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<p>Measures Against Illegal Disposal of Material Waste</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) aims to curb pollution caused by material waste by implementing strict regulations. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Action: KMC will halt construction/demolition work or impose substantial fines if material waste is not handed over to the civic body for proper disposal.● Concern: The civic body has been troubled by the accumulation of construction materials in water bodies, particularly ponds, posing environmental risks.● Requirement: All construction/demolition debris must be submitted to KMC for disposal at the Pathuriaghata material recycling plant.● Regulation: Developers are mandated to surrender material waste to KMC in exchange for a fee determined by the waste quantity, payable during building plan approval.● New Rule: Upon completing a building's foundation work, developers must present the disposal payment receipt during KMC inspection visits; failure to comply can result in work cessation or hefty fines.● Fines:● KMC has established fine rates for violations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rs 10,000 for mixing construction debris with municipal solid waste.○ Rs 20,000 for dumping waste in public areas.○ Imprisonment for up to three years or a fine of up to Rs 2 lakhs for dumping in water bodies and drains.○ Rs 10,000 fine for failure to deliver waste segregated, improper transportation, or conducting C&D operations without a license.
<p>Kolkata Plans for Satyajit Ray Museum</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● As cinephiles honor Satyajit Ray on his 103rd birth anniversary, there is a call for Kolkata to have a museum and memorial dedicated to the iconic filmmaker. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ray is celebrated as one of Bengal's greatest filmmakers and the creator of beloved literary characters like Feluda, Tarini Khuro, Jatayu, and Professor Shonku.



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- The museum could include galleries, study centers, and film research facilities, enhancing Ray's legacy and attracting visitors.

About:

- **Satyajit Ray (1921-1992)** was an eminent Indian filmmaker, screenwriter, author, and illustrator who brought global recognition to Indian cinema.
- **Born in Calcutta (now Kolkata), Ray came from a family of artists and writers, with his grandfather and father being prominent figures in Bengali literature.**
- In addition to his film career, Ray was a prolific writer and illustrator, creating characters such as Feluda the sleuth and Professor Shanku the scientist for Bengali children's literature.
- His literary works have been widely published and translated, contributing to his lasting legacy as a versatile artist whose influence extends beyond cinema.

Sumendu lake or Mirik Lake

Context:

- **Shoals of dead fish have been discovered floating on Mirik's Sumendu Lake, sparking concern among residents.**
- Residents began noticing dead fish in the lake and have reported the issue to the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA), the local administrative body.

About:

- Mirik, a popular tourist spot in the Darjeeling hills, is known for its lake where tourists often feed fish and enjoy boating.
- Fish species like American Rohu, trout, and silver carp, which can thrive in cold water, are found in the lake.
- The lake is fed by **rain water which remains full throughout the year.**
- The depth of the lake varies from 3 feet to 25 feet.
- The lake has an arch footbridge called the **Indreni Pull (Rainbow Bridge)** and a 3.5 km long road.

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