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West Bengal News

<p><b>UK to establish Intelligent Mobility Skill Centre in West Bengal</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The UK government released a roadmap for establishing an <b>Intelligent Mobility Skill Centre (IMSC)</b> in West Bengal.</p> <p><b>Key points: ASPIRE Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collaboration:</b> The project involves a partnership between UK-based NPTC Wales and Snap E, an electric taxi provider in Kolkata.</li> <li>• <b>Government Involvement:</b> The collaboration includes working with the West Bengal government.</li> <li>• <b>Training Program:</b> The project focuses on providing training to women to drive electric cabs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowerment of women through skill development and employment opportunities.</li> <li>• Contribution to air pollution reduction and emission mitigation by promoting the use of electric vehicles.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in news: Alapan Bandyopadhyay</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alapan Bandyopadhyay</b>, Chief Advisor to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been appointed the chairman of <b>West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd (WBSIDCL)</b></li> <li>• The WBSIDC Ltd is a <b>fully owned government company</b> functioning under the aegis of <b>MSME Department</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7th Bengal Global Business Summit</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The West Bengal Chief Minister announced a slew of new policies including plans to double the state's exports, modernize its logistics and promote renewable energy manufacturing, while inaugurating the seventh <b>Bengal Global Business Summit</b></p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A policy was also announced to <b>promote bio-fuels and a new sub-sea cable landing station</b> at the sea-resort of Digha to help improve internet connectivity in the eastern region.</li> <li>• The Bengal Global Business Summit, an annual affair, is being attended by several hundred companies from 35 countries, including the <b>UK, the US, Australia, Korea, Japan, Germany and France</b>.</li> </ul>



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### World Children's Day



### Context

- Several iconic buildings and places of worship in Calcutta and other parts of West Bengal have been illuminated with blue lights to espouse children's rights
- The initiative was taken to mark **World Children's Day on November 20**.

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- World Children's Day, also known as **Universal Children's Day**, is celebrated annually on **November 20**.
- The day commemorates the UN General Assembly's adoption of the **Declaration of the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1959**.

### Dutch team visits the Sundarbans to help solve issues in Dasha & Matla river basins



### Context

- A Dutch team known for its expertise in river management paid a two-day visit to the Sundarbans.
- This is To assist the Bengal government in understanding the river basin system of two rivers — **Dasha and Matla** — so effective measures can be taken to curb the prevailing problems.

### Key points

- Dasha River is in **Sandeshkhali-ii 24 Paraganas North District**.
- **Matla River** forms a **wide estuary** in and around the Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas district in the Indian state of West Bengal.
- The main stream of the **Matla River is divided into two arms near Purandar**.
- One passes through Kultali-Garanbose and then passes through the Sundarbans.
- The other passes through Basanti, Pathankhali, Surjyaberia, Masjidbati and then meets Bidyadhari River.

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