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West Bengal News

Bengal Safari Park to Introduce Lion Safari



About:

- The central zoo authority has given the Bengal Safari Park approval to open a lion safari.
- The Bengal Safari Park will get two lions from Tripura Zoological Park next month.
- The central zoo authority, a statutory body under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, oversees zoos across the country.
- The park authority is planning to release two cubs of Asiatic black bear cubs and one tiger cub into the open enclosure for public viewing next month.

More Info:

- Situated on the outskirts of the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, North Bengal Wild Animal Park, the region's only open-air zoological park, spans 297 hectares.
- The park is home to Asiatic black bears, leopards, gharials, crocodiles, one-horn rhinos, and royal Bengal tigers, all housed in different enclosures.
- It also features a natural information centre and an outdoor aviary with a variety of bird species.

Horticulture takes central Stage in the recent Duare Sarkar Scheme.

About:

- The Duare Sarkar camp's eighth phase has made horticulture the main attraction, piqueing the attention of Pharmaceutical Producer Companies (FPCs) in the Alipurduar region.
- These FPCs are excited to be a part of this creative project, working with nearby farms.
- At the "Duare Sarkar" camp, farmers may obtain low-interest loans, and many of them are already demonstrating a strong interest in horticulture.

Santiniketan is India's 41st UNESCO World Heritage Site.



About

- Santiniketan, West Bengal, has been added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites at the 45th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, which is now taking place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Santiniketan is the 41st UNESCO World Heritage Site in India.
- It is a collection of historic structures, landscapes and gardens, pavilions, artworks, and continuous educational and cultural traditions that demonstrate its Outstanding Universal Value.
- Established in rural West Bengal in 1901, Santiniketan was founded by Rabindranath Tagore, a renowned poet and philosopher.



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Patachitra



- The word 'Pata' comes from the Sanskrit word 'Patta', meaning cloth and 'Chitra' refers to painting.
- In Patachitra, stories are painted as frames on long scrolls and the Patuas who paint Patas, **gradually unfurl them while presenting the story through their songs. The songs are known as Pater Gaan.**
- Patachitra is known for its bold colours, lines and strokes.
- One of the fascinating aspects of Patachitra is the use of natural colours derived from local sources like fruits and flowers.
- **The Patuas paint and sing on various themes like mythological tales (Ramayana, Mahabharata, Mangalkabya), historical and contemporary themes (biographies of great personalities, nuclear warfare) and social issues (women empowerment, child rights, health, literacy).**
- **The Patachitra tradition practiced in Purulia is known for its simplistic style and compositions, minimalistic background decoration and distinctive themes, which are strikingly different from the scroll paintings of Medinipur, Bankura, Murshidabad.**

Grand Canyon of West Bengal



- Gangani, widely known as the "Grand Canyon of Bengal", is a famous tourist & picnic spot situated by the town of Garhbeta of Paschim Medinipur district at a distance of 55 Km from Midnapore Town.
- It comprises natural hills around the River Shilabati, locally known as the "Shilai River".
- The rains and seasonal variations, over time, have resulted in the formation of spectacular geological structures.
- **These beautiful canyons-like formations overlooking the river attract people from all corners of the state.**
- During the winters, it attracts diverse migratory bird species.
- The place is situated on the banks of river **Shilabati Gangani** and is locally popular as "Gangani Danga" or "Gangani Khola".

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