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The renowned critic and writer Professor Dr. Manager Pandey of Gopalganj passed away.

Why is in News ?

- Dr. Manager Pandey, a renowned critic, philosopher, and significant figure in Hindi literature from the Gopalganj region of Bihar, passed away at the age of 82 on November 6, 2022, at his home in Delhi as a result of a protracted illness.

Key Points :-

- On September 23, 1941, in the Lohti village of the Panchdeori block of the Gopalganj district, Dr. Manager Pandey was born into a farming family.
- Dr. Manager Pandey, a Bhojpuri speaker and top scholar in Hindi literature, had his higher education at Kashi Hindu University, where he also studied for his MA and PhD.
- The President's Award, Dinkar Rashtriya Samman, Gokulchand Criticism Award, Shalaka Samman, and Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha's Subrahmanya Bharti Samman are just a few of the awards that Professor Dr. Manager Pandey has received for his great literary contributions.
- He has written or edited more than 30 books, all of which were in Hindi and some of which were translated into a few other Indian languages. The following are a few of Dr. Manager Pandey's most notable works :-



- Literary and Historical Perspective.
- Words and deeds.
- The role of sociology of literature.
- Bhakti movement and poetry of Surdas.
- The Sociology of Criticism.
- Past and Present of Hindi Poetry.



- Agreed Disagreement in Criticism.
 - Tradition of Resistance in Indian Society.
 - Anbhai Sancha.
 - Surdas (Vinibandh).
 - Novel and Democracy.
 - Agree-disagree in criticism.
 - Literature and Dalit Vision.
 - Words and practice.
 - Sangeet Ragakalpadrum.
 - 1857 in folk songs and songs.
 - Despite the crisis.
 - I also keep my tongue in my mouth.
 - Conversation and dialogue.
 - The ducklings and my interviews. Etc.
- In 2016, he published Mughal Badshahon ki Hindi Kavita (Hindi Poetry of Moghul Emperors), one of his final and most important works. Babar, the creator of the Mughal regime in India, who penned Persian poetry, is the subject of the editor's opening remarks in this book.
 - With the help of Sahitya Sankul, which he founded in his home village of Lohti, Dr. Manager Pandey, professor and director of the Indian Language Center at Jawaharlal Nehru University, an annual literary conference was held in honour of his birthday.
 - The works of the famous poet Tulsidas have had the most of an impact on critic Manager Pandey, who is most influenced by everyday life and has incorporated them into his creative style.
 - Tulsidas' "Sangraha-Tyag Na Binu Udhiniye," when he began writing in a critical manner. Along with modern literature, Dr. Manager Pandey has offered entirely fresh and current perspectives on the works of Bhaktikal and Ritikaal literature and has argued that the inclination for literary conflict is the essence of democracy.

At the Sub-Junior Commonwealth Championship, Ms. Kriti Raj Singh took home six gold medals.

Why is in News ?



- Kriti Raj Singh of Patna has taken home a total of six gold medals at the Sub-Junior Commonwealth Powerlifting Competition, which took place in New Zealand from November 27, 2022, to December 4, 2022.

Key Points :-

- In the 57 kg weight category, Kriti Raj has won these six gold medals. The bench press, scott, and dead lift in powerlifting each produce four gold medals, while the other events each produce two gold medals.
- Kriti previously took home three bronze medals from the national sub-junior power lifting competition, which took place in Hyderabad in July 2022.
- Kriti Raj Singh is a first-year physical education student at the Rani Lakshmi Bai Physical Education College in Guwahati. She comes from the hamlet of Bada Hasanpur in the Khusrupur block of the Patna district.
- Lalan Singh Yadav, the father of Kriti Raj Singh, is a simple farmer. Kriti Raj Singh has four sisters and three brothers.
- With assistance from IPS Pankaj Raj and one lakh rupees in cash due to her tight financial circumstances, Kriti began power lifting training under the guidance of coach Karan Kumar.
- In addition to holding a significant administrative position, it is noteworthy that Dr. Dimple Kasana, Director of the Central Research Institute (CRI) in Kasauli, has set a record by winning four gold medals in the Sub-Junior, Junior, Senior, Open, and Master categories at the age of 55.
- In the open 63 kg bench press, lift, and squat categories, Dr. Dimple Kasana took home four gold medals. In addition to this, he also took home the silver medal for coming in second place overall.



Acharya Somdev, a well-known Mithila author and experimenter from Bhojpur, passed away.



Why is in News ?

