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GI Tag for Khurma, Tilkut and Balushahi of Bihar

Why in News?

- Recently, NABARD's General Manager Dr. Sunil Kumar said NABARD will help Khurma, Tilkut and Balushahi in Bihar to get GI tag.

Key Points

- Dr. Sunil informed that after obtaining the details of the features and the source of these sweets by NABARD for getting the GI tag, the manufacturers will be asked to apply for GI tags.
- It may be recalled that in Bihar, Tilkut of Gaya, Balushahi of Sitamarhi and Khurma of Udwanthnagar in Bhojpur district are very famous.
- Many products from Bihar have already been granted GI tag, the details of which are as under:
 - Bhagalpuri Jardalu Mango
 - Katarani Rice
 - Magahi Betel (Paan)
 - Shahi Litchi
 - Madhubani Painting
 - Pipli work

Archaeological Remains Found on Vuldeshwar Mountain

Why in News?

- Recently, District Magistrate of Jamui district of Bihar, Avneesh Kumar Singh said that the Archaeological Survey of India has found evidence of cultural activities of ancient humans in the rocks of Giddheshwar mountain near Lachhuar, the birthplace of Lord Mahavira.

Key Points

- Archaeological investigation into the dense forests of The Giddheshwar Mountain, located in Jamui district, was carried out by Dr. It is being done by the Bihar Museum in Patna under the direction of Ravi Shankar Gupta.
- Dr. Gupta said that there are very large rock shelters in the Giddheshwar ranges, in which the evidence of many rock paintings has been received.

- The archaeological remains found in exploration from Giddheshwar are said to be of prehistoric times.

ONGC approves exploration of petroleum reserves in two districts of Bihar

Why in News?

- On June 6, 2022, the Bihar government approved petroleum exploration licence (PEL) to ONGC to assess the existence of oil reserves in Samastipur and Buxar districts of the state.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that ONGC had applied for a licence for exploration in both the blocks after getting information about oil reserves at Samastipur and Buxar in the Ganga basin.
 - 308.32 sq km in Samastipur Oil in the field is to be discovered with state-of-the-art technology. At the same time, 52.13 sq km of Buxar. Petroleum products will be discovered in the area.
 - The first step will be to carry out a 2D seismic survey using the latest seismic data recording system. This will be followed by a geochemical survey using advanced technology. The surveys will be completed with gravitational magnetic and magneto-telluric (MT) surveys in the coming days.
- It is worth mentioning that oil reserves have been discovered in some parts of Bihar in the past, but no commercial success was achieved. However, this had helped to gather valuable geological information for further exploration.

Gandhi Setu ranked as the Country's Largest Steel Bridge

Why in News?

- On June 7, 2022, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and State Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the eastern end of the Mahatma Gandhi Setu at Patna in the state of Bihar.

Key Points

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- The eastern lane of the Mahatma Gandhi Setu, which was the longest bridge in the country for 35 years, was completed after five years.
- This bridge will be a lifeline from Patna to north Bihar, now the distance from Patna to Vaishali will be covered in 15 minutes.
- It is made of steel instead of cemented. This bridge is the largest steel bridge in the country. It is 5.6 km long.
- Such a steel bridge has been constructed for the first time in the country. 67,000 tons of iron have been used in its construction.
- It is known that Mahatma Gandhi Setu has been constructed under 15 National Highway projects at a cost of Rs.13,585 crore.

Bihar Textile and Leather Policy, 2022 Launched

Why in News?

- On June 8, 2022, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the Investors' **Meet-cum-Bihar Textile and Leather Policy, 2022** at The Convention Building in Patna.

