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200 People will be able to sit together & watch 3D & 2D Shows in Patna's New Planetarium

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 31 May 2023, the people of Patna (capital of Bihar) will soon get an opportunity to see and understand the cosmic world on a 3D screen in the new auditorium of the planetarium, under which 200 people will be able to sit together and watch 3D and 2D shows.

Key Points:

- American 3D screens and German 3D projectors have been installed in the planetarium. The show will be aired for viewers in the third week of June.
- Four films have been selected for the 3D show by the department. Along with this, eight films of 2D have been selected.
- Viewers will also be provided with an active 3D glass worth around Rs 700 to watch the 3D show in the planetarium. After the show, all viewers will have to submit an active 3D glass.
- The planetarium will showcase world-class films on the solar system to the audience through six digital 3D projectors.
- At present, the work of floor fabrication and seating arrangement has been started in the planetarium. The modernization work of the planetarium is being done at a cost of about Rs 34 crore. The laser projector in the planetarium will mix RGB rays through a computer to create real colours for the 3D show.
- Along with this, a 3D sound system has also been developed for the audience, which will make the audience feel like reaching the galaxy through background sound.
- These four 3D films were selected:
 - **Astroy Mission:** In this, the audience will be given information about the structure of the asteroid and its effect on mankind.
 - **VR Stars:** In addition to giving information about the origin and evolution of stars, the audience will be shown the internal structure of the stars.

- **Voyager Mission:** In this, detailed information about the Voyager mission will be given. Along with this, exciting pictures of Jupiter and Saturn will be shown.
- **Space Next:** In this film, the audience will be told in detail about the space journey.
- Viewers will be able to book tickets for the 2D & 3D shows running in the planetarium. An E-ticketing facility will be provided to the people for the audience by the planetarium management. In addition to e-tickets, manual tickets will also be provided to the audience. A total of eight shows will be run for the audience in a day. There will be four 2D & four 3D shows.
- The rate of the ticket has also been fixed by the department. For children up to 14 years of age, the ticket price for 2D shows will be Rs 50 and for 3D shows, it will be Rs 60. For those above 14 years of age, the ticket price will be Rs 80 for 2D shows and Rs 100 for 3D shows. Apart from this, a fee of Rs 10 and Rs 20 will be kept for the group of school children.



New Civil Enclaves will be Built at Purnia and Darbhanga Airports

Why In News?

On May 30, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, MoU was approved between the Airports Authority of India and the Government of Bihar for the construction of new civil enclaves in Darbhanga and Purnea.

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- With this decision of the Council of Ministers, the work of construction of a new terminal building will start at both these airports of the state.

Note:

- After this decision of the cabinet, while the facilities at Darbhanga airport will be expanded, the hurdle in starting air service from Purnea airport has now been removed.
- The MoU mainly mentions that the state government will make available the land it will acquire for the airport without any encroachment. Road connectivity will be provided from Fourline. Will ensure availability of electricity and water.
- Significantly, under the 'Udaan' scheme, in the year 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced to start of air service by making a civil enclave from Purnea's Chunapur Airport.
- With the construction of the airport in Purnea, not only Seemanchal and Kosi but also the population of crores of 10 surrounding districts will get the direct benefit of the airport. People will not have to go to Bagdogra for flights. With the opening of the airport, the development of the district will double.

Selection of 16 players from Bihar in State-Level School Judo Under-19

Why in News?

On 31 May 2023, Muzaffarpur District's Sports Officer Mithilesh Kumar said that under the joint auspices of Bihar Art Culture & Youth Department and Bihar State Sports Authority Patna, a State-Level School Judo Under-19 boys & girls selection competition was organized at Khel Bhavan in Sikandarpur of Muzaffarpur district, in which 16 (10 boys and 6 girls) players were selected.

