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<p>WB Governor's remark on floods</p>	<p>Context After the Sikkim floods, the governor pointed out that Ecology is being destroyed in the name of development, and specific studies need to be undertaken to mitigate disasters.</p> <p>Glacial Lake Outburst Flood(GLOF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glacial lakes are large bodies of water created in front of, on top of, or beneath a melting glacier. • Glacial lakes are mostly dammed by unstable ice or sediment composed of loose rock and debris. • In case the boundary around them breaks, huge amounts of water rush down, which causes flooding in the downstream areas. This is called glacial lake outburst floods or GLOF. <p>Reason for expansion of Glacial Lake</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It may typically be caused by the rapid melting of glaciers 2. the buildup of water in the lake due to heavy precipitation, or the inflow of meltwater. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent flood in Sikkim is due to the expansion of South Lhonak Lake because melting glaciers flooded the Teesta River.
<p>MGNREGA budget</p>	<p>Context Only four per cent of the budget for the flagship MGNREGA remains available with five months to go in the current financial year, an analysis of the data uploaded by the Rural Development Ministry.</p> <p>MGNREGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005. • It is a law passed by the Indian government in 2005 that guarantees the "right to work" to rural citizens of India. • Under this, the government assures a minimum of 100 days of unskilled manual work to an adult member of an eligible rural household. • The main objective of the MGNREGA is to provide employment to rural citizens and improve their economic conditions.
<p>No constraint of funds for MGNREGA</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Union Rural Development Ministry informed that there was no constraint of funds for the rural job scheme MGNREGA.



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	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry said that the funds for West Bengal were not released due to non-compliance with central directives. Recently, a protest was conducted in New Delhi for the MGNREGA fund.
Internet security lessons for students	<p>Context</p> <p>The Bidhannagar City Police in West Bengal is emphasising more on providing lessons on internet security for the students during the classes under the 'E-Shiksha' initiative.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, two initiatives were launched— 'E-Shiksha' and 'Boi Bari'. The 'E-Shiksha' initiative is to train students from unprivileged families in computer basics, The 'Boi Bari' initiative is a free-of-cost library for underprivileged students.
Jangalmahal Literature Fest	<p>Context</p> <p>A two-day Jangalmahal literature festival in Midnapore of West Bengal is set to begin.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the festival is to promote the art and culture of a tribal belt of south Bengal. The festival is organised by an NGO called Jangal Mahal Udyog. It is the fifth edition of the festival. It would showcase folk songs and tribal dances such as Tusu, Bhadu, Ahira, Chhou and Jhumur. The main objective of the festival is to make people aware of various development programmes of the government. It facilitates the government to reach their benefits to the people at the grassroots. The Theme of the festival is 'Kabitar Palash, Godhyer Simul,'
'Pranam' project.	<p>Context</p> <p>The efficacy of the project has been questioned</p> <p>About Pranam Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronam is a joint project of Kolkata Police and The Bengal. It is for reaching out to the senior citizens of Kolkata to address their concerns pertaining to their safety and security, health, legal matters, etc.



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Mental Health Week

Context

CBSE directs schools to celebrate Mental Health Week

Key points

- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has directed schools to observe **Mental Health Week until October 10.**
- The theme is '**mental health is a universal human right**'
- It aims to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

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