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20 September 2023 **West Bengal News**

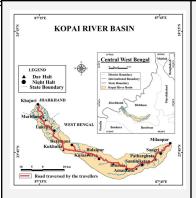
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Kurmis Community	 In news: Rail Roko Movement was held by Khurmi Organizations. Kurmi organizations are agitating in West Bengal demanding Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. Agitators demand inclusion of their community on the list of Scheduled Tribes and Kurmali language in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.
Did you know? ❖ The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India lists the official languages of the Republic of India.	 Key points Kurmi community Kurmis are a landowning farming community whose status varies from place to place. Kurmis are referred to as "progressive farmers" who "avail of maximum benefits of all the development schemes available in the area and region. Kurmis are distributed across several states — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Goa, and Karnataka.
WB Education department organizing camps for issuing Aadhaar cards to students	Nine lakh students of West Bengal state do not have an Aadhaar card. Therefore, WB's Education Department organized camps for issuing Aadhaar cards to students.
	 Key points about Aadhar Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to every individual resident of India. It serves as proof of identity, which is linked to the individual's biometric and demographic information. The Aadhaar programme was launched in 2009 by the UIDAI with the goal of providing a unique and verifiable identity for every resident of India. It is now mandatory for a number of government services and is also being used by private companies for identification purposes.
Kopai River	 Why in the news? Kopai River is drying up and the future of the river is now at stake. If measures are not taken, Kopai river may cease to exist.



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About:

- Kopai River (also called Sal River) is synonymous with Rabindranath Tagore and Shantiniketan.
- A tributary of river Mayurakshi which in turn is a tributary of Hugli river. It flows through Jharkhand and west Bengal through the districts of Bolpur, Kankalitala, Kirnahar and Labhpur in Birbhum district.
- It is a small river in the dry season but overflows its banks during monsoon.
- Kopai River is generally dry during summer but overflows during the rains, in monsoon.

Did you know?

Rabindranath was not only fond of the small fast-moving stream (he had christened the river Kopai) but was fascinated by the harmonious co-existence of nature and human beings along its banks.

Bengal Music

Classical Bangla Music like the classical music forms of India is basically sculpted on the musical nodes called Ragas.

1) Rabindra Sangeet:

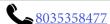
- The most popular form of Bengali music is the Rabindra Sangeet developed by Noble Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.
- This highly prophetic and intellectual music form is popular among the educated factions of society.
- It is made up of a collection of over two thousand songs and is considered to be the most defining expression of Bangla music.

2) Nazrul Geeti:

- Developed by the great revolutionary KaziNazrul Islam, the Nazrul Geeti is extremely motivational and revolutionary in nature and gained prominence during the freedom struggle.
- Even though it wasn't used for commercial purposes like the RabindraSangeet was, it gained immense popularity among the people due to its revolutionary feel and powerful tone.

3) Baul Sangeet:

- A popular form of Bengali folk music is the Baul Sangeet, very similar to modern western folk music.
- The BaulSangeet acts as a medium to interact with God with its aim to assist man to find God in himself. The lyrics are highly intellectual and spiritual.





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4) Adhunik Sangeet

- Adhunik Sangeet translates into "modern songs".
- During the period just before independence, several new genres emerged mainly in the form of playback songs for movies.
- Most band music and Bengali rock come under this genre.

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