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## West Bengal News

<p><b>MGNREGA fund</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The TMC plans to conduct protest programmes in New Delhi against the alleged withholding of state dues by the Centre w.r.t MGNREGA fund.</p> <p><b>About MGNREGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was launched in 2005</li> <li>• It was launched through the act of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005.</li> <li>• The act guarantees the "right to work" to rural citizens of India.</li> <li>• It is centrally sponsored scheme</li> <li>• It works under the ministry of Rural development.</li> <li>• Aim of the scheme is to provide employment to unskilled workers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under this, the government assures a minimum of 100 days of unskilled manual work to an adult member of an eligible rural household.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Atmospheric water generator unveiled in Darjeeling</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> <b>Atmospheric water generator unveiled</b> at Ghoom Girls' Higher Secondary School in Darjeeling.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An atmospheric water generator (AWG) <b>condenses water vapor present in the air to provide pure drinking water.</b></li> <li>• It was introduced by CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT) and Maithri Aquatech.</li> <li>• The plant uses state-of-the-art technology to generate potable water which is enriched with a proprietary mineral solution and passed through an intricate filtration process to ensure potable water standards.</li> <li>• It has a capacity to produce 500 liters of water per day.</li> </ul>



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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

### Did you know?

The technology is being introduced in an educational institute for the first time in the eastern region here.

### Relocation for Rhinos



### Context

- **Five new habitats have been identified in north Bengal for relocation of rhinos** from Jaldapara and Gorumara national parks.
- This was due to overpopulation of the animal in the NPs.

### About One Horned Rhinos

- The greater one-horned rhino (or “Indian rhino”) is the **largest of the rhino species**.
- It is identified by a single black horn and a gray-brown hide with skin folds.
- It is **one of the five species of Rhinos**.
- **They are grazers**.
- This species of rhino is commonly found in Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan and in Assam, India.
- IUCN Red List: **Vulnerable**

### Gorumara National Park

### About Gorumara National Park

- It is located in the **Dooars region of the Himalayan foothills** in the **state of West Bengal**.
- Park was established in **1992**.
- It is primarily known for its population of Indian rhinoceros.
- This region has **rolling forests and riverine grasslands and tropical orchids**.
- The park is located on the floodplains of the **Murti River and Raidak River and Jaldhaka river, of the Brahmaputra river system**.
- The park is 79.99 km in area.
- The park is on the **flyway of numerous migratory birds , including the rare Brahminy Duck .**
- The Fauna of The Park includes Indian Rhinoceros , Gaur , Asian Elephant, Sloth bear, Chital , and Sambar Deer . Small herbivores include Barking deer , Hog deer and Wild boar.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The rare Hispid Hare and pygmy hog has also been reported from the park.</li></ul>
<b>Jaldapara National Park</b>	<b>Jaldapara National Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a national park situated at the foothills of the <b>Eastern Himalayas in northern West Bengal.</b></li><li><b>It was designated as a national park in 2012.</b></li><li>It is situated on the banks of the <b>Torsa River.</b></li><li>It is spread across 216.51 km<sup>2</sup> of vast grassland with patches of riverine forests.</li><li>Jaldapara National Park proudly claims the distinction of harboring the largest population of Indian one-horned rhinoceros in the state of West Bengal.</li></ul>
<b>Proposal to make recruitment of conservators mandatory for heritage protection</b>	<b>Context</b> The west bengal state heritage commission along with IIA have proposed to make mandatory appointment of heritage conservationists. <b>About IIA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) is the National body of Architects in the country.</li><li><b>Established in 1917.</b></li><li>It is <b>located in Mumbai.</b></li><li>The institute today has more than 25,000 members.</li><li>It plays a major role in promoting the profession of architecture by organizing and uniting the Architects of India.</li><li>It works toward promoting aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession both in Practice and in Education.</li></ul>

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