- Acharya Somdev, a pioneer of Maithili literature who had been a native of the Bihar district of Bhojpur, passed away on November 14, 2022 in the state's capital Patna after a protracted illness.

Key Points :-

- Acharya Somdev, who was born on February 24, 1934, in the Neuri Tola Dath (Jayantipur) hamlet in the Biraul block of the Darbhanga district, gave Maithili literature a fresh perspective following "Yatri-Nagarjuna."
- Prof. who wrote the poem "Pag pag Pokhar Mach Makhan" and became well-known for his literary works. The Maithili literary community refers to Gaurishankar Prasad Srivastava as Acharya Somdev.
- Acharya Somdev used experimentalism as one method of experimentation throughout the construction of his work, but he also used many other forms of experiments (Kaaldhvani poetry collection, whose famous role was written by Dr. Dharendra).
- He created a number of songs to be sung in everyday life that were based on conventional folk tunes and quickly gained popularity. He employed several types of experiments in novels in addition to Doha in poetry. He achieved fame for his book "Charpatiya."
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- As part of his experiment, Acharya Somdev, who received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2000 for his work "Sahasmukhi Chowk Par," adopted the use of pocket books in Maithili for the first time and created novels like "Hotel Anarkali" in the language. Som Padavali, Charaiveti, and Chanodai are only a few of his well-known works.



- Along with the writings of Yatri and Nagarjuna, Acharya Somdev also translated "Meghdoot" and "Namdev" into Marathi. His tale "Bhaat" is revered as a historical turning point.
- Mithila Times and Mithila Bhoomi are just two of the publications that Acharya Somdev has edited and published. During the Naxalbari uprising, he edited and published the renowned magazine "Vaidehi," as well as published "Agni Sankalp."

Launch of the Ganga Water Supply Project in Gaya and Rajgir

Why is in News ?

- The ambitious Ganga water supply scheme (Availability of Ganga Water Scheme) was introduced by the state's chief minister, Mr. Nitish Kumar, on November 27, 2022 in Rajgir of the Nalanda district and on November 28, 2022 in Bodhgaya of the Gaya district, with the goal of supplying every household with pure Ganga water.
- Water from Abagila will be supplied through a 151-kilometer pipeline from Hathidah in Mokama to Gaya-Bodh Gaya as part of the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Yojana, which was launched by Chief Minister Har Ghar Ganga Jal Abhiyaan.



Key Points :-

- The river Ganga passes almost through the middle of Bihar, but due to the uneven geographical location of Bihar, the water of Ganga is not available in South Bihar.



- Rajgir, Bodh Gaya, and Gaya towns would receive uninterrupted drinking water supply as a result of the scheme's first phase.
- The Water Resources Department is in charge of putting this plan into action. The goal of this plan is to divert extra Ganges River water during the monsoon season and give it to water-scarce communities all year long as clean drinking water.
- In order to address the state's lack of access to safe drinking water, the state government is currently attempting to bring Ganga River water to every home in Gaya, Bodh Gaya, and Rajgir through this programme.
- Purified drinking water in the amount of 1.89 crore litres of Gangajal would be provided to around 7.5 lakh homes each day as part of this programme in Nalanda, Gaya, and Bodh Gaya.
- There will be a favourable effect on the environment in the cities experiencing a water crisis thanks to the Ganga Water Supply Scheme, which will also make drinking water available throughout the year in those areas.
- In the surrounding areas of Rajgir and Gaya city, this plan will assist restore the level of ground water that has been dwindling, as well as strengthen the ecological balance.
- The task of finishing the Rs 4,000 crore Gangajal Water Treatment Plant Project has been entrusted to the Hyderabad-based Megha Company (Gangajal Supply Scheme).
- Notably, the Gangajal scheme was approved by the chief minister, Mr. Nitish Kumar, in 2019 in order to address the issue of a drinking water shortage and a declining groundwater level in South Bihar's other districts besides Gaya, Nawada, and Nalanda.
- The state government noted the gurdwara, Sheetal Kund, Makhdoom Kund, and Bramha Kund while accounting for his contributions to the growth of Rajgir.
- His human initiatives led to the development of the current Nalanda University. Among the notable projects completed under his direction are Ghora Katora, an environmentally friendly park, RICC, the enlargement and beautification of Venu Vun, Nature Safari, Zoo Safari, Pandu Pokhar, Film City, and an international stadium.



In the 37th National Junior Athletics Competition, Bihar won a total of 8 medals.

Why is in News ?

