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Bihar Among Top Three States in DIET Activities

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on November 1, 2023, the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Union Ministry of Education has released the ranking of October on the basis of DIET activities of all the states, in which Bihar is included in the top three states. In this, Kerala is at first place and Maharashtra is at second place.

Key Points:

- In the last two years, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has continuously engaged all the DIETs of Bihar in educational development. The Ministry of Education has released the ranking for the first time to know how important is the support of DIET in educational work.
- DIET of Bihar is at the top in imparting new techniques to teachers on Diksha portal. There are 33 district education and training institutes in Bihar, digital courses are being created for development, the medium of operation is DIET.
- In the first phase, a digital course was prepared covering all 33 DIETs of the state. Bihar ranks first in the country in preparing and conducting digital courses. All the diets here have designed and launched their own digital courses.
- In the last one year, more than two lakh teachers were trained and small courses were designed at the district level. With this, teachers are able to join online and do these courses.
- A total of 93 thousand 670 teachers of the state have joined the Diksha portal. These teachers now do not need to go anywhere to do any course.

Patna's Shwetank Wins Best Judoka A ward in CBSE East Zone Judo Championship

Why In News?

CBSE East Zone Judo Championship was concluded at Knowledgegram Campus, Patna on October 31, 2023, in which Patna student Shwetank won the Best Judoka Award.

Key Points:

- Aditi Sharma, a student from Uttar Pradesh won the Best Judoka Award (Student) in the CBSE Zonal Judo Championship.
- It may be noted that CBSE East Zone Judo Championship was organized at Knowledgegram Campus, Patna from October 28 to 31, 2023.
- In the Judo Championship, competitions were held in the 49 KG weight category. A total of 392 medals (gold, silver and bronze medals) were distributed.
- **Winners of special awards of the championship:**
 - **Best Judoka Award (Student):** Aditi Sharma, Radiant Central Academy, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Best Judoka Award (Student):** Shwetank, Open Minds Birla School, Danapur, Patna, Bihar
 - **Championship 1st Position:** Radiant Central Academy, Jalalpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Championship 2nd Position:** MGM Higher Secondary School, Bokaro, Jharkhand
 - **Championship 3rd Position:** Guru Gobind Singh Public School, Bokaro, Jharkhand
 - **Group Champion (Under 11 Students):** Grizzly Vidyalaya, Koderma, Jharkhand
 - **Group Champion (Under 14 Students):** Open Minds Birla School, Danapur, Patna, Bihar
 - **Group Champion (Under 17 Students):** Radiant Central Academy, Jalalpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Group Champion (Under 19 Students):** Radiant Central Academy, Jalalpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Group Champion (Under 11 Girls):** Delhi Public School, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh



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- **Group Champion (Under 14 Girls):** Guru Gobind Singh Public School, Bokaro, Jharkhand
- **Group Champion (Under 17 Girls):** MGM Higher Secondary, Bokaro, Jharkhand
- **Group Champion (Under 19 Girls):** MGM Higher Secondary, Bokaro, Jharkhand

Second Supplementary Budget of Rs 26,086 crore Presented in Bihar Assembly

Why In News?

On November 6, 2023, on the first day of the winter session of Bihar Legislature, Finance Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary presented the second supplementary budget of Rs. 26,086 crore in the House. Along with this, Bihar State Goods and Services Tax Bill 2023 was also tabled.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that this is the second supplementary budget presented by Nitish government in nine months. A budget of Rs. 2.61 lakh crore was presented by Finance Minister Vijay Chaudhary in February. After which the first supplementary budget of Rs. 43,774 crore was presented on July 10 in the monsoon session.
- After the second supplementary budget of Rs. 26,086 crore, the total budget of Bihar has now crossed Rs. 3.30 lakh crore.
- Out of the Rs. 26,086 crore presented in the Supplementary Budget 2023-24, more than Rs. 16 thousand crore is included in the annual scheme head, more than Rs. 10 thousand crore is included in the establishment committed expenditure and Rs. 60 crore is included in the central sector scheme head.
- In the supplementary budget, out of the annual plan item of Rs. 16,000 crore for the central share in the centrally sponsored scheme, the central share of the centrally sponsored scheme is Rs. 2,288 crore and the state's share is Rs. 4,828 crore i.e. the total amount is Rs. 7,116 crore.
- Out of Rs. 16,000 crore annual plan items in the state scheme, the total amount for the state plan is Rs. 8,900 crore.



