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## South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS)

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- It is a comprehensive drought monitoring system developed by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI).
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- The system will provide information about locations under drought in map format and also information about drought's effect on agriculture.
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- It combines satellite images of vegetation with weather data, soil moisture levels and crop yield information and helps predict the severity of impending dry spells and duration of it.
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- The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) is a non-profit, scientific research organization headquartered in **Colombo, Sri Lanka**, with regional offices across Asia and Africa.
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## New Rule for Government staff in Assam State

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- The Assam State government has announced a new legislation to deduct the salary of government employees who failed to take care of their elderly parents.
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- If the Employees working in the government, state PSUs and companies failed to take care of their parents, then a certain portion of the salary of such employees would be deducted to be given to their respective parents.
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## Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)

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- It is the new scheme launched by the **Ministry of Electronics and IT** to make rural households digitally literate.
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- This scheme is initiated under Digital India Programme and expected to be one of the largest digital literacy programs in the world.
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- It would empower the citizens by providing them access to information, knowledge and skills for operating computers / digital access devices.
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## Dalhousie to Dara Shikoh

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- The New Delhi Municipal Council has renamed Dalhousie Road as Dara Shikoh Road.
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- As per rules, only names given to public facilities before the Independence can be changed.
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- Lord Dalhousie, known for Doctrine of lapse, served as governor general of India from 1848-56. He is known for his reforms such as formation of separate public works department for the first time, construction of Ganges canal, first railway line, construction of electric telegraph and postal reforms etc.,
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- Dara Shikoh, son of fifth Mughal initiated a new order in Sufism called as the "**Qadiri order**".
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- Though he was a favorite of Shah Jahan, he was defeated by Aurangzeb during the **Battle of Samugarh**.
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- He had promoted the peace between the followers of Hinduism and Islam and wrote a book called **Majma-ul Bahrain** or the mingling of the two oceans which found commonalities between Islam and Hinduism.
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- He himself translated 50 Upanishads from Sanskrit to Persian language.
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