

Bihar Special Current Affairs

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By 2025, all agricultural land will have access to irrigation water, according to Seven Determination (Saat Nishchay -2).

Why is in News?

- A review meeting of the "Har Khet Tak Sinchai Ka Pani Yojana" was held on May 29, 2023, as part of division-2 of the seven determination plan, and was presided over by the state's chief minister, Mr. Nitish Kumar. During this meeting, various guidelines were released in order to finish this plan by 2025.

Key Points:

- In order to maintain the equilibrium of the ground water level and to save the environment, the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan was launched in 2019. Its goal is to conserve water and encourage greenery throughout the state.
- In order to ensure that no area is overlooked and that residents from all regions of the state are eligible for its advantages, the state administration has also released guidelines for the private tube well project and discussed conducting a survey.
- In order to make the state of Bihar better, the Saat Nishchay Yojana was started in the year 2015 by the Chief Minister Mr. Nitish Kumar and now again in the year 2021, the Saat Nishchay Yojana Part-2 has been implemented by the state government.
- **Priority of Saat Nishchay Part 2:**
 - I. Progress of youth power in Bihar.
 - II. Strong woman, capable woman.
 - III. Water to every field.
 - IV. Clean village prosperous village.
 - V. Clean city developed city.
 - VI. Easy contact feature.
 - VII. Health care for all.



- The Government had established a unified programme based on "development with justice" for the following five years, while continuing the programmes for education, health, development, and welfare of underprivileged and backward parts. This decision was based on the Government's experiences.
- The government has made seven decisions for a developed Bihar, and they are all listed in the "Programme of Good Governance 2015-2020."
- The government has made it a priority to provide all state residents with basic amenities like access to electricity, drinking water, and toilets, as well as to expand infrastructure like roads, streets, drains, and bridges, as well as to focus on youth.
- It has also been decided to make women more independent and capable by expanding the system of higher, professional, and technical education for them.

Saat Nishchaya Part: 1 Priorities

Nischaya: 1	Aarthik Hal, Yuvaonko Bal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme.• Chief Minister Nischay Self Help Allowance Scheme.• Skilled Youth Program.• Bihar Start-up Policy, 2016.• Scheme of free internet facility through Wi-Fi in all universities and colleges.
Nischaya: 2	Arakshit Rojgar Mahilaon Ka Adhikar	
Nischaya: 3	Har Ghar Bijli Lagataar	Chief Minister Electricity Connection Determination Scheme.



Nischaya: 4	Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister Rural Drinking Water Nischay Yojana. • Chief Minister Rural Drinking Water (Non Quality Affected Area) Nischay Yojana. • Chief Minister Rural Drinking Water (Quality Affected Area) Nischay Yojana. • Chief Minister Urban Drinking Water Nischay Yojana.
Nischaya: 5	Ghar Tak Pakki Gali Naaliyan	<p>Gramin Tola Sampark Nischay Yojana.</p> <p>Mukhyamantri Gramin Gali Nali Pakkiran Nischay Yojana.</p> <p>Chief Minister Urban Drain-Street Paving Nischay Yojana.</p>
Nischaya: 6	Shauchalaya Nirman Ghar Ka Samman	<p>Lohia Clean Bihar Campaign.</p> <p>Toilet construction, home respect Nischay Yojana.</p>
Nischaya: 7	Avsar Badhe Aage Padhen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of GNM school in each district. • Establishment of Para Medical Institute in each district. • Establishment of polytechnic institute in every district. • Establishment of Women's Industrial Training Institute in every district. • Establishment of engineering college in every district. • Establishment of Nursing College in all Medical Colleges.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment of ANM school in each subdivision.• Establishment of Government Industrial Training Institute in each subdivision.• Establishment of five more new medical colleges in the state.
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A mobile application was created to provide precise weather data down to the panchayat level.

Why is in News?

- The Bihar Weather Service Centre was opened by the state's current chief minister on May 27, 2023. The Bihar Weather Service Centre also launched the smartphone app "Mausam Bihar" at the same time.

