requested to remain present in the hearing personally as per scheduled as aforesaid along with all original supporting documents

In this case of absence of the concerned person from rules/act the date of hearing without any step, decision shall be taken in his/her absence as per the provision of law in force.

This is issued for information and compliance of all concerned.

ICA/D/2042/26 Sub-Divisional Magistrate
Sadar, West Agartala

Expression of Interest (EOI) for reconditioning and overhaul of ISNR factory at Takmacherra

Expression of Interest is invited on behalf of TFDPC Ltd by the Divisional Manager, Factory Division T.F.D.P.C.Ltd invites Expression of interest from technically eligible and qualified vendors /manufacturers/ Companies/ of India origin on behalf of TFDPC Ltd. For detail study and reconditioning and overhaul of TSR (ISNR Factory) Factory at Takmacherra. Interested bidders may apply physically or sent their quotation through registered post or courier before 4 PM on 01/03/2026. Ref.F.2-16/ ISNR/TKM/FCFD-2025-26/9211-9215 dated 20/02/2026 FOI documents are available in the website www.tfdpc.tripura.gov.in. The EOI will be received up to 01/03/2026.

(ZINDA DEBBARMA, TFS)
 Divisional Manager
 Factory Division, Takmacherra

PNIT NO: - 56/EE/RD/SNMD/2025-26, Dt. 20/02/2026

The Executive Engineer, RD Sonamura (Dhanpur) Division, R D Department, Sepahijala District, Tripura invites percentage rate e-tender (single stage two bid) in Tripura PWD Form No. 7 from eligible bidders up to 3.00 P.M. of 26/02/2026 for 1 (One) no(s). Construction work amounting to Rs 43,30,842.00 approx. For details, visit website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>, Queries related to this PNIT may be sent to the email: cerdsonamura@rediffmail.com. Any subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only.

ICA/C/4508/26 Executive Engineer
R D Sonamura
(Dhanpur) Division
M: 8974406541

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Trump administration tightens scrutiny of foreign funds to universities

Washington, Feb 24 (IANS) The Trump administration announced a renewed effort to scrutinise billions of dollars in foreign funding flowing into American universities, framing the move as a matter of transparency and

Act is a long-standing statutory provision designed to give Americans transparency and afford public accountability regarding foreign influence and foreign funding pouring into our universities,"

uneven. "Unfortunately, enforcement of those obligations has not always been consistent," Rogers said.

According to the Education Department, American colleges and universities reported receiving over \$5.2 billion from foreign entities in 2025 alone. Since 1986, foreign entities have contributed nearly \$67 billion. Nicholas Kent, Under Secretary of Education, said the effort was not intended to block foreign investment in higher education. "This isn't a ban on foreign

following the growing academic and research partnerships between India and the United States — the scope of the reporting requirement is notable. When asked whether funding from foreign corporate entities such as Tata would fall under the statute, Paul Moore, Deputy General Counsel at the Education Department, clarified that reporting applies to "foreign individuals, foreign governments" and funding of \$250,000 or more from a single source over a reporting year.

Country-level data discussed at the briefing showed that in 2025, China accounted for approximately \$530 million in reported funding, and the United Kingdom for about \$630 million. The list is being led by Qatar with a whopping \$1.2 billion. The renewed enforcement drive follows earlier findings by a bipartisan Senate panel that described foreign funding reporting in higher education as "essentially a black hole", with at least 70 per cent not reported at the time. Moore said past reviews had found that Yale went four years without filing a report despite having "hundreds of millions in reportable transactions",

and that Harvard's "institutional compliance structure was found to be very insufficient". Nineteen civil investigations were launched previously to improve compliance, he said, adding that non-compliance rates had since fallen to about 35 per cent. The State Department's involvement, officials said, reflects concerns about research security and intellectual property. Rogers cited the possibility of "foreign governments subsidizing the presence of their students in certain kinds of research with sensitive IP applications" as one reason transparency is necessary. The initiative comes at a time when global competition in advanced technologies — including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and biotechnology — has sharpened scrutiny of cross-border academic collaboration. For India, whose universities and technology firms are deepening partnerships with American institutions, the administration's emphasis on disclosure signals a policy environment that is wary of foreign influence but stops short, for now, of restricting it outright.



national security rather than a restriction on international academic ties. In a joint appearance, senior officials from the Departments of Education and State unveiled a new public reporting portal designed to make it easier for universities to disclose foreign gifts and contracts — and for the public to examine them. "Section 117 of the Higher Education

Sarah Rogers, Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, told a group of reporters here. The provision, added to the Higher Education Act in 1986, requires institutions receiving federal funds to report foreign gifts and contracts totaling more than \$250,000 from a single source in a calendar year. But officials said compliance has been

money. It is a reporting requirement for foreign money," Rogers added. Kent described the initiative as "shining a flashlight" on foreign funding, arguing that lawmakers, researchers, and the public should be able to assess whether such funding carries "influence" or conditions. For Indian observers — particularly those

New Bangladesh PM faces delicate balancing act on trade ties with US and China

New Delhi, Feb 24 (IANS) Bangladesh, under new Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, faces structural

could see tariffs revert to 37 per cent from the 19 per cent to which they have been lowered. Bangladesh

extended zero-tariff access to Bangladeshi exports alongside several other least developed

challenges in balancing the US and China trade ties as both are vital economic partners, a new report has said. The Nikkei Asia report said that "onerous terms" of a US trade deal have highlighted how Rahman "faces a delicate balancing act" when it comes to ties with Washington and Beijing as the two vie for influence in his country. While American is touting market access, security cooperation and regulatory leverage, China is offering infrastructure, industrial integration and



is also expected to cooperate with U.S. export controls and sanctions. "If Washington introduces new trade or border measures on economic or national security grounds, Dhaka is required to consult and may need to adopt corresponding steps," said the report. Chinese FDI stock in Bangladesh reached about \$3 billion. Meanwhile, Beijing has also

countries. According to Faiz Sobhan, senior research director at the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute in Dhaka, navigating the current polarised world of great-power rivalry will be structurally more challenging for Bangladesh. Meanwhile, Bangladesh is heavily dependent on exports to the US market.

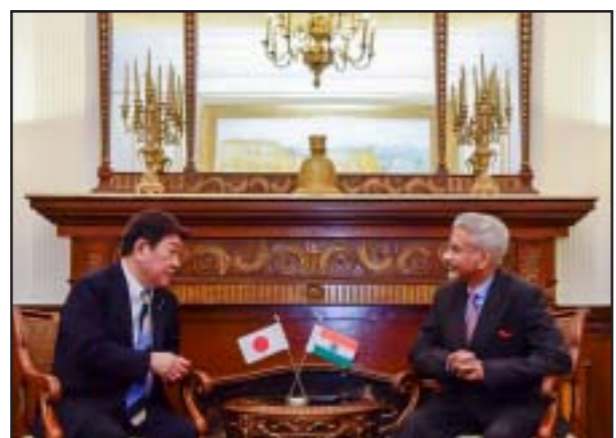
'Look forward to strengthening ties with India': Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi

Tokyo, Feb 24 (IANS) Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi on Tuesday thanked External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar for his congratulatory message on his reappointment to the post and stated that he is looking forward to strengthening bilateral ties with India and realising a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP). Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs shared Toshimitsu Motegi's statement on X.

of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Look forward to working together to advance our Special Strategic and Global Partnership." Earlier, on February 8, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Special Strategic and Global Partnership plays a vital role in enhancing global peace, stability and prosperity. I am confident that under your able leadership, we will

warm congratulations on the House of Representatives election. I look forward to continuing to work together with you to strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between Japan and India and to cooperate in realising a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)," Takaichi posted on X. Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party secured a two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives election held on February 8. The LDP is the first party in postwar Japan to cross the two-thirds majority line of 310 seats in the 465-member lower house, Japan's Kyodo News reported.



"I appreciate your congratulatory message on my reappointment. I look forward to continuously working with you S Jaishankar to strengthen bilateral relations and to realize a 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)'. Minister for Foreign Affairs MOTEGI Toshimitsu," the statement read. Motegi's statement came in response to EAM Jaishankar's congratulatory message on his reappointment as Japan's Foreign Minister. In a statement shared on X, EAM Jaishankar wrote, "Congratulate FM Toshimitsu Motegi on his reappointment as Minister

congratulated Sanae Takaichi on her victory in Japan's House of Representatives election. In his message, PM Modi expressed confidence that he and Takaichi will continue to take the friendship between India and Japan to greater heights. "Congratulations, Sanae Takaichi, on your landmark victory in the elections to the House of Representatives! Our

continue to take the India-Japan friendship to greater heights," PM Modi posted on X. In response to his wishes, Sanae Takaichi thanked PM Modi and stated that she is looking forward to working with him to strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two nations. "Thank you very much, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for your

On January 16, EAM Jaishankar and Japanese counterpart Toshimitsu Motegi co-chaired the 18th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi and discussed economic, maritime, supply chain, critical mineral, technology, P2P and multilateral cooperation between both countries. "Pleased to co-chair the 18th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue alongside FM Toshimitsu Motegi in New Delhi today.

Policing in Pakistan cannot improve if contempt for human life goes unpunished: Report

Islamabad, Feb 24 (IANS) Citing a new report by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) which reveals that the Punjab province's Crime Control Department (CCD) might be more violent than any other specialised squads in the country, a report has stated that policing in Pakistan cannot improve if contempt for human life goes unpunished. The CCD's first year of operations saw at least 670 encounters that claimed lives of 924 suspects between April-December 2025. During the same period, only two police personnel were killed.

