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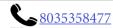


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## **West Bengal News**

National StartUp Day  NATIONAL  STARTUP DAY	<ul> <li>National Startup Day is celebrated annually on January 16th</li> <li>It ignites the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship across the nation.</li> <li>About:         <ul> <li>It commemorates the launch of the "Startup India" initiative in 2016, a landmark program aimed at fostering a vibrant ecosystem for young minds to thrive.</li> <li>PM Modi announced January 16, the foundation day of Startup India, as National Startup Day in 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
South Dinajpur pushes to produce improved varieties of mustard seed	<ul> <li>Two villages — Azair and Radhanagar — are being developed as seed villages in South Dinajpur's Kumarganj block for producing improved varieties of mustard seed and saplings.</li> <li>About 50 farmers of these two villages are cultivating B-54 mustard seed on 20 hectares of land as a model.</li> <li>The two villages will supply mustard seeds from 2025 for agricultural purposes to the entire district.</li> </ul>
Eco-tourism hub inaugurated in Jalpaiguri	"Ananda Math," is North Bengal's first eco-tourism hub which was inaugurated recently.     Approximately Rs 5 crore have been invested in this eco-tourism initiative by Baropatia New Boss Gram Panchayat.
Jamuney Rural Festival	The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) will hold a three-day-long Jamuney Rural Festival at Jumuney around 16 km from Darjeeling town.     The aim of this rural fest is to create awareness about different GTA schemes among the local populace for economic empowerment and self-employment.
Tallest sky garden launched in Howrah	Context  • Eden Realty Ventures Pvt Ltd is a leading name





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	<ul> <li>in the real estate industry.</li> <li>It has launched JALSA.</li> <li>JALSA is the Howrah's tallest sky garden at Solaris Shalimar, a residential masterpiece.</li> </ul>
Crocodile census in Sundarbans	<ul> <li>The state Forest department will hold training of team members involved in the census of saltwater crocodiles in the Sunderbans</li> <li>The two-day census based on physical observation of the crocodiles is scheduled to be held.</li> <li>About Sundarbans</li> <li>The Sundarbans National Park is a national park, tiger reserve and biosphere reserve in West Bengal, India.</li> <li>It is part of the Sundarbans on the Ganges Delta and adjacent to the Sundarban Reserve Forest in Bangladesh.</li> <li>It is located to south-west of the Bangladesh.</li> <li>The delta is densely covered by mangrove forests, and is one of the largest reserves for the Bengal tiger.</li> <li>It is also home to a variety of bird, reptile and invertebrate species, including the salt-water crocodile.</li> <li>The present Sundarban National Park was declared as the core area of Sundarban Tiger Reserve in 1973 and a wildlife sanctuary in 1977.</li> <li>On 4 May 1984 it was declared a national park.</li> <li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site inscribed in 1987,and it has been designated as a Ramsar site since 2019.</li> <li>It is considered as a World Network of Biosphere Reserve (Man and Biosphere Reserve) from 1989.</li> </ul>

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