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Power Minister announces 100% subsidy on increased Power Tariff, relief for nearly 10 L consumers

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The Tripura government has decided to bear through subsidies the entire additional financial burden arising from the revised electricity tariff for 2026-27, Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath said on Friday.

Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, Nath said the decision would benefit more than 10 lakh electricity consumer families in the state.

"The government had considered concerns among consumers over the revised tariff and decided to bear the additional burden instead of passing it on to them," he said. As per the decision, the entire additional electricity tariff burden arising from the tariff order approved by the Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission (TERC) for 2026-27 will be borne by the state government through subsidy, the minister said.

The subsidy will cover various categories of consumers, including domestic consumers, small, medium and large businesses, farmers and industries. The benefit, however, will not apply to railway traction, he clarified.

The existing provision of 15 per cent applicable to defence installations, railways, All India Radio and Doordarshan will continue, Nath said.

According to the minister, the government will provide Rs 77.57 crore as subsidy from the state fund and incur an additional expenditure of Rs 117.13 crore as part of the decision.

Nath said this was the first time in the state's history that the entire additional burden arising from an increase in electricity tariff was being borne by the state government.Nath highlighted the personal involvement of Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha, who convened urgent

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Assembly Session from Aug 27

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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Tripura Legislative Assembly was held at the Assembly Conference Hall on Friday to discuss the agenda, schedule and duration of the upcoming Assembly session.

Speaker Rampada Jamatia chaired the meeting, which was attended by Deputy Speaker Ramprasad Paul, ministers Ratan Lal Nath and Sushanta Chowdhury, Opposition Leader Jitendra Chaudhary, minister Animesh Debbarma and other members. The Tripura

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THRC orders probe against AMC Asst Commissioner

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The Tripura Human Rights Commission (THRC) has directed a formal investigation into allegations of harassment and misconduct against an Assistant Municipal Commissioner of Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC).

The order follows a complaint filed by residents of Geetanjali Apartment near Rabindrapalli Government Quarters on HGB Road. According to the Commission's Order Sheet No. 92 of 2026, complainants Chayan Pal and his wife Supta Pal accused AMC East Zone Assistant Commissioner Swapnajit Sarkar of subjecting them to humiliation, harassment, and even attempting physical assault while discharging his official duties. The couple further alleged the use of abusive language and submitted supporting documents along with their

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Foundation stones laid for new buildings of five schools, CM stresses on teacher-student ratio, infrastructure



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Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha on Friday laid the foundation stones for new buildings of five schools in the capital as part of efforts to strengthen school education infrastructure across the state. The foundation stones were laid from the premises of PM SHRI A.D. Nagar Higher Secondary English Medium School for new buildings of the school as well as Bardowali Class XII School, Netaji Subhash Vidyaniketan, Charipara Class XII School and Hapania Class XII School.

The Chief Minister said around Rs 29.12 crore would be spent on construction of the new buildings of the five schools.During the programme, Saha also virtually launched NAKSHA pilot project and inaugurated classroom facilities in 240 schools.

Highlighting the steps being taken to improve school infrastructure across the state, the Chief Minister urged students to focus more on classroom learning rather than depending on private tuition. He said that the country's future would be led by those who possess knowledge.

Dr. Saha said necessary instructions had been issued to ensure boundary walls in all schools, particularly girls' schools. He also stressed the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene across school premises.

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TCS 2026 batch completes induction training at SIPARD



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The induction training programme for the 2026 batch of Tripura Civil Service (TCS) officers concluded at the State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD), Agartala, on Friday, marking the completion of more than five months of intensive training for the newly recruited officers. The programme, which began on March 10 and continued till August 21, was organised by SIPARD in collaboration with the General Administration (Personnel & Training) Department of the Tripura Government. The training was aimed at preparing the newly appointed TCS officers for their responsibilities in administration and public service.

During the induction programme, the officers underwent training on various aspects of government functioning, administrative procedures and delivery of public services. The programme was designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills required to handle their responsibilities efficiently while remaining responsive to the needs of the people.

Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha attended the valedictory programme along with Chief Secretary J.K. Sinha, SIPARD Director Apurba Roy and other senior officials.

Addressing the trainee officers, speakers at the programme stressed that administrative responsibility should go beyond routine official work and emphasised the importance of dedication, efficiency and a people-centric approach in governance.

The newly inducted officers were urged to maintain integrity and professionalism while discharging their duties and to remain sensitive to

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Kalyanpur: Colocasia stems offer farmers a new route to additional income

Gopal Bhattacharjee



Kalyanpur, Aug 21: Before the first light of day reaches the fields, work has already begun in Kalyanpur. Some farmers clear weeds, others loosen soil around the plants, while some carefully harvest mature colocasia stems (*Kochu* in Bengali) and arrange them in bamboo baskets. Soon, the fresh produce makes its way to local markets and haats.

Once grown mostly around homesteads or in small corners of agricultural plots, colocasia stems are increasingly being cultivated in



a more planned manner by farmers in the area. For many, the crop offers a possibility of additional income alongside conventional cultivation, particularly during the monsoon when the soil remains moist.

One local farmer said cultivating colocasia stems alongside paddy provides an opportunity to earn more from the same land. Much of the work can also be managed by family members, helping reduce labour costs. The returns, however, depend on production expenses and the price the crop fetches in the market.

The appeal of the crop lies partly in its harvesting pattern. Once the plants are established properly, stems can be harvested at intervals, creating the possibility of receiving income over a period rather than from a single harvest.

That prospect has made the crop particularly relevant for small and

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"I have never understood why it is "greed" to want to keep the money you have earned but not greed to want to take somebody else's money."

Thomas Sowell

EDITORIAL

Senior citizens invaluable asset!

Chief Minister Prof. Dr. Manik Saha today said that in our society citizens are the living bearers of true experience, tradition and values, and their long life-experience and contribution are an invaluable asset for the new generation. "Our present government is working for the welfare of the people with transparency", he said. Dr. Saha also said this while addressing the inaugural function of the felicitation of senior citizens at Aurobinda Club, Kasharipatty, Agartala, on the occasion of the country's 80th Independence Day and the club's foundation Day.

Speaking at the programme, Dr Saha said that the Aurobindo club conducts various social activities at different times of the year. "Starting from blood donation to any other social activities, necessary to adjust with the seasonal demands. Today, arrangements have been made to facilitate senior citizens at the initiative of the club. Such an initiative will send a special message to society and the whole of Tripura. Other social organization in the state will also take inspiration from such initiatives and join such programmes", he said.

"With time, everyone will get old. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given special importance to preserving our old traditions. We have to capitalize on that and move forward, so that the elderly are not considered a burden and are not kept indifferent. One day or another, everyone has to leave this world. But they should leave this world with respect and before leaving, give something to the people", he said in the discussion. Dr. Saha said that, keeping in mind the health of the citizens above 70, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana for their protection, under which medical services of up to Rs 5 lakh will be available.

Spiritual Umbrella

Spiritual birth pangs of a worldly life

When Mahendranath Gupta approached Sri Ramakrishna for spiritual guidance, the master asked him whether he was married and had children. Upon learning that his prospective disciple had a wife and children to support, the master expressed a sense of worry and sadness. He knew that the young man was destined to experience spiritual awakening and realised that for someone caught up in worldly life, spiritual birth pangs are going to be intense.

More than hundred years later, this struggle has escalated beyond imagination in our contemporary life. Almost everyone is so deeply conditioned to the pursuit of materialistic and emotional comforts that finding time for meditative contemplation is becoming more and more difficult. A spiritual aspirant must face discordant voices from within and from outside factors, constantly reminding him that he is wasting time and energy and hurting significant others around him. No wonder, a lot of people seek spiritual life but are unable to move forward owing to such conflicts, fixations, fears and commitments.A frustrated spiritual aspirant may ask why the Divine is making him struggle so hard and not lending a helping hand? He weaves a wishful fantasy where the Divine takes away all burdens, fulfils all his worldly needs and desires and makes the transition to the spiritual path very smooth. To him, all this would signify a perfect embodiment of the compassionate Divine – the one who showers unconditional love and care. But, things rarely work out like this and the path is fraught with difficulties and turmoil.

Does this mean that the Divine does not love us and shies away from supporting our spiritual longings? More often than not, Divine love is tough and contrary to our expectations. Sri Guru Granth Sahib enlightens us – "Pain is the medicine, and pleasure is the disease. Where pleasure exists, there is no longing for God." What appears to be the greatest disaster in our life carries a fountainhead of hidden mercy and grace. The hard blows of life are meant to push us out of our comfort zones and meaningless existence, motivating us to search for a lasting solution and it is this aspiration that takes us to realms of higher consciousness.

MESSAGE

"Every woman knows what I'm talking about. It's the presumption that makes it hard, at times, for any woman in any field; that keeps women from speaking up and from being heard when they dare; that crushes young women into silence by indicating, the way harassment on the street does, that this is not their world. It trains us in self-doubt and self-limitation just as it exercises men's unsupported overconfidence."

Rebecca Solnit

Why Do We Still Need Books in the Age of AI?

Oindrila Chakraborty



In the growing age of AI, we find that everything comes to us easily. Whether it is information, entertainment, or even the words we are expected to write, technology has made almost everything available at the click of a button. We can ask AI to explain a difficult topic, summarise a novel, write a poem, generate an image, or give us the answer to a question we've had for, like, five seconds.

For teenagers, this is not some distant technological revolution we're watching from the sidelines. This is our reality and will continue to be well into our adulthood. We've grown up with screens in our hands. We search instead of wondering, scroll instead of waiting and, increasingly, ask machines instead of people. So why should we still pick up a book that might take us days, weeks or even months to finish?

"I always feel AI can provide us with things which books can't," says Sophia, a student. "It can explain something instantly and make learning much easier. But that doesn't mean books have become useless."

And that is exactly where the debate begins.

AI is incredibly useful, and there is no reason to pretend otherwise. It can explain concepts in different ways, help someone overcome a language barrier, make information more accessible and support people who may struggle with traditional methods of learning. It can save time and help students explore ideas that they might otherwise have difficulty understanding. But there is a line between using technology as a tool and allowing it to do our thinking for us. That distinction matters, especially for teenagers.

"We have to be careful about confusing convenience with understanding," says Patricia. "Getting an answer in five seconds does not necessarily mean that you understand the answer."

We are constantly being told that our attention spans are getting shorter. Open any social media app and you can watch ten different videos on ten different topics in a few minutes. Ask AI a question and receive a perfectly structured response before you even finish thinking about the question.

Meanwhile, a book will demand your full attention. It doesn't care that you have a bunch of notifications waiting. It won't automatically summarise the last five chapters because you forgot what happened. It definitely doesn't tell you which character is lying or secretly the mastermind evil. It expects you to notice and read carefully. That is not a weakness. It's the point and the whole enjoyment of reading.

Reading teaches us to sit with uncertainty, like a cliffhanger that leaves readers yelling at the author. It teaches us to follow an argument instead of jumping to conclusions. It encourages us to recognise patterns, question characters and think beyond what is directly written on the page.

"Books make you participate," explains Max. "You're not just receiving information. You're deciding what a character represents, what a story is trying to say and whether you even agree with it."Most importantly, books give us room to disagree. Two people can read the same book and completely disagree about its characters, its message or even its ending. There is no algorithm deciding which interpretation is correct. There is simply a reader thinking for themself.

That ability is becoming increasingly important in a world where AI can produce convincing answers to almost anything. Readers need to be able to ask: Is this actually true? Who wrote it? Why was it written? What is missing? Do I agree with it? Those are skills books have been teaching readers for generations.

There is also something that books offer which is difficult to measure: imagination. When reading a novel, the reader has to construct the world in their own mind. A forest described in a paragraph can look completely different to two people. A character's voice, appearance and personality are partly shaped by the reader. There is no screen deciding exactly what everything should look like. In an age where AI can generate almost any image imaginable, that ability to create something mentally becomes even more valuable.

"Technology can show us almost anything," says Ananya, a young reader. "But when you read, you get to decide what the world looks like in your own head."

This matters in Tripura just as much as it does anywhere else in India. As technology reaches further into classrooms and everyday lives, access to digital information is growing. But alongside that growth, young people need to continue having access to libraries, books and stories. Tripura has its own beautiful cultures, languages, histories and traditions, and those stories deserve to be read, written and, most importantly, remembered. Technology should not force literature out of the picture. A young person in Tripura should not have to choose between the two. AI can help a student understand a difficult concept, while a book can encourage that student to think on their own. AI can assist with research, while books can provide context and depth. AI can help someone organise their thoughts, while reading can help them develop those thoughts in the first place. Both should be used rationally and ethically, so they complement each other.

The question, therefore, is not whether AI or books are better. It is whether society can learn to use both without allowing one to replace the other. AI is not going away, and it shouldn't. It has the potential to make education, information and creativity more accessible than ever before. But its existence does not make books obsolete.In fact, the more technology advances, the more fiercely society has to protect the things that technology cannot replace: curiosity, imagination, critical thinking, empathy, emotions, and the willingness to sit with a story long enough for it to change us.

AI can give us information in seconds. A book asks us to think about it and in a world that is becoming increasingly good at giving us answers, the ability to ask better questions may be the most important thing we can teach the next generation.

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Writing the Future

Dr. Vijay Garg

The future does not simply arrive—it is shaped by the choices we make today. Every idea we develop, every skill we learn, every question we ask and every story we tell contributes, in some way, to the world that tomorrow will inherit.

Writing has always been more than putting words on paper. It is a way of thinking, questioning, imagining and communicating. In the digital age, writing is changing rapidly, but its importance has not disappeared. Research on digital literacy suggests that written communication remains important even as new digital forms and technologies emerge.

