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West Bengal News

203rd birth anniversary of Pandit
Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar



Context

203rd birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar commemorated in Siliguri

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

- He was born as Ishwar Chandra Bandyopadhyay on 26th September, **1820 in West Bengal**
- He was a Sanskrit scholar, educator, social reformer, author, and philanthropist.
- His efforts to modernize and simplify Bengali prose earned him the title of “**Father of Bengali Prose**”
- He is credited with **reconstructing the Bengali Alphabet**.
- He **fought for women education** and vigorously challenged the barbaric practice of Child Marriage and polygamy.
- He was **appointed principal of Sanskrit College in 1850**

Did you know?

In recognition of Vidyasagar's altruism, Michael Madhusudan bestowed the name ‘**Dayasagar**’ or ‘Ocean of Generosity’ upon him.

Outcomes of CM's visit to Dubai and
Spain

Context

WB CM has recently concluded a foreign trip of Dubai and Spain.

Key outcomes

- **Sourcing of leather and non-leather products** and their brand manufacturing will be done in Bengal.
- Setting up a dedicated park of around 100 Acres for footwear production.
- Procuring **textiles and getting apparel manufacturing** done in Bengal.
- Bengal government signed an MoU with La Liga to develop a football training academy
- Bengal to set up a world-class Mall in Newtown, Kolkata
- Setting up food processing centers, fish processing, poultry, dairy and meat processing, skill development projects in the state.
- Spanish language learning by students in Bengal
- MoU with the Madrid Book Fair for the promotion and marketing of books



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World Tourism Day 2023

Context

World Tourism Day to be celebrated in **Siliguri on September 27.**

Key facts

- The **Himalayan Hospitality and Tourism Development Network (HHTDN)** will commemorate World Tourism Day.
- On the occasion, the **5th Himalayan Hospitality and Tourism Awards will be given** out to the recipients in different categories.
- This award has been **recognised by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).**
- “**Himalayan Paryatan Mitra Awards**” will also be given to different stakeholders
- The programme is focused on **Cultural Tourism Development in Eastern Himalaya.**
- Yuva Tourism Club’ members will also attend the event.

Did you know?

The theme of world tourism day for 2023 is “**tourism and green investment**”

Climate impact on the Sunderbans



Context

Climate Experts have raised a concern regarding the **impact of climate change on Sunderbans** in the meeting held in kolkata.

Key points:

- The experts have decided to take **joint stakeholder initiative(JSI)** .
- The JSI is to **raise awareness of possibilities** of climate linked impact at **global platform**
- Awareness will also be raised at events like the **2023 UN Climate Change Conference Which is due to be held in Dubai**

Did you know?

The cost of damage to the Sunderbans in the three recent **cyclones, Bulbul, Amphan and Yaas, has been Rs 1.5 lakh crore.**

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