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West Bengal News

Buxa Tiger Reserve	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In an effort to safeguard wildlife from electrocution, a 7-day special drive has been initiated by the Anti-Electrocution Cell in the Buxa Tiger Reserve. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Established in 2006, this cell, the first of its kind in the state, aims to prevent the electrocution of wild animals.These cells are positioned in forest villages where wild animals occasionally traverse.Comprising representatives from the Electricity Supply department, Forest department, police, local administration, and the local Panchayat level, the cell committee oversees operations.In the Buxa Tiger Reserve, there are two such cells, located in Kalchini and Kamakhyaguri. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Buxa Tiger Reserve is situated in the Alipurduar Sub-division of Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal.Buxa was declared a tiger reserve in 1983 as the 15th tiger reserve of India and got the status of a National park in 1992.The diversity of mammals in Buxa Tiger Reserve ranks second highest amongst all the Tiger Reserves of India.
Kolkata Port Introduces Volume-Based Rebate Scheme for FY 2024-25	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, announced a new volume-based rebate scheme for the financial year 2024-25. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This initiative aims to boost cargo traffic at the port.The announcement follows a record-breaking year for the Haldia Dock Complex, which achieved its highest-ever cargo throughput in the fiscal year 2023-24.The scheme offers concessions on various types of dry bulk cargo, including coal, manganese ore, iron ore, and limestone. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kolkata Port, once the country's most significant port, remains a premier gateway to Eastern India.It plays a vital role in trade and commerce, serving the hinterlands of Eastern India, including Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh, and the landlocked Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniquely, Kolkata Port is the only riverine major port in India, located 232 kilometers upstream from Sandheads, with one of the world's longest navigational channels.• The port operates two dock systems: the Kolkata Dock System at Kolkata, with oil wharves at Baj Baj, and the Haldia Dock Complex at Haldia.
Bird flu	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed a case of bird flu in India, caused by the H9N2 virus.• The infected individual is a four-year-old child from West Bengal.• This marks the second H9N2 bird flu case in India, with the first reported in 2019. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bird flu, or Avian influenza, is primarily transmitted among animals but can also infect humans.• It spreads through direct contact with infected animals or their environments.• Depending on the original host, influenza A viruses can be classified as avian influenza, swine influenza, or other types of animal influenza viruses.• Symptoms of Avian Influenza virus infection range from mild upper respiratory tract infections to more severe diseases, including conjunctivitis, gastrointestinal symptoms, encephalitis, and encephalopathy.• The infection can also be fatal, according to the WHO.
Bengal government develops guidelines to bar the use of banned chemicals in the small tea sector	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The government of Bengal has formulated guidelines to prohibit the use of banned chemicals in the small tea sector. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state government has introduced a draft SOP and roadmap to completely eliminate the use of banned chemicals in the small tea sector.• Confederation of Indian Small Tea Growers Associations (Cista) president, Bijoygopal Chakraborty, stated that a district-level review committee could be established to monitor the situation regularly, and training on food safety could be provided to growers.

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