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West Bengal News

Funds for conservation of big cats at Kalimpong park



Context

The Bengal forest department has sent a letter to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) at the Centre, seeking funds for the conservation of royal Bengal tigers at the **Neora Valley National Park (NVNP)** in Kalimpong district.

Neora Valley National Park

- It is located on the Himalayas in Kalimpong.
- It is the land of Red Panda (EN).
- Vegetation: Himalayan Broadleaf forests.
- Major Flora: Rhododendron, bamboo, oak, ferns, sal.
- Major Fauna: Indian leopard, black bear, sloth bear, golden cat, barking deer, Himalayan flying squirrel, thar.

National Tiger Conservation Authority

Key points:

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**.
- It was **established in 2005** following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

Jalpaiguri district administration plans to promote tea tourism

Context

- The Jalpaiguri district administration has drawn up a plan in association with a tea estate of the district to promote tea tourism ahead of the upcoming festive season.
- The management of Baradighi tea estate is running a nice facility for tourists who intend to spend a couple of days in a tea estate

Buddhism spread west, south, show recent finds

Context

- Archaeologists and historians busted the long standing “north indian bias” in the study and archaeological excavation related to Buddhism, at a two-day international symposium .

Key points

- Study - “Revisiting Buddhism of Early Historic India”



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- It is a text, artefacts and visual art organized by the Society of South Asian Archeology(SOSAA) at the Indian Museum
- The revelation came in the wake of recent discoveries at the Phanigiri site in Andhra Pradesh, shedding new light on the expanse of Buddhism, stretching far beyond South Asia, even till Roman Empire.

Person in news: Mukherjee & Chakraborty honoured with Kartick Bose Lifetime Achievement Award

Context

- Sharmila Chakraborty and Raju Mukherjee has been conferred with Kartick Bose Lifetime Achievement Award at the Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB) annual awards ceremony.
- Sharmila is a left arm spinner whereas Raju is a batsman.

Bhatnagar Award: 4 out of 12 Bengalis

Context

The Shantiswaroop Bhatnagar Award is announced every year on 26th September, the foundation day of CSIR. An exception for the first time happened last year. The Award is for the year 2022.

Key points

The four Bengalis who have been awarded this year's Bhatnagar Prize are

- 1) Devabrata Maiti of IIT Bombay in chemistry,
- 2) Anindya Das of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore in physics
- 3) Vasudev Dasgupta of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- 4) Deepyaman Gangopadhyay of Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Kolkata in medical science.



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