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HRITHIK ANAND OF VAISHALI WINS GOLD IN BRAZIL

Why In News?

- On May 5, 2022, Hrithik Anand from Bihar has won a gold medal for India at the 24th Summer Deaf Badminton Olympics held in Brazil.

Key Point

- Hrithik Anand has bagged the country's first gold medal in the team event of the 24th Summer Deaf Badminton Tournament held in Brazil.
- It is worth mentioning that Hrithik Anand had won two silver medals in the Under-19 Boys' Double and Mixed Double at the World Deaf Badminton Championships, 2019 held in China.
- The players selected for the 24th Summer Deaf Badminton Tournament by the All India Spot Council of the Deaf include Hrithik Anand, Rohit Bhaker, Abhinav, Aditya Yadav, Gouranshi, Jerlin and Shreya Singla.

FOUNDATION STONE OF COUNTRY'S FIRST ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Why In News?

- On May 6, 2022, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone of the building complex of the country's first Animal Sciences University in Patna.

Key Point

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that there was no animal university anywhere in the country. Bihar Animal Sciences University will be set up in Patna in the name of animals.
- He said that the cost of building this university will be around Rs.889 crore.
- The Chief Minister said that an animal hospital will be constructed in eight to ten panchayats in Bihar. It has been inserted in seven certainty-2 so that the animals do not face any kind of problem. No animal should be deprived of treatment.
- Along with medical facilities for the animals, arrangements are being made for their vaccination, artificial insemination, deworming, door step delivery etc.

LAUNCH OF THE FILO PORTAL

Why In News?

- On May 6, 2022, Bihar Education Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary has launched the **Philo portal** in government secondary and higher secondary schools at The Sri Krishna Memorial Hall in Patna.

Key Point

- The portal has been launched to facilitate more than 45 lakh students from 9th to 12th standard studying in schools, which will promote digital technology in school education on a priority basis.
- For this portal, teachers will also be trained on the use of digital technology in education as per the requirement.
- Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary of the department, Sanjay Kumar said that in order to increase the use of digital technology in the education system of the state, all the 9,360 secondary and higher secondary schools will have free internet and Wi-Fi facility from this year.
- Explaining the meaning of the word 'Philo' to the teachers and students present in the auditorium, the Education Minister said that 'Philo' is a Greek word which means 'friend'.
- The Government has provided the Filo Digital Platform free of cost to all the students. As soon as the question is asked on the app, the tutor will connect to the students within 60 seconds and tell them how to solve the question.
- He said Bihar has become the first state in the country to provide a Filo digital platform to students by going beyond the scope of classrooms.
- With this app, you can prepare for Bihar Board exam, but also for JEE-Mains/NEET etc.

BIHAR RANKS SECOND IN CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Why In News

- In a report released by Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya recently related to the National Family Health Survey-5, Bihar ranks second only to

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Karnataka (48%) in cases of domestic violence against women, while Lakshadweep has the lowest domestic violence (2.1%).

Key Point

- The National Family Health Survey-5 report has found that nearly one-third of women in India have experienced physical or sexual violence, while domestic violence against women in the country has declined from 31.2% to 29.3%.
- Only 14% of the total women who have experienced physical or sexual violence have raised the issue.
- The experience of physical violence among women is more common in rural areas (32%) than in urban areas (24%).
- The survey also found that 32% of married women (18-49 years) have experienced physical, sexual or emotional marital violence. The most common type of marital violence is physical violence (28%), followed by emotional violence and sexual violence.

Bihar becomes no. 1 state in the country in mushroom production

Why In News?

- According to the latest data released by the Recently Released National Horticulture Board, Bihar has become the largest mushroom producing state in the country by producing more than 28,000 tonnes of mushrooms in the year 2021-22.

Key Point

- Bihar has achieved this feat by overtaking Odisha. Earlier, Odisha was ranked first in mushroom production.
- According to data released by the National Horticulture Board, in 2021-22, Bihar produced more than 28,000 tonnes of mushrooms, which is 10.82 per cent of the total mushrooms produced in the country.
- While Bihar had produced 23,000 tonnes of mushrooms last year, the state was ranked 13th in terms of mushroom production three years ago.
- According to horticulture board data, Maharashtra is second only to Bihar in mushroom production, which accounts for 9.89 per cent of the total production. Odisha is at the third position with 9.66 per cent share.