Key Points:

- More than 60 players from different districts of Bihar participated in this selection competition. Most of the players in the selected team are from Lakhisarai and Begusarai districts.
- The School Games Federation of India (SGFI) will organise a State-Level School Judo U-19 competition in New Delhi and Madhya Pradesh from June 6 to 12.
- Among the selected players, Shyam Kumar-BP Inter School Begusarai, Md. Afzal-DPS Majhaul Begusarai, Soumya Kumar-Commerce Inter College Muzaffarpur, Ajit Kumar and Ramji-Plus 2 R.U.V. Barahia Lakhisarai, Akshat Kumar and Rishabh Savarna - Shri Ramavtar

Singh Senior Secondary School Lakhisarai, Shivanshu Suman-Sant Paul School Begusarai, Nitin Raj and Abhinandan Kumar-CS DAV Public School Motihari are included.

- Among the selected players in the girls' category, Lakshmi Kumari High School Gauripur Lattipur Bhagalpur, Anshika Kumari G.B.O. 10 +2 Utkramit Vidyalaya Banswar Buxar, Priyanshu Kumari J.D. Women's College Patna, Muskan Kumari Women's College Khagaul Patna, Mansi Kumari 10 +2 Rajkiya Utkramit Vidyalaya Barhia Lakhisarai, Nazrana Naaz Urdu Girls High School Asanandarpur Bhagalpur are included.

Para Medical Council will be formed for the 1st time in Bihar

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on 1 June 2023, in view of the demands of the employees in the health sector of Bihar, the Health Department has decided to form a Para Medical Council for the first time in the state.

Key Points:

- There are many such institutions in the state so far, in which the correct data on health workers is not available. Also, such employees are not being registered. In view of this shortage, the Health Department has decided to form a Para Medical Council.
- The council will have 10 members, including the chairman. Also, a para-medical manual is being prepared by the department.
- According to official sources of the Health Department, so far there is no statutory institution for technical education such as X-ray Technician, Radiology Assistant, Dental Assistant, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Ophthalmic Assistant, Operation Theatre Assistant, CT Scan Technician, ECG Assistant, ECG Technician, Dialysis Technician, MRI Technician, Medical Laboratory Technologist, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dresser, Audiology Assistant.
- In such a situation, without registration, the government does not have information about how many students have what degree in which field in the state.

Note:

- At the time of registration, the valid certificates of the students doing paramedical will also be checked. With this, those who take fake degrees will also be caught.
- According to sources, the para-medical council is being formed on the lines of the nursing council, pharmacy council & medical council. Preparations for the formation of this council in the department have been completed. Soon it will get the approval of the Cabinet.

Chhapra's Mohini won the State U-11 Girls Chess Championship Title

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on June 1, 2023, Mohini, a resident of Chhapra in Saran district, has won the title of State Under-11 Girls Chess Championship organized by Bihar Chess Association in Siwan.

Key Points:

- Mohini has registered four wins in this championship. Whereas, the only game was drawn with the reigning National School Under-7 champion Ankit Raj.
- In the State Under-11 Girls Championship, Mohini won the title by scoring 4.5 points. After this, she is going to represent Bihar in the National Under-11 Competition.
- It is known that Mohini has always been a good player in chess, she has always been interested in the game of chess. She is also doing well in this.



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BSEB launched a Mobile App

Why in News?

On 4 June 2023, Bihar School Examination Board Chairman Anand Kishore told that Bihar School Examination Board has launched the 'BSEB Mobile App' for students and teachers.

Key Points:

- On this app, students will get all the information related to studies and exams. Matriculation and intermediate students can get all the necessary information with the help of this app.
- Through the 'BSEB Mobile App', lakhs of matriculation and inter candidates can check their final admit card, dummy admit card, registration card, and online examination form along with other information here.
- Along with this, through this app, all the teachers, who do evaluation work in the Bihar School Examination Board examinations, will also be provided with all the information like their joining letter through the mobile app.
- BSEB Chairman Anand Kishore said that the use of the app has started and all the students have been given a unique ID number.
- Students will be identified with a unique ID. Students can also check their certificates and other documents on the app. They can also take a printout of it. From dummy admit cards to certificates, it will be available on the app itself.

Maithili singer Soni Chowdhary awarded by 'Bihar Ratna Samman'

Why in News?

