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<p>Fauna of India Checklist Portal</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) recently launched the 'Fauna of India Checklist Portal', a pioneering initiative encompassing comprehensive data on all faunal species documented within India. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">On the occasion of ZSI's 109th Foundation Day, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhubender Yadav, unveiled the portal.This portal incorporates 121 checklists covering 36 phyla, detailing 104,561 species across various states and union territories.It includes endemic, threatened, and scheduled species, marking a significant contribution to biodiversity documentation.Additionally, the Minister released 'Animal Discoveries-2023', featuring 641 newly identified animal species and records, along with 'Plant Discoveries-2023' by the Botanical Survey of India, which documents 339 new plant species and records across the country.To commemorate its foundation day, ZSI will host the 'Animal Taxonomy Summit-2024' from July 1 to 3 in Kolkata, with participation from 1,700 delegates from various countries.
<p>Bidhan Chandra Roy</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee commemorated the birth and death anniversary of Bidhan Chandra Roy, the first Chief Minister of the state, on National Doctors' Day. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bidhan Chandra Roy, born in 1882 and passing away in 1962, was a pivotal figure in West Bengal's history.A Congress leader and recipient of the Bharat Ratna in 1961, he served as Chief Minister from 1950 to 1962.Roy is credited as the architect of modern West Bengal, instrumental in establishing key cities like Kalyani, Durgapur, and Salt Lake, and institutions such as IIT-Kharagpur.His contributions led to the establishment of National Doctors' Day in 1991, acknowledging his significant impact on India's healthcare sector.
<p>Santal Hul</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The School of Cultural Texts and Records at Jadavpur University is preparing to mark the 170th anniversary of Santal Hul (1855-1857) with an upcoming exhibition.



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Key points:

- The exhibition will showcase rare manuscripts and documents in the Santhali language.
- The project '**Locating and digitising early Santhali periodicals (EAP 1300)**' has digitized over **5000 manuscripts, accessible online.**
- This exhibition marks the first public display of these artifacts, offering insights into Santali cultural and literary heritage.
- Curated by **Rahi Soren**, it features items like an **1905 agreement on Santhali language**, handwritten documents by historical figures, and writings by Norwegian missionaries.
- The exhibition will display **Santhali scripts: Devnagari, Bangla, Roman with diacritics, and Ol Chiki.**

About:

- **June 30 is commemorated as Hul Diwas, marking the anniversary of the 1855 Santal rebellion led by Sido and Kanhu Murmu.**
- Known simply as **Hul ('rebellion' in Santali)**, this uprising was a response to the oppressive practices of moneylenders, landlords, and colonial authorities in the **forested hills of Damin-i-koh (modern-day eastern Jharkhand).**
- The legacy of **Sido and Kanhu Murmu** persists today as a reminder of the ongoing struggles for justice and recognition faced by tribal communities in India. Despite the attempts to erase their memory from official histories, their rebellion continues to symbolize themes of liberty and social justice that resonate with constitutional values in modern India.

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