More than two encounters occurred on an average per day, with heavy concentration in districts like Lahore and Faisalabad. The official statements about these killings stated that suspects opened fire, police conducted "retaliatory" fire, suspects were fatally injured. Civilian witnesses were not found, although some of the encounters occurred in busy areas. "Policing in Pakistan cannot improve if such contempt for human life goes unpunished. Encounters are flat-out illegal under Pakistani and international law. Yet, despite decades of embarrassing revelations, federal and provincial governments continue to do little more than pay lip service to the issue. Unfortunately, 'Safe Punjab' cannot be built on the bones of victims of extrajudicial murder. If we are to become a great nation, we must first become a nation of laws, where even the worst among us are guaranteed their rights," The Express

Tribune stated. Last week, the HRCP condemned CCD in Punjab province for pursuing a deliberate policy of staged encounters resulting in extrajudicial killings that fundamentally undermines the rule of law and constitutional protections in the province. Citing various media reports, the HRCP documented at least 670 CCD-led encounters over the course of eight months in Punjab in 2025, resulting in the deaths of 924 suspects, with two police officers killed during the same period. "The extreme casualty imbalance — averaging more than two fatal encounters daily — combined with the uniformity of operational patterns across districts, indicates an institutionalised practice rather than isolated incidents of misconduct. The fact-finding mission has therefore called for an urgent high-level judicial inquiry into these deaths," the HRCP stated. The organisation documented a pervasive climate of fear among victims' families.

One family reported pressure from police officials to bury the deceased immediately and claimed they were warned that other relatives could be killed if they pursued the case further. Such intimidation, it said, constitutes criminal conduct and represents a fundamental obstruction of justice. "The practice of police encounters as a method of crime control has a long and troubling history in Pakistan. Successive provincial governments, especially in Punjab and Sindh, have defended such actions as necessary to combat crime, militancy or systemic inefficiencies within the criminal justice system," the HRCP stated. However, the organisation highlighted that Pakistani courts, civil society organisations and human rights bodies have repeatedly raised concerns regarding extrajudicial killings, the surrounding lack of accountability and violations of the right to life guaranteed under Article 9 of Pakistan's Constitution.

Nine Japanese prefectures launch framework to deepen ties with India: Report

Tokyo, Feb 24 (IANS) With India emerging as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, inter-regional cooperation shaped by both central governments and local stakeholders could become a key pillar of the next stage of India-Japan relationship, a report said on Monday. According to 'Connect India Japan' magazine, in a significant step to bolster subnational diplomacy, nine Japanese prefectures have jointly launched a new framework aimed at enhancing economic, cultural, and institutional ties with India. "The collaborative platform seeks to build long-term partnerships with Indian states, businesses, and academic institutions, reflecting the growing importance of India in Japan's global outreach strategy. The initiative underscores the evolving nature of India-Japan relations, which have expanded beyond national-level cooperation to include deeper regional engagement. By forming a joint structure, the participating prefectures aim to coordinate trade promotion, attract Indian investment, and encourage tourism and

student exchanges," the report detailed. The report highlighted that India has become a pivotal economic partner for Japan, marked by deepening cooperation in areas including infrastructure, manufacturing, technology, and startups. "Through this new framework, the prefectures plan to host business delegations, investment seminars, and industry-specific networking events in major Indian cities such as New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru," it stated. "Officials believe that a coordinated approach will help Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) from regional Japan better access the Indian market. Sectors like renewable energy, smart cities, automotive components, food processing, and information technology are expected to be focal points of cooperation," it added. The report highlighted that the framework extends beyond trade, prioritising people-to-people connections. Under the initiative, prefectural governments aim to expand student exchange programs, cultural festivals, and language training initiatives to foster mutual understanding between India and Japan.

B'desh ICT's outgoing Chief Prosecutor accused of corruption, irregularities

Dhaka, Feb 24 (IANS) A prosecutor of Bangladesh's International Crime Tribunal (ICT) accused the outgoing Chief Prosecutor of the tribunal, Mohammad Tajul Islam, of corruption and irregularities, alleging that a syndicate led by him had turned the "Chair of the Chief Prosecutor" into a money-making tool. In a social media post on Monday, Prosecutor BM Sultan Mahmud levelled allegations of multiple irregularities against Tajul as well as fellow prosecutor Gazi Monwar Hossain Tamim, citing money exchanges and questionable handling of high-profile cases. According to the post, in late November last year, the wife of Abzal, an

accused in the Ashulia case involving the killing and burning of six bodies during July 2024 demonstrations, entered the outgoing Chief Prosecutor's room one evening with a heavy bag. "After noticing the matter, we immediately went to Tajul Islam's room and informed him. No action was taken; instead, we were scolded," Sultan said. He further claimed that Tamim subsequently acknowledged in the presence of several individuals that Abzal's wife had visited his office. "The Chief Prosecutor only asked why the accused's wife had gone to his room. The matter ended there," Bangladesh's leading newspaper, The Daily Star, quoted Sultan as saying. Sultan alleged that

Abzal was later turned into a state witness before being acquitted in the final verdict. He also expressed concerns over the Chankharpul case, where law enforcers allegedly opened fire on protesters, killing at least six people during July demonstrations. Sultan claimed that despite a video clip capturing Sub-Inspector Ashraf ordering others to open fire, he was made a witness instead of being charged as an accused. "I have that video. Anyone can see it if needed," he said. He also questioned why Assistant Police Commissioner Al Imran Hossain was reportedly removed from the Abu Sayed killing case in

Rangpur district during the July 2024 protests, claiming that multiple witnesses had implicated Imran in the court. Sultan further alleged that former IGP Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun was turned into a state witness without adequate justification. "Not only IGP Mamun, but in the Ashulia case, Abzal was also made a state witness in exchange for money. A syndicate of three or four people has been involved in this cycle from the beginning," he alleged. Responding to the accusations, while addressing a press conference on Monday, Tajul said, "These are personal allegations, of which I have no knowledge. We have

investigated such claims, and they are completely false. It is unfortunate if anyone spreads such stories out of personal malice." On Monday, Md Aminul Islam formally assumed charge as Chief Prosecutor of the ICT, receiving the charge from outgoing Chief Prosecutor Tajul at the tribunal's premises. Following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government in 2024, Tajul was appointed Chief Prosecutor of the ICT by the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government. His tenure saw the tribunal come under global scrutiny over alleged procedural lapses and controversial rulings in several cases.

Police week begins: Police officials, police stations & units awarded

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: Several police personnel, units and districts of Tripura Police have been selected for various annual awards for 2025, with the trophies and certificates scheduled to be conferred on February 25 at M.R. Debarma Memorial Stadium in A.D. Nagar. The annual awards shall be distributed as part of the Police Week celebrations beginning from February 26.

SDPO of Dharmanagar Jayanta Karmakar, has been selected for the "Policeman

of the Year 2025" award. Sub-Inspector of Police (UB) and Officer-in-Charge of Battala outpost, Subhajib Deb, has been selected as "Best Investigator of the Year-2025". Kumar Sunil Gupta of 15th Battalion TSR has been selected as "Best Clerical Staff for the Year-2025" from TSR battalions, while Arpita Deb, U.D. Clerk of Police Headquarters has been selected as "Best Clerical Staff for the Year-2025" from police units. Sabroom Police Station has been adjudged the "Best

Police Station of Tripura in the Use of Technology for the Year-2025". Kailashahar Police Station in Unakoti district has been named "Best Police Station for Best System for the Year-2025", and Sonamura Police Station in Sepahijala district has been declared the "Best Police Station for the Year-2025". North Tripura district has been adjudged the "Best District for Best System for the Year-2025", while West Tripura district has been selected as the "Best District for the Year-2025". Tripura Police Crime Branch

has been adjudged the "Best Unit of Tripura Police in the Use of Technology for the Year-2025", and the 7th Battalion TSR has been named the "Best TSR Battalion for the Year-2025". In addition to that, as many as 14 police officials had been named for the prestigious Chief Minister's medal. The recipients of the CM's medal are IG Intelligence and Security Krishnendu Chakraverty, SP Traffic Kanta Jangir, SP Vigilance Jeremia Darlong, Additional SP

cybercrime Nirdesh Deb, Deputy Commandant 15th Battalion Raju Reang, SDPO Gandacherra Sougat Chakma, SDPO Dharmanagar Jayanta Karmakar, Inspector Suman Ulla Kazi, Inspector Madhabi Debbarma, sub(GD) Jay Prakash Yadav, sub inspector Debajit Bhattacharjee, sub inspector Sankar Rudra Pal, sub (GD) Rakesh Debbarma of 13th Battalion TSR, and women constable Mouchaity Debnath. Moreover, a total of 81 police officials have been selected for the DGP's commendation disc.

Workshop on Kokborok and Linguistics in Kamalpur College

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Agartala, Feb 24 : The Department of Kokborok, Government Degree College Kamalpur, successfully organized a One-Day Workshop on Kokborok Language and Linguistics, sponsored by Directorate of Kokborok and other Minority Languages with the objective of promoting linguistic awareness, enriching academic understanding, and preserving the cultural and linguistic heritage of the Kokborok language. The workshop brought together academicians, students, and language experts to deliberate upon various linguistic dimensions of Kokborok, including its structure, grammar, and oral traditions. The programme was organized under the stewardship of Shri Sanjit Debbarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Kokborok, who served as the Organizing Secretary of the workshop.

