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West Bengal News

<p>Retired IAS Mahua Banerjee Appointed as New PSC Chairman</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retired IAS Mahua Banerjee has been appointed as the new chairman of the State Public Service Commission (PSC) by the state government. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appointment was made by Governor C V Ananda Bose on Tuesday, following the state government's recommendation. The position of Chairman of the State Public Service Commission had been vacant for a long time, leading to delays in recruitment for several government posts in the state.
<p>Swasthya Sathi</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state's flagship health scheme Swasthya Sathi scheme is extended to Migrant workers working outside the state. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swasthya Sathi is a Group Health Insurance scheme of the Government of West Bengal. The Scheme was launched in December 2016. <p>Main Features of the Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic health cover for secondary and tertiary care up to Rs 1.5 Lakh per annum through Insurance mode and Critical illnesses like Cancer, Neuro surgeries, cardiothoracic surgeries, liver diseases, blood disorders, etc. up to Rs 5 Lakh through Assurance mode. Paperless, Cashless, Smart Card based online Swathyasathi Smart card is provided to each family on the day of Enrollment. The State Government bears the entire premium and no contribution from the beneficiary. 100% online Pre-authorisation with a turnaround time of 24 Hrs.
<p>GRSE launches 2 warships for Indian Navy</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd launched two anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC) warships for the Indian Navy.



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	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These vessels are the fifth and sixth in a series of eight ASW SWCs, built by GRSE.• The warships are designed for anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), and mine-laying operations.• They are equipped with a lethal anti-submarine suite comprising lightweight torpedoes, ASW rockets, and mines.• Additionally, they are armed with a 30 mm close-in weapon system and 12.7 mm stabilized remote-control guns.
<p>Bengal Government Increases Salaries of 'Shiksha Bandhus'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bengal government has announced a significant salary hike of nearly 40% for 'Shiksha Bandhus' just ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.• The state Finance department has sanctioned the hike, which will benefit around 3,337 'Shiksha Bandhus'.• The increased salary will be effective from April 1.

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