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<p>First-ever French Film Festival inaugurated at Nandan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The inaugural French Film Festival took place at Nandan, featuring notable guests like Anil Kapoor, Anurag Kashyap, Saswata Chatterjee, and Rituparna Sengupta.• Organized by the Government of West Bengal and Alliance Francaise du Bengale, the festival will run until February 24, showcasing over 60 films, including classics from the French New Wave.• The festival aims to bridge French, Indian, and Bengali cinema, with directors like Jean-Luc Godard and Francois Truffaut represented alongside contemporary Indian films.• Special moments included Anil Kapoor receiving a gift from French delegates—a 1980 photograph taken during the 'Kahan Kahan Se Guzar Gaya' shooting in Kolkata, fulfilling a long-time wish for Kapoor.• The festival also features films like 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Braid', and Anurag Kashyap encouraged audiences to not miss out on the offerings.
<p>Kolkata Police starts Friendship Cup</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Kolkata Police has initiated the Friendship Cup Football Tournament in Bhangar Division as part of its community outreach efforts.• The tournament was inaugurated at the Bhangar Mahavidyalaya Ground in the presence of Indian footballer Syed Rahim Nabi, Additional Commissioner of Police (II) Subhankar Sinha Sarkar, and Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Bhangar Division, Saikat Ghosh. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This initiative aims to foster a strong relationship between the police and the public to prevent crimes and maintain law and order.• About 64 teams from Bhangar, Chandaneswar, Polerhat, and Uttar Kashipur police station areas are participating in the tournament, which will last for about a month.
<p>Buxa Tiger Reserve releases 29 spotted deer</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance the biodiversity of the Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR), 29 spotted deer were released on Friday, sourced from the Bethuadahari Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over the past decade, this initiative has reintroduced more than 1000 deer to the reserve.



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- 52 spotted deer were released in the same manner from Nadia in the same month.

(Read more about Buxa TR in the previous date Addapedia)

Measures to combat human trafficking

Context:

The state is ramping up efforts to combat human trafficking along the **Indo-Nepal border**.

Key points:

- The Anti-trafficking Task Force of the Department of Child Rights and Trafficking convened a crucial meeting at the Jalpaiguri District Magistrate's office, focusing on strategies to combat human trafficking in the region.
- It was decided that collective action would be taken to prevent human trafficking.
- This meeting in Jalpaiguri addressed various aspects, emphasizing the need for everyone to work together.
- SSB(Sashastra Seema Bal) stands committed to providing comprehensive assistance in this endeavour.

Bidhannagar Mela

Context:

- **Bidhannagar Mela, a beloved fair in Salt Lake and surrounding areas, will open on February 20 at the Central Park Mela Ground near Karunamoyee.**
- The event, officially called Bidhannagar Mela Utsav 2024, covers a vast area of 1,87,000 square feet and will welcome visitors from February 21 to March 12.
- Featuring 631 stalls, the fair will include international booths from countries like Bangladesh, Turkey, Egypt, and more.

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