Key Points

- Addressing the conference, he said that the new policy will greatly benefit investors setting up industries in Bihar. The state will soon become a major textile hub of the country.
- The textile and leather policy provides for a wide range of incentives including capital grant, employment grant, power grant, freight grant, patent grant, skill development grant. There are provisions like interest subvention on loan, reimbursement of SGST, waiver of stamp duty, registration, exemption on land conversion.
- The Chief Minister said that the main objective of the policy is to develop Bihar as a major potential investment hub for domestic and global investors in the region and to provide a variety of incentives to entrepreneurs starting textile and leather businesses.
- Under the new policy, 15 percent of the cost of capital investment for plant and machinery will be given, subject to a maximum of Rs.10 crore. Apart from this, the grant of electricity charges will be two rupees per unit.

- The employees working in the industry will be given a grant for a period of five years at the rate of Rs 5,000 per month. 30% transport subsidy will be given to the respective units for export.
- Under the new policy, a grant of Rs.10 lakh per annum will be given on freight movement for five years. A grant of 50 per cent of the registration expenses will be given on patenting your product, subject to a maximum of Rs 10 lakh.

Governor Launches New Website of Raj Bhavan

Why in News?

- On June 9, 2022, Bihar Governor Phagoo Chauhan launched the new website of Raj Bhavan, Bihar.

Key Points

- Designed on the basis of all the standards prescribed by the Government of India, this website is available in both Hindi and English languages.
- A number of new features have been added to this website developed by NIC, Raj Bhavan. Its response time and user interface are very easy compared to the previous website.
- Due to the availability of screen reader facility in it, divyangjans can also use it. This website can also be viewed by opening through mobile and tablet devices.
- Information related to His Excellency the Governor, date wise his speeches and messages and photos of various programs are available on this website.
- Apart from this, notifications, circulars, orders, press releases issued by the Governor's Secretariat, updated information related to universities and their Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, etc. are also available on this.

Bihar Ranks Fourth in the Country in Fish Production

Why in News?

- On June 10, 2022, Bihar's Minister for Energy and Planning Development and Vice-Chairman of planning council Bijendra Prasad Yadav informed that Bihar has reached the fourth position across the country in fish production.

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- In 2007-08, the state used to produce 2.88 lakh tonnes of fish annually, which has increased to 7.62 lakh tonnes in 2020-21.
- Similarly, milk production in the state has also doubled. Milk production in 2007-08 was 57.7 lakh tonnes, which increased to 115.2 lakh tonnes in 2020-21.
- It may be mentioned that since 2008, the State has achieved a steady increase in the record production of milk, egg and fish with the implementation of the agriculture roadmap.
- Secretary, Department of Animal and Fisheries Resources, Dr. N. Sarwan Kumar said that before the first agriculture roadmap, the state's annual meat production in the financial year 2007-08 was 1.80 lakh tonnes, which increased to 3.86 lakh tonnes in 2020-21.
- Sarwan Kumar said that the scheme of door step delivery will be implemented soon to provide veterinary services to the doorsteps of cattle herders in the state. It has been sanctioned.
- The target is to set up 7,000 new milk societies by 2024-25 to ensure access of milk societies to all villages. Against this, 1639 new committees have been set up till May this year. 600 Sudha's outlets will be set up in all the blocks.

No Payment in Gram Panchayats without Digital Signature

Why in News?

- Recently, while attacking corruption, the government has now implemented dongles in the village panchayats of Champaran district. Under this, it is necessary to make 'digital signatures' of the heads and secretaries of all the gram panchayats.

Key Points

- Giving this information on June 10, 2022, BDO Pankaj Kumar of West Champaran of Bihar state said that the state government has made digital signature certificate necessary for withdrawal of funds of 15th Finance Commission.

- Now without a digital signature, the amount of state finance and 15th finance will not be able to be paid. These steps have been taken by the government regarding the corruption in the withdrawal of financial funds.
- Account operations of a dozen Gram Panchayats have been suspended for not creating digital signatures.
- The BDO said that in the light of the instructions of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, instructions have been given for DSC registration, vendor agency, registration, accounting and other technical work under the process of onboarding on the Gram Swaraj Portal, so that public representatives should be aware of it. in order to accelerate the development plans.

