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West Bengal News

'Green and Clean' Campaign

Context

Jalpaiguri in West Bengal Launches 'Green and Clean' Campaign

Key points

- It is a 10 day campaign.
- An oath-taking ceremony was also held to promote cleanliness in the town.
- The Clean and Green campaign aims to protect and care for the environment by engaging the community in leading an environmentally conscious lifestyle.

Himalayan black bear

About:

- It is also called Himalayan bear, Tibetan bear, or moon bear
- It is omnivorous, eating insects, fruit, nuts, bees and honey, small mammals, and birds as well as carrion.
- IUCN status – Vulnerable
- listed under Appendix I in CITES
- It is included in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Context

The Forest department of West Bengal has decided to conduct a census of the Himalayan black bear.





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	<p><b>Key facts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The census is to <b>gain a deeper understanding of this species</b> besides counting their numbers.</li><li>• The <b>survey is scheduled to commence in December</b>.</li><li>• It will cover forest areas across various hilly regions in North Bengal, with the collaborative efforts of multiple departments, including the Garuma Wildlife Division, Darjeeling Wildlife Division and Kalimpong Division.</li></ul>
<b>Neora Valley National Park</b>	<p><b>About Neora Valley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is a national park in Kalimpong district, West Bengal.</li><li>• It is <b>located in the Eastern Himalayas</b>, a global 'biodiversity hotspot'.</li><li>• It was designated as a <b>National Park in 1992</b>.</li><li>• It spreads over an area of 88 km<sup>2</sup>.</li><li>• It is nestled between the <b>Neora River and the Kalimpong hills</b>.</li><li>• it consists of the characteristics of <b>all the three sub-regions</b> namely<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Himalayan Montane System</b></li><li>2. Indian Peninsular Sub-region</li><li>3. the Malayan sub-region</li></ol></li><li>• <b>vegetation includes</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dry Mixed Forest</li><li>2. Wet Mixed Forest</li><li>3. Coniferous Forest</li><li>4. Himalayan Moist Temperate Forest</li></ol></li><li>• It is home to <b>several endemic orchids</b>.</li><li>• <b>Fauna</b>-The Neora Valley National Park is famous for its <b>Red Panda population</b>.</li></ul>
<b>New health center to come up at Bandar Market</b>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <p>The authorities of Raiganj Municipality of North Dinajpur district have decided to set up a new health center in the premises of Bandar Market in Raiganj.</p>
<b>Forest department launches online sales portal for plants</b>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <p>The state Forest department of West Bengal <b>has launched an online sales portal for a plethora of plants from the Kandung Flori village in Kurseong</b>.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These plants will be sold across the country through the online platform.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The product catalog consists of an assortment of plants.</li><li>• It includes <b>155 species of cactus, succulents and other miscellaneous plants</b></li></ul>
<b>Nutrition rehabilitation center opened in Hooghly</b>	<p><b>Context</b> The Health department of West Bengal will <b>operate a nutrition rehabilitation center in Hooghly for malnourished children.</b></p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bengal is supposed to spend a total of Rs 2,200 crore for various projects under the National Health Mission (NHM)</li><li>• The NHM envisages achievement of universal access to equitable,affordable &amp; quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs</li></ul>

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