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## District Wise Ranking for SDGs

### Why in News

- Recently, Bihar's Planning and Development Minister Vijendra Prasad Yadav has announced **district wise ranking** in the entire state to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goal by 2030** on the lines of NITI Aayog.

### Key Points

- This ranking will be released by evaluating the status of the districts of the state on the implementation of 17 key parameters set for the **Sustainable Development Goal**.
- In this regard, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Amir Suvahani has written a letter to all the district magistrates of the state asking them to prepare a district index framework for the target.
- In this it will be observed that what has been the achievement of the district on various aspects of sustainable development goals like poverty alleviation, quality education, health facilities, supply of pure drinking water, women empowerment and environment security.
- The District Planning Officer has been made the nodal officer for the evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the district level. At the same time, the responsibility of monitoring its entire process has been given to the District Magistrate.
- It is worth mentioning that 17 Sustainable Development Goals were adopted in the **United Nations General Assembly** summit in September 2015 to fulfill the objective of sustainable development. This is the Global Agenda for 2016-30, which came into force on January 1, 2016.

## Status of Unemployment in Bihar

### Why in News

- In the data, recently released by the Center for Monitoring of Indian Economy, it has been revealed that **unemployment in Bihar has decreased by 3.6 percent in September compared to August**.

### Key Points

- It is clear from the data that while **unemployment was 13.6 percent in the month of August**, it has come down to **10 percent by the end of September**.
- Although **unemployment in Bihar is still higher than the national average of 6.9 percent**, which remains a cause for great concern.
- It is also clear from the data that in Bihar, **It is also clear from the data that in Bihar, unemployment in cities is more than that of villages**.
- While rural unemployment has come down to nine percent, urban unemployment is still at 16.9 percent.
- The figures related to **unemployment in Bihar for the last three months** are given in the chart below-

Figures in percentage			
	July	August	September
Total Unemployment	13	13.6	10
Urban Unemployment	17.5	19.5	16.9
Rural Unemployment	12.4	12.8	09

## Bihar: Most Backward State in NITI Aayog's Report

### Why in News

- Recently, a report has been published by **NITI Aayog on the functioning of district hospitals across the country**, in which the **condition of Bihar has been described as the most pathetic**.

### Key Points

- The report clearly states that the number of beds in district hospitals in Bihar is among the lowest in the country, which is **only 6 beds per 1 lakh population**.
- It may be noted that the **National Average of beds per lakh population in the report is 22** and in terms of availability of beds, **Delhi (59 beds) and Karnataka (33 beds) are at the top**, while **Bihar (6 beds) and Jharkhand (9 beds) are at the bottom**.
- On an average **only 8 hospitals in Bihar have the facility of diagnostic testing service**.
- In terms of number of functional beds per 1 lakh population, Sadar Hospital, Saharsa is on top.

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## Directorate of Backward and Most Backward Classes

### Why in News

- Recently, the **Backward and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department** of the Government of Bihar has issued a notification regarding the **formation of the Directorate of Backward and Most Backward Classes** in the state.

### Key Points

- In the formation of the Directorate, **it will be easy to reach the welfare schemes of backward and most backward classes to the ground level and the schemes can also be monitored well.**
- It is noteworthy that to pay special attention to the welfare of the backward and most backward classes, **a special department was formed by the State Government by separating it from the Welfare Department.**
- The department has also sanctioned 446 posts of officers and employees for the operation of the Directorate, out of which 26 posts are at Directorate level and 420 posts are for Regional Offices.

## Purnia: First District in the Country to have Library in All Panchayats

### Why in News

- **Purnia** district of Bihar has become the **first district in the country where libraries have been opened in all the Gram Panchayats** with the help of the donated books from the education department.

### Key Points

- On the initiative of Purnia District Magistrate Rahul Kumar, a book donation campaign is going on from January 25, which was started from Parora Panchayat of Kenagar block.
- **Under this** campaign, **libraries have been opened in all the panchayats of the district.**
- The libraries opened under this campaign have also been inspected by a team of **NITI Aayog** on September 29, 2021.

- This campaign is expected to **boost education in this backward district in terms of literacy.**

## Ganga Dolphins

### Why in News

- In the program organized by Bhagalpur Forest Division on the **Ganges River Dolphin Day**, Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey announced the conduct of the Galactic Dolphin Census.

### Key Points

- The Union Minister said that **Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary** would be developed into a world-class tourist destination and a **Dolphin Conservation Force** would be formed to carry out the conservation and promotion work of dolphins.
- It is noteworthy that **from Sultanganj to Kahalgaon**, about 60 km, has been declared a **'Gangetic River Dolphin Protected Area'**.
- The dolphin census will be done with the participation of scientists, experts from forest departments, NGOs and local people.
- It is known that the Gangetic Dolphin was declared a **'National Aquatic Animal'** by the Government of India in **2009** and it is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

## Gangajal Udvah Yojana

### Why in News

- On October 6, 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar reviewed the works of **'Gangajal Udvah Yojana'**.