- The 37th National Junior Athletics Championships, which will take place in Guwahati, Assam from November 12 to 15, 2022, have seen a total of 8 medals won by athletes from the state.
- The athletes from Rohtas have won four medals so far in this national competition, out of the eight medals that Bihar has already earned.

Key Points :-

- Ashish Kumar of Sikandra, who competed for Bihar in the 37th National Junior Athletics Championship, took home the silver medal in the triathlon competition.
- By earning 17.42 points in a triathlon, Ashish Kumar became the first athlete from Bihar to take home a medal.
- By tossing the javelin as far as 46.57 metres and placing second in the girls under-18 javelin throw category, Nishi Kumari of Tilauthu (Rohtas) captured the silver medal for Bihar.
- In the females under 14 age group of the triathlon competition, Tanya Mishra of Bikramganj Inter Level Higher Secondary School, Rohtas, earned the silver medal.
- Piyush Raj Srivastava of Banjari (Rohtas), competing in the Under 16 age division of the Hexathlon, took home the silver medal in the boys' division.
- In the boys under 14 age division of the javelin throw competition, Pradeep Kumar of High School, Budhwal, Rohtas took home the bronze medal.
- 11 players from various districts were chosen from the Bihar team to compete in this national championship, which is noteworthy.



- With 28 gold, 16 silver, and 12 bronze medals, Haryana took first place in the overall standings at the 37th Junior National Athletics Championship.

Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

- The Athletics Federation of India, which is a member of the World Athletics, AAA, and Indian Olympic Association, is the leading organisation responsible for overseeing athletics in India.
- Up to 32 institutional and state units are affiliated with the AFI. The AFI was founded in 1946, and since then, it has organised National Championships, trained Indian Athletics National Campers, chosen Indian Athletics Teams to compete in international competitions like the Olympics, Asian Games, CWG, World Championships, Asian Championships, and other international meets, and held National Championships for various age groups.
- The AFI oversees the organisation of a number of international competitions in India, such as the World Athletics Permit Meets, World Half-Marathon Championships, Asian Championships, Asian Junior Championships, Asian Grand Prix, Asian All-Star competitions, and South Asian Championships, in addition to managing multi-sport competitions like the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, South Asian Games, etc.

For the past three years, 13 performers from Bihar have been chosen to receive the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

Why is in News ?

- Ten fellowships (fellowships) for the Academy Awards for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021 were chosen jointly by the General Council of the Sangeet Natak Akademi on November 25, 2022.
- Additionally, a total of 128 artists have been chosen for their overall contribution to or scholarship in the performing arts, including music, dance, theatre, traditional/folk/tribal music/dance/theatre, puppetry, and other forms of performance.



Key Points :-

- Three awards total have been given to all 128 of the artists named above. The most prestigious and seldom distinction is the Fellowship bestowed by the Academy. There can never be more than 40 of these at once.
- Their number in the Sangeet Natak Akademi has now increased to 39 with the selection of 10 fellowship recipients this year.
- While the Akademi Award comes with a financial prize of one lakh rupees in addition to a tamrapatra and angavastra, the Akademi Fellowship Samman awards recipients with a cash prize of three lakh rupees.
- Thirteen artists, five of whom are female, were chosen from Bihar for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, which has been given out for the past three years in the fields of music, theatre, and dance.
- Five Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards, four Amrit Awards, and four Bismillah (Youth) Awards will be presented to Bihar in the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.
- Yuva Puraskar recipients receive Rs 25,000 in cash from the General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi, National Academy of Music, Dance, and Drama, whereas recipients of Amrit Awards and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards receive Rs 1 lakh each in cash, as well as copper plates and Angvastra.



winners of the Sangeet Natak Akademi awards from Bihar and their area

SL. NO.	Winners	Their Area
1.	Suman Kumar	Theater (Actor-Director)
2.	Raghuveer Malik	Dhrupad Gayan



3.	Jitendra Kr. Chaurasiya	Folk Dancs
4.	Bharat Singh Bharti	Folk song
5.	Hrishikesh - Sulabh	Playwriter and Artist
6.	Nileshwar Mishra	Acting and Singing
7.	Kumud Jha Diwan	Thumri Singer
8.	Rubi Khatoon	Acting
9.	Sudipa Ghosh	Bharatanatyam
10.	Ranjana Jha	Folk Singer
11.	Maithili Thakur	Folk Singer
12.	Mithlesh Roy	Director
13.	Ganesh Prasad Sinha	Theater (Actor-Director)

- The fact that this Academy Award in the category of drama writing has been won for the first time in Bihar is notable.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi New Delhi will celebrate each of the aforementioned performers for their contributions to their respective genres on the occasion of the completion of 75 years of independence.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award :-

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards have been around for close to 70 years, and the enormous group of performers, gurus, and academics who have been honoured by the Akademi symbolises the pinnacle of music, dance, and drama in the country.
- Even before the Akademi was established, the Awards in Hindustani and Carnatic music were established in 1951, and they were referred to as Presidential Awards.