On 3 June 2023, Bihar's National Youth Welfare Council President Vishwamohan Chaudhary awarded the 'Bihar Ratna Samman' to Soni Chaudhary, a poetess and Maithili folk singer from Darbhanga district of the state, for her excellent singing at a felicitation ceremony held in Patna.

Key Points:

- Soni Chaudhary has earlier been awarded 'Sangeet Ratna Samman 2022' by Assessment & Performance



Appraisal Council, New Delhi and 'Sur Madhukar Samman' by Datia Gurukul (Madhya Pradesh) for better singing.

- Apart from these, Soni Chaudhary has also been honoured with 'the Tilkamanjhi National Award' by Tilkamanjhi University, Bhagalpur, 'Swami Vivekananda Yuva Samman' by Mithila Shiksha Manch, Samastipur, 'Bihar Samman' by Bihar Education & Cultural Development Council, Patna, 'Sant Shiromani Laxminath Gosai Samman' by Mahinathpur-based institution etc.
- After receiving the award, Soni Chaudhary said that this honour will work to increase the enthusiasm towards the preservation & promotion of her mother tongue Maithili and traditional folk songs in her culture.



World's tallest Shivaling will be established in Virat Ramayana Temple

Why in News?

On 6 June 2023, Acharya Kishore Kunal, secretary of Mahavir Mandir Patna of Bihar, informed that the construction work of Virat Ramayana Temple at Kaithwalia-Bahuara on Kesaria Chakia Path in East Champaran district of the state will start soon. This temple will not only be the world's tallest temple but the World's Tallest Shivalinga will also be installed in this temple.

Key Points:

- The Secretary of Mahavir Mandir Patna said that by the month of Sawan in the year 2025, the world's largest Shivalinga will be installed in this temple. In Mahabalipuram, a 250-tonne black granite stone rock is being carved and *Sahasralingam* is also being built along with the main Shivalinga.

- The weight of the Shivalinga will be 200 tons, height will be 33 feet and the sphere will be 33 feet. It is known that Sahasralingam has not been built in India after the eighth century.
- The Virat Ramayana temple to be built in the state will be three storeys. After entering the temple, a devotee will have the Darshan of the Pratham Pujya Vighnaharta Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. The Virat Ramayana temple will have a total of 22 temples of Shaiva and Vaishnava gods and goddesses.
- There are 120 acres of land available for the construction of the temple. This temple site will be developed as Janaki Nagar and there will be many Ashrams, Gurukuls, Dharamshalas etc.
- The piling of the Virat Ramayana temple has been given to Suntech Infra Solutions Private Limited, which is doing the piling work of Patna Metro.



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New Pollution Policy will be implemented soon in Bihar

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 7 June 2023, a new pollution policy will be implemented in Bihar to make carbon emissions zero in the next 40 years, which aims to improve the environment.

Key Points:

- The new pollution policy is likely to be implemented in the state in the next four-five months. It may or may not be easily understood by the common man, but its purpose is to benefit the state, the country and the world in general and in particular. It will also benefit animals, birds and natural components including humans.
- The implementation of this policy will also help in the success of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's dream project Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan.
- According to sources, a study is being done for the new pollution policy by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) along with its associate organizations. Its report is likely to come in the next few days. On the basis of this report, a draft of the new policy will be prepared and implemented after the approval of the State Council of Ministers.
- In this new policy to be implemented in the state, an action plan will be prepared for the next 30-40 years. The work to be done every year will be decided in this action plan. In this way, by working every year, for the next 30-40 years, the target of making carbon emissions zero in the state will be worked upon.
- The main topics to be included in the action plan will be changes in electricity production or purchase, industry, transportation, things consumed by common people, food and drink, shopping lifestyle etc. in the state.
- Arvind Chaudhary, Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department said that a blueprint will be prepared regarding low carbon emissions. In this, an action plan is being prepared for every year.
- The policy will determine the share of renewable energy in power procurement in the state. How electric and CNG-driven vehicles will be replaced by petrol and diesel vehicles. What kind of incentive will be given to the private party to encourage it.



State's Biggest Blood Bank will be built in Muzaffarpur

Why In News?

