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<p><b>National Health Mission</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state government has spent Rs <b>1,300 crore under the National Health Mission (NHM)</b> in the current fiscal so far while the Centre has allotted only Rs 280 crore.</li> <li>• The centre government is supposed to bear the cost of NHM at a <b>60:40</b> ratio but it has allegedly stopped providing funds allegedly flouting the norms.</li> <li>• The state government is supposed to get the construction of <b>‘Suswasthya Kendras’ (health and wellness centres)</b> across Bengal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bengal handloom sarees recognized as GI products</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> Three handloom saree items of Bengal - <b>Tangail of Nadia and East Burdwan, Korial &amp; Garad of Murshidabad and Birbhum</b> - have been registered and recognized as GI (geographical indication) products.</p> <p><b>Tangail saree</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The traditionally produced Tangail saree of Bengal is characterized by a special finishing work that makes it free from <b>“reed mark” (jorebhanga)</b>, giving it a special look and feel.</li> <li>• It is also <b>characterized by a typical stiff finish.</b></li> <li>• This stiff finish is due to the application of specially prepared starch (<b>made of “khai” or “puffed paddy” and lime</b>) applied during the weaving by a special traditional method.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Korial saree</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Saree is <b>made up of 100 percent pure silk</b> and it is comfortable to wear.</li> <li>• Washing fastness and light fastness a noteworthy characteristics of this kind of saree.</li> <li>• These are ornamented by beautiful fine designs in <b>“aanchal” and “buti”</b> on the ground.</li> <li>• Designed borders increase the value of this product.</li> <li>• This red border white ground saree is worn in spiritual festivals as it is considered a symbol of devotion, respect, and sacrifice.</li> </ul> <p><b>About</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garad saree is <b>made up of a hundred percent pure silk.</b></li> <li>• Traditional Garad has a great demand in other states of India</li> </ul>



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<b>Sunderban Honey' gets GI tag</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Sunderban Honey' has been registered and recognised as a <b>GI (Geographical Indication) product</b>.</li><li>• The honey collectors, popularly known as 'maula' take risks to venture deep into the forest of the Sundarbans for honey collection.</li></ul>
<b>Cruise service between Diamond Harbour &amp; Kachuberia</b>	<b>Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The cruise service was started between <b>Diamond Harbour and Kachuberia</b></li><li>• The initiative has been taken by the <b>Diamond Harbour Municipality</b> in collaboration with a private company.</li><li>• It will prove handy for the local administration ahead of Gangasagar Mela as a huge number of pilgrims can be transported.</li></ul>

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