





### 25 January 2024 West Bengal News

<p><b>Mascot 'Tenida'</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The district electoral office of North Kolkata unveiled its vote mascot 'Tenida'</li> <li>It is done ahead of the Lok Sabha elections which <b>will be used for creating awareness</b> about voting among the residents.</li> <li>North Kolkata is known for lesser voting percentage with <b>60 percent voting taking place during the 2021 Assembly polls and 66 percent during the 2019 Lok Sabha.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>National Voters' Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>National Voters' Day is celebrated every year in India on January 25</b> to encourage the country's voters to participate in the electoral process.</li> <li>It not only encourages the youth to participate in the electoral process but also focuses on the fact that the right to vote is a basic right.</li> <li>This day also marks the <b>foundation day of the Election Commission of India, i.e. 25th January 1950.</b></li> <li>This year, it is the <b>14th edition</b> which is being celebrated.</li> <li><b>Theme 2024 - 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For Sure'</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>first-ever National Voters' Day was celebrated on January 25, 2011</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b> 13 lakh women to be new beneficiaries of this scheme.</p> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme is a flagship program launched by the <b>West Bengal Government in February 2021.</b></li> <li>It was launched to provide financial assistance to women from economically weaker sections of society, for empowering women in the age group of <b>25-60 years and enrolled in 'Swasthya Sathi' provides ₹ 1000/- every month to women from SC/ST households and ₹ 500/- per month from others.</b></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The scheme aims to <b>empower women and make them financially independent</b> by providing them with a one-time grant to buy essential goods and services.</li></ul>
<b>CM lays foundation stone for 547 projects</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that lakhs of new beneficiaries have been included among <b>new recipients of six government schemes</b></li><li>CM laid the foundation stone of 547 projects worth Rs 837 crore in both East and West Burdwan and inaugurated 491 projects with an investment of Rs 365.45 crore.</li></ul>

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