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## **Bihar Budget 2022-23**

### **Why in News**

- On February 28, 2022, Finance Minister of Bihar Tarkishore Prasad presented the budget for the year 2022-23.

### **Key Points**

- Bihar Budget 2022-23 is based on six points – health, education, investment in industry, agriculture and allied sectors, infrastructure (rural and urban) and welfare of different sections.
- Following are the important facts related to the budget 2022-23-
  - Total Expenditure - Rs. 2,37,691,19 crore
    - Revenue Expenditure - Rs. 1,91,9566.7 crore
    - Capital Expenditure - Rs. 45,734.52 crore
  - Total receipts - Rs. 2,37,891.94 crore
  - Fiscal Deficit – Rs. 25,885.10 crore (3.47 per cent of GSDP)
- The budget estimate of fiscal deficit is within the prescribed limit of FRBM Act (for 2022-33 4.0 per cent).
- The economic growth rate of the state for the year 2022-23 is estimated at 9.7 percent.
- In the budget, a budget provision of Rs 500 crore has been made for the financial year 2022-23 for the Saat Nischay Part-2 scheme of Atmanirbhar Bihar under good governance.
  - Nischay 1. Yuva Shakti - Progress of Bihar
  - Nischay 2. Strong woman, capable woman
  - Nischay 3. Irrigation water to every field
  - Nischay 4. Clean Village - Prosperous Village
  - Nischay 5. Clean City - Developed City
  - Nischay 6. Easy Connectivity
  - Nischay 7. Additional health facilities for all

## **Bihar will get 559 MW power from Navinagar**

### **Why in News**

- On March 6, 2022, the 3rd unit of 660 MW of Navinagar Power Station at Aurangabad completed a continuous 72-hour trial run. Now Bihar will get 559 MW power from this third unit.

### **Key Points**

- The power plant will get approval for commercial production from this month. Now all the three units of Navinagar have become operational, due to which Bihar will get 1680 MW of electricity from here instead of 1122 MW.
- Any unit has to run continuously for 72 hours at full load before commercial production from a power plant. The Navinagar unit has been successfully commissioned following the norms of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
- This coal based project of total 1980 MW with three units of 660 MW each based on supercritical technology at a cost of Rs. 19,412 crore is located in Barun block of Aurangabad district of Bihar.
- The Ministry of Power has allocated 84.8 percent of the power for this project to Bihar. The rest of the power has been allocated to Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Sikkim.
- The first unit of Navinagar became commercially operational on 6th September, 2019 and the second unit on 23rd July, 2021.
- At present NTPC has achieved 8410 MW of installed power generation capacity by 6 plants in Bihar with a total investment of Rs. 76,246 crores while 1320 MW of Barh Thermal Project is under construction.
- Bihar has a power allocation of 5362 MW, which will increase to 5921 MW after 559 MW from the third unit of Navinagar.

## **Anita Gupta of Bihar honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'**

### **Why in News**

- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Anita Gupta of Bihar with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

### **Key Points**

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.

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- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Anita Gupta, a social entrepreneur from Bhojpur, Bihar, was honored with the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2020. She has trained more than 50 thousand underprivileged rural women in various skills.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.

## Door-to-Door Delivery of Digital Land Records

### Why in News

- On March 11, 2022, Bihar's Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Ramsurat Kumar told the assembly that the Bihar government would soon deliver the digital documents of land including Khatian and Map from door-to-door in the state.

### Key Points

- Bihar will be the first state in the country where people will get the facility of doorstep delivery of digital land documents.
- The revenue maps of villages, towns and cities of the state can now be ordered online. Speed post facility will be provided by the Department of Posts for the distribution of digital revenue/land records.
- Now the people of Bihar will not have to visit the government office for any document related to the land including Khatian (a document of identification of land for determining possession).
- The Revenue and Land Reforms Department has decided to launch an intensive campaign in April to remove encroachments in both commercial and residential

areas. The campaign will start from constituency Aurai (Muzaffarpur) and will be extended to other parts of the state.

## Rural Local Bodies Grant Amount

### Why in News

- On March 11, 2022, the Department of Expenditure of the Union Finance Ministry released an amount of Rs. 1,112.7 crore to Bihar for providing grants to rural local bodies. This grant-in-aid is the second installment of a conditional grant to the state of Bihar in the year 2021-22.

### Key Points

- Along with this, the Department of Expenditure has released Rs 473.9 crore to Karnataka and Rs 634.6 crore to West Bengal for providing grants to rural local bodies. This grant-in-aid is the second installment of the unconditional grant to the states of Karnataka and West Bengal in the year 2021-22.
- The conditional grant as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission is based on the recommendations of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation for two important services, namely sanitation and maintaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and improving drinking water supply, rainwater harvesting and water recycling. Local Bodies (RLBs) are issued.
- Unconditional grants are released to Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) on the recommendations of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj after fulfilling the conditions laid down by the 15th Finance Commission.
- Of the total grant-in-aid for Panchayati Raj Institutions, 60 percent is earmarked for national priorities, such as drinking water supply, rainwater harvesting and sanitation (referred to as conditional grants), while 40 percent of the grant-in-aid is unconditional. And it is used at the discretion of the Panchayati Raj Institutions to meet the needs of the particular place.
- The local body grant is meant to ensure additional funds to rural local bodies in addition to the funds allocated by the Center and the state for sanitation and drinking water under centrally sponsored schemes.