Tharu and Surjapuri Languages on the Verge of Extinction in Bihar

Why in News?

- On June 12, 2022, Bijoy Kumar Chaudhary, executive director of Bihar Heritage Development Society (BHDS), informed that two dialects spoken in Bihar - Tharu and Surjapuri- are facing a crisis of extinction.

Key Points

- Bijoy Kumar Chaudhary said that the BHDS has come to this conclusion after going to the area and conducting a thorough and detailed investigation. He said the Tharu language is on the verge of extinction, while variations are being seen in Surjapuri.
- Experts have expressed apprehension that if steps are not taken to revive them, these two languages will merge into Bhojpuri, Maithili, Hindi and Bangla.
- The Tharu language is made up of a combination of Bhojpuri and Maithili and is spoken by the Tharu community mainly in the Western and East Champaran districts. Surjapuri language is made up of a combination of Bangla, Maithili and Hindi and its speakers live mainly in Kishanganj, Katihar, Purnea and Araria districts of the state. This language is also known as 'Kishanganjia'.
- The BHDS, functioning as a branch of the Art, Culture and Youth Department of the State Government, works for the conservation and promotion of the tangible and intangible heritage of Bihar.

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- As a community, the Tharu people live in the foothills of the Himalayas located in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Bihar and in the southern forest areas of Nepal. A large proportion of Surjapuri language speakers live in Jhapa district of Nepal, adjoining Thakurganj block of Purnea district. As per the 2011 census, the total number of Surjapuri language speakers in Bihar is 18,57,930.

'Plug and Play': Govt's Initiative to Boost Industries in Bihar

Why in News?

- Recently, the Bihar government has taken an initiative of 'Plug and Play' to promote industries in the state, under which 'plug and play' pre-fabricated sheds will be constructed in five districts, where entrepreneurs will be able to start factories only by installing equipment.

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- A shed will be constructed at a cost of Rs.15 crores. From land to electricity and water, the government will arrange. This will increase the pace of industrial development in the state.
- Under this scheme, sheds at Co-operative Spinning Mill Campus (Bhagalpur), Bela Industrial Area (Muzaffarpur), Hajipur Industrial Area (Hazipur), Kumbarbagh Industrial Area (West Champaran-Phase-2) and Sikanderpur Industrial Area (Bihta, Patna) will be constructed.
- The shed will be constructed within six months. For this, the Infrastructure Development Authorities (IDA) have floated a tender worth Rs 75 crore. Its technical bid will open on July 5, while the pre-bid meeting of working agencies has been called on June 28 in Patna.
- The co-operative spinning mill in Bhagalpur will have a shed in 10 acres of land on the campus, where a minimum of 100 entrepreneurs will be able to get the platform after six months.
- Sanjay Kumar Verma, General Manager, District Industries Center said that the purpose of construction of 'Plug and Shed' is to help those entrepreneurs who are unable to set up factories due to lack of land. Now they will get electricity along with

land. Here small enterprises like manufacturing of textiles, packaging materials, sanitary pads etc. will be promoted.

Traffic Park in Each District of Bihar

Why in News?

- In order to reduce road accidents in Bihar, the Transport Department has issued rules for setting up of permanent traffic parks in all the districts of the State recently.

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- Under this, the exercise of making one permanent traffic park in every district of the state has started from Veer Kunwar Singh Park in Patna. In 4900 square feet of this park, the work of building this park will be started through the agency from August. Also, work will be started gradually in the rest of the districts.
- This will be the first permanent traffic park in Bihar. At present, a temporary traffic park is running in Gaya, Patna, where most of the school and college students reach.
- Children and youth will be given information about traffic rules in the traffic park. For this, arrangements will be made for road, small foot over bridge, dummy building, projector, sound system in the traffic park. Along with this, traffic signals along the road in the traffic park, signage such as- zebra crossing, U-turn, construction of small foot overbridge, dummy construction of school, bus stop etc., arrangement of lamp post and lighting, separate entry and exit facility door and projector for classes of road safety will be available.
- According to the rules of the transport department, the selected agency will be given the responsibility of this traffic park for 10 years. Land and funds will be provided by the transport department. For this, the entire plan budget has been sought from the agency. The agency will have to manage man power ranging from workers, equipment and materials.
- In the traffic park, school children and youth will be able to get to know the traffic rules in an entertaining way in the game and games. Here they will learn to drive safely. Through this, people will also be made aware of road safety.