Today, technology and artificial intelligence are transforming how people learn, work and communicate. A student can generate ideas with an AI tool, a teacher can create learning resources within minutes, and a writer can reach readers across the world with a single publication. These possibilities are exciting, but they also create an important responsibility: we must not allow technology to replace human thought.

Writing the future therefore means developing the ability to think independently. Information is everywhere, but wisdom is not. Young people need to learn how to question information, examine evidence, understand different perspectives and express their own ideas clearly. Critical digital literacy is becoming increasingly important in a world where communication takes place across multiple digital platforms.

Creativity will also be central to the future. Technology can process information, recognise patterns and generate content, but human beings bring curiosity, imagination, empathy and values to the creative process. Research on creativity and technology in education highlights the importance of creativity as part of future learning and twenty-first-century skills.

This is particularly important in education. Schools should not prepare students only for examinations or existing jobs. They should prepare them for problems that may not yet have names. Students need opportunities to write, design, experiment, collaborate, question and create. Education researchers are increasingly using imaginative and speculative writing to explore possible futures rather than simply predicting them.Writing can help us imagine those futures. What will a school look like in twenty years? How will teachers and AI work together? Will textbooks remain central to learning? How will students demonstrate knowledge when information is instantly available? What skills will matter most when technology performs many routine tasks?

These questions do not have simple answers. But asking them is itself an important part of preparing for tomorrow.

There is also a moral dimension to writing the future. We must ask not only "What can technology do?" but also "What should technology do?" A technologically advanced society is not automatically a better society. Progress must be measured not only by speed, efficiency and innovation, but also by fairness, human dignity, inclusion, environmental responsibility and the wellbeing of communities.The future should therefore be a partnership between human intelligence and technological capability. AI may assist us in generating ideas, analysing information and solving problems, but human beings must remain responsible for purpose, judgment and values. Recent research on educational futures similarly argues for imagining desirable futures rather than treating technological change as something inevitable that education can only react to.

Every generation writes a chapter of history. Our generation has an unusual opportunity because the tools available to us can amplify ideas at an unprecedented scale. A thoughtful sentence can travel around the world. A creative idea can become a project. A student's curiosity can become an invention. A teacher's vision can influence thousands of learners.So, writing the future is not merely an activity for writers, scientists or policymakers. It is a responsibility shared by all of us.The future is still unwritten. Its pages are waiting for our ideas, our courage and our imagination. The question is not simply what the future will look like.

ASTRO TODAY



Aries: There's no blame in this game, Aries. Under today's stern skies, it's hard not to point fingers, but you'll get farther if you're willing to examine your own issues. Amiable Venus in your relationship realm glides into an opposition with harsh Saturn in your sign, casting a critical cloud over your one-to-one connections. You may be convinced that you're in the right and your behavior is justified.



Taurus: Transparency will set you free today, Taurus. Maybe you think it's no big deal to lock a certain piece of information in the vault—and nobody guards a vault like you do. But with fair-play Venus opposing consequential Saturn in your deceptive twelfth house today, you're better off coming clean. Keeping secrets in a relationship or professional partnership can eat you up inside and damage a valuable twosome.



Gemini: You may not be able to avoid upsetting the apple cart today, even though you'd usually rather charm your way around trouble than march straight into it. If you're collaborating with people and have identified a problem, staying silent to keep things breezy probably won't strike you as the best strategy. With agreeable Venus opposing reality-check Saturn in your communal eleventh house, there is a part of you that feels torn.



Cancer: You're better off working alongside someone today rather than going head-to-head in a competition. Although agreeable Venus is opposing authoritative Saturn in your ambitious tenth house, don't mimic their faceoff and get into a tug-of-war. Direct confrontation was never your style anyway—you'd rather build something than battle over it. This is not a zero-sum game, despite what you may think.



Leo: Color outside the lines today, Leo. Even a natural headliner can get trapped performing the same signature show. A planetary standoff dares you to venture way beyond your comfort zone and see how broad-minded and flexible you can be. As creative Venus in your mindset corner opposes masterful Saturn in your adventure realm, you might surprise yourself by embracing a thrillingly unfamiliar experience and pursuing novel pleasures.



Virgo: You may be tempted to dig in your heels today as covetous Venus in your value sector faces off with stern Saturn in your sharing zone. You've done the research and you want what you want, but try to stay open to compromise. Someone whose wish list seems diametrically opposed to yours might just persuade you to look at this situation from a different angle IF you give them a chance to say their piece.



Libra: With Venus ensconced in your sign, you're on the brink of absorbing important lessons about valuing yourself. But today, your ruling planet moves into a stressful standoff with strict Saturn in your partnership province. You or another important person in your life could be trying to get the upper hand, maybe out of insecurity.



Scorpio: Today could be the day to finally dive into a domestic project that's been on your mind for a while. But before you get the ball rolling, assess what resources you'll require to pull this off. Do you have all the tools and materials you'll need? While systematic Saturn in your orderly sixth house bosses around creative Venus, form follows function. Have you double-checked measurements and come up with a realistic timeline?



Sagittarius: Put your hand down, Sagittarius! Don't offer to help today, not with luxuriating Venus opposing limits-loving Saturn. Your enthusiasm makes you the first to volunteer for everything, but some people have been known to take advantage of that boundless generosity. You have your own agenda for the day and shouldn't sacrifice it to play superhero.



Capricorn: It's not enough for you to complete a job to the best of your ability today. You also need it to LOOK exquisite. Creative Venus in your ambitious tenth house is helping to boost your profile and cast you in a favorable light, but you need to let your inner artiste out to play if you want to produce something spectacular. Because Venus is opposing strict Saturn, you might fence yourself in trying to please the powers that be.



Aquarius: Relationships are often our greatest teachers, and today is no exception, Aquarius. As Venus in your truth-telling ninth house faces off with reality-checker Saturn in your third house of communication and mindset, your connection with someone could allow you to look at unconscious behavior that you're reluctant to own up to. You can analyze everyone else's patterns from across the room, but today the mirror swivels toward you.



Pisces: Do you feel like you're holding yourself back in a relationship, Pisces? Chalk it up to a restraining standoff between desirous Venus and guarded Saturn today. The planet of amour is poised to dive deep into a new connection or make an even bigger commitment to an existing one. But the planet of boundaries is refusing to give you the go-ahead. For someone who usually swims in heart-first, this hesitation feels foreign, but maybe you're apprehensive about merging money or making yourself vulnerable again.

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Prez Murmu congratulates newly elected B'desh President

Dhaka, Aug 21 (IANS) President Droupadi Murmu sent a congratulatory message on Friday to newly elected Bangladeshi President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, the High Commission of India said.

In the message, President Murmu congratulated Mirza Fakhrul on assuming office as President of Bangladesh. "I am confident that your long experience of public life and political leadership heralds a successful tenure in service of the people of Bangladesh," President Murmu noted in the message, shared on X by the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh.

"India and Bangladesh share a unique relationship, rooted in a shared history of sacrifices, close cultural



ties and warm bonds of friendship. In recent times, our bilateral ties have steadily expanded to several areas such as energy, technology, connectivity, youth affairs, health and education. I look forward to working with you further to strengthen the partnership between our two neighbouring countries," the President stated in the message. Earlier in the day, Mirza Fakhrul took the oath as the 23rd President of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban, the official residence of the President in Dhaka, local media reported.

The Acting Speaker, Barrister Kayser Kamal, administered the oath, Bangladeshi media outlet UNB reported. Outgoing acting President Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, Chief Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury, former Chief Adviser of the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus, and several other distinguished guests attended the ceremony, the report said.

Fakhrul was elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh on Thursday after defeating Oli Ahmed, the candidate backed by Jamaat-e-Islami-led 11-party alliance.

He secured 255 votes, while Ahmed could manage only 88 of the 343 valid votes cast in the presidential election held on Thursday afternoon in the national Parliament under the supervision of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Returning Officer A M M Nasir Uddin.

The presidential election marked the first "ballot battle" in more than three and a half decades, breaking the longstanding practice of electing Presidents unopposed, a trend that continued since 1991.

The last presidential election decided by a vote in Parliament was on October 8, 1991.

ECI Secretary urges Nagaland officials to intensify SIR

Kohima, Aug 21 (IANS) Election Commission of India (ECI) Secretary Binod Kumar on Friday urged Nagaland election officials to intensify efforts in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to improve the mapping percentage and ensure that electoral roll data is accurately updated.

The ECI Secretary, who since Thursday has held a series of meetings with election officials in Kohima, Chumoukedima and Dimapur districts, discussed in detail the progress of the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in Nagaland.

In Dimapur, a review meeting on the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office in the presence of the ECI Secretary.

Addressing the meeting, Binod Kumar highlighted the importance of Enumeration Forms (EFs) and stressed the need for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to closely monitor the work being carried out by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) at the field level.

He interacted with election officials and reviewed the challenges being faced during the field-level exercise.

The BLOs were also advised to carry out thorough verification and mapping at the grassroots level and coordinate closely with the concerned electoral officials.

Kumar emphasised the timely completion of the mapping exercise and the need for greater coordination among District Election Officers (DEOs), EROs, AEROs and BLOs to achieve the desired progress.

Bengal govt issues revised professional tax rates

Kolkata, Aug 21 (IANS) The West Bengal Finance Department on Friday issued revised professional tax rates for both salaried and self-employed persons in the state.

As per the notification issued by State Finance Secretary Sanjaya Bansal, salaried persons earning up to Rs 20,000 a month are exempt from paying professional tax, doubling the previous ceiling of Rs 10,000.

In the new structure, salaried persons with monthly income above Rs 20,000 and up to Rs 30,000 will pay Rs 100 a month. Those earning between Rs 30,000 and Rs 50,000 will pay Rs 140 a month. Employees earning between Rs 50,000 and Rs 1,00,000 per month will pay Rs 170 a month, while those earning above Rs 1,00,000 per month will pay Rs 208 a month.

Self-employed individuals with annual income up to Rs 2,50,000 are exempt. Those earning between Rs 2,50,000 and Rs 5,00,000 will pay Rs 1,000 annually, while those with annual income up to Rs 20,00,000 will pay Rs 2,500 annually. Businesses involved in essential commodities transport and public services are exempt from professional tax up to an annual turnover of Rs 10,00,000.

The government has invited objections or suggestions regarding the new tax structure within 14 days.

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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 16.09.2026 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, CENTRAL ROAD AGARTALA, 0136130700013665, 3688, 3689, 3709, 3712, 3722, 3723, 3739, 3759, 3783, 3817, 3818, 3832, 3834, 5328, 5331, 5343, 5347, 5353, 5355, 5356, 5361, 5363, 5368, 5370, 5377, 5379, 5380, 5386, 5394, 5400, 5401, 5410, 5420, 5421, 5430, 5431, 5436, 5460, 5466, 5467, 5472, 5476, 5483, 5498, 5501, 5512, 5515, 5519, 5521, 5526, 5549, 0136130730032550, 2551, 2624, 2632, 2578, 2581, 2582, 2589, 2591, 2609, 2618, 2626, 2640, 2650, 2651, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2681, 2685, 2686, 2687, 2693, 2695, 2696, 2698, 2700, 2703, 2704, 2706, 2710, 2711, 2712, 2716, 2722, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2744, 2746, 2751, 2752, 2753, 2755, 2761, 2762, 2763, 2772, 2778, 2779, 2782, 2784, 2785, 2786, 2787, 2790, 2793, 2794, 2795, 2801, 2804, 2805, 2812, 2813, 2818, 2822, 2827, 2828, 2829, 2830, 2833, 2834, 2835, 2839, 2841, 2850, 2851, 2853, 2861, 2863, 2866, 2867, 2889, 2871, 2872, 2877, 2878, 2883, 2906, 2907, 2908, 2909, 2920, 2922, 2924, 2925, 2942, 2945, 2949, 2955, 2959, 2975, 2977, 2984, 2986, 2988, 2991, 2998, 2999, 3006, 3009, 3012, 3027, 3028, 3029, 0317, GANDHIGHAT AGARTALA, 0135060700035331, 5624, 5850, 6260, 6283, 6342, 6357, 6364, 6373, 6381, 8756, 8759, 8761, 8762, 8770, 8782, 8784, 8787, 8797, 8806, 8808, 8818, 8842, 8852, 8854, 8864, 8890, 8894, 8895, 8896, 8899, 8921, 8929, 8930, 8937, 8941, 8952, 8959, 8964, 8967, 8970, 8977, 8982, 8988, 8992, 9010, 9011, 9032, 0135060730062877, 5356, 6180, 6191, 6433, 6466, 1830, 1864, 1877, 1901, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1931, 1941, 1947, 1948, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1981, 1982, 1993, 1994, 2004, 2006, 2011, 2026, 2034, 2037, 2041, 2042, 2046, 2056, 2069, 2072, 2074, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2103, 2108, 2111, 2114, 2116, 2122, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2137, 2140, 2157, 2158, 2163, 2166, 2169, 2172, 2176, 2201, 2210, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2222, 2224, 2226, 2227, 2230, 2237, 2242, 2249, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2256, 2257, 2261, 2263, 2269, 2270, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2286, 2287, 2304, 2306, 2317, 2318, 2322, 2329, 2332, 2340, 2353, 2358, 2362, 2379, 2390, 2393, 2397, 2398, 2400, 2408, 2412, 2421, 2422, 2424, 2431, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2466, 2469, 2479, 2490, 2492, 2501, 2502, 2506, 2512, 2514, 2516, 2530, 2533, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2552, 2586, 2589, 2592, 2596, 2601, 2607, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2640, 2646, 2648, 2670,

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

E-AUCTION FOR MISCELLANEOUS STATIC SERVICE OVER LUMDING DIVISION

E-Auction for Miscellaneous Static Service over Lumding Division for a period of 05 years has been invited by the division in IREPS E-Auction Module. **Auction Catalogue No.: MSS-LMG-AGTL-26**; **Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee. **Days: 1826; Auction Start Date & Time :** At **11:00** hrs. on **04-09-2026**.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	MSS-LMG-AGTL-STGen-44-26-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Static General)	Proposal for Setting Up of "Tripura Heritage Hub" - Unisex Salon & Spa-cum-Tripura Ethnic Food Court at the Circulating Area of Agartala and Dharmanagar Railway Stations for a Period of Five (05) Years through the ROFR e-Auction Policy.