Durga Singh of Bihar won Gold Medal in Under - 18 Race

Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, Bihar State Sports Authority Director General and Chief Executive Officer Ravindran Sankaran informed that Durga Singh of Gopalganj district of Bihar has won the gold medal in the Under-18 race competition in the ongoing 38th National Junior Athletics Championship 2023 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Key Points:

- The 38th National Junior Athletics Championships 2023 will be held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from November 7 to 9.
- Durga Singh has opened the medal account for Bihar by winning the gold medal in the 1500 meters race competition in the Under-18 age group.
- Durga Singh won the 1500 m race 4:38. He won the gold medal in 29 minutes.

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- Durga achieved this feat under the training and guidance of international coach and physical expert Rakesh Singh.



Cabinet Approves Proposal to Increase the Scope of Reservation in Bihar

Why In News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on November 7, 2023, the proposal to increase the scope of reservation in the state was approved.

Key Points:

- In the meeting, it was agreed to increase the scope of reservation in the state to 75 percent. Now this Bihar Reservation Bill 2023 will be passed by the Legislature.
- In the bill passed by the Cabinet, the limit of 50 percent reservation has been increased to 65 percent. Also, economically backward people will continue to get 10 percent reservation. After this, the reservation limit will increase to 75 percent and instead of earlier 40 percent, now 25 percent seats will be for the general category.
- Extremely Backward Class (EBC) will get 25 percent reservation. Whereas Other Backward Classes (OBC) will get 18 percent reservation.
- A proposal to give 20 percent reservation to Scheduled Castes (SC) instead of 16 percent has been passed. At the same time, a proposal has been passed to give 2 percent reservation to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) instead of the 1 percent reservation they were already getting.

- Apart from this, in the Cabinet meeting, the Cabinet has approved the proposal of free sustainable livelihood earning scheme of Rs 2 lakh for self-employment to more than 94 lakh poor people.
- The cabinet also approved the proposal to now give Rs 1 lakh instead of Rs 60 thousand to landless families for purchasing land for PM Awas (Rural).



'Bihar Business Connect' Summit

Why In News?

Recently, 'Bihar Business Connect' Summit was organized by the Industries Department of Government of Bihar at ITC Maurya, New Delhi. In the summit, industry leaders and government officials discussed exploring investment opportunities in Bihar on one platform.

Key Points:

- The objective of the summit was to highlight the investment potential of Bihar with special focus on four key sectors - textiles and leather, food processing, IT/ITeS and ESDM and general manufacturing. These sectors present ample opportunities for investment and development in line with the state's vision of industrial development.
- Bihar Industries Minister Sameer Kumar Mahaseth also attended the event. More than 150 participants participated in the conference.
- Industries Minister Sameer Kumar Mahaseth said that so far 28 different companies have shown interest in ethanol production in the state. All of them have given final approval to projects worth an average of Rs 200 crore. Vedanta plans to set up a 50 MW solar power plant, and plans two more solar power plants in the near future.

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- The Bihar government has invested Rs 3000 crore in ethanol production in the state through investors. This is likely to make Bihar a leading state in ethanol production. At the same time, it is expected to benefit the farmers of the state.
- The Industries Minister of Bihar also invited the entrepreneurs to participate in the upcoming Business Connect Summit 2023 to be held in Patna on 13-14 December 2023.



Reservation Amendment Bill-2023 Passed in Assembly

Why In News?

Reservation Amendment Bill-2023 was passed in Bihar Assembly on November 9, 2023. Once it comes into existence, the scope of reservation for SC, ST and backward classes will increase.

Key Points:

- The Bihar Assembly unanimously approved amendments to the Bihar Reservation in Vacancies in Posts and Services (For Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Castes & Other Backward Classes) Act & Bihar (In Educational Institutions) Reservation Act.
- Under the amended Act, there will be a total of 65 percent reservation in both the cases, including 20 percent for Scheduled Castes, 2 percent for Scheduled Tribes, 18 percent for Backward Classes and 25 percent for Extremely Backward Classes. Apart from this, EWS (people from economically weaker general category) already approved under the Central Act will continue to get 10 percent reservation.
- Both these bills will be presented in the Bihar Legislative Council on November 10. After passing in the Legislative Council, there will be 75 percent reservation in enrollment in government jobs and educational institutions of Bihar.



Siwan's Yusra Fatma's Name Registered in India Book of Records

Why in News?

Yusra Fatma from Siwan district of Bihar has become the first teenager to write the maximum number of Hindi poetry books at the youngest age, for which her name has been registered in the India Books of Records 2023.



