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Rajgir Mahotsav started in Bihar

Why In News

Rajgir Mahotsav started in Bihar on November 30, 2023. It was inaugurated by Bihar Finance and Commerce Tax Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary.

Key Points

- Rajgir Mahotsav is being organized at the State Guest House grounds between November 30 and December 2, 2023, courtesy the Tourism Department and District Administration Nalanda.
- On this occasion, Women's Mahotsav, Cuisine Fair, Book Fair, various sports competitions, dance competitions, street plays, stalls of various departments and departmental exhibitions will be organised.
- In the cultural programme, there will be Ganga dance drama of Bhagiratha by Magadha Kala Cultural Centre, singing program of Aishwarya Nigam and Deepali Sahay.
- On the occasion of this festival, a 7-day Gram Shrimela will be organized till December 6, 2023.
- It is known that Rajgir Mahotsav was started in the year 1986.



Jyoti Sinha of Bihar received the National Award for the Best Disabled Person

Why in News?

On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored Jyoti Sinha of Muzaffarpur, Bihar with the National Award 2023 for 'Best Divyangjan' at a grand ceremony in New Delhi.

Key Points:

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- It may be noted that on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Award 2023 to 21 individuals and 9 institutions for their exemplary contribution in various fields for the empowerment of persons with disabilities in New Delhi.
- Jyoti Sinha from Bihar, suffering from 70% muscular dystrophy, has been honored with the National Award 2023 for Individual Excellence in the category of Best Disabled Person in the Field of Art and Culture for her excellent work in the field of Madhubani painting.
 - It may be noted that in 1969, the Central Government had approved a scheme to confer National Awards on outstanding persons with disabilities as employers and employees. These awards have been instituted with the objective of focusing public attention on issues related to persons with disabilities and promoting their inclusion in the mainstream of society.
- National Awards are given every year on 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' on 3 December to outstanding individuals/organizations working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2023 have been given under the following categories.

I. National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities-2023-Individual Excellence

- best disabled person
- super disabled person
 - Locomotor Challenge (Locomotor, Muscular Challenges, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Survivors, Cerebral Palsy)
 - o Visual impairment (blindness, low vision)



- Hearing loss (deaf, hard of hearing, speech and language challenges)
- Intellectual disability (mental retardation, psychotic behavior, specific learning challenges, autism spectrum disorder)
- Any specified disability other than those mentioned above.
- Best Disabled Child/Girl
- Best person working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities
- Best Rehabilitation Professional (Rehabilitation Professional/Worker) – working in the field of disability

II. National Award for institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities-2023

- Best Institute for Empowerment of Disabled (Private Organization, NGO)
- Best Employer for Disabled (Government Organization/ PSE/Autonomous Body/Private Sector)
- Best State/UT/District in implementation of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan/creation of barrier free environment
- Best accessible means of transport/information and communication technology (government/private organizations)
- Best State/UT/District in implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act/UDID and other schemes for empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities of the State best in implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in his/her State
- Best organizations engaged in development of rehabilitation professionals

Dates announced for Panchayat by elections in Bihar

Why in News?

The dates for Panchayat by-elections were announced by Bihar State Election Commission on December 4, 2023. There will be by-elections for a total of 1675 Panchayat posts in the state.

Key Points:

- As per the notification issued by the State Election Commission, the date of voting has been fixed on December 28, while the nomination will be from December 9 to December 15.
- Scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on December 16, while the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers has been fixed as December 20.
- Under the Panchayat by-election, elections will be held for the posts of Zilla Parishad member, Gram Panchayat head, Gram Kachari Sarpanch, Panchayat Samiti member, Gram Panchayat member and Gram Kachahari Panch.
- Elections will be held for 4 posts for Zilla Parishad member, 21 for Gram Panchayat Mukhiya, 36 for Gram Kachari Sarpanch, 20 for Panchayat Samiti member, 353 for Gram Panchayat member and 1241 posts for Gram Kachahari Panch.
- Voting will be held on December 28, which will start from 7 am till 5 pm. Counting of votes will take place from 8 am on December 30.
- It may be noted that last time a by-election was held for other vacant posts including Panch in 2022.