On 7 June 2023, Red Cross Secretary of Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, Uday Shankar Prasad Singh announced that a blood bank would be set up at Company Bagh in Muzaffarpur district at a cost of three crores, which would be the biggest blood bank ever in Bihar.

Key Points:

- This blood bank to be built at Company Bagh Red Cross will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. For this, machines have been procured. A blood separation machine will also be installed here, due to which the problem of not having blood containing red blood cells will be removed.
- Presently the facility of blood separation is available only in Shri Krishna Medical College Hospital (SKMCH), but due to less blood separation, it becomes difficult to save the lives of patients.
- With the formation of this blood bank in Muzaffarpur district, the dependence of the patients on SKMCH will be reduced to a great extent.
- It is known that this blood bank will run on the ground floor of the Red Cross, in which a blood facility will be available for the patients for 24 hours. Patients will be able to take advantage of the service from the blood bank as per their requirements.
- Secretary of the Red Cross said that this blood bank will prove to be a boon for the patients of North Bihar. State-of-the-art machines for blood separation will

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immediately prepare three units of red blood cells from one unit of whole blood. Due to this, dengue patients, anaemia, blood cancer and thalassemia patients will not have blood problems.

- He informed that the Red Cross is also building a maternity centre at Motipur in the state. Due to this, the pregnant women there will not need to go to the speciality hospital. The Red Cross will make all the arrangements for the centre.

Two Big Hospitals of Bihar will become Center of Excellence

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 9 June 2023, the Government of Bihar is upgrading two major medical college hospitals of the state under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana Phase IV, which will be made centers of excellence.

Key Points:

- An amount of more than Rs 59 crore has been approved for the upgradation of these two medical colleges. With this amount, many other works will be done along with the construction of a new block in the hospital.
- Among the colleges being upgraded, Rs 29.24 crore has been approved for Patna Medical College Hospital (PMCH) and Rs 30 crore for Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Hospital (JLNMCH) in Bhagalpur.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana Phase-4, arrangements will be made for the treatment of serious diseases in both the medical college hospitals. The Centre of Excellence set up in these hospitals will treat & surgery will be done for the diseases related to oncology, nephrology, endocrinology, cardiology, neurology and neurosurgery.
- An amount of Rs 200-200 crore is to be spent to develop new centers in each medical college hospital. In this, 60 percent of the amount will be borne by the Central Government, while 40 percent is to be borne by the State Government.

2000 Year Old Kushan period Idol found in River in Lakhisarai

Why in News?

On June 12, 2023, Lakhisarai District Magistrate Amarendra Kumar of Bihar said that during the excavation at Rampur Balu Ghat located on the Kiul river in Chanan block of the district, a precious statue of Ashtadhatu of Kushan period's archaeological importance has been found.

Key Points:

- The discovery of the statue from Rampur Balu Ghat was informed by Professor Dr. Anil Kumar of Visva-Bharati Santiniketan University, West Bengal. According to archaeologists, this statue is two thousand years old Kushan Period.
- The District Magistrate said that the museum inaugurated at Ashok Dham More in the district is not yet fully ready for the maintenance of the idols, due to which the statue has been kept in the temporary museum located in the district headquarters.
- According to information received from the Curator of Patna, the statue found in Chanan, Rampur is of Kushan periodic Sawl Bhanjika Moksha Devi and is two thousand years old. This idol is being called a folk goddess belonging to Buddhists.
- According to the Curator, in the first century, statues were made of such red sandstone in Maharashtra, which must have been brought by the followers of Buddhism. It is a sample of Mathura art of red stone.
- The museum head said that the statue related to Buddha's birth scene also shows Maya Devi holding the Shal tree, but usually there is also a small statue of Buddha in it. While there is no such idol in it, so it would be appropriate to consider this idol as a folk goddess.
- The DM said that apart from this, many idols of Kushan period have been kept by the villagers in Nongarh village near Rampur Balu Ghat, which will also be investigated.



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CUSB becomes First University in Bihar to Get A++ Grade in NAAC

Why in News?

