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<p><b>Jaldapara National Park Enhances Grassland Habitat with New Species</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jaldapara National Park is enhancing its grassland habitat by introducing eight new grass species.</li><li>• This initiative aims to eliminate monoculture and restore the diverse grass species that once thrived in the park, ensuring a varied food supply for herbivores.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jaldapara National Park is situated at the <b>foothills of the Eastern Himalayas in the Alipurduar District of northern West Bengal and on the banks of the Torsa River.</b></li><li>• The area was declared as a <b>wildlife sanctuary in 1941</b> for the protection of the Indian One-Horned Rhino, and <b>in 2012, it was declared as a National Park.</b></li><li>• It houses a diversity of flora and fauna including mixed deciduous forests, grasslands and riverbanks which houses herds of Bison, Hispid hare, Hog deer, Sambar, and Asian elephants amongst other animals.</li></ul>
<p><b>Ramkeli Mela</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Malda district administration is set to unveil a detailed map of the historic Ramkeli Mela on June 14, aimed at aiding the numerous pilgrims who visit the fair annually.</li></ul> <p><b>Historical Significance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Ramkeli Mela commemorates the arrival of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the revered Vishnav saint, to Gour, the ancient capital of Bengal.</b></li><li>• Sri Chaitanya Dev arrived in Ramkeli Village in 1515 on his way to Mathura and Vrindavan to preach '<b>Bhakti Dharma</b>' and <b>stayed with his followers, Roop and Sanatan.</b></li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since then, the traditional Ramkeli fair has been held on 'Jaistha Sankranti' of the Bengali calendar to honor his holy arrival.</li> </ul>
<p><b>North Bengal Celebrates International Everest Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Bengal commemorated International Everest Day, a day that marks the <b>historic first ascent of Mount Everest by Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Sir Edmund Hillary on May 29, 1953.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On May 29, the world will observe International Everest Day in <b>memory of Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary, the first individuals to conquer the formidable Mt. Everest in 1953.</b></li> <li>• The origins of International Everest Day can be traced back to <b>2008</b>, the year when Edmund Hillary passed away. It was then that Nepal decided to commemorate May 29 as a day to honor the extraordinary feat accomplished by Norgay and Hillary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hindi Journalism Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>On May 30, the first Hindi newspaper in India, Udant Martand (The Rising Sun), was launched from Calcutta.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Udant Martand was published by Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla</b>, a lawyer from Kanpur who was employed at the Sadr Diwani Adalat in Calcutta.</li> <li>• He saw a pressing need for a <b>Hindi newspaper for the Hindi-speaking community in Calcutta.</b></li> <li>• At that time, newspapers in English and several other Indian languages had already been established.</li> <li>• Udant Martand was notable for being the first newspaper published entirely in Hindi, <b>utilizing the Devanagari script.</b></li> <li>• It incorporated a blend of Khari Boli and Brajbhasha dialects, making it accessible to a broad Hindi-speaking audience.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>May 30 is celebrated as Hindi Journalism Day in honour of Udant Martand</b>, marking the significance of the newspaper in the history of Hindi journalism.</li></ul>
<b>PM Modi's Visit to Maa Sarada's Calcutta Residence</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Maa Sarada's residence in Calcutta is drawing attention to the ongoing political tensions between the central and state governments over the renovation of <b>Mayer Bari, a heritage site associated with Ramakrishna Paramhansa's wife.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayer Bari holds historical significance, as Maa Sarada resided there from 1909 onwards, making it a pilgrimage site for devotees of Ramakrishna Paramhansa and Maa Sarada, as well as a popular tourist destination.</li></ul>

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