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<p>18th Dooars Utsav</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 18th Dooars Utsav is scheduled to commence soon in the state.• The 11-day-long festival has been organized at the Parade Ground, Alipurduar.• It showcases the rich and diverse culture of the region, comprising tea gardens and dense forests
<p>State's first orchid festival</p> 	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister of Food Processing Industry and Horticulture has inaugurated the state's first orchid festival at Mohit Nagar in Jalpaiguri.• This was done to promote orchid cultivation in the state.• Orchid cultivation has now started in various districts of the state, including Howrah and Medinipur due to increased demand.
<p>Dokra craft</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2018, the Dokra craft from West Bengal was presented with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.• Dokra is a form of ancient bell metal craft practiced by the Ojha metalsmiths living in states like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana.• However, the style and also the workmanship of this artisan community varies in different states.• Dhokra or Dokra, is also known as bell metal craft.• The name 'Dhokra' comes from the Dhokra Damar tribes, who are the traditional metal smiths of West Bengal.• Their technique of lost wax casting is named after their tribe, hence Dhokra metal casting



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Poush Mela



- Poush Mela Santiniketan is a **colorful rural carnival**.
- It is one of the important festivals in **Birbhum of the West Bengal district**.
- It attracts many tourists from India and different countries of the world.
- The fair is famous for the **perfect merger of different cultures and traditions**
- It's famous for its **dance and music**.

Tonglu



- Tonglu is one of the **higher peaks of the Singalila Ridge** and a small settlement inside the **Singalila National Park** in the Darjeeling subdivision, Darjeeling district in the state of West Bengal in India near the India - Nepal border.
- It is a roadside halt along the trekking route from **Manebhanjan to Sandakphu**.
- It was also known as **Tonglo**.

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