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Technical Service Commission Amendment Bill, 2021 Passed in the Assembly

Why in News

- On November 30, 2021, the **Technical Service Commission Amendment Bill** was passed by the Bihar Legislative Assembly, in which the tenure of the chairman of the commission has been changed.

Key Points

- According to the amendment bill, now the tenure of the Chairman of the Technical Services Commission has been reduced to 3 years or till the maximum age of 70 years.
- Presenting the bill in the House, Minister Vijendra Yadav said that according to the provision till now, there was a compulsion of experience for appointment in this commission, which has been abolished in this amendment bill.
- According to the amended Bill, if for any reason the post of the Chairperson in the Commission falls vacant, the senior-most member of the Commission shall be the Chairperson.
- It may be noted that earlier the name of this commission was Bihar Technical Staff Selection Commission, but in the year 2018 under an amendment, it was named as Bihar Technical Service Commission.

Jamui MLA Shreyasi Singh Won the Gold Medal

Why in News

- Recently, international shooter and BJP MLA from Jamui assembly seat of Bihar Shreyasi Singh won gold medal in 64th National Shooting Championship held in Patiala.

Key Points

- The 64th National Shooting Championship is being organized in Patiala, Punjab from November 22, 2021, which will run till December 14, 2021.
- Jamui MLA and shooter Shreyasi Singh also participated in this competition, she achieved this feat in the women's clay pigeon trap shooting event.

- Shreyasi Singh also won a gold medal for Bihar in the shotgun event of the 63rd National Shooting Championship held in the year 2019.

Bihar Appropriation (No.-4) Bill, 2021 passed

Why In News

- Recently, the **Bihar Appropriation (No.-4) Bill, 2021** has been passed in the Bihar Legislature.

Key Points

- Under the Bihar Appropriation (No.-4) Bill, 2021, a total amount of Rs 20,531 crore 82 lakh 72 thousand will be appropriated from the **Consolidated Fund** through supplementary budget.
- In this bill, **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, National Health Mission, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** etc. A supplementary provision of Rs.5348 crore has been made in etc.
- Supplementary provision of Rs.6773 crore has been made for other important schemes of the state government, such as **Gangajal Udvah Yojna for drinking water, Patna Metro Rail Project, Mukhyamantri Balika Protsahan Yojana, Saat Nischay Yojana, Mukhyamantri Gram Sampark Yojna, Flood Control, Irrigation Generation Project** etc. has gone.
- In the light of the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission, in order to provide better facilities to the common man at the local level, a supplementary provision of Rs.1117 crore
- In the light of the recommendation of the Sixth State Finance Commission, a supplementary provision of Rs. 2130 crore has been made to the Panchayats and Rs. 1445 crore to the municipal bodies.

Natkhat Science Lab

Why in News

- Recently, an announcement has been made to open '**Natkhat Science Lab**' in various government schools of Bhagalpur district.

Key Points

- With the opening of 'Natkhat Science Lab', students will be able to make other projects, teaching materials,

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models for exhibitions, from district to national level science competitions.

- In this, students of any school will be able to make models according to them and for this they **will not have to pay any fee**.
- On the initiative of the **Department of Education, Bhagalpur**, the Natkhat Science Lab, **run by the Abaco Foundation and Karunodaya Foundation of America**, has been opened in only one school in the district i.e.– Primary School Mokshada.
- Ten labs will be opened in Bhagalpur district by January. On its success, there are plans to open **300 more centers in two years**.
- Lab's **project head Shekhar Suman** said that seven teachers are being made master trainers in the lab and teachers of other schools will be trained by them.
- This lab has facilities for making all kinds of models for the students of class 6th to 10th, in which understanding of making science models from waste material, understanding of making crafts from waste paper, understanding of making new toys from soil, will be developed.

MoU between Bihar Education Department and Akshaya Patra Foundation

Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, an agreement was signed between the Education Department of Bihar and the Akshaya Patra Foundation of Bangalore for mid-day meals to the children of Patna, Danapur and Phulwari Sharif under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana.

Key Points

- The agreement was signed by the department at the Madan Mohan Jha Memorial Auditorium, located in the Education Department, by the District Program Officer (Mid-day Meal) of Patna District and Swami Anantveer Das, Vice President of the Foundation on behalf of Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bangalore.
- It is worth noting that Akshaya Patra Foundation is a non-governmental organization in India, headquartered in Bangalore. The Akshayapatra Foundation started the mid-day meal program in June 2000 by serving

1,500 children mid-day meals in five government schools in Bengaluru (Karnataka).

- This organization strives to eliminate classroom hunger by implementing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in government schools and government aided schools. Also Akshaya Patra Foundation aims to combat malnutrition and support the right to education of socio-economically disadvantaged children.

Patna Metro

Why in News

- On December 10, 2021, the Bihar government informed that the **European Union**, the **Asian Development Bank** and the **Japanese government agency 'JICA'** have agreed to give a loan of up to **eight thousand crore rupees for the construction of Patna Metro**.