Key Points:

- All farmers and common people would have access to real-time data on temperature, precipitation, wind speed, humidity, and prediction for the upcoming five days down to the panchayat level through the "Mausam Bihar" smartphone app.
- The first state in India to create a mobile app with precise weather data down to the panchayat level is Bihar.
- But after Karnataka, Bihar is now the second state in India to offer weather information down to the panchayat level.
- People can be notified, causing the least amount of harm, and farmers in the state will also be assisted in farming, thanks to the dissemination of information about the forecast of natural calamities through the Bihar Weather Service Centre.



- In addition, automatic weather stations at the block and panchayat levels, as well as a centre for rain gauges, have been set up in the state to collect exact and reliable data on rainfall, temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, and atmospheric pressure.
- Currently, 19 automatic weather stations operated by the Indian Meteorological Department are located in Bihar, but this has made it difficult to acquire accurate weather forecast data. The Bihar Meteorological Service Centre has established 487 service centres as a result, ensuring the availability of precise weather information.
- It is noteworthy that the Directorate of Economics and Statistics established the Bihar Meteorological Service Centre, which is under the direction of the Department of Planning and Development, for the purpose of weather forecasting.
- The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in weather forecasting has the potential to revolutionise farmers' lives, according to experts, who believe a large number of high-quality databases will be needed.

Kharif Mahabhiyan-2023

Why is in News?

- The Kharif Mahabhiyan-2023 was introduced on May 24, 2023, by the state's current chief minister, Mr. Nitish Kumar. And as part of this massive operation, 36 promotional chariots were dispatched for awareness campaigns to all of the state's districts.



Key Points:

- Through publicity vehicles connected to various aspects of the Kharif Mahabhiyan-2023 project, farmers will be provided with technical knowledge about Kharif crops and initiatives sponsored by the Agriculture Department during the Kharif season.
- The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness about crop residue management, to disseminate information about programmes that support agriculture that is weather-friendly, to encourage organic farming, to give irrigation water to every farm, etc.
- Currently, the Bihar government is making available to farmers under various programmes, on subsidies of various types of advanced paddy seeds, for the cultivation of Kharif crops in the financial Kharif year 2023–2024.
- **Proposed major dimensions of Kharif Mahabhiyan-2023:**
 - i. C.F./D.B.T. income of the farmers.
 - ii. Distribution of subsidy among the beneficiary farmers through.
 - iii. Seed vaccination campaign.
 - iv. Distribution of agricultural input subsidy.
 - v. Adoption and certification of organic farming.
 - vi. Transplanting paddy with paddy transplanter.
 - vii. Paddy cultivation by Sri method.
 - viii. Direct sowing of paddy in changing weather conditions.
 - ix. Farmers Award Program.
 - x. Formation of Farmers Interest Group / Food Security Group Farmer



- Producer Organisation.
- xi. Organization of Kisan Pathshala.
- xiv. of Kisan Chaupal. Etc.
- xii. Integrated farming system.
- xiii. Organization

- It is interesting to note that before to 2019, the Kharif Mahabhiyan programme was known as the Kharif Production Programme. In the same year, the Kharif Mahabhiyan was also launched at the state, division, district, and block levels in an effort to ensure the success of the programme linked to Kharif crops during the Kharif season.

In the Bihar Legislative Council, there are 4 newly elected members.

Why is in News?

- The four newly elected members of the Bihar Legislative Council, Mr. Awadhesh Narayan Singh, Mr. Jeevan Kumar, Dr. Virendra Narayan Yadav, and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, were sworn in by the current chairman of the body, Mr. Devesh Chandra Thakur, on May 10, 2023.

Key Points:

- Among those who took the oath of membership in the Legislative Council, Awadhesh Narayan Singh from the Gaya Graduate Constituency and Jeevan Kumar from the Gaya Teacher's Constituency are both members of the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- The other two professors are Janata Dal-United members: Virendra Narayan Yadav, who represents Saran's graduate constituency, and Sanjeev Kumar Singh, who represents Saran's own teacher's constituency.



