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## State's First Multi Modal Logistic Park to be Built in Patna

### Why In News?

- On September 30, 2022, Sandeep Paundrik, Principal Secretary, Industries Department in Bihar informed that the state's first multi-modal logistic park would be developed in a hundred acres of land near Jaitia village in Patna district.

### Key Points

- It is known that multi-modal logistics park is a kind of large warehouse, which is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. There is a system of cold storage, mechanized handling, parking for large vehicles and custom clearance.
- As of now, there is not a single logistics park in Bihar. After its formation, e-commerce companies will be able to store their product.
- Near Jaitia village of Patna district, this place is close to the under-construction Amas-Darbhanga four lane due to which it will get direct connectivity to many districts. Apart from this, it is also close to Neura-Diyawan railway line. Due to this there is also rail connectivity.
- In recent times many big investors have shown their interest in developing Logistic Park in Bihar. These include Adani Group, Oswal Group, TVS Group and some other groups. Organized area will be prepared for Logistic Park by them.
- Top officials of the Industries Department said that the Industries Department is also preparing to bring its logistics policy soon.
- The business of e-commerce companies has expanded on a large scale in Bihar. Their problem is that they do not have enough warehouses to store their products. Transportation charges also increase. Having a logistics park will give them enough space to store their products. Transportation will also be arranged in the logistics park.

## Uranium Found in Groundwater of Nine Districts of Bihar

### Why in news?

According to the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) report released on October 9, 2022, the amount of uranium in groundwater has been detected to be more than the prescribed limit in nine districts of Bihar.

### Key Point

- The **Central Ground Water Board** had collected 634 groundwater samples from various districts to measure the quality of water in the state, out of which uranium was found to be more than 30 ppb in 11 samples.
- The districts where uranium was found to be more than 30 ppb are Saran, Bhabua, Khagaria, Madhepura, Nawada, Sheikhpura, Purnia, Kishanganj and Begusarai.
- Sources in the Central Ground Water Board said samples containing more than 30 ppb of uranium have been sent to Lucknow for testing. At the same time, the board has also sought help from the **Geological Survey of India** for this. The two institutes will find out about uranium together.
- It is known that a survey has been done earlier about uranium in the state. A study conducted by the University of Manchester and Mahavir Cancer Research Institute had found uranium in samples taken from Supaul, Gopalganj, Siwan, Saran, Patna, Nalanda, Aurangabad, Gaya and Jehanabad.
- More than the prescribed amount of uranium going into the body can cause kidney disease. At the same time, consumption of uranium water can cause **thyroid cancer, blood cancer, bone marrow depression and other serious diseases**. This also puts children at risk of getting cancer.

## 300 Feet Deep Hand Pump will be Installed in 10 Thousand Villages of Bihar

### Why In News?

On October 10, 2022, the Department of PHED (Public Health Engineering Department) of Bihar informed that preparations have been started to install one hand pump in 10,000 villages to provide water to rural areas of the state.

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**Key Points**

- According to the department, to overcome the shortage of water in the rural areas of the state, each hand pump will be installed in 10,000 villages, whose depth will be 300 feet.
- PHED will select 10,000 such villages for installation of hand pumps, where people get regular water for 12 months and 24 hours.
- The officials of the department said that the proposal would be sent to the cabinet soon for the approval of the plan to install hand pumps in the villages. After the proposal is approved, such villages will be selected where hand pumps will be installed. A target of about six months will be set to complete this scheme.
- Keeping in view the next 50 years, the department has taken this decision to install a 300 feet deep hand pump, so that people get the water they need in every season.
- According to officials, tap water is being supplied to every household in Bihar. Despite this, after marking such villages and villages, hand pumps will be installed keeping in view the level of groundwater there.
- It is noteworthy that at present eight and a half lakh hand pumps are working in the state, from which people are getting water. Geo-tagging of all these hand pumps has been done so that the regular operation of the hand pump can be monitored regularly. At the same time, whether the hand pump is working regularly or not, signatures are taken from three people of the locality, whose hand pump has been installed around the house.

## **Bihar's Jehanabad Becomes First District with 100% Digital Banking**

**Why In News?**

On October 11, 2022, Jehanabad district of Bihar has become the first 100% digital banking district with the joint effort of the Reserve Bank of India and the Union Finance Ministry.

