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NITI Aayog has released SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019.

Government think tank the NITI Aayog has released the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for the year 2019 in New Delhi. The Index comprehensively documents the progress made by India's States and Union Territories towards achieving the 2030 SDG targets. Kerala achieved the first rank in the composite SDG Index with a score of 70, followed by Himachal Pradesh at 69. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu ranked at the third position with the score of 67. While Bihar is at the bottom of Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index.

PM Narendra Modi and Nepalese PM Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the 2nd Integrated Check Post at Jogbani (Bihar, India) – Biratnagar (Nepal)

Indian Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi along with the PM of Nepal Shri Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the 2nd Integrated Check Post (ICP) Jogbani (Bihar, India) – Biratnagar (Nepal) through video conference. Jogbani – Biratnagar acts as an important trade point between the two nations and is equipped with modern facilities.

Piyush Jaiswal has been awarded the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019.

The award was given to recognize and felicitated Piyush Jaiswal's contribution towards social welfare, women empowerment and introducing new talent in the field of arts and culture. This award was presented by Rajya Sabha MP and Padma Shri Awardee Dr. CP Thakur and Bihar Women Commission president Dilmani Devi in Patna to promote women empowerment.

Two youth leaders from Bihar Kanhaiya Kumar & Prashant Kishor included in the Forbes India list of 20 people to watch in the 2020s.

Kanhaiya Kumar finds 12th position in the list while Prashant Kishor is at 16th position. Prashant Kishor is Janata Dal (United) National Vice President while Kanhaiya Kumar is former President of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union. Indian origin US-born political commentator Hasan Minhaj is on the 1st position while Kenya's Marathon runner Eliud Kipchoge in on the 20th place.

First-of-its kind turtle rehab centre comes up in Bihar

A first-of-its-kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles will be inaugurated in Bihar's Bhagalpur forest division in January 2020. The rehab centre, spread over half a hectare, will be able to shelter 500 turtles at a time



the turtles play a significant role in the river by scavenging dead organic materials and diseased fish, controlling fish population as predators and controlling aquatic plants and weeds. They are also described as indicators of healthy aquatic ecosystems.

The turtles have come under serious threat primarily for two reasons — food and the flourishing pet trade.

Former MP Kamal Bahadur Singh dies at the age of 94

Kamal Bahadur Singh, a member of the country's first Lok Sabha - constituted in 1952 - and the last maharaja of erstwhile Dumraon Raj (zamindari estate), died on Sunday in Bihar's Buxar district, family sources said. He was 94.

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