

Bihar Specific Current Affairs: May 2021 (English)

HIT (Home Isolation Tracking) Application for COVID Patients launched in Bihar.

- Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar recently launched “**HIT-COVID App**” which will be used to track COVID-19 Patients who are in home isolation across the state of Bihar.
- The mobile application has been developed by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** Under the guidance of Department of Health and Department of Information and Technology.

Important points to note about HIT Application:

- The main aim of the application is to make available better facilities and ensure timely tracking of the Home Isolated patients in the state of Bihar.
- The application will support the health care workers in taking better care of the home isolated patients.
- The basic data related to patient’s temperature and oxygen will be updated on a regular basis through visits made by health care personnel.
- This updated data will alert the health officials when a patient’s oxygen level falls below 94 and the patient will then be immediately shifted to a COVID Ward for further treatment.

About Bihar State:

- Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar
- Governor: Phagu Chauhan
- State Tree: Peepal

Former Governor of Bihar and Kerala and veteran Congress leader R L Bhatia passed away.

- Senior Congress leader and former governor of Bihar and Kerala Mr. Raghu Nandan Lal Bhatia (R L Bhatia) who was also known as the old horse of Congress Party, passed away in May 2021 after suffering from COVID-19 in Amritsar Punjab.
- Mr. Bhatia was a 6-time Member of Parliament from Amritsar, Punjab and served as Minister of External Affairs in 1992 under Narasimha Rao government.
- He was the governor of Kerala from 2004 to 2008 and governor of Bihar from 2008 to 2009.

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Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Jagannath Pahadiya who was also a former governor of Bihar passed away

- Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan and Former Governor of Bihar Jagannath Pahadiya, who was born on 5th January 1932 in Bhusawar, Rajasthan passed away due to COVID at the age of 89.
- He was a Member of Parliament for four times and was also the first dalit chief minister of Rajasthan.
- He also served as Governor of Haryana from 2009 to 2014 and Governor of Bihar State from 1989 to 1990.

Padma Shree, Aeronautical Scientist Manas Bihari Verma passed away

- Padam Shree Awardee and prominent aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma passed away at the age of 77 in darbhanga, Bihar.
- Manas Bihari Verma was born on 29th July 1943 in Darbhanga, Bihar. He went on to become an aeronautical scientist and worked at Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) for over 35 years being a close associate of former President of India, APJ Abdul Kalam.
- He played a major role in the development of India's Light Combat Aircraft- Tejas.
- He was also responsible for setting in motion the "Mobile Science Laboratory" in 2010 which was a dream project of the former President APJ Abdul Kalam.
- He received multiple honors and awards over his career like DRDO's scientist of the year award in 2001, DRDO's technology leadership awards in 2004.
- He was honored with Padma Shree award in 2018 for his outstanding contribution to the field of aeronautical engineering.

Tripurari Sharan, IAS appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar

- After the death of former Chief Secretary of Bihar Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, senior IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar State.
- His tenure will be for a brief period of two months only, according to a government notification.
- A 1985 batch IAS officer, Mr. Sharan will retire from service on June 30 this year.
- He was holding the responsibility of Chairman of Revenue Council.
- According to the notification issued by the General Administration department, Sanjeev Kumar Sinha (1986 batch) will replace Mr. Sharan in Revenue Council.

100th Electric Locomotive rolled out of Madhepura Locomotive Manufacturing plant

- A French rolling stock manufacturer, Alstom, has manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railway.
- The delivery is part of a deal worth 3.5 billion Euro signed between Indian Railways and Alstom in 2015 to manufacture and deliver 800 fully electric high powered double section locomotives of 12000 HP over a period of 11 years designed to run on Indian tracks at 120 km per hour.. The deal forms the largest Foreign Direct Investment in the railway sector.
- The Locomotives and manufactured at India's largest integrated greenfield manufacturing plant at Madhepura district, Bihar.
- After this development India has made its place in the 6 countries around the world that produce such high powered electric locomotives indigenously.

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