On June 11, 2023, Mohammad Mudassir Alam, Public Relations Officer (PRO) of South Bihar Central University (CUSB), the state's first prestigious central university located in Gaya, Bihar, informed that CUSB has achieved 'A Plus' grade from the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) with 3.58 grade points, registering the biggest historical achievement to its name.

Key Points:

- PRO MD. Mudassir Alam said that the CUSB has joined the elite group of the selected national higher education institutions in the country by achieving 'A plus' grade. With this achievement, CUSB has also become the first university in Bihar to get the 'A Plus' category awarded by NAAC.
- In 2016, CUSB received 'A plus' grade in the first phase of assessment & certification by NAAC. After this, on completion of 5 years, the university again applied for the second phase of NAAC evaluation & certification in 2022 under the leadership and guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kameshwar Nath Singh.
- After several months of multi-level evaluation and physical inspection of the university campus & resources by the NAAC team between May 17 to 19, NAAC has awarded the university the highest category of A++. By achieving this feat, the university has become one of the most prestigious universities in the country.



A total of 12 Proposals were Approved in the Bihar Cabinet Meeting

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, a state cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, in which a total of 12 proposals were approved.

Key Points:

- In the meeting, the Chief Minister has approved an increase in the funds received by MLAs and MLCs every year. Now MLAs and MLCs will be able to recommend schemes up to Rs 4 crore.
- It is known that till now MLAs and MLCs in Bihar could recommend schemes up to Rs 3 crore.
- The Chief Minister has approved Rs 234.30 crore for the construction of a total of 61 roads in south and north Bihar in the cabinet meeting.
- The proposal to make Darbhanga Medical College & Hospital (DMCH) a 2500 bedded hospital has also been approved.
- It is known that a 400-bedded surgical ward is already being constructed here.
- Apart from this, a 2100-bedded building will now be constructed. For this, the state government has approved Rs 2546.41 crore.
- In the cabinet meeting, work will be done to build a storm drainage system in Darbhanga and Chhapra under the Chief Minister's 'Saat Nishchay ke Atmanirbhar Bihar'. This will relieve people in the city from waterlogging.
- Along with this, the construction of ROBs in two districts of the state has also been approved by the state government.
- In the cabinet meeting, it has been decided to set up an agricultural equipment bank. This will help middle and poor farmers to buy agricultural equipment.



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10 New Schemes of Smart City got Approval in Patna

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, 10 new schemes of Patna Smart City were approved in the 26th Board of Directors meeting of Patna Smart City held under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development and Housing Department, Arunish Chawla, Chairman of Patna Smart City Limited.

Key Points:

- Municipal Commissioner Animesh Kumar Parashar said that the proposal for the development of the Gabion and Green belt of the area under the bridges and flyovers under the ABD area has been approved. This work will be done by the Forest Department.
- In the meeting, approval was given to publish the proposed RFP and NIT for making a revenue model of various components of ICCC to make Patna Smart City self-sustainable. Components of ICCC such as Variable Message Display (VMD), and PAS (Public Address System) have been approved to be given to OFC as per the revenue model.
- The automation of the drainage pumping station was approved with the performance-based incentive received under the Ganga River Basin Project- II and the proposal to integrate the pumping station with the ICCC was approved.
- These 10 new smart city schemes have been approved-
 - Development of common facility in the Mithapur area
 - Integration with ICCC by doing 3D mapping of the ABD area of Patna Smart City through drone technology
 - Facilitating the smooth flow of urban traffic near Patna Junction through traffic engineering
 - Purchase of 30 e-buses/CNG buses for the multi-modal hub being built near Patna Junction
 - Purchase of CNG vehicles as per requirement for door-to-door garbage collection
 - Integration with ICCC for automation of street lights in Patna city
 - Installation of 3D LED display for Multi-Modal Hub, Maurya Lok and other places

- Beautification and illumination of the upcoming flyover in ABD of Patna Smart City
- Redevelopment of Mauryalok Complex on the lines of Public Happening Place
- Development of a Street Vending Zone and related facilities on the Ganga Path



NTPC Barauni Bags Top Prize in Best Industry Category at 4th National Water Awards

Why in News?

