

Bihar Special April 2020 Current Affairs

1. First-of-its kind turtle rehab centre comes up in Bihar

- A first-of-its-kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles will be inaugurated in Bihar's Bhagalpur forest division in January 2020. The rehab centre, spread over half a hectare, will be able to shelter 500 turtles at a time.
- Forest department officials said the need to build such a centre was felt after several turtles were found severely wounded and sick when rescued from smuggles by rescue teams.
- However, these species are now under severe threats due to habitat fragmentation and loss through dams and barrages, pollution, illegal poaching, accidental drowning through fishing nets and threats to their nesting habitats, a report jointly prepared by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and Wildlife Institute of India has said.

2. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar joins global leaders in UN climate roundtable.

- Chief minister Nitish Kumar spoke at a virtual roundtable of global leaders on '**Climate Ambition**' convened by the **United Nations** highlighting his government's climate change mitigation initiatives in Bihar through water

conservation and greening initiatives under the flagship **Jal Jeevan Hariyali** (JJH) mission.

- He committed to continue pursuing international efforts to bring down the global temperature by 1.5 degrees C (of pre-industrial level) by 2050.
- Target of carbon emission to be equal to carbon sequestration (making carbon emission zero)- target in Bihar by 2040.

3. **“Hello Sakhi Chain”, an awareness campaign to fight against coronavirus**

- Dozens of rural women of Muzaffarpur, through their 'Hello Sakhi Chain', are making hundreds of families aware every day to avoid this disease.
- The women of these villages have created 'Hello Sakhi Chain' to make people aware about COVID-19. Through this chain, a woman is asking about the wellbeing of 20 to 30 families in a day.
- These women have also composed awareness songs in regional languages like Maithili, Bhojpuri, Bajjika. Through these songs too, people are talking to people through mobile phones.

4. **Ex-MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar appointed India’s next Ambassador to Finland**

- Ravish Kumar hails from Nathnagar in Bhagalpur district of Bihar.

- Kumar, a 1995-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, served as the spokesperson of the MEA from July 2017 to April 2020 during which he deftly articulated India's position on a number of sensitive issues including last year's Balakot strike, reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir and the controversy surrounding the National Register of Citizens.

5. Former governor, veteran Congress leader Devanand Konwar dies at 86.

- Devanand Konwar was governor of Bihar from July 24, 2009 to March 8, 2013 and of Tripura between March 25, 2013 and June 29, 2014.