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West Bengal News

<p>South 24-Parganas forest division celebrates 'National Wildlife Week'</p>	<p>Context The South 24-Parganas Forest division of West Bengal held a campaign to commemorate the occasion of National Wildlife Week (from October 2 to October 8).</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the campaign is to focus on the importance of saving wildlife for the survival of the human race at the Sundarban Wild Animal Park, Jharkhali. • Events were organised for awareness generation to mitigate human-tiger conflict in Sunderbans as a precautionary measure along with WTI (Wildlife Trust of India).
<p>Sundarbans</p>	<p>About Sundarban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It spread over India and Bangladesh on the delta (the world's largest) of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers. • It contains the world's largest mangrove forests. • It is the only mangrove forest in the world inhabited by tigers. • Sundarbans Tiger Reserve was created in 1973. • Sundarbans National Park, established in 1984, constitutes a core region within the tiger reserve. • It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987. • Sunderbans was designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2001. • Sundarban Wetland, India was recognised as the 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention in January 2019.
<p>Fresh spells of rainfall have aggravated dengue menace, say health experts</p>	<p>Context The fresh spells of rainfall that hit several North and South West Bengal districts have aggravated dengue menace in the city</p> <p>Dengue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is caused by the dengue virus (DENV). • It is transmitted to humans through the Aedes aegypti mosquito. • It is more common in tropical and subtropical climates. • Symptoms: The most common symptoms are high fever, headache, body aches, nausea and rash.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific treatment for dengue. The dengue vaccine CYD-TDV, or Dengvaxia, was approved by the US Food & Drug Administration in 2019, the first dengue vaccine to get the regulatory nod in the US.
Governor donates 1 month's salary to CM Relief Fund	<p>Context In the backdrop of a flood situation in West Bengal, the Governor of West Bengal announced his decision to donate one month's salary to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund</p> <p>About CMRF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Minister's Relief Fund is an emergency assistance scheme. It is for granting relief to deserving families and individuals affected by natural calamities or loss of life of relatives due to accidents or for medical treatment (i.e. COVID-19) for major diseases, calamities, etc.
33 schools receive Nirmal Vidyalaya Award	<p>Context 33 state-run primary and high schools in South Dinajpur district in West Bengal received Nirmal Vidyalaya Award.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The award was given in a programme organised by the Samagra Shiksha Mission (SSM) These schools were selected on the basis of scores on various factors, including cleanliness, mid-day meal, cooking parameters, sanitisation and reading infrastructure. A special team visited various schools to select them for this award. Nirmal Vidyalaya Award was started in 2012.
Samagra Shiksha Mission (SSM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samagra Shiksha is an Integrated Scheme for School Education. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. The scheme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector, extending from pre-school to class XII.



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Buxa Fort	<p>Context Buxa Fort will be open for tourists as the restoration work nears completion.</p> <p>About Fort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is located at an altitude of 2844 feet.• It is a popular tourist attraction within the Buxa Tiger Reserve.• The fort originally belonged to Bhutan.• The fort was handed over to the British in 1865 as part of the Treaty of Sinchula.• During the Indian freedom movement, it served as a detention camp and high-security prison for British authorities, housing renowned revolutionaries such as Krishnapada Chakraborty in the 1930s.
Buxa Tiger Reserve	<p>About Buxa Tiger Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Located in Northern West Bengal, India• Buxa Tiger Reserve was created in 1983 as the 15th tiger reserve in India• National Highway No.31 C roughly runs along its southern boundary.• Manas National Park lies east of BTR thus, it serves as an international corridor for Asian elephant migration between India and Bhutan.• The fragile Terai Ecosystem constitutes a part of this reserve.• It is located inside the Buxa National Park.• Its northern boundary runs along the international border with Bhutan• The main trees are Sal, Champa, Gamhar, Simul and Chikrasi.• Animals found -tiger, civet, elephant, gaur (Indian bison), Indian boar and red jungle fowl.

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