Two-day global investor summit in Bihar from December 13

Why In News?

On December 5, 2023, Bihar Industries Department Minister Sameer Mahaseth and Information Public Relations Minister Sanjay Jha told the media that the Industries Department will organize 'Bihar Business Connect-2023... a global... 'Investors Summit' (Bihar Business Connect-2023: A Global Investors' Summit).



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Key Points

- More than 600 entrepreneurs from India, abroad and the state are likely to participate in this conference.
- Additional Chief Secretary of the Industries Department said that the Industries Department organized Investors Meet in USA, Dhaka(Bangladesh) Dubai (UAE) Taiwan and Japan and the investors from there were invited to invest in Bihar and participate in Bihar Business Connect 2023.
- Road shows were organized in seven major industrial cities of the country - New Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Tiruppur and Kolkata.
- Representatives from more than 22 countries have been invited to Bihar Business Connect-2023. Mainly among them are countries like USA, Germany, Hungary, UAE, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Russia, Thailand.
- Additional Chief Secretary said that priority will be given on the first day of Bihar Business Connect-2023
- Four industries (Textile, Food Processing, IT/ITES/ ESDM and General Manufacturing) will be discussed, in which seven ministers have been invited to participate.
- The main session has been organized on the second day, in which the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and other ministers will attend. B-to-B meetings will be organized with entrepreneurs on both the days.



For the 1st time in the country, a transgender was made a senate member in Patna University

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on December 6, 2023, Bihar Governor and Chancellor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has nominated transgender Reshma Prasad as a member of the Senate of Patna University.

Key Points

- Reshma Prasad is the first transgender to become a senate member in any university in the country.
- > She has been nominated for three years.
- If Reshma Prasad becomes a member of the Senate, the problems of transgenders in the field of higher education will come to the fore.
- Reshma Prasad, a resident of the capital Patna, has been working for years for the educational, social and economic upliftment of transgenders through her social organisation Dostana Safar.
- Due to his efforts, the Central Government has established Garima Grih for transgenders in Khagaul, Patna, where shelterless transgenders live.



Bihar's Abhay Kumar registered in Guinness World Records for the 3rd time

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on December 6, 2023, Abhay Kumar, a resident of Ghazipur of Desari block in Vaishali district of Bihar, has got his name registered in the Guinness Book of World Records for the third time, breaking his own record.

Key Points:

After the success of the record, Guinness World Records awarded a certificate to Abhay Kumar. Apart from this, he was also selected for Guinness World Record News.



- For this, by answering 19 calendar dates of 10 thousand years randomised by the computer in one minute, he broke the previous record of answering 16 calendar dates of 10 thousand years in one minute created by himself.
- Even before this, Abhay Kumar has created a record by identifying passports of different 91 countries in 1 minute.
- Abhay is imparting special techniques to the students to increase their memory power 'Smriti Sudhar' and to memorise the facts of the subjects in less time & for a longer period of time through App-Aspirant Jet & AspirantJet.com website from Class-5 onwards. Provide training to students preparing for various competitive exams.
- Abhay Kumar also participates in seminars on the invitation of schools and colleges. According to Abhay, their goal is to provide training in memory and learning techniques to more than 10 lakh people through all mediums by 2030.



Documentary 'Weavers of Hope' based on the weavers of Gaya's Patwa group won UNESCO Award

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on December 7, 2023, the documentary film 'Weavers of Hope' based on the lives of the weavers of Patwa Toli near Gaya has been honoured with an award by UNESCO.

Key Points:

The film's director Shinjan Chatterjee said that this documentary film is based on the lives of the weavers of Patwa Toli near Gaya.

- University Public Relations Officer Mohd. Mudassir Alam informed that the competition was jointly organised by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Commonwealth Media Center for Asia (CEMCA).
- The documentary film has been awarded a special award along with a cash prize.
- Students of the Department of Mass Communication and Media of Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) made an important contribution in the production of the film.
- The media department involved in film production were Shivam Bhadani, Shinjan Chatterjee, Tooba Rehman, Pragati Kumari, Megha Kumari, Aditi Singhal, Richa Kumari, Dixit Singh and Sheelu Ragini.