- The Akademi Ratna and Akademi Puraskar awards from the Sangeet Natak Akademi not only represent the highest levels of achievement on a national scale in the performing arts.
- They also honour individuals who have consistently produced work of the highest calibre and made contributions to the study, practise, and appreciation of these arts through their teaching and scholarship.

Awarded the "Swarna Shakti Award" is the Kahalgaon Power Plant

Why is in News ?

- In the course of the "Swarna Shakti Award" programme, the Kahalgaon Power Plant owned by NTPC Limited and situated in the Bihar district of Bhagalpur, received the prestigious "Swarna Shakti" award for exceptional performance in the area of Safety (O&M).

Key Points :-

- Awards for Swarna Shakti Puraskars are presented in the categories of productivity, safety, employee relations, environment improvement and protection, official language, top medical facilities, corporate social responsibility, and project management.
- The Kahalgaon Power Plant has proclaimed its overhauling work to be accident-free and has reported having no incidents in the operation of its main plant.
- Programs regarding road safety, electrical safety, fire safety, home safety, etc. were held throughout the year by the Security Department in order to raise awareness about safety among the employees and contract workers employed at this factory.
- The NTPC Power Project seeks to inspire its team members to work harder in order to surpass expectations in every area of electrification.



- On the occasion of the 48th NTPC Foundation Day Celebrations held in New Delhi, the NTPC Barh Super Thermal Power Project was awarded the following three Swarna Shakti Puraskars for the coming year 2021–2022, in recognition of its best-ever performance :-
 1. Project Management Award.
 2. Safety Category Award. And
 3. Winner Category Award in the Overall Champion Category.

There will be a "earthquake clinic" in each district in Bihar.

Why is in News ?

- Many districts of Bihar occasionally experience small earthquake tremors, and on rare occasions, stronger ones as well. As a result, the state's property sustains significant damage.
- Due to the risk of earthquakes, areas are separated based on seismic zone, with Bihar falling under seismic zone 4 that is related to earthquakes.

Key Points :-

- Experts believe that Bihar could sustain extensive damage in the event of a magnitude-5.0 earthquake due to the state's location in Seismic Zone 4.
- Along with the federal authorities, the state government is making individual efforts to minimise any harm brought on by the earthquake.
- In light of this, the state government of Bihar has made the decision to launch an endeavour by opening a "Earthquake Clinic" in each district.
- In the capitals of Bihar, Patna and Muzaffarpur, as well as Bhagalpur, "earthquake clinics" have been established on an experimental basis.
- In order to make people aware of the impending threat of earthquakes and encourage them to prepare for it, NDRF personnel hold fake earthquake drills in earthquake clinics.



- People receive instruction on crucial topics in the Earthquake Clinic, such as how homes should be constructed, how earthquake-damaged homes should be restored, and what procedures and approaches can be used to save lives in an earthquake.
- The engineer will explain how to lay the foundation for the house, as well as the depth of the pillar, the size of the rebar, and its proper use, in these clinics. The ventilation in the house will also be covered in conjunction with this.
- In addition to providing information on how to keep the homes constructed of bamboo and grass-thatch safe, people will be made aware of the brick and cement homes being built in these locations.
- Aside from this, "Earthquake Clinic" will educate the public about all the false information that has been outlawed since the country's implementation of the Consumer Protection Act 2019 (also known as the "Act"). For instance, numerous businesses have begun offering online sales of devices known as seismic alarm systems.
- These businesses assert that when an earthquake strikes, these alarms will sound, allowing those who are asleep to wake up and flee.

Sitamarhi will soon be home to the tallest (251 foot) Mother Sita statue in the world.

Why is in News ?

- A 251-foot tall statue of Mother Sita will be erected in Sitamarhi, the birthplace of Bihar, under the supervision of the Ramayana Research Council.
- For this project, the Ramayana Research Council has purchased a total of 24.39 acres of land.

