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Sheikhpura Health Department Ranked Seventh

Why in News

- Recently, in the ranking released by NITI Aayog from March to June, Sheikhpura district of Bihar has been ranked seventh in the whole country with 'good ranking'.

Key Points

- The district wise ranking has been released by NITI Aayog keeping in view the circumstances arising due to Covid.
- In the ranking of districts released by NITI Aayog, Chandel of Manipur is at first place, Sahibganj of Jharkhand is at second place and Ferozepur of Punjab is at third place.
- According to NITI Aayog, the condition of Sheikhpura is poor in agriculture, education, financial inclusion & skill development and basic infrastructure.
- On getting the seventh position in the ranking, an additional allocation of Rs 3 crores will be given by the central government to the health department of the district.

'Sarabhai Honorary Award, 2021'

Why in News

- The National Council of Teacher Scientist (NCTS) honored Anand Kumar, mathematician and the founder of Super-30, with the 'Sarabhai Teacher Scientist National Honorary Award, 2021'.
 - He has been given this award for making it easier to teach mathematics and making poor children successful in the entrance examinations of IITs.

Key Points

- In a virtual program held on the occasion of Teachers' Day Anand Kumar of Bihar was also given lifetime membership of this organization.
- Anand Kumar has been providing coaching to underprivileged children for nearly two decades for JEE Advanced, an entrance exam for admission to the Indian Institute of Technology.

- NCTS, headquartered in Delhi, was established by the Raman Science and Technology Foundation of Gujarat to develop scientific temper among the teachers.

Potash and Chromium-Nickel Mining

Why in News

- Recently, the Government of India has given approval to the Bihar Government for mining of Potash in Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar and Chromium and Nickel in Rohtas district.

Key Points

- Bihar has been allotted four blocks for mining in a high-level meeting on mineral exploration in New Delhi.
- Out of these four blocks, Aurangabad and Gaya districts have been allotted one Potash block (One block to each) and Rohtas district has been allotted one Chromium and one Nickel mining block.
- Four blocks of these three minerals will be auctioned. This will strengthen the economy along with employment generation in Bihar and thus, Bihar will come under the category of states having mineral reserves.
- Mining of Potash will boost the fertilizer industries of Bihar. Similarly, a series of products to be prepared for chromium and nickel based steel industries will be developed.
- It is noteworthy that recently the Government of India confirmed that Potash in Aurangabad and Gaya while Chromium and Nickel deposits in Rohtash are available in large quantities.

175 Ton Lifting Crane

Why in News

- Recently, the engineer and technician of Jamalpur Rail Workshop in Bihar has submitted a report on the design and cost of a crane lifting 175 tons to the Railway Board and the Ministry of Railways.

Key Points

- Jamalpur Rail Workshop is the first rail factory in Asia. It is manufacturing a crane lifting 140 tons, the speciality of which is that it can work at 90°.

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- Before Jamalpur, an attempt was made to make such a crane in the Parel factory of Maharashtra, but it was not successful.
- So far, cranes lifting 175 tons are being manufactured **only in China and Germany.**

Hearing of Land Disputes in Bihar

Why in News

- Recently an order was issued by Vivek Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Bihar Revenue and Land Reforms Department, regarding giving the DCLR (Deputy Collector Land Reforms) the **right to hear disputes related to land again.**

Key Points

- DCLR got this right **after the Supreme Court's intervention** in the court dispute that has been going on for nearly eight years.
- Now DCLR will decide about a disputed land, who is its real owner? This is called a title suit. They will initiate hearing of cases related to Raiyati cases and will also implement the orders passed in the earlier cases.
- It is noteworthy that through the **Bihar Land Disputes Redressal Act, 2009**, DCLR was **empowered to hear land disputes.** This act was **challenged in the Patna High Court** in 2013 by a raiyat named **Maheshwar Mandal.**
- Five years later, in 2018, **following the High Court's order**, the Revenue and Land Reforms Department issued an order **restraining the DCLR from conducting court hearings.**

Government Honored 40 Artists of Bihar

Why in News

- On September 16, 2021, a state award distribution ceremony was organized at **Bihar Museum** under the aegis **Upendra Maharathi Crafts Research Institute.**
 - During this ceremony, Industries Minister of Bihar State Syed Shahnawaz Hussain presented awards to 40 craftsmen and artists from the state for the **year 2017-18.**

