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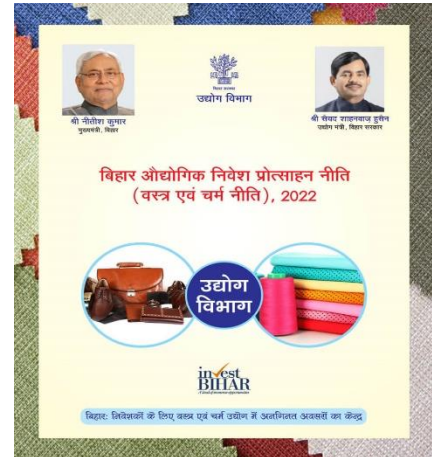
1. Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy (Textiles & Leather), 2022

Why in News?

- The state cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on May 26, 2022, approved the proposal to implement the Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy (Textiles and Leather), 2022.

Important point of the policy:-

- A total of 18 proposals including Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy were approved in the state cabinet meeting.
- According to the present Industries Minister of the state Shahnawaz Hussain, with the help of this policy, Bihar can be established as a comprehensive hub in the field of textile and leather industry.
- The state government will provide a capital grant of up to Rs 10 crore to the entrepreneurs and investors willing to invest in the textile and leather industry (manufacture of textile and leather goods) in the state. Along with this, they will also be given the benefit of power tariff of Rs 2 per unit.
- Since the textile or leather industry is a labor force-intensive industry, the state government will also provide wage support ranging from 3 thousand to 5 thousand rupees per month to the labor laborers working in these industries.
- Apart from this, in Bihar Textile and Leather Policy 2022, provision has also been made for freight subsidy up to Rs.10 lakh per year and patent subsidy at the rate of Rs.10 lakh per patent to accelerate the industrialization of the state.
- Under this policy, in addition to all the benefits under the erstwhile Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2016, appropriate provision has also been made for other benefits including electricity duty, employment grant, capital grant, freight subsidy, and patent subsidy to the industrial units referred to.



- Interest subsidy of up to 10 percent on loans to entrepreneurs and investors willing to invest, 100 percent rebate on SGST, skill development grant of 20 thousand rupees per employee per year to all eligible units, 100 percent rebate on stamp duty, registration, there are also many provisions like 100% rebate on land conversion which will encourage the establishment of industrial units in Bihar.
- This will help in attracting domestic and foreign investment along with creating new opportunities for social development and employment.

2. Bihar cabinet approves Kosi-Mechi state link project

Why in news?

- To start the project, on May 25, 2022, formal approval has been received from the concerned departments of the Central and Bihar Government in all respects including the environment.
- This is the first river-linking project of Bihar and the second largest in the country, on which recently the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti has also given its approval.
- The ministry has also approved its investment proposal and considered all the components of the scheme as suitable.
- It is believed that after the completion of the work of providing water to every field, the next Green Revolution will be in Bihar after Punjab and Haryana.



Important points of the project:-

- The budgetary provision for this project (Central share – 60% and State share – 40%) has been approved by the Central Government by including this project in the national project.



- Kosi-Mechi is an inter-state linking project, which aims to get rid of these problems by providing irrigation benefits to the state during the monsoon period in northern Bihar, as the people here face annual floods and waterlogging.
- In the context of this project, administrative expenditure of about Rs. 2 crores 78 lakh has also been approved for the formation, survey, and investigation work of DPR.
- The DPR of the Western Kosi Canal Project was made in 1962 and work had started on it in the year 1972, but that work could not be completed till now. It has been more than 49 years since this unfinished work.