Power safety audit of buildings above 15 metres in height to be conducted in Patna

Why In News

- On May 12, 2022, the Bihar government ordered an electrical safety audit of all buildings with a height of more than 15 metres in capital Patna. Similar audits will be carried out later in other major cities of the state.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that the state government took this decision after a major fire broke out at Visvesvaraya Bhavan on May 11. Visvesvaraya Bhavan is a huge multi-storey building, which has several major establishments, including government offices.
- Director General of Home Guards and Fire Services Shobha Ahotkar said in this regard that it has also been decided to appoint fire engineering consultants for the security audit.
- These experts will conduct fire safety assessment of government buildings and also present safety plans for the future.
- Director General Shobha Ahotkar said that at least seven teams will be formed soon to carry out power safety audits in the city.

Bihar Investor Summit, 2022

Why In News

- **Bihar Investors Summit, 2022** was held in Delhi, the capital of the country, with an aim to attract investors to Bihar on May 12, 2022.

Key Point

- The summit, held in New Delhi, was inaugurated by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad and Industries Minister Shahnawaz Hussain by lighting the lamp.
- The summit was attended by 110 reputed companies of the country and expressed their desire to invest in the state. This includes companies related to food processing, mobile manufacturing, FMCG, technology and tourism sector.

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- Speaking on the occasion, the Bihar Industries Minister said that through this summit, the government is encouraging investment in Bihar. The summit will also be held in other major cities of the country.
- After Delhi, similar Investor Summits will be held in Mumbai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad. The final summit will be held in Patna, the capital of Bihar, in which MoUs will be signed with the companies.
- Shah Nawaz Hussain said the government is developing plug and play stations where investors will be able to come and start work directly. They will not be required to go through situations like land acquisition and power shortage. This will speed up investment.
- He said a plant with a capacity of five lakh litres of ethanol has been completed in Ara in the state. Apart from this, three plants have been completed, while work on five others is going on.
- 16 ethanol companies have been allowed to operate in the state, which are at various stages of development and will start functioning soon. This is expected to benefit the farmers of the state and will help increase their income.

Proposal to rename Gaya as 'Gayaji' passed

Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, Gaya Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Mohan Srivastava informed that the municipal corporation has unanimously passed a resolution to rename Gaya as 'Gayaji' and has submitted an application to the state and the Government of India.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that on May 11, 2022, a resolution was passed to rename Gaya as 'Gayaji' in a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Gaya Municipal Corporation.
- Gaya is an internationally renowned city. Gaya is very important in Sanatan Dharma. At the same time, there is the enlightenment of Mahatma Buddha in Bodhi Gaya. Being a land of salvation, people from all over the country and abroad come here to do pinddaan.

- Historically Gaya was part of the ancient Magadha Empire. The city is situated on the banks of the Falgu River and is one of the holiest places recognized for Hindus.
- Behind the naming of the city of Gaya, there is a belief that here Lord Vishnu killed Gayasura in a duel. It is mentioned in the ancient texts that here Lord Rama himself had done the pinddaan of his fathers.

350-year-old building in Patna taluka to be demolished

Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, the Supreme Court allowed the demolition of a 350-year-old building of the collectorate office in Bihar's capital Patna.

Key Point

- The Patna unit of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) had filed a petition in the Supreme Court to save the building. The court in its order said that not every building of the British Raj is fit to be protected.
- Challenging the state government's decision to demolish the building, the petition had said that the building is a major part of the city's cultural heritage. It should be preserved rather than demolished.
- The Bihar government had issued orders on July 31, 2019, deciding to demolish this dilapidated building of the Patna collector's office. The Supreme Court had in September 2020 directed to maintain the status quo in the building.
- The Bihar Urban Arts and Heritage Commission had on June 4, 2020 approved the demolition of the collectorate complex. In 1972, archaeological survey of India (ASI) conducted a survey in Bihar. It too had not included the Collectorate of Patna in the list of protected buildings.
- It is worth mentioning that this building was used by the British as a warehouse for opium and salt storage.

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All Gram Panchayats of Bihar Will Have Their Own Websites

Why in News?

- Recently, the State Panchayati Raj Department has approached Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (Beltron), National Informatics Centre (NIC) and other Central Government institutions to develop a comprehensive website for each Gram Panchayat.