On June 17, 2023, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the top award in the Best Industry category to NTPC Barauni at the 4th National Water Awards Ceremony of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the award to NTPC CMD Gurdeep Singh and NTPC Barauni Project Head Rajiv Khanna in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- This is the country's fourth National Water Award-2022. As many as 41 winners were felicitated in 11 different categories.
- NTPC has made sustained and dedicated efforts to preserve the environment, which has played a major role in its success.
- NTPC has implemented several innovative initiatives for the conservation and effective management of water resources. NTPC's efforts have not only saved water but have also reduced environmental impacts.



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Bihar Got Third Prize in the Category of Best States in the 4th National Water Awards

Why in News?

On June 17, 2023, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the third award to Bihar in the category of Best States at the fourth National Water Awards ceremony of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the award to Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Secretary, Rural Development Department, Bihar and Rahul Kumar, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Hariyali Mission in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Rahul Kumar, Mission Director of Jal Jeevan Hariyali Mission, said that the *Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan* is being praised from many forums of the country and the world today. Bihar is the first state in the country to launch such a statewide campaign aimed at environmental protection and climate change challenges. The Central Ground Water Board of the Government of India has also appreciated this campaign in its report and has reported an increase in the groundwater of the state.
- He said that during the operation period of three and a half years, about 30,000 public ponds, reservoirs, canals, pines and wells have been freed from encroachments under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan. More than 80,000 public water harvesting structures have been renovated.

- In order to increase the level of groundwater, about 1.5 lakh soak pits have been constructed on the banks of public wells and ponds across the state. About ten thousand check dams and other water harvesting structures have been constructed in the catchment areas of small rivers, streams and hilly areas.
- About 35,000 new water bodies have been created. Rooftop rainwater harvesting work has been done on 13,500 public buildings. Under the campaign, the micro-irrigation system in agricultural works is also getting emphasized.
- It is known that in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Campaign on October 2, 2019, which aims to reduce the adverse effects of climate change and protect the environment.
- Under this campaign, 11 identified components are being implemented across the state, which include encroachment free of public water harvesting structures, their restoration, rooftop rainwater harvesting, large-scale construction of soak pits, construction of new water sources and micro irrigation.
- Conducted in coordination with 15 departments of the state, this campaign is being monitored from the level of the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Mission under the Rural Development Department.



Ravi Sinha of Bihar became the New Chief of RAW

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 19, 2023, the senior IPS officer from Bhojpur in Bihar and serving as Special Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat has been appointed as the New Chief of India's intelligence agency 'RAW'.

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- It is known that Ravi Sinha studied at St. Stephen's College in Delhi and passed the UPSC examination in 1988. He started serving as an officer of Madhya Pradesh under UPSC and got Chhattisgarh cadre when a separate state was formed in the year 2000.
- 59-year-old Ravi Sinha, popularly known as 'Operation Man', has been associated with this prestigious intelligence agency for a long time. He is currently the 'Second in Command' at RAW. Prior to his promotion, he was heading the operational division of RAW. He is credited with adopting modern technology in gathering reports and information.
- Ravi Sinha is known in the entire espionage community for his professional competence. He has worked in many areas. It is believed that in his new role, he will enter the field with a wealth of experience and knowledge.
- Ravi Sinha is known for his good grasp on developments in Jammu & Kashmir, the Northeast and left-wing extremist regions as well as the neighborhood, where he has worked at different points over time, which enables him to integrate the technical & human intelligence dimensions together to address the challenges of the present times.
- Sinha's appointment comes at a time when Pakistan is going through a period of political and economic turmoil. Attempts are being made by some countries to fuel Sikh extremism and to promote violence in the Northeast.
- It is known that RAW is responsible for gathering foreign intelligence. If developments in a country can have an impact on India, RAW keeps an eye on that. RAW also carries out intelligence operations for the national interest. RAW came into existence during the Indira Gandhi government.



National Florence Nightingale Award to ANM Gayatri Kumari of Bihar

Why in News?