Benefit of the Project : -

- With the completion of this project, four districts of Kosi and Seemanchal region, namely Purnia, Katihar, Kishanganj and Araria will benefit from irrigation facility of about 2 lakh 15 thousand hectare area, as well as they will get relief from the annual floods.
- Now it is the effort of the state government that the center should declare it as a national scheme. If this happens, the Center will bear 90 percent of the cost of this project with an expenditure of Rs 4900 crore. And the state government will have to bear only 10 percent of the expenditure.
- The scheme of irrigation up to two lakh hectares is a national plan and this scheme fulfills that condition. On this basis, the Center has declared Ken-Betwa river linking scheme as a national plan.
- The Kosi Mechi Main Link Canal starting from the East Kosi Main Canal in Araria district, covering a distance of 76.20 km, will join the Mechi River in the Mahananda Basin at Kishanganj.
- Araria and Purnia districts will get maximum benefit. 59 thousand 642 and 59 thousand 970 hectares of land will be irrigated in these two districts respectively. Apart from this, 39 thousand 548 hectares of land will be irrigated in Kishanganj district and 35 thousand 635 hectares in Katihar district.



- The Water Resources Department of the government has been made the nodal ministry for the Chief Minister's ambitious plan to reach water to every farm. Guardian teams are engaged in its work in 534 blocks of the state.
- It is mandatory for all the departments referred to this project to prepare a complete report within a hundred days.

3. 200 MW solar power generation project to be set up in Banka-Jamui

Why in news?

- On 26 May 2022, Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited, North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited signed an agreement with Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) for the production of 200 MW of solar power.
- Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN), a Government of India undertaking, will start a 200 MW solar power generation project in two districts of the state of Bihar, Banka and Jamui.



Important points:-

- At present, 130 MW solar projects are already operating within the state, from which 23 crore units of solar energy are being received per year.
- As soon as these projects are completed, the solar power generation capacity inside Bihar will increase to a total of 830 MW.
- Bihar will get about 42 crore units of additional solar energy per year from these projects.
- According to the agreement, electricity generation will start through solar power from December 2023.
- Under this project, SJVN is setting up a total solar power project of 200 MW including 75 MW in Banka and 125 MW in Jamui.



- An agreement has been signed for 200 MW solar power generation from SJVN, the agreement will be signed soon for the remaining 50 MW generation.
- Apart from this, with the help of Bihar State Power Generation Company, 250 MW solar power project will be set up at Kajra in Lakhisarai district and 200 MW capacity at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district. This will also include additional provisions for a battery storage system.
- At present, a detailed survey of the 1000 MW capacity pump storage solar power project in the Kaimur district is being done on a priority basis.

4. Geetanjali Shree

Why in news?

- Geetanjali Shree is the first Hindi writer to who has received the International Booker Prize.
- This is the first Hindi language novel to have been given this honor. The award was given for 'Tomb of Sand', the English translation of his novel 'Rat Samadhi'. It has been translated by renowned translator Daisy Rockwall.



Important points:-

- Indian writer Gitanjali Shree has been honored with the International Booker Prize for the year 2022.
- 'Tomb of Sand' or 'Ret Samadhi' is the first Hindi novel to win 50 thousand pounds as a prize.
- This novel by Geetanjali Shree is set in the backdrop of the Partition of India, which depicts the story of an elderly woman after the death of her husband.



- Other novels written by Geetanjali Shree - 'Maai' (her first novel) and then 'Hamara Shahar Us Baras' were published in the 1990s. Then 'Tirohit' appeared and then came 'Khaali Jagah'.
- Translation of 'Ret Samadhi' titled 'Tomb of Sand' is published by 'Tilted Axis'.
- This achievement of Hindi literature is being related to the achievement of Rabindranath Tagore's Gitanjali in the year 1913 and it is being said that after a long gap of 110 years, another Gitanjali has become the pride of the country.

Who is Gitanjali Shree?

- Gitanjali Shree, a girl from eastern Uttar Pradesh, is belongs to Banaras and Ghazipur.
- Gitanjali Shri's mother's native village is Jamui (Banaras) and father's native village is Godur (Ghazipur).
- Shri's father Anirudh Pandey was an officer of the Indian Administrative Service and Geetanjali was born on 12 June 1957 during his posting in Mainpuri.
- Since the father was an IAS, he was posted in small and big cities of Uttar Pradesh and in these cities Shri grew up and took his elementary education.
- He later graduated from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi and did his MA in History from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

5. Kharif Campaign 2022

Why in news?

