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<p>India's first underwater Metro section to be inaugurated today</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of Kolkata Metro's East-West corridor will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today• It is India's first underwater metro section. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Of the total 16.6 km of the East-West Metro corridor, 10.8 km is underground, including the groundbreaking tunnel beneath the Hooghly.• This Metro train is expected to traverse the 520-meter stretch under the river in just 45 seconds• It's a testament to India's growing technological prowess and also holds the potential to revolutionize urban transportation in the country. <p>Did you Know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The idea of having an underwater transportation system on the lines of London was first mooted by the British in 1921.
<p>Mamata Banerjee announces hike in remunerations of ASHA, Anganwadi workers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The WB government will hike the remunerations of ASHA and Anganwadi workers ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.• The remunerations of ASHA workers will be raised by Rs 750 per month.• Earlier, they used to get Rs 8,250 per month, and with this hike, it will be Rs 9,000.• The remuneration of Anganwadi helpers will be hiked by Rs 500 per month• They used to get Rs 6,000 per month previously, and with this raise, it will increase to Rs 6,500.• The hikes will come into effect on April 1, 2024
<p>State launches first-of-its-kind upgraded temporary disaster management shelter</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Disaster Management and Civil Defence Minister Javed Ahmed Khan launched the first-of-its-kind model school-based upgraded temporary disaster shelter at the remote Kumirmari Island of Gosaba Block in the Sunderbans.



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	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Location: Kumirmari Island, Sunderbans, West Bengal, India● Significance: First-of-its-kind model school-based upgraded temporary disaster shelter● Cost: Rs 3 lakh● Executing body: Environment Governed Integrated Organisation (EnGIO) with CSR support from Haldia Petrochemical Ltd. <p>Additional features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Promotes climate and disaster awareness through local community groups.● Aims to map vulnerable individuals and families for faster evacuation during disasters.
<p>State to implement 'Ghatal Master Plan'</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● WB govt announced the state's plan to implement the Ghatal Master Plan within the next 2 to 3 years. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The plan aims to address the issue of flooding in the Ghatal area, which affects around 17 lakh people.● The state government will take full responsibility for funding and implementing the project, without relying on the central government's assistance. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The WB Ghatal Master Plan is a flood management program designed to protect low-lying areas in and around Ghatal, West Bengal● Goal: Mitigate floods in the region.● Components: Dredging riverbeds and strengthening embankments of 10 major rivers.● Estimated Cost: ₹1,500 crore (approx. \$183 million).● Funding: A 60:40 cost-sharing between the central and state governments.

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