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West Bengal News

Cyclone 'Midhili'



Context

- The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into a cyclonic storm '**Midhili**'
- It will likely cross the Bangladesh coast close to **Khepupara** sparing Bengal.
- The designation 'Midhili' has been assigned by the **Maldives**.
- The cyclonic storm is projected to traverse the **Sundarbans** before reaching the Bangladesh coast.
- As reported by ANI, it is expected to follow a **north-northeastward trajectory** and make **landfall near Khepupara, Bangladesh**, with winds reaching speeds of 60-70 kilometres per hour (kmph) and gusting up to 80 kmph.

French Development Agency team to visit Bengal

Context

- A team of representatives of the **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** of the French government will be visiting Bengal to discuss funding conservation efforts of North Bengal forests with the state government.
- The **focus is on conservation of biodiversity** in the North Bengal forest region.
- This will further strengthen the bilateral ties between **India and France**.

Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme

Context

The officials of the District Industries Centre of North Dinajpur district have initiated a move to provide a **maximum amount of Rs 5,00,000 loan** to each beneficiary through the Bhabishyat Credit Card Scheme.




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	<p>About</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scheme aims to promote self-employment opportunities for the youth. It provides loans up to Rs. 5 lakh, with the government acting as a guarantor for future projects. Only permanent residents of West Bengal are eligible for this scheme.
<p>'Bijayar Pare' makes it to KIFF, Dhaka International Film Festival</p>	<p>Film Origin and Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Bijayar Pare" is a Bengali feature film produced and directed by two residents of Siliguri. It stands out as the first mainstream full-length feature film created by Siliguri residents. <p>International Festival Selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The film has been chosen for screening at two prestigious international film festivals. It will be featured at the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) (to be held in January) and the Dhaka International Film Festival (to be held in December).
<p>Two children from Malda to be awarded for their bravery in Kolkata</p>	<p>Context The West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) is going to award two children from Malda for their acts of bravery, in Kolkata,</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The award is named 'Birpurush' and 'Birangana' for boys and girls respectively. Mursalim, a student of class 6, of Jhangarpara in Koriali village under the Harishchandrapur Police Station has been selected as the Birpurush of Malda this year for his outstanding endeavour to stop New Jalpaiguri bound Up Kanchanjunga Express by waving his red t-shirt after spotting a huge hole underneath the Railway tracks The Birangana from Malda is a class 8 girl who stopped her early marriage in urge of studying more by calling the childline.

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