- The Bihar government is encouraging farmers to do seasonal farming.
- In this context, for the first time, 21 chariots have been dispatched by the state government, connecting micro-irrigation with this campaign.



Important Points:-



- Kharif Maha Abhiyan is a training-cum-component distribution program run by the Bihar government for the farmers of the state.
- Under this, the farmers will be given technical information regarding crops and will also be made aware of crop residue management.
- Along with providing information about climate-friendly agriculture programs, this campaign will also encourage organic farming.
- The government of the state is giving a grant of up to 90% in this for the help of farmers, apart from this, the government is also trying to make farmers aware of seeds and horticulture through chariots.

Target of Kharif Campaign:-

- Through this campaign, the farmers of the state are given technical information about Kharif crops, awareness about crop residue management, information related to weather-friendly agriculture programs, promotion of organic farming, and schemes run by the Agriculture Department in the Kharif season, among other things. Including publicity of information, a distribution program between special pulses and oilseeds.
- The government is working on this campaign with the goal of providing irrigation to every farm under the Saat Nischay Part II, with the most emphasis being on drip irrigation. Efforts are being made to increase the productivity of the farmers as much as possible and their income level is highest.
- Improved seeds, horticulture and climate change are three components in the goal of this campaign, this Kisan Rath will spread propaganda on these three elements and farmers will be given detailed information about how modern farming should be done.



6. Amit Kumar

Why in news?

- Amit Kumar took over as Director of Information and Public Relations Department on 13 May 2022.

Important points:-

- Mr. Kumar is a 2012 batch Indian Administrative Service officer.
- In place of Kamal Tanuj, Director, Information and Public Relations Department, the State Government appointed Amit Kumar, the then Madhubani District Magistrate, as the Director of Information and Public Relations Department.



7. Lakshman Ganga (Luckendei) River

Why in news?

- Recently, the Chief Minister of the state inspected the plan to revive the old stream of Lakhandei river located in Khap village of Khaf Khopraha Panchayat of Sonbarsa block of Sitamarhi.
- Detailed information was taken about the flow of Lakhandei river and link channel construction work and DM was instructed that the new link channel should be made operational at the earliest.
- The dead rivers are being revived by the Water Resources Department to develop the irrigated area in Bihar.
- Due to the siltation in the old stream of the Lakhandei river, it was almost dead.



Important Points:-

- This river originates from the Himalayas and merges with the Bagmati river at Katra in Muzaffarpur, passing through the city of Sitamarhi.



- On February 15, 2018, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar started the work of lifting this river from Dularpur Ghat under the Sonbarsa block.
- At present, the part of this river that flows through Sitamarhi city is the old and dead edge of the river.
- After completion of the scheme, farmers of five blocks (Dumra, Bathnaha, Sonbarsa, Riga, and Runni-Saidpur) including Sitamarhi town will now get sufficient water for cultivation and a total of 2539.86 hectares of land will become cultivable.
- The Lakhandei river was known for its floods. The river is of great religious importance (Lakshmana Ganga or Lakhandei River, the friend of Mother Sita) and is a boon for farming in a large area.
- Construction work of three kilometer new link channel to connect the new stream of Lakhandei river with the old one and 18.27 kilometer off-lift of the old stream has been completed.
- It originates from Chhoti Bhasar of Sonvarsha block on Indo-Nepal border and passes through Dularpur of Sonvarsha block, Pitambarpur (meeting point of Soram river), Sitamarhi and Runni-Saidpur block of Sonvarsha block, Mohanpur in Aurai block of Muzaffarpur district (74.73 km beside Bagmati left embankment) joins the Bagmati River. The total length of the Old Lakhandei River in India is 170 km.

8. Belva Dam Project

Why in news?

- The Chief Minister inspected the under-construction Belwa Dam project in the Sheohar district and held detailed discussions with the senior officials of the Bagmati work division in this regard.
- Belwa Dam is an under-construction dam on the Bagmati river located at Belwa in the Piprahi block of Sheohar district.
- With the help of this project, there is a plan to bring the water of the Bagmati river, which caused the devastation of the flood, to the fields by making a dam.



