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<p>Habra: CM unveils projects worth more than Rs 8K crore</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a virtual ceremony held at Habra, North 24 Parganas, WB CM inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 647 projects valued at over Rs 8,405 crore across the state. This included the launch of the Karmashree project, guaranteeing 50 days of work and wages to registered workers. <p>Some key projects announced include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habra-Gaighata water project (worth Rs 851 crore) Completion of Kalyani Expressway extension (from Muragacha to Kapa) at Rs 530 crore Three new transmission substations in Rajarhat, Minakhan, and Barrackpore for Rs 351.43 crore
<p>KMC offers another 1% rebate for online property tax payment</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is offering an extra 1% rebate on property taxes paid online This incentive aims to encourage residents to switch to online payments for their property tax bills. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously, a 5% rebate was available for payments made by the due date. With this new policy, taxpayers can now enjoy a total rebate of up to 6%. There's a caveat, though - the additional 1% rebate is capped at Rs 200 and only applies to those who opt to receive their bills electronically.
<p>State launches death benefit scheme for weavers & artisans</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WB government has launched a new scheme to provide financial assistance to the families of weavers and artisans who die before the age of 60. In case of such an untimely demise, the scheme offers a one-time benefit of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin. This initiative aims to provide much-needed financial relief to families who depend on the income of weavers and artisans.



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<p>State approves Rs 22 crore flood control projs ahead of monsoon, electoral curbs</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahead of the monsoon and potential election restrictions, the state Irrigation Department has approved ₹22 crore for 11 flood control projects in northern districts. Malda to Cooch Behar districts to benefit. Projects include the construction of a guide dam on the Teesta. Expedited tendering aims to complete work before monsoon arrives. This swift action ensures crucial flood protection measures are in place before the rains and any potential limitations due to elections.
<p>PM inaugurates ₹1775cr Bengal infra projects</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Prime Minister of India inaugurated infrastructure projects worth ₹1775 crore in West Bengal today. These projects are expected to boost connectivity and development in the state. Some of the projects will become a critical component of the North-South corridor. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raniganj Bypass is one of the very important projects. A runway at Midnapore and Beharampore Bypass are among the projects inaugurated by the PM Also there will be four-laning of the Kharagpur-Baleswar highway.

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