**Key Points**

- Digital banking is being promoted in the state to provide the benefit of banking facility to the people sitting at home, so that every district, every town

and every panchayat can be digital. In this direction, with the joint efforts of the Reserve Bank of India and the Union Finance Ministry, campaigns are being run for digital banking in three districts of Bihar as a pilot project.

- As a result of this campaign of digital banking, Jehanabad district has become the first 100 percent digital banking district and soon Arwal and Sheikhpura are going to become 100 percent digital banking districts.
- Out of the total 1035126 active account holders in Jehanabad district, 1031235 have at least one digital banking product, i.e. internet banking, debit card, mobile banking, UPI and other similar facilities. This is 99.65 percent of the total active account. There are about 17944 accounts in the current account, in which 11887 account holders use internet banking, 4452 PoS or QR codes and 8450 mobile banking services.
- Arwal has 609662 bank accounts out of which 552221 are active bank accounts. About 90.58% of its accounts are linked to digital products, while in Sheikhpura so far 89.18% of accounts are linked to digital products.
- The best thing about digital payment systems in financial transactions is that it does not require carrying cash. From buying petrol with the card, there are many discounts like buying rail tickets, toll on highways and insurance.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2019, the Central Government and the Reserve Bank had decided to make at least one district in every state of the country a district with 100 percent digital banking service.
- Under this, Jehanabad district was selected in Bihar and the State Level Bankers Committee worked with all the stakeholders and Jehanabad has been declared a district with digital banking.

## **87 New Courses in Bihar to be Brought Under Student Credit Card Scheme**

**Why In News?**

- According to the information received from the media on October 12, 2022, 87 new courses are being brought under the purview of the Student Credit Card Scheme after the opinion taken from seven departments including Agriculture, Medical, Labor, Science and Technology Department, Higher Education of Bihar.

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### Key Points

- These 87 new courses are being introduced in undergraduate/postgraduate courses in leather, fashion and textile design. Now loans will also be available for the study of all these courses. A high-level committee of the education department has prepared a formal proposal to decide on the policy decisions of the scheme. The entire loan exercise for 87 new courses will be completed by October.
- It is known that so far students get loans for studies in 42 courses in the state. If these 87 new courses are approved, then a total of 129 courses will be available for the study.
- According to departmental experts, this loan scheme includes four-year Bachelor of Agriculture, Master of Agriculture, B.Ed., D.El.Ed, MBA in Agri Business and BBM (four-year course), M.Sc. A. Mass Communication, MSc Statics and Computing, Vocational Courses are being covered in all subjects related to Medical Electrophysiology, Science Technology, ITI and Skills. The maximum 16 courses are related to health. These include BSc Endoscopy, Endoscopy Technology, BSc Radio Therapy, etc.
- With this, 127 new colleges are being added under the Student Credit Card Scheme. In fact, colleges had applied online under this scheme. It has 121 colleges from outside the state, which have NAAC, NBA and NIRF rankings.
- Under the Student Credit Card Scheme, it is also being considered to reduce and increase the loan according to the nature of the course. At present, Rs 4 lakh is given equally for BA and other traditional subjects and Rs 4 lakh for other special subjects. Due to this, colleges have increased the fees significantly.
- The department wants the loan amount to be reduced for the study of ordinary subjects. At the same time, the loan amount for technical courses of NITs and other central educational institutions can be increased to six lakh.
- Within the state, only colleges with naan/NBA/NIRF rankings are under consideration for being considered eligible in the scheme.
- Loans will be given for studies in educational institutions outside the country. In this, loans above Rs 50 lakh

are proposed. The quota will be fixed for the number of beneficiaries.

- It is noteworthy that from April 2021 to March 31, 2022, Rs 756.49 crore has been distributed to 36167 applicants. At the same time, from April 2022 to September 18, 628.80 crores have been disbursed to 36924 students as loans. A target has been set to disburse loans to one lakh students in the current financial year.

## Girls' Protection Homes

### Why In News?

On October 15, 2022, it was decided by the Social Welfare Department of Bihar state that one girl child protection home will be opened in all the districts of the state. The Social Welfare Department has sent a letter to all DMs to identify land in the districts in this regard.