Andar block of Siwan district of Bihar tops NITI Aayog's 1st delta ranking of ABP

Why in News?

Andar block of Siwan district of Bihar in eastern India, included in Zone 6, has got the top position in the first delta ranking of Aspirational Block Program (ABP) announced by NITI Aayog on December 7, 2023.

Key Points:

In the first Delta Ranking of Aspirational Block Program (ABP), Tiriyani Kumuram Bheem block of Asifabad, Telangana got first position and Kaushambi block of Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh got second position.



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- The blocks are divided geographically into six zones and ranking is given to two blocks from each zone.
 - In Zone 1, which includes hilly and north-eastern states as well as islands, Amri block (West Karbi Anglong, Assam) and Ngopa block (Saitual, Mizoram) stood first and second respectively.
 - In Zone 2, which covers North Indian states, Harraiya block of Basti district of Uttar Pradesh stood first and Virno block of Ghazipur district stood second.
 - In Zone 3 comprising southern states, Maski block (Raichur, Karnataka) and Naranur (Adilabad, Telangana) were declared the top rankers.
 - In the western Indian states, which include Zone
 Sironcha and Aheri blocks in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra emerged as winners.
 - Under Zone 5, Tirla block of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh and Pat block of Barwani district were the winners in Central India.
 - In Eastern India, included in Zone 6, Andar in Siwan district of Bihar and Ramgarh in Dumka in Jharkhand were at the top position.
- The winners in all categories will be awarded a prize money of Rs 1.5 crore for the top rank and Rs 1 crore for the second rank.
- The ranking of the blocks was calculated based on the performance of the blocks and the progress achieved in the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the month of June, 2023.
- Ranking the blocks based on KPIs is a core strategy of the programme, which is based on the spirit of competitive and cooperative federalism. This is the first time that a ranking of blocks has been calculated as part of the Aspirational Block Programme.
- Apart from ABP, ADP rankings for the month of October 2023 were also announced, in which Rayagada (Odisha) and Jamui (Bihar) secured the first and second ranks respectively. Awarded to top rankers in the thematic and overall categories of ADP.
- It may be noted that the Aspirational Block Program (ABP) was started on January 7, 2023. ABP focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in India's most difficult and relatively underdeveloped blocks. 500 blocks in 329 districts across 27 states and 4 union territories in India are part of this programme.

CM attended the 26th Eastern Regional Council meeting

Why in News?

On December 10, 2023, the 26th Eastern Regional Council meeting was held under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah at 'Samvad' located at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Patna, Bihar, in which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar attended and also hosted the meeting.

Key Points:

- This was the 5th meeting of the Eastern Regional Council in Patna on the instructions of the Central Government. Earlier meetings had taken place in 1958, 1963, 1985 and 2015.
- Ministers and senior officials of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha & West Bengal attended the meeting.
- It may be noted that the Chief Minister had participated in the meeting of the Eastern Regional Council held in Orissa on February 28, 2020.
- In the meeting, the Chief Minister said that the State Government has carried out caste based census using its resources and released its data, according to which the total population of Bihar is 13.7 lakh 25 thousand 310 out of which 53 lakh 72 thousand 22 people are living outside Bihar. 12 crore 53 lakh 53 thousand are living in the state.
- In the caste based census, the backward class population was found to be 27.12 percent, extreme backward class was 36.01 percent, scheduled caste was 19.65 percent, scheduled tribe was 1.68 percent and general category was 15.52 percent.
- The Chief Minister said that the reservation limit in the state has been increased from 50 to 65 percent. A law has been passed for this. 10 percent reservation is already available for economically weaker people of general category. All together the total reservation has reached 75 percent.
- The Chief Minister said that poor families are found in all castes, out of which 25.09 percent of general category, 33.16 percent of backward class, 33.58 percent of extremely backward class, 42.93 percent of scheduled caste and 42.70 percent of scheduled tribe people are poor. The total number of poor families in all categories is 94 lakh.



