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West Bengal News

West Bengal Governor Directs Chief Minister to Submit Report on Scams

Context:

- West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose has directed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to promptly submit a detailed report on the ongoing investigations into various scams, as per an official statement from the Raj Bhavan.

Key points:

- The Governor is the Executive Head of the State within the meaning of **Articles 153 and 154 of the Constitution of India.**
- **Article 167 - Duties of Chief Minister as respects the furnishing of information to Governor, etc.- It shall be the duty of the Chief Minister of each State-**

(a) to communicate to the Governor of the State all decisions of the Council of Ministers relating to the administration of the affairs of the State and proposals for legislation;

(b) to furnish such information relating to the administration of the affairs of the State and proposals for legislation as the Governor may call for; and

(c) if the Governor so requires, to submit for the consideration of the Council of Ministers any matter on which a decision has been taken by a Minister but which has not been considered by the Council.

Bank of Bengal

Context:

- On June 2, 1806, the Bank of Calcutta was established by the British East India Company, later renamed the Bank of Bengal.

About:

- Subsequently, the **Bank of Bombay was founded on April 15, 1840, and the Bank of Madras on July 1, 1843.**
- Initially, these banks operated as unit banks, but in **1862**, they transitioned to branch banking, establishing branches in various ports and trade centers across British India.
- On January 27, 1921, the three banks were amalgamated to form the Imperial Bank of India, which became an all-India bank.
- Finally, on July 1, 1955, the **Imperial Bank of India was nationalized and rebranded as the State Bank of India, becoming the premier commercial bank in the country.**



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Vidya Vahan

Context:

- The software 'Vidya Vahan,' developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), may soon be adopted by West Bengal, making it the second state after Kerala to do so.

About:

- The software enables parents to track pool cars and school buses, enhancing road safety and security for school children.
- In Kerala, where it was first launched in 2023, the government provided the app free to parents.
- In a recent meeting between the West Bengal Transport Department and C-DAC, there was a discussion about encouraging school administrators and parents to use software like Vidya Vahan for real-time tracking of these vehicles.
- Although the app is yet to be launched in Bengal, workshops are scheduled for stakeholders after June 5 to familiarize them with the software.

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