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West Bengal News

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| <p>First sighting of SE Asia bird</p> | <p>Context A yellow-legged buttonquail was spotted at Rabindra Sarobar for the first time.</p> <p>About Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabindra Sarobar (formerly known as Dhakuria Lake) is an artificial lake, garden and park in South Kolkata in the Indian state of West Bengal. • The name also refers to the area surrounding the lake. |
| <p>Yellow-legged buttonquail</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The yellow-legged buttonquail is a small quail growing to a length of 15 to 18 cm (6 to 7 in), the females being slightly larger and more brightly coloured than the males. • The species is endemic to the Indian subcontinent, East Asia and Southeast Asia. • The International Union for Conservation of Nature has assessed the bird's conservation status as being of "least concern". |
| <p>120 Ayush centres to be set up in the state</p> | <p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state health department plans to set up 120 Ayush dispensaries across the state. • This is to provide better and low-cost medical services to more people in peri-urban and rural areas. <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there will be 70 homeopathic, 40 ayurvedic and 10 Unani dispensaries across the state • Out of 15 units to be set up across Kolkata, 10 of them will be homeopathic and five ayurvedic dispensaries. <p>National Ayush Mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Ayush is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) through States/UTs to provide better access to Ayush services by increasing the number of Ayush Hospital and Dispensaries, upgradation of Ayush hospitals/dispensaries, operationalization of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries and Sub Health Centres to provide comprehensive primary healthcare at the grassroots level with a focus on Ayush systems of medicine, mainstreaming of Ayush through co-location of Ayush facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) & District Hospital(DHs), ensure availability of Ayush drugs and trained manpower and Ayush Public Health programmes. |



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| 'Tihar' festival of the Hills | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tihar (also known as Deepawali and Yamapanchak) is a five-day Hindu festival celebrated in Nepal and the Indian regions of Sikkim and Gorkhaland (particularly the towns of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, which host a large number of ethnic Nepali people.• During Diwali, 'Tihar' is celebrated in the Hills.• It is a unique festival revolving around 'Yamaraj' — the mythological Lord of Death. |
| Lakshmir Bhandar Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is a flagship program launched by the West Bengal Government in February 2021.• This is to provide financial assistance to women from economically weaker sections of society, for the empowerment of women in the age group of 25-60 years and enrolled in 'Swasthya Sathi' provides ₹ 1000/- every month to women from SC/ST households and ₹ 500/- per month from others.• Over 1.5 crore applications were received and processed.• The scheme aims to empower women and make them financially independent by providing them with a one-time grant to buy essential goods and services. |



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- "Children are like buds in a garden; they should be carefully nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow." – Jawaharlal Nehru
- "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." – John F. Kennedy
- "Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of humanity." – Rabindranath Tagore



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- “The soul is healed by being with children.” – Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- “Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded.” – Jess Lair
- “Children make your life important.” – Erma Bombeck
- “Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.” – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- “To every child – I dream of a world where you can laugh, dance, sing, learn, live in peace, and be happy.”
– Malala Yousafzai
- “The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.” – Denis Waitley
- “The best way to make children good is to make them happy.” – Oscar Wilde
- “Children are not only innocent and curious but also optimistic and joyful and essentially happy. They are, in short, everything adults wish they could be.” – Carolyn Haywood

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