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## Jamui's Jabir Ansari Won Bronze Medal in Karate Championship

### Why in News

- In the All India Inter University Karate Championship held at Kurukshetra University, Haryana from March 14 to 17, 2022, Jabir Ansari of Jamui, Bihar won the bronze medal by securing the third position.

### Key Points

- Jabir Ansari of Patna University won the bronze medal in the 75 kg weight category of this competition by securing joint third position with Rajesh of Venkateshwara Open University.
- In the 75 kg weight category, Aman Kumar of Lovely Professional University Punjab got first position and Vaibhav Walia of Chandigarh University Mohali got second position.
- It is noteworthy that about 1200 players from 190 universities across the country participated in the All India Inter University Karate Championship held at the Multipurpose Hall of Kurukshetra University.
- Jabir Ansari, who has become a veteran in Judo Karate, is a student of Urdu Department in Patna University for the session 2020-23 and has been playing Karate since 2015.
- Jabir Ansari has won many medals from state to international level championships. He finished second in the International Game held in Sri Lanka in the year 2017. In 2015, he won the gold medal in the National Championship and in the year 2021 secured the first position in the state level championship.
- Coming from a simple family, Jabir hails from Tumba Pahar village of Jhajha block of Naxalite area of Jamui district.
- He has played in championships in China in 2018 and Turkey in 2019 and has been honored twice at the Sports Honors Ceremony of the Government of Bihar in 2018 and 2021.

## Registration and Stamp Duty of Industrial Land Completely Waived

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Bihar government, taking a big decision to reduce the cost of land in the state, issued a notification to completely waive the registration and stamp duty for industrial land. This notification will be effective till March 31, 2025.

### Key Points

- This decision has been taken by the state government in view of providing cheap land for industries in the state.
- According to the notification issued by the Prohibition of Excise and Registration Department, Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) will not have to pay stamp and registration fee in respect of the land allotted by the government.
- Similarly, any land inside or outside the Industrial Area Development Authority, which will be used by private investors for setting up industries, will be waived off stamp duty on the basis of its documents.
- Only new units will get the benefit of this decision of the government, as well as private investors will get the benefit of 100% exemption in registry and stamp fee only if their investment proposal gets clearance from the State Investment Promotion Council (SIPB) Stage-1.
- Private investors will get the benefit of exemption only on the documents of lease, sale or transfer in the first transaction. Apart from this, if the investor does not take full care of the rules set by the state government, then the Industries Department will recover the amount of exemption given from the investor.

## Bihar Diwas

### Why in News?

- On 22 March 2022, the Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar inaugurated the function organized to commemorate the 110th Foundation Day of the state at Gandhi Maidan in Patna.

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**Key Points**

- On this occasion a laser show was organized with the help of five hundred drones, in which the map of Bihar was first displayed, then the cultural pride of Bihar was displayed. Along with this, the message of environmental protection and drug de-addiction was also given.
- It is worth noting that on March 22, 1912, the British formed a new province 'Bihar' separate from Bengal.
- Bihar and Assam were formed as a result of the Swadeshi movement against the partition of Bengal implemented in 1905, along with the annulment of the partition of Bengal.
- In the year 2000, a new state 'Jharkhand' was formed separate from Bihar.

## **Amendment in Bihar Liquor Prohibition Act**

**Why in News?**

- On March 30, 2022, the 'Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Bill' was passed by both the houses of the Legislature.

**Key Points**

- Under this amendment, a provision has been made to leave by paying a fine if caught while drinking, by changing the original law of 2016. However, the accused will not have the right to waive 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.
- As per the provisions of the Bill, if the bulk recovery of liquor takes place from temporary premises which cannot be sealed, such premises can be demolished by order of the Collector.

## **The Bihar Urban Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

**Why in News?**

- On March 28, 2022, Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad introduced the Bihar Urban Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in the assembly, which was passed by voice vote.

**Key Points**

- Under the Bill, the obligation of consent of the landowners has been removed with the acquisition of land by a government authority as per the requirements of the master plan.
- Earlier, at the time of acquisition for urban development, the consent of 80 percent of the land owners or the consent of the owners of 80 percent of the total land area was obligatory.
- Under this bill, the state government can now acquire land according to the need at any place for urbanization. In lieu of this, compensation will be given to the person concerned with the land.
- Along with this, four other state bills were also passed in the assembly.
- The Bihar Taxation Laws (Relaxation of Time Limit Provisions) Bill, 2022 has exempted small taxpayers from filing returns in the state. Now they can file annual returns instead of quarterly. Composite scheme has been started for traders having annual turnover of Rs 1.5 crore.
- Under the Bihar State University Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2022, the maximum age limit for the chairman of the commission has been fixed at 75 years and for members 70 years. Earlier the age limit was fixed at 72 years for the Speaker and 65 years for the member.
- Now the consent of the state government will be mandatory in the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor in the Agricultural University. The search panel will suggest the names of three most suitable people to the state government. After this, the Vice-Chancellor will be elected with the consent of the Governor.



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