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<p>National Pollution Control Day</p> 	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Pollution Control Day or National Pollution Prevention Day is observed on December 2 every year in India. The objective of the day is to raise awareness about the different measures to control pollution and the prevention of industrial disasters. <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Pollution Control Day is especially observed in the memory of people who died in the Bhopal gas tragedy of 1984. The theme for 2023 is "Sustainable Development for a Clean and Healthy Planet". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This theme highlights the connection between environmental protection and sustainable development.
<p>11-day India International Grand Trade Fair</p>	<p>Context: An 11-day trade fair started on December 1 at City Square Ground, New Town.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh is the partner country for this event. Objective: Provide a platform for industries, trade agencies, and MSMEs to showcase products to buyers in an attractive setting. Over 10 countries, including Bangladesh, Egypt, UAE, Turkey, Iran, Thailand, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Tunisia, and Malaysia. Also, more than 20 Indian states are participating.
<p>Kolkata</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kolkata, often referred to as the "City of Palaces," is a prominent metropolis situated along the eastern bank of the Hooghly River, serving as the capital of West Bengal, India. Formerly known as Calcutta, was declared the capital of British India during the 18th century under the leadership of Governor-General Warren Hastings. The buildings erected during this period drew inspiration from a variety of architectural styles, including Roman, Gothic and even Mughal influences. <p>Iconic monuments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Memorial: A Marble Marvel The Marble Palace St. Paul's Cathedral: A Gothic Masterpiece General Post Office



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Digha Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digha is a popular seaside resort town in West Bengal, India. It's located at the northern end of the Bay of Bengal, about 187 km southwest of Kolkata.• Digha is known as the "Brighton of the East"• Digha has a 7 km long, shallow sand beach with gentle waves.
Rice Production in WB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to CEIC, West Bengal's rice production in 2023 was 1,471,000 tons.• This is a decrease from the previous year's production of 2,401,000 tons.• West Bengal is India's largest rice-producing state.• In 2020-2021, West Bengal produced 16.6 million tons of rice, which was more than 13% of the country's total grain production.• The agriculture ministry estimates that the area for rice production in the 2023 kharif season is 41.1 million hectares.• This is higher than the 40.42 million hectares during the same season in 2022.• However, erratic rains and a dry August have impacted the paddy crop.• The USDA projects that India's rice production for 2023-2024 will be 132 million metric tonnes, which is almost a 3% dip from 2022-2023.

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