Important Points:

- The purpose of the construction work of the Belwa Dam project is to make the old stream of the Bagmati river alive by making a maximum flow of 50,000 cusecs of water from the head regulator at the time of flood with the help of the head regulator and embankment.
- After the completion of this construction work, the 4.39 lakh hectare area of Sheohar, Sitamarhi, and East Champaran districts will get relief from floods. 130 revenue villages of the district come under its ambit.
- With the help of this dam, the local people will benefit from activities like irrigation, and fisheries and will be able to strengthen their economic condition.
- The project was approved by the state government in May 2016 and 27 acres of land were also acquired under the lease policy. For this HCL company got the responsibility of work and work started on 31st August 2019.
- The Belwa Dam project was to be completed in the year 2019 itself, for which the total cost of the project is Rs 7993.10 lakh.

9. Suresh Kumar Mishra**Why in news?**

- Suresh Kumar Mishra, senior Congress leader cum former MLA of Sugauli Vidhan Sabha, passed away suddenly on 01 May 2022 due to cardiac arrest.
- Suresh Kumar Mishra, who was active in Congress since student life, was 74 years old.
- Shri Mishra, who started his political journey from NSUI, remained a member of Congress throughout his life.

**Important Points:-**

- Suresh Mishra, a former MLA, who was an active member of the Krishak Sangh formed against the communist movement in East Champaran, was born on 5 January 1948 as the eldest son of late Harihar Mishra.
- He was a resident of Dhekahan of the Motihari Sadar Block area.



- Suresh Mishra completed his matriculation from Gopal Sah High School in Motihari city and there he also became the Proctor of his school hostel and took his graduation and LLB degree from the famous Munshi Singh College of Champaran.
- For the first time in the year 1976 in Munshi Singh College, the student organization of Bihar University became the president by winning the election of the Bihar Student Union. Then he became the first president of the Bihar Student Union. After that, in the year 1978, he also became a member of the Senate of Bihar University.
- Suresh Mishra became the District President of Youth Congress in the year 1978 after student politics. For the first time in the year 1980, he contested from the Sugauli assembly constituency on a Congress ticket and lost. Again in the year 1985, again contested from Sugauli on a Congress ticket and became MLA after winning. He was the MLA here from 1985 to 1990. Became General Secretary of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee in the year 2005 and remained till the year 2012. In the 2018 elections, Nangloi became an observer of the Delhi Legislative Assembly.
- Late in his life, Mishra was the President of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee Disciplinary Committee from the year 2018 to January 2022.

10. ISKCON Temple

Why in news?

- Governor Shri Fagu Chouhan and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated the famous ISKCON temple located on Buddha Marg in Patna on 03 May 2022.

Important Points:-

- The foundation stone of this temple dedicated to Radha Krishna was laid in the year 2007 and the construction work started in the year 2010 which is now ready in the year 2022.



- This is the biggest and popular famous, attractive temple of Bihar. In which after the consecration of Radha Krishna statue, it was opened for the public to see.
- The height of this temple is 108 feet and at a cost of 100 crores, this temple has been completed in Nag style in 10 years. This temple is built on 84 pillars using ancient techniques. Different forms of Lord are also shown in the temple.
- The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) temple is built by the Hare Rama Hare Krishna sect for the purpose of spreading the message of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.

Naga Style:-

- The historian of Buddhist art, Lama Taranatha, has described three styles of Buddhist painting - Deva style, Yaksha style and Naga style.
- The naga style was in the time of Acharya Nagarjuna. The main center of this style was Bengal. The main painters of this center were Dhiman and his son Vittapala. Its time period was during the time of famous Acharya Nagarjuna in the third century.
- The Deva style was the Madhyadeshi style, the founder of which was Acharya Vimbasara. Magadha was the main center of this style.
- The Yaksha style was prevalent during the time of Emperor Ashoka, whose main center was Rajputana. The main painter of this center was Acharya Shringidhar.

11. Hitik Anand and Mr. Abhishek Kumar

Why in news?

- Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar felicitated International Badminton Player (Deaf and Dumb) Gold Medalist Shri Hritik Anand and International Rifle Shooting Player (Deaf & Dumb) Shri Abhishek Kumar who represented the country.



Important Points:-

- Mr. Hitik Anand was honored with a check of Rs.15 lakh and a corset for winning the gold medal in the badminton competition of the 24th Summer Deaflympics held in Brazil from May 1 to May 15, 2022.
- Shri Abhishek Kumar was honored with a check of Rs 2 lakh and a corset for representing the country in the 50m three position and prone event in the rifle shooting competition of the 24th Summer Deaflympics held in Brazil.
- It is to be known that international badminton player (deaf and dumb) Mr. Hitik Anand is the son of Mr. Uday Kumar and Mrs. Anjali Singh, who are residents of Hajipur, Vaishali.
- International Rifle Shooting Player (Deaf & Dumb) Mr. Abhishek Kumar is the son of Mr. Gajendra Giri and Mrs. Mamta Devi who hails from Barh, Patna.

Other Achievement of Hitik Anand :-

- In the 24th Summer Deaflympics badminton competition, before Mr. Hitik Anand won the gold medal in the team event, he had won the silver medal in the mixed double and boys double event at the Youth Deaf and Deaf Badminton World Championships.
- At the national level, 6th Deaf Junior and Sub Junior Championships in January, 2019 won gold medal in singles event and bronze medal in Mix double and 7th Deaf Junior and Sub Junior Championships December, 2019 in singles event and mixed double gold medal.

Other Achievement of Mr. Abhishek Kumar :-

- Before representing the country in 50m three position and prone competition in the rifle shooting competition of the 24th Summer Deaflympics held in Brazil from 1st May to 15th May 2022, Mr. Kumar won 10m rifle shooting at the GV Mavalankar Shooting Championship 2013 at the national level. Won a gold medal in the competition.



11. Kakolat Water Falls

Why in news?

- The plan of beautification here was made in the year 2009. But due to forest land, it took six years for its diagnosis, and this work could not be completed till now.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar recently visited Kakolat Falls. During this, he took information from the officials of the Forest Department regarding the arrangements there.
- The Chief Minister while giving instructions to the officials regarding the beautification of this place said that it is very necessary to arrange for installation of accelerators from the bottom to the top of the waterfall and it should be completed at the earliest.
- Apart from this, instructions were given to make arrangements for food, drink, living and toilets of people in the premises below the waterfall at one place. Along with this, special attention was also given to cleanliness.



Important Points:-

- Kakolat Falls is a holy and delightful place in Nawada district of Bihar, which attracts tourists due to its popular scenery. A large number of tourists come here and they feel good here.
- This waterfall is a picturesque waterfall located near Govindpur Police Station at a distance of 33 km from Nawada city of Bihar state.
- It is one of the best waterfalls in India and the water of the spring remains cool for the whole year. The height of this waterfall is about 150 to 160 feet above the ground level.
- The people of Kol tribes used to live in this area. Hence its name was 'Kakolat'. Vishua fair is organized on the occasion of Vaishakhi and Chaitra Sankranti. There is a gathering of people here on the five-day Vishua or 'Satuani Mela'.



Historical Importance:-

- The Kanyak forest described in the Mahabharata is today's Kakolat. After being separated from Jharkhand, Kakolat is the only waterfall in the rest of Bihar, which has mythological and archaeological importance.
- According to mythology, an ancient king was turned into a dragon by the curse of the sage and lived within the waterfall.
- Folklore believes that Krishna used to come here with his queens to take a bath.
- During the British rule, Francis Buchanan first saw this waterfall in 1811 AD.
- In view of the historical importance of Kakolat Falls, the 'Post and Telegraph Department' of 'Government of India' had also issued a postage stamp worth five rupees on it in the year 2003.
- Since the year 1997, the Visua Mela is organized by the Kakolat Vikas Parishad by giving it a detailed form as the Kakolat Mahotsav.
- In the year 1997, the Kakolat festival was started by the famous mountain man of Bihar, Dashrath Manjhi. Through this festival, efforts are made to save the cultural heritage of Magadha and to highlight the talents here.

