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West Bengal News

Mamata lists 5 key-benefits of doing business in Bengal**Context**

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, highlighted **five key points to attract investors during a business conference on Bengal Business Summit 2023** in Spain

Key points

- In the conference, she called the WB state as one of the fastest-growing economies of India.

The key benefits point ;

1. skilled labour and
2. 24x7 availability of electricity apart from excellent international and
3. last-mile connectivity.
4. Best human capital
5. Low operation cost

1,200-year-old Buddha statue finds place in govt office in Kolkata**Context**

A 1,200-year-old Buddha statue found in Bengal's Purulia district earlier this year will be **temporarily kept in the storeroom of a state government office in Kolkata.**

Key points

- The statue of the Buddha head with **half-closed lips and open eyes** is approximately 1,200 years old
- Belongs to the transition period of **Gupta-Pal dynasty**
- The head of the statue was found buried at Manbazar area in Purulia district.

Did you know?

Gopala, who was founder of Pala dynasty after the end of Gupta period, is said to have **followed Buddhism.**

Prized Bangladeshi Hilsas to hit Indian markets before Durga Puja**Context**

The **Bangladesh government** has permitted traders to **sell nearly 4,000 metric tonnes of Hilsa to India** ahead of the festive Durga Puja season

Key points

- Hilsa Fish is found in rivers and estuaries of Indian subcontinent and the Tigris and Euphrates river of the Persian Gulf area
- It is the **national fish of Bangladesh**
- It is **highly valued in India** especially in West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- IUCN status: **Least concern.**



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- Threat: **over-exploration** by commercial fisheries and **disruption of migration routes** by dam development.

Did you know?

The fish is called the **king of fish** in some parts of Bangladesh.

Agri Marketing Minister launches several projects during North Bengal visit

Context

Agriculture Marketing minister and the minister of state for Panchayat and Rural Development, Becharam Manna **initiated several programmes in Jalpaiguri**

Key points

- Inaugurated the state government's **cleanliness drive programme.**
- **solid waste management projects** in various blocks and gram panchayats.
- Each project received a budget of Rs 70 lakh to install solid waste management plants
- In addition, the minister inaugurated a **23 km stretch of the Pathashree Project**

Did you know?

Pathshree is a road repair program of west Bengal .

It consists of 7000 stretches equivalent to 12,000 km .

Cyclone Tej to hit Bengal before Durga Puja

Context

Cyclone "Tej" may hit Bengal in October before Durga Puja bringing heavy rainfall.

Key points

- India has named the Cyclone "Tej".
- The **responsibility of naming tropical cyclones that form over the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea falls on the RSMC New Delhi Tropical Cyclone Center.**

About cyclone:

- A cyclone is any **low-pressure area** with winds spiraling inwards.
- Cyclones rotate **anti clockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere.**
- The process of cyclone formation is known as **cyclogenesis.**

Did you know?

Cyclones cannot survive without moisture hence they get weaken over land and fall



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Bay of Bengal and cyclone

Reason:

1. **The Bay of Bengal is relatively shallow than the Arabian sea**
2. The **larger surface area of the Bay of Bengal** allows faster heating causing higher evaporation
3. **Faster evaporation forms a high-pressure zone** in the area causing instability in the region.
4. land on three sides generates additional moisture and instability
5. The **long and curved coastline** of the Bay of Bengal results in **amplified wind speeds** as they funnel into the bay
6. The Bay of Bengal has a much **larger area than other water bodies** in the region. This makes it **easy for a storm to dissipate**

Did you know?

- **Bay of Bengal known as the hot bed of cyclones.**

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