### Key Points

- In the review meeting, Secretary, Water Resources Department, Sanjeev Hans said that the work of the original plan will be completed by March 2022 and the target has been set to start the water distribution work by June 2022.
- A total distance of 150 km from **Hathidah-Mohanje-Tetar-Abgilla** Of the pipeline of about 118 km Pipe laying has been completed.
- It is to be known that **'Gangajal Udvah Yojana'** is an ambitious scheme of the Government of Bihar, through which pure drinking water will be provided to the people of **Rajgir, Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Nawada.**

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## Appointment of Two New Judges in Patna High Court

### Why in News

- On October 6, 2021, the Union Law Ministry appointed Patna High Court **Registrar General Navneet Kumar Pandey** and Registrar Vigilance **Sunil Kumar Panwar** as **judges** of Patna High Court.

### Key Points

- At present, the total sanctioned strength of judges in the Patna High Court is 53, out of which **only 19 judges**, including the Chief Justice, were posted. With the appointment of two new judges, this **number has now increased to 21**.
- Besides the appointment of two new judges, **Justice Anant Manohar Badar** of the Kerala High Court has been transferred to the Patna High Court, while Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of the Patna High Court has been transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- The problem is increasing due to the increasing number of cases and shortage of judges in Patna High Court. Now the appointment of two new judges is likely to speed up the hearing.

## Price Monitoring and Resource Unit

### Why in News

- Recently, the State Health Department informed that, on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority**, the formation of **Price Monitoring and Resource Unit** in Bihar has been approved by the cabinet.

### Key Points

- It will be **constituted under the Directorate of Drugs Control to check black marketing of drugs** and arbitrary price recovery in the state.
- This unit to be formed at the state level will work **under the Health Department** on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**.
- Price control of medicines for cancer, diabetes, blood pressure, heart disease and kidney related diseases will be the main responsibility of this unit.

- Along with **ensuring quality and easy availability of medicines**, it will also be its duty to **generate awareness among consumers**.
- **Bihar will be the 16<sup>th</sup> state in the country to establish such a unit**. Earlier, states like **Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan** have also formed such units.

## Bihar: First to Have Prepaid Meters in all Households

### Why in News

- On October 11, 2021, approval was given to the **proposal of the Energy Department to install prepaid meters in all the houses of the state**.

### Key Points

- The project, **costing Rs. 1110 crore** has to be completed in the next 42 months.
- Once the project is completed, **Bihar will become the first state in the country to have prepaid meters in all households**.
- The installation of prepaid meters will be done by **Power Finance Corporation Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation and Energy Efficiency Services Limited** along with **South Bihar and North Bihar Power Distribution Company**.
- **No additional amount will be charged** from any consumer for installing Smart Prepaid Meters. The **power companies will bear the cost**.
- On installing smart prepaid meters, **consumers will be given a three percent discount in electricity bill**.

## Amit Khare

### Why in News

- On October 12, 2021, the order regarding the appointment of **Amit Khare as Advisor to the Prime Minister** was issued by the Union Ministry of Personnel.

### Key Points

- Amit Khare, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Bihar/Jharkhand cadre, retired from the post of Higher Education Secretary on 30 September this year.
- His major achievements/contributions are as follows-
  - Exposing Bihar's fodder scam.

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- Significant contribution in reshaping the country's **National Education Policy, 2020.**

## Diarrhea Outbreak in Bihar

### Why in News

- Recently, after **Aurangabad** in Bihar, **West Champaran** district has seen a sharp increase in the **cases of diarrhea.**

### Key Points

- According to the **World Health Organization**, diarrhea leads to a state of dehydration.
- A variety of bacteria, viruses and parasitic microorganisms are responsible for diarrhea, for example rotavirus and norovirus.
- Diarrhea infection is the result of eating contaminated food, drinking polluted water and person to person filth and uncleanliness.
- Diarrhea can be treated by drinking clean water, maintaining hygiene, oral rehydration etc.

## Vipassana Meditation

### Why in News

- On October 21, 2021, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced a 15-day government holiday for '**Vipassana Meditation**' in the centenary celebrations to mark the completion of **100 years of the Bihar Legislative Assembly building.**

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that a **Vipassana center has been set up at Buddha Smriti Park near Patna Junction.** Government officials and employees willing to participate in this will be given 15 days leave by the government.
- **Karuna Stupa and Buddha Smriti Museum** have been constructed in Buddha Smriti Park. It was first made a meditation center, then later it was made a Vipassana center.
- The Karuna Stupa houses the relics of Lord Buddha brought from five countries – Japan, Myanmar, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Apart from this, Bodhi trees brought by the Dalai Lama have also been planted here.

- 10 days stay and food in this center is absolutely free. At present, Vipassana centers are running at five places in Bihar. Apart from Patna, there are centers in Bodh Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda and Vaishali.
- Vipassana is one of the most **ancient techniques of meditation.** It means seeing things as they really are. It was **discovered by Gautam Buddha** more than two and a half thousand years ago. Its **aim is the complete elimination of mental impurities and the happiness after complete liberation.**
- **Significantly, Lord Buddha had attained enlightenment through 'Vipassana-Sadhana' of meditation.** Vipassana is also one of the teachings of Mahatma Buddha. Vipassana does not teach to run away from the reality of life, rather it inspires to accept the reality of life in its true form.