Auction closing date & time: At **11:30** hrs. on **04-09-2026**. Internal cooling off period 30 Minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes. Auto Extension duration: 120 Second. Maximum Auto Extension: 10 Times. **Note** : Prospective bidder are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in** for more details.

Sr. DCM, Lumding
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INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DIVISION KRISHI ANUSANDHAN BHAVAN II, PUSA NEW DELHI 110 012

NETAJI SUBHAS-ICAR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) invites applications from Indian as well as overseas nationals having Master's degree in Agriculture and Allied Sciences for the Netaji Subhas-ICAR International Fellowships (NS-ICARIFS) for the year 2026. The NS-ICARIFs are available for pursuing a doctoral degree in agriculture and allied sciences, in the identified priority areas, to the (i) Indian candidates for study abroad in the identified overseas Universities/Institutions having strong research and teaching capabilities and (ii) to overseas candidates for study in the Indian Agricultural Universities (AUs) in the ICAR-AUs system. Thirty (30) fellowships for a duration of three years will be available.

Detailed guidelines, priority areas of study and application proforma are available on ICAR Website www.icar.org.in. The application should be submitted by September 25, 2026, to ADG(HRD) at adg.hrd.applications@gmail.com, mentioning the "Application for NSIF: Name of Applicant and contact number" in the subject line of the mail.

Last date for submission of the application is September 25, 2026.

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HOMI BHABHA CENTRE FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION
TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

National Olympiad Programme 2026-2027
in Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Junior Science

All students wishing to participate in the programme must appear in corresponding **National Standard Examinations (NSEs)** (for science subjects) on **November 21 and 22, 2026**, conducted by **the Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT).**

Qualification in NSE is the first step towards participation in the corresponding **International Olympiads of 2027.**

To enroll:
NSEs: https://www.iapt.org.in (Aug 21 - Sep 14, 2026)

For more details: https://olympiads.hbcse.tifr.res.in
https://www.iapt.org.in

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कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय
त्वरित कॉर्पोरेट समाधान प्रसंस्करण केंद्र (सी-पेस),
आई.आई.सी.ए. बिल्डिंग, 7वी मंजिल,
प्लाट P-6,7,8, से.-5, आई.एम.टी. मानेसर, गुड़गाँव,
हरियाणा - 122050.
Email: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)
IICA Building, 7th Floor,
Plot P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar,
Gurgaon, Haryana - 122050.
Email: roc.cpace@mca.gov.in

FORM No. STK –6
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2026-27/1064 Date: 11/08/2026

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (1) companies in the **Tripura** state under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.no	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AC4381656	U86900TR2024PTC014392	AISHIVEDA SYNERGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.
4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey
Deputy Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

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ONGC
Tripura Asset, Badarghat Complex, Agartala - 799014

Advt. No. 01/2026
Walk-in-Interview

ONGC Tripura Asset invites applications, in prescribed format, from retired ONGC executives (E2-E5) for engagement as Junior Consultant/Associate Consultant on contract basis. The interested candidates are advised to appear for Walk-in-Interview scheduled to be held on **25.08.2026**. For further details please visit **www.ongcindia.com**

General Manager(HR)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No. EOI of 2026-2027 **Dated: 18-08-2026**

Scope of enquiry: Chief Medical Superintendent, Sub-Divisional Railway Hospital, N.F. Railway, Badarpur, Sribhumi, Assam, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from qualified Allopathic Specialists in the discipline of Medicine (Physician), General Surgery (Surgeon), Obstetrics and Gynecology, Anaesthesiology and Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) for engagement as Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVS) at Sub-Divisional Railway Hospital, Badarpur, Sribhumi, Assam for 04 (four) hours 06 (six) days a week from Monday to Saturday for a fixed Honorarium of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh) per month for a period of 01 (one) year.

Qualification: Post-Graduate degree from a recognized University. Minimum 3 years experience in the professional work related to concerned Specialty after obtaining P.G Degree. Where suitable candidates with PG degree are not available, PG Diploma holders with 5 years experience in the professional work related to concerned Specialty after obtaining P.G. diploma.

Age Profile: (a) During first time engagement, the preferred age is between 30 years to 64 years. (b) Upper age limit of continued engagement is 65 years.

Honorarium and Daily Rate of deduction of renumeration: (RB's L. No. 2014/H-1/12/8/HVS/Policy/E dated 22.10.2025.) In terms of above quoted RB's Letter, the revised honorarium rates and the deduction rates for any absence beyond 12 days for engagement of HVS are as under:

Hours of duty	Honorarium for Specialist (Rs. Per months)	Rate of deductions Specialist (Rs. Per day)
4 hours a day for 6days/week	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh)	Rs. 4,167/- (Rupees four thousand one hundred and sixtty seven) only.

Free Railway Passes: One set of complimentary Railway Pass valid all over Indian Railway & Konkan Railway in AC Two Tier including Rajdhani Express and in AC Chair Car of Shatabdi Express for self + spouse and dependent children (as per rules applicable for Railway employees) will be made available as per the entitlement of Selection Grade officers in each calendar year. The complimentary pass can be availed after 3months of engagement for the calendar year. (Authority: Board's letter No. 2001/H-I/12/40 dated 15.12.2005).

For detailed terms, conditions, scope of work and prescribed format, interested parties are advised to refer to the complete EOI document available in the N.F. Railway website **www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in → General Info→ Division→ Lumding→ Sub-Divisional Hospital BPB**.

Chief Medical Superintendent, Badarpur
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No.Admin-12011(16)/2/2024-eoffice
Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Service
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
(Drugs Section)
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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post as mentioned below at Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Guwahati by Deputation (including short term contract). Interested candidates are requested to submit the applications with full bio-data to Sh. Pawan Kumar, Deputy Director(Admin), Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

2. For further details please visit CDSCO website https://cdsco.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Pay as per 7th CPC	No. of Post	Office for which the post is filled up
1.	Senior Scientific Officer	Pay Level 11 of 7th CPC (Rs. 67700 208700)	01	Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Guwahati

Deputy Director (Admn.)
C.D.S.C.O Headquarter

CBC 17194/11/0017/2627

E-AUCTION FOR MISCELLANEOUS STATIC SERVICE OVER LUMDING DIVISION

E-Auction for "Miscellaneous Static Service" over Lumding Division. Details are as under: **Auction Catalogue No.**: MSS-LMG-AGZU-26; **Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots): 11:30** hrs. on **08-09-2026**; **Auction Close Date & Time: 12:00** hrs. on **08-09-2026**; **Rate Unit**: Annual Licensing Fee; **Trips/Days:** 3653.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	MSS-LMG-AGTL-PS-45-26-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Premium Stores)	Proposal for setting up of Company-Owned/Operated Premium Retail Store at Agartala Railway Station at the Circulating Area of Agartala Railway Station for a Period of 10 (Ten) Years through the ROFR-based e-Auction Policy.

Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing Module of IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

Divisional Railway Manager (C), Lumding
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

COIR BOARD

SHOWROOM SPACE NEEDED
FOR COIR BOARD IN AGARTALA

Competent offers are invited from interested parties, having legal title, to lease out space as detailed below for housing the proposed Showroom & Sales Depot of the Coir Board at a prime location in Agartala, Tripura.

Area Required : 1000 to 1500 Sq.ft. (approx.) in ground floor
Location : Prominent business area in Agartala city with parking facility

The offers are invited in two bid system. The technical bid shall contain the details of the location, the total area of the proposed space and other terms and conditions. The price bid shall indicate the square feet rate and any other charges of the proposed space. The sealed technical and price bid shall be enclosed in a cover superscribed with 'Offer for Renting out Showroom Space for Coir Board at Agartala'. The offers should reach the Manager, Coir Bhavan, College Road, Near TVS Showroom, Agartala, Tripura West – 799 004 (Tel:No.0381 2518017, Mob:9816167572) on or before 3.30 PM on 11.09.2026. The offers will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of bidders, if any present.

Secretary, Coir Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever. Visit our website: www.coirboard.gov.in for further modifications/amendments, if any to this notice.

CBC 25131/11/0009/2627

VACANCY CIRCULAR

Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs
Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property for India
1, Council House Street, Kolkata, West Bengal - 700001

Applications are invited for contractual Engagement for filling up the following vacancies

Name of Post & Level	No of Vacancy	Monthly Remuneration
Surveyors (Level – 6)	Kolkata- 5 (UR) & 1 (ST)	The remuneration is fixed at **Rs. 30,000/- per month**, which is equivalent to Pay Level 6 of the Central Government. **(However, for retired government officer last pay drawn minus pension, as per DoPT guidelines)**
Last date of application		**28.08.2026** **(Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview)**

Please visit for detailed advertisement :
https://enemyproperty.mha.gov.in/epweb/vacancycircular

WORLD

Mirza Fakhrul takes oath as 23rd President of Bangladesh

Dhaka, Aug 21 (IANS) Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on



Friday took oath as the 23rd President of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban, the official residence of the President in Dhaka, local media reported.

The oath was administered by the Acting Speaker, Barrister Kayser Kamal, Bangladeshi media outlet UNB reported.

Outgoing acting President Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, Chief Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury, former Chief Adviser of the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus, and several other distinguished guests attended the ceremony, it was reported.Fakhrul was elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh on Thursday after defeating Oli Ahmed, the candidate backed by Jamaat-e-Islami-led 11-party alliance. He secured 255 votes, while Ahmed could manage only 88 of the 343 valid votes cast in the presidential election held on Thursday afternoon in the national Parliament under the supervision of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Returning Officer A M M Nasir Uddin.

The presidential election marked the first "ballot battle" in more than three and a half decades, breaking the longstanding practice of electing Presidents unopposed, a trend that continued since 1991.The last presidential election decided through voting in Parliament was on October 8, 1991.Speaker of the National Parliament Hafiz Uddin Ahmed was serving as the country's acting President following the resignation of Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin on July 24. Under the Constitution of Bangladesh, the election of a new President must be held within 90 days of the office falling vacant.

For over 15 years, Fakhrul served as BNP's effective "number two", becoming the party's longest-serving Secretary General and one of its most prominent public faces.

During BNP's turbulent period, when Tarique Rahman was in exile in London, and his mother and former BNP chief Khaleda Zia faced imprisonment, house arrest, or battled prolonged illness, Fakhrul emerged as the senior leader physically present in Bangladesh. He remained in contact with party workers on the ground and helped execute party decisions into action, Bangladesh's leading newspaper The Daily Star reported.

Fresh threat to Hafiz Saeed prompts ISI to step up security around LeT chief

New Delhi, Aug 21 (IANS) Multiple Intelligence assessments by the Indian security agencies suggest that the Pakistan's ISI has increased the security cover for Lashkar-e-Tayiba (LeT) founder and Mumbai 26/11 attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed. Last year, Pakistan had enhanced security measures, but the latest assessment states that state of the art measures have been implemented to ensure that the dreaded terrorist remains safe.

An Intelligence Bureau official said that there have been multiple attempts that have been made to assassinate the Lashkar-e-Tayiba founder. While he is serving a sentence for his role in terror financing, he was allowed to go out and meet with his cadre. Today stepping out is not an option for him as the ISI fears that he may be killed.Saeed has lost several of his top aides in recent years. There have been internal rifts and power struggle battles that have led to these murders. The primary target is, however, Saeed and the ISI wants to prevent this at any cost.Recently during a review, the ISI decided to increase manpower around where Saeed is housed. Even the cadre who get to meet him are heavily scrutinised and scanned before they are allowed to meet him. An official said that Saeed who usually would visit training and radicalisation camps has not been allowed to do so in the last couple of months.The threat perception against him has increased multi-fold in the last couple of months due to which extraordinary measures have been taken to secure him, the official said.Another official said that post Operation Sindoor, Lashkar-e-Tayiba has been on a rebuilding mode. Among the major losses that the group suffered during this operation was the complete destruction of its primary training facility in Muridke. For the ISI, the Lashkar-e-Tayiba is crucial for its India operations. At such a delicate time, the Pakistani spy agency is not ready to take any risks where Saeed is concerned, the official said. Losing Saeed is akin to losing the Lashkar-e-Tayiba and this is something that the ISI would be very concerned about.Pakistan claims that Saeed has been at the Kot Lakhpat jail in Lahore since 2019. In reality, he lives in the luxury of his home at the Mohalla Johar area in Lahore. He lives in this fortified safe house most of the time. When the threat perception increases, he is moved to the Mian Mir Cantonment areas in Lahore which is a highly fortified military safe house in Lahore.Officials say that during the rebuilding exercise, there have been scores of meetings and training camps that have been held in Pakistan as well as Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). Usually, Saeed would be present for all these meetings in persons as the cadres expected him to speak and motivate them. Saeed would attend these meetings until the end of 2024.However, after Operation Sindoor and the multiple assassination attempts that have been made him on in recent months, the ISI has completely barred him from stepping out, the official said. Even his interactions through video calls have become minimal and this is allowed only when the meetings are of a very large scale.The official said that while the video meetings are limited, Saeed however sends out an audio clip with the hope that his cadre would get motivated by listening to the same. Keeping Hafeez Saeed away from the limelight is important for the ISI, as India steps up the heat against him.

He was recently named by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with the Pahalgam attack. He would also be tried in absentia following a proclamation issued against him and six others in connection with the Mumbai 26/11 attacks. Saeed would also be tried in absentia, in connection with the Pahalgam attack. An official said that India is building up a strong case against him and this would have a bearing on the fate of Pakistan at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Pakistan claims that he has been jailed for his role in terror financing, but in reality, the ISI has been trying to protect him from the pressure that India and the international community, the official noted.

