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West Bengal News

<p>High performance computing lab in Bengal</p>	<p>Context Bengal government plans to set up high performance computing lab to attract start-ups</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will help small entrepreneurs and start-ups get access to high performance computing, ideally on an operating expenditure model. • There is an increasing demand for high performance GPUs (graphics processing units) for complex computing as well as deployment of artificial intelligence.
<p>Kolkata shines with top school rankings</p>	<p>Context State Government Schools of Kolkata got recognised in Top 10 in EducationWorld India School Rankings 2023-24</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EducationWorld India School Rankings serve as a valuable recognition of excellence in the field of education • It inspires schools across the country to strive for greater heights. <p>Winners include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jadavpur Vidyapith, Kolkata • Future Hope School, Kolkata • Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata
<p>Government plan to boost grievance redress platform</p>	<p>Context The government is in the process of implementing a slew of initiatives to make its flagship grievance redress platform — Sarasari Mukhyamantri — more effective and accessible</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarasari Mukhyamantri is similar to Didi Ke Bolo (Tell Didi) • Sarasari Mukhyamantri is a platform run by the government, while Didi Ke Bolo was a political reachout drive.
<p>Mascot 'Cyrra' for cyber safety campaign</p>	<p>Context A mascot for a statewide awareness campaign on cyber safety was unveiled.</p>

**Key points**

- The mascot, christened as Cyrra (a combination cyber and Irrawaddy), has been designed like a dolphin.
- Irrawaddy dolphin is chosen as it is an intelligent species.
- A theme song, a logo and two short videos were also launched for campaign.

Irrawaddy Dolphin

- Irrawaddy dolphins (*Orcaella brevirostris*) are found in coastal areas in South and Southeast Asia, and in three rivers: the Irrawaddy (Myanmar), the Mahakam (Indonesian Borneo) and the Mekong (China).
- **'Endangered' as per the IUCN Red List.**
- The total population of these aquatic mammals in the world is estimated to be less than 7,500.

Did you know?

- **Dolphin distribution in Chilika is considered to be the highest single lagoon population.**

MoU for high-quality drinking water**Context**

West Bengal State Rural Livelihood Mission (WBSRLM) will soon sign an MoU with **'Water for People'** to promote the development of high-quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all

Key points

- This will help in promoting better hygiene and sanitation practices, popularly known as WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)
- 'Water for People' is an NGO known for its technical expertise and their advice on how to mobilise will be of immense help to the SHG members involved in this work

951 crore in Jal jeevan Mission (JJM)**Context**

- WB state has received about 951 crore rupees from the center for JJM.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- It was **launched in 2019.**
- It **envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household** through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) **by 2024.**
- JJM looks to create a jan andolan for water, thereby making it everyone's priority.



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- It comes under **Jal Shakti Ministry**.
- The mission ensures functionality of existing water supply systems and water connections, water quality monitoring and testing as well as sustainable agriculture.

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