The inaugural programme was further enriched by an inaugural song performed by the students of the Department of Kokborok, reflecting the cultural essence of the language. The welcome address was delivered by the Organizing Secretary, Sanjit Debbarma, who highlighted the significance of the workshop in fostering linguistic research and strengthening the academic discourse surrounding Kokborok. Subsequently, Dr. Subal Chandra Das addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of indigenous language preservation and academic collaboration. Dr. Biman Debbarma shared brief insights regarding his visit and expressed his appreciation for the initiative undertaken by the department. The presidential address was delivered by the Principal-in-Charge, Dr. Kalipada Adhikari, who underscored the role of higher educational institutions in safeguarding regional languages and promoting linguistic studies. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Elemi Debbarma, Organizing Secretary, Biman Debbarma, Linguistic Officer, Department of Kokborok, Tripura University and Rabindra Debbarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Kokborok, Government Degree College Khumulung. The invited guests were warmly welcomed with flower bouquets and the traditional risha, symbolizing respect and cultural hospitality. The ceremony proceeded

with the lighting of the sacred lamp, signifying the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment. The inaugural programme was further enriched by an inaugural song performed by the students of the Department of Kokborok, reflecting the cultural essence of the language. The welcome address was delivered by the Organizing Secretary, Sanjit Debbarma, who highlighted the significance of the workshop in fostering linguistic research and strengthening the academic discourse surrounding Kokborok. Subsequently, Dr. Subal Chandra Das addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of indigenous language preservation and academic collaboration. Dr. Biman Debbarma shared brief insights regarding his visit and expressed his appreciation for the initiative undertaken by the department. The presidential address was delivered by the Principal-in-Charge, Dr. Kalipada Adhikari, who underscored the role of higher educational institutions in safeguarding regional languages and promoting linguistic studies. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Elemi Debbarma, Organizing Secretary, Biman Debbarma, Linguistic Officer, Department of Kokborok, Tripura University and Rabindra Debbarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Kokborok, Government Degree College Khumulung. The invited guests were warmly welcomed with flower bouquets and the traditional risha, symbolizing respect and cultural hospitality. The ceremony proceeded

proceeded with its technical sessions. The first technical session was conducted by Dr. Biman Debbarma and chaired by Dr. Subal Chandra Das. In his insightful presentation, Dr. Debbarma elaborately discussed the fundamental aspects of the Kokborok language, focusing on its linguistic structure, grammatical framework, and phonological characteristics. He provided a comprehensive explanation of the evolution of Kokborok grammar and syllabic patterns, thereby offering participants a deeper understanding of the language's development and structure. The session proved to be intellectually enriching and informative for both students and faculty members. The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Swapan Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Bengali and presented by Shri Rabindra Debbarma. His presentation focused on the rich oral traditions associated with the Kokborok language, highlighting traditional narratives, expressions, and idiomatic usage. He elaborated on how oral traditions play a significant role in preserving cultural identity and linguistic continuity, and emphasized the importance of documenting these traditions for future generations. The workshop concluded with the valedictory session, during which participating students were awarded certificates in recognition of their active participation. The session marked the successful completion of the workshop and reflected the enthusiasm and engagement of the participants throughout the programme.

NBIRT distributes certificates

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Agartala, Feb 24: Certificates were distributed to women who completed a week-long training programme in "Pastry and Cake Making" at a function organised by NB Institute for Rural Technology (NBIRT) at Arkanir Conference Hall on February 21, organisers said. The training programme, which began on February 14, was conducted under the

initiative and management of NBIRT, they said. Joint Director of the state Skill Development Department, Sutirtha Pal, attended the event as chief guest. Addressing the participants, she highlighted the importance of skill development and encouraged the trainees to explore the possibility of forming groups or companies to start their own ventures. She also assured support in case of future

industrial or entrepreneurial requirements. Sekerkote Gram Panchayat Pradhan Jharna Das and Bikramnagar Gram Panchayat Pradhan Parbati Chowdhury were present as special guests. NBIRT officials said nearly 90 per cent of the course consisted of practical training. The entire cost of the programme was borne by the trainees. Participants expressed satisfaction after receiving their certificates.

Trinamool-backed BLOs hurl shoes at Bengal LoP outside CEO office in Kolkata

Kolkata, Feb 24 (IANS) Trinamool Congress-backed Adhikar Raksha Committee, a representative body for Booth Level Officers (BLOs), members were accused of throwing shoes at the West Bengal Leader of the Opposition (LoP) and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Suvendu Adhikari after he reached the office of State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in Kolkata on Tuesday. LoP Adhikari and a BJP delegation came to meet the state CEO Manoj Kumar Agarwal as per the pre-arranged schedule. As soon as the LoP reached the office premises, the BLOs intensified their protest. Although, the police had already barricaded the area, an atmosphere of tension was created. Allegedly, some angry BLOs threw shoes at LoP Adhikari and started insulting him by taking his name.

The protesters alleged that the LoP was misleading the Election Commission of India (ECI) due to which electoral poll workers such as the BLOs are facing harassment. Eyewitnesses said that several shoes were also seen flying in the air. Due to the incident, a situation of extreme chaos was created in front of the state CEO's office. The police brought the situation under control and further strengthened the security cordon. Although, the upcoming Assembly polls in West Bengal have not been officially announced yet, tension is gradually increasing in Bengal politics over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. Speaking to media persons after meeting the West Bengal CEO, LoP Adhikari criticised the police for failing to control the situation.

NSHM Knowledge Campus announces Rs.15 L scholarship for Tripura students

Kolkata/Agartala, Feb 24: NSHM Knowledge Campus, Durgapur has announced a Rs 15 lakh scholarship exclusively for students from Tripura seeking admission to its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The announcement was made during an interaction with the media in Agartala by Sandip Kumar Banerjee, Chief Advancement Officer of the institution. He said the scholarship initiative was aimed at supporting meritorious and deserving students from Tripura and expanding access to higher education opportunities in eastern India. Banerjee said the institution was implementing its "NSHM 2.0" academic roadmap and promoting an "Industry-inside-Academia" model through collaboration with the MSME sector. He added that the campus was focusing on Allied Health Professional education, including Optometry, Critical Care Technology, Dietetics and Psychology, in line with the National Allied Health Policy. Francis Anthony, Chairman of NSHM Knowledge Campus, said the



scholarship reflected the institution's effort to make quality education accessible to students beyond geographical boundaries. The scholarship will be available to eligible students from Tripura applying for courses in Management, Engineering, Computing and Analytics, Hospitality and Tourism, Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, the officials said.

Avijit Banerjee, Head of Outreach, said the institution had been undertaking outreach initiatives and career guidance programmes in Tripura to strengthen academic engagement with the state. The Durgapur-based campus said interested students could contact its admissions and outreach office for details regarding eligibility and application procedures.

Synergy of laws in focus at ECI, state poll commissioners' round table

New Delhi, Feb 24 (IANS) Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Tuesday chaired a National Round Table Conference of the ECI and State Election Commissioners (SECs) that resolved to synergise laws related to panchayats and civic polls with those for parliamentary and state Assembly elections. A National Declaration 2026 issued after the day-long conference at the Bharat Mandapam said that the ECI suggested working out mutually acceptable mechanisms and legally viable frameworks to synergise with all SECs for all possible election processes. The ECI proposed the sharing of ECINET, EVMs, Electoral Rolls and the world-class Infrastructure at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management, reinforcing the spirit of cooperative federalism in electoral management. The CEC also requested the SECs to come forward and participate in international engagements of ECI and proposed to hold such National Round Table Conference once every year, preferably along with the international conferences, said a statement.

Dog trafficking racket

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Tripura and Badal Debbarma. According to them, dog trafficking has been active in the region for a long time, making urgent administrative surveillance essential. The incident has sparked widespread concern in the area. Citizens believe that without timely intervention from police and conservation groups, the trafficking racket could expand further. However, this case makes it clear that dog trafficking rings are once again active in the state. While swift action saved the animals this time, strong demands are being raised across the state for strict measures against the traffickers.

Pragyat Prasun's AI Innovation

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a firefighting drone for tall buildings. Prasun's achievements extend beyond technology — he holds five world records, two India Book of Records entries, and one Asia record in yoga, reflecting his pursuit of excellence across diverse fields. His interactions with leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha have positioned him as a rising voice in India's innovation ecosystem. Agricultural experts at the summit praised the system's potential to strengthen food security worldwide. The innovation has already attracted interest from agri-tech companies, research institutions, and government agencies, aligning with India's push for digital agriculture and sustainable farming practices. "Technology should serve humanity by solving real-world problems," Prasun remarked. "Whether it's cleaning sewage, cooling data centers, fighting fires, or protecting crops, AI has the power to make life better for everyone." With his groundbreaking plant disease detection system, Pragyat Prasun has once again demonstrated how innovation from Tripura can make a global impact, paving the way for a future of safer and smarter farming.

Arunachal CM, Northeast leaders condemn racial abuse of 3 women in Delhi; seek swift action

New Delhi/Itanagar, Feb 24 (IANS) Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday strongly condemned the alleged racial abuse and humiliation of three women from the state in South Delhi and urged the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, to take swift and strict action in the matter. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, Congress Lok Sabha member from Inner Manipur Angomcha Bimol Akojiam, LS member from Sikkim Indra Hang Subba, along with several other political leaders, personalities and organisations, also separately condemned the incident and demanded stringent action against.

Biplab to lead India

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Mohanbhai Delkar, MP Lok Sabha, Umesh Nath Balyogi, MP Rajya Sabha, Rajabhau Parag Prakash Waje, MP Lok Sabha, Ajendra Singh Lodhi, MP Lok Sabha, Dr Kirsan Namdeo, MP Lok Sabha, Lumbaram Choudhary, MP Lok Sabha, Bharat Singh Kushwah, MP Lok Sabha; Rajathi alias Salma, MP Rajya Sabha; A D Singh, MP Rajya Sabha; and Chh Udayanraje Bhonsle, MP Lok Sabha. The India-Bhutan Parliamentary Friendship Group is aimed at promoting dialogue, exchange of parliamentary practices, and cooperation on issues of mutual interest between India and Bhutan during the tenure of the 18th Lok Sabha.

Modi to visit Israel

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significantly boost bilateral trade by leveraging these synergies. During the opening session, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said the negotiations had started at an opportune time, aligning with the Prime Minister's visit to Israel. He highlighted the strong potential for collaboration in advanced technology sectors and said the FTA would help both sides fully utilise emerging opportunities.

Tripura HRC takes cognizance

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reports within two weeks. Notice has also been issued to Hangsa Kumar Tripura, MDC of TTAADC, having his office at Khumlung, West Tripura. A copy of the news report has been enclosed with the order for reference.