Key Points :-



- The goal of this project is to increase Sitamarhi's visibility throughout the nation and the entire world. It is the sacred home of Mata Sita.
- At Raghapur Bakhri in Dumra of the Sitamarhi district, the largest statue in the world will be erected (251 feet tall).
- The Sitamarhi Registration Office has submitted a plea to the Bihar government, asking it to waive the registration cost for the area around this particular site.
- If the state government approves this request, it will be sent to the finance department so that financial subsidies from the government can be obtained.
- With the aid of 108 statues, the 400 crore-plus plan will also feature a 251-meter-tall statue that would serve as an exhibit for all of Mother Sita's significant life tales, from her early years to Swayamvar.
- This lovely location will be connected to Bihar by boat, and other tourism amenities will also be made available here, all with the intention of promoting tourism.



At the 41st India International Trade Fair, the Bihar Pavilion got a Silver Medal.

Why is in News ?

- The 41st iteration of the India International Trade Fair (also known as the Indian International Trade Fair) ended on November 27, 2022.
- This year, Bihar earned the Silver Medal, Kerala the Gold, Madhya Pradesh the Bronze, and Odisha the Special Appreciation (Special Consolation) Award. These awards were given to all the states and union territories.

Key Points :-



- The Central Government's guiding principle, Vocal for Local, Local to Global, served as the foundation for this 41st edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF).
- This year, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Bihar all took home gold medals in the area of partner status, while Kerala and Uttar Pradesh triumphed in the category of focal status.
- This IITF edition for the year 2022 had the participation of almost 2500 exhibitors from India and internationally.
- The trade exhibition, which was held across a total area of 73,000 square metres, this year recognised Uttar Pradesh and Kerala as focus states and Bihar, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra as partner states. The fact that Leh Ladakh attended the trade show for the first time this year is also notable.
- It is noteworthy that the Income Tax Department and the Central Board of Direct Taxes have received the Gold Medal among the Departments, Ministries, and PSUs, the Coir Board has received the Silver Medal, the Railways have received the Bronze Medal, and the Ministry of AYUSH has received the Special Appreciation Award.
- Afghanistan won the gold medal among the competing nations, Thailand took the silver, Turkey took the bronze, and Bahrain received the special appreciation (special consolation) award.
- It's important to note that on November 27, 2021, at the 40th India International Trade Fair, six categories of awards were given to pavilions and performers who attracted more visitors by giving better performances. Of the 24 state pavilions present at this, the Bihar state pavilion won the gold award.



Shubham Kumar of Kaimur defeated Aman Kumar of Bhojpur to claim the title of "Bihar Kesari."

Why is in News ?



- At the Sonpur fair of the renowned Harihar region, Shubham Kumar of Kaimur won the title of "Bihar Kesari" by defeating Aman Kumar of Bhojpur in the wrestling tournament.

Key Points :-

- Nitish Kumar of Nawada was given the honorific title of "Bihar Kumar," whereas Suman Kumar Yadav of West Champaran was referred to as "Bihar Kishore."
- An award of Rs 14,000 in cash, a citation, and a Hanuman Gada were given to Shubham Kumar, who won this wrestling match and earned the nickname "Bihar Kesari."
- Aman Kumar, a wrestler from Bhojpur who is a member of the army, was named the runner-up and received the Harihar Kshetra Sonpur Mela Cup as well as a monetary prize of Rs 9,000.
- By defeating Shailesh Kumar of the same location, Suman Kumar Yadav of West Champaran took home the title of "Bihar Kishore." A prize of a cup and money in the amount of Rs. 14,000 were given to him. Shailesh Kumar, who finished in second place, was given a cup and 9,000 rupees in cash.
- By defeating Sachin Kumar of Kaimur, Nitish of Nawada was awarded the title of "Bihar Kumar," along with a cup and Rs 14,000 in cash, while Sachin Kumar, who came in second, received Rs 9,000 in cash.
- The largest animal fair in the world is held in the renowned Harihar region and is called Sonpur fair. It is not just a cultural and historical legacy of Bihar, but also of the entire nation.
- At the meeting of the revered Ganga and Gandak rivers is this location. The historical record indicates that this location has seen action in the Gaj-Grah war.
- Kartik Snan has a mythological and spiritual importance in this context. The fair at the well-known Harihar Kshetra is regarded as the location of Gaj and Grah's salvation and the meeting point of Lord Vishnu and Mahadev.



The state government will give an easy loan of 5 lakhs to the minorities for small scale industries.

Why is in News ?