Way Forward:-

- If the state government develops this cultural heritage of Bihar, then the state government will earn foreign exchange and at the same time a large number of people from the country and the world will be able to come to see the wonderful tourist place.
- Kakolat Falls, a natural tourist destination known as "Kashmir of Bihar", is in danger of extinction, while it should have been at the top in this period of development, but it has no place in the development works of the present time.
- The government's neglect of this famous waterfall for the past decade has disappointed the local people. Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop this waterfall with government effort, which will benefit the state government as well as the local people here.



12. Karkatgarh Falls

Why in news?

- In order to develop the wonderful and beautiful waterfalls of Karkatgarh as eco-tourism, the Chief Minister recently visited Karkatgarh Falls.
- Development of tourist facilities and plans for tree plantation and water harvesting will be implemented here.



Important Points:-

- The Chief Minister while giving instructions to the officers said that Karkatgarh is a wonderful and picturesque waterfall. It is also a delightful tourist spot. Therefore, for the convenience of the tourists of eco-tourism, a canteen should be arranged here.
- For the first time in January 2019, CM Nitish Kumar had gone to see the Karkatgarh waterfall located at Chainpur in the Kaimur district.
- Karkatgarh Falls is located on the Karmanasha River in the Kaimur Wildlife Area. Seeing a natural beauty, waterfalls, Crocodile Conservation Center etc., one's mind becomes happy. It is also known as Niagara of Bihar.
- Karkatgarh Falls is famous as Crocodile's pool. This is the only site in Bihar which is the center of the conservation of crocodiles. After the release of water from the dam built in Uttar Pradesh, the water suddenly falls to a depth of more than 500 feet, passing through the hill, a short distance from the village of Karkatgarh.
- The Eco Park built in Karkatgarh is quite picturesque. Here effigies of wild animals have been installed in the park in such a way that they look exactly like real animals when viewed from a distance. There are many picturesque scenes including bears climbing trees, crocodiles resting on the banks of the pond, tigers roaming in the forest, which attract children a lot.



13. Certificate of Merit Award

Why in news?

- State Governor Fagu Chauhan recently participated in the annual general meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society. Governors of various states and other people also participated in this meeting organized under the chairmanship of Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mawandia.
- Anil Chamaria, President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Katihar District Branch, has been selected for awarding the 'Certificate of Merit' for his remarkable contribution to the campaign of the Indian Red Cross Society.



Important points:-

- For this award, 12 people from the country have been selected for their remarkable contributions to the campaign of the Indian Red Cross Society in the last two years.
- Indian Red Cross Society is working in the health sector with a sense of service. Indian Red Cross is a voluntary humanitarian organization that provides relief in times of disasters/emergencies and promotes the health and care of vulnerable people and communities through over 700 branches across the country.
- It is a leading member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the world's largest independent humanitarian organization.
- The mission of the Indian Red Cross is to inspire, encourage and initiate humanitarian activities in all forms at all times so as to reduce and prevent human suffering.
- Thus contributing to the creation of a more conducive environment for peace, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) was established in 1920 under the



Indian Red Cross Societies Act and incorporated under Parliament Act XV of 1920. The Act was amended in 1992 and the rules were framed in 1994.

- The Red Cross is an international organization. Initially, it was made to help soldiers who were injured in battle. Its purpose is to protect human life, and to help people in any war or difficulties.
- The Red Cross was started by Henry Dunant. The International Red Cross Society was established in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Red Cross organization has also been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in the years 1917, 1944, and 1963.
- World Red Cross Day is celebrated every year on 8 May to commemorate the birthday of Henry Dunant. Its headquarter is located in Geneva, Switzerland, and is coordinated by the governments of different countries. This organization helps people during any war, disease, or calamity.
- The first Red Cross Day was celebrated on May 8, 1948, the anniversary of Henry Dunant's birthday. He received the Nobel Prize for Peace in the year 1901. This day was officially celebrated as World Red Cross and World Crescent Day from 1984.