State Govt provided 20,248 jobs

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from providing jobs for public welfare, various steps are being taken one after another. Only qualified people are currently getting jobs. Only those who prove themselves worthy through their studies are being appointed to various posts. Now there is no need to bring any recommendation for jobs," said Dr. Saha. The Chief Minister said that in the past, it was difficult to get jobs in remote areas of the state due to terrorism and a poor communication system. "At present, the situation has changed. There is now a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere in the state. The current Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has paid special attention to the development of the North-Eastern states, and the communication system in the state has improved significantly," he said. Addressing those who received appointments, the Chief Minister advised them to continuously improve their skills. "They should work responsibly towards the people. Life should not be only for themselves, but also for others. They should show sympathy to those who come to government offices seeking help. If officials work with the aim of doing something good, it is not impossible to build a new Tripura," said Dr. Saha. He further said that, in addition to providing government jobs, the state government has also given importance to achieving self-reliance in various sectors. So far, the state government has provided jobs to 20,248 people in various posts. The Chief Minister said that Tripura ranks second among the North-Eastern states in terms of fish production and should strive to secure the top position through proper efficiency. The state government has attached special importance to making the state self-reliant in fish farming. For this purpose, various steps have been taken, including the restoration of abandoned water bodies, excavation of new water bodies, and promotion of scientific fish farming. Fisheries Minister Sudhanshu Das and Deepa D. Nair, Secretary of the Fisheries Department, were present at the programme.

Bus service to Kolkata

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ceremony of the Bangladesh Prime Minister with a message of stronger bilateral ties. "On bilateral relations, Chowdhury said, "We consider Bangladesh as a part of our family. We have cultural and historical ties with Bangladesh that underwent a turbulent time for the last one year or so but things are now again getting restored to normalcy. Our connectivity is being restored and hence development of trade and culture will definitely take place. In the days to come, the friendly bond between India and Bangladesh will further enrich." The minister said that in the past, a large number of patients from Bangladesh used to visit hospitals in Tripura, but this had remained stalled for the last 15 to 16 months. He said business and trade in the state depend substantially on tourists from Bangladesh. "With the resumption of the bus service, medical tourism shall flourish. It has a big contribution to the state's economy," he said. He said the suspension of connectivity had impacted the state's tourism sector as well. "A large number of tourists come from Bangladesh. When barriers on movements between Bangladesh and India were imposed, it impacted the tourism sector of the state as a whole. Now with the resumption of the bus service, the number of footfalls of the foreign tourists shall increase," he said. Chowdhury added, "After Sikkim, Tripura is the second state in the North East in terms of foreign tourist arrival. We hope to surpass Sikkim in the days to come with barriers on visa and travel between India and Bangladesh through Tripura being lifted gradually."

Ratan seeks additional funds

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informed that the department has so far been able to spend 79 percent of the money received under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-KVY) Umbrella Scheme and 61 percent under the Krishi Utpada Yojana Umbrella Scheme. Besides, 61 percent of the money has also been spent on the Natural Farming project. The Minister said the state government intends to spend the entire amount received in the current financial year and also demanded additional expenditure allocation from the central government for the benefit of the farmers of the state in various projects. "Our state is among the top 5 states in the country in terms of expenditure," said the Minister. During the meeting, the Minister informed that the state government is giving special importance to mechanization in the agricultural sector. For this, the Minister has demanded that another Rs 20 crore be sanctioned by the central government for the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) project. He said that the work of making Farm IDs available in the state is currently underway. Since there are more than 1,25,000 farmers from the tribal section who are RoFR patta recipients in the state, necessary initiatives have been requested to facilitate them in issuing this identity card. The Minister also informed that paddy is cultivated on about 50 percent of the land in Tripura. "Considering the interests of most farmers of the state and food security, a demand has been made for increasing the cost allocation for paddy cultivation in the National Food Security Mission project. About 96 percent of the farmers of the state are small and marginal. Therefore, a demand has been made for increasing the current cost norms in the projects RKVY, FNS, National Mission on Oil Palm, etc.," he said. The Union Agriculture Minister has accepted the validity of all the demands and assured to meet them at the earliest and sanction the necessary funds. During the meeting, Secretary of the Department Apurba Roy, Director Dr. Phanibhushan Jamatia, and other high-ranking officials were present.

Daring theft in city: Rs 1.10 L looted

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Agartala Feb 24: Agartala city witnessed a daring burglary in the Bhati Abhoynagar area near Albert Club. Taking advantage of the homeowner's absence, a group of miscreants allegedly broke into the house and fled with cash amounting to Rs 1,10,000. According to reports, the thieves cut through the iron rods of a window to gain entry. Once inside, they ransacked cupboards and furniture before escaping with the money. Family members, upon returning, were left shocked to find their hard-earned savings stolen and the house in disarray. Police reached the spot soon after receiving the complaint and have begun investigation. Sources said CCTV footage from the surrounding area is being examined to identify the culprits. The incident has sparked fear among residents, as a series of thefts in the locality has already raised concerns about safety. Locals are demanding stronger police vigilance to curb the rising menace of burglaries in Agartala.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Babul Das, S/o-Late Harendra Kumar Das resident of Vill- Boroj Colony (Manurmukh), Panchayet - North Sarashima, Block-Hrishyamukh, P.O-Sarashima, P.S- Belonia, Dist- South Tripura, Pin- 799155 do hereby declare that I have changed my Name from Babul Das to Babul Chandra Das and henceforth I shall be known as Babul Chandra Das in all purpose, vide affidavit No. INTR38880780712053X sworn before the Notary Public at Belonia on 24.12.2025. Babul Chandra Das and Babul Das both are same and one identical person.

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Biologic therapies show promise for severe asthma, but barriers remain: Report

Biologic therapies are revolutionising severe asthma management, showcasing potential for remission, but cost and equitable access are the

specific inflammatory pathways, shifting care from symptom control to potential remission. Biologic treatments like dupilumab interleukin-4

profiles, including those with complex asthma cases. However, the report cited barriers such as cost and accessibility. It stressed the urgent need for equitable healthcare solutions to ensure the widespread adoption of these transformative treatments.

“Biologics have fundamentally changed our approach to severe asthma by enabling targeted, personalised treatment, but expanding access is crucial to realising their full potential,” Sravani Meka, Senior Pharmaceutical Analyst at GlobalData. “The long-term impact of these therapies could shift asthma management from simply controlling symptoms to achieving remission, like advances seen in fields like rheumatoid arthritis,” Meka added. While biologics have shown great promise, barriers such as cost, access, and insurance

coverage limit their availability, particularly in underserved communities. This is further complicated by environmental and social factors. Many patients in high-risk areas are disproportionately exposed to pollutants that worsen symptoms.

“Tezepelumab’s broad efficacy, even for patients with low eosinophil (a type of white blood cell that helps fight infections) counts, highlights the potential of biologics to address asthma across diverse profiles and patient demographics,” Meka said. Systemic changes to improve healthcare equity and accessibility are crucial even as efforts to expand access to biologics in severe asthma treatment are underway, Meka called for “sustained attention to cost and accessibility issues”. She noted that this will ensure that biologics are available to all needy patients.



major barriers, according to a report on Tuesday. Biologic therapy, also known as immunotherapy, is a type of treatment that uses substances derived from living organisms to treat disease. The report by GlobalData, a data and analytics company, showed that the new Biologics target

receptor alpha and tezepelumab (anti-thymic stromal lymphopoietin (TSLP)) show potential for wider application. They also offer benefits to patients with various inflammatory profiles. As per real-world evidence, these therapies have proved their efficacy across diverse patient

Andhra milk adulteration deaths: CM announces Rs 10 lakh compensation

The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh each to the families of four persons who died due to consumption of adulterated milk in Rajahmundry. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu made the announcement in the Legislative Assembly. He also declared that the government will bear the medical expenses of those undergoing treatment in the hospitals. Terming the incident as painful, the Chief Minister expressed deep sympathy for the families of the deceased. He told the Assembly that the affected people were undergoing treatment in hospitals with symptoms like vomiting, stomach pain, and dialysis problems. Doctors found increased levels of urea and serum creatinine in the blood during clinical tests. The Chief Minister stated that Varalakshmi Milk Dairy of Narasapuram village of Korukonda mandal supplies milk to 106 families in two areas of Rajahmundry daily. Officials have confirmed that the victims fell ill after drinking milk from this dairy. Four people died in the incident. Ten others are undergoing treatment, and two of them are on a ventilator. Three of the deceased were aged over 70 years, while the fourth one was 58 years old. The Chief Minister said that blood samples have been taken from the affected and sent to labs in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam for tests. He revealed that the dairy manager, Addala Ganeswara Rao, has been detained by the police and is being interrogated. A case has been registered based on the complaint filed by the family members of the deceased. “If anyone indulges in this adulteration out of greed for money, we will take it seriously. We will take action against the culprits after

the investigation,” the Chief Minister said. He warned that the government will not remain indifferent to anyone in the state who commits adulteration or acts in a way that causes trouble to the people. Earlier, after learning about the incident of locals falling ill and several deaths due to consumption of adulterated milk in Chowdeshwari Nagar



and Swaroop Nagar areas of Rajahmundry, Chief Minister Naidu held a review with officials. In a review meeting with the District Collector, the SP, Medical and Health Department and Food Safety officials and enquired about the details of the incident. He also enquired about the medical assistance being provided to the victims. The Chief Minister ordered that the best medical services be provided to those undergoing treatment. Officials said that samples have been collected from 75 people in the families who consumed the milk, while samples were being taken from the remaining people. Naidu ordered that senior officials of the Food Safety and Medical and Health Departments should immediately go to Rajahmundry and monitor the situation.

Weight loss, diabetes drugs can also protect kidneys: Study

The popular glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists known to help in weight loss as well as manage blood sugar can also protect the kidneys, regardless of diabetes status, finds a study led by an Indian-origin researcher.

Researcher from the George Institute for Global Health explored to understand the impact of GLP-1 receptor agonists on chronic kidney disease (CKD) — estimated to affect one in 10 people

semaglutide (also known as Ozempic or Wegovy), dulaglutide (Trulicity), and liraglutide (Victoza). The team found that GLP-1 receptor agonists decreased the risk of kidney failure by 16 per cent compared to placebo. The estimated glomerular filtration rate — a measure of how much blood the kidneys filter and reflects the rate of worsening of kidney function also declined by 22 per cent.