Key Points

- Yusra Fatma of Tetahli village under Barharia block of Siwan district has achieved this feat by writing four poems at the age of just 15 years and 6 months.
- With this record, she has become the first girl in India to write the maximum number of Hindi poetry books in her teenage years. Yusra has been writing poems since the age of eight. At the age of 12 she wrote her first poetry book.
- Yusra has tried to hold the society as a mirror through her Hindi poems. Apart from this, it has been written to make the society aware that one should not just watch the pictures from the movie but should watch and follow its character.
- Yusra has written four poetry books which include the poetry collection 'Jazba', 'Mere Hake Ki Shosh', 'Shaam Aur Tanhai', and 'Berukhi'.

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Bihar's World Famous Sonpur Fair will start from November 25

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on November 14, 2023, the world famous Sonpur Fair to be held in Harihar region of Bihar will start on November 25 and will continue till December 26 (32 days).

Key Points

- Sonpur Fair is one of the largest cattle fairs in Asia, held at the confluence of two rivers, Ganga and Gandak, in Sonpur, located on the border of Saran and Vaishali districts of Bihar.
- Popular since ancient times for trading of livestock, this month-long event begins on the auspicious occasion of Kartik Purnima in the month of November.
- The fair, which starts every year with the bathing of Kartik Purnima, is also known as 'Harihar Kshetra Mela' while the local people call it 'Chhattar Mela'. Hindu devotees come to the area to take a holy dip in the Ganga and Gandak rivers and offer prayers at the Harihar Nath temple.
- Although this fair is famous by the name of Pashu Mela (cattle fair), the speciality of this fair is that everything from needles to elephants can be purchased here.
- This fair also has historical importance. It is believed that traders from Central Asia used to come to this fair to buy animals and this fair was the largest centre for war elephants. Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of the Maurya dynasty, Mughal emperor Akbar and Veer Kunwar Singh, the hero of the Gadar of 1857, also purchased elephants from the Sonpur fair.

- In 1803, Robert Clive also built a big horse stable in Sonpur. Apart from this, there is mention of Guru Nanak Dev of Sikhism coming here in religions and Lord Buddha also came here during his visit to Kushinagar.
- The Harihar Nath Temple in Sonpur boasts a unique distinction as the sole temple worldwide featuring an integrated idol of Hari (Vishnu) and Har (Shiva). Legend has it that Brahma himself once consecrated this temple. Additionally, near the Sangam, the idol of Dakshineswar Kali is accompanied by a pillar from the Shunga period.



After Ayodhya, Punaura Dham of Mithila, the birthplace of Sita, will now be developed

Why in News

On November 15, 2023, Bihar Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha said that Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi district, the birthplace of Mata Sita, will be developed by the Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation.

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- Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha said that the State Tourism Development Corporation has floated a tender regarding the development of Punaura Dham. The entire tender process will be completed by the end of December. At the same time, the period for completing the scheme has been fixed at 24 months.
- Rs 67.39 crore will be spent on the Punaura Dham Development Scheme and it will be implemented by Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation.
- The state government is trying to establish Punaura Dham on the international map of tourism. All kinds of necessary facilities will be developed here. After this, this birthplace will emerge as a major centre of religious tourism. Devotees from all over the country and the world will reach here.
- It may be noted that in the recent cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, a proposal of Rs 72 crore was approved for the development of the birthplace of Mata Sita in Punaura Dham of Sitamarhi.
- According to the plan, Punaura Dham will be equipped with world class facilities with an amount of Rs 72 crore. Under this, construction of columned colonnade parikrama path, development of Sita Vatika, Luv-Kush Vatika, Janaki Mahotsav area will be done.
- The temple complex will have walls decorated with beautiful architecture. Pavilion and internal road will be constructed. State-of-the-art parking will also be arranged for the vehicles of local and outside devotees coming to the temple. Apart from this, arrangements for accommodation, food etc.
- A 3D animation show based on Mata Sita will also be produced in the temple premises. Along with this, a display kiosk and pathway will also be built. A separate play area will be developed for children, so that children can get information about Mother Sita while playing.



- Better wall painting, sculpture and other artistic works will be done in the entire temple complex, so that tourists can be attracted. Information about the life of Mother Sita will also be available through these arts. Besides, landscaping and thematic gates will also be built.

Funds Released for the First instalment of 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana'

Why in News?

