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## Bihar Sports University Bill, 2021

#### Why in News

On July 27, 2021, the Bihar Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Bihar Sports University Bill, 2021.

#### Key Points

- The Bihar government's Art-Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Dr. Alok Ranjan Jha introduced this bill in the Legislative Assembly.
- The Headquarters of the Sports University to be established will be in Rajgir (Nalanda). Apart from this, the Sports Academy being constructed in Rajgir will also come under this university.
- With the passage of this bill, Bihar became the sixth state in the country, where a sports university is being established.
- Before Bihar, such sports universities were established in Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.
- A minimum of one-third of the seats would be reserved for women in this university.

#### Benefits

- This will enable Bihar to develop into a 'Sporting Power' state.
- The players of Bihar will get a better environment and basic sports infrastructure. It is noteworthy that due to lack of basic facilities related to sports, many talented players of Bihar used to play for other states.
- With proper training, players of various sports of Bihar state will get better facilities for preparation of Olympics and other international games.
- The reservation of seats will encourage more women towards sports and thus, their number would increase in the field of sports.

## Birth and Death Data on Public Portal

#### Why in News

Recently, the Bihar government has decided to upload the details of birth and death on an online portal.

#### **Key Points**

- According to official sources, this decision has been taken after the difficulty in getting the death figures during the covid-19.
- This portal is being prepared by the IT department and soon the details of birth and death will be uploaded on it. With this, **Bihar will become the first state** in the country to make the **birth and death statistics public.**
- The preparation for uploading the details of birth and death is being done through the Urban Development Department and Panchayati Raj Department. The ward councillor will become the medium for uploading the data.
- In urban areas, this data will come to the executive officer of the corporation through the ward councillor, which they will upload on the portal, while in rural areas this data will go to the BDO through the ward councillor.
- It is worth mentioning that at present, the data of birth and death is being registered in urban areas through the Urban Development Department and in rural areas through the Planning Development Department. After the launch of the portal, the responsibility of uploading the data will be with the Urban Development Department in urban areas and Panchayati Raj Department in rural areas.

## Bridge over Son River at Panduka of Rohtas

#### Why in News

Recently, in the meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, approval was given for the construction of a two-kilometer-long bridge over the Son river at Panduka in Rohtas.

#### **Key Points**

- The construction of this bridge will be done by Bihar State Bridge Corporation with the share of Bihar in the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund, whose administrative approval has been given by the state government.
- This bridge will be built between Srinagar in Garhwa district in Jharkhand and Panduka of Nowhatta in Rohtas district in Bihar.



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- This bridge will be completed by March 2024 at a cost of Rs. 210 crore 13 lakh. With its completion, Rohtas district will be connected to Palamu as well as Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- With the construction of about a two km long bridge between Srinagar in Garhwa and Panduka in Rohtas, people of Majhiaon, Kandi, Vishunpura, Bardiha, Bhawnathpur etc blocks of Garhwa district will have to travel 80 km less to reach Varanasi.
- With this, in addition to the districts of Palamu, Latehar, Lohardaga, Gumla, etc., the third option will be available to the passengers coming from Chhattisgarh side to take GT Road or go to Varanasi.

## Panchayat Election Date Announced in Bihar

#### Why in News

On August 17, 2021, the Bihar government declared the date for the election of Gram Panchayat and Gram Kachari. These elections will be held in 11 phases, the notification of which will be issued on August 24, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

The decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

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- The model code of conduct will be implemented in the respective areas as soon as the notification is issued on August 24, 2021. The first phase of polling will be held on September 24, 2021 and the last phase will be held on December 12, 2021. In this way, the process of Panchayat elections will go on in the state for about two and a half months.
- After the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary of the cabinet, Sanjay Kumar told in the press conference that in the flood-affected areas, polling will be held in the last phases.
- Elections are to be held for the six posts of Gram Panchayat and Gram Kachari. These include the posts of mukhiya, panchayat samiti member, zilla parishad member, ward member, sarpanch and panch.
- For the first time, Panchayat elections are being held in 11 phases in the state.
- Phase I: September 24, 2021; Phase II: September 29, 2021; Phase III: October 08, 2021; Phase IV: October 20, 2021; Phase 5: October 24, 2021; Phase 6: November 03, 2021; Phase 7: November 15, 2021; Eighth Phase: November 24, 2021; Ninth Phase: November 29, 2021; 10th phase: December 08, 2021; 11th phase: December 12, 2021.



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