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Industries Minister said that the **Bihar government would develop one handicraft in every district of the state.** It will be made the **identity of the district.**
- He said that the amount of state award has been increased from Rs. 22,000 to Rs. 50,000. Along with this, the amount of State Merit Award (Rajya Medha Puraskar) has now been increased from Rs. 11,000 to Rs. 25 thousand. **To help the craftsmen,** the government has prepared a **Revolving Fund of 1 Crore 31 Lakh rupees.**
- **The Artist Who Received the State Award are-** Hema Devi (Paper Mache), Pawan Kumar Sagar (Manjusha Art), Santvana Singh (Metal Craft), Rajendra Sah (Lacquer Craft), Pappu Kumar (Sikki Art), Rupesh Kumar (Terracotta), Khushboo Kumari (Tikuli Art), Gopal Prasad (Wood Art), Ganesh Prasad (Stone Art), Nutan Bala (Mithila Painting), Nalini Shah (Mithila Painting), Dinesh Kumar Paswan (Mithila Painting), Surendra Paswan (Mithila Painting), Anju Devi Mishra (Mithila Painting), Indrakant Jha (Mithila Painting), Dr. Rani Jha (Mithila Painting), Mamta Devi (Mithila Painting), Amit Kumar Jha (Mithila Painting), Priyanshu Kumar (Mithila Painting), Roshan Kumar (Mithila Painting).
- **The Artists awarded with the State Merit Award/ Rajya Medha Puraskar are-** Meena Devi (Applique), Neelam Bharti (Applique), Rinku Devi (Sujani Art), Soni Kumari (Sujani Art), Kumari Kiran (Venu Craft), Jitendra Kumar Rai (Sikki Art), Dinesh Pandit (Terracotta), Shiv Shankar Pandit (Terracotta), Soni Kumari (Tikuli Art), Umesh Thakur (Wood Art), Roopa Kumari (Jute Craft), Vibha Srivastava (Croatia Craft), Sushil Vishwakarma (Weaving Craft), Anita Pandey (Bhojpuri Painting), Sanjeev Kumar Jha (Mithila Paintings), Pooja Kumari (Mithila Paintings), Rajni Kumari (Mithila Paintings), Sneha Das (Mithila Paintings), Ranju Devi (Mithila Paintings), Parikshan Paswan (Mithila Paintings).

National Service Scheme Award

Why in News

- Recently, two cadets from Bihar are among the 30 NSS volunteers selected from all over the country for the **National Service Scheme Award** for the year 2019-20.

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Key Points

- The two cadets selected for the National Service Scheme award include **Mamta Kumari** (Student of JPM College, Jayaprakash University) and **Vishal Raj** (Student of Gaya College, Magadh University).
- It is noteworthy that the National Service Scheme, a unit of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, awards the National NSS Award every year to the most active volunteer, program officer and university program coordinator of NSS.
- Every year 30 volunteers, 10 program functionaries and 2 program coordinators from all over the country are awarded.

Rachit Raj: First Transman Soldier of the Country**Why in News**

- Recently, Rachit Raj of Bihar, who has been appointed in the secret branch of Superintendent of Police of Kaimur District (Bihar), has become the first transman constable of the country.

Key Points

- Rachit Raj is a 2018 batch constable of Bihar Police.
- In 2014, in the **National Legal Services Authority vs Union of India case**, the **Supreme Court** recognized transgender people as the third gender.
- The **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019** prohibits discrimination against transgender persons, including denial of service or unfair treatment in relation to education, employment, healthcare. In such a situation, the appointment of Rachit Raj is an important step towards the empowerment of transgender persons.

'Eat Right Campus'**Why in News**

- Recently, the Food Safety Commissioner of Bihar and Patna Smart City Limited jointly started the hygiene audit of the kitchens of all the jails and hospitals of Patna.

Key Points

- **The Eat Smart Challenge** was launched by the **Union**

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri in April 2021.

- 141 cities across the country including Patna have participated in this challenge being jointly organized by **Smart City Mission** and **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**.
- Under the challenge, at least four campuses (educational, office, jail, hospital) where there is a provision for making and feeding food items, their hygiene audit will be done on the basis of **115 parameters**.
- **85% marks are mandatory** in the audit. On the basis of these marks, the campus is declared as '**Eat Right Campus**' by FSSAI.
- The objective of this challenge is to help the urban population make the right food choices and build a healthy and happy nation.

Rohtas Model of Stubble Management**Why in News**

- Recently, Bihar Agricultural University has decided to implement Rohtas model of stubble management in the entire state.

Key Points

- Under the Rohtas model, a compressed bundle of stubble is made at high pressure with the help of a machine called a Strabblar. This bundle is sold to dairy societies, where it is used as fodder. This not only provides additional income to the farmers but also solves the fodder problem of the cattle rearers and encourages animal husbandry and milk production.
- This stubble management model of **Krishi Vigyan Kendra**, Rohtas has been awarded **Eco-Agriculture Award, 2021 in May 2021**.
- Apart from this, efforts have also been started by the State Agriculture Department to make biochar from stubble, under which biochar compost will be manufactured by burning the stubble at **360°C temperature** with the help of a special furnace.
- The management of stubble in North India is a very complex problem. In fact, burning crop residues (stubble) by farmers every year creates various environmental and health problems, for example the problem of smog in the winter season in Delhi NCR.

Note:



In such a situation, it is an important step to extend the Rohtas model of stubble management to the entire state of Bihar.

Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan Rankings

Why in News

- Recently, the ranking for August, 2021 have been released under the '**Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan**' by the Bihar State Government. **Buxar district has got the first position** in the entire state.

Key Points

- This ranking is **released every month by the Department of Rural Development on the basis of ten different dimensions.**
- In the ranking of August 2021, Buxar district has got the first place in the state, while Gaya has got the second and Jehanabad has got the third place.
- In this ranking, Sheohar has got the last position while the capital Patna was ranked 24th.

Country's First Women Commando Squad

Why in News

- Recently, **Bihar has become the first state in the country, where a squad of women commandos has been made ready.**

Key Points

- 92 women constables selected in the **Bihar Special Armed Police** have been **trained at the Central Training Center of CRPF in Mudkhed, Maharashtra.**
- In three months of training, they have been trained to operate small and large state-of-the-art weapons with special training to thwart even the biggest attacks.
- Apart from the **security of the Chief Minister, they will be deployed for ATS and STF.**
- After training, they were sent on leave, but now the team has returned to their unit and is ready to start their work.



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