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West Bengal News

<p>Biswa Bangla Sharad Samman 2023</p>	<p>Context The Minister of State for Information and Cultural Affairs department announced the categories in which 'Biswa Bangla Sharad Samman' 2023 will be awarded to various Puja committees in the state and abroad.</p> <p>Biswa Bangla Sharad Samman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Biswa Bangla Sharad Samman propounds the idea of encouraging creativity and aesthetics; and ensures mass participation of the people of the State and abroad in one of the greatest festivals of the world. • It will be awarded in categories, including statue, mandap, idea, lighting, eco-friendly, socially conscious, 'dhakeshwari' and branding, etc. <p>Did you know? (UNESCO) had included Kolkata's famous Durga Puja in its Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list (ICH).</p>
<p>2nd edition of the Manufacturing and MSME Conclave 2023</p>	<p>Context The West Bengal state joint Director of MSME (P&S) while speaking at the MSME conclave, urged the industry to make payments in due time so that the MSMEs can function properly.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MSME conclave held at Kolkata • It was hosted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Eastern Region. • It was focussed on ESG, Industrial Parks and SEZs, and Business Excellence Awards. • There are 89 lakh MSMEs in Bengal among which 48 percent are in manufacturing while 24 percent are involved in trading with others. <p>Did you know? Suppliers not getting payment within 45 days can approach the Samadhan portal which is specifically designed to address delays in MSME payments.</p>

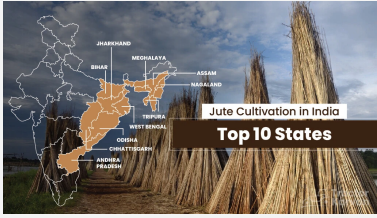


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MSP for jute



Top 10 States Famous for Jute Production in India

1. West Bengal
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Meghalaya
5. Nagaland
6. Odisha
7. Andhra Pradesh
8. Tripura
9. Chhattisgarh
10. Jharkhand

Context

A group of jute farmers and traders of South Dinajpur district protested against the price of jute falling below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) that was fixed by the state government and jute mills not buying jute.

Minimum Support Price (MSP)

- The Minimum Support Price (MSP) is the price at which the government purchases crops from the farmers, to insure farmers against any sharp fall in farm prices.
- It is announced by the Government on the basis of the recommendation of the **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)**, at the beginning of the sowing season.

Jute crop

- **West Bengal is the largest producer of jute in the country.**
- **It produces nearly 75% of the jute**

Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) area.

Context

State gives Rs 24 cr for relief & restoration work in GTA area

Gorkhaland Territorial Administration

- It is a **semi-autonomous council** for the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal state in India.
- The **GTA was formed in 2012** to replace the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council
- The Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council was formed in 1988 and administered the Darjeeling hills for 23 years.
- GTA presently consists of **three hill subdivisions Darjeeling, Kurseong, and Mirik, some areas of Siliguri subdivision** of Darjeeling district, and the whole of Kalimpong district under its authority.

HC acquits capital punishment awardee

Context

The Calcutta High Court acquitted a capital punishment awardee and commuted the death sentence of two others to life imprisonment in a gangrape and murder case.

- Capital punishment, also called the **death penalty**, is the execution of an offender sentenced to death after conviction by a court of law of a criminal offense.
- It is the **highest penalty** awardable to an accused.

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