On November 16, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar released the amount for the first installment to the beneficiaries under 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana' in a program organized at Bapu Auditorium, Patna.

Key Points

- The first installment has been released to the beneficiaries trained for 2023-24 under the 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana'. Four lakh rupees each were sent as the first installment.
- It may be noted that Bihar Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana has been started by the Industries Department of Bihar Government to promote new enterprises in the state. The name of this scheme is Mukhyamantri Udyami Anudan Yojana.
- Under this scheme, the government provides loans up to Rs 10 lakh to people for industry, on which 50% subsidy is also given. Also, an amount of Rs 25 thousand is made available for training. People have to repay the loan in seven years.
- Under 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana', Rs 4 lakh is given in the first installment, Rs 4 lakh in the second installment and Rs 2 lakh in the third installment.



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Madhubani Tops and Nalanda is at the Bottom in Providing Benefits of Departmental Schemes to the People

Why in News?

On November 15, 2023, the Department of Labor Resources released the ranking of Districts across the state. In this, Madhubani district is at the top in providing the benefits of departmental schemes to the people while Nalanda district is at the bottom.

Key Points

- In this ranking of the Labor Resources Department, Darbhanga is at second place and Samastipur district is at third place.
- The sequential ranking of the districts is- Madhubani, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Sitamarhi, Bhabua, Sheikhpura, Purnia, Saran, Jamui, Begusarai, Aurangabad, Buxar, Khagaria, East Champaran, Sheohar, Arwal, Vaishali, Rohtas, Kishanganj, Munger, Siwan, Jehanabad, Nawada, Araria, Supaul, West Champaran, Katihar, Madhepura, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Gaya, Saharsa, Patna, Bhagalpur, Bhojpur, Lakhisarai, Banka, Nalanda.
- The department has been making monthly rankings of the districts for the last three months, but for the first time in October, the rankings have been put in the public domain. Now the department has decided that continuously, an explanation will be sought from the labor officers of the district which has a poor ranking.
- According to officials, the districts have been selected on nine parameters of the department's schemes.
 - 20 marks for doing the license and registration process online
 - 15 marks for activities related to building construction
 - 15 marks for completing the work of all laborers related to building construction online
 - 10 marks for implementation of schemes related to unorganized sector workers
 - 10 marks for activities related to child labor
 - 10 points for monitoring labor enforcement office
 - 10 points for tax collection
 - 5 points for rehabilitation of released child laborers
 - 5 points for migrant workers

First Clearance was Given to 46 Investment Proposals in the Meeting of Bihar Investment Promotion Council .

Why In News?

Recently, in the 50th meeting of Bihar Investment Promotion Council (SIPB), first clearance was given to a total of 46 investment proposals worth Rs 820.76 crore. All the proposals are worth more than Rs 2 crore.

Key Points:

- This meeting of Bihar Investment Promotion Council was held on 10 November, the proceedings of which were released on 17 November.
- Among the investment proposals which have been given first clearance by the Council, maximum 14 proposals (Rs 490 crore) are for food processing. Apart from this, 13 proposals (Rs 157.23 crore) for establishment of rice mills, 12 proposals (Rs 115 crore) for general manufacturing, 4 proposals (Rs 38 crore) for health and care sector, one proposal (Rs 102 crore) for textile and leather. Sector, one proposal (Rs 5.61 crore) is from IT sector and one proposal (Rs 3.91 crore) is from Small Scale Industries.
- A leather footwear manufacturing factory will be set up in Vaishali district of the state with an investment of more than Rs 102 crore. There is also a proposal to set up logistics and warehouse house with an investment of Rs 191 crore.
- There is a proposal to set up a biscuit and cake unit in Hajipur with an investment of Rs 61 crore. Establishment of Food Testing Laboratory in Patliputra Road area in Patna and Software Service Company is going to invest in Patliputra Industrial Area.
- Ethanol plants are going to be established in Bhagalpur and Purnia. Apart from this, there is a proposal to establish new rice mills in nine districts – Nalanda, Muzaffarpur, Munger, Gaya, West Champaran, Aurangabad, Patna, Buxar and Sheikhpura.
- Ethanol plant will be set up at Naugachia in Bhagalpur with an investment of Rs 58 crore and Paraura in Purnia with an investment of Rs 17.30 crore. About Rs 10 crore will be invested in setting up a water park/ hotel/restaurant in Begusarai.

