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West Bengal News

World Water Day



Context:

- World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day held on 22 March
- It highlights the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

About:

- The first World Water Day was celebrated in 1993
- The theme for the first World Water Day in 1993 was 'Water for Life.'

Theme 2024:

- This year's theme is "Water for Peace."
- It highlights the potential of water as a resource for cooperation and stability.
- By managing water resources sustainably and ensuring equitable access, we can foster peace and prosperity for all.

SDG:

Clean water and sanitation is SDG 5 out of 17 **SDGs**

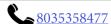
Shalimar Shipyard

Context:

- The state government is actively involved in revitalizing Shalimar Shipyard, recognizing its historical significance and potential economic growth.
- Through strategic initiatives and investments, it strengthen the shipyard's competitiveness and contribute to the maritime industry's development.

About:

- Shalimar Shipyard, located in Howrah, West Bengal, is a public sector shipbuilding company owned by the Government of West Bengal.
- Established in 1885 by Turner Morrison Group of Companies, U.K., the shipyard was initially known as Shalimar Works.
- It was taken over by the West Bengal government in 1980 and renamed Shalimar Works (1980) Ltd.
- The shipyard specializes in the construction of small and medium-sized ships and offers ship repair services.





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Horizons



Context:

Governor C V Ananda Bose recently unveiled the book 'Horizons', shedding light on Kolkata's maritime legacy and its historic 150-year-old port.

Key points:

- The release stated that the book commemorates the 50-year journey of the Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC).
- 'Horizons' offers readers a deep dive into the maritime realm through insightful interviews, articles by eminent personalities, and a wealth of information and trivia spanning Kolkata's maritime history and its venerable port.
- The book also features messages from dignitaries such as the Prime Minister, Minister of Shipping. Ministers of State for Shipping, and even the legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan, whose career began as a shipping executive in then Calcutta.

North Bengal's Investment Potential

Context:

• Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) is creating a documentary to showcase business and investment opportunities in Siliguri, positioning it as a gateway to north Bengal and the Northeast.

Key points:

- The documentary aims to emphasize the investment potential in north Bengal, using the Siliguri corridor as a key entry point.
- Once the documentary is completed, it will be screened at various events to promote investment in the region.
- SMC has consulted filmmaker Goutam Ghose for the project and currently developing documentary's draft.

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