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West Bengal News

<p>Indian Army observes 'Victory Day' in Hili</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian Army observed Victory Day (Vijay Diwas) at Hili located on the India-Bangladesh Border in North Dinajpur• It commemorated the sacrifices of the brave Indian soldiers who fought for the country in the war during the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.• It commemorated 53 years of victory in the Battle of Hilli at the War Memorial in Hilli, Bengal.• The battle of Hili was a decisive battle fought by the Indian Army during the Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.
<p>Eastern Rly completes construction of 10 LHS</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Eastern Railway's (ER) Sealdah Division completed construction of 10 Limited Height Subways (LHS) in a record time of five weeks in the Krishnanagar-Lalgola section.• The initiative is part of the Railway's mission to eliminate level crossings systematically to enhance safety.• The project, sanctioned in February 2023, recorded 12 manned level crossings being replaced by Limited Height Subways.
<p>JN.1 variant of COVID-19</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMoH) in the districts and the superintendents of various medical colleges to take stock on the preparedness of the new COVID-19 variant.• The JN.1 sub-variant, currently spreading in the US and China was identified in Kerala through routine surveillance by INSACOG (Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium).• JN.1 is closely related to the Pirola variant (BA.2.86) and carries one additional mutation in the spike protein compared to its relative.
<p>Santiniketan Leather Goods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Santiniketan Leather Goods are leather products made in Santiniketan and surrounding villages near Kolkata, West Bengal, India.• The material used is vegetable-tanned leather with artwork done by touch dyeing.• Its artistic leather bags are popular in foreign markets and are exported to many countries including Japan and the U.S.



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- They are generally made of **E.I. Leather (East India Leather)** from sheepskin and goatskin.
- This product has been registered for protection under the **List of Geographical Indications of the Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement.**
- In July 2007, it was listed as "**Santiniketan Leather Goods**" under the **GI Act 1999** of the Government of India

Election Commission working to reduce 'shadow zones' in Bengal

Context

- The Election Commission is adopting measures to bring down the prevalence of **'shadow zones' to bolster the efficiency** of the election process in Bengal.
- Shadow zones are areas that **have poor or no mobile and Internet connectivity.**
- There are two types of shadow zones — **voice shadow zones** which impede phone calls, and **'Internet shadow zones'** which disrupt connectivity.

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