Key Points

- Bihar Panchayati Raj Minister Samrat Chaudhary said that the project to develop the website of all the 8387 gram panchayats will start after the department gets the quotations from various government agencies.
- The websites include all demographic details, places of historical importance, important institutions, apart from the details of the elected representatives of the region.
- The websites will be equipped with Management Information System (MIS) and Comprehensive Financial Management System (CFMS) to bring in greater accountability for funds spent on development and other activities in gram panchayats.
- All the elected representatives of gram panchayats and other office bearers will be trained to handle the websites.

e-Sanjeevani Portal

Why in News?

- On May 19, 2022, Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey informed that in 14 months, about 13 lakh people of the state have availed the benefits of health facilities through the e-Sanjeevani portal.

Key Points

- Since the launch of e-Sanjeevani in Bihar was started in February 2021, till April 30, 2022, 12 lakh 89 thousand 602 people in all the 38 districts of the state have undergone medical consultation and treatment through telemedicine through e-Sanjeevani.

- The e-Sanjeevani has two parts - the first is e-Sanjeevani, the second is the e-Sanjeevani OPD. Both of them have been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Mohali.
- E-Sanjeevani, a doctor-to-doctor telemedicine system, is being implemented under the Ayushman Bharat Centre for Health and Wellness (AB-HWCs) programme. It attempts to add all 1,50,000 HWCs using the hub-and-spoke model by December 2022.
- E-Sanjeevani OPD was launched during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable patient-to-doctor tele-consultation.

E-Vidhan system

Why in News?

- On May 23, 2022, Chairman of the Public Undertakings Committee of the Bihar Assembly, Hari Narayan Singh, after taking stock of the e-Vidhan system installed in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly in Shimla, said that the e-Vidhan system will be implemented in the Bihar Assembly as well.

Key Points

- In the e-Vidhana system, a paperless assembly is conducted under which the presentation of the Budget is done through online mode with the exchange of all the Q&A to be asked during the Assembly session.
- The e-Vidhan system in Himachal Pradesh was introduced on 4th August, 2014, which is saving the State Rs.15 crore per annum.
- It may be mentioned that the Bihar Legislative Council on November 25, 2021 became the first House in the country to go fully to the NEVA platform, under which the Winter Session, 2021 was held on the NeVA platform in paperless mode.

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.

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Key Points

- A total of 18 proposals including Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy were approved in the state cabinet meeting.
- State Industries Minister Shahnawaz Hussain said that through this policy, Bihar will be established as a hub in the field of textile and leather industry.
- The state government will provide a grant of up to Rs.10 crore to entrepreneurs and investors who want to invest in the textile and leather industry in Bihar.
- Apart from this, the government will also provide a salary support of three thousand to five thousand rupees per month to the workers working in these industries.

Floating Solar Power Plants**Why in News?**

- Recently, a power company of Bihar has planned to set up floating solar power plants at two places in Bihar, Phulwaria and Durgavati.

Key Points

- According to information, the proposed plant of 20 MW capacity at Phulwaria and 30 MW at Durgavati is near Phulwaria Dam, Rajauli in Nawada. Its distance from Nawada is about 30 km. A 20 MW floating solar power plant is planned to be installed in this dam.
- A 30 MW floating solar power plant will be installed at Durgavati Dam in Kaimur district. The height of this dam is 46.3 meters and the length is about 1615.4 meters.
- It is worth mentioning that recently Bihar's first floating solar power plant was inaugurated in Darbhanga. Its capacity is 2 MW. It has been prepared under the supervision of Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency (BREDA).
- Recently, the power company has entered into an agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India for purchase of 210 MW of energy. By the end of next year, this energy will be available. This will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 630 million tonnes.

- Similarly, the power company has entered into an agreement with The Sutlej Hydro Power Corporation for purchase of 200 MW of power. It will be available at the end of next year. Under this, 175 MW capacity solar power generation units will be set up at Jamui and 25 MW at Banka.

Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan**Why in News?**

- On May 30, 2022, 'Anhad-Swar', a collection of poems by poet Sagarika Rai was released at the Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Bihar Hindi Literature Conference).

Key Points

- Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan is a Hindi service organization, which was established on October 19, 1919 in Muzaffarpur.
- Jagannath Prasad along with Dr. Rajendra Prasad has played an important role in its establishment.
- From its inception till 1935, its headquarters was in Muzaffarpur, but in 1935 its headquarters were shifted to Patna.
- It is noteworthy that the 41st General Assembly of Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan was organized on April 2 and 3 at Kadam Kuan, Patna, the auditorium of Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, in memory of regional story writer Renu.
- In this convention, Dr. Ziaur Rehman Jafri, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Mirza Ghalib College, Gaya was honored for his famous book 'Ghazal writing tradition and development of Hindi Ghazal'.

