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West Bengal News

New Attraction at Alipore Zoo



Context:

- After more than four decades, visitors to Alipore Zoological Garden will now encounter the **Malayan tapir**, the sole tapir species living outside of America.

Key points:

- The Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*), also called the Asian Tapir, is the **largest of the five species of tapir and the only one native to Asia**.
- **IUCN Status: Endangered**
- Some special features of the Malayan Tapirs include a **large white patch in the middle part of their body** contrasted with a black head and hind quarters.
- Similar to **horses and rhinos**, they have hooves on their feet.
- They are the largest of the tapir species, weighing in at **around 350 kg (720 pounds) and growing 1.8 meters long (6 feet)**. Females are usually larger than males.
- The lifespan of the Malayan tapir can reach up to **30 years**.
- Tapirs are also classified as **crepuscular animals**, which are generally more active during nighttime.

CM Mamata Banerjee Unveils 493 Projects Worth Rs 1437 Crore

Context:

- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated **493 projects in East Midnapore worth over Rs 1437 crore**.

Key points:

- The projects aim to benefit over **7.20 lakh people** in the district.
- Major projects include the modernization of the fish harbour at Sankarpur, a toy manufacturing unit at Haldia, and a modernized bus terminus at Nandigram.
- Banerjee also inaugurated several road projects – Mahisadal to Nandigram, Khejuri to Heria, Egra to Bajkul, and Marine Drive Road at Ramnagar I Block.
- Construction of the **Jagannath Temple at Digha** is ongoing while adding that the temple's height will be the same as the **height of the Jagannath Temple at Puri**.



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World Obesity Day



Context:

- **World Obesity Day**, held annually on March 4th, is a unified day of action to **raise awareness and encourage solutions** to address the global obesity crisis.

About:

- The inaugural **World Obesity Day** was held on **March 4th, 2015**.
- The World Obesity Federation established it
- It aimed to **bring global attention to the rising issue of obesity** and encourage collaborative efforts to address it

Theme:

- The World Obesity Day 2024 theme is **“Let's Talk About Obesity and...”**
- This **theme emphasizes to encourage people to start conversations that address obesity from a cross-cutting perspective.**
- The idea is to look at **health, youth, and the world as a whole** in order to find ways to combat obesity together.

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