- J. Kumar Additional Awdhesh Narayan Singh, Professor Virendra Narayan Yadav, and Sanjeev Kumar Singh are all now serving in the Legislative Council; their terms were set to expire on May 11 but all three have been re-elected.
- It is important to note that elections were held for five MLC seats in the Bihar Legislative Council, and that Saran Teachers Constituency by-elections were also held as a result of Kedar Pandey's untimely passing. Afaq Ahmed, the candidate Prashant Kishor endorsed, went on to win.
- The BJP is now the dominant force in the Bihar Legislative Council after four freshly elected members took their oaths of office. The number of Bhartiya Janta Party members in the council has now climbed to 24, while the number of JD(U) members stayed at 23.

Bihar Legislature:

- The requirements of Article 171 of the Indian Constitution, which went into effect on January 26, 1950, stipulated that the total number of members of the Legislative Council be set at 72.
- In 1958, the Council's membership was increased from 72 to 96 once more by the Legislative Council Act, of 1957.
- By virtue of the Bihar Reorganisation Act of 2000, the state of Bihar was divided into Jharkhand and its 18 districts and 4 divisions on November 15, 2000. As a result, the number of members of the Bihar Legislative Council was also decreased from 96 to 75.
- The Bihar Legislative Council now consists of 27 members, including 12 Nominated Members, 24 Local Authorities, 6 Teachers, 6 Graduates, and 6 Members from the Bihar Legislative Assembly Constituencies.
- Jharkhand became an independent state by severing its ties to Bihar after the "Bihar Reorganisation Bill" was approved by the Indian Parliament in November 2000. The Bihar Legislative Assembly, therefore, has 243 members in total.



The first municipal corporation to implement CBDC in India is Patna Municipal Corporation.

Why is in News?

- The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Municipal Commissioner of the state capital Patna Municipal Corporation unveiled the digital currency e-Rupee on May 23, 2023, which was developed by the Reserve Bank of India. This means that the Patna Municipal Corporation as a whole is now accepting transactions using this digital money.
- The whole Patna Municipal Corporation accepts this digital money that the Reserve Bank of India designed for usage at all of its zones and payment centres.
- The Patna Municipal Corporation's Mauryalok campus has fully embraced this payment mechanism.
- The Patna Municipal Corporation is the first in all of India to promote and use the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), which is remarkable.
- For the purpose of promoting digital currency and educating them about the advantages of the digital e-rupee, etc., a workshop was also organised for council members of the Patna Municipal Corporation.
- To make the Patna Municipal Corporation's operations accessible to the public and streamline the payment procedure, an online payment system has been implemented as part of a free process.
- Along with raising the revenue of the Patna Municipal Corporation, this most recent and scientific payment system also provides facilities to the general public, who can access them from the comfort of their own homes.



- According to a statistic, the Patna Municipal Corporation only accepts online payments in 30 percent of cases right now, but the state government wants that number to rise to 90 to 95 percent.
- The central bank's liabilities is represented by central bank digital currency (CBDC), which is money that is issued by the government. It is distinct from other types of digitally-based private currency, including cryptocurrencies.
- Private digital currencies don't have an issuer, thus they don't reflect the obligations of any one person.
- Under the 2007 Payment and Settlement Act, RBI also oversees digital payment networks.

Reserve Bank of India:

- According to the rules of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, RBI was created on April 1st, 1935. Sir Osborne Smith served as the RBI's first Governor when it began operating on April 1st, 1935.
- In 1937, Mumbai became the permanent home of the Reserve Bank's central office, which had originally been founded in Kolkata. As a result of its 1949 nationalisation, the Government of India presently controls it and it is in operation.
- The Banking Regulation Act 1949 establishes the Reserve Bank of India as the bank regulator. In accordance with the RBI Act of 1934, it is also able to control Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC).
- Up until 1942, the RBI issued money for both India and Myanmar, which was then known as Burma, before India gained its freedom. Nevertheless, after 1947, it was abandoned.
- RBI's main offices are in Mumbai.
- RBI Chief Shaktikanta Das

Jamui tops in the ranking of MNREGA

Why is in News ?

