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West Bengal News

Bangla Shasya Bima (BSB)

Bangla Shasya Bima Scheme West Bengal



Context

The Bengal government has ensured **crop insurance worth Rs 2,286.11 crore** to the farmers under the crop insurance scheme.

Key points

- Under the crop insurance scheme, the **state government has transferred Rs 102 crore** to the bank account of 11 lakh farmers during Kharif cultivation in 2023.
- Around **Rs 177.29 crore was transferred to 2.37 lakh farmers** during Kharif cultivation in 2022.
- State government pays the **entire premium amount**.
- Farmers are not required to pay anything to avail of the facilities.

Chaa Sundari Scheme Bags SKOCH Award



Context

The '**Chaa Sundari Housing scheme** of the Bengal government has been selected for the prestigious **SKOCH Award**.

About

- The Government of West Bengal Launched the Chaa Sundari scheme in **17 September 2020**.
- The Chaa Sundari scheme is a housing scheme in West Bengal.
- This scheme is **only for tea garden workers in the state**.
- Under this Scheme the State Government has provided housing facilities for tea garden workers.
- The nodal Department of the scheme is **the Housing Department of West Bengal**.

Fluoride-free drinking water

Context

- The residents of **South Dinajpur's Kumarganj Block** are all set to get fluoride-free drinking water in their homes owing to a project by the **Public Health Engineering (PHE) department**
- A fund of Rs 215 crore has already been allocated for this project.
- About 46,000 families will benefit from this project.
- The sub-surface water will be filtered and piped free of cost by installing filters **10 meters below the Atrayee River**



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Tiger Hill



Context

- 'Tiger Hill' has come up to promote tourism centered around an age-old small hillock and a pond in **Jagdalla Gram Panchayat (GP) of Bamongola Block**.
- The place has been called 'Tiger Hill' for a long time due to its height.
- Some locals also call it '**The Wall**' and some say that the people in the area once fought in support of the '**Kouravas**' in **Mahabharat**.

About:

- Tiger Hill (2,590 metres (8,500 ft)) is a mountain located in Darjeeling, in the Indian State of West Bengal.
- It has a panoramic view of Mount Everest and Mount Kanchenjunga together.

Gorumara Wildlife Division makes use of hi-tech equipment

Context

- The **Gorumara Wildlife Division** is putting into service cutting-edge technology, including drone cameras, night vision cameras and thermal cameras, to monitor wild animal movement, especially those venturing into human habitats, including tea gardens.
- The **challenge of identifying wildlife in areas** near tea plantations or forests during nighttime is the primary requirement for adopting these measures.
- The anticipated outcome is a substantial **reduction in conflicts between wildlife and humans**.

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