Pakistan's central govt debt rises over 5 pc to Rs 81.9 trillion: Report

New Delhi, Aug 21 (IANS) Pakistan's central government debt rose to Rs 81.9 trillion during July-May of fiscal year 2025-26, a report has said, citing the government. A report published in the Business Recorder said total domestic debt stood at Rs 58.1 trillion (Pakistani rupee), while external debt, excluding obligations to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), amounted to Rs 23.8 trillion.Total central government debt was Rs 77.9 trillion in July 2025, comprising Rs 54.5 trillion in domestic debt and Rs 23.4 trillion in external debt. "Total central government debt stood at Rs 77.9 trillion in July 2026, including domestic debt of Rs 54.5 trillion and external debt of Rs 23.4 trillion," the report said.Debt increased by Rs 4 trillion over the first 11 months of the fiscal year.

"During the 11 months, the total debt of the central government increased by Rs4 trillion, or 5.2 per cent, marking the slowest pace of increase in the last 15 years on an 11-month fiscal-year basis," according to the report.Aurangzeb said Pakistan's fiscal responsibility and debt limitation act requires a gradual reduction in public debt, targeting a debt-to-GDP ratio of 50 per cent by FY33 through annual reductions beginning in FY24.

USCIS changes key Green Card form

Washington, Aug 21 (IANS) The US Citizenship and Immigration Services will introduce a revised application form for permanent residence next month, warning that older editions submitted after the change takes effect will be rejected.The new edition of Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, will be published on September 18, USCIS said in an official notification.

Form I-485 is used by eligible applicants already present in the United States to seek lawful permanent resident status, commonly known as a Green Card.The change is expected to be closely watched by Indian nationals pursuing employment- and family-based permanent residence, including applicants who have waited years for an immigrant visa number to become available.USCIS said the revised form carries an edition date of September 18, 2026, and will replace the edition dated January 20, 2025.The agency has provided applicants and immigration lawyers with a preview of the new form and its accompanying instructions. It stressed that there will be no grace period during which both editions will be accepted.

Applicants must therefore determine which edition to use according to the date on which their application is postmarked or submitted electronically.

USCIS will continue accepting the January 20, 2025, edition when it is postmarked or electronically submitted before September 18.However, the agency will reject that edition if it is postmarked or electronically submitted on or after September 18.Conversely, applicants should not submit the new edition before the effective date. USCIS will accept the September 18, 2026, edition only when it is postmarked or electronically filed on or after that date.

The narrow transition makes the filing date particularly important for applicants and their lawyers. Using the wrong edition could result in rejection of the application before USCIS considers its merits.The revised Form I-485 has been prepared to align the adjustment-of-status process with the recently announced final rule concerning the public-charge ground of inadmissibility, USCIS said.

The public-charge provision is used to assess whether an applicant is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence. Its application has changed under successive US administrations and has frequently become a contested element of immigration policy.

USCIS did not announce a separate change in the filing date or fee in the notification. It directed applicants to consult the Form I-485 webpage for the preview edition and detailed instructions.

Indian professionals constitute a significant portion of the employment-based immigration system, particularly in technology, medicine, engineering and other specialised fields. Many experience prolonged waits for permanent residence because annual immigrant visa limits include per-country ceilings.

Applicants filing Form I-485 may also seek related employment and travel authorisation while their permanent residence cases remain pending.

Asian voters emerge as swing bloc in Texas

Washington, Aug 21 (IANS) Asian-American voters could become a decisive constituency in Texas elections, with new polling indicating strong support for Democrat James Talarico but also revealing that many voters know little about him.

In a statement, AAPI Victory Fund said that Talarico leads Republican Ken Paxton by 15 percentage points among Asian-American voters.The organisation did not include detailed information about the poll's sample size, field dates or margin of error in the email circulated to supporters. Those details would be required for a fuller assessment of the findings.Asian Americans are the fastest-growing electorate in Texas, according to the AAPI Victory Fund, which supports greater political participation and representation among Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.The group said the polling showed Asian-American voters were not rejecting candidates but waiting to see which campaigns would engage with them meaningfully."Nearly half of Asian Texans say they know little or nothing about James Talarico," it said. "Which means that he starts from a position of strength with Asian American voters and leads among likely Democratic primary voters."

The findings suggest name recognition remains a substantial challenge even for candidates who currently enjoy favourable support within the community.

The organisation urged candidates to build relationships with Asian-American voters well before Election Day and to avoid treating outreach as a symbolic exercise limited to heritage celebrations or isolated campaign appearances."We must engage Asian Americans, not only during heritage months or on one Zoom call, but in their homes, temples, and respective languages," it said.Language access and culturally specific campaigning could prove particularly important in Texas, where the broader Asian-American electorate includes Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino, Pakistani and other communities with distinct political priorities.

The group argued that Asian-American voters should not be treated as a single uniform bloc. Affordability, education, immigration, healthcare, public safety and small-business conditions can carry different levels of importance among communities and generations.

The polling is also significant because a lead among Asian-American voters does not necessarily guarantee strong turnout. Campaigns and civic organisations must still identify eligible voters, explain election procedures and persuade them to cast ballots.

Indian Americans are a prominent part of the Asian-American population in Texas, particularly in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin metropolitan areas. The community includes technology professionals, physicians, academics, entrepreneurs and small-business owners, alongside a growing number of second-generation voters.

Both Democrats and Republicans have intensified their outreach to Indian-American voters in recent election cycles. Democrats have generally emphasised immigration, healthcare and civil rights, while Republicans have focused on taxation, business regulation, public safety and socially conservative voters.

India-Russia discuss ways to increase armed forces interaction at Working Group meeting

New Delhi, Aug 21 (IANS) A meeting of the Working Group on Planning of the Russia-India Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation was held in New Delhi, during which both sides discussed ways to expand interaction between armed forces. "On August 20-21, a meeting of the Working Group on Planning of the Russia-India Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation was held in New Delhi. The sides reviewed the results of the joint activity plan for the current year, outlined measures for 2027 and discussed ways to expand interaction between the armed forces of the two countries," the Russian Embassy in India stated on its official Telegram channel.Earlier this month, India and Russia reaffirmed their commitment to enhance mutual trust and advance defence industrial and technological cooperation during the fifth India-Russia Army Land System Sub-Group (ALSSG) meeting in New Delhi.The four-day engagement from August 4–7 was held under the aegis of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M and MTC), aims to further strengthen the longstanding bilateral defence partnership between the two nations.

Lt Gen Rahul R Singh, DCOAS (CD and S), led the Indian delegation. Maj Gen Tufekchi Aleksandr, Deputy Head of the Main Armoured Directorate, Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, headed the Russian delegation.

At the 12th Session of the India-Russia Working Group on Modernisation and Industrial Cooperation under the Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation on August 7, India and Russia agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in railway transport, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), SJ-100 regional planes, and critical minerals.

Piyush Goyal emphasises India's commitment to deepen economic ties with Singapore, across Asia

Singapore, Aug 21 (IANS) Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has emphasised India's commitment to deepening economic partnerships with Singapore and across Asia, while fostering stronger business-to-business collaboration. Addressing the non-profit business school INSEAD alumni and students, Singaporean entrepreneurs and Indian businesses at the India-Singapore Business Forum here, the minister said he had an insightful interaction with Professor Sameer Hasija.

"Highlighted India's strong growth trajectory, investment opportunities, and the Government's efforts under the leadership of PM @NarendraModi to enhance the ease of doing business," Goyal posted on X.

He earlier said that new avenues are being created for Indian farmers and processed food manufacturers to expand presence in the Singapore market and further to the whole ASEAN region and Australian market.

Goyal met Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Industry, Singapore, and other dignitaries at the APEDA-FairPrice roadshow-cum-instore promotion being organised for expansion of exports of diverse range of India's agricultural & processed food products.

The minister posted on X that "Organic products, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen fruits and vegetables, dairy products, cashew, rice, millet-based products, and products sourced from different regions of India are being promoted through this engagement".

Meanwhile, Goyal also held a meeting with Sopnendu Mohanty, Group CEO, Global Finance and Technology Network, a global advisory and investment firm based in Singapore. They discussed opportunities to deepen India-Singapore cooperation in financial innovation, technology, and emerging areas of the digital economy.

"We also exchanged views on how India's dynamic financial ecosystem and Singapore's global financial and technology network offer significant opportunities for greater collaboration," said Goyal.The minister also met Cindy Lim, CEO of Keppel Infrastructure, in Singapore.

Hasina calls 2004 Dhaka grenade attack one of B'desh's 'most brutal, shameful' chapters

Dhaka, Aug 21 (IANS) Marking the 22nd anniversary of the 2004 deadly grenade attack on an Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina described the tragedy as one of the most "brutal and shameful" chapters in the country's history.The Awami League mentioned that during the attack, twenty-four leaders and activists of the party and its associate bodies were killed, while over 300 others suffered splinter injuries.Among those killed were Ivy Rahman, then Mohila Awami League chief and also the wife of former Bangladesh President Zillur Rahman.According to the party, many of those injured became crippled for life, while Hasina, then opposition leader, narrowly escaped the attack with ear injuries, from which she continues to suffer.

The Awami League alleged that the "barbaric attack" on August 21, 2004, was carried out by terrorist group Harkat Ul Jihad (HuJI) at the behest of the then Bangladesh Nationalist Party-Jamaat-e-Islami coalition government.

In a statement shared by the Awami League on its social media platform X, Hasina recalled the attack, saying it was aimed at destroying democratic politics in Bangladesh."The attack sought to destroy our democratic politics and once again bring the politics of confrontation into the mainstream - a trajectory that had begun with the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family on August 15. We are subjected to propaganda claiming that we were responsible for destroying democracy in Bangladesh," Hasina stated.Urging the younger generation to examine Bangladesh's history objectively, she said, "I want to tell the new generation: study history objectively. Look at who carried out the August 15 assassination. Who killed the four national leaders inside a secured prison? Who seized state power illegally by establishing military rule? Who enacted the Indemnity Ordinance? Who formed the so-called "King's Party"? Who sought to eliminate political opponents through grenade attacks in an attempt to consolidate their grip on power?The former Prime Minister further alleged that the forces favouring an anti-independence political agenda had regained ground in Bangladesh following August 5, 2024."Those who have repeatedly sought to steer Bangladesh along an anti-independence political trajectory re-emerged on the political stage after August 5, 2024. Deceiving the people and conspiring to assassinate me and destroy the Awami League were the principal objectives of August 5. Further evidence of this is the killing of numerous leaders and activists of our party across the country since August 5, along with physical attacks and baseless cases brought against them," Hasina mentioned.



She reaffirmed that the Awami League would remain steadfast in their determination to overcome all obstacles and build the "Sonar Bangla" envisioned by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — "a secular, modern, and welfare-oriented Bangladesh."

Eastern Railway reviews progress in Bishnupur link via Tarakeswar

Kolkata, Aug 21 (IANS) Eastern Railway (ER) carried out an inspection of the Goghat-Kamarpukur-Jairambati section that will connect Bishnupur in the Bankura district to Tarakeswar in Hooghly. This line, once completed, will be an alternate and more convenient route from Kolkata/Howrah to Bishnupur, home to the world-famous Terracotta Temples.



The project hit a roadblock after villagers in Bhabadighi in Goghat launched an agitation against the filling up of a pond. This agitation started in 2017. The matter reached the Calcutta High Court, which ruled in the railways' favour in 2025. However, there was still a problem with land acquisition, and ER is now constructing a bridge across the pond. The construction work is progressing rapidly.

On Friday, Gitika Pandey, general manager, ER, conducted a comprehensive inspection of the stretch. She was accompanied by Vishal Kapoor, DRM Howrah.

At the Goghat–Kamarpukur–Jairambati section, the GM evaluated the progress of new line construction. At Bhabadighi, she reviewed the project status and interacted with locals.

"She instructed officials to take a compassionate stance toward local community needs. She has directed officials to address public demands by constructing a dedicated road for local residents and providing essential facilities — including electricity, lights, fans, and clean drinking water — for the local school," an official said.

Pandey also inspected the ongoing Amrit Bharat station work at Tarakeswar.

Bishnupur, a popular tourist destination, can now be reached from Howrah (by rail) via Kharagpur and Midnapore.

The total travel distance is about 200 km. The new line via Tarakeswar will bring down the distance to about 140 km.

"There is also a steady flow of people to Kamarpukur and Jairambati that are associated with Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa and Maa Sarada. This can be developed into an entire pilgrimage and tourism circuit. Tourist spots like Mukutmanipur and the Ayodhya Hills are close to Bishnupur," the official said.

People of the Hooghly district are upbeat about the project as it will provide faster and cheaper connectivity to places in Bankura and Midnapore.

NCP (SP) belongs to Sharad Pawar; SC fight is about morality: Supriya Sule

Mumbai, Aug 21 (IANS) Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) working president and MP Supriya Sule on Friday said that the faction founded by Sharad Pawar continues to wage an organisational fight in the Supreme Court, describing it as a battle of morality. She emphasised that while the Ajit Pawar faction may have won before the Election Commission, the party's constitution and ownership rightfully belong to Sharad Pawar. Sule termed stripping the party from him and assigning it to another group a major injustice.

Speaking to reporters, she clarified that the fight is centred on the principle that the party belongs to the person who built it.

"What Sharad Pawar decides to do with the party afterwards will be his decision, alongside those involved in the organisational process. This is not a personal issue for any of us, as an organisation is nobody's private property," she said.

