

Bihar Special August 2020 Current Affairs


1. Nitin Gadkari inaugurates upstream carriageway of Mahatma Gandhi bridge over river Ganga in Bihar

- Note: Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari today inaugurated the upstream carriageway of Mahatma Gandhi bridge over river Ganga in Bihar through video conference. Over 5.5 kilometres long, the four-lane bridge lies on NH-19 between Patna and Hajipur. It is being constructed at a cost of one thousand 742 crore rupees. It involves replacement of the existing concrete superstructure of old bridge by new steel deck superstructure. The work on the bridge was started in June 2017.

2. Mobile Apps Launched for Remote Learning:

State	Mobile Application
Assam	Biswa Vidya Assam Mobile App
Bihar	Vidyavahin app, Mera Mobile Mera Vidyalaya for students and Unnayan Bihar Teacher App
Chandigarh	Phoenix Mobile app
Madhya Pradesh	Top Parent App
Maharashtra	Learning Outcomes Smart Q Mobile App
Punjab	iScuela Learn Mobile App
Sikkim	Edutech App
Tripura	EmpowerU Shiksha Darpan
Uttar Pradesh	Top Parent app

3. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad today launched “Chunauti”- Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest



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- To further boost startups and software products with special focus on Tier-II towns of India. The government has earmarked a budget of Rs. 95.03 Crore over a period of three years for this programme. It aims to identify around **300 startups** working in identified areas and provide them seed fund of upto Rs. 25 Lakh and other facilities
 - Under this challenge the Ministry of Electronics and IT will invite startups in the following areas of work:
 - ❖ Edu-Tech, Agri-Tech & Fin-Tech Solutions for masses
 - ❖ Supply Chain, Logistics & Transportation Management
 - ❖ Infrastructure & Remote monitoring
 - ❖ Medical Healthcare, Diagnostic, Preventive & Psychological Care
 - ❖ Jobs & Skilling, Linguistic tools & technologies
 - The startups selected through **Chunauti** will be provided various support from the Government through Software Technology Parks of India centers across India.
 - They will get incubation facilities, mentorship, security testing facilities, access to venture capitalist funding, industry connect as well as advisories in legal, Human Resource (HR), IPR and Patent matters. Besides seed fund of upto Rs. 25 Lakh, the startups will also be provided cloud credits from leading cloud service providers. Start-ups who are in the ideation stage may be selected under the pre-incubation programme & mentored for up-to six months to evolve their business plan & solution around the proposed idea. Each intern (start-up under pre-incubation) will be paid Rs. 10,000/- per month upto a period of 6 months.
4. Union Minister also **laid foundation stone of the digital training and skilling center of National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) at Muzaffarpur in Bihar.**
- This center will be developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India at a cost of Rs. 9.17 Crore. The government of Bihar has allocated one acre of land for this institution. This center will be

equipped with the state-of-the-art training facility with a digital laboratory. Different courses such as O level, CCC, BCC, Programming and multimedia training will be offered from this center.

5. Bihar Pollution Control Board Signs MoA with IIT Delhi for air quality management

- The Bihar State Pollution Control Board has signed a ‘Memorandum of Agreement’ (MoA) with IIT Delhi to set up geographical information system (GIS) based platform to check air quality management in the state.
- IIT Delhi will help the state to set up a comprehensive architecture for scientific analysis of air pollution and monitoring and provide know-how to develop in-house capacity for data analysis.
- The project will help in identifying sources and transport (local hot spot) of particulate matter PM 2.5 in the non-attainment cities like Patna, Gaya and Muzaffarpur and help the board to identify effective mitigation measures.
- The project will not only identify geographical areas with poor air quality based on statistical and spatial data, but will also enable to locate the source of air pollutants in those areas.

6. Flipkart signs MOU with IIT Patna, to help students get real world industry exposure

- Ecommerce major, Flipkart has announced an MoU with IIT Patna, India's leading science, engineering and technology institute. The MoU is a step to strengthen Flipkart's academic collaboration which it has been inculcating for past 5 years now. The MoU with IIT Patna will help create industry focused applied research in the areas of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML).
- As a part of this MoU, IIT Patna will undertake a number of programs such as joint research activities, writing research papers, organizing seminars, internship / mentorship opportunities to name a few. The academic collaboration is

expected to bring real world industry exposure to students and scholars of IIT Patna, and to provide an opportunity to the faculty member(s) to work closely with Flipkart on research projects.

7. Nitish releases book by Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday released a book - a compilation of articles, views and life journey - of Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary.
- Vijay Kumar released the book titled "**Siyasat Mein Sadasyata**".