### Key Points

- It is known that a protection house is being operated in Patna from the east. Arrangements will be made for 50 girls to stay together in the new protection Home. The selection of the site for the house to be opened in all the districts has also been started so that the construction work will start soon and it can be completed in the next one year.
- According to departmental officials, on the basis of the solution of the problems told by them by talking to the girls living in all the girls' homes, the officials have prepared the details and handed them over to the department, after which it was decided to start defense homes in all the districts.
- According to the information, two types of girls are kept in the home, in which there are girls who are completely alone and have no family. At the same time, other girls who are somehow run away from the house or lost. The lifestyle of these two is completely different.
- In this context, the proposal has been prepared at the level of the department, on which the consent of the departmental minister has also been received. This proposal will be sent to the government and after getting permission from there, work will start from December.

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## Bihar sets up Commission for Most Backward Classes

### Why In News?

On October 19, 2022, the state government constituted the **Most Backward Classes Commission** under the chairmanship of senior JD(U) leader Dr Navin Chandra Arya. This commission will **recommend reservation for the most backward in the civic elections as per the guidelines of the Supreme Court.**

### Key Point

- The other members of the commission are Arvind Nishad, Vinod Bhagat, Gyanchandra Patel and Tarkeshwar Thakur. **The commission was first set up in 2006.** The commission has been given a maximum of three months to submit its report.
- On October 19, the state government had filed an affidavit in the Patna High Court stating that it would prepare a detailed report after getting the situation of the MOST backward classes commission (EBC commission) assessed. After this decision of the state government, the High Court's decision of October 4 remained the same.
- This case was placed during the hearing of the review petition filed by the state government, which was accepted by the court. The High Court made it clear that the civic elections in Bihar will be held after the EBC Commission report comes.
- For this, the Bihar EBC Commission, which came into existence in 2005, has been revived as a dedicated commission. The Commission will soon submit its report after collecting data on political backwardness of the most backward. Only after perusing the report will the State Election Commission notify the civic polls in Bihar.
- It is noteworthy that the Supreme Court has clearly said in its order that reservation can be given to backward classes in local body elections only if the government conducts triple tests. The government should find out which section is not getting adequate political representation.

## Chief Minister Inaugurates 24 Schemes worth Rs. 224.19 Crore in the State

### Why in News?

On October 21, 2022, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated 24 schemes in the state from Gyan Bhawan in Patna.

### Key points

- Besides inaugurating 24 schemes in the state, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of two medical colleges online, out of which a Government Medical College and Hospital in Buxar would be built at a cost of Rs 515 crore. Apart from this, a government medical college and hospital will also be built in Begusarai.
- The Chief Minister also launched the Digital Health Scheme in Bihar and distributed appointment letters to 9469 selected health workers.

## Bihar government announces Rs 3,500 per farmer's family

### Why in News

On October 22, 2022, the Chief Minister of the state Nitish Kumar has decided to give Rs 3500 to each farmer family in the districts facing drought this year. According to the order of the government, this amount will be sent to the farmers' account before the Chhath festival.

### Key Points

- According to the information shared on the official Twitter handle of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Rs 3500 is being transferred to the bank account of 7841 revenue villages of 937 panchayats of 96 blocks of 11 drought-affected districts of the state and all the affected families of all the villages, tolas and habitations under it. No affected families are left out, officials have been asked to take care of it.
- It is known that this year, due to less rainfall in many states of North India, farmers have been hit by drought. Bihar is no exception. Due to lack of timely rain, there was a delay in sowing paddy, on the other hand, those who have sown paddy in some way, their

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produce has been hit due to drying up of the crop. In such a situation, many families have faced a crisis of livelihood. In such a situation, this decision of the Bihar government has brought relief to the farmers of his state.

- Along with Bihar, 62 districts of Uttar Pradesh also had to face drought. Here also the yield of the farmers has been badly affected. Now the government is distributing the seeds of pulses and oilseeds free of cost to save the farmers from the loss. At the same time, in states like Rajasthan and Jharkhand, farmers have been hit by drought.

## **Bihar State Child Labour Commission**

### **Why in News?**

On October 26, 2022, the Bihar government has constituted the **Bihar State Child Labour Commission**. **Chakrapani Himanshu has been given the responsibility of the post of chairman** in this commission, while **Rajiv Kant Mishra** has been made **vice-chairman**.

### **Key Points**

- The Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar has issued a notification for the formation of the Commission.
- The Bihar State Commission for Child Labour is a **22-member commission**. Achmit Rishidev (MLA Raniganj), Rekha Devi (MLA Masaurhi) and Anand Shankar Singh (MLA Aurangabad) have been included, while MLCs Saurabh Kumar and Ravindra Prasad Singh have also been included in the members.
- Apart from this, there will be **10 ex-officio members and 5 members of different interests/classes**.
- The term of all the members of this commission, including the chairman, vice-chairman, will also be three years.

