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West Bengal News

<p>West Bengal Health for All Employees and Pensioners Cashless Medical Treatment Scheme 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Forces personnel deployed for poll duty in West Bengal during the Lok Sabha elections will have access to cashless treatment facilities up to Rs 1.5 lakh.• The state government will extend the benefits of The West Bengal Health for All Employees and Pensioners Cashless Medical Treatment Scheme 2014 to these personnel, allowing them to receive medical treatment at designated private hospitals.• This scheme also covers Central Forces officials engaged in by-elections in the Bhagwangola (Murshidabad) and Baranagar Assembly constituencies.• During the 2021 Assembly elections, Central Forces received Rs 1 lakh cashless treatment under the scheme, which has been increased to Rs 1.5 lakh this time.
<p>EC To Webcast Polling Visuals From All 80k Booths In Bengal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Election Commission has decided to expand the webcasting of polling activities in West Bengal to include all 80,453 booths, enabling officials in Kolkata and Delhi to monitor voting processes.• This decision is part of the EC's efforts to closely supervise the state's elections.• In the 2021 assembly polls, only 50% of booths were webcast. Additionally, the EC plans to use AI tools to monitor anomalies in at least 20% of booths.• To ensure transparency, vendors are required to submit all footage to district election officers within 24 hours.• The videography team must also provide a 300-degree view and a top view of the booth and voting compartment before polling begins to confirm there are no hidden areas near the EVM counter where voters could be coerced.• Drones will also be deployed in sensitive areas to monitor queues.



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World Autism Awareness Day



Context:

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is observed annually on **April 2nd**
- It is a **UN-sanctioned day** to highlight the needs and rights of people with **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**.

It's a day to:

- **Raise awareness:** Increase public understanding of autism and the challenges faced by autistic individuals.
- **Promote acceptance:** Foster a more inclusive society where autistic people can thrive.
- **Celebrate strengths:** Recognize the unique talents and perspectives of the autistic community.

About:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**, or simply autism, is a developmental condition that impacts how people interact with the world around them.
- **It's characterized by:** Social communication challenges: Difficulty with social interaction, understanding nonverbal cues, or expressing oneself clearly.
- **Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors:** A focus on specific topics, repetitive movements (stimming), or an insistence on routines.

Theme:

- The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is **'Empowering Autistic Voices'**
- It aims at **providing more support and power to individuals** with this condition, to ensure they lead a meaningful life and even pursue successful careers.

World Cloud Security Day



Context:

- **World Cloud Security Day**, celebrated annually on **April 3rd**.
- It is a reminder of the importance of securing data stored in the cloud.
- As **cloud technology** becomes increasingly integrated into our lives, this day highlights the potential security risks and emphasizes the need for vigilance.

About:

- **Cloud storage** is a cloud computing model that enables storing data and files on the internet through a cloud computing provider that you access either through the public internet or a dedicated private network connection.



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- Cloud storage leverages several key technologies to function:
 1. Remote Servers
 2. Virtualization
 3. Data Distribution
 4. Networking
 5. APIs (Application Programming Interfaces)

Theme:

- The theme for World Cloud Security Day 2024 is “Evaluate the security of your digital identity”

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