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West Bengal News

**Tourists to reserve forest across Bengal to pay extra to avail of various services**

**Context**

An order issued by Bengal's principal chief conservator of forests cites revised charges for guides, the elephant safari and others.

**Key facts:**

Tiger Reserves in WB	Elephant Reserves
1. Buxa Tiger Reserve	1. Mayurjharna ER
2. Sunderbans Tiger Reserve	2. Eastern Dooars ER
Biosphere Reserves	Wildlife Sanctuary
Sunderbans	Ballavpur WLS
	Bethuadahari WLS
National Park	Bibhutibhusan WLS
1. Buxa NP	Buxa WLS
2. Gorumara NP	Chapramari WLS
3. Neora Valley NP	Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary
4. Singalila NP	Haliday Island WLS
5. Sunderban NP	Jaldapara WLS
	Jorepokhri Salamander WLS
	Lothian Island WLS
	Mahananda WLS
	Raiganj WLS
	Ramnabagan WLS
	Sajnakhali WLS
	Senchal WLS
	West Sundarban WLS

**State's waterways will be renovated at a cost of thousands of rupees**

**Context**

- The waterway transport system in West Bengal will be revamped.
- Recently, the Transport Department has decided to take effective steps in this regard.

**Key points**

- The **World Bank will assist** the state government in this work.
- The state government will give 30 percent of the original project that will be built.
- The remaining 70 percent will be provided by the World Bank.
- The total cost of this project will be 1021 crores.



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**New 'weapon' this time in Sundarbans to keep an eye on 'intruding' tigers and poachers**

**Context**

**Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) in Bhirakhali** organized a training session on the operation of a modern drone with the forest staff of Matla, Raidighi and Ramganga ranges of South 24 Parganas Forest Division

**Key points**

- the drone will help in aerial surveillance of tigers and other wildlife entering the village.
- It will also be possible to keep track of poachers and illegal timber collectors

**Most elephant-corridor in WB**

**Context**

According to a new report of the Union Ministry of Environment -

- There are at least 150 elephant movement corridors across India.
- West Bengal has the highest number of 26.
- West Bengal leads with the highest number of elephant corridors in India, accounting for over 17 per cent of the total such land patches in the country.

**Key points**

- The route along which elephant herds move from one area of their habitat to another is called the 'Elephant Corridor'.
- In 2010, the Center's Elephant Task Force's 'Gage Report' said there were 88 such corridors across the country.
- This time the new report titled 'Elephant Corridors of India' says that there are at least 150 elephant corridors spread across 15 states in four regions of India.
- West Bengal tops the list with 26 elephant corridors, which is more than 17 percent of the total number of corridors in the country.

**Did you know?**

- The central government's 2010 Elephant Task Force report (Gajah report) listed 88 corridors in the country.
- According to the last estimation conducted in 2017, there are around 30,000 elephants in India, which accounts for 60 per cent of the animal's global population.



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### GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS of Bengal



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The Himalayas in the North

Bay of Bengal in the South

Broad regions are the Himalayan Region, Terai Region, Rarh Region, Western Plateau and Highlands

Ganges Delta in the South having Sundarban Mangrove Forest

Coastal Area

#### Climate

1) Dry Summer 2) Monsoon 3) Autumn 4) Winter

#### Rainfall

Average normal rainfall is 1830 mm, for the State, 2486 mm in Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and 1502 mm in Gangetic Region

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