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| <p>Scientists dig up fossil of crocodile-like creature</p>  | <p><b>Context</b><br/>A team of scientists has discovered the fossilized remains of a <b>250-million-year-old animal</b>, considered to be a crocodile-like creature at an archaeological site in Deoli, in Bengal's West Midnapore</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is the <b>first such evidence</b> of this animal in India</li> <li>• They identified it as a species of animal from the Proterosuchidae family, usually from the <b>Late Permian and Early Triassic periods</b>.</li> <li>• Deoli has a number of vertebrates which are the <b>oldest vertebrates</b> in Bengal.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>World Diabetes Day</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every <b>November 14</b>, World Diabetes Day is commemorated.</li> <li>• This is an opportunity to raise awareness <b>about the impact of diabetes on the health</b> of people and to highlight the opportunities to strengthen the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diabetes.</li> <li>• World Diabetes Day this year focuses <b>on access to diabetes care</b> – and chiefly on prevention of type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related complications.</li> <li>• The 2023 theme for WDD is "<b>Education to Protect Tomorrow</b>"</li> </ul>  |
| <p>'Chupi Char' in East Burdwan</p>  | <p><b>Context</b><br/>The East Burdwan district administration is planning to develop the tourism destination of '<b>Chupi Char</b>'</p> <p><b>About</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It attracts thousands of migratory and water birds in winters making it a haven for nature lovers and bird watchers.</li> <li>• The <b>Purbasthali Oxbow Lake</b>, Chupi Char is a small birding spot near to Purbasthali in Kalna.</li> <li>• The crystal clear waters of the 9 km long channel of the Ox Bow Lake and the surrounding fruit orchards attract <b>more than 70 species of local and migratory birds</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Floriculture emerges as an excellent alternative source of livelihood in the Hills</p>                               | <p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many have etched success stories of floriculture as an alternative means of livelihood in the <b>Hills of Darjeeling and Kalimpong</b>.</li> <li>• Floriculture can be promoted along with tourism in the Hills</li> </ul>   |



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**Prosenjit Chatterjee to head 29th KIFF  
reception committee**

### Context

Tollywood superstar Prosenjit Chatterjee has become the chairman of the reception committee of the **29th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)**.

### About KIFF

- The Kolkata International Film Festival is an **annual film festival** held in Kolkata, India.
- **Founded in 1995**, it is the third oldest international film festival in India.
- The festival is organized by the **West Bengal Film Centre** under the West Bengal Government.

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