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West Bengal News

Website, app to preserve Lepchas' language



Context

- **Unesco** has classified the language spoken by **Lepchas** as **“definitely endangered”**.
- This has prompted a dedicated group of community members to start initiatives to conserve their mother tongue.

Key points

- **Rongring Lepcha Culture and Welfare Society (RLCWS)** launched a website and mobile application called **“Rongring”** in Kalimpong.
- It is estimated that **only about 30,000 Lepchas** can speak their language Rongring.
- The Lepchas primarily reside in **Darjeeling, Sikkim, and parts of Nepal and Bhutan**

Did you know?

A **“definitely endangered”** language is one that children no longer learn as a **“mother tongue”** at their home.

Training program for women electric cab drivers

Context

The launch of a training programme for creating a cohort of skilled **women electric cab drivers** in the state took place recently. Around **30-40 women cab drivers** will be trained by an Indian company **Snap-E Cabs**.

Key points

- The state had notified its **electric vehicle policy 2021** targeting the deployment of 10 lakh EVs across all vehicle segments and setting up one lakh public and semi-public charging stations.
- Policy has identified **‘skill development and workforce training’** as a key enabler of transition.

Adina Deer Park



Context

The Adina Deer Park has been brought under CCTV surveillance to **prevent poaching and ensure tourists' safety**.

About

- Adina Deer Park is located in the **Malda district of West Bengal** and lies 21 kilometres from the city of Malda.
- The park is an important breeding centre for **cheetal or spotted deer** in the state
- The park also has a **nilgai population**.
- The woods are rich in **butterflies and birds, especially Asian openbill, paradise flycatcher, prinia, oriole, fish eagle, etc.**



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Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

<p>Bengal government allots land at Changrabandha land port</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bengal government has allotted land for the development of the infrastructure at the Changrabandha land port on the India-Bangladesh border in Cooch Behar district.• A plot of 30 acres has been identified and the project will be implemented in association with the Land Ports Authority of India• As The export and import through Changrabandha are on the rise, this is done to boost the bilateral trade with Bangladesh.
<p>KMC plans tourism on Adi Ganga</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KMC plans tourism on Adi Ganga banks post rejuvenation work• This is being done to counter the new encroachments along the banks of the Adi Ganga (Tolly Nullah) channel which are again leading to waste deposition• The state will rehabilitate the encroachers under 'Banglar Bari' Scheme and revive the entire canal to make it a tourist site <p>About Banglar Bari' Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is a seven-year programme which envisages provision of Housing to all EWS and LIG category families by 2022.• It was launched in 2015.

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