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### West Bengal Regional News

<b>National Award for Purbachal resident</b>	<b>Key points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kalkoksho (House of Time)</b>, a two-hour film produced by Anjan Bose of Aurora Film Corporation, has been named as the best feature film at the 69th National Film Awards.</li><li>• Kalkokkho is about a doctor indifferent to his patients who gets kidnapped by a paranoid middle aged woman who lives in a house with her old forgetful mother and lonely little daughter. The time he spends in the house changes him.</li></ul>
<b>UNESCO boost for Durga Puja preview show</b>	<b>In news:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To mark the 20th anniversary of the convention for safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO has highlighted 90 activities from around the globe on its website.</li><li>• Preview show of Durga Puja is one of them.</li></ul> <b>Key points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is to allow tourists from abroad and across the country to enjoy the art of Durga Pooja</li><li>• Two other activities from India has made it to the list- an international folk dance festival “Culture connects” coming up in October in Noida and Ghaziabad and a “Colours of Culture” photo exhibition in Shimla.</li></ul>
<b>Seventh edition of Bengal Travel Mart to begin in Siliguri</b>	<b>In news:</b> <p>Seventh edition of Bengal Travel Mart (BTM) Is about to take place.</p> <b>Key points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It will focus on cross-border tourism that will seek to exploit the potential of neighboring countries of Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.</li><li>• The three day event is considered one of the major travel marts in the tourism industry which showcases destinations in Bengal and adjoining areas.</li><li>• The event will be hosted by the Eastern Himalayan Travel &amp; Tour Operators Association (EHTTOA) at Montana Vista.</li></ul>
<b>State PCB starts 7km pilot run of bio-shield project</b>  <b>Did you know?</b> <p>IIT- Delhi study found that transboundary pollution from Jharkhand and other states on the Indo-Gangetic Plain contributes almost 56% to the Kolkata pollution level.</p>	<b>In news:</b> <p>West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB) has kick-started its most ambitious green bio-shield programme to restrict transboundary pollution in Kolkata and rest of the state.</p> <b>Key points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment secretary Roshni Sen launched the 7km pilot run of the programme at Asanboni village in Jhargram district.</li></ul>



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- The green bio-shield is first of its kind experiment.
- The total 800km long green bio-shield will cover the Bihar-Jharkhand border in the districts of Jhargram, Purulia, Birbhum and West Burdwan.

### Bengal Facts:

Country	India
Capital	Kolkata
Established	1 November, 1956
Largest Metro	Kolkata
Location	Latitude 27°13'15"N to 21°25'24"N Longitude 85°48'20"E to 89°53'04"E
Neighbouring Countries	Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan
Area Total	88,752Km <sup>2</sup> (34,267 sq mi)
Area Rank	14th

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