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West Bengal News	
Calcutta port made deal with Bangladeshi firm	Context Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, signed a pact with Saif Powertec Ltd (SPL) of Bangladesh.
	<ul> <li>Key facts</li> <li>The deal is to promote a new multimodal transport route.</li> <li>The route will connect the riverine port with northeast India.</li> <li>It would be via Chattogram, Mongla Ports and Pangaon Inland Container Terminal.</li> <li>The initiative will reduce the time to transport cargo to north east india</li> <li>It also facilitates alternative routes to avoid congested Siliguri and Guwahati corridors.</li> <li>Did you know?</li> <li>Via this port the distance between Agartala and Kolkata will reduce</li> </ul>
	to 575 km from 1690 km .
RoRo services connecting remote islands in Sunderbans in six months'	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.
	<ul> <li>Key facts</li> <li>The service will help to increase connectivity in the sundarban.</li> <li>It will help to access the islands which are otherwise inaccessible by four-wheelers, including ambulances.</li> <li>It may reduce the hardship face by locals in case of emergency</li> <li>The only means of transport are motor boats and ferry services.</li> </ul>
KMC uses drone to spray larvicide inside Glass Factory	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.
	Larvicide     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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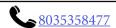
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	<ul> <li>The larvicides come in many forms like liquid, pallets, dunks, tablets</li> <li>liquid larvicides can be used directly in water.</li> </ul>
Teesta water treaty	Context Social activist Medha Patkar has urged West Bengal Chief Minister to agree to the sharing of Teesta river water with Bangladesh.
	<ul> <li>It is a water sharing agreement between India and Bangladesh.</li> <li>Bangladesh is demanding equitable distribution of Teesta water with India on the lines of Ganga Water Treaty of 1996</li> <li>Teesta Water was owned by Bangladesh at 37.5% and by India at 42.5%.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Did you know?</li> <li>Teesta river is tributary of brahmaputra and originates from teesta kangse glacier and flows through sikkim and west bengal</li> </ul>
Mining of minor minerals on private land	Context  West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation (WBMDTCL) hopes to commence the mining of minor minerals on private land  Key facts  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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