Together, the GLP-1 receptor agonists reduced the risk of kidney failure, worsening kidney function, and death due to kidney disease by 19 per cent, the researchers said. Lead author Professor Sunil Badve, Professorial Fellow at The George Institute for Global Health and UNSW Sydney said that the results show promise for people with chronic kidney disease. “Chronic kidney disease is a progressive condition eventually leading to kidney failure requiring dialysis or kidney transplantation and is associated with premature death, mostly from heart disease. It has a significant impact on patients’ quality of life and incurs substantial healthcare costs,” Badve said.



Originally developed to treat diabetes, GLP-1 receptor agonists have significant benefits in people with and without diabetes, according to the study published in The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology. The drug stimulates insulin production and lowers blood sugar levels by mimicking the action of a hormone called glucagon-like peptide 1. It also slows down digestion, increases feelings of fullness, and

reduces hunger to aid in weight loss. They conducted a meta-analysis of 11 large-scale clinical trials of GLP-1 receptor agonists involving a total of 85,373 people. This included 67,769 people with Type 2 diabetes, while 17,604 people were overweight or obese and had cardiovascular disease but not diabetes. The team probed seven different GLP-1 receptor agonists, including

worldwide or about 850 million people. They conducted a meta-analysis of 11 large-scale clinical trials of GLP-1 receptor agonists involving a total of 85,373 people. This included 67,769 people with Type 2 diabetes, while 17,604 people were overweight or obese and had cardiovascular disease but not diabetes. The team probed seven different GLP-1 receptor agonists, including

No single magic formula for cancer, say oncologists slamming Sidhu for ‘sensationalism’

Chemotherapy, surgery, or radiation forms the backbone of the treatment against cancer and there is no single magic formula against the disease, said oncologists on Monday while slamming former cricketer and Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu’s recent claims of his wife being cured of the deadly disease via diet.

The oncologists slammed Sidhu, a former Member of the Rajya Sabha, for “creating sensationalism” and misleading people. In a recent press conference in Amritsar, Punjab, Sidhu described his wife, Navjot Kaur’s treatment for her breast cancer as “starving cancer by not eating dairy products and sugar”. In the widely circulated video on social media, Sidhu said that his wife “consumed haldi (turmeric) and neem which helped cure her ‘incurable’ cancer.”

“Cancer is not one disease, treated by a single magic formula. The treatment strategy is based on the subtype of cancer, specific genetic changes in the particular cancer cells, organ of origin, extent of spread of disease at the time of diagnosis and host of factors,” Dr. Harit Chaturvedi, Chairman - Max Institute of Cancer Care, told IANS. “The treatment of cancer is because of either chemotherapy, surgery, or radiation. This forms the backbone of the treatment. The other adjuncts, like the diet control or diet rearrangements or the natural ingredients, cannot replace the treatment,” added Dr. Pritam Kataria, Consultant, Medical Oncology, Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital. In the press conference, Sidhu revealed that his wife was given a 5 per cent chance to survive. However, she overcame stage 4 cancer following a simple diet and lifestyle regimen. After Sidhu’s viral video, oncologists claimed that he had done major harm to society by misleading people over the disease which claims more than 9 lakh lives annually in India. Notably, Sidhu had in June tweeted about Kaur successfully undergoing chemotherapy sessions under

“Dr. Rupinder Batra (Former Tata Memorial Oncologist) at Waryam Singh Hospital, Yamunanagar”.

In an open letter, posted on LinkedIn, Dr. Abhishek Shankar, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Dr BR Ambedkar Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital at AIIMS, Delhi called out the former cricketer for spreading misinformation. “We expect a lot from a public figure like you when it comes to overcoming the myth among the general population to boost cancer care in India. Despite the best efforts, more than 9 lakh people are dying from cancer every year in India, and the reason for many deaths is misinformation,” Shankar said. “The general public might lose the best opportunities to get cured by just adopting your advice seriously,” Shankar said. He noted that “neem and turmeric may have potential health benefits, but there is no scientific evidence that they can cure cancer”. “The idea that ‘sugar feeds cancer’ oversimplifies how the body and cancer cells use energy. Eliminating sugar from the diet will not starve cancer cells but may lead to nutritional imbalances and that may be fatal for cancer patients. A balanced diet is crucial for maintaining strength and supporting treatment outcomes and may contain sugar and dairy products,” he added in the letter. Many other oncologists claimed that Sidhu’s video promoting home remedies for cancer has done “long-term harm to society”. With the video going viral in WhatsApp groups, more people are likely to choose home remedies over proper cancer treatment, resulting in countless preventable deaths. “Claims of curing cancer through diet alone lack scientific validation. Treatment plans should integrate diet as a complementary approach rather than a standalone solution, tailored to the individual’s cancer type and overall condition,” Dr. Mandeep Singh Malhotra, Director of Surgical Oncology at CK Birla Hospital, Delhi, told IANS.



Study explains why obesity increases risk of diabetes

The US scientists have decoded why obesity increases the risk of type 2 diabetes by targeting the fat cells. The study, published in Cell Reports, may advance new treatments for type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases that work by helping fat stem cells differentiate and make new, smaller fat cells. In a first, the team from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) showed that obesity can make it difficult for the body to produce key cellular building blocks called ribosomal factors. Without sufficient ribosomal factors, fat stem cells



cannot produce functioning fat cells. Their energy gets trapped and they become enlarged and play a crucial role in diabetes development. While fat tissue has been blamed for long, it’s “actually essential for maintaining normal glucose metabolism,” said Dr. Claudio Villanueva, Associate Professor of integrative biology and physiology at the University of California-Los Angeles. Villanueva explained that people with obesity carry “too much fat tissue which is also not functioning optimally”. Fat tissue stores energy from food. However, when not functioning properly, the excess energy gets rerouted to be stored elsewhere in the body like in the liver — leading to fatty liver disease; or in the heart — leading to atherosclerosis or stroke. The study included obese and diabetic mice. The fat cells of these mice were four to five times larger than those found in lean mice. The team administered them with rosiglitazone. The results showed that their ribosomal factors increased to normal levels, which triggered their fat stem cells to differentiate to produce new, smaller fat cells. Further, this enabled the mice’s fat tissue to function properly in storing energy. These also generate key hormones that regulate metabolism. However, the scientists found that although the mice remained obese after taking the drug, their “type 2 diabetes essentially disappeared”.

New vaccine offers high protection against malaria

A small clinical trial of a late-liver-stage attenuated malaria parasite vaccine has shown to be safe and effective against the disease spread by mosquitoes and claims 608,000 lives globally. The trial, led by researchers at Leiden University Medical Center and Radboud University Medical Center in Netherlands, found that immunisation with a genetically modified Plasmodium falciparum parasite, known as GA2, induced a favorable immune response, while also protecting against infection.

female volunteers. Three immunisation sessions at 28-day intervals involved exposure to 50 mosquitoes infected with the respective parasites or uninfected in the case of the placebo group. Three weeks after the final

group had the protective effect while those administered the placebo group had none. Further, the team also found no breakthrough infections occurred after exposure to GA2, indicating a strong safety profile. The GA2



For the trial, the team randomly assigned 25 healthy adult volunteers with no prior malaria exposure to receive immunisation with a genetically modified P. falciparum parasite (GA2) — designed to continue developing longer in the liver. While 10 participants were assigned to the GA2 group, another 10 were added to the GA1 group, and five to the placebo group. Each group consisted of both male and

immunisation, all participants were exposed to controlled human malaria infection to evaluate protective efficacy. The results published in the New England Journal of Medicine, showed that protective efficacy was observed in 89 per cent people in the GA2 group. Only 13 per cent in the GA1

participants also exhibited a strong proinflammatory response. Both GA2 and GA1 also induced similar antibody titers against the P. falciparum circumsporozoite protein. This suggests that the enhanced protection with GA2 is associated with cellular immune responses rather than antibody levels alone, the researchers said.

Scientists decode brain activity that can help treat anxiety and depression

A team of scientists has uncovered newer parts of the brain, that support social interactions, and are connected to and in constant communication with the ancient amygdala region — a discovery which can help treat psychiatric conditions such as anxiety and depression.

In a new study by Chicago-based Northwestern Medicine in the US and published in the journal Science Advances, scientists sought to better understand how humans evolved to become so skilled at thinking about what’s happening in other people’s minds.

“We spend a lot of time wondering, ‘What is that person feeling, thinking? Did I say something to upset them?’” said senior author Rodrigo Braga. The parts of the brain that allow us to do this are in regions of the human brain that have expanded recently in our evolution, and that implies that it’s a recently developed process. “In essence, you’re putting yourself in

someone else’s mind and making inferences about what that person is thinking when you cannot really know,” Braga added.

The study found the more recently evolved and advanced parts of the human brain that support social interactions — called the social cognitive network — are connected to and in constant communication with an ancient part of the brain called the amygdala. Often referred to as our “lizard brain,” the amygdala typically is associated with detecting threats and processing fear. “The amygdala is responsible for social behaviours like parenting, mating, aggression and the navigation of social-dominance hierarchies,” said Braga, adding that previous studies have found co-activation of the amygdala and social cognitive network, but “our study is novel because it shows the communication is always happening.” Within the amygdala, there’s a specific part

called the medial nucleus that is very important for social behaviours. This study was the first to show the amygdala’s medial nucleus is connected to newly evolved social cognitive

content, said scientists. Both anxiety and depression involve amygdala hyperactivity, which can contribute to excessive emotional responses and impaired emotional regulation.



network regions, which are involved in thinking about other people. This link to the amygdala helps shape the function of the social cognitive network by giving it access to the amygdala’s role in processing emotionally important

With this study’s findings, a much less-invasive procedure, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), might be able to use knowledge about this brain connection to improve treatment, the authors said.