On June 22, 2023, the President Mrs. Draupadi Murmu, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, presented the 'National Florence Nightingale' Award for the year 2023 to ANM Gayatri Kumari, posted at the Sub Health Centre at Gabai village in Sheikhpura district of Bihar, at a function held in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- The President Mrs. Draupadi Murmu has presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards to a total of 30 nurses for the years 2022 and 2023 at the ceremony.
- Gayatri Kumari has been given this award in view of her service work. She has achieved great achievements in family planning, vaccination, working as a Corona warrior during the Covid-19 pandemic as well as in the campaign of vasectomy.
- The National Florence Nightingale Award, instituted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in 1973, is given to nurses and nursing professionals in recognition of their meritorious services to the society.



17491 Cooperative Societies were abolished in Bihar

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 20, 2023, 17491 cooperative societies have been abolished in Bihar, leaving 25487 co-operative societies in the state.

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Key Points:

- Apart from PACS, dairy and fisheries cooperation committees, there are now 8884 other types of committees left in the state. The state now has the highest number of 2217 housing societies.
- It is known that earlier there were a total of 42985 cooperative societies in the state. Many committees were not active for a long time. They didn't work through them. After the division of Jharkhand and Bihar, the legitimacy of many committees was lost. For this reason, these committees were closed.
- Industrial Cooperation Committee, Cold Storage, Gramodaya, Oil Producers, Palm, Jaggery Producers, Irrigation Cooperation Committee, Joint Cooperation Agriculture, Boat Transport, Charmakar Sahyog and Sarvodaya Sahyog Samiti have been abolished in the state.
- There are now only eight SC/ST cooperative societies in the state, one each in Lakhisarai-Muzaffarpur and three each in Nalanda and Patna. There is not a single women's welfare committee in Darbhanga and Siwan. Purnea has the highest number of women's welfare committees at 145. There is not a single jute committee in the state.
- Apart from these, there are no transport committees in any district of the state except East Champaran, Jamui, Katihar, Lakhisarai, Nalanda, Patna, Rohtas, Saharsa, Sitamarhi, Vaishali and West Champaran.
- There is no tourism committee anywhere in the state except Patna. There are five tourism committees in Patna.

Smita Kumari created a new World Record in Centre Split Holding (Samakonasana, Yoga)

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on June 21, 2023, Smita Kumari of Basanpur village (Nalanda district) of Bihar has set a new world record by standing in the same posture of yoga for 3 hours 10 minutes and 12 seconds in the Center Split Holding (Samkonasana, Yoga).

Key Points:

- Smita (29) has been associated with the Adani Group's healthcare department as an in-house yoga instructor for the past four years. In Gujarat, she was also felicitated by Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani.
- She received her record certificate from the Guinness World Records team.
- It is known that Smita has studied for graduation from Ranchi. There she enrolled in Economics Honors at Marwari College. After this, she did a diploma in yoga science from Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga in Delhi.
- After this, Smita Kumari studied Master's in Applied Yoga and Human Science from Dev Sanskriti University in the year 2015-2017.



Residential Schools like Toppers Factory Simultala to be opened in 11 districts of Bihar

Why in News?

Recently, in the general meeting of Simultala Education Society chaired by Bihar Education Minister Prof. Chandrashekhar, it was decided to establish new schools on the lines of Simultala Residential School in 11 districts of the state and also to appoint regular teachers in Simultala Residential School through Bihar Public Service Commission.

Key Points:

- Residential schools on the lines of Simultala residential schools will be conducted in 11 districts of the state from the upcoming academic session- 2024.

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- According to official information, a preliminary objective test will be conducted in the teacher selection process. After this, the main examination will be based on non-objective questions. After this, selections will be done from the demo class with group discussion and interviews.
- The service of these new teachers will be under the Simultala Education Society. Teachers will be able to transfer to all schools run under this society.
- Apart from this, a five-member committee has been formed for deputation and selection in Simultala School in this meeting.
- According to the information, the Patna camp of Simultala Education Society will be established. Also, academic special duty officers of Simultala have been nominated.
- During this time, it was decided to reconstitute the General Body Executive Committee and School Management Committee of the Society. Apart from this, a seven-member executive committee and school management committee were also formed.