## Bihar Vidhan Sabha Century Celebrations

### Why in News

- On October 21, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the centenary celebrations organized to mark the centenary of the Bihar Legislative Assembly building. Earlier, the President laid the foundation stone of the Centenary Memorial Stambh in the Assembly Complex.

### Key Points

- This memorial pillar, 25 feet high, is being established to commemorate the completion of the hundred years of the main building. This building of the Legislative Assembly was completed in the month of March 1920.
- The first meeting of the Legislative Assembly was held on 7 February 1921 in the newly constructed building after **Bihar and Orissa provinces got full statehood in 1920. Presently the term of the 17th Vidhan Sabha is going on.**
- **The first meeting held on February 7, 1921 was attended by Lord Satyendra Prasad Sinha as governor.** At the time of the British, this building was known as the Bihar-Orissa Legislative Council.
- After the introduction of the Government of India Act, 1919, Bihar and Orissa got full state status. **Satyendra Prasad Sinha became the first governor** of Bihar.
- After the first election after independence, the assembly met for the first time in 1952, when there

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were 331 members in the assembly. The present Bihar Legislative Assembly has 243 members.

- This building of the Bihar Legislative Assembly has been constructed in the Italian Renaissance style. It shows a proportional balance. The tall circular pillars and semicircular arches further enhance its beauty.
- This building has cut marks at a certain interval, which make it very beautiful. In the eyes of experts, it is an extension of the **Indo-Saracenic style**. The Proceeding Hall of the Vidhan Sabha is in a semicircular shape. The assembly complex has three halls, 12 rooms.
- **Architect A.M. Millwood designed the Bihar Legislative Assembly building.** Its internal structure is 60 feet long and 50 feet wide. The length of the front side of the assembly building is 230 feet. The building of the Legislature was divided into two parts after the Act of 1935. The Legislative Assembly was formed in the first part and the Legislative Council in the second.
- **Shri Krishna Singh was the first Chief Minister of Bihar.** During his chief ministership, the Zamindari Abolition Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly on September 18, 1947 and the Land Reform Act was passed in 1950.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that President Ram Nath Kovind was the Governor of Bihar for almost two years. After that he became the President. Prior to this, Zakir Hussain became the President from the Governor of Bihar.

## Agricultural Machinery Bank

### *Why in News*

- On October 23, 2021, as soon as Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar started the '**Rabi Mahabhiyan**', the Agriculture Department announced various schemes for this.

### *Key Points*

- As per the announcement of the Agriculture Department, 328 **Krishi Machinery Banks** will be set up by the government in 13 districts of the state.
- These Yantra banks will be set up in aspirational districts of Bihar like Nawada, Katihar, Begusarai, Sheikhpura, Araria, Khagaria, Purnia, Gaya, Aurangabad, Banka, Jamui, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi.

- **Machinery Banks** will be set up through farmer groups and agricultural machines will be given on rent to nearby farmers by these groups.
- For agricultural machinery banks, the government will give 80 percent subsidy, the maximum limit of which has been fixed at Rs 8 lakh.
- Apart from this, provision has also been made to set up 25 special custom hiring centers in Patna and Magadh divisions.
- Both the above schemes will be started in this Rabi season and 40 thousand farmers will be given exposure visits for technical training, in which they will be shown various schemes running under climate friendly agriculture in the field.

## **54% Share of Women in MGNREGA Works**

### *Why in News*

- According to recently published data, the share of women in MGNREGA works in Bihar is more than that of men (about 54 percent).

### *Key Points*

- According to the data, in the financial year 2021-22 so far 10 crore 23 lakh employment days have been created in the state, in which the participation of women has been 54 percent.
- At the same time, it has been revealed from the registration of workers working in the unorganized sector that even out of 75 lakh workers who get registered, more than half are women.
- The participation of men in registering is only 42.83 percent, while the participation of women is 57.17 percent.
- According to the statistics, the maximum number of workers have been registered from the agriculture sector, which is about 50 percent of the total workers. After this comes the place of workers associated with the construction sector, in which about 11 lakh workers have registered.
- It may be noted that the workers of the unorganized sector in Bihar are being registered on the National e-Shram Portal.



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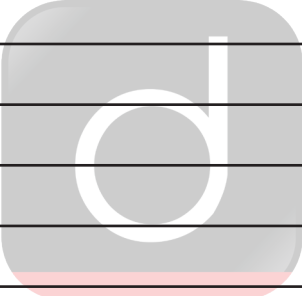
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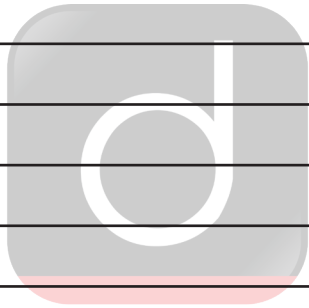
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