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<p>Tangail Saree of Bengal</p> 	<p>Context Tangail saree recently got the GI Tag.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tangail sarees are woven in the Nadia and Purba Bardhaman districts. • It has a finer count and is decorated with extra warp designs using coloured yarn. • It simplifies the jamdani cotton saree but with minimal designs in the body portion.
<p>Kalonunia Rice</p>	<p>Context It recently got the GI Tag.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an indigenous variety of aromatic fine rice available in the state. • It is cultivated in the districts of Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Alipurduar and Darjeeling (plains regions of the district). • It is a medium-sized blackish grain.
<p>Sundarban Honey</p>	<p>Context It recently got the GI Tag.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundarban honey is darker in colour and has better radical scavenging properties that imply anti-ageing benefits and help in cell protection, attributed to polyphenols and flavonoids. • It focuses on natural methods of honey collection in the Sundarban area, which does not harm the bees while collecting honey and is, hence, environmentally friendly.
<p>First state to adopt scientific approach for management of speed</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bengal became the first state to adopt a scientific approach for speed management to enhance road safety. • Several initiatives under the Safe Drive Save Life



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	<p>(SDSL) campaign have been taken and proved to be beneficial for reducing road crashes and resulting fatalities.</p>
<p>State to construct 12K km rural roads</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chief Minister announced that the state government will construct 12,000 km rural roads at Rs 4,000 crore under Pathashree-III scheme in the 2023-24 financial year.• Pathashree is a road repair scheme, where more than 7,000 stretches of roads comprising 12,000 kilometers across the state will be repaired in a mission mode and in a time-bound manner.
<p>Music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan passed away at the age of 55 after a prolonged battle with prostate cancer.• Born in 1968 in Badayun, Uttar Pradesh, Khan started his musical journey under the guidance of his maternal grand-uncle, Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan.• Recognising his talent, his uncle, Ghulam Mustafa Khan, initially trained him in Mumbai.• In April 1980, when Nissar Hussain Khan came to the ITC Sangeet Research Academy in Kolkata, he took Khan along and enrolled him in the academy at the age of 14.• Since then, Kolkata has been the cherished home of the maestro from the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mamata Banerjee highlighted Ustad Rashid Khan's immense contribution to Indian classical music and praised his decision to make Bengal his home.• The Chief Minister, who regarded him as a close associate, mentioned that Ustad Rashid Khan was honored with the highest civilian award, Banga Bibhushan, and the Sangeet Mahasamman by the state.