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## South Asian Women's Film Festival to be held in Patna

### Why In News?

On 10 February 2023, Bandana Preyashi, Secretary, Art Culture and Youth Department of Bihar informed that for the first time South Asian Women Film Festival will be organized in Patna from February 2 to 9 under the joint auspices of Bihar State Film Development and Finance Corporation and South Asia Trust.

### Key points

- Secretary Bandana Preyashi said that the film festival will be inaugurated by Minister of Art Culture and Youth Department Jitendra Kumar Rai among the students of Magadh Women's College, and it will conclude at NIFT Patna Campus.
- The seven-day South Asia Women's Film Festival, being organised by the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, will showcase films from South Asia in four educational institutions in Patna. Apart from films, various issues of women empowerment will also be discussed here.
- Bandana Preyashi said that a total of six films will be screened in it. These films by filmmakers from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India focus on the untouched aspects of women's discourse and inspire the discourse towards women in South Asia.
- As part of the festival, films will be screened at Magadh Women's College on February 2, Chanakya National Law University on February 3 and 4, Chandragupta Institute of Management Patna on February 6 and 7 and NIFT Patna on February 8 and 9.
- These films will be screened at the film festival-
  - India's films 'Sita Ke Badalte Roop' and 'The City That Spoke to Me'
  - Sri Lanka's 'Face Cover'
  - Nepal's 'Be Four You Where My Mother' and 'Flames of a Continuous Field of Time'
- Bangladesh's 'Decoding Gender'

## Ganga Water Supply Scheme and Gayaji Dam got National Award

### Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, at a special function organized by the Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) in Delhi, the Ganga Water Supply Scheme and the Gayaji Dam built on the Falgu River, included in the ambitious schemes of Bihar, were given the National Award by Union Minister RK Singh 'CBIP Award 2022' was given.

### Key points

- The award for the above two schemes of the Water Resources Department of the Government of Bihar was received by Department Secretary Sanjay Kumar Agarwal and Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation Creation Ishwar Chandra Thakur.
- State Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha said that both the highly ambitious schemes receiving the prestigious National Award are the result of the unique vision and vision of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. These schemes have also been named 'Ganga Water Supply Scheme' and 'Gayaji Dam' on the instructions of the Chief Minister.
- He said that for the first time in the country, flood water is being taken to major water-stressed cities of South Bihar and used as drinking water through the Ganga Water Supply Scheme.
- Similarly, eight to ten feet of water is available in Falgu River due to the construction of the country's largest rubber dam near the world famous Vishnupad temple in Gaya district. Earlier, lakhs of devotees coming to Gaya from all over the country and world for Pind Daan and religious work used to yearn for the water of Falgu River, but last year about 12 lakh devotees who came during Pitra Paksha got a lot of convenience from the abundant water in Falgu.
- The Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP), an institution established by the energy and non-conventional every year to the best projects in the field of water resources Central Government, is awarded the 'CBIP Award' energy.
- For the 'CBIP Award 2022 (Water Resources)', water resources projects across the country have been selected in a total of ten categories. Among these,

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'Ganga Water Supply Scheme' and 'Gayaji Dam', implemented by the Water Resources Department of the Government of Bihar, have been selected in the category of 'Best Implementation of Water Resources'.



## International Women's Day Organized in Patna

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 5, 2023, the Excellence Award Ceremony-2023 of Let's Inspire Bihar-Gargi Chapter was also organized on International Women's Day organized at Vidyapati Bhawan, Patna, Bihar, in which 150 women from different fields were honored. Awarded for setting the best example in the society by exemplary role.

### Key points

- The event also saw some wonderful cultural performances like Jhijhiya and runway walk for the ladies. Apart from this, the best performing members of Let's Inspire Bihar, who have worked selflessly for the society, were also felicitated.
- Gargi Excellence Awards Mumbai were also given to Bihari women living in Noida, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bengaluru, Delhi and outside the country. Apart from this, Ruhi Singh, who has been Mrs. Kenya from Bihar, Advocate Ilyas Fatima from London, Fashion Designer Nima Kumar from Bengaluru, Actress Rishika Singh Chandel from Mumbai, Folk Singer Hema Pandey were given Gargi Award.
- During the program, IPS Vikas Vaibhav honored all the women and presented their example in front of the common people in Bihar.

- The main attraction of the event was 'Anandi', a play based on the novel written by Bindu Jyoti Jha and directed by Hemant Jha, played by lead actress Mona Jha. Apart from this, stalls of Bihari food items and art-crafts were also set up by women with a view to promote entrepreneurship.
- Let's Inspire Bihar says that our aim is to uplift the women of the society by giving them a platform so that they can inspire by acting as a changemaker and realize their true potential.
- This honour was given for their remarkable contribution to the women doing better work in various fields including education, equality, entrepreneurship, social service, art culture, sports world, acting, literature, medicine.



