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<p><b>National StartUp Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Startup Day</b> is celebrated annually on <b>January 16th</b></li> <li>• It ignites the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship across the nation.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It commemorates the launch of the "Startup India" initiative in 2016, a landmark program aimed at fostering a vibrant ecosystem for young minds to thrive.</li> <li>• <b>PM Modi</b> announced <b>January 16</b>, the foundation day of Startup India, as <b>National Startup Day</b> in 2022</li> </ul>
<p><b>South Dinajpur pushes to produce improved varieties of mustard seed</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two villages — <b>Azair and Radhanagar</b> — are being developed as seed villages in <b>South Dinajpur's Kumarganj block</b> for producing improved varieties of mustard seed and saplings.</li> <li>• About 50 farmers of these two villages are cultivating <b>B-54 mustard seed</b> on 20 hectares of land as a model.</li> <li>• The two villages will supply <b>mustard seeds from 2025</b> for agricultural purposes to the entire district.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eco-tourism hub inaugurated in Jalpaiguri</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "<b>Ananda Math</b>," is North Bengal's first eco-tourism hub which was inaugurated recently.</li> <li>• Approximately Rs 5 crore have been invested in this eco-tourism initiative by <b>Baropatia New Boss Gram Panchayat</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jamuney Rural Festival</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA)</b> will hold a three-day-long Jamuney Rural Festival at Jumuney around 16 km from Darjeeling town.</li> <li>• The aim of this rural fest is to create awareness about different GTA schemes among the local populace for economic empowerment and self-employment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tallest sky garden launched in Howrah</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eden Realty Ventures Pvt Ltd</b> is a leading name</li> </ul>



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	<p>in the real estate industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It has launched <b>JALSA</b>.</li><li>• JALSA is the <b>Howrah's tallest sky garden</b> at Solaris Shalimar, a residential masterpiece.</li></ul>
<b>Crocodile census in Sundarbans</b>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The state Forest department will hold training of team members involved in the census of saltwater crocodiles in the Sunderbans</li><li>• The <b>two-day census</b> based on physical observation of the crocodiles is scheduled to be held.</li></ul> <p><b>About Sundarbans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Sundarbans National Park is a <b>national park, tiger reserve and biosphere reserve</b> in West Bengal, India.</li><li>• It is part of the Sundarbans on the Ganges Delta and adjacent to the Sundarban Reserve Forest in Bangladesh.</li><li>• It is located to <b>south-west of the Bangladesh</b>.</li><li>• The delta is densely covered by mangrove forests, and is one of the largest reserves for the Bengal tiger.</li><li>• It is also home to a variety of bird, reptile and invertebrate species, including the salt-water crocodile.</li><li>• The present Sundarban National Park was declared as the core area of <b>Sundarban Tiger Reserve in 1973 and a wildlife sanctuary in 1977</b>.</li><li>• On 4 May 1984 it was declared a national park.</li><li>• It is a <b>UNESCO World Heritage Site inscribed in 1987</b>, and it has been designated as a Ramsar site since 2019.</li><li>• It is considered as a <b>World Network of Biosphere Reserve (Man and Biosphere Reserve) from 1989</b>.</li></ul>

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