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West Bengal News

WB CM highlights Bengal's welfare schemes in Spain	Context <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Bengal CM made a pitch to prospective Spanish investors in her bid to draw investment into the State's industrial sector. Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">She highlighted her government's social welfare schemes while addressing a gathering of business leaders in Madrid, Spain.She said that 99% of people in the State are covered under social welfare schemes.She also highlighted the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme, which provides financial assistance to women.The State government has signed two MoUs in Spain.
Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme	Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">It is a flagship program launched by the West Bengal Government in February 2021.Aim - to provide financial assistance to women from economically weaker sections of society.The age of the applicant should be between 25 - 60 years. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none">For women from Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes Households: ₹ 1,000/- per monthFor women from households other than SC/ST households: ₹ 500/- per month.
Spanish league La Liga to set up football academy in West Bengal, signs agreement	Context <p>Spanish football league La Liga signed an agreement with the West Bengal government to set up an academy in the state for nurturing young talents.</p> Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">The MoU was signed during a closed-door meeting between Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and La Liga president Javier Tebas in Madrid.This remarkable MoU intends to promote football to foster sportsmanship, health, and prosperity.La Liga will develop a football training academy in West Bengal.



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Bengal forest department to buy 200 SUVs to intensify patrolling in and around reserve forests of state	Context The Bengal forest department will buy 200 SUVs to intensify patrolling in and around the reserve forests of the state Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">The state forest department has also prepared a master plan for the development of the North Bengal Wild Animal Park, commonly known as the Bengal Safari Park.Located in the northeast outskirts of Siliguri, it is the one-of-its-kind open enclosure wild park in the state.
Sourav Ganguly takes fresh guard as entrepreneur, to set up steel plant in West Midnapore	Context Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly took fresh guard as an entrepreneur with an announcement in Madrid that he, along with a friend, would set up a steel plant at Salboni in West Midnapore. Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">The initial investment will be Rs 2,500 crore and the project is slated to create jobs for at least 6,000 people.The first plant was in Asansol, then in Patna and this one will be in Salboni.
Bengal hopeful of tie-ups with middle-east nations for meat exports	Context The West Bengal government is expecting "tie-ups" with several middle-east countries for export of meat and meat products Key points <ul style="list-style-type: none">The West Bengal government had last year received a contract of 1.2 metric tonnes of meat from Qatarrepresentatives of companies from Singapore, Bangkok and Bhutan have also shown interest in value-added meat products.

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