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West Bengal News

<p>Contempt of court issued against Chief Secy, Home Secy & ADG CID</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calcutta High Court issued a contempt of court order against the state's Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and Additional Director General (ADG) Criminal Investigation Department (CID) over non-compliance of order regarding handing over of documents to NIA in the Darivit firing case. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contempt of court is essentially disrespect or disobedience towards a court of law. It can be behavior that disrupts court proceedings, interferes with getting evidence, or disobeys a court order. <p>There are two main types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil contempt: This involves disobeying a court order, like failing to pay child support. Criminal contempt: This involves actions that undermine the court's authority or interfere with a fair trial, like threatening a witness or juror. Articles 129 and 215 empower the Supreme Court and High Courts respectively to punish contempt of themselves.
<p>State Higher Edu Council replaces three subjects</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE) has replaced three elective subjects with a focus on contemporary relevance. Subjects with low enrollment like Gujarati, French, and Punjabi have been dropped. In their place, the council has introduced: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applications of Artificial Intelligence Science of Wellbeing Cyber Security This change reflects the growing importance of these fields in today's world



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'Three major state projects get financial support from ADB and World Bank'

Context:

- The West Bengal government has secured funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank for three major infrastructure projects.
- This financial support indicates the state's commitment to developing these projects and bodes well for future industrial growth.
- **Corridor development project:** The ADB will provide funding for planning, strategizing, and implementing this project.
- **Inland Waterways project:** This project is being supported by the World Bank.
- **Logistics development project:** The World Bank is also providing financial backing for this project.

National Vaccination Day



Context:

- On 16 March 1995, the government of India started the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme as the first attempt to eradicate the disease from the country.
- Since then, March 16 has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day.

About:

- National Vaccination Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines.
- It recognizes the life-saving benefits of vaccination in preventing serious diseases.
- This day encourages people to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on their immunizations.

Key Points:

- The vaccination campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki," has targeted children between the ages of 0 and 5, and two drops of the vaccine orally are administered at public health centers.

Theme:

- The theme for National Vaccination Day 2024 is "Vaccines Work For All"

World Sleep Day

Context:

- World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox (This year it is 15th March)



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- It is a global event raising awareness about the importance of sleep.

Key Points:

- It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly the World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM)
- The first World Sleep Day was held on 14 March 2008.

Theme:

- The theme for this World Sleep Day is “Sleep Equity for Global Health”
- The day promotes the benefits of adequate sleep and the negative consequences of sleep disorders.
- It aims to educate people about sleep medicine, prevention, and management of sleep problems.

About:

- The March equinox or northward equinox is the equinox on the Earth when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth.
- The March equinox is known as the vernal equinox (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and as the autumnal equinox (autumn equinox) or fall equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

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