Key Points

- Rs. 13365.77 crore is proposed to be spent on Patna Metro Rail Project. It has been planned to take a loan of 60 percent of the amount. For this, the priority of taking loans will be decided based on the conditions of the European Union, JICA and ADB.
- The East-West corridor of Patna Metro starts from Danapur and goes to Mithapur via Patna Railway Station. Similarly, the North-South Corridor will go from Patna Railway Station to New ISBT via Akashvani, Gandhi Maidan, Ashok Rajpath, Moinul Haq Stadium, Rajendra Nagar, Kumhrar, Bypass.
- A provision of Rs 1000 crore has been made for the land acquisition of Patna Metro depot and notification of land acquisition has been issued.

Champions of Change Report

Why in News

- On December 11, 2021, NITI Aayog released the Delta Ranking of Champions of Change. In this, **four districts of Bihar have been ranked among the five best improving districts of the country in the field of education**.

Key Points

- In this delta ranking, NITI Aayog has declared these districts as champions of change, ranking **Muzaffarpur, Aurangabad, Banka and Sheikhpura districts of**

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Bihar at the second, third, fourth and fifth positions respectively in the country after Dumka in Jharkhand.

- NITI Aayog has declared **five districts Dumka, Muzaffarpur, Aurangabad, Banka and Sheikhpura as aspirational districts** for October 2021 respectively.
- Sanjay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department said that this recognition of NITI Aayog is important. This is the result of the work being done on quality education under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and on his guidelines.
- It may be noted that NITI Aayog releases the Delta Ranking by considering some of the best districts out of the districts across the country on several parameters. In October 2021, the parameters on which the four districts of Bihar have been rated the best are the report of the National Achievement Survey, library facilities, infrastructure, toilets, drinking water facilities etc.

Command and Control Center

Why in News

- On December 14, 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated and inspected the Command and Control Center of the Health Department at Vikas Bhawan.

Key Points

- During the inspection, the Health Department official said that this is the first command and control center of the Health Department in the country. Through this monitoring of all health centers, monitoring and analysis of data including medical equipment will be done.
- It has been started as a pilot project in Muzaffarpur and Nalanda. The Chief Minister interacted with the doctors and patients in the OPD of District Hospital Muzaffarpur from the Command and Control Center and inquired about the treatment and facilities there. Also inspected the OPD of Nalanda Hospital.
- During this, the Chief Minister said that since 2006, many works have been done in the field of health. Earlier, through landline telephone, information was obtained from the Chief Minister's Secretariat and the Health Department after talking to the doctors in the hospitals. Now through new technology, the work being done in the field of health can be implemented and controlled more effectively.

Chief Minister Inaugurated, launched and laid the Foundation Stone of Various Schemes of Health Department

Why in News

- On December 14, 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone, launched, inaugurated 772 different schemes costing Rs 1919 crore 95 lakh in the 'auditorium' of the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare through remote. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of a medical college and hospital in Jamui to be built at a cost of about Rs 500 crore through video conferencing.

Key Points

- Earlier, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated and inspected Telemedicine Studio (**E-Sanjeevani**) in the premises of the institute. During the program, the Chief Minister also released the coffee table book '**Mimansha-2021**'.
- The Chief Minister gave symbolic appointment letters to 9 health workers (Physician, ANM, Lab Technician and Cold Chain Technician) and also honored the best performing districts through video conferencing. Purnia, Saharsa, Gaya, Patna and Siwan were awarded for the first dose, while Saharsa, Gopalganj, Siwan, East Champaran and West Champaran were awarded for the second dose.
- In order to do better work during the Corona period, the Chief Minister appointed Special Secretary cum Executive Director State AYUSH Committee Arvinder Singh, Additional Executive Director, State Health Committee Animesh Kumar Parashar, OSD Health Department Renu Devi, Assistant Director State Health Committee Manish Ranjan, State Program Manager, State Health Committee Vivek Kumar Singh and Dhanya Shashi and Sana Jain of PMU Health Department were honored with citations.
- The Chief Minister distributed a 'Digital Blood Donor' card of Bihar State AIDS Control Society to blood donor Tripurari Kumar Mishra of Munger and Dr. Pratima Anand of Sitamarhi.

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Inauguration of Various Schemes of Energy Sector

Why in news

- On December 15, 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated **various schemes of the energy sector worth Rs 3452.11 crore** at the **Energy Auditorium located** in BSPHCL Colony. Simultaneously, the Chief Minister started the statewide implementation of **smart pre-paid meter scheme costing Rs.12,657 crore**.

