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West Bengal News

Chigitchakgre gets the 'Bee Village' tag

Context

Chigitchakgre, a scenic hamlet under the Gambegre block in the West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya, known for its exotic flowers and bumbling bees, was declared as a **'Bee Village' under Apiculture Mission 2.0**

Key points

- The objective of declaring villages as **'Bee Villages'** is a specific programme under the Apiculture Mission to help bee farmers through assistance.
- It will provide all the **help and support that are needed for bee farming** like training, financial assistance, bee boxes, bee-keeping tools, multi-facility buildings having stock rooms, training rooms and areas to sell and display the products

Gambhira Dance



- Gambhira is an **ancient folk dance form** of West Bengal.
- This dance form was performed **to celebrate the festivity, heritage, and vitality of West Bengal**.
- Earlier, Gambhira was performed for **agriculture festivals**, but later it took a more devotional outlook, as devotees of Goddess Shakti started to participate in it.
- In this dance form, two men dress up and play the role of grandfather and granddaughter. And discusses different social and economic problems and changes through dance and rhythmic conversations.

International Jaguar Day



- International Jaguar Day is observed on **29 November**, every year.
- It is a day to pay tribute to the largest cats and find ways to protect them.
- 2023 theme: **-Together we must save the bold and big cats of America from becoming extinct**



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Bus Roof Mountain Air Purification System

Context

The **Bus Roof Mountain Air Purification System (BRMAPS)** has been installed in 51 government diesel buses.

Key points

- The Bus Roof Mountain Air Purification System is fitted with sensors **to measure the air quality of the ambient air** such as levels of particulate matter on a real time basis as the vehicle moves along the road.
- The data is sent to the Integrated **Command and Control Centre** of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board for further evaluation.

Kirtan Dance



- The kirtan dance form is a **500-year-old folk dance of Bengali culture**.
- This dance form is a ceremonial part of the Bhakti cult.
- The playful activities of Lord Krishna are the central theme of Kirtan dance.
- Participants sing hymns about Lord Krishna while moving in circular form with their hands elevated.
- It can be loosely related to the **genre of musical drama**.

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