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<p>Calcutta port made deal with Bangladeshi firm</p>	<p>Context Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, signed a pact with Saif Powertec Ltd (SPL) of Bangladesh.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deal is to promote a new multimodal transport route. • The route will connect the riverine port with northeast India. • It would be via Chattogram, Mongla Ports and Pangaon Inland Container Terminal. • The initiative will reduce the time to transport cargo to north east india • It also facilitates alternative routes to avoid congested Siliguri and Guwahati corridors . <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via this port the distance between Agartala and Kolkata will reduce to 575 km from 1690 km .
<p>RoRo services connecting remote islands in Sunderbans in six months'</p>	<p>Context The state Transport department kick-started the infrastructure development work for commencing Roro (roll on roll off) services to connect a dozen islands in Sunderbans .</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service will help to increase connectivity in the sundarban. • It will help to access the islands which are otherwise inaccessible by four-wheelers, including ambulances. • It may reduce the hardship face by locals in case of emergency • The only means of transport are motor boats and ferry services.
<p>KMC uses drone to spray larvicide inside Glass Factory</p>	<p>Context As part of its anti-dengue drive, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) used drones to spray larvicide inside the abandoned premises of Krishna Glass Factory in Jadavpur to destroy mosquito larvae.</p> <p>Larvicide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A larvicide is an insecticide that is specifically targeted against the larval life stage of an insect • Their most common use is against mosquitoes.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The larvicides come in many forms like liquid, pallets, dunks, tablets • liquid larvicides can be used directly in water.
<p>Teesta water treaty</p>	<p>Context Social activist Medha Patkar has urged West Bengal Chief Minister to agree to the sharing of Teesta river water with Bangladesh.</p> <p>Teesta Water Treaty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a water sharing agreement between India and Bangladesh. • Bangladesh is demanding equitable distribution of Teesta water with India on the lines of Ganga Water Treaty of 1996 • Teesta Water was owned by Bangladesh at 37.5% and by India at 42.5%. • A temporary agreement with a 15-year duration stated that India would receive 42.5% of Teesta's water and Bangladesh would receive 37.5% in 2011. <p>Did you know ? Teesta river is tributary of brahmaputra and originates from teesta kangse glacier and flows through sikkim and west bengal</p>
<p>Mining of minor minerals on private land</p>	<p>Context West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation (WBMDTCL) hopes to commence the mining of minor minerals on private land</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state government introduced a new 'Raiyati' policy 2022 for the mining of minor minerals on private land • Minor minerals are those, which are declared by the Central Government under Section I (a) of the Mines & Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957. • Central Government has declared a few minerals as minor, for example, chalcedony pebbles, fuller's earth, bentonite, limestone, lime shell, Kankar, boulder, shingle, brick-earth, slate, road metal, marble, stone utilized for creating home utensils, sandstone, quartzite, ordinary earth, and saltpeter

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