



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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West Bengal News

<p><b>WB Fisheries dept eyes production increase and job generation</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> WB's Fisheries department is reaching out to the grassroots level through <b>Matsya Karmadakshya (fisheries supervisor)</b> in every district.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is to push for an <b>increase in fish production</b> and employment generation in the sector.</li> <li>The role of Karmadakshya involves <b>allotment of block-wise quota</b> for beneficiaries' selection under different developmental schemes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Bengal is the second-largest fish-producing state, contributing approximately 14% to India's total production and Uttar Pradesh follows closely as the third-largest with a 7% contribution.</li> <li>Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of fish in India followed by West Bengal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Matsyajeebi Bandhu Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Key features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WB govt launched the Matsyajeebi Bandhu Scheme in <b>2023</b>.</li> <li>Matsyajeebi Bandhu Scheme is also known as <b>Matsyajeebi Bandhu (Death Benefit ) scheme</b>.</li> <li>WB Govt provides <b>one-time financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh</b> for the deceased fishermen's family.</li> <li>The Nodal Department of this Scheme is the <b>Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbours</b>, Government of West Bengal.</li> <li>Under this scheme only those fishermen eligible registered themselves in the fishermen registration portal of the Department of Fisheries, aquaculture, Aquatic Resources, and Fishing Harbours, the government of West Bengal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Study on Sunderbans</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> Sunderbans region has recorded the world's highest drowning <b>mortality rate of 243 per lakh population</b> among children in the age group of one to four in three years before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a study.</p> <p><b>Key facts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The region has a mortality rate of <b>38.8 per lakh population</b> among children aged between five and nine.</li> <li>The survey was carried out by the non-governmental organization <b>Child in Need Institute (CINI)</b>, in partnership with global agencies <b>Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)</b> and <b>The George Institute (TGI)</b></li> <li>The aim was to gauge the enormity of the problem of drowning among children in the coastal Sunderbans region.</li> </ul>



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### 19-point charter of demands for the protection of wildlife

#### Context

Around 12 wildlife and nature conservation organizations of North Bengal collaboratively submitted a memorandum with 19 demands related to wildlife conservation and protection, in **Siliguri**

#### Key demands

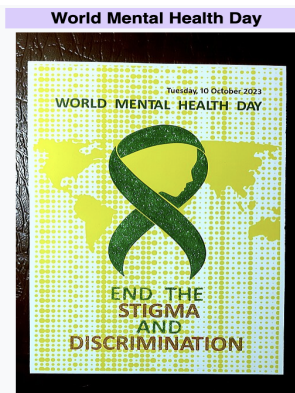
- They mainly highlighted a few points related to wildlife, especially elephants, and demanded unscientific elephant driving to be stopped.
- They also expressed concern about the mortar shells and Army weapons that have been floating on the Teesta River due to the flood, as these can affect the wildlife.
- They also demanded illegal river mining be stopped as it diverts the route of rivers.

### Sundarban Biosphere Reserve

#### Key points:

- The Sundarbans is located on the **delta of the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Meghna** rivers in the Bay of Bengal.
- This Biosphere Reserve includes **Sundarban Tiger Reserve, Sundarban National Park (core area), Halliday Island, and Lothian Island Wildlife Sanctuaries with Sajnakhali Wildlife Sanctuary** forming its buffer area.
- It is designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- The vegetation of the area is moist tropical forests and tidal forests.
- It is home to the Royal Bengal Tiger, Estuarine Crocodile, Gangetic Dolphin, Water Monitor Lizard, etc.

### World Mental Health Day



A poster for the 2023 World Mental Health Day featuring a **green ribbon** to symbolise mental health awareness

**Observed by** World Federation for Mental Health, World Health Organization, and member organizations of WFMH

**Date** 10 October

**Next time** 10 October 2023

**Frequency** annual

#### Key points:

- World Mental Health Day - Observed on 10th October
- 2023 Theme: **'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'**.
- **It was first celebrated in 1992** at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.



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### Astrophysics and World Space Week



#### Key points:

- ISRO is confident that **Astrophysics** will receive significant global attention shortly.
- ISRO has **47 sub-centres** across India, involved in different aspects of satellite production.
- Various satellite components are manufactured in different sub-centres and then transported to **Sriharikota for assembly**.

#### Key facts:

- World Space Week **Oct 4 - Oct 10**
- World Space Week is an international celebration of **science and technology**, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from **October 4 to 10**.
- The World Space Week 2023 theme is **"Space and Entrepreneurship"**

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