TRIPURA STATE GAMES

West emerge overall Champion, Sepahijala finish Runner-Up

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: West District dominated the first edition of the State Games, emerging as overall champions with an impressive haul of 126 medals, including 57 gold. Organised by the Tripura Olympic Association, the three-day multi-discipline event concluded on Tuesday, marking a major initiative to identify and nurture sporting talent across the state. A total of 18 disciplines were conducted in different districts, with promising athletes shortlisted from each event.

Sepahijala District finished runners-up with 20 gold, nine silver and 17 bronze medals, while Gomati District secured third place with eight gold, seven silver and seven bronze medals. In athletics, West District delivered a commanding performance, collecting 38 medals, including 14 gold, and topping the points table with 141 points. Their athletes dominated sprint, middle-distance and field events, underlining the district's depth in track and field. Tanay Bhowmik of West was a standout performer, featuring prominently in the 1500m, 5000m and 800m events. Gomati's Saurav Hossain clinched the men's 1500m title and also shone in the 3000m steeplechase. In women's middle-distance events, Laxmi Rani Tripura of Sepahijala delivered an exceptional performance, winning the 1500m and 800m while also



contributing to relay success. West athletes also excelled in sprint events. Shubhankar Das led the charge by winning the men's 100m and 200m, while the district secured gold in both the men's 4x100m and 4x400m relays. The women's relay teams from West and Sepahijala also impressed, sharing top honours in the 4x100m and 4x400m categories. Field events saw strong performances from multiple districts. In men's shot put, West claimed the top two spots through Palash Shil and

Bikash Debbarma. Mamita Das of Sepahijala dominated the women's shot put and discus throw events. In javelin throw, Gomati's Kabita Das topped the women's category, while Prashanta Goswami of Gomati secured gold in the men's section. In hurdles, Hari Mohan Tripura of Dhalai clinched the men's 110m hurdles title, adding to his district's medal tally. The Kho-Kho competition, held at Dharmanagar, saw West winning the boys' title, while South District emerged champions in the girls'

category. Khowai finished runners-up in both sections. Golf events also drew attention, with Jitendra Tripura of South, Sushanta Debbarma of Dhalai and Sanjay Kundu of West finishing as the top three overall. In the senior category, Biplab Nath secured first place. The successful hosting of the inaugural State Games has set the stage for a stronger sporting culture in Tripura, with West District's overwhelming triumph highlighting its growing dominance in the state's competitive sports arena.

West District shine in Weightlifting



Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Weightlifters from West District showcased their dominance in the State Games weightlifting competition. Events were held across 13 categories, and West District lifters won gold medals in 7 of them. The three-day event was organized by the Tripura Olympic Association at the NSRCC Weightlifting Hall. In the men's 60 kg category, Ravi Jit Nama (Sepahijala), Bhan Lal Dutta Kaipeng (North), and Alok Sarkar (Sepahijala) secured the top three positions. In the 65 kg category, Abhay Saha (Sepahijala), Nirmay Das (North), and Diptanu Roy Chowdhury (West) finished in the top three. In 71 kg, Sayan Roy (West), Sushanta Sinha (North), and Pritam Barman (Gomati) secured podium finishes. Similarly, in 79 kg, Amit

Kumar Sinha (North), Ram Pal (Gomati), and Aditya Das (Sepahijala) secured the top spots. In 88 kg, Arghya Bhattacharjee (West), Md. Shamim Mia (Unakoti), and Daniel Jamatia (West) finished in the top three. In 94 kg, Sukanta Das (Sepahijala) and Rajesh Sharma (North) were among the winners. In the above 94 kg category, Atal Debbarma (West), Sukanta Das (Sepahijala), and Asim Dey (Gomati) secured the leading positions. In the women's categories, Simran Akhtar (West) won gold in 48 kg, Purnima Sarkar (South) in 53 kg, Gina Rani Reang (West) in 58 kg, Jyoti Sinha (North) in 63 kg, Dibarani Debbarma (West) in 69 kg, and Tanushree Pal (West) in above 69 kg, among others who secured podium finishes. The competition concluded with a prize distribution ceremony.

TT: West dominate



Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: West District players displayed overwhelming dominance in the State Table Tennis competition. They claimed titles in both singles and doubles categories for boys and girls. In the men's singles, Jisan Chowdhury (West) emerged champion and Diptanu Bardhan (West) finished runner-up. In the girls' singles, Shreyasi Chakraborty (West) became

champion while Tupshi Ray (Gomati) was runner-up. In the men's doubles, the pair of Jisan Chowdhury and Dip Dey (West) became champions, with Diptanu Bardhan and Abhijit Deb (West) finishing runners-up. In the women's doubles, Shreyasi Chakraborty and Sindhuja Dey (West) were champions, while Tupshi Ray and Soumusri Dutta (Gomati) finished runners-up. The event ended with a prize distribution ceremony.

Tennis: Avinash wins double Gold

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Abhinash Saha won two gold medals in the tennis event of the State Games held at the Malancha Nibash Tennis Complex. In the singles final, Abhinash Saha of West District defeated Amit Reang of South District 2-0 sets (6-1, 6-2) to become champion. In the men's doubles, Abhinash Saha and Vicky Debbarma defeated the Khowai pair of Subhashish Debbarma and Harihari Debbarma 2-0 sets (6-1, 7-5). In the girls' final, Ritwika Das of West District defeated Abhisikta Chowdhury, also from West District, 2-0 sets (6-1, 6-1) to become state champion.

Boxing: Gomati District Challenges West

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Players from West and Gomati districts dominated the State Games boxing competition held at the NSRCC Boxing Hall over three days. The tournament featured Under-15, Under-17, and elite men's and women's categories. A total of 38 selected boxers from across the state participated. In the Under-15 boys' category, Sohel Gaur (Unakoti), Abhrangshu Majumdar (Dhalai), and Mainak Saha (West) secured top positions. In the girls' division, Mouli Sen (Gomati), Sneha Shil (Sepahijala), and Arpita Mallik secured leading spots. In Under-17 boys, Benison

Tripura (West), Kripes Sinha (Dhalai), and Bishal Rabidas (Sepahijala) finished in the top three. In the girls' category, Riya Hazari (Sepahijala), and Puja Das (North) excelled. In the elite women's division, Mandira Chakraborty (Sepahijala), Shila Debnath (North), and Puja Nath secured top positions. In the men's division, Nabajit Ghosh and Suraj Ghosh (West), along with Diptanu Sarkar (Unakoti), claimed the leading places. The meet concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. State association secretary Samir Saha stated that there was tremendous enthusiasm among players surrounding the event.

Badminton: West Dist dominate

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Ritesh Kothari and Adriza Dey of West District won double gold medals in the State Badminton Championship. The competition was part of the first edition of the State Games organized by the Tripura Olympic Association. Players from West District displayed complete dominance throughout the tournament held at the NSRCC Badminton Hall. The singles and doubles finals were held on Tuesday. In the men's singles, Ritesh Kothari of West District emerged champion while

Alex Debbarma, also from West District, finished runner-up. In the women's singles, Adriza Dey became champion and Saroj Khan, both from West District, secured the runner-up position. In the men's doubles final, the West District pair of Ritesh Kothari and Alex Debbarma defeated the Dhalai District duo of Iman Debbarma and Sourab Debbarma. In the women's doubles final, Saroj Khan and Adriza Dey of West District defeated South District's Sayanika Das and Kathika Saha. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony.

URJAA 2026 -Triumph of team spirit

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Urjaa 2026, the annual Sports Week organized by Techno College of Engineering Agartala, was a grand celebration of energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. The week-long event brought together students from various departments, showcasing not only athletic excellence but also unity and departmental pride. The Boys' Cricket Tournament became one of the most exciting highlights of the event. The Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering emerged victorious, proudly claiming the championship title. The winning moment captures beautifully. The team dressed in vibrant green jerseys, gathered on the field with smiles of triumph, raised fists of celebration, and a department flag held high in pride.



Their expressions reflect determination, teamwork, and the joy of hard-earned success. The spirit of unity and brotherhood is clearly visible, symbolizing not just a win in cricket but a victory of coordination, discipline, and perseverance. Under the dynamic leadership of Surajit Sen, Final Year student of Electrical Engineering and Captain of the team, the squad achieved remarkable success. He led the team from the front in every possible way, demonstrating

exemplary leadership, confidence, and commitment throughout the tournament. His guidance, motivation, and match-winning approach greatly contributed to the department's glorious victory in Urjaa 2026. The remarkable achievement of the Electrical Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering teams at Urjaa 2026 stands as an inspiration for all students — proving that excellence is achieved when dedication meets teamwork.

T20 WC: India staring at uphill task in Group 1

Rinku Singh flies home to UP to attend a health emergency in family: Report

New Delhi, Feb 24 (IANS) India's Super 8 campaign at the T20 World Cup 2026 has hit turbulence early, leaving them with no room for missteps in the matches to come. A crushing 76-run loss to South Africa in Ahmedabad on Sunday has pushed them onto the back foot in Group 1, where they are competing alongside South Africa, the West Indies and Zimbabwe. Sunday has pushed them onto the back foot in Group 1, where they are competing alongside South Africa, the West Indies and Zimbabwe. While India were reeling from that setback, the West Indies tightened the screws further with a commanding 107-run victory over Zimbabwe. The result reshaped the standings: West Indies climbed to the top, South Africa slotted into second, and India slipped to third, with their net run rate taking a severe blow in the process. Suryakumar Yadav and Co. found themselves outplayed across disciplines. South Africa's total of 187/7 was built on a measured 63 from David Miller and an enterprising 45 from Dewald Brevis. Jasprit Bumrah

delivered a standout spell of 3/15, but the remainder of the attack struggled to apply consistent brakes. The chase never gathered traction. Wickets fell at regular intervals, partnerships failed to materialise, and scoreboard pressure mounted quickly. Marco Jansen's four-wicket burst dismantled the middle order, sealing India's

take India to four points. If South Africa also win their remaining games, both sides would progress. However, if South Africa drop one match, three teams could be locked on four points, pushing qualification down to Net Run Rate. Should South Africa lose both, India and the West Indies would advance.



collapse for 111. Beyond the loss of two points, the damage to their Net Run Rate, now a troubling -3.800, could prove decisive. With two fixtures left in the Super 8 stage, India's equation is starkly simple: they must win both to stay alive. Two wins: Victories over the West Indies and Zimbabwe would

One win or fewer: Anything short of back-to-back wins will end India's campaign, regardless of other outcomes in the group. The margin for error has vanished. India's semi-final hopes now hinge not only on results but also on improving a Net Run Rate that has already taken a substantial hit.