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Prepaid Meters will be Installed in Five Districts of Bihar

Why in News?

- On June 16, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Power Company and Secure Meters for installation of Smart Prepaid Meters in rural areas of Bihar.

Key Points

- Under the MoU, 26 lakh prepaid meters will be installed in the next 30 months in five districts of north Bihar - Sitamarhi, Sheohar, East Champaran and West Champaran.
- State Power Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav said that this is the country's biggest agreement so far for installation of smart prepaid meters.
- Sanjeev Hans, Principal Secretary, Department of Energy and CMD, Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited, said that the response of consumers towards smart meters in urban areas is pleasant and encouraging.
- He said that so far 8.39 lakh smart prepaid meters have been installed in Bihar. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Secure Meters for installation of meters in rural areas.

Amendment in Bihar Sand Mining Policy, 2019

Why in News?

- On June 17, 2022, the State of Bihar has made significant amendments to the Bihar Sand Mining Policy, 2019 under the Department of Mines and Geology.

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- DM will make settlement of all the identified sand ghats of the state for the next 5 years through e-auction-cum-tender. The settlement fee of sand ghats has been increased by 50 percent as compared to last year.
- The secured deposits and security amount in the endowment of sand ghats have been increased from 10 percent to 25 percent.
- It is known that the secured deposit was only 25 percent earlier, which was increased to 10 percent

in the last few days. Now it has been increased to 25 percent again.

- The tender of the settlement holders will be valid only after paying this amount.
- This will also help in curbing illegal mining and facilitating construction activities to generate revenue to the Government along with sand availability.
- Recently, the Supreme Court had directed to prepare a mineral survey report of all the districts and had asked for an endowment of sand ghats in the districts on the basis of the report. The department then prepared the report of all the districts, which has a complete blueprint of other matters ranging from the availability of sand.
- Under the amendment, environmental clearance and other statutory clearances have to be taken only by sand miners. The mining plan will also have to be made by them themselves. Earlier, this work was done at the level of the government.

Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Bihar

Why in News?

- After getting the consent of the central government recently, the Bihar Education Department has prepared an action plan to upgrade 534 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas to plus-two.

Key Points

- A total of 634 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been run so far in the State of Bihar to provide quality education to girls belonging to disadvantaged groups. Out of these, there are 534 schools which have education for girls from classes 6 to 8. All these schools operating from class 6 to 8 will be upgraded to plus-two.
- This will provide education to the girl child belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, disadvantaged groups with poverty line and minority sections, not only from class 6 to 12, but also professional courses.
- At present, there are 5,726 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) operating across the country.

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- A total of 50,963 girls from disadvantaged groups enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are kept in hostels to provide quality education to them.
- An education department official said smart classrooms, ICT labs and vocational training centers will be set up in all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.
- The Education Department has prepared a report on these schools and submitted it to the Central Government so that the Department of School Education and Literacy takes immediate steps to make them operational at the earliest.
- It is known that the Central Government had launched the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme in the year 2006-07 to promote the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. In these schools, 75percent seats will be reserved for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Minorities, while the remaining 25percent seats are reserved for girls from below poverty line families.

DM will Protect Trees Above 50 Years of Age in Bihar

Why in News

- Recently, The Chief Secretary of Bihar State, Amir Sawhney has written a letter to all the district collectors directing them to preserve the heritage trees of Bihar.

