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West Bengal News

SKOCH Award Summit



Context:

- Kolkata Police has won “Three Silver Awards” in the SKOCH Award Summit that was held in New Delhi
- The awards were conferred in three categories namely: Reduction of fatalities by effective traffic management, Sukanya and Pronam initiatives.
- The plaques and certificates were handed over to Commissioner of Police, Vineet Goyal.

About:

- The SKOCH Award Summit is a prestigious event that recognizes and celebrates excellence in governance, social transformation, and technology.
- It's organized by the SKOCH Group, a non-profit organization focused on inclusive growth and sustainable development.

‘Bengal spends 44% of state dev Budget for women empowerment’

Context:

- The West Bengal government allocates a significant portion of its state development budget, 44%, towards initiatives aimed at women empowerment and ensuring gender equality.
- This commitment surpasses the budget dedicated to the overall welfare of children, which stands at 17%.

Key Aspects:

- This initiative reflects the government's recognition of the crucial role women play in socio-economic development.
- The allocated funds support various schemes encompassing:
 1. Economic empowerment
 2. Education
 3. Health
 4. Safety and security



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Sandeshkhali incident

Context:

- West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose visited the troubled pockets of Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district
- He spoke to women protestors who alleged sexual harassment and torture by absconding TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh and his associates.
- The governor assured the "tortured" women, who tied rakhis on his wrist, all help to get justice.
- He also said that he would "fight it out" under the provisions of the Constitution, as per the laws of the land and whatever is within his powers.

Bengal government to implement Ghatal Master Plan sans Centre's support: Mamta

Context:

- West Bengal CM announced the state government's intention to implement the Ghatal Master Plan with its own funds.
- This decision came after repeated requests to the central government for support went unanswered.
- The Ghatal Master Plan is a comprehensive development plan for Ghatal, a flood-prone district in West Bengal.
- The plan aims to address issues such as flooding, infrastructure development, and economic growth.
- The estimated cost of the plan is approximately Rs. 5,000 crore.

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