Red Cross Society in India:-

- The Red Cross Society in India was established in 1920 during the Parliamentary Act. There are more than 700 branches of Red Cross Society in India.

Principles of Red Cross : -

- The following are the 7 principles of the Red Cross -
 1. Humanity
 2. Impartiality
 3. Neutrality
 4. Independence
 5. Voluntary Service
 6. Unity and
 7. Universality



14. Janaki Navami or Sita Navami

Why in news?

- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar along with Governor Fagu Chauhan and Bihar Vidhan Sabha Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha have congratulated the people of the state on Janaki Navami, the birth anniversary of Janak Nandini Mata Sita.
- In the congratulatory message, the Chief Minister talked about inspiring life values like sacrifice, service, restraint, and love, etc. from the life stories of Mother Janaki, and said that her life is ideal for us.



Important Points:-

- On the ninth day of Shukla Paksha of Vaishakh month, the Prakatya festival of Shri Ram Vallabha Devi Sita is celebrated in Pushya Nakshatra. Hence this date is known as Janaki Navami and Sita Navami.
- This festival is given more preference in Mithilanchal of Bihar. Mithilanchal is said to be the mother's house of Mother Sita.
- It is believed that once there was a severe famine in Mithila, at that time the king of Mithila was Janak. In the interest of the people, King Janak himself decided to run a plow on the orders of his Rajguru to free the state from famine. While running the plow, the plow got stuck at one place, the king saw that there was a beautiful golden urn in which the tip of the plow was stuck. When the urn is taken out, there is a newborn girl with a very beautiful divine effect in it.
- As the blessings of Mother Earth, King Janak accepted this girl as his daughter. Since the tip of the plow is called Sita, therefore King Janak named this girl Sita. The place where he plowed is presently told to Punora Ram village of Sitamarhi in Bihar.



- Goddess Sita is worshiped on the day of Sita Navami. Married women observe fast on this day and pray for the long life of their husbands.

15. Hazrat Makhdoom Sheikh Sharfuddin Ahmed Yehia Maneri

Why in news?

- The Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar laid a chadar on the grave of Hazrat Makhdoom Sheikh Sharfuddin Ahmed Yehiya Maneri on the occasion of his 660th Urs at Badi Dargah, Bihar Sharif.
- The Chief Minister wished for happiness, peace, and prosperity of the state and on this occasion, the Chief Minister also released the Urdu translation booklet of Ganje La Yakhfa, a collection of discourses of the second Sajjadanshi of Makhdoom-e-Jahan, Hazrat Makhdoom Hussain Balkhi.



Important Points:-

- Makhdoom Sharfuddin Ahmed bin Yahia Maneri (1263–1381), also known as Makhdoom-ul-Mulk Bihari and Makhdoom-i-Jahan, was a 13th-century Sufi mystic.
- Shaikh Sharfuddin Ahmed was born on July 1264 AD (Shaban 661 AH) in Maner, a village near Patna in Bihar.
- His father Makhdoom Kamaluddin Yahia Maneri bin Israel bin Taj was from Fakh al-Khalil (Palestine) and was a Sufi saint of Maner. Makhdoom Sharfuddin Ahmed's mother's name was Bibi Razia who was the elder daughter of the famous Sufi saint Sheikh Shahabuddin Pir Jagjot.
- Makhdoom-e-Jahan is known in Iran as the second greatest literary writer of Persian. According to Arabic tradition, Makhdoom Sharfuddin Ahmed used to write his father's name by including Yahya in his name. His early education took place under the tutelage of his parents.



- After doing severe penance in the forests of Rajgir and Bihiya, the Khan of Makhdoom-e-Jahan Bihar Sharif lived in Kaah for about 50 years. This is the reason why Urs fair is organized every year in the name of Makhdoom Sharfuddin Ahmed bin Yahiya Maneri in the big dargah of Bihar Sharif, also known as Chiraga fair.

16. Country's first animal science university

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.



17. Rajkumari Devi

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.

Important 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.