Key Points

- The heritage of Bihar includes all types of old trees above 50 years of age.
- The Chief Secretary has requested the district collectors to give wide publicity to collect information related to heritage trees of the state through Bihar Heritage Tree App. At the same time, necessary action should be taken to conserve those trees.
- A data base is being prepared by Bihar State Biodiversity Council through Bihar Heritage Tree App for conservation of heritage trees.
- It can be attended by all the people including people's representatives, students, teachers, farmers, office bearers, employees, members of the Biodiversity Management Committee. All of them should be inspired for biodiversity.
- Also, information about trees older than 50 years can be uploaded on the portal of Bihar State Biodiversity Council through the Bihar Heritage Tree App.

Formation of State Dam Safety Organization (SDSO) in Bihar

Why in News?

- Recently a State Dam Safety Organization has been formed for the maintenance and safety of dams and barrages of Bihar.

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- For this, the Water Resources Department has formed a team of 56 officers and staff led by the Chief Engineer of Central Design, Research and Quality Control.
- The SDSO has been constituted in accordance with the directions given by the Government of India under the Central Dam Safety Act.
- The SDSO will have the responsibility of inspecting, maintaining and monitoring 27 dams and 5 major barrages in the state.
- It may be recalled that the Central Government has asked all the states to prepare their own action plans for the maintenance of dams and barrages under the Dam Safety Bill, 2018 to further strengthen the safety of dams across the country.
- With 5,254 large dams, India is currently the third largest country in the world.

Ten Thousand Crore Rupees Guarantee to Farmers on Wheat-Paddy Purchase

Why in News?

- On June 21, 2022, the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar approved the decision to give a guarantee of Rs 10 thousand crore to the farmers of Bihar on the purchase of wheat and paddy.

Key Points

- The state government will provide a guarantee of 10,000 crore rupees for procurement of Wheat and Paddy in the financial year 2022-23. This guarantee will be given on borrowing from institutions like commercial banks, NABARD.
- The cabinet has given its approval to give a state guarantee of Rs 10 thousand crore to Bihar State Food

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and Civil Supplies Corporation as working capital for loans taken at quarterly rate of interest from various financial institutions.

- Thirteen proposals were approved in the meeting. The cabinet gave its approval to spend Rs. 94 crore 5 lakh 54 thousand this year for agricultural mechanization scheme. Under this, the farmers of the state will get up to 80 percent subsidy on various agricultural machines.
- The state government will spend Rs 31 crore for grant on equipment like Happy Seeder, Super Seeder, Straw Baler, Reaper-cum-Binder related to stubble management.

Handicapped will Get a Battery-Powered Tricycle

Why in News?

- On June 21, 2022, in the meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, it has been decided to give battery-operated tricycles to the differently-abled studying and employed.

Key Points

- The Cabinet has given its approval under the Sambal Scheme run under the CM Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Vidyardhi Yojana.
- The Bihar government will distribute 10,000 battery operated tricycles to differently-abled persons across the state in the current financial year. These tricycles will be distributed to the differently-abled on the basis of 'first come, first served'.
- The Handicapped will have to apply online first for the battery tricycle. After this, the committee headed by the DM will select the eligible beneficiaries. 42 crore has been sanctioned for this scheme.
- Additional Chief Secretary Dr. S. Siddhartha said that differently-abled students pursuing graduation and above will get the benefit of this scheme. Students will be able to travel long distances from their home or hostel and easily go to college-university through a battery-operated tricycle.
- Along with this, the Handicapped associated with employment by staying in Bihar have also been included in this scheme, so that they can feed their families by using the battery tricycle.

- Under this scheme, the beneficiary has to be a resident of Bihar. The condition is that he is studying or doing employment by staying in the state. The annual income of the beneficiary's family should not exceed Rs 2 lakh. 60% of the Handicapped aged 17 years and above will get the benefit.

Spices Will be Cultivated in the Gardens of Bihar

Why in News?