## State Sports Awards and Honors Scheme

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 5, 2023, the Bihar government has made a state sports award and honour scheme to give sports awards to the winning players and coaches of the state in national and international sports competitions.

### Key points

- A nine-member selection committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the Director General of the State Sports Authority to select the players in the state.
- Under this committee, winners of sports competitions organized by organizations like National Sports Federations, All India Inter-University Sports Board, School Game Federation of India, Sports Authority of India and Paralympic Committee of India will be

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selected under the sports identified by the International Olympic Committee.

- The medal winners will be felicitated on The National Sports Day on August 29 every year.
- Under the State Sports Awards and Honor Scheme, the gold medal winner in the Olympic Games will get Two crore rupees, the silver medal winner will get One and a half crore rupees and the bronze medal winner will get One crore rupee.
- The gold medal winner in the Asian Games will get Rs 1.5 crore, the silver medal winner will get Rs 1 crore, and the bronze medal winner will get Rs 75 lakh.
- In the official Asian Championships, gold medal winners will get Rs 75 lakh, silver medallists Rs 50 lakh and bronze medallists Rs 30 lakh.
- If there are players from Bihar in the Indian team that wins international cricket, then the state government will also reward them. If there are any players from Bihar in the winning or runner-up Indian team of World Cup or T-20, then the government will give them one and a half and one crore respectively.
- The state government will give one crore and 75 lakhs to the Bihari member of the winning and runner-up team of the Champions Trophy respectively and four lakh, three lakh and two lakhs to the first, second and third place players of the national level national games.

## Khelo India Centers will be Opened in 33 Districts of the State

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 9, 2023, a provision has been made to open training centers of Khelo India in 33 districts of Bihar to promote sports.

### Key points

- In the letter issued by the deputy director of Khelo India, it has been said that a training center will be opened in every district under the Khelo India scheme.
- **Sports Class and Training Centre-**
  - **Wushu** - Indoor Stadium, Pataliputra Complex, Patna
  - **Athletics:** Saraswati Niwas, Manjhola, Muzaffarpur, New Stadium, Fazal Ganj, Sasaram Patel Field,

Samastipur, Kosi High School Playground, Birpur, Supaul, Nehru Stadium, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga

- **Badminton** - Collectorate Campus, Araria, Saharsa
- **Kho-Kho** - RHMTB High School Barari, Bhagalpur, Purani Bazar Ward-12 Surajpur, Lakhisarai, Indoor Stadium, Munger
- **Rugby** - Kaptia, Nalanda
- **Wrestling** - Kuwaridi Bhor, Gopalganj, Indoor Stadium Aurangabad
- **Archery** - Veer Kunwar Singh Stadium, Ara, Kharari, Gaya.
- **Kabaddi** - Minta Sports Complex, Makdumpur, Sheikhpura, Ward-16 Rampur Parori, Sitamarhi, High School Aman, Parasbigha, Jehanabad, BP Mandal Indoor Stadium, Madhepura, Mahatma Gandhi High School, Bihat Begusarai, Berhampur, Buxar
- **Football** - Maharaja Stadium, Bettiah, Jagjivan Stadium, Bhabhua, Laxmipur, Sitapur, Siwan
- **Hockey** - Kosi College Khagaria, Sri Krishna Singh Stadium, Jamui, Goraul Hockey Ground, Vaishali Weightlifting Katihar
- **Table Tennis** - Watson School, Madhubani, Talwar baazi - Khel Bhawan Shah Vyamshala, Motihari

## Bihar's Second Zoo to be built in Araria

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 10, 2023, the master plan to build the second zoo of the state in Raniganj block of Araria district of Bihar will be sent to the Central Zoo Authority (Central Zoo Authority). The Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is preparing for this.

### Key points

- It is known that the master plan to build the second zoo of the state was approved by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during the state wildlife meeting in August 2020.
- The proposal was sent to the Central Zoo Authority after the Chief Minister approved it in the state wildlife meeting. Since then, continuous talks between the department and the Central Zoo Authority have been going on. The department has prepared to answer the questions asked by the authority about the proposal.

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- According to the information, the area of the proposed zoo in Raniganj of Araria district is spread over about 289 acres. This place is close to Nepal and West Bengal. In such a situation, different types of birds keep coming there.
- Migratory birds are seen in the months of October and March every year due to abundance of ponds in the area of the proposed zoo. The climate of this place is likely to be favourable for lions, tigers, leopards, rhinos, giraffes, deer and other animals. For this reason, the department has decided to develop it as a zoo.