- The state's minority community will soon have access to a simple credit programme of up to five lakh rupees, according to Mr. Nitish Kumar, the chief minister of Bihar, who recently announced this in an effort to spur on their innovation and self-employment.
- The beneficiaries of this programme include all minority class residents of the state who are at least 18 years old, cannot be older than 50, and whose family's yearly income is no more than Rs 4 lakh.

Key Points :-

- The ongoing Chief Minister Minority Employment Loan Scheme in Bihar seeks to encourage minority residents of Bihar to pursue self-employment while also providing them with financial support.
- This programme is implemented and kept up to date by the Bihar State Minorities Finance Corporation in Patna. Prior to the year 2017, this scheme's budget was just 25 crore rupees per year. Currently, it has a budget of 100 crore rupees per year.
- Under this scheme, a cash loan of up to Rs 5 lakh is made available by the state government to the interested youth as per the rules of the state government.
- In 20 quarterly instalments over the period of employment, the sanctioned loan must be paid back to the State Government. Only 5 percent of the loan's total interest will be due at the lowest rate.
- If the entire loan amount is repaid by the borrower within the stipulated time, then a rebate of 0.5 percent will also be given to the borrower beneficiary on the remaining interest.



- Women, girls, individuals with disabilities, women who have been abandoned, and widows will be given preference in order to benefit from the programme. Men who qualify for this programme can, however, also profit from it.
- Direct Benefit Transfer/Direct Benefit Transfer will be used to directly transfer the amount of the facility loan provided under the Chief Minister Minority Employment Loan Scheme to the beneficiary's bank account (DBT).
- It is worth noting that the Chief Minister Minority Employment Loan Scheme was started in the year 2012 by the Government of Bihar. Under this, citizens of the following communities (minorities) can get benefits:
 - Muslim.
 - Jain.
 - Parsiya.
 - Buddhist.
 - Sikh.
 - Christian

Braj Kishore Dubey, a folk artist and musician from Bhojpur, died.

Why is in News ?

- Folk musician and performer from Bhojpur Braj Kishore Dubey, a 68-year-old recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and a Bhojpuri singer and folk artist, passed away on November 13, 2022, at the home of a friend in his own flat, in a mysterious manner.

Key Points :-

- Born on January 24, 1954, in Mangarwalia, Rohtas, Braj Kishore Dubey grew up in the Rohtas district of Bihar.
- In addition to working at All India Radio in Patna, he had retired from his position as Assistant Director at the Bhojpuri Academy. On the



Chaupal radio programme, which was broadcast on All India Radio, he was better known as Bujhavan Bhai.

- Both a musician and a songwriter. In recognition of his contributions to folk music, he was also given the Padma Shri in 2017 by the administration of then-President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- He was also given the award of Senior Folk Singer in the year 2013 by the Government of Bihar.
- In addition to Shatrughan Sinha, several other Bhojpuri performers have had songs written by Braj Kishore Dubey. He was the last lyricist to pen lyrics in Shailendra's fashion.
- A Patna flat on Digha-Polson Road was where Brajkishore Dubey and his family resided. His wife Ram Kumari Devi, two boys, and a daughter are currently left to carry on his legacy.
- Following are some of the main songs of Brajkishore Dubey :-
 - Kahe le aila dolia kahar balamu, abhi bari umiriya hamar balamu.
 - Tohri Duariya Maiya Aini Bhikhiiniya Ho.
 - O Sakhi, listen to the immense glory of Baba Harihar Nath.
 - Beri-beri paiyaan parin curry hathjoriya yeh piyu. Etcetera.

Pramod Bhagat, a badminton player, earned a gold medal in the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Why is in News ?

- Pramod Bhagat, the current world champion from India, defeated Nitesh Kumar in the men's singles SL3 category finals with scores of 21-19, 21-19 on November 6, 2022, to win the gold medal once more at the BWF Para Badminton World Championship.

