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Vijay Kumar Sinha elected as Bihar Legislative Assembly Speaker

- This is the first time that any BJP leader was elected as Vidhan Sabha speaker.
- Total 126 votes have been polled in his favour.

The remains of Buddha era building found in Banka district

- The remains are found near Chandan river in Bhadariya village of Amarpur block in Banka.
- The archeologists said that the bricks used for construction are handmade.

Jitan Ram Manjhi sworn in as pro-tem speaker of newly elected 17th Bihar Legislative Assembly

- In Bihar, former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi sworn in as pro-tem speaker of the newly elected 17th Bihar Legislative Assembly. Governor Phagu Chauhan administered him the oath of office at a function organized at Rajbhavan in Patna.
- Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) Chief Jitan Manjhi who has been elected from Imamganj assembly constituency is among the senior most members of the house.

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- Nitish Kumar sworn in as the CM of Bihar for the seventh time—his fourth consecutive term.
- Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi also took oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar.

- **Note:** Nitish Kumar is on course to becoming the longest-serving Chief Minister of the state. As CM, he had a continuous run since November 2005, except for the period in 2014-15.

Important Dignitaries

Bihar Legislative Assembly

- Governor- Phagu Chauhan (29th Governor of Bihar)
- Chief Minister- Nitish Kumar (22nd CM of Bihar)
- Deputy Chief Ministers- Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi
- Speaker (Vidhan Sabha)- Vijay Chaudhary
- Leader of Opposition (Vidhan Sabha)- Tejasvi Prasad Yadav
- Chairman (Vidhan Parishad)- Awadesh Narayan Singh (acting)
- Government Chief Whip (Vidhan Parishad)- Sanjay Kumar Singh
- Government Deputy Chief Whip (Vidhan Parishad)- Rajnish Kumar
- Leader of Opposition (Vidhan Parishad)- Vacant

Cabinet Ministers of Bihar

- Nitish Kumar - Home, General Administration, Cabinet, Vigilance, election and all other departments which are not distributed to any minister
- Tarkishore Prasad Singh - Finance, Commercial taxes, Environment and forest, Information Technology, Disaster Management, Urban Development
- Renu Devi - Panchayati Raj, Backward caste upliftment and EBC welfare, Industry
- Vijay Chaudhary - Rural Engineering Department, Rural Development Department, Water Resources, Information and Broadcasting, Parliamentary Affairs



- Bijendra Yadav - Energy, Prohibition, Planning, Food and Consumer Affairs
- Mewa Lal Choudhary - Education
- Sheila Kumari - Transport
- Santos Manjhi - Minor Irrigation, SC/ST welfare
- Mukesh Sahni - Animal Husbandry and Fishery
- Mangal Pandey - Health, Road and Art and culture
- Amrendra Singh - Agriculture, Cooperative
- Ram Preet Paswan - PHED
- Jivesh Kumar - Tourism, Labour, Mines
- Ram Surat - Revenue, Law

Kabartal Wetland Becomes Bihar's First Ramsar Site – and India's 39th

- Kabartal in Bihar's Begusarai district has been recognised as a wetland of international importance – the first such wetland in the state – under the Ramsar Convention, according to the Union environment ministry.
- The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

The elevated road between AIIMS and Digha

- This 12.47 km road will connect northern Bihar with southern parts of the state.
- With this, a commuter coming from Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Chapra, Siwan via Hajipur and using JP Setu on Ganga river will directly reach the other side of Patna to go towards Arrah, Sasaram, Kaimur, Aurangabad, Gaya, Jahanabad, Nalanda and other districts and further on to Jharkhand.