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

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### Why in News

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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

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- 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.