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<p>State declares three holidays under NI Act</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state government notified three days as public holidays under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument (NI) Act, 1881.• January 1 (New Year's Day), August 26 (Janmashtami) and November 7 (Chaath Puja) will be holidays as per NI Act. In the list of holidays that was notified by the state Finance department on November 10, these three holidays were declared state holidays.
<p>Lokenath temple</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>The Chief Minister is set to visit the Lokenath Dham Temple in Chakla in North 24-Parganas to attend the temple's 50-year celebration.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chakla Dham is believed to be the birthplace of a popular Hindu yogi in the 18th century of Bengal called Baba Lokenath• It is considered to be one of the most popularly visited religious places in West Bengal after Kalighat and Dakshineswar Kali Temple.• The temple, which is located near Basirhat in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, attracts a lot of devotees and followers throughout the year.• People come from different parts of the country to offer puja and tie a dhaga near the temple to fulfill their wishes or to just show their devotion to Baba Lokenath.
<p>Pantoea Tagorei</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>Visva-Bharati discovers new bacteria, names it after Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The plant has shown an immense capability to boost the cultivation of paddy, pea and chili.• 'Pantoea Tagorei' efficiently extracts potassium from soil which enhances plant growth.• Those found in the soil of Jharia coal mines solubilize potassium and phosphorus and fix nitrogen which help promote plant growth.• The bacteria will reduce the usage of commercial fertilizers and eventually help to cut costs for agriculture and boost crop yield.



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Jalangi River	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jalangi River is a branch of the Ganges river in Murshidabad and Nadia districts in the Indian state of West Bengal.• It flows into the Bhagirathi River and strengthens its lower channel, the Hooghly.• The river below the point where the Jalangi meets the Ganges is known as the Hooghly and the course above it from the point of its separation from the main flow of the Ganges to its confluence with the Jalangi, it is called the Bhagirathi• Ghurni, a neighbourhood of Krishnanagar, a centre for the production of clay dolls, often referred to as Krishnanagar clay dolls, is located on the banks of the Jalangi.• Nabadwip, the birthplace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is located in the west bank of the united flow of river Jalangi and Bhagirathi.• Mayapur is located at the confluence of the Jalangi and Bhagirathi.
Bethuadahari Wildlife Sanctuary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bethuadahari Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Bethuadahari town (Nakashipara area) of Nadia District, West Bengal, India.• The sanctuary is located beside National Highway 12 (old no NH 34).• The sanctuary covers 67 hectares, and was established in 1980 to preserve a portion of the central Gangetic alluvial zone

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