Following remarks by Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan on the Delimitation Bill, Sule issued a sharp counterattack. Responding to Chavan's advice not to "align with Manusmritivadis," she said local Congress leaders in Maharashtra consistently place the NCP in the wrong category, suggesting a lack of coordination with their central leadership.

"We remain in constant communication with central Congress leaders, but state Congress leaders in Maharashtra repeatedly place us in the wrong box," she added. Addressing the controversy surrounding Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's upcoming visit to Pune, Sule said, "Rahul Gandhi is the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. If he is coming to Pune to attend an event organised by his party, why impose so many strict conditions? He will arrive, interact with students peacefully through democratic means, and leave. What is wrong with that?" She raised serious concerns regarding the conditions imposed by the local administration on Rahul Gandhi's visit, questioning why restrictions were being placed on a democratic programme. Sule further said leaders from Kashmir to Kanyakumari regularly visit Sharad Pawar for discussions, noting his ability to set aside differences and give everyone time with a broader perspective.

Two held with 9.24 grams of drugs in Kakraban

Times News

Udaipur, Aug 21: Kakraban police arrested two individuals and seized 9.24-gram drug during a raid at Samatal Hadra area under Kakraban police station on Thursday night.

According to police, the operation was conducted based on a tip-off received by the police. Acting on the information, a team of Kakraban police rushed to the area and detained two persons on suspicion. During a search, the police recovered a total of 9.24-gram drug from their possession.

The arrested persons were identified as Ajnal Ali and Alamgir Hossain, both residents of areas under Kakraban police station. Police also seized a battery-operated autorickshaw and a motorcycle.

SDPO Debanjali Roy, along with personnel of Kakraban police station, was present during the operation.

Police are interrogating the detainees to unearth the source of the drugs and identify others involved in the network.

Electricity Consumers' Association demands rollback of hiked tariff, smart meters

Times News

Amarpur, Aug 21: The Amarpur branch of the Electricity Consumers and Employees Welfare Association staged a three-hour mass sit-in on Friday, demanding cancellation of smart meters, withdrawal of the increased electricity tariff and uninterrupted power supply.

The protest was held in front of the Tripura State Electricity Corporation office near Motorstand. Earlier, CPI(M) workers and supporters took out a rally from the party office at North Bazar, which traversed through various streets of the town before joining the sit-in.

CPI(M) Amarpur Sub-Divisional Committee secretary Prahlad Paul, district committee secretary Parimal Debnath and committee member Subhash Debbarma, among others, addressed the gathering.

A large number of party workers and supporters participated in the rally and protest.

Colocasia stems offer

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marginal farmers looking for ways to supplement their earnings. Fresh colocasia stems are sold in local markets, where demand is reported to be strong, sometimes allowing farmers to sell their produce directly from the fields.

The vegetable has long been part of the local diet and is used in curries, preparations with dry fish and other traditional dishes. Its demand in both rural and semi-urban markets provides farmers with an outlet for their produce, although getting it to consumers quickly remains important.

There are risks, however. Excessive rainfall and waterlogging can damage the plants, while pest attacks, weeds, the availability of quality planting material and fluctuations in market prices remain concerns. Farmers may also have little scope to hold the harvested produce for long because of limited storage and transportation facilities. This can increase their dependence on intermediaries.

Farmers say training, access to improved planting material and advice on managing pests and diseases through scientific and organic methods could help improve production. Better direct links with markets, they add, could also allow them to secure more favourable prices.

Another possibility lies in collective marketing. Farmer groups or self-help groups could potentially undertake the collection, sorting, packaging and marketing of colocasia stems, reducing the dependence of individual growers on middlemen. Agricultural experts point to the importance of diversifying cultivation according to local soil, weather conditions and market demand as farmers seek to improve their incomes. In that context, colocasia stem cultivation could emerge as one of the alternative options for small and medium farmers in Kalyanpur. For now, the rows of green colocasia plants across Kalyanpur's monsoon fields represent more than another seasonal crop. Each harvested stem brings another opportunity to reach the market and earn from the same piece of land.

Power Minister announces

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meetings and even returned from Delhi specifically to chair deliberations on the tariff issue. "This shows the sensitivity of our government. We are not a government of numbers, but a government of people," Nath said.

Consumers who have already paid electricity bills at the revised rates will also receive adjustment of the additional amount paid, he said. The subsidy will be considered effective from May 2026, and the excess amount already paid will be adjusted in installments through the September, October and November bills.

The minister said tariff fixation was the responsibility of the TERC, an independent regulatory body, which determines tariffs after considering various factors under the relevant provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.

He said the state government had decided to bear the additional financial burden of the tariff increase after considering the interests of consumers.

Nath said the government had also taken into consideration the increase in fixed charges and changes in international market conditions, power generation and procurement costs and other related factors.

He said the overall increase in electricity tariff between 2010-11 and 2017-18 was around 116 per cent, while the total increase between 2018-19 and 2026-27 was around 40.42 per cent.

The minister said the decision was aimed at preventing the additional tariff burden from being passed on to consumers and added that those who had already paid higher bills would receive the applicable adjustment in subsequent bills.

Invoking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," Nath said the decision reflects the government's commitment to stand by the people. "From September onwards, every bill will carry a message of relief. This is our promise, and this is its implementation," he concluded.

Managing Director of Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited Biswajit Basu and Director (Technical) Subir Sen were also present at the press conference.

PWNSAT 2026 to offer free education and accommodation to top 500 JEE, NEET aspirant

Kolkata: PhysicsWallah (PW) has announced the fourth edition of its PhysicsWallah National Scholarship cum Admission Test (PWNSAT) 2026, offering scholarships and other support to students preparing for JEE and NEET examinations. Registrations for the scholarship test are free and open to students from Class V to XII and Class XII pass-outs from both PCM and PCB streams. Based on their performance, eligible students can receive scholarships of up to 100% tuition fee waiver and compete for cash rewards totalling up to Rs 2.5 crore.""A key feature of PWNSAT 2026 is free education and accommodation support for the top 500 eligible students, aimed at reducing financial barriers for students pursuing competitive examination preparation. Selected performers will also receive academic mentorship and guidance through the Exclusive Rankers' Group.

The examination will be conducted in both online and offline modes. The online test will be held from October 1 to 15, 2026, while offline examinations are scheduled for October 3, 4, 10 and 11 at PW Vidyapeeth, Pathshala and Tuition centres across the country. The results will be announced later. PW Founder and CEO Alakh Pandey said the initiative aims to reduce financial barriers and provide students with academic support to pursue their educational goals with greater confidence.

Foundation stones laid

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Calling for further strengthening of the school education system, the Chief Minister directed officials to ensure adequate infrastructure and monitor whether teachers are attending schools on time.

He also asked the concerned officials to take necessary measures to maintain an appropriate teacher-student ratio in schools and reduce the dropout rate among students.

He said, for maintenance and infrastructure development in schools, an amount of Rs. 1178.43 crore was spent for 213 schools. The government has received approval for more 240 schools.

He advised the teachers to keep themselves updated with changing time.

The Chief Minister also spoke about various initiatives taken by the present government for strengthening the school education system.

Affidavit

I, Shaik Bavajan, Rank- Rfn/GD, No- G/5018101L, S/O- Shaik Masthan Vali, resident of 12-83, Kamatham Palli, Kurabalakota, P.O- Kurabalakota, Dist- Chittoor, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 517350, do hereby declare that in my Service Record, my father's name has been wrongly recorded as S Masthan Valli instead of his actual correct name Shaik Masthan, and my mother's name has been wrongly recorded as S Rameja instead of her actual correct name Shaik Rameeja.Vide affidavit No. 2070/Aug/26 dated 21/08/2026 sworn before the Notary Public at Agartala, West Tripura, I declare that these names refer to my same identical Father and Mother respectively, and they shall hereafter use and write their names as Shaik Masthan and Shaik Rameeja for all official purposes.

SC judge and ex-Tripura HC CJ

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body of judicial work" of outgoing Supreme Court judge and said his contribution through his judgments is both "wide-ranging and substantial". The CJI said he always encouraged the parties before him to try to settle and find common ground for mutual agreement.

Born on August 23, 1961, Justice Karol did his schooling from Shimla and obtained a degree in Law at the Himachal Pradesh University. He was appointed as the advocate general of Himachal Pradesh in 1998 and served in that capacity till 2003. He was conferred the designation of senior advocate in 1999 and was elevated as a judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on March 8, 2007.

She Came for Healing

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and initiated the necessary formalities.

Police sources said an autopsy was conducted in accordance with legal procedures. Arrangements are being made to hand over the body to the family after completion of the required formalities, paving the way for her mortal remains to be taken back to Bangladesh.

The incident also drew attention in the border belt of Boxanagar, where families and communities on the two sides of the India-Bangladesh border have long shared close social and familial ties.

For Shilpi's family, however, the immediate concern is a deeply personal one — taking home a woman who had crossed the border seeking treatment and recovery, but whose journey ended unexpectedly at her sister's home in Tripura.

THRC orders

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complaint. Taking cognizance of the matter, the THRC forwarded a copy of the complaint to the Commissioner of Agartala Municipal Corporation, directing a thorough inquiry into the allegations. The Commission specifically instructed the AMC Commissioner to investigate whether the applicants' human rights were violated and to submit a detailed report.

The directive was issued jointly by THRC Chairman Justice Arindam Lodh and Member U. Choudhury on August 21, 2026. The case has been scheduled for re-listing after 20 days, by which time the AMC Commissioner's report is expected.

PNIe-T NO:-18/EE-I/2026-27, Dated 21/08/2026

The Executive Engineer, Division No-I, PWD(R&B), Agartala, Tripura (W) invited tender from the eligible bidders up to **15.00 hours on 07-09-2026** for 01 (One) no. Construction / Maintenance works. For details visit **https://tripuratenders.gov.in** or contact at Mobile No: 7005317429 for clarifications, if any. Any subsequent corrigendum will be available at the website only.

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Sd/- Illegible
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
AGARTALA DIVISION NO-I, PWD (R & B),
AGARTALA, WEST TRIPURA

NOTIFICATION

Reference: Employment Notification vide No.F.1(400-34)-ESTT/FWPM/2026 (V-III), dated 13-03-2026.

This is for information to all concerned that, the list of qualified candidates for viva-voce / interview, based on written examination for the post of MPW (Male & Female) has been uploaded in the departmental website. The viva-voce / interview will be conducted on 29-08-2026 at the Auditorium Hall of Agartala Govt. Nursing College (AGNC), IGM Hospital Complex, Agartala West Tripura from 9:30 A.M. onwards.

Qualified Candidates may kindly visit at healthrecruitment.tripura.gov.in or https://health.tripura.gov.in to download their Admit Card w.e.f. 25-08-2026 after 3:00 P.M.

Sd/- (Dr. Anjan Das)
I/C, Director,
Family Welfare & P.M.
Government of Tripura.

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F. No.AGSZO/GWZO-II/TENDER/2/2026-27/ दिनांक/Date: 21.08.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR HIRING OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, AGARTALA SUB-ZONAL OFFICE

Directorate of Enforcement. Govt. of India, Agartala Sub-Zonal Office, Guwahati Zonal Office-II invites e-tenders for hiring office accommodation measuring around 7500-9000 sq ft in Agartala. Tripura, from eligible and interested bidders.

Detailed NIT may be downloaded from the website http://www.enforcementdirectorate.gov.in and http://www.eprocure.gov.in with effect from 21.08.2026 at 18:00. Last date and time for submission of e-tender online as per NIT is on 19th Sept. 2026at 18.00 Hrs.

Sd/- Illegible
Deputy Director.

Assembly Session

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Legislative Assembly will hold its Session on August 27, 28 and 31.

During the BAC meeting, detailed discussions were held on various important matters related to the session, including its business, agenda and time allocation.

The meeting stressed the need to conduct the session in a smooth, disciplined and productive manner, while ensuring adequate opportunity for members to raise issues concerning the state and public interest.

The upcoming session is expected to be significant from the perspective of Tripura's overall development, public welfare and future progress.

The BAC members expressed the hope that constructive discussions and deliberations in the House would contribute to making the session meaningful and effective in the interest of the people of the state.

TCS 2026 batch completes

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the problems faced by ordinary citizens. They were also advised to use their training and administrative authority to ensure effective implementation of government programmes and timely delivery of services at the grassroots level.

The conclusion of the induction programme formally prepares the 2026 batch of TCS officers to take up their administrative assignments across the state.

PNIT NO: e-PT-XXI/EE/RD/ABS/2026-27 DATED-20/08/2026

On behalf of the 'Governor of Tripura' the Executive Engineer, R.D Ambassa Division, Ambassa, Dhalai District, Tripura invites e-tender from eligible bidders up to **3.00 P.M. on 03/09/2026** for **Construction of one additional 100 seated building for up-gradation at Harchandra HS School, Durgachowmuhani R.D. Block, Kamalpur, Dhalai District (3rd Call).** For details visit website https://tripuratenders.gov.in and contact at M-08732042622 (during office hours only). Any subsequent Corrigendum/ Memorandum/Addendum will be available in the website only.

ICA/C/1687/26

Sd/- [Er. U. Debbarma]
Executive Engineer
R.D. Ambassa Division

SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited for procurement of Well Decomposed Loose Cocopeat and 50 cavity Protrays for State Horticulture Research Station, Nagicherra, West Tripura.

The details of terms & conditions are available at the office of State Horticulture Research Station, Nagicherra, West Tripura on all working days up to **04:00 PM of 16-09-2026.**

The last date of submission of quotation is **17-09-2026 at 3.00 PM** and date of opening of quotation is **17-09-2026 at 4.00 PM** if-possible.