Key Points :-



- Pramod Bhagat, 34, a native of Bihar who was born on June 4, 1989, became the first shuttler from India to win a gold medal in a 53-minute badminton match at the Paralympics.
- However, in this Paralympic badminton competition in Tokyo (the capital of Japan), the doubles team of Pramod Bhagat and Manoj Sarkar could only take home a silver medal in the men's SL3-SL4 division.
- During the 2006 Asian Parabadminton Games, Pramod Bhagat also took home the gold medal.
- At the 2018 Para Asian Games, he took home two medals: a silver and a bronze. Pramod has so far collected 45 international medals in total.
- Pramod has also been honored with the Arjuna Award in the year 2019 by the then President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- Six gold, two silver, and three bronze medals have been added to make a total of 11 medals in Pramod Bhagat's World Championships thus far. With the exception of the 2007 and 2017 World Championships, he has advanced to the finals of every competition.
- Living in Attabira village in the Bargarh district of Odisha at the moment is gold medallist Pramod Bhagat's complete family. After being diagnosed with polio in his leg at the tender age of five, Pramod's father travelled to Odisha for medical attention and thereafter settled here.
- The late Kailash Bhagat and the late Kushuna Bhagat are the parents of Pramod Bhagat. The eldest of his brothers, Pramod Bhagat also has three older sisters. There are a total of 6 siblings for Bhagat. Amod and Shekhar Bhagat are the names of Bhagat's two brothers.
- It is important to note that Para Badminton will be included in the Paralympic Games for the first time in 2021, and Pramod Bhagat will be the first Indian to win a gold medal in the sport.



Many teachers of Bihar will be recognised at the national Saraswati Samman ceremony in Bodh Gaya in 2022.



Why is in News ?

- A one-day national educational co-honor ceremony was held at Bodh Gaya, the sacred place of knowledge and salvation, on November 6, 2022 in the state's Gaya district. It was arranged by the Bal Rakshak Pratishthan, Maharashtra.
- Saraswati Samman - 2022 awards were presented during this occasion to 100 teachers working in the area of education who have demonstrated excellence and innovation. The teachers were chosen from various states throughout the nation.

Key Points :-

- The National Saraswati Samman - 2022 has been given to Priyanka Kumari, a teacher from Sitamarhi, in recognition of her creative work in the field of education for children.
- Additionally, Santosh Kumar, who serves as a block teacher at the Durgavati Block of the Government Basic School in Kalyanpur, was presented with the National Saraswati Samman for 2022.
- Three educators from the Araria district—Professor Rajesh Kumar, an art professor at Forbesganj College; Ashish Kumar, a teacher at a primary school in Dhobi Tola Rajandipur Sabour; and Pooja Kumari, a middle school teacher in Jitwarpur—were awarded the Mata Savitri Bai Phule Samman and the National Saraswati Samman for 2022.
- Additionally awarded with the National Saraswati Samman for 2022 was Dr. Manish Kumar Shashi, a Plus 2 instructor in the Dumraon City subdivision.
- All one hundred instructors were jointly recognised by IIT Patna Director Professor TN Singh, SCERT Patna President Abha Rani, HOD Central University Patna Professor Kaushal Kishore, and Proctor of Central University Gaya Professor Rekha Agarwal at this session of felicitation.



- It is important to note that the Maharashtra-based Bal Rakshak Pratishthan is a nonprofit that supports youngsters who are not enrolled in school. In this sense, this organisation organises a variety of webinars at the national level to perform various student-teacher encouragement activities.
- The National Saraswati Samman, Mata Savitri Bai Phule Samman, and Karmaveer Award are presented by the Bal Rakshak Pratishthan in Maharashtra to deserving teachers from all around the nation.

The Muzaffarpur district's astronomical observatory is listed among the endangered observatories on UNESCO's world heritage list.

Why is in News?

- The 106-year-old Planetarium Astronomical Observatory at Langat Singh College in the Bihar district of Muzaffarpur has been listed by UNESCO as one of the world's most important and endangered observatories.

Key Points:-

- Up until the early 1970s, the Muzaffarpur observatory and planetarium operated successfully, but as a result of government negligence, the observatory started to deteriorate routinely after then.
- This observatory is currently in total disrepair. The officials are hoping to receive funding from the state government for its rehabilitation now that it has been added to the list of UNESCO's endangered historic observatories.
- The year 1899 saw the founding of Langat Singh College. The observatory in question is the first of its kind in eastern India. This astronomy observatory located in Muzaffarpur was built in the year 1916, which provides extensive astronomical education to the pupils.



- Initiating the construction of an astronomical observatory at Langat Singh College was a first-time initiative by Professor Romesh Chandra Sen. He consulted astronomer Jay Mitchell in the year 1914 for advice.
- In this case, telescopes, chronographs, astronomical clocks, and other devices were imported from England in 1915. Finally, the astronomical observatory was established here in the year 1916. A planetarium was also built in this Muzaffarpur institution in 1946.

