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# **West Bengal News**

#### State Rs 27L for gives development of Kiriteshwari village

#### Context

- State Tourism department grants Rs 27 lakh to Murshidabad for Kiriteshwari village development.
- Kiriteshwari village was selected as Best Tourism Village by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

## **Key Points:**

- Kiriteshwari temple, one of the 51 Shaktipeeths, to undergo rejuvenation with the funds.
- District administration to oversee the development projects in Nabagram, Murshidabad.
- The initiative aims to enhance tourism and preserve cultural heritage in the region.

#### State fish testing sets up laboratory at Junput

### Context

The state Fisheries department has set up a laboratory at Junput in East Midnapore.

## **Key points**

- It can be used by exporters to assess whether the fish, particularly prawns, are free from pollution so that they do not face rejection after export.
- Frozen fish, the bulk of which is shrimp, is exported in reefer containers via sea routes to different parts of the world, including Japan, the USA, the European Union, China, South East Asia, the Middle East, and some other countries.
- 85 percent of shrimps from Bengal are exported and only 15 per cent are used for domestic consumption

#### West Bengal to get two **Doppler radars**

## Context

West Bengal to get two new Doppler radars to monitor extreme weather conditions



## **Key points**

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) will install two Doppler weather radars, one in the coastal areas of south Bengal and a second in north Bengal, to monitor extreme weather events over the region
- The C-Band radar would have a range of 350 400 km.
- It would be able to take imagery of the entire West Bengal, most parts of Bihar, and almost the entire Bangladesh

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caste Context

certificates across Bengal since 2011	<ul> <li>The Mamata Banerjee government has issued a record 1.59 crore caste certificates across the state since coming to power for the first time in 2011.</li> <li>The seven editions of Duare Sarkar (Government at Doorstep) have provided a big boost in this distribution with over 46.34 lakh certificates being issued.</li> <li>The department has also allowed the facility of downloading digital certificates</li> </ul>
Bengal's prisons hold 1.3x capacity, shows NCRB data	Context  • Bengal jails have lodged inmates more than 1.3 times their

- Bengal jails have lodged inmates more than 1.3 times their capacity in 2022.
- Jails in Bengal have a capacity of 19,556 males and 1,920 females.
- There is no separate facility for transgenders
- In reality, they house 26,994 males, 1,778 females and 17 transgenders.

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