- Recently, the Bihar government, taking steps to increase the income of the farmers of the state, has planned to cultivate spices in the gardens.

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- The Department of Agriculture has started work on this to encourage farmers under the Integrated Farming Scheme. The need has been assessed on the basis of actual acreage of vacant land available in the garden.
- The cultivation of spices will start as an experiment this year. For this, Hail, Ginger and Turmeric have been selected. They will now be cultivated in the gardens of 12 districts of the state.
- The districts that have been selected for this scheme are Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, East Champaran, West Champaran, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Begusarai, Saharsa, Khagaria and Bhagalpur.
- After planting trees in the gardens, the vacant land will be used for the cultivation of spices. With this, farmers will not only sell the fruits of the garden, but will also be able to trade in spices.
- Under the scheme, the state government will provide technical assistance to the farmers cultivating spices in the garden as well as half the price of seeds and manure.
- It is worth mentioning that on an average, farmers in the state cultivate only two crops throughout the year. In weather-friendly farming, the government has planned to increase it to three crops. At the same time, emphasis is also being laid on integrated agriculture scheme in the cultivation of annual crops. The new plan is a part of this effort.
- Barring fruit orchards like Bananas, only 40 percent of the land in Mango and Litchi orchards is used for planting trees, the remaining 60 percent of the land

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can be cultivated by crops in which even if there is less sunshine, the production is not affected. Under this, Hail, Ginger and Turmeric have been selected.

- It is noteworthy that the cultivable area in Bihar is much higher than the average in the country. 60 percent of the total land area in the state is used for agriculture. The average in the country is 42 percent. Despite this, the state government wants to increase production by increasing cropping intensity. This is also a unique step to increase the income of the farmers.

JP Ganga Path of Patna

Why in News?

- On June 24, 2022, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the first phase of JP Ganga Path in Patna on the lines of Marine Drive in Mumbai.

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- Arun Kumar, DGM of Ganga Path Construction, said that the road is 20.5 km from Digha Ghat to Didarganj Ghat. It is long and costs Rs.3831 crores.
- This road is being prepared in four phases. In the first phase, from Digha in Patna to Patna Medical College Hospital (PMCH), about seven and a half km. The work of the long path has been completed, which has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister.
- With the inauguration of JP Ganga Path, the journey of one and a half hours will now be completed in just twenty minutes. The people of North Bihar will also benefit a lot from this.
- In the second phase, the work up to Gai Ghat will be completed by December, 2022; in the third phase till Patna Ghat by April, 2023 and the fourth phase by February, 2024.
- It may be recalled that in 2011, the proposal to build marine drive in Patna was passed by the government, after which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid the foundation stone for it on October 11, 2013, the birth anniversary of Jai Prakash Narayan.

MSME Award, 2022

Why In News?

- On June 27, 2022, Bihar's Industries Minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain informed that Bihar has bagged the second prize in the '**National MSME Awards, 2022**'

for its outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** sector.

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- The award will be presented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a function organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Delhi on June 30.
- The Industries Minister informed that the industrialization of Bihar depends to a large extent on the development of the MSME sector. This is evident from the fact that most of the rs 36,000 crore investments received in the last 1.5 years have come from the MSME sector.
- It may be mentioned that the Chief Minister's Entrepreneur Scheme is being implemented to encourage MSMEs in the State.
- The '**Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana**' (MUY), at the time of its launch in 2018, was limited to SC/ST only, but it covers backward, extremely backward, general and women categories from the financial year 2021-22.

ITI Students Will Get Scholarship

Why in News?

- On June 28, 2022, an order was issued by Gajendra Mishra, Joint Secretary, Labor Resources Department of Bihar, regarding grant of scholarship to about two lakh students of private ITIs.