- A ranking of the MNREGA performance for the month of March has been released by the Bihar Development Department Society, an agency of the Bihar Rural Development Department.



Various parameters for ranking determination:

- The ranking has been determined on the basis of 13 parts of MNREGA. This includes achievement in PDS, percentage of completion of Amrit Sarovar, plantation, inspection, completion of work, timely payment, uploading of ATR, consumption in NRM works, employment to SC-ST women etc. On the basis of all these parameters, Jamui has got the first position in the ranking.



Ranking of other districts of Bihar:

- In the MNREGA, districts like Madhubani, Khagaria, Begusarai, Kishanganj, Samastipur, Vaishali, Nawada, and Supaul have done outstanding work in hiring at least 60% female workers.
- With ratings exceeding 7.5, other districts have also fared well.
- Munger received a 6.00, Vaishali a 6.53, and Darbhanga a 5.87.
- Furthermore, some districts received less than a single point.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act:

- MGNREGA is an employment guarantee scheme, enacted by legislation on 7 September 2005. The scheme provides 100 days of on-demand employment to adult members of any rural household (job card holder) in every financial year.
- This programme seeks to secure rural residents' means of subsistence by offering 100 days of paid employment.
- To each household with adults who volunteer to perform unskilled manual labour duties during a fiscal year.
- Wage to Material Ratio: For authorised work, a wage to material ratio of 60:40 must be maintained.



- The work is recommended by Gramme Sabha, however it will primarily be carried out by Gramm Panchayats.
- Women must make up at least one-third of the recipients.
- There aren't gonna be any contractors or equipment used.
- It ensures employment by promising employment within 15 days after the demand for employment or offering unemployment benefits.
- 100% of the salaries for unskilled physical labour are covered by the central government, as are 75% of the costs for materials, including wages for trained and semi-skilled labour.

Bihar government approves change in liquor prohibition law

Why is in News?

- The Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022 has been amended with the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's approval.

Key Points:

- According to this, after having a proper discussion with the court authority and recovering from the car owner 10% of the insured value or Rs. 5 lakh as a fine, the concerned authorities can now release the automobiles that were impounded for breaking the state's prohibition statute.
- The owner of a vehicle impounded in Bihar for transporting alcohol is currently required to pay 50% of the insured value for the release of the vehicle with the court's approval.
- The Department of Prohibition, Excise, and Registration (excise) brought forward the change suggestion during the cabinet meeting.



- In some instances, it was discovered that the owners of brand-new automobiles that transport alcohol are unable to pay 50% of the insured value. In addition, it was discovered that the owners of the vehicles in certain instances were not the ones breaking the prohibition rules.
- Only with the proper approval from the relevant court is the car freed.

Bihar will preserve more than one billion old paper records at the State Archives.

Why is in News ?

- For essential and sensitive historical paper documents to live a better and longer life, the Bihar government has developed conservation measures. Additionally, it contains records pertaining to Babu Kunwar Singh.

Key Points:

- One of the Navaratnas of Emperor Akbar, Raja Todarmal, is listed among the Mughal-era Firmaans and land records in these files and folio.
- A chemical cleaning procedure, deacidification, and tissue lamination will be applied to one crore files and folios at the Bihar State Archives (BSA) in Patna and its regional sites in Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, and Bettiah.
- The papers, which are from the Mughal era, also include files related to India's freedom war and Raja Todarmal's land records.
- These unique documents have been crucial pieces of our sociopolitical past data. These have aided in our comprehension of the methods through which Mughal emperors enforced the laws of the realm. Additionally, through studying these records,



we were able to understand the sociocultural and political ramifications of Gandhi's trip to Champaran and his Satyagraha during the British era.

