

Bihar Special May 2020 Current Affairs

1. India Post to Deliver Litchi & Mango Doorsteps in Bihar

- In the partnership with the government of Bihar, India Post will be delivering Shahi Litchi of Muzaffarpur and Zardalu Mango of Bhagalpur till the doorsteps for people in three cities of Bihar.
- The Bihar Postal Circle and the Department of Horticulture, Government of Bihar, have signed an agreement for logistics of Shahi Litchi from Muzaffarpur and Zardalu Mango from Bhagalpur.
- The ‘Shahi Litchi’ of Muzaffarpur and ‘Zardalu Mango’ of Bhagalpur are famous varieties of fruits. “This facility will be initially available to people of Muzaffarpur & Patna for ‘Shahi Litchi’ & Patna & Bhagalpur for ‘Zardalu Mango’.

2. Bihar: Piku Hospital set up for children at a cost of 72 crores, for treatment of chamki fever

- The country's first hundred-bed PIKU (Pediatric Intensive Care Unit) and 60-bed encephalitis ward has been prepared at SKMCH, Muzaffarpur, at a cost of 72 crores for patients suffering from Fever fever (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE).

3. Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin has been released by the



Registrar General of India. It is based on data collected for 2018.

Key findings and important facts:

- National birth rate in 2018 stood at 20. It was 36.9 in 1971.
- Best and worst: Bihar (26.2) continues to remain at the top of list in birth rate while Andaman and Nicobar (11.2) is at the bottom.
- The rural-urban differential has also narrowed. However, the birth rate has continued to be higher in rural areas compared to urban areas in the last four decades.
- There has been about an 11 per cent decline in birth rate in the last decade, from 22.5 in 2009 to 20.0 in 2018.
- The corresponding decline in rural areas is 24.1 to 21.6, and in urban areas, it is 18.3 to 16.7.
- Death rate stood at 6.2 in 2018 from 14.9 in 1971.
- Best and worst: Chhattisgarh has the highest death rate, while Delhi has the lowest.
- The decline has been steeper in rural areas.
- In the last decade, death rate at an all-India level has declined from 7.3 to 6.2. The corresponding decline in rural areas is 7.8 to 6.7 and in urban areas, 5.8 to 5.1.

- Infant mortality rate is at 32. It is about one-fourth as compared to 1971 (129).
- Worst and best: Madhya Pradesh (48) has the worst infant mortality rate in the country while Nagaland (4) has the best.
- In the last 10 years, IMR has witnessed a decline of about 35 per cent in rural areas and about 32 per cent in urban areas.
- The IMR at an all-India level has declined from 50 to 32 in the last decade.

4. Actor Pankaj Tripathi became the brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi


- Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi by the state government. He is originally from Bihar. He will promote Bihar Khadi and the country's largest Khadi Mall in Patna.
- The Khadi Village Industries Board has instructed all Khadi institutions to produce new designs of Khadi garments to increase production and sales. The Madhubani Khadi of the state is being promoted throughout the country.

5. An 800-year-old idol of Lord Vishnu from the land of Bihar

- The whole world knows the mythology of the land of Bihar. Historians have found innumerable evidence that proves how rich and old the history of Bihar has been.

- This time Palakal sculptures and relics have been found during excavations in **Sheikhpura district of Bihar**. Especially in the context of the statue of Lord Vishnu found in excavations.

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