## **Bihar's Muzaffarpur Railway Junction Will Become World Class**

### **Why In News?**

On March 12, 2023, Rail Land Development Authority's Joint General Manager P.R. Singh said that the railway junction at Muzaffarpur, the major city after state capital Patna, will be made world-class.

### **Key points**

- Joint General Manager of Rail Land Development Authority P.R. Singh said that this work of making Muzaffarpur railway junction world class will be done in two phases. The work of the first phase will be completed in 2024.
- He informed that all types of modern services will be restored for the convenience of passengers at the railway junction of Smart City Muzaffarpur. Special care will be taken of passenger safety. There will be airport-like facilities at the railway junction. Muzaffarpur Junction will become the best junction in North Bihar.
- According to the information, apart from air concourse, combined terminal, separate buildings will be ready for entry and exit passengers multi-story parking.
- Under phase II, the project will be completed by September 2025. With this, Muzaffarpur Junction will be seen in a new look.
- The Joint General Manager said that a total of Rs 446 crore will be spent on the development of the station. Passenger amenities will be developed at the junction like the airport. For this, elevated roads, escalators, elevators, ticket and engineering terminals and market complexes will be constructed.

## **Arlekar Became the 41st Governor of Bihar**

### **Why In News?**

On February 17, 2023, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar took oath of office as the 41<sup>st</sup> Governor of Bihar. He replaced Governor Phagu Chauhan.

### **Key points**

- He was administered the oath of office by Acting Chief Justice of Patna High Court Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh.
- On February 12, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu appointed governors of 13 states, including Bihar.
- It is noteworthy that the new Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar was earlier the Governor of Himachal Pradesh. He has also held the responsibility of MLA, Minister, and Assembly Speaker in Goa.

## **Patna's Marine Drive to be developed**

### **Why in News?**

On February 19, 2023, Bihar Deputy CM Tejaswi Yadav told in a review meeting held in Patna that the State Government will develop the Marine Drive built on the banks of the Ganges in Patna at the international level.

### **Key Points**

- In the meeting, Deputy CM Tejaswi Yadav said that the Marine Drive built on the banks of the Ganges will have many facilities of national and international level, which people who reach here will be able to enjoy with great joy.
- He said that the government will construct stadiums, malls, cultural and recreational centers, museums, parking, parks, water sports activities and cycling tracks on the Ganga River front. After the development of these facilities, the people of the state will not have to go to Goa and Andaman to enjoy water sports.

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- The development plan for Marine Drive can be done by the Road Construction Urban Development and Housing and Tourism Department. Two big stadiums can also be built in it, one of them can be of cricket and one of football.
- Tejaswi Yadav said that on holidays, there is so much crowd here that there is a fair view. In view of this increasing crowd of people, there is a plan to develop tourist facilities here in the coming days.
- Initially, parking places and selfie points will be made at many places. Along with this, there was also a plan to construct 20 ghats in the city under the Rajdhani River Front Development Project. Of these, 16 have been completed.
- He said that the total length of the Ganga path being built from Digha to Didarganj is 20.5 km. Its first phase has been completed from Digha to PMCH. This part is 7.4 km long of which 6.5 km road has been developed by constructing a dam.
- It is known that in 2011, the government had passed the proposal to build the Ganga Path, after which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar laid its foundation stone in 2013.

## **Mo. Shams Selected for Para Swimming Championship**

### ***Why In News?***

According to the information received from the media on February 21, 2023, Para Swimmer Mo of Madhubani district of Bihar. Shams Alam has been selected for the Para Swimming World Series Championship.

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- Para Swimmer Mo in the Indian Para Swimming Team for the Para Swimming Championship to be held in Sheffield, England from March 16 to 19, 2023. Shams Alam has been selected.
- It is noteworthy that on November 11-13, 2022, in the National Para Swimming Championship organized at

Dr. Zakir Hussain Aquatic Complex in Guwahati, Mohd. Shams Alam has won two gold and one bronze medal.

- Mo. Shams Alam finished sixth in the Para Swimming Championships in June 2022, setting a new national record by completing 200 meters in 4 minutes, 39.71 seconds.
- He has also received the National Best Sports Person Award in the year 2021.

## **Pradeep Jain will be Honored with RDP Award**

### ***Why In News?***

According to the information received from the media on February 23, 2023, Pradeep Jain of Patna will be honored with the Distinguished Philatelist Award RDP.

### ***Key points***

- The award has been announced by the Royal Society of London, the world's most prestigious institution of stamp collectors.
- Pradeep Jain will be given the RDP Award on May 26 in a program organized in the city of Essen, Germany.
- It is noteworthy that only three people from India have received this award after independence, including DN Jatiya in 1983 and Brigadier DM Virk in 1993, while Pradeep Jain will get this award after 30 years.
- The Royal Philatelic Society was founded in 1921 by King George V and has 2360 members. So far only 400 people have received the RDP award from this institution.

