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<p><b>Howrah Bridge comes alive with 'alpana' art</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The iconic Howrah Bridge has received a colourful makeover ahead of Durga Puja, with a group of artists painting the cantilever thoroughfare with Bengal's 'alpana' motifs.</p> <p><b>About Alpana Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aipan is an established ritualistic <b>folk art</b> originating from Kumaon in the Indian Himalayas.</li><li>• The art is done mainly during special occasions, household ceremonies and rituals.</li><li>• The art is special as it is done on empty walls, which are brick-red in color, called <b>Geru</b>.</li><li>• The actual art is done with a white paste made of rice flour.</li><li>• The art is frequent to floors and walls of Puja rooms and entrances of homes.</li><li>• It is also practiced mostly by <b>Kumaoni women</b>.</li><li>• The art form has great social, cultural and religious importance.</li></ul>
<p><b>Mega event — 'Kavya Jyoti'</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The Lions Club of Siliguri Terai will hold a mega event — 'Kavya Jyoti' at Mayfair Tea Resort, Siliguri.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The lead sponsor of the event is SBM Gold.</li><li>• The mega event is being organized in aid of various service projects of Lions Club of Siliguri Terai like a blood bank, two immunization centres, 3 homeo centres, a diagnostic centre, oxygen seva, and Annapurna Rasoi among others.</li></ul>
<p><b>State launches Sristishree portal</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The state Panchayats and Rural Development (P &amp; RD) department has launched the <b>Srishtishree portal</b> for the promotion and sales of SHG (Self Help Group) products.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The portal was inaugurated at a state-wide workshop on <b>Enterprise Finance</b> organized by the <b>West Bengal State Rural Livelihood Mission ( WBSRLM )</b> under the P &amp; RD Department.</li><li>• Sristishree is a <b>first-of-its-kind marketing hub under Anandadhara</b>, which has been developed to showcase and promote handcrafted products made by members of women SHGs across the state.</li></ul>



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<p><b>2 panels were formed to look into the implementation framework of SSAA</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The state School Education department has constituted two separate committees to look into the <b>State Level School Accreditation Authority (SSAA)</b> and the introduction of the semester system in a phased manner.</li><li>• The <b>SEP 2023</b> had recommended setting up an SSAA to conduct a qualitative and quantitative assessment of schools as well as rank them using an objective matrix of performance indicators</li></ul>
<p><b>National Green Tribunal issues notice to Sikkim government regarding breach of Sikkim Urja Teesta Stage-III dam</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <p>The <b>National Green Tribunal (NGT)</b> has issued a notice to the Sikkim government, Sikkim Urja Limited and the <b>NHPC Limited</b> on a hearing related to the breach of the Sikkim Urja Teesta Stage-III dam at <b>Chungthang</b> during the recent flash flood.</p> <p><b>About dam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teesta Stage III is one of the largest hydropower plants in India with a head of <b>800 m</b>.</li><li>• It is located in the <b>northeastern Indian state of Sikkim</b>.</li></ul>

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