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West Bengal News

Santiniketan declared UNESCO World Heritage site	 Context Santiniketan, the famed place in West Bengal where poet Rabindranath Tagore built Visva-Bharati over a century ago, has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Key points Established in 1901 by poet and philosopher Tagore, Santiniketan was a residential school and centre for art based on ancient Indian traditions and a vision of the unity of humanity transcending religious and cultural boundaries. A 'world university' was established at Santiniketan in 1921, recognising the unity of humanity or "Visva Bharati". Distinct from the prevailing British colonial architectural orientations of the early 20th century and of European modernism, Santiniketan represents approaches toward a pan-Asian modernity, drawing on ancient, medieval and folk traditions from across the region.
West Bengal gears up to combat dengue menace, over 1,400 cases reported so far	 Context A dengue alert has been sounded across West Bengal after a spike in cases across the state. Key points Dengue It is caused by the dengue virus (DENV). It is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female mosquitoes, primarily the Aedes aegypti mosquito. The severe form of dengue fever, also called dengue hemorrhagic fever, can cause serious bleeding, a sudden drop in blood pressure (shock) and death. It is more common in tropical and subtropical climates.
Facts about West Bengal	 Oldest and Largest Museum -One of the most interesting facts about Kolkata is that it is home to the country's oldest and largest museum. The Indian Museum, one of the places to visit in West Bengal, is located in central Kolkata. Largest Banyan Tree -The world's largest banyan tree is found in West Bengal. Ficus benghalensis is the botanical name for the banyan tree, which is native to India. The banyan tree can be seen in the Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden in Shibpur, Howrah. Mandarmani Beach is India's longest drivable beach, and is famous for its long stretches of sand and water sports activities.











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	 Highest Railway Station-The Ghum Railway Station in Darjeeling is the world's highest railway station World-Renowned Festival of Durga Puja
Lakshmi Bhandar Scheme	 In news: While on her tour of Spain , West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee highlighted about the scheme launched by her government Key facts : Scheme is a flagship program launched by the West Bengal Government in February 2021, to provide financial assistance to women from economically weaker sections of society. The scheme will benefit women of the age group between 25 to 60 years . It will provide Rs 1000/ every month to women from SC/ST and Rs 500/ month to the women from other categories .
	 Did you know? The benefits provided by the scheme is one time grant to buy essential goods and services for their household.

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