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West Bengal News

<p>Karala River</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jalpaiguri takes action to combat pollution in Karala River:• The government and administration are collaborating with merchant organizations and businessmen to address Karala River's pollution. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Karala River, often referred to as the "Thames of Jalpaiguri," is a significant geographical feature that flows through Jalpaiguri, a district in the state of West Bengal, India.• The river serves as a vital source of water for the region and is surrounded by lush tea gardens and natural beauty.• The Karala River has two main tributaries, the Jhumur and the Daina, which join the main river near Jalpaiguri town.• The river has cultural significance too, with a temple dedicated to Goddess Karala located on its banks, which attracts devotees from nearby areas.
<p>Aasale Falls</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourists are increasingly exploring offbeat locations, prompting the emergence of new tourist spots.• 'Aasale Falls' is poised to become the latest tourist hotspot near Mirik in Darjeeling. <p>Location and Potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Situated near the Indo-Nepal border, it anticipates drawing tourists from both sides.• It complements 'Kanyam,' a renowned tourist destination in Nepal, enhancing cross-border tourism. <p>Local Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mirik Panchayat Samity is spearheading the development of Aasale Falls, located 18 km from Mirik town.• The project entails phases of development, including beautification, infrastructure, and accessibility enhancements.• Mirik enjoys easy access from Darjeeling town (49 km) and Siliguri (44 km), further enhancing its appeal as a tourist destination.



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Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Kolkata commemorates Mrinal Sen on his 101st birth anniversary

Context:

- Kolkata celebrated Mrinal Sen's 101st birthday, reflecting his deep connection with the city.
- Mrinal Sen, a pioneer of low-budget cinema, depicted the intricacies of middle-class life in India.

About:

- Mrinal Sen (14 May 1923 – 30 December 2018) was an **internationally acclaimed Indian filmmaker, known for his significant contributions to Bengali and Indian parallel cinema.**
- His notable works include **"Bhuvan Shome" (1969), "Ek Din Pratidin" (1979), "Akaler Sandhane" (1980), and "Khandahar" (1984),** among others.
- Mrinal Sen's films won numerous national and international awards, including the National Film Awards, the Cannes Film Festival awards, and the Locarno International Film Festival awards.
- He received the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award, India's highest honor in cinema, in 2005, and the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian awards, in 2009.**

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