Sd/- Illegible
Deputy Director of Horticulture (Vegetable)
ICA/C/1695/26 **State Horticulture Research Station,**
Nagicherra, West Tripura

OFFICE OF THE
BISHALGARH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
BISHALGARH, SEPAHIJALA, TRIPURA

NOTIFICATION

On the basis of result of the written examination in c/w the Recruitment of five (5) Ward Secretaries in Bishalgarh Municipal Council in pursuance of the Notification F.1(25)-UDD/DUD/ULB/Estt/2024/1196-1259, dated 22 nd May. 2025 issued by the Secretary of Urban Development Department, Government of Tripura, candidates bearing Roll Numbers as follows are provisionally qualified to appear for the scrutiny of documents scheduled to be held in the Conference Hall of SDM Office, Bishalgarh on 24/08/2026 from **10 AM to 5 PM.**

0179	0183	0319	0325	0336
0351	0357	0364	0379	0419
0443	0455	0577	0581	0811

The provisionally eligible candidates are instructed to submit self-attested copies of all required documents such as PRTC, Caste/Tribe Certificate (as applicable), Educational Qualification, Computer Certificate, Admit Card (Matriculation), Ration Card, EPIC & Aadhar as mentioned in the said Advertisement on the above mentioned schedule **failing which their candidature will be summarily rejected.** The Recruitment Board of Bishalgarh Municipal Council shall not entertain any representation in this regard thereafter.

The detailed schedule for Interview of the recruitment of said Ward Secretaries will be informed in due course of time after completion of scrutiny of documents from this end.

Sd/- (Binki Saha, TCS, Gr.-I)
Chairman of Recruitment Board
(Chief Executive Officer)
Bishalgarh Municipal Council

Paytm revises ESOP framework, links future vesting more closely to performance

The board of One 97 Communications, which operates mobile payments brand Paytm, has proposed changes to its employee stock option framework that would link future ESOP vesting more closely to performance, while keeping the overall stock option pool unchanged, reinforcing a greater focus on performance-based employee incentives.

According to One 97 Communications Limited's 26th Annual General Meeting notice, the proposed amendments to the One 97 Employees Stock Option Scheme 2019 will require higher levels of performance for full vesting, with the number of options vesting to be determined on a graded basis. The changes are subject to shareholder approval through a special resolution.

Under the existing framework, employees receiving a performance rating of "Meets expectation" or a similar rating and above were eligible for 100 per cent of the options due for vesting on a particular date. Employees rated below that level were not eligible for vesting.

The revised approach introduces a broader assessment. The AGM notice states that ESOP vesting will be contingent upon a "holistic review" covering role-specific KRAs, business performance, company performance and the employee's future potential, among other parameters.

Based on this review, employees will be assigned an ESOP rating that will determine how much of the eligible grant actually vests. Only employees with an ESOP rating of "Meets expectation" and above will qualify, with vesting ranging from 10 per cent to 100 per cent. The ESOP rating will be approved by the CEO.

The AGM notice states that the amended policy makes the framework "more stringent and performance-differentiated", with full vesting dependent on "higher levels of performance" and vesting entitlements calibrated according to performance outcomes.

The change will apply only to future ESOP grants. Options that have already been granted under ESOP Scheme 2019 will continue under their existing terms, with no change in the rights and obligations of current option holders.

Paytm is not expanding its ESOP pool as part of the revision. The AGM notice says the amendments "do not result in any incremental dilution or increase in the maximum number of options that can be granted under ESOP Scheme 2019".

As of the date of the AGM notice, 2.67 crore options were yet to be granted under the scheme, including options that may return to the pool because of lapse, surrender or other reasons. These are convertible into an equal number of equity shares of face value Rs 1 each.

The basic vesting period also remains unchanged. Future options may vest after a minimum of one year and within a maximum of five years from the grant date, as decided by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. Continued employment will remain a condition for vesting.

Paytm said the amendments are also in line with the SEBI's share-based employee benefits and listing regulations, and are aimed at strengthening the link between employee stock options, individual performance and long-term shareholder value.

LOCAL NEWS

AILU seeks removal of BCI chairman



Times News

Agartala, Aug 21: The Tripura State Committee of the All India Lawyers' Union on Friday organised a protest in Agartala seeking the removal of Bar Council of India (BCI) chairman Manan Kumar Mishra.

The protest was held at the western gate of the Agartala District Court as part of a nationwide programme, the organisation said.

The All India Lawyers' Union alleged that decision-making powers in the BCI, a statutory body, had remained concentrated in the hands of one person for a prolonged period.The organisation said concerns had been raised among lawyers over what it described as individual-centric authority in place of collective decision-making by the council, as well as what it termed irresponsible comments concerning a recent student movement.

The organisation also referred to a directive issued on August 13 putting a bar on registration of students of the 2026 batch of the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR).

"The directive was issued as a punishment for the students who opposed the CJI's event in the college. The students have rights to express their views and protest. The BCI shouldn't have taken such a stand when the Chief Justice of India did not make any adverse comments on the matter. In fact, he acknowledged the fact that the students have a right to protest," said a protesting lawyer.

According to the All India Lawyers' Union, the directive had raised questions about the democratic and institutional character of the BCI.

The organisation said the protest was organised to demand measures to protect the independence and democratic character of the BCI and ensure that decisions are taken through a collective process.

The outfit demanded that Mishra should tender his resignation at the earliest.

Van Mahotsav held at Chottakhala in Rajnagar

Times News

Belonia, Aug 21: With the initiative of the Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary Division, a subdivision-level Van Mahotsav (Forest Festival) was organised at P.R. Bari School in Chottakhala under Rajnagar Assembly constituency on Friday. MLA Swapna Majumder inaugurated the programme in presence of Forest Conservator Bimal Das, Assistant Conservator Sukanta Sarkar, the chairman of Rajnagar Panchayat Samiti and others.

Addressing the gathering, Majumder stressed the importance of forests in sustaining human life and called upon people to protect forests and preserve the environment.

"Forests are our life and without forests our existence is meaningless," she said.

Forest Conservator of Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary Bimal Das said Van Mahotsav and tree plantation programmes were essential for protecting the environment and ensuring a safe future for the next generation. He highlighted the ecological importance of trees, including their role in absorbing carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen and providing food and shelter for birds and animals.

Das also called for greater emphasis not only on planting trees but also on ensuring their survival.

"One tree, one life" should be taken forward as a message of environmental conservation, he said. Students of P.R. Bari School participated in tree plantation and presented songs, dances and a play carrying a message against tree felling.

Starlink would help least-served in India, especially rural areas: Elon Musk

Elon Musk on Friday said Starlink would help the 'least served' areas of India -- particularly in rural areas -- as the satellite internet service awaits commercial rollout in the country.

Taking to social media platform X, Musk said, "Starlink would help the least served in India, especially in rural areas."Musk replied to a post that pointed to the continued digital connectivity gap in India noting that 11,256 listed villages still had no 4G coverage as of May 2026.The post on X highlighted the disparity in internet subscription density between rural and urban India. India had 1.093 billion internet subscriptions in March 2026 of which 440.87 million were rural. While rural internet subscription density stood at 48.31 per 100 people, compared with 126.80 in urban areas.

The post said BharatNet had laid more than 850,000 route-km of fibre and made around 221,000 Gram Panchayats service-ready. However, only 80,472 Gram Panchayat Points of Presence were reported operational as of June 2026.It further stated that satellite connectivity could help bridge gaps in remote villages, mountainous regions, islands and areas affected by disasters, where conventional telecom infrastructure faces.

Mobile phone manufacturing scheme to deepen domestic value addition: Industry chamber

The recently approved Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) ensures continuity of policy and will deepen domestic value addition and strengthen the component ecosystem, industry leaders said on Friday.

"We welcome the Central government's launch of the Rs 62,500 crore Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS). The scheme builds on the strong foundation of PLI for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing and marks the next phase of India's mobile manufacturing journey," Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA.

This creates continuity of policy and strengthens predictability which has been demonstrated through successive schemes such as production linked incentives and the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme.

Successive schemes provide industry the confidence to make long-term investments and build deep manufacturing capabilities in India, he added.

"MPMS is a significant step to deepen domestic value addition, strengthen the supply chain and accelerate the development of a robust component ecosystem in India. Its focus on domestic sourcing of key components and support for Indian brands, design and R&D will further enhance long-term competitiveness," the statement from ICEA said.

The industry body emphasised that MPMS also creates a natural aggregator framework for the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), helping align demand aggregation, scale efficiencies, and ecosystem development across critical components.

"This convergence will be instrumental in accelerating component manufacturing in India and improving global competitiveness," the statement added.



Ashok Gupta, Executive Chairman, Optiemus Infracom Ltd said that the scheme provides a strong and sustained policy framework to take India's electronics sector from scale-driven assembly towards deeper, high-value manufacturing.

"The scheme would create a powerful demand-supply ecosystem by aligning with ECMS and strengthening domestic sourcing. Its focus on Indian brands, design and R&D would give a significant boost to local champions, enabling them to scale, innovate and compete globally," Gupta added.

India has already emerged as a major global smartphone exporter and the next phase is to sustain the momentum while deepening the ecosystem and increasing value addition within the country.

India's electronics production rose from Rs 11.32 lakh crore in FY25 to Rs 13.11 lakh crore in FY26, marking a 15.8 per cent year on year increase, while the mobile phone production has skyrocketed, with exports rising to Rs 2.59 lakh crore.

e-Rickshaw drivers stage road blockade demanding urgent repair of dilapidated routes

Times News

Agartala Aug 21: Anger spilled onto the streets of Tillabazar in Unakoti district on Friday as e rickshaw drivers launched an indefinite road blockade, demanding immediate repair of the Kailashahar–Rangaouti and Tillabazar–Irani roads, which they say have been left in a broken state for months.

The protest began in the morning when drivers locked their vehicles across the main road near Tillabazar, disrupting traffic and drawing attention to the worsening condition of the two vital routes.

Demonstrators alleged that large stretches of the roads are riddled with potholes and broken surfaces, making daily travel hazardous for commuters and drivers alike. "Accidents are waiting to happen every day," one protester said, pointing to the risks of navigating damaged roads with passenger vehicles.

This is not the first time the drivers have taken to the streets. Earlier, they staged a similar blockade in Tillabazar, but with no visible action from authorities, they said they were compelled to resume their agitation.

In a striking demand, the protesters insisted that the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) should personally ride in an e rickshaw from Tillabazar to Dakbangla to experience the ordeal firsthand. "Only then will the administration truly understand the gravity of the situation," the drivers declared.

The blockade caused significant disruption to traffic in the area, forcing police and administrative officials to rush to the spot. Efforts were made to pacify the protesters, but the drivers warned that the agitation would continue until the administration gave a clear assurance of road repair.

Sanskrit Mahotsava 2026 Inaugurated

Times News

Agartala , Aug 21 : The Sanskrit Mahotsava 2026, organised by Central Sanskrit University (CSU), Ekalavya Campus, Lembuchhera, Tripura, was inaugurated on Friday at the Multipurpose Hall of the Campus. The 7-day long celebration is scheduled from August 21 to 28 and aimed at celebrating the richness, relevance and enduring cultural significance of Sanskrit language, literature and India's knowledge traditions.

The inaugural ceremony commenced at 10:30 a.m. with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the National Song, UniversityKulgeet and Vedic Mangalacharan. The Vedic Mangalacharan was performed by Dr. Ashish Kumar Mishra, Convenor, Department of Veda. Besides, a Sanskrit Welcome song was presented by the students of the campus in honour of all the Dignitaries & Guests.

Prof. Sushanta Kumar Raj, Associate Director, Ekalavya Campus, delivered the welcome address and introductory remarks. The programme also included the felicitation of all the distinguished guests.

Deepak Debbarma, Block Committee President, Lefunga, delivered the address as the Special Guest.The Chief Guest, Shantanu Bikash Das, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mohanpur,addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of preserving and promoting India's linguistic, literary and cultural heritage. He appreciated the initiative taken by the University in promoting Sanskrit Shastras and urged all the learners to be very punctual in the class & studious in integrating and implementing the knowledge for the betterment of the society.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Prof. Bulusu Padma MitraSrinivas, Director-in-Charge, Ekalavya Campus, who delivered the presidential address.The programme provided an important platform for students, faculty members, scholars and members of the wider community to engage with Sanskrit through language, literature, Vedic traditions and Indian knowledge systems. The Sanskrit Mahotsava was envisaged as a celebration of the historical richness as well as the contemporary relevance of Sanskrit.

The inaugural programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Umesh Chandra Mishra, Head, Department of Vyakarana, followed by the National Anthem. The programme was anchored by Dr. Soumyajyoti Saha.The Sanskrit Mahotsava 2026 was expected to provide opportunities for academic interaction, literary engagement and cultural participation through a range of activities during the celebration.

Surrendered militants threaten road, rail blockades

Times News

Agartala Aug 21: Surrendered militants announced a fresh wave of agitation, warning of hunger strikes and transport blockades if their demands remain unresolved by August 28.

Addressing the media, one of the protest leaders said that 40–50 members had already gathered to press for a solution, stressing that they were acting independently of any political party. He declared that if the authorities failed to act by the deadline, the group would begin a hunger strike at Sadhupara Bridge.

The protesters further threatened to block vehicles on the highway and stage hunger strikes near railway tracks at Jirania and Birgodas, vowing to continue the agitation even if participation dwindled. "This is not about personal gain. It is about securing what is rightfully ours," the speaker asserted.

The group expressed deep disappointment over repeated verbal assurances from officials, claiming that earlier commitments — including a promise to resolve the matter within 72 hours — had not materialised even after nearly two months.

One protester alleged that he was invited to a meeting on August 21 but found no officials present to engage in talks.

First MEMU service between Agartala-Karimganj: NFR enhancing passenger services in NE

Special correspondent

New Delhi, Aug 21: From introduction of the first MEMU service between Agartala and Karimganj in July 2026, to sending its first container train to Nepal, the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is making all out efforts for enhancing passenger services, operational efficiency, connectivity and freight transportation across the Northeast.