- Even though the archives did their best to preserve these documents, papers eventually fade and become brittle, necessitating conservation methods.
- Official statements said that the BSA was also having its files and folios digitalized. Written content must also be preserved in digital form.
- The collection at BSA in Patna has already had 41 lakh folios digitised, with the addition that 78,000 folios were digital the previous year. Additionally, progress is being made on the remaining files.

Bihar has 32% of the country's active internet users, according to the Internet in India Report 2022.

Why is in News?

- An analysis of the nation's active internet users was published in a joint report on May 4, 2023, by market data analytics company Kantar and The Internet and Mobile Association of India.
- There are 759 million active internet users in India as of the time of this Internet in India Report, 2022.

Key Points:

- According to the data provided by this survey, only 32% of individuals in Bihar currently have active internet connectivity, compared to 70% in Goa, the top state in the report.



- Only over 40% of people in the state have access to the internet, despite the fact that more than 62% of people use mobile phones.
- In 2014–15, 4.2 crore people in Bihar used mobile phones; this year, that number has risen to more than 6 crore. Internet users climbed from 80 lakh in 2014–15 to more than 40 million in 2017–18.
- It is important to remember that, with the exception of a few panchayats in Bihar, all 8,743 of the county's wards have access to the BharatNet high-speed broadband network. Due to their location near a forest, only 10–12 panchayats were unable to be connected.

National stance on the issue:

- The survey estimates that in 2022, out of India's 75.9 crore active internet users, 39.9 crore will come exclusively from rural areas, while 36 crore will reside in cities.
- Approximately 52% of the nation's population used the Internet at least once each month in 2022. It is predicted that this figure would rise to 900 million by the year 2025.
- Furthermore, it is predicted that rural India would account for 56% of all new Internet users in the nation by the year 2025.
- In contrast, rural India experienced an increase of 14% over the previous year, and urban India, which will have a 71 percent internet penetration rate in 2022, would only have a 6 percent growth.
- Only 54% of all active Internet users in 2022 were men, according to the Internet in India Report, 2022, while 57% of all new Internet users in that same year were women.
- By 2025, 65% of all new users, according to the report, will be women, bridging the gender gap in this area.
- It is interesting to note that Internet connectivity is most frequently obtained through mobile phones in India. One hundred percent of the 750 million consumers rely exclusively on their mobile phones.



- Although there has been an increase in the usage of other devices, it is anticipated that this percentage will rise from 8% in 2021 to 13% in 2022.
- The report states that digital payments have grown by 13% over 2021 to reach an estimated 338 million consumers, 36% of whom are in India's rural areas.

Bihar is ranked second in the nation for its "Labour Hub"

Why is in News?

- The state of Bihar is ranked second in all of India in terms of "Labour Hub" according to the most recent online report from the Ministry of Labour and Employment's e-Shram Portal, with the state of Uttar Pradesh taking top place.



Key Points:

- Compared to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh has four times as many workers. In terms of labour hub, Uttarakhand comes in at number 21, Delhi at number 20, and Jharkhand at number 9.
- According to the data, there are currently 2.86 crore and 8.30 crore registered workers in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, respectively. These workers range in skill level from skilled to unskilled.
- In addition to the aforementioned, the districts of Champaran and Muzaffarpur in Bihar East are ranked first and second, respectively. Sheikhpura district has the fewest workers.
- Katihar and Purnia are more prevalent in the Kosi region when divided by region. The largest concentration of labourers is in Bhagalpur, East Bihar.



- In order to estimate the number of workers, it is noteworthy that the Ministry of Labour and Employment built a portal in 2021. to enable the provision of labour cards similar to the Aadhaar card to workers.
- Everywhere in the nation, E-Labour Cards are accepted as identification documents. For this, 18 years of age is the minimum permitted.

At Motihari in the East Champaran district, a national dragon boat competition was held for the first time.

Why is in News?

- At Motihari, the administrative centre for the East Champaran district of Bihar, the three-day National Dragon Boat Competition 2023–24 was recently held for the first time. Bihar won a total of 6 gold medals in all categories in this competition.

