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West Bengal News

<p>WB Government sets target for paddy procurement</p> <p>Paddy Cultivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Bengal is India's top paddy growing state.Bardhaman region in the state is known as the rice bowl of Bengal.The aman paddy variety is sown in June-July and harvested in winter in November-December.	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">WB govt is planning to procure paddy directly from at least 25 lakh farmers soon after the harvesting of kharif (monsoon) season. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Bengal is India's top rice-producing state.Rice is a staple food for most of the population in India.It is a Kharif crop that requires high temperature, (above 25°C) and high humidity with annual rainfall above 100 cm.In areas of less rainfall, it is grown with the help of irrigation.About one-fourth of the total cropped area in India is under rice cultivation.Leading producer states: West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab.High Yielding States: Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Kerala.India is the second-largest producer of rice after China.
<p>ISI to back Bengal startup projects</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>Indian Statistical Institute has set up a Technology Innovation Hub to handhold selected startups with both technical expertise and financial support under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical System.</p> <p>About NM-ICPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">It is to be implemented by Department of Science & TechnologyNM-ICPS covers entire India which includes Central Ministries, State Governments, Industry and Academia.It is a comprehensive Mission which would address technology development, application development, human resource development & skill enhancement, entrepreneurship and start-up development in Cyber Physical System (CPS) and associated technologies.The Mission aims at establishment of 15 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIH), six Application Innovation Hubs (AIH) and four Technology Translation Research Parks (TTRP).
<p>Kol gets 560 of the promised 3,950 tonnes of Bangladesh hilsa</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As a disappointment, only 560 tonnes of total 3,950 tonnes of Hilsa fish has been received by Kolkata till now for the festive season.In Kolkata, 90% of the imported hilsa is consumed.



	<p>About Hilsa Fish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is found in rivers and estuaries in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Myanmar, and the Persian Gulf area (where it can be found in the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in and around Iran and Iraq)• It is Bangladesh's national fish as it contributes more than 10% of the total fish production and over 1 % of GDP in Bangladesh.• It is a very popular and sought-after food fish in South Asia.• In India, it is highly valued especially in West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.• IUCN status: Least concern.
<p>UK rail delegation seeks partnerships in Bengal</p>	<p>Context UK railway companies are keen to forge ties with their counterparts in Bengal.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is to foster partnerships in areas like wagon manufacturing, AI-based project execution solutions, safety valves for hydrogen fuel cells, and predictive maintenance solutions for railways• The delegation's visit was organized by the UK government's Department of Business and Trade and the Railway Industry Association (RIA), UK.
<p>120 Ayush dispensaries to come up across the state</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State Health Department has taken the initiative to set up around 120 Ayush OPDs across the state with North 24-Parganas getting the highest number of such units among the districts.• The main purpose of the move is to ensure better Ayush services to more people in the villages. <p>About Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ayushman Bharat, the Government of India's flagship plan, was launched as proposed by the National Health Policy 2017 to fulfill the objective of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).• This effort has been created to meet the SDGs and its underlying promise to "leave no one behind."

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