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West Bengal News

<p>Survey Reveals Sunderbans Hosts 204 Saltwater Crocodiles</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January, a survey by the Forest Department uncovered that the Sunderbans, the world's largest mangrove delta, is home to at least 204 saltwater crocodiles (Crocodylus porosus). <p>Historical Context and Species Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This survey marks the first in 12 years, with the previous one in 2012 estimating the population at around 99 crocodiles. The saltwater crocodile, the largest and heaviest living reptile can grow up to 20 feet and weigh over 1,000 kg. The largest recorded saltwater crocodile in India, found in Bhitarkanika National Park, Odisha, was 22 feet long, with its skull displayed in the national park's museum. These crocodiles are found in eastern India, Southeast Asia, and northern Australia.
<p>Baneshwar Shiva Temple to Undergo Renovation</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Debutter Trust Board is set to renovate the traditional Baneshwar Shiva Temple in Cooch Behar to boost tourism. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baneshwar, located in Cooch Behar II Block, is known for its traditional Shiva temple, attracting tourists from various places. The presence of the Mohan (tortoise) in the Shiva Dighi on the temple grounds draws significant interest. Additionally, a fair held during the month of Shraavan brings large numbers of devotees to the temple, making it a major tourist hub in Cooch Behar.
<p>Construction of Textile Park in Raiganj</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bengal government has initiated the construction of a textile park on the premises of the now-closed West Dinajpur Spinning Mill in Bogram, Raiganj, North Dinajpur. The land, handed over to the West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation about a year ago, is currently undergoing infrastructure development.



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West Bengal Government Initiatives:

- The State Government envisages developing **West Bengal as a competitive textile hub by increasing its share from the current 6% to at least 12%** in the next few years. To fulfill this objective, the following initiatives have been introduced:
- **The integrated textile development project (TB < PRO BEN - GAL) of 13 Textile Parks (about 500 acres/200 hectares) are under 4 broad categories, viz, Apparel & Garments; Dyeing & Processing; Power loom& Apparel and Technical Textiles**
- Financial assistance for cluster development, water conservation, environmental compliance, standard quality compliance, market development, branding & designing.
- Land free from all encumbrances is offered for the development of infrastructure under Private Public Partnership mode.
- Infrastructure like access roads, power substations, and Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) supported by the State Government.
- Fiscal incentives for units to be set up in different Textile Parks, such as capital investment subsidy, interest subsidy, power tariff subsidy, exemption of stamp duty, reimbursement of VAT, reimbursement of electricity duty, Entry Tax concession, etc. as per the Textile Policy of the State.
- Additional fiscal incentives on the export of technical textiles
- Exclusive single window, time-bound statutory clearances in advance for each unit set up in these Parks.

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