Key Points:

- The three-day national dragon boat competition started at Motijheel in the district, and teams from 19 states, including Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal, took part.
- In the 500 metre men's race of the 10th National Dragon Boat Competition, Uttarakhand took home the gold medal, Jharkhand the silver and Jammu & Kashmir the bronze.
- In the women's 500 metre category, Bihar won gold, Jharkhand took home silver, and Kerala took home bronze.



- Each in the women's and men's 200-meter divisions, Bihar took home a gold medal. In the mixed competition, Bihar also claimed gold.
- The Maharashtra team took first place and the gold medal in the men's 1000 m competition. The women's 1000-meter race was won by Bihar, who also took home the gold medal. Kerala won bronze in this competition, whereas Kerala won silver.
- The Bihar team had the honour of taking first place in the 1000-meter mixed race as well. West Bengal won the bronze medal, and Keller won the silver.
- For the first time in Jharkhand's history, a team of six members from the East Singhbhum District Dragon Boat Association participated in the state and national dragon boat championships with success.
- They performed brilliantly in the women's and men's categories of the state level competition and took home gold at the national level. Men's division bronze medalist.

Dr. Rohini, a professor at Patna University, was elected Mrs. Bihar in 2023.

Why is in News?

- The competition for Mrs. Bihar 2023 was held in the state capital Patna, and the winner was Dr. Rohini of Patna University. Shikha came in third, followed by Swarna in second.

Key Points:

- Dr. Rohini of Patna, who will take on the title of Mrs. Bihar in 2023, is a native of Saharsa and is currently an Associate Professor in the Patna University Department of English.



- Dr. Rohini not only models and teaches, but she also encourages women to take care of their health, especially by giving out sanitary pads to women and educating them about the need for protection during their periods.
- The finalist candidates must pass four rounds to be Mrs. Bihar. All contestants must exhibit their highest IQ during the final round after completing the retro, cocktail, Indian, and question and answer rounds.
- The competition for Mrs. Bihar featured more than 200 participants from all throughout the state. Only 14 of these contestants—out of all the participants—made it to the final round, which also has Dr. Rohini from Saharsa, Sonia Gupta from Patna, Shikha Singh, Kusumlata Kumari, Bank employee Anima Rani, Gold List Kumari Ramamani Swati Priya Roopa Kumari Somika, Madhu Singh, Pinky Ranjan, Sonia Gupta, and Shivanya from Muzaffarpur.
- The event this year has the topic "Stop Violence Against Women" in consideration of women's empowerment. Through this competition, it is hoped that the winner will take part in numerous initiatives as a brand ambassador for the advancement of women in Bihar, including sanitary pad distribution in village communities and awareness-raising visits to other villages to raise awareness among women.



The 108-foot-tall Buddha statue will be the tallest in the nation.

Why is in News?

- In the state's Nawada region, at a location named Hisua between the Bodhgaya and Rajgir roads, work is underway to erect the highest statue of the Lord Buddha. By the month of December 2023, it is intended to be open to visitors.



Key Points:

- The tallest statue of the Lord Buddha in India, including Bihar, is this one, which is 108 feet tall. It is a statue of Bhoomi Sparsh Mudra that is being built on a site that is around 2 acres large.
- This sitting Buddha idol is being built out of pink and red Chunar sandstone, touching the soil and considering the earth to be the eyewitness to his understanding.
- Vat Navami Mandara Dhamkar, a Thai organisation, is building this idol. Before this, Bodh Gaya's statue stood as Bihar's highest statue. The 82-foot-tall statue of Lord Buddha in meditative pose is shown here sitting on a lotus in the open. The 14th Dalai Lama opened it on November 18, 1989, after its foundation was laid in 1982.
- After Bodh Gaya in Bihar, which boasts an 80-foot-tall statue of the Buddha, Sasaram is home to the statue with the highest height. The Siddhasana position of this Buddha image is seated on a lotus in the open at a height of 80 feet.
- The Ghoda Katora Buddha statue in Rajgir, Bihar, is the third-tallest statue in the state after Sasaram.



