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### **West Bengal News**

Model biodiversity district	Ontext  In Jhargram is all set to be declared a model biodiversity district after a preliminary survey by the Bengal Biodiversity Board.  It will conserve the biodiversity of each panchayat area and develop 79 such biodiversity maps.
Santaldih Thermal Plant	<ul> <li>The Mamata Banerjee government has spent Rs 1,408 crore for the modernization of Santaldih Thermal Power Plant</li> <li>The Santaldih Thermal Power Station of the state-owned West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL) earlier secured the first position among all thermal power plants in the country in terms of power generation.</li> <li>This power station currently ranks second position among the 205 thermal power plants in the country.</li> <li>It has completed 50 years.</li> </ul>
State to take measures to bring more transparency	<ul> <li>The state Food and Supplies Department has sought a report from the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (WBSEDCL) regarding the electricity consumption of rice mills across the state.</li> <li>The move comes in the wake of complaints against a section of rice mill owners resorting to unfair means in the conversion of paddy into rice handed over to them by the department after procurement from the farmers.</li> </ul>
Sandakphu or Sandakpur	<ul> <li>It is a mountain peak in the Singalila Ridge on the border between India and Nepal.</li> <li>It is the highest point of the ridge and the state of West Bengal, India.</li> <li>The peak is located at the edge of the Singalila National Park</li> <li>Four of the five highest peaks in the world, Everest, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse and Makalu can be seen from its summit.</li> <li>It also affords a pristine view of the entire Kangchenjunga Range. Sandakphu is also known as the land of poisonous flowers.</li> </ul>





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Gorgaburu	<ul> <li>It is the second-highest peak of Ajodhya Hills at an altitude of 677 meters.</li> <li>It is the second-highest point in the southern part of West Bengal.</li> <li>It is located at the Western plateau and highlands of the Purulia district.</li> </ul>
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