- The Chief Minister said that in order to advance the poor families, a scheme has been made to provide assistance of up to Rs 2 lakh for employment to one of its members.
- For families who do not have houses, the amount for purchasing land has been increased from Rs 60 thousand to Rs 1 lakh. Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand will be given to build a house.
- From the year 2018, under the 'Sustainable Livelihood Scheme', the assistance amount of Rs 1 lakh being given to extremely poor families for employment has been increased to Rs 2 lakh.



Chief Minister inaugurates units of 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana' in Bihta

Why In News?

On December 12, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the units of 'Plug and Play Shed' and 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana' in Sikanderpur Industrial Area of Bihta in Patna district.

Key Points

On this occasion, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar distributed checks of the second instalment to the beneficiaries under the Scheduled Caste/Tribe/Extremely Backward Class/Women/Young Entrepreneur Scheme.

- Under this, the Chief Minister presented a symbolic check of Rs 3 lakh each to Bhojpur Enterprises, Aastha Textiles, Priyanka Enterprises and Anand Enterprises.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Britannia Industries Limited in the industrial area complex itself.
- In the year 2011, the first unit of Britannia Industries Limited was established in Hajipur and on December 12, 2023, the second unit was inaugurated and production work also started.





Chief Minister inaugurated the road convenience centre cum cafeteria of Kesariya <u>Stupa</u>

Why In News?

On December 12, 2023, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the wayside convenience centre cum cafeteria of Kesariya Stupa in East Champaran district by cutting the ribbon and laid the foundation stone of the development works of the tourist facility in the premises of Kesariya Stupa.



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Key Points

- The cost amount of this scheme is Rs 6.90 crore. With the construction of the cafeteria, the tourists coming here will find it convenient to stay. The cost of the important scheme for the development of tourist facilities in the premises of Kesariya Stupa is Rs 19.77 crore.
- Here, a replica of the Kesariya Stupa, which has special importance among Buddhist symbols, will be built near it. In this, the extinct parts of the main stupa will be carved into the structure.
- A total of eight miniature replicas will be built around the main structure, which include Vishwa Shanti Stupa, Mahabodhi Temple, ruins of Nalanda University, Ashoka Pillar Vaishali, Vikramshila, Gurupa Bodh Sthal, Barabar Ki Cave and Sujata Stupa.
- In this, tourists will get a complete glimpse of Buddhist architecture. A 45-seat auditorium will also be constructed inside the stupa-like shape, which will be equipped with audio-visual system.
- In this structure, an exhibition hall has also been arranged to show short documentaries and exhibitions related to Lord Buddha.
- This scheme has been implemented by Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation. Tourist visiting center and cafeteria building have been constructed under the scheme.





Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of developmental works of Punauradham complex

Why in News?

On December 13, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone of the development works of the Punaura Dham Temple (birthplace of Maa Janaki) complex under Sitamarhi district of Bihar.

Key Points:

- Punaura Dham is one of the important places associated with the Ramayana circuit in Bihar. Approximately Rs 72.74 crore will be spent on the development works to be done in the Punaura Dham temple complex.
- For its development, a covered circumambulation path will be constructed around the Punaura Dham temple, which will incorporate excellent architecture using sandstone.





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- In this complex, facilities like parking for vehicles, cafeteria for visitors, kiosks etc. will be constructed in the Janaki Mahotsav grounds for the convenience of tourists.
- Shanti Mandap will be constructed near Sita Vatika for meditation. There is also a provision for 3D animation showing the life story of Goddess Sita, which will be a major centre of attraction for the tourists.

MoU worth Rs 50,530 crore signed in Bihar Business Connect-2023

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on December 14, 2023, during the Global Investor Summit 'Bihar Business Connect-2023', Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth Rs 50,530 crore was signed with about 300 companies from various sectors.