Key Points

- Schemes worth Rs 725.26 crore were inaugurated by the Chief Minister, while foundation stones of various schemes worth Rs 2726.85 crore were laid.
 - Under the distribution companies, **48 Vidyut Shakti sub-stations** costing a total cost of Rs 325 crore have been inaugurated and laid.
 - The foundation stone for the construction of transmission line from 7 grid sub-station to distribution system at a cost of Rs 874 crore and transmission line for power evacuation from **Buxar Thermal Power Establishment** at a cost of Rs 817.35 crore was laid.
- The Chief Minister said that a 200 MW solar power plant is going to be set up in Bihar. **Work on 100 MW solar power plants** will be started at Jamui and Banka. These plants will be set up by **Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited**. An amount of Rs 1000 crore will be spent on this.
- Bihar is the first state in the country where smart prepaid meters are being installed. Smart prepaid meters are being installed in Bihar from 2019. The Electricity Department has set **a target to install smart prepaid meters in every household by March 2025 in five phases**.
- The Chief Minister said that **the electricity bill has been included in the Right to Redressal of Public Grievances Act** so that the grievances of the people can be resolved.
- There will be no misuse of electricity with smart prepaid meters. Electricity consumers will also benefit from this. The more electricity people consume, the more they will have to pay the electricity bill.

Social Reform Campaign

Why in News

- On 22 December 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar started the social reform campaign in Bihar by lighting the lamp at Gandhi Maidan in Motihari.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that along with development, social reform is also necessary. Liquor prohibition has been implemented in the state for this purpose.
- A human chain was formed on January 21, 2017 under the prohibition campaign, in which more than 40 million people took part.
- It may be noted that from April 5, 2016, complete prohibition has been implemented in Bihar. Earlier on April 1, 2016, country and foreign liquor was banned only in rural areas.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister called upon the people to come out from the evils like child marriage, dowry system.
- On this occasion, under the **Mukhyamantri Jeevika Parjan Yojana**, an amount of Rs 4.5 crore was given to the Jeevika Didis in the form of dummy cheques by the Chief Minister. In addition, dummy cheques of Rs 95 crore 50 lakh given by banks to 7252 self-help groups were also given by the Chief Minister.

Bihar in Good Governance Index, 2021

Why in News

- On the occasion of Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021, the Good Governance Index was released by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, in which **Bihar has got 6th rank in Group 'B'**.

Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- Bihar has secured 6th rank in Group 'B' **with a score of 4.624** in the overall ranking of Good Governance

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Index, **Madhya Pradesh has secured first rank in this group and Gujarat has secured first rank in Group 'A'.**

- Bihar has increased its score by 5 percent as compared to the previous index (2019). Last time its score was 4.40, which has now increased to 4.624.
- Bihar has basically improved in public infrastructure and utilities, social welfare and development sector and judicial and public security sector.
- The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which Bihar's ranking and score are as follows-

Sectors	Bihar Ranking	Score
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	6th	0.442
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	7th	0.626
3. Human Resource Development Sector	3rd	0.507
4. Public Health Sector	3rd	0.287
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	1st	0.754
6. Economic Governance Sector	5th	0.417
7. Social Welfare and Development	8th	0.385
8. Judicial and Public Security	7th	0.227
9. Environmental Sector	7th	0.330
10. Citizen Centric Governance	4th	0.469

Bihar in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, government think tank **NITI Aayog released the fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20**, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, **Bihar ranks 18th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.**

Key Points

- The report was divided into three parts - large states, small states and union territories. Among the smaller states, **Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.**
- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of **24 indicators** covering key aspects of health performance.
- In terms of overall health performance among large states, Bihar ranks 18th out of 19 states with a score of 31.00. On the other hand, Kerala is ranked first with 82.20, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 and Telangana is third with 69.96.
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.

CM Inaugurates 96th National Annual Convention of IMA

Why in News

- On 28 December 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the 96th National Convention of IMA by lighting the lamp at Bapu Auditorium located at Samrat Ashok Convention Center.

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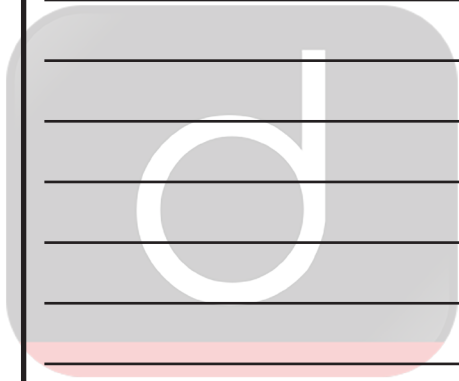
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that PMCH is the oldest hospital in the state. It will be made a medical college hospital of international standard. Its construction work will be completed in three phases in four years. It will be a hospital of more than 5400 beds.
- He said that NMCH will also have 2500 beds. Medical colleges of Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur and Gaya will also be a 2500 bedded hospital. The state's second AIIMS will be built in Darbhanga.



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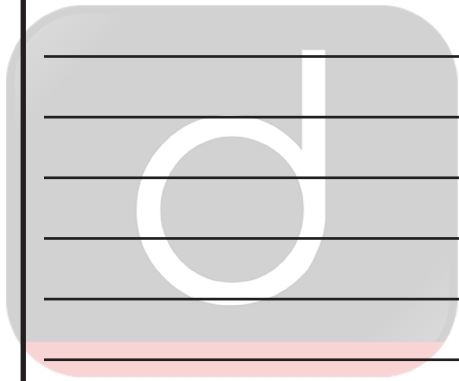
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