## **Master Plan to Preserve Nalanda World Heritage**

### **Why in News?**

Recently, the Bihar government has started work to preserve the **Nalanda Mahavihara heritage**. The process of preparing a master plan for this is in the final stage.

### **Key Points**

- According to the newly constructed master plan, heavy vehicles will no longer go towards this heritage. Parking lots have been set up around the lake near **Nava Nalanda Mahavihara** for parking of these vehicles.
- Any kind of construction work has been banned around 300 meters of this mahavihara.
- At the same time, instructions have been given to remove many shops around the heritage and the **Youth and Art, Culture and Urban Development Department** has made a detailed plan for this.
- On October 17, 2022, the **Archaeological Survey of India** had expressed concern over the threat to the world heritage status of the ancient Nalanda Mahavihara.
- **On May 16, 2016**, the remains of **Nalanda Mahavihara were included in the Unesco World Heritage list**.
- It is known that the master plan of the sites of archaeological importance included in the UNESCO list has to be sent to the World Heritage Center, Paris. **If the Unified Master Plan is not sent within the stipulated time frame, the World Heritage Committee takes a negative view of that heritage and can end its World Heritage Status.**

## **Multi-lingual Dictionary Being Prepared for Schools in Bihar**

### **Why in News?**

On October 27, 2022, Bihar SCERT Director Sajjan Raj Shekhar said that the State Education Department has prepared a **roadmap to save tribal languages as well as regional languages/dialects** in Bihar to teach in regional languages under the new education policy. It is preparing a **multi-lingual dictionary for classes 1 to plus two** in dialects.

### **Key Points**

- Bihar SCERT Director said that under the new education policy, the strategy for teaching classes from class one to plus two in regional languages/dialects in Bihar will be that the school child, who is used to the mother tongue, should be taught all subjects in his mother tongue, so that he can understand what the words or related concept of the related subjects are called in his mother tongue.

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- He said that the purpose behind preparing a multi-lingual dictionary for classes 1 to plus two is to bring students into the mainstream by teaching and explaining in regional dialects, so that they do not fall prey to language-based backwardness in higher education and especially its pronunciation will also be improved. In this context, the Education Department has also given guidelines especially to SCERT.
- Under this, a dictionary of local dialects and languages of Bihar will be prepared, in which words pronounced in the mother tongue of any subject material and related English-Hindi words will be included.
- Apart from the dictionary, a special resource material will also be made and this material will be given to the teachers, so that the teachers can be trained in it. Here the teacher will teach the subject to the children in the mother tongue and in this way the exercise of teaching mainstream subjects in regional languages like Angika, Bajjika, Bhojpuri, Magahi, Maithili etc. will be done and this exercise will be possible only till the next session.
- It should be noted that scheduled tribes constitute a little over one per cent of the total population of Bihar and the main languages of scheduled castes (forest dweller community) such as Mundari, Sadani, Santhali, Mungr, Garait, Chero etc. are languages are extremely endangered for various reasons.
- It is noteworthy that in Bihar, the forest dwellers like Khund, Bedia, Santhal, Khairwar, Gorait, Korwa, Munda etc. live in the districts of Champaran, Rohtas, Shahabad, Purnia, Bhagalpur, Saharsa, Bhojpur, Munger, Jamui, Katihar and Buxar etc.

## Laxmibai Social Security Scheme

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on October 30, 2022, the Social Justice and Social Welfare Department in Bihar is implementing '**Laxmibai Social Security Scheme**' in an attempt to overcome the economic crisis of widows.

### Key Points

- The main objective of 'Lakshmibai Social Security Scheme' is to overcome the financial problem faced in running the family after the death of the husband. Under this, widows provide financial assistance of Rs 300 per month to women.
- Financially weak widows can take advantage of this scheme of Bihar government. To take advantage of this scheme, the annual income should be less than 60 thousand and the applicant should have a **BPL** card and he is not getting any kind of pension. For this, the permanent residence certificate of the applicant should be from Bihar and it is mandatory for the applicant to have an account in the nearest post office.
- For this scheme, the applicant will have to apply offline at the Public Service Rights Counter of the Block Office and get the form from there and submit it by attaching the documents to the office. After verification of the form, the woman will be informed about the further process and pension.



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