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- About Rs 6 crore is being invested in setting up a food lab in Patna. A hotel will be set up in Narkatiaganj of West Champaran with an investment of more than Rs 4 crore. The remaining investments will be made in the field of food processing.
- Financial clearance was also given to 28 investment proposals worth Rs 216.85 crore in the SIPB meeting. These are those proposals in which banks and other financial agencies are ready to provide financial assistance for investment. This type of clearance is given to those units to which financial agencies are finally ready to provide loans and other facilities.

Farakka-Kahalgaon will illuminate Bihar , 159 MW Electricity will be Available from Three Surrendered Units

Why In News?

On November 21, 2023, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) gave permission to purchase power while giving its decision on the petition filed by power companies regarding 24-hour power supply of 159 MW from the generation units of Farakka and Kahalgaon.

Key Points:

- On the orders of the Eastern Region Power Committee of the Ministry of Energy, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) has approved the purchase of power companies. This electricity will be available at a rate already approved by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).
- The bench of Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission, Member (Technical) Arun Sinha and Member (Law) PS Yadav, while giving its decision on the petition of the power companies related to it, said that the petitioners have to get 107.751 MW more from the Stage-One and Stage-Two units of Farakka. 51.520 MW will be made available 24 hours from NTPC's Kahalgaon unit. Just a month ago, the power company had surrendered about 850 MW of power from two units of Farakka and one unit of Kahalgaon.
- The organization that controls the electricity supply to the eastern states of the country has again made available to Bihar 159 MW of surrendered electricity

which was not allocated to any other state. For this, an agreement has been signed between NTPC and Bihar Government in which the surrendered unallocated power has to be used only by the concerned state.

- In the petition, the power companies said that the two units of 110-110 MW built in Barauni Stage One are supplying only 5 percent of the contracted quantity for the last 14 months. There is no possibility of improvement in this situation in future due to which there is a shortage of about 200 MW of electricity throughout the year on 'Round the Clock' basis.
- Power companies said that getting permission to purchase 159 MW power will help in reducing the shortfall of about 200 MW from Barauni Thermal Power Station.

Bihar Becomes Self-Sufficient in Fish Production

Why In News?

On November 22, 2023, according to information received from the media, Bihar has now become almost self-sufficient in fish production. At present 7.62 lakh metric tonnes of fish is being produced in the state every year against the demand of 8.02 lakh metric tonnes of fish.

Key Points:

- The state currently has a per capita fish consumption of 6.464 kg each year. Katla fish is the first choice of Biharis. Rohu is in second place and Mrigal (Naini) is in third place.
- The production of Catla fish in Bihar is 164.189 thousand metric tons. The production of Rohu is 154.794 thousand metric tons and the production of Mrigal is 107.586 thousand metric tons.
- Pangasius, common, silver and grass carp are also produced on a large scale. Every person of Bihar eats 6.464 kg of fish every year.
- Currently, 37.0545 thousand metric tons of fish are being sent to other states from across the state, while 38.462 thousand metric tons of fish are coming to Bihar from other states.
- The state is producing 80.4113 thousand metric tons of silver carp, 96.49262 thousand metric tons of grass carp, 92.66252 thousand metric tons of common carp, 45.8596 thousand metric tons of cat fee and 52.8796

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thousand metric tons of pangasius fish every year. Besides, the production of other fishes is 48.5901 thousand tonnes every year.

- Bihar has now joined the top 4 states of the country in fish production. Sheikhpura district has the biggest contribution in fish farming in Bihar. Due to the financial support of the government, Sheikhpura district is providing fresh fish to the districts like Jamui, Nalanda, Nawada, Lakhisarai, Patna, Begusarai etc.

Every House will be Surveyed to Assess Liquor Ban in Bihar

Why In News?

Addressing the function organized on the occasion of De-addiction Day on November 26, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has said that like the caste-based census, now a survey will be conducted in every household to assess the impact of liquor ban. He also flagged off vehicles to promote prohibition.

Key Points:

- According to the survey released in February 2023, 99 percent women and 92 percent men are in favor of prohibition.
- Through this survey it will be known how many people have given up alcohol consumption. Besides, a report on the impact of prohibition on family and society will also be prepared.
- According to the Prohibition Products and Registration Department, this time academic institutions have been invited for this.
- A minimum of 2500 houses in all 38 districts of Bihar will be surveyed. Besides, at least 40 people will also be interviewed. Apart from this, there will also be four focus groups, which will discuss the issue of liquor ban.
- From the survey of the year 2018, it was found that 1 crore 64 lakh people have stopped drinking alcohol and in the survey of the year 2023, this figure reached 1 crore 82 lakh.
- It is noteworthy that liquor ban was implemented in Bihar in 2016 on the demand of women. Was first implemented in rural areas. But, on the demand of common people, it was implemented in the entire state within five days.

