



Orientation Program in Bihar Legislature

Why in News

- On February 17, 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar addressed an **Orientation Program organized for the members of the Legislature** in the Central Hall located in the extended building of the Bihar Legislature.

Key Points

- The theme of the Orientation Program was '**Orientation and Responsibility of Legislators in the Journey of Democracy**'.
- This program has been **organized under the joint aegis of Parliamentary Democracy Research and Training Institute, Lok Sabha and Bihar Vidhan Sabha, Secretariat on the occasion of centenary year and foundation day of Bihar Vidhan Sabha building.**
- **The first Orientation Program was held in 2006**, in which the then Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee Margate Alva participated. At that time the Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly was Uday Narayan Choudhary.
- The second Orientation Program organized in 2011, was attended by the then Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley. The Third Orientation Program was attended by Parliamentary Affairs expert J.C. Malhotra.
- It is worth mentioning that on **March 22, 1912, Bihar and Orissa were separated from Bengal and in 1920 it got statehood. The first meeting of the Legislature was held on February 7, 1921.** Several programs were organized recently to commemorate the completion of 100 years of the Legislature Building.
- President Ram Nath Kovind attended the program organized in October 2021. He had laid the foundation stone of the **Shatabdi Smriti Stambh (Centenary Memorial Pillar)** in the Bihar Assembly Complex and planted a baby sapling of the sacred Bodhi tree brought from Bodh Gaya.