At the 5th Indian Open Para Athletics International Championship, two gold and one bronze medals were won.

Why is in News?

- The 5th Indian Open Para Athletics International Championship, which was held in Bangalore, Karnataka from May 4 to 7, 2023, saw Bihar win the bronze medal in the discus throw competition while



winning the gold medal in both the high jump and discus throw competitions.

Key Points:

- With his gold medal in the discus throw competition, Deepak Kumar brought honour to Bihar. In addition, Shailesh Kumar earned the gold medal in the high jump division, while Archana Kumari took home the bronze in the discus throw competition itself.
- For the purpose of qualifying for the envisioned World Championships in Paris, the Indian Open Para Athletics Championship was held in Bengaluru from July 8 to July 15.
- Shailesh, who had the chance to represent his nation on the field of play for the first time, finished the competition with a successful one-foot high jump of 1.85 metres.
- Shailesh had previously won gold at the 21st Para Athletics National Championship, which took place in Pune from March 16 to 20. He also won gold at the National Championship, which took place in Bhubaneswar from March 28 to March 31, 2022.
- Shailesh has spent the last four years undergoing training at the Sports Authority of India's facility in Sai Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- In order to prepare for the World Championship, a training camp will be held at KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from May 10 to June 4, 2023, where all three players would receive instruction.
- From May 4 to May 7, 2023, Bengaluru, India, hosted the fifth edition of the Indian Open Para-Athletics International Championships. Paraathletes from all over the world displayed their skills.



- As the competition came to a close, the Paralympic Committee of India celebrated a resounding success as Team India took first place in the medal count with a total of 226 medals. This comprised a remarkable harvest of 71 bronze medals, 80 silver medals, and 75 gold medals.

The Bihar Start-Up Policy - 2022 was launched by Syed Shahnawaz, the state's former industries minister.

Why is in News?

- To encourage entrepreneurship in the nation, the Central and State Governments are running several number of programs.
- The Bihar Start-Up Policy - 2022 has been introduced in this order by the Bihar government to offer financial support to the state's budding entrepreneurs.

Key Points :

- For ten years, the entrepreneurs who qualify for this scheme would receive loans up to Rs 10 lakh at no interest. The entrepreneurs who would benefit from it will be given a loan in the amount of this sum as a starting capital.
- The state government will further offer help to the businesses that will benefit from this strategy in the areas of marketing and training, if necessary.
- A startup would receive additional financial support of Rs 3 lakh under this policy from the state government for product development and training if it participates in any state development program.
- In addition to 2% of the total investment made by the beneficiaries, the state government will provide financial help to young entrepreneurs as a success fee if they are successful in securing angel investment for their firms.



- The state government will provide financial aid to young business owners as a success fee in addition to 2% of the total investment made by the beneficiaries for those who are successful in securing angel investment for their enterprises.
- In this context, the state government has established a goal to boost the competitiveness of traditional industries including handicrafts, khadi, village industries, etc. to support micro, small, and medium-sized businesses (MSMEs).
- Each company in the state run by a woman entrepreneur would receive an additional 5% of the funds, or financial support in the amount of Rs 10 lakh 50 thousand, as seed money, and Rs 3 lakh 15 thousand for taking part in the development program.
- 15% more, or an extra Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) startup founders will receive Rs 11 lakh 5000 from the state government in the form of seed cash, and Rs 3 lakh 45 thousand if they want to take part in state development initiatives. There will be money made accessible.

Maithili Thakur, a folk singer, was appointed as the brand ambassador of the Bihar State Khadi Village Industry.

Why is in News ?

- Maithili Thakur, a well-known folk singer from Bihar, was recently chosen by the Bihar State Khadi Village Industries Board to serve as the brand ambassador for the state's handicraft and khadi industries.
- In this regard, Dilip Kumar, the current CEO of the Bihar Khadi Board, declared that Maithili Thakur will serve as the program's brand ambassador.

Key Points :-

- Maithili Thakur, who was born on July 25, 2000, in the village of Benipatti in the Madhubani district, is now responsible for promoting khadi, handicrafts, and handloom goods made in Bihar on a global scale.