## **Now Film, Acting Studies will be Done in Bihar**

### ***Why In News?***

According to the information received from the media on February 24, 2023, studies from film, acting to production are going to start in Bihar. For this, an agreement will be signed with India's best film acting school.

### ***Key points***

- The Film and Television Institute of India in Pune will offer training courses related to acting, direction,

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script writing, editing sound recording sound design, art direction, production design, acting, dancing as well as other film-related training to the youth of Bihar.

- An agreement for this is expected to be signed between Aryabhata University, Bihar Film Development Corporation and Pune FTII in April.
- According to an official of the Art and Culture Department, many courses of film making will be started in Bihar. Where there about 40 seats in a course can be, but the number of seats is not fixed yet. It can increase or decrease.
- He said that first the students will decide which courses they want to do. Admission will be done accordingly. People undergoing training here will get the first chance to work in films made in Bihar.
- After the signing of the agreement, renowned teachers and artists from Pune and Mumbai will come to Bihar to train courses related to filmmaking, especially renowned artists from Bihar, to attend training camps and seminars, the official said.
- In this, the list of other artists along with Prakash Jha, Shatrughan Sinha, Pankaj Tripathi, Manoj Bajpayee, Neetu Chandra etc. is also being prepared.
- It is noteworthy that the Bihar government is going to launch its film policy very soon.

## Women Help Desk Facility Started Simultaneously in 500 Police Stations of Bihar

### Why In News?

On February 26, 2023, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the facility of women help desks simultaneously in 500 police stations of Bihar. Along with this, he also inaugurated the updated website and social media center of Bihar Police.

### Key points

- These women help desks will be operated by women police officers and women personnel so that the victims can easily express their views. In the first phase, this arrangement has been made in 500 police stations.

- Officials said that the new website of Bihar Police will be user friendly. With the facility of screen reader, the visually impaired can also hear its content.
- With the citizen service in this website, common people will be able to get information regarding FIRs, missing persons etc. In this, the numbers of all the police officers of the districts will also be available.
- The objective of the launch of the social media Centre is to provide correct and accurate information to the general public as soon as possible, so that misleading news can be denied. It will work seven days a week and 24 hours a day continuously.

## 5 Farmer Producer Organizations of Bhagalpur Got Export License

### Why In News?

On February 26, 2023, Deputy Project Director of Atma (Agriculture Technology Management Agency) Prabhat Kumar Singh said that five Farmer Producer Organizations of Bhagalpur have received export license from the Central Government.

### Key points

- Atma's Deputy Project Director Prabhat Kumar Singh said that for the first time, the Farmer Producer Organization here has got this license. With this, on the one hand, where the products here can be exported directly and on the other hand, they will now get a global market. This will improve the economic condition of farmers.
- Prabhat Kumar Singh said that earlier, exporters from different parts of the country had to resort to through APEDA. Now any type of product can be exported on behalf of the farmers and traded from here.
- Significantly, Bhagalpur's Katarni Chawal-Chuda and Zardalu Mango have got GI tag (Geographical Indication tag). Katrani rice, chuda and jardalu mangoes are the identity of Bhagalpur. Its demand is considerable in the country and abroad. Its production is getting a boost among the farmers. The only requirement was the market, which would be available once the export license was obtained.

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- Apart from this, cultivation of strawberry, mushroom, dragon fruit, apple, zucchini, foreign papaya etc. has started increasing in Bhagalpur. If the products of this place are exported after getting the global market, then the farmers will get the desired benefits.
- These farmer producer organizations got licenses-
  - Transparent Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited, Goradih
  - Agro Point Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited, Pirpainti
  - Brassnik Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited, Bihpur
  - Anga Pradesh Utthan Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited
  - Saras Basudha Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited, Gopalpur
- It is known that the full name of Kisan Atma Yojana (ATMA Yojana) is Agriculture Technology Management Agency. This scheme is for those farmers who are still away from the benefits of modern farming.
- Under this scheme, farmers are given training in modern equipment. Along with this, farmers are also given information about how good production can be achieved by farming using modern equipment.

## Prayag Hindi Sahitya Sammelan will be held in Bihar in 2024

### Why In News?

In the 74<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the conference held at Sevagram, Wardha on February 25-26, it was decided that Prayag Hindi Sahitya Sammelan will be organized in Bihar in 2024.

### Key points

- Amrit Mahotsav (75th) National Convention of Prayag Hindi Sahitya Sammelan will be held in March 2024 in Bihar.
- The meeting was presided over by Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan chairman Dr. Anil Sulabh had made the request.
- It may be noted that the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan was established in 1910 under the auspices of the Nagari Pracharini Sabha. Its headquarters is in Prayagraj, which has a printing press, library, museum and administrative buildings.

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