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### West Bengal News

<b>New Chief Secretary Appointment</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The West Bengal government appointed <b>Bhagwati Prasad Gopalika</b>, a 1989-batch IAS officer and the current Home Secretary, as the new Chief Secretary.</li><li>IAS officer <b>Nandini Chakraborty</b> was appointed as the Home Secretary of the West Bengal government.</li><li>Ms. Chakraborty is the second female officer to hold the State's Home Secretary position after <b>Lina Chakraborty</b>.</li></ul>
<b>KMC aims to reach filtered water to all households in the next 3 years</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) will be doubling its efforts in reaching filtered water <b>to every household in the next three years</b>.</li><li>This is being done on the directions of the NGT to the civic body which comes in the wake of a petition that was filed in the tribunal regarding high arsenic contents in the groundwater in <b>Kolkata and South 24-Parganas</b>.</li><li>The KMC is also focusing on <b>rainwater harvesting</b> following the directions from the state environment impact assessment authority.</li></ul>
<b>Govt-run free primary school introduces students safety system</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The teachers of <b>Raiganj Girls' Free Primary School of North Dinajpur</b> district introduced the Students Safety Management Arrival Departure system.</li><li>A <b>biometric-like machine</b> has been set up in the school.</li><li>Now, when a student arrives at school will touch the machine with the digital identity card., Immediately the guardian will receive a message in their smartphone that the child has reached the school safely.</li></ul>
<b>Education Centre for Children of sex workers</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amra Padatik has initiated a transformative educational endeavour in the heart of <b>Kolkata's Kalighat, one of the largest red-light areas</b>.</li><li>It is an <b>organization founded by the children of sex workers</b>,</li><li>This endeavour seeks to address the multifaceted challenges faced by sex workers and their children, particularly focusing on education as a means of empowerment and integration.</li></ul>



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Cooch Behar TMC to launch campaign  
for drug-free district

### Context

- Cooch Behar district Trinamool Congress will campaign for a **drug-free district**.
- The district **shares borders with Bihar, and Assam** and sees the influx of drugs from Bangladesh.
- These **chemically-produced drugs** are being sold to the youth at a very low price, leading to addiction.

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