

November, 2019

1. Justice Sanjay Karol sworn in as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court.

Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to Justice Karol at the Raj Bhavan. Patna High Court is the High Court of the state of Bihar, established on 3 February 1916 and later affiliated under the Government of India Act 1915.

2. Noted writer Manisha Kulshreshtha has been awarded the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel 'Swapnapash'.

The award is presented annually to writers of Rajasthani origin by the KK Birla Foundation for their outstanding work in Hindi or Rajasthani published in the past 10 years. The award named after famous Hindi poet Bihari (Bihari Lal Chaube), and carries a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh, a citation, and a plaque.

3. Bihar govt unveils 70 ft tall Lord Buddha's statue in Rajgir

Bihar chief minister unveiled a 70-feet tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district. It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country. The statue has been installed above a 16-metre radius pedestal in the middle of the lake Ghora Katora and has been made from 45,000 cubic foot pink sandstone.

4. Bihar bans 15-year-old vehicles in Patna, old govt cars in entire state

Hours after the Supreme Court came down heavily on state governments for failing to take adequate measures to curb air pollution the Bihar government decided to ban 15-year-old vehicles in Patna. The government has also decided to ban all government vehicles over 15-year-old across the state.

Giving relaxation to private vehicle owners, the government has decided to allow vehicles more than 15-year-old only after they get pollution under control (PUC) certificates.

The air quality in Patna has worsened after Diwali. Air Quality Index (AQI) on Monday almost touched the 400-mark, which is the worst in the state.

5. UP, Bihar at bottom of India's justice league

The study, titled 'India Justice Report', which Tata Trusts published, developed an index of justice system across the country using four parameters police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid. An assessment of 18 bigger states revealed that UP and Bihar have the worst justice system in India. While UP ranked at the bottom of the list, Bihar stood at number 17.



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The state with the best justice system according to the report is Maharashtra. It is followed by Kerala , Tamil Nadu , Punjab and Haryana.

6. Highest number of acute respiratory infections among under-5 children in Bihar

Bihar recorded the highest prevalence of acute respiratory infections among under-five children among the five high-burden states between September 2018 and June 2019. The prevalence of acute respiratory infections among under-five children was 18.2 per cent in Bihar, followed by Uttar Pradesh (15.9 per cent), Jharkhand (12.8 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (11.6 per cent) and Rajasthan (8.4 per cent), according to report — “Situation Analysis of Pneumonia in India” Household air pollution emerged as the important risk factor for childhood pneumonia.

7. Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh passes away at 74

He was suffering from mental disorder Schizophrenia since he was 40. Vashishtha Narayan Singh was known for challenging theories of Albert Einstein. Vashishtha Narayan passed away at the age of 74 at Patna Medical College and Hospital.

8. C-DAC to open its centre in Patna: Bihar government

The state government will pay Rs65.55 crore to the Pune-based Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) for opening its centre in Patna. It will be the 12th such centre in the country.

9. Nitish Kumar inaugurates India's first Khadi Mall in Patna

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated country's first Khadi Mall in the state capital by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. The four-storeyed mall, which is the biggest store of Khadi items in the country, is located on the eastern side of the historic Gandhi Maidan near the state government's Udyog Bhavan.

10. Nitish Kumar inaugurates 3-day Rajgir Mahotsav

Chief minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the three-day Rajgir Mahotsav at the Rajgir International Convention Centre (RICC). This is the 29th edition of Rajgir Mahotsav.

11. CM Nitish Kumar launches projects worth Rs 385 crore at Purnia's historic Tikapatti village

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar on Friday launched altogether 473 projects worth Rs 385.2 crore during a programme at Tikapatti village under Rupauli block of Purnia district. These projects would be implemented in different villages of Rupauli block in the district.

Tikapatti is a historic village where Mahatma Gandhi visited three times in 1925, 1927 and 1934.

The CM said the Tikapatti-based District Institute of Education Training (DIET) would now be named after Mahatma Gandhi. He also announced to establish a



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life-size statue of Bapu in the premises of local 'Gandhi Sadan' after beautifying its entire campus. Gandhi Sadan was built by the state government after independence in memory of Mahatma's visit to the village.

12. 'Bihar can ramp up exports to US \$ 2 bn': Exim Bank

As per Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank), Bihar was sitting on an untapped export potential worth US \$ 900 million which, if harnessed judiciously, could propel the value of merchandise exports from the state to US \$ 2 billion in the short term. In the year 2017-18, the merchandise exports from the state was valued at US \$ 1.35 billion, of which the major contribution came from petroleum products at 66%, followed by buffalo meat 6.1%, other grains 5.1%, non-basmati rice 5% and pharmaceutical formulations and organic material 3.7%.

The working paper, titled "Promoting Exports from Bihar: Insights and Policy Perspectives", outlines the requirements and also identifies the components for a multi-pronged strategy to realize the untapped potential for pushing the state on a high export growth trajectory.

13. Bihar bags gold at IITF in 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' category

The Bihar pavilion at the two-week India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi bagged the gold medal in 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' category for the second consecutive year.

On sale and display at the pavilion were various native artworks, including Sikki, terracotta and Madhubani painting. Bhagalpuri silk and handmade bamboo, coconut shell and bronze items of the Upendra Maharathi Sansthan were also on sale at the 46 stalls in the state pavilion at the fair.

IITF is an annual event, in which the states of India as well as traders from across the globe participate.



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