

BIHAR SPECIAL Current Affairs (December 2020)

Bollywood actor Sanjay Mishra becomes brand ambassador of Patna Municipal Corporation

- The people of Bihar to make the state capital clean and beautiful, Bollywood's famous comedy actor Sanjay Mishra has been declared the brand ambassador of Patna Municipal Corporation. Actor Sanjay Mishra who is going to convey the message, "Beauty of Patna is the Duty of Patna" among the people the state capital.

Kabartal Wetland of Begusarai included in the Ramsar list

- **Ramsar** Convention declared **Kabartal Wetland** also known as Kanwar Jheel in **Begusarai**, Bihar as a site of international importance. It covers 2,620 hectares of the Indo-Gangetic plains in the northern Bihar State.
- Kabartal has become the first in Bihar and the 39th Ramsar site in India. This lake was given the status of bird sanctuary by the Bihar government in 1987.

EC Appoints First Transgender Woman as Presiding Officer for Bihar Polls

- Monika Das, is the first-ever transgender person to be appointed as a presiding poll officer in independent India's history. Her selection is a big victory for the transgender community, which can often be underrepresented in public life.
- For the past five years, she has been working at a bank, currently employed with Canara Bank. Prior to this, Monica has also become the country's first transgender banker.

Fisheries and animal husbandry schemes inaugurated in Bihar

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, e-Gopala App & several initiatives linked to studies and research in fisheries production, dairy, animal husbandry and agriculture in Bihar through video conferencing.
- Under this scheme he said that many facilities have been inaugurated in Patna, Purnia, Sitamarhi, Madhepura, Kishanganj and Samastipur.

Kukri Bigha will be country's first nutritional village in Bihar

- Agriculture minister Prem Kumar launched the project at Kurkri bigha, which has been selected as the first model village by the Rural Development Council (RDC) in the country to grow biofortified wheat, which contains a high proportion of zinc and other micronutrients.
- This village is in UllarSorangpur Panchayat under Dulhin Bazar Block of Patna District.
- Bihar agriculture management extension training institute (Bameti), a state government institute, would provide necessary skill training to farmers for cultivation of biofortified wheat with technical support from Mahindra and Mahindra and other multinational organisation engaged in health and nutritional programmes.

The remains of a Buddhist carpet building found in Banka

- It is old buildings made of bricks up to a distance of about fifty feet has been found in the Chandan river near Bhadariya village under Amarpur block in Banka district.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced to develop the historic site located on the banks of the Chandan river in Banka district as a tourist center.

Inauguration of Koilwar Bridge built on Son River

- New Koilwar Bridge, a new 1.52 Km long, six-lane road bridge, parallel to the existing Koilwar Bridge, has been inaugurated by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on 10 December 2020.
- New Koilwar Bridge is named after Indian mathematician and Padma Shri awardee Vashishtha Narayan Singh.
- It will connect directly to other parts of the country through the Golden Quadrilateral road and Purvanchal Expressway.

Bird festival organized in Bhagalpur


- A three-day bird festival was organized by the Department of Environment and Forests in Bhagalpur, Bihar.

- The festival is being jointly organised by the state forest department, the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), a wildlife research organization promoting the cause of nature conservation across the country, and the Mandar Nature Club, a Bhagalpur-based conservation organization.

Program under SaatNischay Part-2 Scheme

- **Clean city-developed city (“SwachhShahar – ViksitShahar”)**: This includes construction of shelter and shelter for the elderly, multistorey housing for the urban poor, solid and liquid waste management, electric crematorium and moksha dham.
- **Irrigation water up to every field (HarKhetKoPaani)**: Under this, it has been promised that water will be provided for irrigation to every farm in the next five years.
- **Progress of Yuva Shakti-Bihar (Yuva Shakti- Bihar Ki pragati)**: Under this, a student credit card scheme for higher education, computer training, communication skills and behavioral skills have been promised.
- **Clean Village-Prosperous Village (SwachhGaon- SamriddhGaon)**; Under this, there is a plan to develop solar and street lights in all villages, solid and liquid waste management and development of animal and fishery resources. With this, the tap water scheme of every house will be continued further.
- **Strong Women-Capable Women (SashaktMahila-SakshamMahila)**: A special scheme will be introduced to increase entrepreneurship among women. Also, with the aim of motivating women for higher education, financial assistance of 25 thousand rupees will be given on passing the inter and 50 thousand rupees after graduation.
- **Health facilities for all**: there is a plan to improve the health facilities from village to village and to prepare basic system for better health management.
- **Sulabh Samparkta**: there are plans to connect villages to major roads, bypass roads and flyovers for the convenience of the people.

Approval for the establishment of a new AIIMS in Darbhanga



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar.
- It will be set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

Prime Minister Modi launched 7 projects in Bihar

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various 541 crore projects related to water supply and sewer of Bihar.
- Four are related to water supply, two to sewerage treatment and one to river front development. These projects are linked to the Namami Gange and Amarut Yojana of the Center.
- Projects related to Siwan, Chhapra, Munger, Jamalpur, Muzaffarpur apart from Beur and Karmali chak Sewer Treatment Plants in Patna.

Bharatvanshi Wavell Ramkalavan elected as president of Seychelles

- Bharatvanshi Wavell Ramkalavan has become the President of the Indian Ocean island of Seychelles.
- Seychelles President-elect Wavell Ramkalavan's ancestors were residents of **Nonia Toli of Parsauni village in Barauli block of Gopalganj, Bihar**. 130 years ago, Ramkalavan's ancestors had gone to the Seychelles.

Ram Vilas Paswan passed away

- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan died on 8 October 2020 at the age of 74 in New Delhi.
- He was born on 5 July 1946 in Khagaria, Bihar. he has been elected nine times to the Lok Sabha and once to the Rajya Sabha MP.

Sub Lieutenant Shivangi included in the first batch of three women Pilots

- The Indian Navy has prepared a batch of three women pilots for the first time. This batch consists of Lt Divya Sharma, Lt Shubhangi Swaroop and Lt Shivangi. These pilots will complete maritime reconnaissance missions with Dornier aircraft.
- Sub Lieutenant Shivangi has also become the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy from Bihar.

Bihar holds second position in Inspire Award Standard Scheme

- Bihar finalized second in the recently released Inspire Award Standard Scheme. While **Rajasthan** was successful in getting the first place.
- Bihar's **Vaishali** district topped in inspiring innovation.
- This Award is a unique campaign run by the country under which the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India attempts to find young scientists under this scheme.

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