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West Bengal News

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.

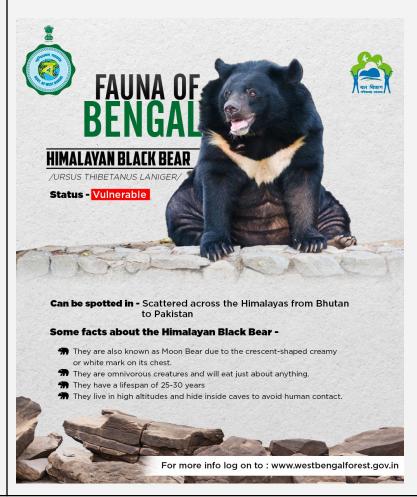
Himalayan black bear

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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	 Key facts The census is to gain a deeper understanding of this species besides counting their numbers. The survey is scheduled to commence in December. 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.
Neora Valley National Park	 About Neora Valley It is a national park in Kalimpong district, West Bengal. It is located in the Eastern Himalayas, a global 'biodiversity hotspot'. It was designated as a National Park in 1992. It spreads over an area of 88 km². It is nestled between the Neora River and the Kalimpong hills. it consists of the characteristics of all the three sub-regions namely Himalayan Montane System Indian Peninsular Sub-region the Malayan sub-region vegetation includes Dry Mixed Forest Wet Mixed Forest Coniferous Forest Himalayan Moist Temperate Forest It is home to several endemic orchids. Fauna-The Neora Valley National Park is famous for its Red Panda population.
New health center to come up at Bandar Market	Context 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.
Forest department launches online sales portal for plants	Context The state Forest department of West Bengal has launched an online sales portal for a plethora of plants from the Kandung Flori village in Kurseong. Key points These plants will be sold across the country through the online platform.





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	 The product catalog consists of an assortment of plants. It includes 155 species of cactus, succulents and other miscellaneous plants
Nutrition rehabilitation center opened in Hooghly	Context The Health department of West Bengal will operate a nutrition rehabilitation center in Hooghly for malnourished children. Key points Bengal is supposed to spend a total of Rs 2,200 crore for various projects under the National Health Mission (NHM) The NHM envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs

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