T20 WC: Pakistan post 164/9 vs England

Pallekele, Feb 24 (IANS) : Sahibzada Farhan struck a fighting 63 while Shadab Khan provided late fireworks with a 23 off 11 balls as Pakistan posted 164/9 against England in their Super 8 Group 2 clash of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. Opting to bat first, Pakistan endured a shaky start. Saim Ayub continued his poor run, falling for 7 to Jofra Archer after struggling against short-pitched deliveries. Skipper Salman Ali Agha was dismissed for 5 by Liam

Dawson, leaving Pakistan reeling early in the Powerplay. Farhan steadied the innings with fluent strokeplay, hitting regular boundaries to keep the scoreboard moving. Babar Azam looked positive initially but struggled to accelerate during the middle overs as England's spinners tightened the screws. Adil Rashid and Dawson applied pressure with disciplined lines and variations, restricting Pakistan's scoring rate. Babar's attempt to break free ended on 25 off 24 balls when he was bowled by Jamie Overton, concluding

a slow 46-run stand with Farhan. Fakhar Zaman injected momentum with an attacking cameo, including a towering six, but fell to a sharp catch by Dawson off Rashid. Farhan completed a gritty half-century in 37 balls and went on to score 63 off 45 before Overton removed him. Dawson started with figures of 3/24, also dismissing Usman Khan and Mohammad Nawaz in quick succession. Despite Shadab's late flourish, Pakistan lost their final four wickets for 32 runs, settling for a competitive but modest total of 164/9.

Ranji Final: J&K reach 284/2 on Day 1 vs K'taka

Hubli, Feb 24 (IANS) Shubham Pundir struck a historic century as Jammu and Kashmir dominated Day 1 of the Ranji Trophy final against eight-time champions Karnataka at the Hubli Cricket Ground on Tuesday, finishing strongly at 284/2. The 27-year-old Pundir remained unbeaten on 117 off 186 balls, laced with 12 fours and two sixes, becoming the first Jammu and Kashmir batter to score a hundred in a Ranji Trophy final. He reached the landmark in style, smashing a six off Shikhar Shetty. After electing to bat, Jammu

and Kashmir made a steady start despite early pressure from Karnataka's pace attack. Opener Qamran Iqbal was dismissed for six by Prasadh Krishna, who found extra bounce to induce an edge to KL Rahul at slip. At lunch, J&K were 104/1 with Pundir and Yawer Hassan well set. Yawer played fluently, striking 13 fours in a fine 88 before falling to Prasadh Krishna in the 51st over, narrowly missing out on a century. The second-wicket stand between Yawer and Pundir crossed 100 runs and laid a solid platform, with J&K reaching 178/2 at tea. Paras Dogra's stay was

cut short after he retired hurt for nine following a sharp bounce from Vijaykumar Vyshak. Abdul Samad then took charge, counterattacking with a brisk 52 not out off 64 balls, including five fours and a six. His 105-run unbroken partnership with Pundir yielded 106 runs in the final session, taking J&K close to the 300-mark and firmly in control at stumps. Brief scores: Jammu & Kashmir 284/2 (Shubham Pundir 117 not out, Yawer Hassan 88, Abdul Samad 52 not out; Prasadh Krishna 2-36) against Karnataka

State Judo: Sepahijala crowned champion

Times Sports

Agartala Feb 24: Sepahijala District emerged as state champion in judo, surpassing West District, by securing 23 points in the first edition of the State Games. The event was held at the Judo Hall of the Indoor Stadium in Badharghat. Sepahijala claimed the top position with 23 points, while Dhalai District finished second with 20 points and West District secured third place with 17 points. It is learned that several students from the Tripura Sports School in Badharghat represented their respective districts in the competition, which reduced West District's dominance and led to intense competition for medals.

Tripura Cricket Association
Agartala, Tripura

Press Notice Inviting Tender No. 08/TCA/ AGT/2025-26
Dated: Agartala, 21/02/2026

- Name of work:- Construction of practice shed for net practice at Konaban Class XII School Ground, Bishalgarh, Sepahijala Tripura during the year 2024-25 (2nd call)
DNIT-No. 14/TCA/AGT/2024-25
- Name of work:- Construction of Dressing Room with provision of attached toilet, office room, store etc. at Kailashahar Vidyayanagar School Cricket ground during the year 2025-26 (2nd call)
DNIT No. 08/TCA/AGT/2025-26

Details tender notice and other details may be seen in the office of the Tripura Cricket Association and tender notice may be available /seen in the TCA website www. tealive.com. The tender document may be available in the TCA website for download up to 03 PM on 07/03/2026 by interested competitors for submission/dropping within 3.00 pm on 09/03/2026 at Tripura Cricket Association, Agartala.

(Subrata Dey)
Hon. Secretary
Tripura Cricket Association

MoS reviews development initiatives in Khowai, meets CM

Times News

Khowai/Agartala, Feb 24: Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol, who arrived in the state Tuesday, chaired a review meeting in Khowai district and called on Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha.

In the review meeting, he assessed the effective implementation of several ambitious development schemes being carried out by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

During the meeting, the Union Minister held detailed discussions on key development projects in the district, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan



Mission, and the current status of primary and secondary schools.

Other major schemes reviewed included the VB Gram Ji Yojana, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme for farmers, solar rooftop installations under the Pradhan Mantri Kusum scheme, and waste treatment and management projects. District Magistrate

of its establishment, the ministry had a budget of around Rs. 25,000 crore, which has increased to over Rs. 1 lakh crore under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led government continues to implement several long-term and impactful schemes for the overall development of the northeastern states, he pointed out.

The meeting, according to official sources, focused on ensuring the effective implementation of development projects and in facilitating the timely delivery of services to the public.

"Had a cordial, fruitful discussion on key issues like development initiatives & public welfare. It was a pleasure to host him," the Chief Minister mentioned on social media.

Tripura HC dismisses MLA Ranjit's petition seeking FIR against scribe

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: The Tripura High Court has dismissed a writ petition filed by MLA Ranjit Debbarma seeking a direction to register an FIR against Headline Tripura editor Pranab Sarkar under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Information Technology Act, 2000.

In an order, Justice T Amarnath Goud held that the allegations in the complaint did not prima facie attract the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 or the IT Act, 2000, and upheld the communication dated November 8, 2025 issued by the police authority declining to register an FIR.

The court observed that a "mere allegation of preparing a fake birth certificate and Bangladeshi ID card does not automatically trigger the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities)

Act, 1989." It noted that the petitioner had only assumed that conspirators might have prepared a fake Bangladeshi birth certificate and voter ID card in his name, but had failed to provide supporting documentation or prima facie proof of any offence under the Act.

The order further stated that the complaint did not demonstrate any intent on the part of Sarkar to insult or intimidate the petitioner on the ground that he belonged to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.

With regard to the Information Technology Act, the court recorded that after a preliminary inquiry, the police concluded that Sections 66-C, 66-D, 67 and 67-A were not prima facie established. Sections 66-C and 66-D relate to identity theft and cheating by personation using computer resources, while Sections 67 and 67-A deal with publication or transmission of obscene or sexually explicit material in

electronic form.

From a bare reading of the complaint, the court said, no offence under Sections 67 or 67-A was made out as there was no allegation of publication or transmission of obscene or sexually explicit material in electronic form. It also found insufficient material to establish fraudulent or dishonest intent or any damage to a computer system as required under Section 66 of the IT Act.

The court noted that the complainant had not shown that he received any offensive message through electronic media, that his electronic signature, password or unique identification had been dis-

honestly used, or that any image of his private area had been captured or transmitted without consent. As such, the complaint did not disclose any offence under Section 66 or its sub-sections.

The court also observed that without exhausting the remedies under Sections 173(1) and 173(4) of the BNS, 2023, the petitioner had approached the High Court by filing the writ petition seeking a mandamus, which was not permissible in the facts of the case.

Dismissing the writ petition, the court granted liberty to the petitioner to approach the concerned Magistrate under appropriate provisions of the BNS, 2023, if so advised.

Severe drinking water crisis in Kailasahar

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: Kailasahar's Srinathpur Gram Panchayat, Ward No. 5, has been reeling under an acute drinking water crisis for the past week. Frustrated by the inaction of departmental officials, angry villagers staged a road blockade on the Nurpur-Hiracherra route Tuesday morning, bringing traffic to a standstill and leaving daily commuters in distress.

According to the protesters, several supply pipes in the area have burst, depriving nearly 50-60 families of drinking water. Although pump machines are available, the damaged pipelines have made water distribution impossible. The crisis has hit residents particularly hard during the holy month of Ramadan, intensifying their anger.

Panchayat Pradhan Tuakul Ali and member Arjan Ali arrived at the protest site to hold discussions with the villagers.

They assured that the broken pipelines would be repaired within 24 hours. Following this assurance, the blockade was lifted by noon. However, villagers have warned that if water supply is not restored within the promised timeframe, they will resume the road blockade.

Chief Secy reviews TRESP progress

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: Chief Secretary of Tripura J.K. Sinha chaired a high-level review meeting on Monday to assess the progress of the Tripura Rural Economic Growth and Service Delivery Project (TRESP).

It's a six-year World Bank-funded initiative being implemented from June 2023 to June 2029 with a total outlay of Rs. 1400 crore. During the review, the Chief Secretary, according to a press release, expressed satisfaction over the steady advancement of the project across livelihood, infrastructure, and education sectors, while directing all implementing agencies to accelerate execution to meet the target of 25% financial

progress by March 2026.

