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West Bengal News

Shikar Utsav	Context: • The State Forest Department successfully curbe tribal hunting during the 'Shikar Utsav' at Jamsole West Midnapore.			
	About:			
	Awareness and Education:			
	Positive Outcome: • Tribal people are now more conscious of wildlife protection.			
Forest Village Relocations Boost Tiger Habitat in Buxa Reserve	 Context: The state government relocated two forest villages, Gangutia and Bhutia, as part of a plan to rehabilitate 15 forest villages in the Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR). The Central Tiger Conservation Agency mandated these relocations. Successful relocation of Bhutia Basti and Gangutia Basti has prompted appeals for similar efforts in other villages. 			
	 Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR): Location: Situated in the Alipurduar sub-division of Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal. Its northern boundary aligns with the international border with Bhutan. The Sinchula hill range runs along its northern side, and the eastern boundary touches Assam State. Name Origin: Derived from Buxa Fort on the Sinchula Range at an altitude of 867 metres. Terai Ecosystem: Part of BTR, serving as an international corridor for elephant migration between India and Bhutan. Rivers: River Raidak and River Jayanti flow through the forest. 			



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	 Vegetation: Classified as 'Moist Tropical Forest' according to Champion and Seth's (1968) recent classification. Flora: Includes Sal, Champa, Gamar, Simul, and Chikrasi. Fauna: Includes Tiger, elephant, leopard cat, gaur, wild boar, sambar, hog deer, and Chinese pangolin, among others. 		
Olive Ridley turtle	Context: • An Olive Ridley turtle, weighing approximately 40 kg, was rescued from the bank of the Rupnarayan River at the Mankur area under Bakshihat Panchayat in Howrah.		
	 Key points: Size and Abundance: Smallest and most abundant sea turtles worldwide. Name Origin: Named for the olive green color of their shell (carapace). 		

Unique Nesting Behavior:

Known for Arribada, a mass nesting event where thousands of females gather on a beach to lay eggs.

Distribution:

- Primarily found in warm waters of the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans.
- Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary in Odisha is the world's largest nesting site for these turtles.

Physical Features:

Adult size: 62-70 cm length, 35-45 kg weight.

Scientific Name: Lepidochelys olivacea.

Flippers: Have 1-2 visible claws, paddle-like.

Diet and Behavior:

- Omnivorous: Eat both plants and animals.
- Solitary: Prefer open ocean.
- Lifespan: Spend entire life in the ocean, migrating thousands of kilometers between feeding and mating grounds annually.

Conservation Status

- IUCN Red List: Vulnerable.
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule 1.
- CITES: Appendix I.



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Context:

- The WBCHSE has implemented a new approach to test the merit of students in the recently introduced semester
- This new strategy includes incorporating more complex questions to gauge students' logical and analytical skills alongside their subject knowledge.

Key points:

- WBCHSE will have a section of tough questions in the I and III semesters to test the logical and analytical skills of the students along with their subject knowledge.
- Question Distribution: 50% basic and simple, 30% complex, and 20% for high achievers.
- The first semester questions will be set by the respective schools while the third semester questions will be set by the Council.

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