UNESCO

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded on November 16, 1945. Its headquarters are in Paris (France), and Audrey Azoulay is the organization's current director.
- The UNESCO World Heritage Convention recognizes places with significant cultural and natural heritage around the globe. The first iteration of this conference took place in 1972.
- India currently holds the sixth-highest number of World Heritage Sites with a total of 40 sites, making it the world's most diverse nation. In addition to that, there are 7 natural sites, 32 cultural sites, and 1 mixed site.
 - A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Jantar Mantar in Jaipur is also a part of it. The largest stone solarium in the world may be found inside Jantar Mantar, a collection of 19 astronomical instruments that Raja Sawai Jai Singh II erected.

Country's first animal science university build in Bihar.

Why in news?



- The Chief Minister has decided to build a veterinary hospital for every 8 to 10 panchayats in the state under the Saat Nischay Yojana-2 so that the animals do not face any health-related problems.
- Arrangements are also being made for medical facilities, vaccination, artificial insemination, deworming, door step delivery etc. for animals.
- The aim of the government is that in the true sense, attention can be paid to the better health of the common people as well as the animals.



Important Points:-

- The country's largest animal hospital will be built at the cost of 889 crores on the campus of the country's first animal science university to be developed internationally in Patna.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone of the building of the country's first animal science university in the Bihar Animal Science University campus.
- Due to the agriculture roadmap, the production of rice, wheat, maize and milk has increased in the state, the production of egg has increased almost two and a half times, the production of meat has more than doubled.
- The target of fish production was eight lakh metric tonnes, out of which seven lakh 61 thousand metric tonnes of fish are being produced, there is little fish from outside in Bihar.
- At present, fish is also being sent out of Bihar, production of vegetables has also increased, due to prohibition of alcohol consumption of vegetables is increasing in the state and people are eating better food.
- Earlier there was no animal university anywhere in the country, Bihar Animal Science University has been created in the state in the name of animals. The Rajendra Agricultural University of Pusa was made a central university.



- Agricultural University was started in the year 2010 at Sabour, Bhagalpur. Apart from this, an agricultural college was built in Kishanganj in the name of Dr. Saheb, in which Fisheries College and Veterinary College have also been built. All this is under Bihar Animal Science University.
- Three main buildings will be constructed on 224.53 acres. The target has been set to complete its construction work by May 5, 2025. 255 CCTV cameras will be installed throughout the campus. In addition, a 1000 kW solar power plant will also be installed. Apart from this, a boys hostel of 700 capacity and a hostel for girl students of 350 capacity will be built. Along with this, indoor and outdoor stadiums will also be built.
- Earlier, a large number of students used to go outside the state to study agriculture. Now the attachment toward agriculture has increased among the youth of the state.
- The government is providing assistance of Rs 2,000 per month to interested boys and girls in the state and Rs 6,000 annually for book-copying expenses.

Rajkumari Devi become "Kisan Chachi"

Why in news?

- The serial 'Kasturi' (biography of Kisan Chachi Rajkumari Devi) based on the life of Rajkumari Devi, popularly known as Kisan Chachi, will be aired on Doordarshan from June 6.



Key Points:-

- A common woman from the village first became a cycle aunt, then became a farmer's aunt and traveled to Padma Shri.
- Rajkumari Devi, a resident of Saraiya in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, whom people know today as Kisan Chachi, had a dream of becoming a teacher, but from the year 1990, she started farming with her husband to



improve the condition of the house and increased the production manifold by farming through organic methods, due to which she became famous among the nearby farmers.

- Rajkumari Devi was born in the house of a teacher. At that time, they used to get married soon, therefore, after passing matriculation, in 1974, she was married to Awadhesh Kumar Chaudhary in a farmer's family. After marriage she started living with her family in Anandpur village of Muzaffarpur district, Kisan chachi had to face a lot of family and social hurdles too.
- In the era when women did not leave the house in the villages, in that era, the Kisan Chachi used to sell her pickles from village to village with a bicycle.
- For the first time in the year 2003, the Kisan Chachi was rewarded by Lalu Prasad Yadav during the Krishi Mela. Then in the year 2007, Kisan Shree Samman was given to Kisan Chachi by the Government of Bihar. From here Rajkumari Devi became famous as Kisan Chachi.
- Kisan Chachi started tasting pickles to people through her shop in Kisan Festivals in many states of the country, due to which her success story has become famous all over the country.
- In 2019, Kisan Chachi was honored with the Padma Shri award by President Ram Nath Kovind. Kisan Chachi continues to be a source of inspiration for other women.
- Although the Kisan chachi wanted to set up a pickle factory, more money is needed for the factory, so she has applied under the entrepreneur scheme. With this, other people will also get employment opportunities and pickles will be produced in the country and abroad.