Key Points:

- During Bihar Business Connect-2023, Adani Enterprises Director Pranab Adani said that it has been decided to invest Rs 8,700 crore in various sectors including cement manufacturing, logistics and agro industry in Bihar. His company has already invested Rs 850 crore here.
- Other MoUs signed during Bihar Business Connect-2023 include MoU worth Rs 7,386.15 crore with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, MoU worth Rs 5,230 crore with Patel Agri Industries Private Limited and MoU worth Rs 2,200 crore with Holtec International Inc.
- Apart from this, agreements worth Rs 2,000 crore were signed with Indo European Heart Hospitals and Research Institute Private Limited, Dev India Project worth Rs 1,600 crore, Star Cement worth Rs 1,000 crore, UltraTech Cement worth Rs 1,000 crore, J.K. Lakshmi Cement, Rs 800 crore with Spray Engineering Devices Limited, Rs 674 crore with Varun Beverages and Rs 650 crore with ShreeCement.
- During the program, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Logistics Policy-2023 and also released the coffee table book of the Industries Department.

It may be noted that on December 14, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had inaugurated the Plenary Session of Bihar Business Connect-2023 at Gyan Bhawan located at Samrat Ashoka Convention Centre.





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पटेल एन्प्रो इंस्ट्रीज लिमिटेल	५२३० करोड़ रुपए
होटल लेक इंटरनेशनल	२२०० करोड़ रुपए
इंडो यूहोपियन हार्ट होस्पिटल	२२०० करोड़ रुपए
वेब इंडिया प्रोजेक्ट	१६०० करोड़ रूपए
स्टार सीमेंट	१००० कहोड़ रुपए
लक्ष्मी सीमेंद	१००० करोड़ रुपए
अल्द्रा सीमेंट	१००० कहोड़ रुपए
स्रो इंजीनियरिंग डिवाइस लिमिटेड	८०० करोड़ रुपए

Mandatory to install the Device in Commercial Vehicles

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on December 17, 2023, it has now become mandatory to install vehicle location tracking devices in every commercial vehicle in Bihar.



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Key Points:

- According to the Transport Department, it has been made mandatory to install vehicle location tracking devices and emergency buttons in public transport vehicles in the state for the safety of women & passengers.This is a device which will help in knowing where the vehicle is. With this, accurate information about the location of each vehicle will be available in the control room of the transport department.
- If this device is not installed, the vehicles will not be given a fitness certificate by the transport department.
 Besides, a fine of Rs 5,000 will also be taken from the owner of that vehicle.



At present, it is being installed rapidly in Patna, Gaya, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur and Muzaffarpur because the number of public transport is more in these cities.

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CM inaugurated Ganga water Supply Scheme in Nawada

Why in News?

On December 15, 2023, the Ganga Water Supply Scheme was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Paura village of Kadirganj in Nawada district.

Key Points:

- The 36 million litre clear water pump house was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also started providing pure drinking water from Ganga water to every house in Nawada.
- During this program, a short film based on the Ganga Water Supply Scheme was presented before the Chief Minister.
- A Master Underground Reservoir (MUGR) has been constructed under the Ganga Water Supply Scheme. Water will be sent directly from this reservoir to four sump houses of Budco. After this, water will be sent from the sump house to 4 water tanks through pumps. The capacity of each water tank is approximately four and a half lakh litres.
- Under the Ganga Water Supply Scheme, Ganga water will be supplied to every person at the rate of 135 litres (8-9 buckets) per day.
- With the launch of Ganga Water Supply Scheme, drinking water will be supplied to the people of Nawada city as well as to hotels, dharamshalas, educational institutions etc.
- Along with this, a separate electrical substation has also been constructed near the water purification plant located at Paura for power supply.



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Three new industrial areas will be built in Bihar

Why in News?

On December 17, 2023, the Bihar government announced the creation of three new industrial areas in the state.

Key Points:

- These industrial areas will be established in Gaya, Munger and Nalanda districts of Bihar.
- Various types of industries will be established in these industrial areas, which include heavy industries, medium industries and small scale industries.
- 1670 acres of land will be acquired in the industrial area to be built in Gaya district of Bihar.
- 1200 acres of land will be acquired in the industrial area to be built in Munger district of Bihar.

- 1000 acres of land will be acquired in the industrial area to be built in Nalanda district of Bihar.
- The construction of these industrial areas will increase employment opportunities in the state and boost the economy of the state.





1.5 crore houses in Saran, Bihar will get free internet connection

Why in News??

