

Bihar Special July 2020 Current Affairs

1. Aspirational districts: Chhattisgarh's Bijapur tops Niti's delta ranking

- Nawada (Bihar) has been ranked fourth and Moga (Punjab) is at the fifth place.
- Launched in January 2018, the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' initiative aims to remove this heterogeneity through a mass movement to quickly and effectively transform these districts.
- Health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure were the development areas that were taken into consideration for the ranking.
- The broad contours of the programme are **Convergence** (of Central & State Schemes), **Collaboration** (of Central, State level 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors), and **Competition** among districts driven by a spirit of mass Movement. With States as the main drivers, this program will focus on the strength of each district, identify low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement, measure progress, and rank districts.
- NITI Aayog anchors the programme with support from Central Ministries and the State Governments.

List of Aspirational districts from Bihar

Bihar	Sitamarhi
Bihar	Sheikhpura
Bihar	Purnia
Bihar	Nawada
Bihar	Muzaffarpur
Bihar	Khagaria
Bihar	Katihar



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Bihar	Jamui
Bihar	Gaya
Bihar	Begusarai
Bihar	Banka
Bihar	Auranagabad
Bihar	Araria

2. BAU (Bihar Agricultural University) scientists develop bacteria to curb arsenic contamination

- BAU scientists said that bio-arsenic mitigator bacteria christened ‘Sabour Bio-Arsenic Mitigator-1 (SBAM-1)’ consumes and breaks down environmental pollutants including arsenic from agricultural fields.
- “Arsenic contamination poses serious risk to plants, animals and human being. Other methods to lessen arsenic contamination are costly and with little success so far,” he said.

3. Ashwagandha corridor will be built from Bhagalpur to Buxar, medicinal plants will be developed

- Ashwagandha has very high immunity. It acts like an immunity booster. It is being demanded globally in the Corona period. Ashwagandha cultivation is easy. By adopting this, farmers will become prosperous at a rapid pace. The root of Ashwagandha is most useful. People of all ages can use it. It is also used to make medicine.

4. Bhagalpur is famous for silk industry, spanning generations. Traffic signals have “Silk City” written on them, the district administrations website says “Silk City of Bihar”

5. Bapu aapke dwar campaign in Bihar created world record, recorded in Limca Book of Records

- As part of the Champaran Satyagraha Centenary Celebration, the biggest campaign in Bihar to popularize Mahatma Gandhi's orders, 'Bapu aapke dwar' has been conferred with the Limca Book of Records.

6. Anil Kishore of Bihar became the Vice President of BRICS Bank

- Anil Kishore, a resident of Bihar's Bhojpur district, has been made the vice-chairman of BRICS Bank. He is the first Indian to achieve this important feat.