

## 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.

#### Related News:

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Electric Locomotive rolled out of Madhepura Locomotive Manufacturing plant

- A French rolling stock manufacturer, Alstom, has manufactured and delivered its 100<sup>th</sup> 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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