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West Bengal News

Two Siberian tigers set to arrive for Darjeeling Zoo from Cyprus



Context

The **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (Pnhzp)** is all set to welcome two Siberian tigers from the Pafos Zoo in Cyprus.

About Siberian Tigers

- The **Siberian tiger, or Amur tiger**, is a population of the tiger subspecies *Panthera tigris tigris* native to the **Russian Far East, Northeast China and possibly North Korea**.
- It once ranged throughout the Korean Peninsula but currently inhabits mainly the Sikhote-Alin mountain region in southwest Primorye Province in the Russian Far East.
- The Siberian tiger is **genetically close to the now-extinct Caspian tiger**.
- The Siberian tiger was also called the "**Amur tiger**", "**Manchurian tiger**", "**Korean tiger**", and "**Ussurian tiger**", depending on the region where individuals were observed.

West Bengal Radio Club gets special recognition award

Context

West Bengal Radio Club (WBRC) has been given special recognition by the **Amateur Radio (AR) Newsline** team based in America to acknowledge their ongoing humanitarian and advocacy work.

Key points

- The WBRC has become the third-time recipient of the **International Newsmaker Award**.
- The WBRC has made their small volunteer group into a life-saving organization, finding lost people's families and helping with emergency communications.
- The AR Newsline Special Recognition Award is **issued to an individual group or formal club** that the Newsline team.

CM opens & lays foundation stones of projects worth Rs 271 crore

Context

- CM inaugurated and laid foundation stones of projects worth Rs 271 crore in Darjeeling Hills and especially the **Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA)**
- She also announced an **additional grant of Rs 75 crore** for the GTA

Key points

- The salary of GTA regular employees as per pay rules of 2009 and 2019, will be revised.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chief Minister announced a Death-cum-Retirement Benefit scheme for the GTA employees whereby GTA employees will receive Rs 20 lakh gratuity on retirement along with a 10-month leave encashment.
WB CM announces two new industrial parks	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">WB Chief Minister announced two new industrial parks of 14 acres and 5 acres in Kalimpong Block 1.It comes with Rs 24000 crore investments.The Hills, including Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Mirik, and Kurseong will reap the benefits of this.
Science and tech in disaster mgmt to be this year's focal theme	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considering the crucial role of science and technology in disaster management, the state Department of Science and Technology and Biotechnology has decided to have 'Science and Technology in Disaster Management' as the focal theme in this year's Science Congress.The varied disciplines on which scientific research papers have been invited are Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Statistics and Mathematical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Engineering and Technology Sciences, Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Agricultural Sciences.

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