Chief Minister Laid the Foundation Stone and Inaugurated Various Projects in Darbhanga.

Why In News?

On November 27, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar under the plan to redevelop Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital, Darbhanga at a cost of Rs 2742.04 crore, educational building and hospital of 250 enrollment per year and 2100 bedded hospital and Government Maharani Rameshwari Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohanpur, laid the foundation stone for the construction of Darbhanga.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister inaugurated various schemes including a 400-bed surgical block at a cost of Rs 194.08 crore.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated 'Didi's Kitchen' in the Surgery Block. After this, the Chief Minister inspected the surgery block and delivery room.
- The Chief Minister said that Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital is being further expanded. A hospital with 400 beds is already built in it. When a hospital with 2500 beds will be built here, treatment will be better and medical education will also be better.

Bihar Education Department Released Model Time table

Why In News?

On November 28, 2023, the Bihar Education Department released the model time table for all government schools in the state. It will be equally effective in all schools from December 1.

Key Points:

- According to the model time table, the school will open at 9:00 am. From 9:00 am to 9:30 am, there will be prayer, yoga exercises, exercises and drills.
- The first bell will be from 9:30 to 10:10, the second from 10:10 to 10:50, the third from 10:50 to 11:30, the fourth from 11:30 to 12:10.

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- MDM and interval will be from 12:10 to 12:50. After this, the fifth bell will be from 12:50 to 1:30, the sixth bell will be from 1:30 to 2:10, the seventh bell will be from 2:10 to 2:50, and the eighth bell will be from 2:50 to 3:30.
- The first bell will start at 9:30 am and the students' holiday will be at 3:30 pm.
- According to official information, schools will be closed and started through this time table. Schools will not be able to make any changes in this time table at their level, if a class board or cent up examination is being held in the school, then other classes will not be suspended.
- On Saturday, there will be a whole day's activity, teaching work will be done after lunch. This will be followed by a meeting with the Children's Parliament and parents.
- Sanskrit Board schools and Government Urdu schools will also follow the above model time table. Like Mission Daksh, special classes will be conducted from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. Homework will be checked from 4.15 pm to 5.00 pm except for children of classes 1 and 2, text notes will be prepared, classes of Mission Daksh will be taken. Teachers' leave will be at 5 pm.
- Additional Chief Secretary Pathak said that each teacher will have to teach a maximum of five children. Teachers have to adopt so many children. It will be the responsibility of these teachers to give quality knowledge to the children of the class in which they are enrolled.
- This entire exercise will be conducted as 'Mission Daksha'. Special classes will be set up in government schools to teach more than 25 lakh children from classes 3 to 8, which are very weak in studies.
- Additional Chief Secretary Pathak has told the district officials that in April 2024, the examination of 25 lakh children will be conducted at the district level. If these children fail in that examination, departmental action will be taken against the concerned headmaster and teachers. The responsibility of this entire exercise has been entrusted to the district officials.

Chief Minister Block Transport Scheme

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on November 29, 2023, the Transport Department of

Bihar has issued a notification of Chief Minister Block Transport Scheme'. The scheme will be operational till 2025-26.

Key Points:

- Under the scheme, seven beneficiaries per block will be given a grant of Rs 5 lakh for the purchase of buses except the blocks of the district headquarters.
- According to the departmental information, block-wise and category-wise preference list will be made for the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme. In this, the basis of preference after caste will be the educational qualification of matriculation. Preference will be given to those with maximum marks.
- If the marks are the same, the older one will get preference. Applications will be received online to get the benefit of the scheme, the link of which will be available on the website of the Transport Department.
- Along with the application, a copy of caste certificate, residential certificate, matriculation qualification certificate, Aadhaar card and driving license will also have to be given. After this, a unique number will be given to the applicant. The purchased vehicle cannot be sold for five years without the written approval of the sub-divisional officer.
- According to the department, a three-member selection committee will be formed to select the beneficiaries on the basis of the priority list prepared. It will be headed by the district officer, while the deputy development commissioner and district transport officer will be the member secretary.
- After the purchase of the bus, the documents related to it will have to be submitted to the DTO office. After the necessary checking, the amount will be sent online to the beneficiary's account by the DTO.



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