

AI error turns voters into strangers at home

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Calcutta: The wounds inflicted by the contentious electoral revision continue to deepen.

The second post-SIR supplementary list for poll-bound Bengal was published on Friday night. Sources said it contained some 12 lakh names, of which 40% were removed from the rolls.

Metro shares accounts of some of the interactions led to an outpouring of anger and a sense of betrayal.

Abhijit Mitra, 66



Mitra is a voter in Chowringhee. He was under adjudication, along with his two sons Aranya, 34 and Riddur, 29. The February 27 list showed that his name was included in the rolls, but his sons' names had been deleted.

Aranya is an AI engineer in Plymouth, UK, and Riddur is a research scholar in Bengaluru. Three generations in our family — my father, me and my sons — are former students of St James School. My sons were born and raised in our family home on Rajani Gupta Road in Baitakhana.

My elder son, Aranya, completed his engineering at BITS Pilani and then earned his master's in AI from the University of Plymouth in the UK. He now lives in the UK, earning a living as an AI engineer.

My younger son completed his master's in International relations from Jadavpur University and is now a research scholar in Bengaluru.

We are enraged and deeply hurt at the situation. All three of us were summoned to a hearing on January 31. I

appeared in person, on behalf of all three.

The notice sent to me stated that the age gap between my father and me was less than 15 years. I was angry. My father was 42 when I was born in 1961. I had the 2002 electoral rolls, which showed his age, and multiple other documents that proved it.

For both my sons, I submitted their passports, Aadhaar cards, birth certificates and Class X admit cards.

This entire exercise has been faulty since Day One. At the hearing, I gave a piece of my mind to the officials. They had no answer and only attributed the mistakes to AI.

My sons are deeply angry and anguished at the same time.

I will appeal to the tribunal and possibly also move court.

Mohammad Shamim Akhtar, 50



Akhtar, the head of the department of Islamic theology at Aliah University, is a voter from Entally. Both he and his son have been removed from the rolls.

In 2002, I was a resident of Bihar, and my name, along with my parents' names, was included in Bihar's electoral rolls. In 2012, I was appointed as a professor at Aliah University, and since 2014, I have been a registered voter in Bengal, in Entally.

When the SIR process began, I filled in all the necessary details for myself and my son.

Both my son and I were called for a hearing because of a "logical discrepancy" involving spelling mismatches. I submitted my passport, PhD certificate and the 2002 Bihar rolls. My son gave his

Aadhaar card, Class X pass certificate, marksheet, and birth certificate. I did not understand what more valid proof I can provide to establish my identity as a voter.

We are a family of three. And now, two of us have been deleted.

My son, who is 21, is an MBBS student.

When I approached the BLO to understand what steps we should take next, I received no clear answers. A tribunal is supposed to decide my case.

The adjudication process itself was questionable. If my case is being adjudicated, the law of natural justice dictates that my lawyer or I should be able to present my case.

Here, the adjudication was conducted arbitrarily. I never got the chance to present my case. Even if, somehow, my name gets reinstated, the damage is done. In the eyes of society, I have now become a doubtful person.

Abdul Majid Khan, 37



Khan, a voter in Chowringhee, recently worked in the customer support team of an e-commerce company.

I have been made to feel like a refugee in my country. My right as a voter has been taken away, and tomorrow, there could be more restrictions on us.

I have voted in five or six elections at least and now they are questioning my identity as a voter.

Ever since my name was put under adjudication, I have been telling my wife that I doubt whether I will be able to vote this time. When I checked the second supplementary list, I found myself on the deleted list. This is a mockery of the election process.

I did not have to physically appear in the hearing, but the BLO asked me to submit my school pass certificate and Aadhaar card to her. I submitted my ICSE and ISC pass certificates.

I will appeal against the decision. Some people are also suggesting that I apply again as a new voter.

I'm worried about my mother. She is also under adjudication, but her name was not there in either of the two supplementary lists published so far.

The list of cleared voters cannot be seen even now.

Her sight is worse than mine. I know my name has been deleted. I know what I have to do next. She does not even know that.

Mid Arslan Kamal, 36



A voter in Ballygunge, Kamal is a sales executive with a private company.

My parents and my two sisters feature on the electoral rolls, but my name has been deleted.

While filling out the enumeration form, I used my father's name for mapping. Both my parents were in the 2002 electoral rolls. I have an Indian passport, and I have even travelled abroad with it.

I submitted my passport and my birth certificate when my name came up for a hearing.

I feel very upset with what has been done to me. After having voted in so many elections, my name has been deleted. I find this hard to believe.

Additional reporting by Samprita Banerjee

Calcutta tourist dies near Sandakphu

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Siliguri: Iman Ali, a 39-year-old resident of Park Street in Calcutta, died near Sandakphu on Saturday.

Officials are waiting for the post-mortem report to be published to ascertain the exact cause of his death.

A source in the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) said Ali and his friend, Rohit Sekhar, reached Manebhanjia via Siliguri on March 25. They planned to trek to Sandakphu the next day.

