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### Sabuj Sathi scheme



#### Key facts:

- Scheme for **distribution of bicycles** to an estimated 40 lakh students studying in classes IX to XII in Government and Government Aided Schools and Madrasahs of the State

#### Objective

The scheme was conceived with the primary objective of enhancing student access to Secondary Education. The scheme is further expected-

- To increase retention in schools,
- To encourage students to take up higher studies,
- To inculcate a sense of confidence among the girl students by promoting mobility,
- To promote environment-friendly and healthy means of transportation.

The objectives are aligned with the **four Sustainable Goals of Agenda 2030**. These are **SDG3: Good Health & Well-being, SDG4: Quality Education, SDG5: Gender Equality and SDG13: Climate Actions**.

### Senchal and Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary

#### Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located on the **foothills of the Himalayas in the Darjeeling district**, between the **Teesta and Mahananda Rivers** (a small tributary of the Ganga).
- Supports a large number of species of mammals, birds, and reptiles, including Indian bison, royal Bengal tiger, leopard, elephant, sambar, barking deer, wild boar, Himalayan tahr, and Himalayan black bear
- Also home to some **endangered species, such as the fairy bluebird and the Himalayan pied hornbill**

#### Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary:

- Located in the Darjeeling district; **contiguous with the Singalila National Park**.
- Established in **1915**, one of the oldest wildlife sanctuaries in India
- **Provides habitat for a variety of wildlife**, including barking deer, wild boar, Himalayan black bear, Indian leopard, jungle cat, rhesus monkey, Assam macaque, and Himalayan flying squirrel.



### Gajoldoba to get new viewpoints

#### Context:

- The Bengal Tourism Department, along with state government agencies, is developing viewpoints at different locations in Gajoldoba of Jalpaiguri district so that tourists can see **Mount Kanchenjunga and various species of migratory birds that winter in the area.**

#### Key Points:

- The viewpoints are coming up at **Bhorer Alo**, the mega tourism hub that the government set up near the **Teesta barrage.**
- Gajoldoba is known for **migratory birds.** Besides, Mt Kanchenjunga is sighted from here.
- At Gajoldoba, the chief minister had marked a site that comprises the **Teesta River and some adjoining water bodies as a bird sanctuary.** She named the **sanctuary as Pakhibitan.**
- At least **150 species of migratory and local birds** have been sighted at Gajoldoba.

### Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme



#### Rupashree Prakalpa

Financial Grant of  
Rs. 25,000/- for Marriage

- The Rupashree Prakalpa Scheme is a social welfare scheme launched by the Government of West Bengal, India, in 2018.
- The scheme aims to provide **one-time financial assistance to economically disadvantaged families** of the state for the marriage of their **daughters.**
- The scheme is an important initiative that aims to provide financial assistance to girls' families who are economically weaker so that they can **celebrate their daughter's marriage with dignity and without financial burden.**
- The scheme applies to the girl child of a family residing in West Bengal.
- The family's annual income should be less than or equal to Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
- Under the scheme, eligible families receive a **one-time financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 for the marriage of their daughters.**
- The amount is directly transferred to the bank account of the girl's parents or guardians.

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