

Bihar Specific Current Affairs April 2021

Bihar to face the highest burden in Vaccination

- According to India Rating and Research (Ind-Ra) India will have to shell out Rs. 67,193 Crores to vaccinate all individuals above 18 years of age which is 0.36% of the total GDP of the country.
- India has 84.19 Crore individuals who are above the age of 18 and are eligible for vaccination under the latest rules.
- It will cost the Central government Rs 20,870 Crores of the total cost of Vaccination which is around 0.12% of the GDP while the state governments will spend Rs 46,323 Crores which is around 0.24% of the GDP.
- Among the States the highest burden of Vaccination will fall on the Bihar government which will spend 0.6% of the total Gross State Domestic Product, followed by Uttar Pradesh at 0.47% and Jharkhand at 0.37% of GSDP.

About India Rating and Research:

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) is a private firm that provides reports on India's credit markets and prospective credit opinions.

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Mewalal Chaudhry (Former Education Minister in Bihar) passed away

- Mewalal Chaudhary who was an MLA and the former Education Minister of Bihar passed away due to COVID-19. He was born on 4 Jan 1953 in Munger district of Bihar.
- He was aged 68 and undergoing treatment in Patna, Bihar.
- He was affiliated to Janta Dal (United) Party and was elected MLA from Tarapur constituency. He was removed from the post of Education Minister of the State when his name cropped up in various Corruption cases of recruitment of College teachers.

National Climate Vulnerability Assessment

- According to a report “**Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India using a Common Framework**” which is released by the Department of Science and technology, Bihar and & other Eastern States of India have fallen to the category of “**Highly Vulnerable to Climate Change**”.
- Apart from Bihar the other 7 states are: Mizoram, Odisha, Assam, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, and Arunachal Pradesh.

- **Bihar, Jharkhand, and Assam** have 60% of their district in the the category of Highly Vulnerable Districts.
- The report has been jointly prepared by Department of Science and Technology, IISc Bengaluru, Swiss agency for Development and Co-operation, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati. The report was released by the secretary of DST, Professor Ashutosh Sharma.

Bihar to be the first State in India to have 2 Green Energy Efficient Towns

- The two towns of Bihar State, **Rajgir and Bodhgaya** will get Solar Energy through first of its kind Renewable Energy Project from 2023. This will make Bihar the 1st state in the country to have 2 towns which are Green Energy Efficient.
- The Green Energy Supply through Solar Infrastructure will be developed and supplied by the Solar Energy Corporation of India.
- The state government will construct 500 MW Solar Energy plants at Lakisarai and Bhagalpur to implement the Project.
- Under the program, after the two towns of Rajgir and Bodhgaya become Green Energy efficient, government offices like Governor House, High Court of Patna etc will also run on the Green Energy to be supplied by Solar Energy Corporation of India.

About Solar Energy Corporation of India

- It is a central public sector undertaking which is under the control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- SECI was set up in 2011.
- Originally dedicated to Solar Energy sector the CPSU's mandate has been increased to cover the entire renewable energy sector.