


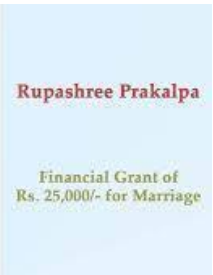



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West Bengal News

<p><b>Rupasree Scheme</b></p>  	<p><b>Context</b> More than <b>23,000 girls</b> belonging to the lower income group have reaped the benefits of the state government's “<b>Rupashree</b>” Scheme in Kolkata</p> <p><b>About</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme is a <b>social welfare scheme</b> launched by the Government of West Bengal, India, in <b>2018</b>.</li> <li>• It aims to provide <b>financial assistance to girls' families</b> who are economically weaker so that they can celebrate their daughter's marriage with dignity and without financial burden.</li> <li>• The family's annual <b>income should be less than or equal to Rs. 1.5 lakhs</b>.</li> <li>• Under the scheme, eligible families receive a one-time financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 for the marriage of their daughters.</li> <li>• The <b>amount is directly transferred to the bank account of the girl's parents</b> or guardians.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bengal Safari Park</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bengal Safari Park</b> is all set to welcome new animals.</li> <li>• The park authorities will bring <b>dusky leaf monkeys</b>, an exotic species of monkey found mostly in Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand, along with lions to the park.</li> </ul> <p><b>About</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bengal Safari Park is situated within the verdant forested area of <b>Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary</b>.</li> <li>• It is the <b>first animal safari park in the North Bengal region</b>.</li> <li>• the CM Mamata Banerjee inaugurated Bengal Safari Park on <b>21st Jan 2016</b> to boost the tourism of North Bengal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mobile ATM service</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Raiganj Central Cooperative Bank Limited</b>, with the assistance of the <b>National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)</b>, has introduced Mobile ATM service in <b>Raiganj in North Dinajpur district</b>.</li> </ul>



- It is done to provide banking service at the doorstep of customers.
- Earlier, ATM facility was absent in most of the rural areas of Raiganj.
- Villagers have to visit far-away places to withdraw money from ATMs.

### Policy on trams



### Context

- The **Transport department, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC)** and the **Kolkata Police** are to jointly conduct a study on routes where trams could be operated and the ones which need to be removed for road safety
- It is done in a bid to form a policy and submit it to the Calcutta High Court.
- **Trams are eco-friendly** and could be a good mode for transportation.

### Anup Ghoshal



### Context

Veteran singer **Anup Ghoshal** passes away

### Key points

- He debuted as a singer for a children's programme called '**Shishu Mahal**' on **All India Radio, Kolkata**.
- He also received training in **Rabindra Sangeet** from the legendary **Debabrata Biswas**.
- He made his singing debut in films with "**GuGaBaBa**".
- His collaboration with Ray continued, earning him the **National Award for 'Hirak Rajar Deshe'** in **1981**.
- Ghoshal also worked as an assistant music director for several of Ray's films.

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