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West Bengal News

<p>WBCPCR</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) has developed a curriculum aimed at raising awareness about legal and gender issues, which will now be included in the syllabus of a university.• This marks the first instance of child rights being integrated into an undergraduate curriculum in India. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The WBCPCR, known for its 2018 booklet guiding the media on reporting do's and don'ts regarding children's cases, initiated the curriculum development in January 2023.• The decision to introduce this curriculum was prompted by the absence of any chapter on child rights in university courses, despite the presence of a gender chapter in the communication course at Jadavpur University.• The curriculum was developed by a 10-member panel led by former WBCPCR chairperson Ananya Chatterjee Chakraborti and comprises seven chapters.• The commission has prepared a handbook for teachers and is in talks with various universities.• A private university has already expressed interest and plans to introduce the subject in its mass communication curriculum this academic year.• WBCPCR chairperson Tulika Das expressed hope that more universities, including state-owned ones, will adopt the curriculum, making it mainstream.
<p>Adina Deer Park</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to the soaring temperatures reaching 40 degrees Celsius in the district, Adina Deer Park, is taking measures to protect its inhabitants.• Glucose and Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) are being administered to the deer to combat the heatwave, as per weather forecasts indicating a further temperature rise.



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	<p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adina Deer Park, established in 1982 on transferred vested land at Adina Mouza, Malda, West Bengal, covers an area of 9.99 hectares, including two water bodies.• The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has conditionally recognized it as a Mini Zoo.• The park's objective is to conserve wildlife and educate visitors about harmonious coexistence with animals.• It also serves as a temporary shelter for sick or injured animals and birds rescued from various parts of the district.• Currently, the park is home to 90 spotted deer and 8 nilgai.• It is renowned for its conservation efforts for deer and cheetals.• Additionally, the park boasts a variety of beautiful butterflies and birds, such as the Asian openbill, paradise flycatcher, prinia, oriole, and fish eagle.
<p>Rabindra Sarobar Lake</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A heatwave in South Bengal caused a decrease in water level at Rabindra Sarobar Lake in Dhakuria, South Kolkata.• Typically, the water depth along the banks is over five feet, but it currently measures around three feet, with some areas completely devoid of water. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rabindra Sarobar, formerly Dhakuria Lake, is an artificial lake, garden, and park located in South Kolkata, West Bengal, India.• The excavation of the lake, initially known as Bompas Lake, was led by CIT's (Calcutta Improvement Trust) first chairman Cecil Henry Bompas, Kolkata Municipal Corporation's chief engineer M.R. Atkins.• In May 1958, CIT renamed the lake Rabindra Sarovar in honor of the Bengali writer and Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore.• Subsequently, the area around the lake was developed to include recreational complexes with children's parks, gardens, and auditoria.



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Kolkata Municipal Corporation

Context:

- Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has issued new rules for the construction and demolition of buildings.

Key points:

- Precautionary measures must be followed by architects, Licence Building Surveyors (LBS), owners, and applicants during the demolition of existing buildings for new construction.
- Violation of the rules can result in the suspension of the sanctioned building plan under Sections 51(3), 52(3), 53(5), and 55(4) of the KMC Building Rules, 2009 (as amended).
- Safety measures, such as erecting scaffoldings, providing nets and proper coverings, and limiting vehicle speed to 15mph on the work site, are advised to avoid accidents with pedestrians.
- During construction work, including cutting of marbles, the ambient noise level should not exceed 65 decibels.

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