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West Bengal News

Samagra Shiksha Mission



SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

Context

- The Centre has released the first installment amounting to Rs 200 crore under the **Samagra Shiksha Mission (SSM)** for the state of Bengal.
- The Centre is slated to give **Rs 1,400 crore** in the ongoing fiscal under this scheme.

Key points

- The fund will be utilized in various programmes under SSM that include para teachers' salaries, library grants, buying of textbooks, composite school grants, teachers training, etc.
- The fund-sharing pattern for the scheme between the Centre and the state of Bengal is **60:40**.

About Samagra Shiksha

- Samagra Shiksha is a comprehensive school education program from **preschool to class 12**.
- It combines the **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)**, **Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)**, and **Teacher Education (TE)** schemes.
- Aims to improve school effectiveness, equal opportunities, and equitable learning outcomes.
- Harmonizes implementation mechanisms, reducing transaction costs across all levels.
- Shifts focus from project objectives to systemic performance and schooling outcomes.
- Major objectives include **quality education, gender equality, and equity in schooling**.
- Ensures compliance with the **Right to Education Act, 2009**, and supports vocational education.
- Strengthens SCERTs, State Institutes of Education, and DIET for teacher training.

Easters Duars Elephant Reserve



- Located in the **Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal** situated as an elephant reserve on **4th October 2001**.
- It is divided into two zones, i.e. core zone and the buffer zone.
- The core zone consists of **Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary and Buxa Tiger Reserve**.
- The buffer zone consists of some forest blocks of Jalpaiguri.



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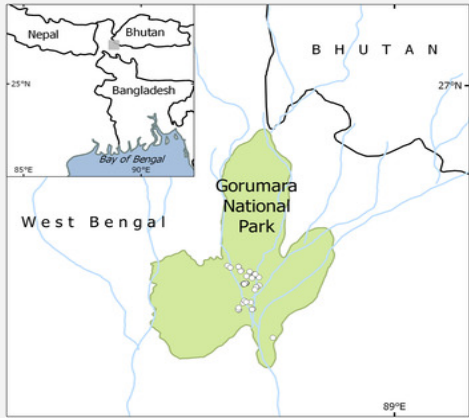


Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Sarba Griha Deep Prkalpa Scheme

- The State Government announced the 'universal electrification' of households namely "(SabarGhareAlo) under the Special BRGF scheme
- It is to achieve 100% household electrification in **11 backward districts of West Bengal** namely Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Birbhum, South 24-Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Jalpaiguri, PurbaMedinipur and Bankura.
- Under this **project, 28214 villages, 21 lakh BPL households** and 17 lakh APL households are likely to be electrified.

Gorumara National Park



- It is a National Park in **northern West Bengal, India.**
- Located in the **Doors region of the Himalayan foothills**, it is a medium-sized park with grasslands and forests.
- Gorumara National Park was established in **1992.**
- It is primarily known for its population of **Indian rhinoceros.**
- The park has been declared as the best among the protected areas in India by the **Ministry of Environment and Forests for the year 2009.**

MGNREGS workers in Bengal seek work under 'Khela Hobe'

Context

With no sign of the implementation of the 'Khela Hobe' scheme to employ the people of West Bengal on the lines of the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGS)**, a union of agricultural workers has stepped up the heat on the Trinamool Congress (TMC) by applying for work under the scheme.

Key points

- Chief Minister during the annual Martyrs' Day rally of her party on July 21, 2023, announced a scheme called '**Khela Hobe' (game is on)** to employ MGNREGS workers.
- The Union government decided to stop payment for MGNREGS in the State by invoking Section 27 of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act alleging widespread corruption.

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