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CULTURE MINISTRY TO ORGANISE A GRAND CURTAIN RAISER PROGRAM 'SUR SARITA -SYMPHONY OF GANGA' AT KASHI VISHWANATH CORRIDOR ON THE EVE OF LAUNCH OF WORLD'S LONGEST RIVER CRUISE

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Ganga Vilas Cruise will cross Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Bangladesh, and Assam in a journey of 51 days. These places have their own history of mythology and legends associated with the river. Keeping this in mind, songs have been chosen from different states to give different flavors in this concert.

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In another interesting event, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata under Ministry of Culture is organising a Mobile Science Exhibition on Maa Gange: Arth Ganga from 12th January. The exhibition will be flagged off from Varanasi before the concert. The exhibition is a tribute to the Ganga for public awareness about conservation and restoration of the holy river. The exhibition will travel in the districts/sites located near the river Ganges. In the exhibitions 18 panels are displayed including Tributaries of Ganga, Ganga and Dams, Sunderbans among others



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