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<p>State begins procuring maize directly from farmers</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bengal Livestock Development Corporation Limited (WBLDCL) has started procurement of maize directly from farmers belonging to Self Help Groups (SHGs) or Farmers' Producer Company (FPC) for utilising the same in the production of poultry feed. • The main objective of the project is to encourage the farmers to cultivate maize as an alternative agriculture in low rainfall areas and less fertile lands so that the farmers are economically benefited.
<p>SBI inks MoU with WBPF</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the growth of the poultry sector in Bengal, the State Bank of India (SBI) and the West Bengal Poultry Federation (WBPF) has recently inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). • The collaboration is aligned with the ambitious WBIS Incentive Scheme 2017 of the Government of West Bengal, and the MoU is poised to make financial assistance accessible and affordable to the eligible projects approved by the Animal Resource department of the state government.
<p>Buxa Tiger Reserve</p> 	<p>Context</p> <p>The 7th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival has been enriched with the addition of three new species — Eurasian Hobby, Marsh Sandpiper, and Cinereous Tit.</p> <p>About Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It lies in the Alipurduar sub-division of the Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal. • Its northern boundary runs along the international border with Bhutan. • The Sinchula hill range lies all along the northern side of BTR, and the eastern boundary touches that of Assam State. • It got its name from Buxa Fort, which is located on the Sinchula Range at an altitude of 867 metres. • The fragile "Terai Ecosystem" constitutes a part of this reserve.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It serves as an international corridor for elephant migration between India and Bhutan. • Two rivers, namely the River Raidak and the River Jayanti, flow through the forest of Buxa. • Vegetation: The forests of the reserve can be broadly classified as the 'Moist Tropical Forest' of Champion and Seth's (1968) recent classification. • Flora: Some of the important species are Sal, Champa, Gamar, Simul, and Chikrasi. • Fauna: The main species include the Tiger, elephant, leopard cat, gaur, wild boar, sambar, hog deer, Chinese pangolin, etc.
<p>Sports meet for differently-abled held</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niswarth, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the betterment of specially-abled and underprivileged individuals, organised a sports meet at the Bhanu Maidan Football field in Bagrakote Tea Garden in Jalpaiguri. • The event witnessed participation of 192 individuals from 22 tea gardens of Dooars, engaging in various activities aimed at showcasing their talents and abilities.
<p>Parakram Diwas 2024</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every January 23rd, India celebrates the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. • This year the nation observes the 127th edition of Parakram Diwas 2024. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of India, recognizing the need to honour Netaji's heroic legacy, officially declared January 23 as Parakram Diwas in 2021. • A highlight of Parakram Diwas 2024 was the digital launch of 'Bharat Parv' by the Prime Minister. This event, showcasing the nation's diversity through Republic Day Tableaux and cultural exhibits, was a vibrant display of India's rich heritage.

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