Sandakphu, situated at an elevation of around 11,930 feet, is around 60km from Darjeeling.

However, heavy snowfall in Sandakphu forced them to change their plan and they went to Tongli, located at 10,130 feet and an hour's drive from Sandakphu, by vehicle.

They stayed at Tongli on March 27 after the residents advised them not to continue their travel because the weather was not conducive. On Saturday, he was found unconscious. Rohit informed the residents and with the help of Singalia Land Rovers Drivers Association, Ali was taken to Sukhiapokhril hospital, where he was declared brought dead," said Rajesh Choudhary, the deputy chairman of GTA.

His body was handed over to his friend after the post-mortem at the Darjeeling district hospital.

The GTA arranged transportation. "After the post mortem, we arranged an ambulance to shift the body to Siliguri and another ambulance was arranged to take the body to Calcutta," Rajesh said.



Rahul (in a green shirt) during the shooting at Talsari on Saturday.

Actor Rahul dies during sea shoot

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The actor's body will be sent to the Contal Sub-Divisional Hospital on Monday morning for a post-mortem. Atish Biswas, additional superintendent of police (rural) in charge of Digha, said.

Eyewitnesses said the sea in Talsari, located at the mouth of the Subarnarekha, remains calm during low tide but becomes rough during high tide.

A police officer said that although it was low tide when the shooting began, the sea started turning rough as the tide began to rise. The boat began to sway in the waves, causing Rahul to fall into the water.

His co-actor Shweta Mishra too fell into the sea but was immediately rescued by members of the shooting unit, a police officer said. He said the Bengal police were coordinating with Odisha police over jurisdictional issues.

Speaking to ABP Ananda, actor Kumar Mukherjee wondered how such an incident could occur in the presence of so many people from the production unit.

Outside the Digha hospital, an acutely distressed Shweta, still unaware of Rahul's death, kept asking about him.

"We were shooting together

or in the sea just a while ago. I too fell into the water along with Rahul," she said. "I'm fine... but where is Rahul?"

Rahul had been catapulted to stardom by the 2008 romantic drama Chhori Duni Tu Amar (2008), whose emotional storytelling, melodious music and the fresh on-screen pairing of Rahul with Priyanka Sarkar made it an instant hit with the audience.

Subsequently, the lead pair's relationship and marriage drew wide public interest.

Rahul went on to build a steady career with appearances in films such as Matka Bhumi's Take One, alongside numerous television serials and reality shows.

"Rahul was a force to reckon with for his generation of actors, always pushing the boundaries and looking for a new path," Mainak said.

"We had way too much fun as colleagues on and off the set. Apart from being a brilliant actor, he was a cheery, always excited to explore the world of cinema. We spent entire nights discussing Woody

Allen's films.

"I'm in no state to have this discussion, but I do truly miss that decade, that time of my life that I hold dear. My prayers for his family, for a great soul gone too soon."

Rahul also hosted his own interview-based YouTube show, Shobho Khatu, featuring insightful conversations that also showcased his own humane and sensitive personality, which broadened his reach among the younger viewers.

One of his latest appearances came in the Hotch's series Thakumar Jhuli, where he played a funny and lovable police officer.

Not one to hide his ideological leanings, Rahul had campaigned for Left candidates in all recent elections. He also wrote for several leading newspapers.

"We have lost a leading Left intellectual and a rising actor who was also a voice of protest," the CPM's Jadavpur candidate, Bikashnarayan Bhattacharya, said.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee expressed condolences in a post on X.

