

## West Bengal Current Affairs

August, 2019

1. **Senior IAS officer Pramod Agarwal has been selected as the next Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Coal India Limited.**

Note: He will succeed incumbent Chairman Anil Kumar Jha (retire in January 2020). Currently, Mr Agrawal is working as principal secretary for urban development and housing department in Madhya Pradesh. The Coal India Limited (CIL) is an Indian state-controlled coal mining company headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

2. **West Bengal Government has launched an awareness campaign for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean.**

Note: The State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched the campaign named as 'Save Green, Stay Clean' in Kolkata. The State Government will distribute more than 1 lakhs saplings throughout the state for spreading of greenery.

3. **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has inaugurated the world's first museum in Kolkata on Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.**

Note: The museum has been constructed by Baghbazar Gaydiya Mission. The Chaitanya museum has paintings on one of the aspects of Lord Krishna's life known as 'Vrindavan Leela'. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was the 16th-century Bengali Hindu mystic and saint and the chief proponent of the Gaudiya Vaishnavism tradition within Hinduism.

4. **The first Indian chef has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mrite Agricoleto -- Priyam Chatterjee.**

Note: The Order of Agricultural Merit is an order of merit bestowed by the French Republic for outstanding contributions to agriculture. He has been awarded for his contribution towards reinventing the gastronomic scene in India. Priyam is known for revisiting the traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist.

5. **India's first underwater train to be launched in Kolkata.** It will be the first underwater train which will get started in Kolkata under the Hubli river. The 16.6-km long Kolkata East West Metro project, to be completed by 2021, will have the county's first underwater tunnel.

The metro line has 520-metre twin tunnels built 30 metres below the riverbed. The tunnel is provided with four-layers of protection to shield it from the water of the mighty Hubli river. The section between Howrah and Mahakaran metro stations will be under the river for only about a minute when the train passes through the tunnel at a speed of 80 km per hours.

6. **Kolkata's new money museum is gaining currency to boost people's knowledge of banking system.** A museum set up by the Reserve Bank of India seeks to demystify money matters for the layperson. A new museum in Kolkata, however, seeks to improve people's knowledge of the banking system with the help of interactive displays. And it's been put together by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the central banking institution that is synonymous with the Indian currency. This RBI museum comes 21 years after the Mumbai headquarters inaugurated the country's first "monetary museum". The stately red-and-white building in Kolkata, constructed



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7. **GRSE launches its 5th fast patrol vessel for Indian Coast Guard.** This ship, to be commissioned as ICGS Kanaklata Barua, is the last in the series of Five FPVs built by GRSE. The ship is 50m long, 7.5m wide and has a displacement of around 308 tons. These FPVs are designed for a maximum speed of 34 knots with an endurance of more than 1500 nautical miles and come with an efficient hull form developed in-house and proven after extensive model testing. The FPV designs are an improvisation on the Inshore Patrol Vessels built by GRSE for the Indian Coast Guard in 2013 and are well suited for patrolling, anti-smuggling, anti-poaching, and rescue operations. Since inception in 1960, GRSE has developed an array of world-class platforms including frigates, missile corvettes, anti-submarine warfare corvettes and landing craft utility ships for the Indian Navy. It is the only shipyard in the country to have delivered 100 warships.

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