The NFR introduced 14 pairs of new train services and operated 674 special train trips, including 92 trips serving flood-affected areas, it said in a press release.

"So far in 2026, 14 pairs of new train services have been introduced, including Vande Bharat Sleeper, Amrit Bharat and Mail/Express trains. NFR operated a total of 674 special train trips, 23 per cent higher than during the corresponding period last year, including 92 trips serving flood-affected areas. The first MEMU service between Agartala and Karimganj was also introduced in July 2026," it said.

New passenger facilities have been introduced at New Jalpaiguri and Guwahati, while pantry services are now available on 49 trains. NFR's Eat Right certification has also increased to 25 stations and four campuses. Integrated Passenger Information Systems have been installed at eight stations, along with 10 new lifts at four stations. Passenger amenities have also been strengthened, with 230 Passenger Reservation System (PRS) locations converted to a Next Generation Graphical User Interface-based PRS.

MP reviews works in South dist

Times News

Belonia, August 21: A district-level Disha meeting was held at the Circuit House in Belonia on Friday to review the implementation of various Central and State government schemes and assess the progress of development works in South Tripura.

East Tripura Lok Sabha MP Kriti Singh has chaired the meeting. Minister for Cooperation and Minority Welfare ShuklaCharanNoatia, South Tripura ZillaParishadSabhadhipati Dipak Dutta, MLAs from different Assembly constituencies, the District Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Panchayat Samiti chairpersons, BDOs, chairpersons of municipal councils and Nagar Panchayats, along with senior officials from education, health, PWD, water resources, animal resources, police administration, district administration, fisheries and other line departments were present.The meeting reviewed the decisions and projects discussed during the previous Disha meeting and assessed the extent to which the proposed works had been implemented.

Singh acknowledged that there are shortages of doctors and teachers in some areas, while drinking water-related problems also persist in several locations. She said these issues would be given priority in the days ahead.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of various Central and State government schemes, irrigation, electricity, roads, healthcare and other development programmes.

Durga Puja : AMC ward 39 to give multiple awards

Times News

Agartala, Aug 21: Ward No. 39 of the Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) said, several awards relating to Durga Puja will be presented in several categories, including Best Idol, Best Puja Pandal, Best Puja on a Low Budget, Best Environmental Awareness Campaign, Best Discipline and Best Souvenir. Special awards will also be given for innovative initiatives and outstanding activities undertaken by puja committees.

The organisers said special emphasis would also be placed on the relevance of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay to Indian literature and culture in the post-Independence period.

The initiative aims to encourage the younger generation to connect more closely with the country's literary heritage, culture and traditions.

Mayor Deepak Majumder said Durga Puja is not merely a religious festival but also an important part of Tripura's social and cultural heritage. He stressed the need to ensure that the celebrations remain joyful while giving due importance to environmental awareness, discipline and social responsibility.

The main award ceremony will be held at Arundhatinagar Class XII School on Sunday, November 1, at 6 pm. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha is scheduled to attend the programme. Selected puja committees and participants will be felicitated in different categories, while discussions on literature, culture, environmental awareness and social harmony will also be held as part of the event.

BWF World C'ships:

Treesa-Gayatri confirm India's first medal in women's doubles since 2011

Satwik-Chirag bow out as Liang-Wang end India's men's doubles challenge



New Delhi, Aug 21 (IANS) India's women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand have staged an upset at the BWF World Championships after handing a shock loss to the world no. 4 Chinese pair of Ji Yifan and Zhang Shuxian to enter the semifinals, confirming a medal for the country.

The Indians, coming from game down, registered a 16-21, 21-15, 21-13 win over the Chinese to become the second-ever pair to win a BWF World Championships medal in women's doubles. In 2011, Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa won bronze, securing India's second-ever World Championships medal -- 28 years after the country's maiden medal in 1983 (Prakash Padukone's men's singles bronze).

The Indian duo looked vulnerable early on as Jia and Zhang raced to a 6-2 lead and kept their advantage through the opening game. Treesa and Gayatri gradually found their attacking rhythm, using their powerful smashes and sharper exchanges at the net to close the gap to 8-9.

The recovery, however, was not enough to prevent the Chinese to head into the breather with 11-8 advantage and eventually sealing the opening game 21-16.

The response in the second game was immediate. The Indians refused to allow their opponents the same control, matching them in the longer rallies while defending under pressure as they earned a slender 11-10 advantage at the interval.

From there, Treesa and Gayatri grew increasingly assertive. Their cross-court attacks repeatedly stretched the Chinese pair across the court, while their defence absorbed Jia and Zhang's pressure. The Indians opened a 17-14 lead before closing out the game 21-15 to force a decider.

In the decider, after an even start at 4-4, Treesa found the breakthrough with a powerful smash, and the Indians suddenly surged. Seven consecutive points turned the contest on its head, taking them from 4-all to 9-4. Treesa's attack continued to cause damage for the Chinese, and the Indians entered the interval with a commanding 11-5 lead.

After the change of sides, Jia and Zhang briefly attempted to revive their challenge, but the Indian earned three straight points to restore their momentum. With the Chinese pair increasingly under pressure, errors began to creep into their game.

At 18-9, the Indians were within touching distance. A review after Zhang's shot was called out did little to alter the outcome, and two further errors from Chinese handed Treesa and Gayatri the decisive points.

Later in the day, the men's doubles pair of SatwiksairajRankireddy and Chirag Shetty remain in contention for another medal. The fifth seeds will face Chinese third seeds Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang in the quarterfinals.

A win for the duo would confirm India's second medal at the World Championships and third for Satwik and Chirag, having won the bronze in 2022 and 2025.

U20 Wrestling World C'ships

Kajal secures back-to-back gold

Tanu Sharma and Savita bag Silver medals for India

She repeated as U20 world champion, only the second wrestler from her country to twice win gold at this level.

Slovakia, Aug 21 (IANS) Indian women's wrestling sensation Kajal Dhochak continued her incredible trajectory on the global stage, striking gold in the 76kg category to lead the Indian contingent's charge at the 2026 U20 Wrestling World Championships in Slovakia.

Alongside Kajal's historic triumph, India secured two crucial Silver medals through Tanu Sharma (72kg) and Savita (62kg) on an action-packed day of Women's Wrestling (WW).

18-year-old Kajal, competed in the 76kg championship bout. She delivered a masterclass against China's Jingru Sun, registering a flawless 7-0 victory on points (VPO) to lift the world title.

This triumph cements her status as one of India's brightest generational prospects, adding to a phenomenal resume that already includes the 2024 U17 World Championship (69kg) and the 2025 U20 World Championship (72kg) titles.

Kajal also moved up a weight class and competed at 76kg this year after winning gold at 72kg in 2025. The Indian repeated as U20 world champion, only the second wrestler from her country to twice win gold at this level.

The former U17 world champion capped off an incredible tournament, in which she did not concede a single point, by blanking Jingru Sun of China 7-0, in the final, a repeat of their opening round bout at the U20 Asian Championships that Kajal won. This was her fifth successive gold in 2026, a year which she can with seventh-place finishes at Tirana Ranking Series and Asian Championships.



Since then, Kajal has won gold medals at U23 Asian Championships, Ulaanbaatar Ranking Series, U20 Asian Championships, Budapest Ranking Series and the U20 World Championships on Thursday.Kajal opened the tournament against Miyu Takayama of Japan, who she pinned, defeated Elmira Yasin of Turkiye 14-0, in the semifinals before taking down Piper Fowler of USA 6-0.

In the final, Sun was the backfoot straightaway as Kajal put relentless pressure. She scored the first stepout to take a 1-0 lead, then hit a double-leg attack for a two-point takedown and lead 3-0 at the break. Sun was cautioned for open hands in the second period which added another point to Kajal's score.A tiring Sun kept trying to hold centre but Kajal managed to push her out and also score a takedown to extend her lead to 7-0, which was the winning score.

Tripura Sports School suffer defeat in Subroto Cup

Times Sports

Agartala August 21: Tripura Sports School suffered a setback in the 65th Subroto Mukerjee Cup Under-17 Football Tournament in Delhi, losing 3-1 to Jharkhand and making their chances of reaching the next round considerably difficult.

The match was played at Tejas Maidan in Delhi. Tripura Sports School started aggressively and kept pressing the Jharkhand defence from the opening minutes. However, the Tripura players failed to convert their chances into goals.Jharkhand, meanwhile, relied effectively on counter-attacks. The team scored three goals in quick succession to put Tripura Sports School under considerable pressure.

Tripura tried to fight back after the break and eventually found the net through Jessica Jhara, who scored the only goal for coach Shubhenjit Sinha side.

However, the effort was not enough as Tripura Sports School eventually went down 3-1.The defeat also dealt a psychological blow to the Tripura players. Their chances of progressing to the next round are now slim. They must win their final group match against Delhi on Saturday to keep their hopes alive.

A victory against Delhi could still give Tripura Sports School a narrow chance of advancing, depending on the outcome of other matches in the group.

Jampuijala Play Centre Reach Super Four Ramakrishna Sebashram Stumble in Women Football League





Times Sports

Agartala, August 21: Jampuijala Play Centre continued their impressive run in the Baikuntha Nath Memorial Senior Women Football League, securing a place in the Super Four with a fourth consecutive victory, while Ramakrishna Sebashram Sangha suffered another setback in the competition on Friday.

The two matches, organised by the Tripura Football Association, were played at the Umakanta Mini Stadium. Jampuijala Play Centre produced a dominant display to beat newcomers Tilka Majhi AC of Simna 5-0. In the other match, Fulo Jhanu AC of Kailashahar defeated Ramakrishna Sebashram Sangha 1-0 under floodlights.

Jampuijala Play Centre controlled the game for most of the contest but Tilka Majhi AC initially showed good defensive discipline. The newcomers managed to keep their stronger opponents away from the scoresheet for nearly 37 minutes.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 37th minute when Chimmushe found the net for Jampuijala. The goal opened the floodgates. Rupali Jamatia doubled the lead in the 41st minute before Sibati Debbarma scored again two minutes later.Jampuijala went into the half-time break with a commanding 3-0 advantage.The second half began with another spell of intense pressure from the Jampuijala players. They scored twice within the opening five minutes after the restart. Neka K. made it 4-0 in the 48th minute, while Suari Debbarma added the fifth goal in the 50th minute.

With the match effectively decided, Jampuijala players focused on retaining possession and exchanged passes during the remainder of the game.

Despite the heavy defeat, Tilka Majhi AC goalkeeper Amrita Orang emerged as a major positive for the side. She made several important saves and prevented Jampuijala from extending their lead further. Her performance earned her the Player of the Match award.

The result also confirmed Jampuijala Play Centre position in the Super Four after four straight wins. The team, coached by Subodh Debbarma, has emerged as one of the strongest sides in the women league.

Meanwhile, Ramakrishna Sebashram Sangha endured another difficult evening as Fulo Jhanu AC secured a narrow 1-0 victory. Fulo Jhanu AC took the lead in the 12th minute when Mousumi Orang scored. Ramakrishna Sebashram then pushed forward in search of an equaliser and created several opportunities.

However, the team failed to find the finishing touch. On two occasions, the goalpost denied Ramakrishna Sebashram what appeared to be promising chances.

Fulo Jhanu AC goalkeeper Kiran Chougan also played a crucial role. She made several timely saves to keep her team ahead and frustrated repeated attacks from the Ramakrishna Sebashram players.

The defeat leaves Ramakrishna Sebashram Sangha with more work to do in the race for the Super Four. The team remains in contention but has lost valuable ground.

Fulo Jhanu AC, on the other hand, strengthened its position with the important victory. The Kailashahar-based side is now effectively on the verge of securing a place in the Super Four.

Mousumi Orang, who scored the decisive goal, was named Player of the Match.

Biswajit Nath officiated the Jampuijala Play Centre-Tilka Majhi AC match, while Tapan Kumar Nath was the referee for the Fulo Jhanu AC-Ramakrishna Sebashram encounter.

Real Friends reach Oriental Cup Football semis

Times Sports

Belonia, August 21: Real Friends became the third team to book a place in the semi-finals of the Oriental Club-organised prize-money knockout football tournament, defeating Auto Rickshaw Mazdoor Sangha by a solitary goal in the third quarter-final at Bidyapith Mini Stadium on Friday.



Both teams adopted an attacking approach from the opening whistle. The players fought hard for possession and repeatedly tried to gain control of the midfield, making the contest an entertaining one.

Real Friends finally broke the deadlock in the 40th minute when Amujao scored a superb goal to put his team ahead. Auto Rickshaw Mazdoor Sangha tried to respond but could not find an equaliser.

The solitary goal proved decisive as Real Friends held on to secure their place in the last four. Sanjay Biswas officiated the match.

Sadar storm into State Cricket Semis

Times Sports

Agartala August 21: Sadar Sub-Division secured a place in the semi-finals of the State Senior Cricket Elite Group after defeating Sonamura Sub-Division by 133 runs at the Narsingarh TIT ground on Friday.

Sadar posted 238 runs after batting first. Captain Rajat De led the innings with a crucial 72 off 64 balls, including three boundaries and three sixes. Vishal Ghosh added 46, while Rimon Saha scored 38. Bikram Debnath



contributed 30 and Vicky Saha made a quick 20.

For Sonamura, Amaresh Das took three wickets for 53 runs, while Raihan Ahmed Arman and Debraj De claimed two wickets each.

Chasing 239, Sonamura struggled against the Sadar bowling attack and were dismissed for 105. Amaresh Das top-scored with 26, while Arindam Barman and Debraj De scored 17 and 16 respectively.

Deeptanu Chakraborty was the standout bowler for Sadar with three wickets for 26 runs. Bikram Debnath and Vicky Saha took two wickets each.The emphatic victory confirmed Sadar Sub-Division as group champions and secured their place in the last four.