Bihar Government Allows Exploration of Country's Largest Gold Reserves in Jamui district**Why in News?**

- On May 28, 2022, Bihar Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Mines Commissioner Harjot Kaur Babra said that the Bihar government has decided to give permission for exploration of the **country's largest gold reserve in Jamui district**.

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Key Points

- Harjot Kaur Babra said that the state mines and geology department is in consultation with the agencies engaged in the investigation including GSI and **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** to explore the gold reserves in Jamui.
- He said the consultation process began after analysing the findings of GSI, which indicated the presence of gold in areas like Karmatia, Jhajha and Sono in Jamui district.
- According to the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Jamui district has a **reserve of about 222.88 million tonnes of gold, including 37.6 tonnes of mineralized ore.**
- The state government is likely to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a central agency or agencies for the discovery of the **G3 (preliminary) phase** within a month. In some areas, **G2 (general) exploration** can also be carried out.
- Union Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi had told the Lok Sabha last year that Bihar has the largest share in India's gold reserves. In a written reply, he had said that Bihar has 222.885 million tonnes of gold metal, which is 44% of the country's total gold reserves.
- According to the National Mineral Inventory, the total resources of primary gold ore in the country as on 1.4.2015 are estimated to be 501.83 million tonnes with 654.74 tonnes of gold metal and of this 222.885 million tonnes is present in Bihar.

Construction of Virat Ramayana temple begins in Bihar

Why In News?

- On the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya on May 3, 2022, the construction work of Virat Temple was launched by Acharya Kishore Kunal at Kaithawalia in Kesaria block of East Champaran.

Key Point

- The Virat Ramayana temple will be constructed based on the concept of tower of temples. It will have 15 peaks, with the highest peak being 270 feet high.
- The Shivlinga will be installed in front of the temple. Behind it, an idol with a posture to worship Lord Ram and on the right side will be installed in the inclined posture of Hanumanji.
- In front of these idols, a temple of Mother Sita like Ashoka Vatika will be built at a distance of 200 feet.
- The bhoomipujan of the temple was performed on June 21, 2012. The world's largest Shivalinga will be installed here, which will be constructed from the black granite of Kanyakumari.

Bird census statistics released in Bihar

Why In News?

- Recently, the data of unplanned bird census has been released by the Government of Bihar for the first time in the State.

Key Point

- The census, launched in February 2022, has been conducted by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bihar in collaboration with the Wetland International Institute.
- According to this calculation, 202 species of birds have been found in a total of 68 reservoirs of the state. The total number of these birds is 45,173.
- Out of these, 80 species are of aquatic birds, including Lesser Whistling Duck, Asian Open Build Stroke, Little Cormorant and Common Coot Garhwal etc.
- As per the calculation, the distribution of aquatic birds is as follows:
 - Gogabil Lake (4973) > Indrapuri Barrage (2641) > Naga-Nakti Dam (2430)
 - Despite this, the situation in magadh division of the state in terms of the number of birds is very worrisome, for example, only 3 birds have been found in The Kulmahadev Dam, while 24 birds have been found in Sita Dam.

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Operation Prahar'

Why In News?

- Recently, in the report released by the Bihar Police Headquarters, it has been told that under the 'Operation Prahar' being conducted to arrest the violators of the prohibition law along with the accused involved in serious criminal incidents in the state, the police made 8,859 arrests in April.

Key Points

- Under this, the Anti-Liquor Task Force (ALTF) has recovered 1.59 lakh liters of liquor and arrested the people involved in it.
- On the orders of the Police Headquarters, 67 Vajra teams and platoons have been formed at the district level for the arrest of the accused involved in serious criminal incidents.
- Muzaffarpur district with 397 arrests was at the forefront of arrests by ALTF, Saran was second

with 298 arrests and Motihari stood third with 294 arrests.

- Significantly, with the aim of making the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act more effective, it has been amended in March 2022, the main provisions of which are as follows-
 - Under this amendment, while changing the basic law of 2016, a provision has been made to release it by paying a fine if caught while drinking. However, it shall not be the right of the accused to waive off the payment of the fine.
 - Also, if any person is found to be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicants, he shall be immediately arrested and produced before the nearest Executive Magistrate.
 - If the bulk recovery of liquor takes place from temporary premises which cannot be sealed, such premises may be demolished by order of the Collector.



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