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1	Branch: Galsi (589500) Borrower: Mr. Raju Bhatia Proprietor: Jyoti Haveli S/o Ramesh Lal Bhatia A/c No. 160120005418 8890000000429 Address of All: Village: Rajpur, P.O. - Ramgopalpur, Galsi, Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713403.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Purba Bardhaman, Galsi, Mouza: Dhampur, No. 24, RS No. 164, under LR No. 104/197, in the name of Jyoti Haveli, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 491 of year 1971 in the name of Jyoti Haveli, registered at A.D.S.R. Galsi.	(A) 02.03.2022 (B) Rs. 18,38,386.52 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six and Fifty Two Paise Only) as on 02.03.2022 with further interest and charges at the contracted rate until payment in full. (C) 05.08.2022 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 18,38,386.52 (B) Rs. 1,83,836.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
2	Branch: Galsi (589500) Borrower: M/S Malik Enterprise Prop: Asifur Rahman Malik A/c No. 160120004359 / 160120000730 1601200000023 / 160120000745 Vill: Rajpur, P.O. Ramgopalpur, Galsi, Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713403.	All that piece and parcel of Land & Building situated at Dist. Purba Bardhaman, Galsi, Mouza: Dhampur, No. 24, RS No. 164, under LR No. 104/197, in the name of Jyoti Haveli, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 491 of year 1971 in the name of Jyoti Haveli, registered at A.D.S.R. Galsi.	(A) 02.03.2022 (B) Rs. 14,96,436.46 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six and Forty Six Paise Only) as on 02.03.2022 with further interest and charges at the contracted rate until payment in full. (C) 05.08.2022 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 2,30,000.00 (B) Rs. 23,000.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
3	Branch: Budbud (934049) Borrower: Mr. Rishi Bhatia S/o Ramesh Lal Bhatia A/c No. 90240030000003 / 90340000000009 New Market, Vill: Jagajpura, P.O. - Pang, PS: Galsi Dist: Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713403.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Purba Bardhaman, Galsi, Mouza: Jagajpura, No. 16, RS No. 403, No. 40, as per Deed No. 123 of year 1971, in the name of Rishi Bhatia, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 123 of year 1971 in the name of Rishi Bhatia, registered at A.D.S.R. Galsi.	(A) 05.04.2024 (B) Rs. 5,14,445.05 (Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five and Fifty Paise Only) as on 05.04.2024 with further interest and charges at the contracted rate until payment in full. (C) 24.06.2024 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 10,78,000.00 (B) Rs. 1,07,800.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
4	Branch: Nibhaji Bazar, Burdwan (149500) Borrower: Premika Choudhary Co-Borrower: 1. Tara Narayan Ghosh 2. Sagar Sen Ghosh Address of All: Shyamapuri, P.O. - Kalia, Nibhaji Bazar, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal, PIN- 713408.	All that piece and parcel of land measuring 14.78 Ares, 14.78 Ares 42/100 (Forty Seven Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Two and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on 30.08.2022 until payment in full.	(A) 09.07.2018 (B) Rs. 14,78,42,42.88 (Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Two and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on 30.08.2022 until payment in full. (C) 05.10.2018 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 14,16,000.00 (B) Rs. 1,41,600.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
5	Branch: Panahat (113220) Borrower: Mujib Rahman Sekh S/o Ashraf Sekh A/c No. 11322010000000 / 113220011488 Co-Borrower: Anand Bihari Sekh W/o Bagul Sekh Address of All: Village: No. 1, Kalia, P.O. & Dist: Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713403.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PS: Kalia, Mouza: Kalia, No. 1, RS No. 1216 of year 1971, in the name of Mujib Rahman Sekh, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 1216 of year 1971 in the name of Mujib Rahman Sekh, registered at A.D.S.R. Kalia.	(A) 11.07.2022 (B) Rs. 14,88,685.70 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eight Thousand Eighty Five and Seventy Paise Only) as on 30.08.2022 with further interest until payment in full. (C) 18.02.2023 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 14,88,000.00 (B) Rs. 1,48,800.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
6	Branch: Bolepur (184019) Borrower: Uma Hazra A/c No. 18401900000000 / 18401900000003 Co-Borrower: Naba Kumar Hazra S/o Hazrat Hazra Address of All: Churnagudi Dhanbari, Shantiniketan, Gopabara, P.O. & PS: Bolepur, PIN- 713204, Birbhum, West Bengal.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Birbhum, PS: Bolepur, Mouza: Hazra, No. 1, RS No. 4214 of year 1971, in the name of Uma Hazra, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 4214 of year 1971 in the name of Uma Hazra, registered at A.D.S.R. Bolepur.	(A) 31.08.2021 (B) Rs. 10,83,188.40 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight and Forty Paise Only) as on 31.07.2021 with further interest until payment in full. (C) 18.11.2021 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 8,24,500.00 (B) Rs. 82,450.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
7	Branch: Bolepur Bhandar (082620) Borrower: (1) M/S Ruchey Enterprise Proprietor: Badrinarayan Choudhary Address of All: Shyamapuri, P.O. - Kalia, Nibhaji Bazar, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal, PIN- 713408.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Burdwan, PS: Kalia, Mouza: Kalia, No. 1, RS No. 1216 of year 1971, in the name of Mujib Rahman Sekh, measuring an area of 10.50 ares, as per Deed No. 1216 of year 1971 in the name of Mujib Rahman Sekh, registered at A.D.S.R. Kalia.	(A) 28.10.2022 (B) Rs. 14,88,685.70 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eight Thousand Eighty Five and Seventy Paise Only) as on 30.08.2022 with further interest until payment in full. (C) 18.02.2023 (D) Symbolic	(A) Rs. 32,37,000.00 (B) Rs. 3,23,700.00 (C) Rs. 25,000.00	28.04.2026 From 11.00 A.M. To 4.00 P.M.	Not Known to Bank at present
8	Branch: Bolepur Bhandar (082620) Borrower: Aditya Trading Co. A/c No. 18401900000000 / 18401900000003 1. M/S Aditya Trading Co. 2. Anjan Banerjee Prop: M/S Aditya Trading Co. New Lark Bazar water tank, Opp Govt Housing, P.O. PS: Bolepur, Birbhum, PIN- 713204 Guarantor: Mrs. Banabhai Banerjee S/o Anjan Banerjee, New Lark Bazar water tank, Opp Govt Housing, P.O. PS: Bolepur, Birbhum, PIN- 713204.	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Dist. Birbhum, Mouza: Madhupur, No. 1, RS No. 107, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 6				