In the livelihood sector, significant progress has been made toward the formation and activation of 2,500 Producer Groups (PGs) covering Agriculture & Horticulture, Fisheries, and ARDD, with achievements in bank account opening, preparation and approval of Business Development Plans, and release of establishment costs and working capital.

Infrastructure development in 12 Aspirational Blocks is also gaining momentum, with all-weather road construction nearing completion in certain areas and multiple Higher Secondary school buildings progressing through tender and approval stages, the press release said. The education

component has recorded notable achievements, including large-scale student and teacher assessments, extensive Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) training, Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) interventions, curriculum reforms aligned with national frameworks, and development of structured classroom resources and multilingual primers.

The Chief Secretary emphasized timely fund utilization, submission of work plans, speedy infrastructure handover, and stronger coordination among departments to ensure that TRESP owned and managed by the Tribal Welfare Department continues to deliver transformative outcomes in rural and tribal areas of Tripura.

Santana calls for bold partnerships at Delhi Summit

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: Industry and Commerce Minister Santana Chakma made a strong pitch for investment opportunities at the Destination Tripura Business Summit 2026, held on Tuesday at FICCI, Tansen Marg, New Delhi. Speaking to a packed audience of investors, industrialists, and policymakers from across India and abroad, Minister Chakma declared that Tripura is "ready for growth and innovation," urging stakeholders to explore the state's untapped potential.

She highlighted Tripura's strengths in diverse sectors including infrastructure, agriculture-based industries,

bamboo crafts, tourism, IT, startups, and manufacturing. "We are opening new horizons of sustainable development. This is the right time for investors to join hands with Tripura," she said.

The minister also underscored the importance of constructive dialogue with global stakeholders, noting that the summit had already paved the way for new partnerships. "Positive engagement and fresh collaborations give us confidence that Tripura can emerge as a hub of industrial advancement and self-reliance," she remarked.

Her address drew appreciation from participants, many of whom acknowledged the state's promising future.

Pradyot raises question on BJP's strength as political party in ADC

Times News

Agartala, Feb 24: Tipra Motha Party supremo and MDC Pradyot Kishore Debbarman on Tuesday raised question on the competence of the BJP and asserted that the saffron party couldn't acquire enough strength to emerge as a formidable political force in the TTAADC elections.

"An electoral contest takes place between two political parties of equal stature. In TTAADC, BJP doesn't stand

anywhere near Tipra Motha in terms of political strength and acceptance among public," Debbarman told a party meeting and Yarn distribution event at Pokuarjala.

Stating that concerted efforts were being made to capture TTAADC land, Debbarman said, "The time has arrived when we have to be calculative and apply our mind. They are trying to snatch our lands in Bishramganj and Kanchanpur. Keep patience. Wait for the day, when your kind will capture

Agartala and make someone from the Tiprasa community sit in the chair of the Chief Minister."

Elaborating on the motive of his political party, Debbarman said, "I humbly request everyone to keep calm. Don't lose your temper even if the political leaders of BJP, Congress and CPIM criticise your Bubagra. Let them do their job. Don't obstruct the BJP leaders. Their trust for Tiprasa grows during election season. Let them come and do what they want."

Killer gets life term after 30 years

Times News

Khowai, Feb 24: After 30 years of a sensational murder case, the Additional District and Sessions Court, Khowai on Tuesday awarded rigorous imprisonment for life to the killer.

A woman from Mandwi, Chabi Rani Debbarma, was killed by Ratan Debbarma of Khowai on September 25, 1996. Ratan had attacked the woman with an axe and left her dead on the spot.

The trial was delayed since the accused was absconding for a long time. On August 21, last year, the accused surrendered before the court and then the trial started.

The court recorded statements of 10 witnesses during the trial and found Ratan Debbarma guilty in the murder case.

On Tuesday, the court sentenced the killer with rigorous imprisonment for life.

The case was investigated by SI Pranab Das, now posted as Deputy SP, Traffic unit, Agartala. Advocate Bikas Deb moved the case in favour of the government.

TRIPURA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Respected Sir / Madam,

You are cordially invited to the Seminar-cum-Workshop on 'Responsibility and Accountability of Public Representatives to all sections of People' (as per Commonwealth Parliamentary Association guideline) to be organised by the TRIPURA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY on **27th February, 2026 at 9.30 AM at Pragna Bhaban, Gorkhabasti, Agartala.**

Your participation and insights are vital in promoting inclusive governance. Please confirm your attendance at the earliest.

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Hon'ble Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India
Keynote Speaker
SHRI HARIVANSH NARAYAN SINGH
Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Honourable Guests
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SMT. KALYANI SAHA ROY
Hon'ble Government Chief Whip, Government of Tripura
President
SHRI RAM PRASAD PAUL
Hon'ble Acting Speaker, Tripura Legislative Assembly.

Dated, Agartala, the 24th February, 2026

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TRIPURA GRAMIN BANK		POSSESSION NOTICE	
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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Tripura Gramin Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notices in the accounts on specific dates mentioned below calling upon the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as noted hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice (detailed below) within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice besides further interest. As the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules.			
Sl No	Branch Name	a) Name and Address of the Borrower(s) b) Name of the Guarantor(s)	Description of Movable / Immovable properties
1	Gandacherra	a) M/S KHUMPUI WATER, Prop: Sri Ajit Biswas, S/o Late Lal Mohan Biswas, Village - 60 Card, P.O. - Sarma, P.S. - Gandacherra, Dist.- Dhalai (Tripura) - 799284. b) 1) Sri Sujit Biswas, S/o Late Lal Mohan Biswas, 2) Smt Suchitra Biswas (Das), W/o Sri Tapan Kumar Das, 3) Sri Sukunda Debbarma, S/o Sri Bansarat Debbarma & 4) Sri Mohan Debbarma, S/o Sri Sam Chandra Debbarma.	1) Land situated at Chowrangee Para, Badharghat, P.S.- Amtali, Dist.- West Tripura under Mouja & Tahashil - Badharghat, vide Khatian No.- 21125, Dag No.PB-114, 2622(P) (Sabek), 7374/45374 (Hal), Registered Sale Deed No.1-2379 Dated 09.04.2012, Area measuring 0.060 Acres i.e. 3 Ganda, Property in the name of Sri Sujit Biswas, S/o Late Lal Mohan Biswas. 2) Land & Building situated at Bhatrapally, M.B. Tilla, P.S.- A.D. Nagar, Agartala, Dist.- West Tripura under Mouja - Howrah, Tahashil - Bardowali, vide Khatian No.-4267, Dag No.-2283(P) (Sabek), 2494 (Hal) via Registered Sale Deed No.1-838 Dated 19.01.2005, Area measuring 0.040 Acres i.e. 2 Ganda, Property in the name of Smt Suchitra Biswas (Das), W/o Sri Tapan Kumar Das. 3) Land & Building situated at Bhatrapally, M.B. Tilla, P.S.- A.D. Nagar, Agartala, Dist.- West Tripura under Mouja - Howrah, Tahashil - Bardowali, vide Khatian No.- 4711, Dag No.- 2283(P), 2283(P) (Sabek), 2494/5132 & 2495 (Hal), via Registered Sale Deed No.1-5926 Dated 28.09.2013, Area measuring 0.030 Acres i.e. 1.5 Ganda, Property in the name of Smt Suchitra Biswas (Das), W/o Sri Tapan Kumar Das. 4) Land & Building situated at Village - 60 Card, P.O.- Sarma, P.S.- Gandacherra, Dist.- Dhalai (Tripura) under Mouja - West Gandacherra, Tahashil - Gandacherra, vide Khatian No.- 644, Dag No.-773, 774(P) (Sabek), 2280/3745 (Hal), Registered Partition Deed No.1-19 Dated 30.12.2017, Area measuring 0.050 Acres i.e. 2.5 Ganda, Property in the name of Sri Ajit Biswas, S/o Late Lal Mohan Biswas. 5) Land & Building situated at Village - 60 Card, P.O.- Sarma, P.S.- Gandacherra, Dist.- Dhalai (Tripura) under Mouja - West Gandacherra, Tahashil - Gandacherra, vide Khatian No.- 645, Dag No.- 773, 774(P) (Sabek), 2280/3746 (Hal), Registered Partition Deed No.1-19 Dated 30.12.2017, Area measuring 0.050 Acres i.e. 2.5 Ganda, Property in the name of Sri Sujit Biswas, S/o Late Lal Mohan Biswas.
2	Lalsinghmura	a) Sri Anup Debnath, S/o Sri Jatindra Chandra Debnath & Sri Jatindra Chandra Debnath, S/o Late Birendra Chandra Debnath, Village & P.O.- Lalsinghmura, P.S.- Brajapur, Dist.- Sepahijala (Tripura) - 799102.	Land & Building situated at Lalsinghmura Bazar, P.S.- Brajapur, Dist.- Sepahijala (Tripura) under Mouja & Tahashil - Brajapur, vide Khatian No.- 2747, Dag No.- 5148(P) (Sabek), 5258 (Hal), Area measuring 0.040 Acres i.e. 1.728 Sq. ft. Bastu (Tilla) class of Land via Registered Sale Deed No.1-67 Dated: 06.01.1997 and Registered Sale Deed No.1-537 Dated: 03.08.2006, Property by the name of Sri Jatindra Chandra Debnath, S/o Late Birendra Chandra Debnath.
		a) 08.12.2025 b) Rs.34,81,918.24 (as on 03.12.2025) plus interest & other charges c) 18.02.2026 & 19.02.2026	
		a) 28.10.2025 b) Rs.12.81,149.55 (as on 28.10.2025) plus interest & other charges c) 24.02.2026	
The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Tripura Gramin Bank for the above noted amount with interest thereon and also cost and charges.			
Date: 24.02.2026 Place: Agartala		Authorised Officer Tripura Gramin Bank	