- In addition to this, Maithili Thakur has also been chosen for the renowned "Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar" of Sangeet Natak Akademi - 2021.
- It is important to note that on November 27, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar congratulated Maithili Thakur during the Ganga Water Supply Scheme's opening ceremony in Rajgir.
- Maithili Thakur was the brand ambassador for Khadi and other Bihar handicrafts before Manoj Tiwari, a Bhojpuri singer and BJP member.
- In order to promote the Khadi sector through well-known artists from Bihar and other states, the Khadi Village Industries Board is continually working to establish connections between them and Bihar Khadi.
- Sandeep Poundrik is the principal secretary of the industries department and Sameer Kumar Mahaseth is the current industries minister of Bihar.
- The foundation of the state of Bihar in 1956 led to the creation of the Bihar State Khadi Village Industries Board. By giving rural residents access to jobs, this board aims to assist them in several ways.



The state of Bihar's "domesticated" elephants will all have their DNA profiled, according to the authorities.

Why is in News ?

- In order to stop the illegal trade in wild elephants, the state administration of the day has begun DNA profiling all "domesticated" elephants in the state as of this December (2022).

Key Points :-

- Both the State Government and the Union Ministry of Environment, Government of India, are jointly supporting the DNA Profiling Project of Domesticated Elephants.



- The project attempts to stop the illegal trade in wild elephants by building a complete genetic database of all "domesticated" elephants in the state.
- In partnership with the State Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), a tamper-proof sampling kit and a unique mobile application have been created to gather the DNA sample.
- All "pet" elephants that are not registered with the state forest department are prohibited from being sold under the 2002 amendment to the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972.
- The Wildlife (Protection) Act requires the prescription of appropriate measures for the upkeep and care of domesticated animals.
- At the moment, the vast majority of "domestic" elephants are privately owned, and the majority of them are utilised in rituals and for business or ceremonial purposes.
- Bihar's Saran district has eleven "pet" elephants, Gopalganj has eight, Patna, East Champaran, and Vaishali each have six, and Siwan and Bhojpur each have five.
- Each of the following cities has a "pet" elephant: Samastipur, Gaya, Kaimur, Rohtas, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, and Lakhisarai.



In terms of the digital divide, Bihar is now the state with the least amount of internet access.

Why is in News ?

- The access to digital technologies is widely distributed among men, urban, upper caste, and upper class households and people across different states, according to Oxfam India's recently published report titled "India Inequality Report 2022:- Digital Divide." However, access to digital technologies is described as being limited for the rest of the population.



Key Points :-

- According to Oxfam India's India Inequality Digital Divide Report, 2022, Bihar has the lowest percentage of residents having access to the internet, while Gujarat is the first state to offer 5G internet connectivity in all of its district headquarters.
- The data shown in the research indicates that there are currently only 57.29 internet users per 100 inhabitants in the nation, and that this ratio is significantly lower in rural areas than it is in urban areas.
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- Bihar has the lowest internet penetration among the other states in India, followed by Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, Goa, and Kerala. Maharashtra has the highest internet penetration among the other states in India.
- The National Sample Survey (NSS) and the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) survey covering the period from January 2018 to December 2021 were used to construct the India Inequality Report 2022.



Oxfam International :-

- The Oxfam movement unites people from all around the world in the battle against injustice and poverty.
- In order to pool expertise and resources and coordinate their initiatives in the battle against poverty, injustice, and inequality, it was established in 1995 by a number of non-governmental groups.
- Recently, it also published "Discrimination Report in India" 2022, also known as the India Discrimination Report, 2022.
- on October 11th, 2022; The latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index shows that India has risen six places to place 123 out of 161 nations for reducing inequality (CRII).



- Germany and Australia are next in the CRII after Norway. India has risen in the rankings, but despite this, it continues to rank among the lowest countries in the world for health spending; it has lost two spots to 157th, the 5th lowest country in the world.