State School Chess C'ship ends

Times Sports

Agartala August 21: The three-day State School Chess Championship will conclude today. The first four rounds were played on Friday at the Yoga Hall of the Netaji Subhas Regional Training Centre.

In the Under-14 boys category, Shatadru Das leads the standings with four points after four rounds. Antarip Acharya and Anupam Nath are joint second with 3.5 points. A total of 39 players are competing in the boys category, while 32 players are taking part in the girls section.

Arundhati Das and Chayanika Debnath are jointly leading the Under-14 girls category with four points each after four rounds.

In the Under-17 boys category, 52 players are competing. Mehekdip Gop and Debjit Dey are at the top with four points apiece after four rounds.

A total of 28 players are participating in the Under-17 girls category. Ayantika Deb and Dibyangana Bhattacharya are jointly leading with four points each.

International arbiter Anupam Bhattacharya is officiating the championship.

Meanwhile, the State School Athletics Championship is being held at Badarghat.

Super Star advance to last 8

Times Sports

Hrishyamukh, August 21: Super Star advanced to the quarter-finals of the Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Memorial prize-money knockout football tournament after defeating Eleven Star 4-2 in a thrilling second-round match at Rishyamukh School ground on Friday.The match witnessed intense competition, with both teams creating scoring opportunities. Super Star eventually secured a two-goal victory.Dhani scored twice for the winners, while Lathai and Dipankar added one goal each. Batua scored both goals for Eleven Star.

Chirravuri is fourth and Thomas fifth at AdventHealth

Kansas City, Aug 21 (IANS) India's Rayhan Thomas got off to an impressive start with an 8-under 64 that put him in a share of fifth place at the AdventHealth Championship on the Korn Ferry. Indian-origin player Mahanth Chirravuri was alone in fourth at 9-under 63.

Shield 2nd semi-final today: Blood mouth take on Kalyan Samiti

Times Sports

Agartala August 21: The second semi-final of the Neel Jyoti Rakhal Shield Knockout Football Tournament will be played today, with two strong sides, Bloodmouth Club and Kalyan Samiti, set to face each other under the floodlights at Umakanta Mini Stadium.

The match, organised by the Tripura Football Association, will kick off at 6 pm. Both teams completed their final preparations on Friday ahead of what promises to be a high-voltage contest.Bloodmouth, the Orange-and-Black brigade, could strengthen their squad before the semi-final. According to club sources, the management is making efforts to bring in a footballer from outside the state. However, the move is still under consideration.

Kalyan Samiti, meanwhile, received a boost with attacking player Ijaz joining the squad on Friday evening. Both coaches used the final training session to fine-tune their players and tactics for the crucial encounter.

Kalyan Samiti coach Abu Taher believes control of the midfield could decide the match. He said his team would have a strong chance of reaching the final if the players can dominate the middle of the park.

Bloodmouth coach Deben Singh believes his players will produce a much-improved performance today. The team could not perform according to expectations in its opening match of the tournament, but the coach expects a different display in the semi-final. He has already worked out his tactical plan for the important encounter.

India High Commissioner hosts Team India ahead of Colombo Test



Colombo, Aug 21 (IANS) India's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Santosh Jha has hosted the Indian team here at India House ahead of the second Test of the ongoing two-match series against Sri Lanka.

Jha hosted both the Indian and Sri Lankan teams on Thursday night, with the two sides preparing for the second Test, scheduled to begin in Colombo on August 23.

The BCCI shared a post from the event on X, describing the gathering as a 'memorable evening.'

"A memorable evening in Colombo! H.E. Mr. Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, hosted #TeamIndia at the India House in Colombo ahead of the second Test against Sri Lanka," the BCCI said in its X post.

Jha also expressed his pleasure at hosting both teams and shared the glimpses of the meeting on X, with a caption, "Cheering for #TeamIndia. Happy to host the Indian and Sri Lankan Men's Cricket Teams during the ongoing ICC World Test

SL name Arachchige, Mishara for 2nd Test against India

New Delhi, Aug 20 (IANS) Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Friday announced their squad for the second and final Test match against India. All-rounder Sahan Arachchige and batter Kamil Mishara have been drafted into the 14-member squad that will face the Shubman Gill-led side in the second Test in Colombo from Sunday.

Dinesh Chandimal, who suffered an injury during the opener in Galle, is out, as is his replacement PasinduSooriyabandara, who was out for a golden duck in the only innings he batted after making his debut as a concussion replacement.

There was no place for the other opener, Nishan Madushka, while bowling all-rounder Ramesh Mendis and fast bowler Dilshan Madushka also missed out.

Sri Lanka squad: Lahiru Udara, Kamil Mishara, PasinduSooriyabandara, Kamindu Mendis (Vice Captain), Dhananjaya De Silva (Captain), Sahan Arachchige, Sonal Dinusha, Niroshan Dickwella, Keshara Nuwantha, Prabath Jayasuriya, Milan Ratnayake, Lahiru Kumara, Asitha Fernando and Vishwa Fernando

HC seeks data on steps to fill up vacancies of teachers & school heads

Times News

Agartala, Aug 21: The Tripura High Court has directed the state government to file an additional counter affidavit detailing steps being taken to fill up 1,116 Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) posts and the status of the recruitment process for Graduate Teacher (GT) posts.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice M S Ramachandra Rao and Justice Biswajit Palit passed the order on August 20 while hearing a public interest litigation taken on its own motion. The PIL is pertaining to the state's strength of teachers and available vacancies in schools.

The court directed the state government to indicate when the remaining GT posts mentioned in its submissions would be filled up.

The direction came after the Advocate General informed the



court that the counter affidavit of the Union of India, along with the report of the NITI Aayog, had been received only recently and that instructions regarding its contents had not yet been received.

The Advocate General sought further time, following which the court listed the matter for hearing on September 9, 2026.

The bench also noted that a considerable percentage of high schools and higher secondary schools have only Teacher-in-Charges functioning as Headmasters or Assistant Headmasters.

The court directed the state government to explain why such Teacher-in-Charges were being allowed to administer the schools and why it was not possible to fill up all vacant posts of Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters.

The additional counter affidavit must also contain data on existing sanctioned posts of Headmasters and Inspectors of Schools that remain vacant, the court ordered.

The bench further took note of a submission made across the Bar that some schools having only one teacher are run by the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC).

The state government has been directed to provide data relating to such schools in its additional counter affidavit.

DGP in-charge visits RK Pur PS

Times News

Udaipur, Aug 21: Director General of Tripura in-charge GS Rao on Friday paid a visit to Radhakishore Pur police station in Udaipur and interacted with the cops to review the overall situation.

The senior police official inspected the various amenities available for the public as well as the police officials during his visit. Speaking to the media persons, he said, "I am visiting the police stations and police outposts to interact with the staff and also to ascertain what measures should be undertaken to ensure improvements." On being asked about the crime rate, he said, "Numbers are just one part of the policing but we are concerned about the services rendered to the public. In our opinion, services constitute the main part." To a query on drug trafficking, he said, "Enforcement on drug trafficking is being carried out across the state. We are now trying to figure out how we can achieve better results." He also spoke about the traffic system of Udaipur stating that traffic was a complex issue and to resolve it multi-departmental efforts were required.

Respond promptly to misinformation on social media: Gitte tells departments

Times News

Agartala, Aug 21: The Tripura government on Friday organised a workshop on social media management for various departments, with officials stressing the need for prompt responses to misinformation and careful handling of content uploaded on official platforms.

The workshop was held at the Smart Training Centre of the IT Bhavan and chaired by Information and Cultural Affairs Department Secretary Kiran Gitte.

Addressing the workshop, Gitte said social media had become an important medium in the present technology-driven era and that news often reached people through social media handles before appearing in print or electronic media. The government had taken steps to keep social media handles of individual departments active, as information spreads faster through social media than through other platforms.

Gitte also cautioned that incorrect or misleading information was sometimes circulated on social media, which could lead to misconceptions about the government.

He said departments needed to respond quickly to such incorrect or misleading reports. He added that the content issued in response should be in line with government initiatives.

Gitte stressed that departments should exercise caution while uploading content on social media and decide who would prepare and upload posts. He also said appropriate hashtags and tags should be used to ensure that posts reached a wider audience.

The secretary said the workshop was organised to help officials overcome their hesitation in using social media and to improve its management across government departments.

He said similar workshops would subsequently be organised in every district of the state.

During the workshop, Information and Cultural Affairs Department Director Bimbisar Bhattacharjee and Information Technology Department Director Jeya Regal Geshan B. discussed various aspects of social media management and related issues.

Nodal officers associated with social media and the Task Monitoring System of different government departments attended the workshop.

SC judge and ex-Tripura HC CJ Sanjay Karol to demit office today



Special correspondent

New Delhi, Aug 21: The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on Friday bid farewell to Justice Sanjay Karol, a former Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court, a day before he demits office.

Justice Karol was elevated as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court in November 2018 and was later transferred to the Patna High Court in November 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant lauded the "impressive

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She Came for Healing, Fate Took Her Home

Bangladeshi woman dies in Tripura

Kawchar Ahmed

Boxanagar, Aug 21 : A journey across the border for medical treatment and a few days of rest in the company of her elder sister ended in tragedy on Friday when a 41-year-old Bangladeshi woman died after suddenly falling ill at Ashabari in Tripura's Boxanagar area.



The deceased, identified as Shilpi Akter, was a resident of Sahebabad village under Brahmanpara police station in Bangladesh's Cumilla district. She was the wife of Abul Kalam.

According to local sources, Shilpi had entered India legally through the Srimantapur Integrated Check Post on July 28. She had travelled to Chennai for treatment of a heart ailment at Apollo Hospital.

After completing her treatment, Shilpi returned to Tripura about 10 days ago and had been staying with her elder sister, Nurjahan Begum, at Ashabari in the Boxanagar Assembly constituency.

What was meant to be a brief stay with her sister before returning home to Bangladesh, however, took a tragic turn on Friday afternoon.

At around 3.40 pm, Shilpi suddenly fell seriously ill at her sister's residence. Alarmed family members rushed her to the Boxanagar Community Health Centre, hoping for emergency medical assistance. Doctors on duty examined her but declared her dead.

The sudden death left her relatives devastated, turning what had been a family reunion after a difficult period of medical treatment into a moment of grief far from her home across the border.

On receiving information about the death of a foreign national, personnel from Kalamchoura police station reached the health centre

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Appendix – IV (A)
[See Provision to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of UCO Bank; Bishramganj Branch, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **Dated 11.09.2026.**

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Mortgager (Borrower/ Guarantor)	Description of the Mortgaged (Immovable) Property	1.Date of Demand Notice 2.Date of Possession Notice 3.Present outstanding Balance	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs)
1.	**BORROWER:** Mr. Ajit Kumar Saha S/o- Late Ramesh Ch Saha Village – Bagmara, Post Office – Bishramganj District – Sepahijala, PIN – 799103	1. An area of total land admeasuring 0.34 acre out of 0.52 acre situated in Dag No./C.S. Plot No. pb-172, 987/8849, R.S. Plot No. 874/9768 , Touji No. 1387/P, Khatiyan No. 2741 under Registered Sale Deed No. I-716 dt. 04.06.2003 in the name of Sh. Ajit Saha S/o Sh. Ramesh Ch. Saha of Baghmara, P.S. Melaghar, Dist. Sepahijala, Tripura and an area of total land admeasuring 0.18 acre out of 0.52 acre situated in Dag No./C.S. Plot No. pb-172, 987/8849, R.S. Plot No. 874/9768 , Touji No. 1387/P, Khatiyan No. 2741 under Registered Sale Deed No. I-717 dt. 04.06.2003 in the name of Sh. Ajit Saha S/o Sh. Ramesh Ch. Saha of Baghmara, P.S. Melaghar, Dist. Sepahijala, Tripura	1. 26.09.2023 2. 20.12.2023 3. 5,00,19,879.37/-	46,96,000/- 45,21,000/-	4,69,600/- (10%) 4,52,100/- (10%)
2.	**GUARANTOR:** Mrs. Jhunu Saha W/o- Ajit Kumar Saha Village – Bagmara, Post Office – Bishramganj District – Sepahijala, PIN – 799103	2. An area of total land measuring 0.20 acres situated in Dag No./C.S. Plot No. 654/7952, R.S. Plot No. 934, Touji No. NIL, Khatian No. 2731 under Registered Sale Deed No. I – 1229 dated 06.10.1994 in the name of Shri Ajit Saha S/o Late Ramesh Ch. Saha of Baghmara, P.S. Melaghar, District: Sepahijala, Tripura		93,43,000/-	9,34,300/- (10%)
3.	**GUARANTOR:** Mr. Subrata Saha S/o- Ajit Kumar Saha Village – Bagmara, Post Office – Bishramganj, District – Sepahijala, PIN – 799103	3. An area of total land admeasuring 4.74 acre situated in Dag No./C.S. Plot No. 654 R.S. Plot No. 931, Khatiyan No. 1677 under Allotment Order No. 12 dt. 30.11.1992 in the name of Sh. Ajit Ch. Saha S/o Sh. Ramesh Ch. Saha & Smt. Jhunu Rani Saha W/o Sh. Ajit Ch. Saha of Baghmara, P.S. Melaghar, Dist. Sepahijala, Tripura			

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(i) DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: DATE: 11/09/2026; TIME: 01.00 PM TO 05:00 PM (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSIONS OF 10 MINUTES FOR EACH BID)

(ii) Date & Time for inspection of the property: Date: 24/08/2026 to 10/09/2026 during office hours.

(iii) Bidders shall improve their further offers in multiple of Rs. 10,000.00/-

(iv) Date and time for submission of request letter of online participation / KYC documents / Proof of EMD etc for all: On or before 11/09/2026 upto 05.00 P.M.

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