According to the information received from the media on December 20, 2023, under the Bharat Net Udyam Yojana, broadband connection will be provided to every village and every house in Saran district of Bihar through optical fiber gateway.

Key Points:

Saran MP Rajeev Pratap Rudy said that to connect the villages of Saran district with internet, 105



kilometers of optical fiber is being laid again in the district, which is targeted to be completed by March 2024.

- MP Rajeev Pratap Rudy said that rural areas will be empowered with broadband connection, people will be able to get treatment with the help of global doctors and families will be able to save money on preparing their children for competitive exams and village children will be able to prepare for competitive exams while staying in the village itself.
- MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy said that television, telephone, iPad, computer, desktop can all be used simultaneously in high speed internet. Along with this, there is no need to install separate phones in the houses because along with the free connection, a land line phone will also be installed.
- It may be noted that MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy had already campaigned for internet connection in Saran district. In this campaign, people are being given free internet connection through pink colored forms. In this, a six-month plan of Rs 999 is being given.





Basukinath Jha Received Sahitya Akademi Award -2023

Why In News?

On 21 December 2023, the Sahitya Akademi has announced to give the Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2023 to Maithili language writer Basukinath Jha.

Key Points:

- Maithili litterateur Basukinath Jha has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award-2023 for his Maithili essay collection "Bodh-Sanketan".
- Maithili litterateur Basukinath Jha is a resident of Samastipur district of Bihar.
- Maithili litterateur Basukinath Jha, in Maithili language, wrote Vidyapati Kavya Lochan (Classical Criticism), Anushilan-Avabodh (Critical Research and Essay Collection), Parivaha (Modern Critical Essay Collection), Bodh Sanketan (Collection of Introductions to Books written by Various Authors), Vastuvaachi Sanketan. Has written many books including (Literary Trend based Essay Collection), Vyaktiwaachi Sankhanan (Personality based essay collection), Maithili literary outline (Part one and two), Novel and Social consciousness.
- Maithili litterateur Basukinath Jha has been given many awards for his work including Grierson Award from the state government, Sahasrabadi Award in Hindi Conference, Mithila Vibhuti Award from Vidyapati Seva Sansthan, National Shikhar Sahitya Samman from Sahityakar Sansad.







Chief Minister inaugurates Bihar Dairy and Cattle Expo-2023

Why In News??

On December 21, 2023 Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Inaugurated the three-day Bihar Dairy and Cattle Expo-2023 .

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar In this programme, five dairy plants of COMFED, Patna established at a cost of Rs 239.96 crore and other equipment of COMFED, Patna established at a cost of Rs 72.76 crore were inaugurated.
- Chief Minister by Nitish Kumar Veterinary and Animal Husbandry College, Kishanganj was inaugurated.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched five new products of COMFED, Patna - sweets, namkeen, cookies, bread and drinking water (Sudha Salil).
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Cheques related to dividend distribution of Rs 10.50 crore were provided to the state government and milk unions, in which Rs 5.76 crore will be distributed to the state government and Rs 4.74 crore to the milk unions.

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- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar New office building and Fisheries Research and Training Center to be constructed in the office premises of COMFED at a cost of Rs 4.31 crore in the premises located near Bihar Veterinary College, Patna and Laid the foundation stone of Matsya Vikas Bhawan in Patna to be constructed at a cost of Rs 54.35 crore.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launches animal nutrition app of Bihar Animal Science University, Patna.



18th Bhojpuri Film Awards 2023 announced

Why in News?

The 18th Bhojpuri Film Awards 2023 was announced on 23 December 2023 in Kandivali, Mumbai.

Key Points:

- In the 18th Bhojpuri Film Awards 2023, actor Arvind Akela alias Kallu was awarded the Best Actor Award.
- In the 18th Bhojpuri Film Awards 2023, actress Amrapali Dubey was awarded the Best Actress Award.
- Along with this, Pramod Shastri became Best Director and Ranjan Sinha became the best PRO.
- In the 18th Bhojpuri Film Awards 2023, artists and technicians were awarded the award in a total of 20 categories by incoming guests.
- Be aware that the Bhojpuri Film Award was started in the year 2005.



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