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- ITI students were deprived of scholarships due to non-issuance of orders from the state government following the central government's order. Taking cognizance of this, the Bihar government has announced that two lakh ITI students from Bihar studying in private Industrial Training Institutes (Private ITIs) will now get the benefit of scholarship.
- The amount of scholarship to two lakh students studying in private ITIs will be Rs 10,400 for students studying in engineering trade and Rs 8,480 for non-engineering students by the state government. The rest of the fee will be borne by the Central Government as scholarship.
- It is worth mentioning that the central government has fixed the annual training fee for engineering and non-engineering students of ITI. Under this, 26 thousand

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rupees have been fixed for engineering trade and 21 thousand 200 rupees for non-engineering.

- From 2024, a uniform growth at the rate of 5 percent per annum will be permissible. The fee structure will be reviewed by the Directorate General of Training after five years.
- As soon as the government order is issued, students studying in all the private ITIs in the state will have to pay the above fee from the session 2022-23.

The First Female Cyclist to Reach the World's Highest Road 'Umlingala'

Why in News?

- On June 28, 2022, Sabita Mahato of Chhapra district of Bihar became the first woman cyclist in the world to travel on the world's highest road Umlingala.

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- Sabita has crossed Rothan La, Baralachala, Nakila, Lachhunla, Tanlangala and Norbula to reach Umlingla.
- India's Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has built the world's highest road Umlingala in Ladakh near the China border in 2020, which was included in the Guinness Book of World Records in 2021. The road is located in the Umelana Pass in eastern Ladakh. Its height is 19,300 feet above sea level.
- Sabita Mahato started her journey from New Delhi on June 5 and ended her journey on June 28 by reaching Umlingla. This trip was sponsored by Roddick. Sabita will soon apply for the Guinness Book of Records.
- It is known that Sabita left her job in Tata Steel and made up her mind to do cycling. He has covered a distance of 12,500 kms during All India Traveling. She is the first Indian girl who has got the title of traveling 12,500 km. Apart from different states, she has toured the whole country including Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal. So far, he has covered a total distance of 35,000 km by cycle.

Twelve Railway Stations will Become World Class in Bihar

Why in News?

- Recently, East Central Railway's CPRO Birend Kumar has informed about the identification of 12 stations of East Central Railway to be developed as a world class station under the station redevelopment project in the state of Bihar.

Key Points

- These 12 stations include Muzaffarpur, Begusarai and Barauni of Sonpur Division, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Bapudham Motihari of Samastipur Division, Rajendranagar and Buxar of Danapur Division, Gaya and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Junction of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Division and Dhanbad and Singrauli Junction of Dhanbad Division, has been selected.
- The process of redevelopment of all these identified stations has been initiated. It is targeted to be completed by the end of 2024. After the completion of the redevelopment work, passengers will get world-class facilities like airports.
- Under this scheme, Muzaffarpur Junction will be constructed with an amount of Rs. 400 crore.
- Post redevelopment, Muzaffarpur station will be an attractive amalgamation of technology, local culture and rich heritage with advanced passenger amenities. After the redevelopment, the capacity to serve passengers will increase three times. This will increase the number of tourists as well as indirectly create employment, which will benefit the local people.
- Giving the station a world-class look and equipping them with state-of-the-art facilities, the station will be given the form of a green building, where there will be adequate arrangements for ventilation etc. Access control gates will be installed at the station and escalators and lifts will be installed at each platform, so that passengers get convenience in moving from one platform to another. The essential facilities to be provided to the passengers will include catering, washroom, drinking water, ATM, internet etc. This will especially benefit senior citizens along with common passengers.
- After redevelopment as a world class station, a separate building will be constructed for the arrival and departure building under separate arrangements for the arrival and departure of railway passengers at the station.

Note:

- The entry and exit gates of the station shall be such that passengers do not face congestion. 2.35 times more space will be available for main station building and 4.9 times more space for parking area as compared to present.
- Apart from this, there will be provision for ticketing facility, handicap friendly facilities, provision of solar panels on station building for green energy, provision of rain water harvesting, water recycling plant, solid waste management and fire fighting etc.



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