G20 Labour 20 (L-20) Summit

Why in News?

The Labour 20 (L-20) Summit was held in Patna, the capital of Bihar from June 21-23, 2023. Topics such as 'Universal Social Security' and 'Women and Future of Work' were discussed extensively.

Key Points:

- The Labour-20 Summit held in Patna resolved to create a multilateral mechanism between G20 member countries and other allied countries on the ability to easily access social security benefits.

- Speaking on the occasion, All India President of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh Hiranmay Pandya said that the report of the Task Force on 'International Migration of Workers - Easy Access to Social Security Funds Internationally' was discussed in detail at the summit.
- It is known that in the establishment meeting of Labour-20 Summit held on 18, 19 and 20 March 2023 in Amritsar, 5 task forces related to major issues in the world of work were formed - Universal Social Security, Women and the Future of Work, International Migration of Workers - The Right to Access Social Security Funds to the International Level, The changing world of work: new job opportunities in the G20 countries and Challenges and Skill Development: Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholders
- The widespread use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) was discussed in detail, highlighting its positive effects such as increased labour productivity, income growth and better living standards.
- Harmonising technological innovation with sustainable and equitable changes is a key aspect of Draft No. 1 of L20, Patna, which needs to be thoroughly studied and aligned with the policy framework.
- The establishment of a tripartite board, comprising representatives of the government, aggregator companies & trade unions, can take effective decisions and facilitate policy-making, the conference said. This collaborative approach ensures that the perspectives and interests of all stakeholders are considered, thereby promoting a more balanced & inclusive work environment.
- The report of the Task Force on 'Women and the Future of Work' was discussed in detail at the Summit. The Task Force proposed to provide incentives and create a supportive environment to increase women's participation in the private sector and promote their leadership roles.
- At the conference, the task force recommended that the global workforce faces significant challenges in accessing social security, with 61% of informal sector workers lacking such coverage. To address this issue, it is important to imagine a third model of social security, which combines the principles of both contributory and non-contributory systems.
- The task force recommended that the skill training programme should include green skills to bridge the global skill gap. To ensure that the skills acquired in

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one country are recognised in another country, a common qualification framework is required.

- The deliberations at the summit were attended by trade union leaders and representatives of Indian trade unions as well as labour experts from 28 countries. The summit also discussed labour-related issues that emerged at the meetings of Civil 20, Women 20, Youth 20 and Science 20.
- The summit discussed the feasibility of a joint statement between Labour-20 and Business-20 in the presence of Business-20 representatives.



Country's second Largest Bone Hospital is Being Built in Bihar

Why In News?

On June 29, 2023, Dr. Subhash Chandra, director of Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan (LNJP) Bone Hospital, located in Rajvanshi Nagar, Patna, Bihar's capital, said

that in view of the shortage of beds for bone patients, the construction of the country's second largest bone hospital has started in Patna. Done, this hospital will be of 400 beds.

Key Points:

- Apart from a 400-bed hospital, the construction work of a spine hospital has also started in the LNJP Bone Hospital located in Rajvanshi Nagar of the capital Patna. In such a situation, now super specialty facilities will be available to the patients in LNJP Hospital itself.
- After its construction, patients will not have to wander here and there, because now all kinds of modern facilities will be available here under one roof. Everything from investigation to treatment and operation will be done free of cost.
- It is known that the construction work is being started about two years after the foundation stone of the hospital. The tender was floated twice, but both the tenders were canceled by BMICL due to irregularities.
- It is noteworthy that this will be the first bone and spine hospital in the state and the second largest in the country. Bigger than this is a hospital with more than 400 beds in Gurugram, Haryana, where only bone and spine treatment facilities are available.
- Patients will get all kinds of facilities under one roof in the new hospital. There will be provision of modular OT, CT scan, ultrasound, digital X-ray machine, MRI, mammography along with modern equipment for physiotherapy such as short web diathermy, microwave diathermy etc.
- The hospital building will be constructed only on the land available in the campus. It will be constructed in a total of 3,39,551 square feet. Rs 215 crore will be spent on its construction.



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