

Bihar March Current Affairs

1. Bihar first state to have two green towns

- Bihar is on course to become India's first state to have two green energy-efficient cities, BodhGaya and Rajgir. From 2023, they will receive solar energy through a first-of-its-kind renewable energy initiative.
- The green energy supply will be developed by the **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**.
- Many government offices like in Patna like High Court, Museum & Vidhyut Bhawan would also be run on the green energy
- The state government will construct 500 MW solar energy plants at Bhagalpur & Lakhisarai for the implementation of the project.

2. Bihar first state in the country to implement “Ethanol Production Promotion Policy 2021”

- Bihar Cabinet has approved the state's own Ethanol policy called 'Ethanol Production Promotion Policy'. This is in line with the center's National Policy of Biofuels, 2018.
- This policy allows Bihar to directly make ethanol from Maize, Molasses, broken rice & rotten grains.
- Bihar is currently 5th highest Ethanol-producing state in India and produces around 12,000 crore litres of ethanol every year and through this policy Bihar aims to produce around **50 crore litres of Ethanol per year**.

3. Power Ministry launches GRAM UJALA in Bihar

- Minister of State for Power (independent charge) in the Union R K Singh virtually launched the 'Gram Ujala' in Arrah, Bihar. Under this programme, 1.5 crore LEDs with 3 years of warranty will be given to rural customers.
- Under this scheme, Government will offer the world's cheapest LED bulbs in rural areas at a INR 10.
- This is the first programme of carbon credits in India.

4. In Patna, India's first dolphin research centre will open soon.

In the premises of Patna University in Bihar, Asia's and India's first National Dolphin Research Center (NDRC) will open. Bihar is home to half of the world's river dolphin population.

5. Bihar new Chief Secretary

- Arun Kumar Singh (IAS- 1985 Batch) appointed as the new chief secretary of Bihar. He will replace IAS Deepak kumar.

6. Vinod Kapri's new book titled “1232 km: The Long Journey Home” is set to release



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- This book is about the journey of the migrant from Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh to Saharsa, which is around 1232 km.
- This is the actual story of the seven Bihar migrants who set out on a seven-day, seven-night journey on their bicycles.
- To mark the first Anniversary of lockdown due to COVID-19 HarperCollins India publication announced the release of the book

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