



Anti-Filaria Campaign | Bihar | 05 Nov 2022

Why In News?

- Recently, the state health department has started an anti-filaria campaign to root out filaria (Hathi Paon) across Bihar, including Patna.

Key Points

- Under this campaign, a target has been made to give dose of anti-filaria medicine to 2 crore 22 lakh 85 thousand 279 people in the whole of Bihar. Along with this, Malaria and Kalazar communication complex will also be started soon.
 - According to officials, the Anti-Filariasis Drive was started in July this year, initially in the districts of Nawada, Samastipur, Rohtas, Lakhisarai and Nalanda, anti-filaria drugs were distributed under this drive.
 - The campaign aims to provide medicines to every household in backward villages and small towns through ASHA workers and local government health workers.
 - It is noteworthy that lymphatic filariasis is one of the most prevalent, but most neglected diseases in tropical diseases, which causes serious economic and social harm along with making human beings weak. It is a mosquito-borne disease.
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- On November 4, 2022, Bihar Cooperation Minister Surendra Prasad Yadav launched the hiring mobile app under the 'Mukhyamantri Harit Krishi Plant Yojana'. Through this app, farmers will be able to book agricultural equipment from their mobile sitting at home.

Key Points

- With this, Bihar has become the first state in the country to develop a fully government app and provide agricultural machinery to small and marginal farmers on hire.
- Just as people in cities use online apps to get taxi service, 1 crore 80 lakh farmers of Bihar will be able to call for tractors to plough their fields.
- PACS will provide not only tractors but also 31 types of agricultural machinery to the farmer at a rate lower than the market rate.
- The Cooperation Minister said that through the Chief Minister's Green Agriculture Plant Scheme, agricultural equipment bank has been set up in selected PACS at panchayat level, through which the service of modern agricultural plants is being made available to small and marginal farmers at a competitive rate.
- Farmers will get the service of modern agricultural machines at fixed rent as per their

convenience. For the convenience of the farmers, the facility of booking agricultural equipment is also available on the toll free number 1800 1800 110 Sugam of the Department of Cooperation. Presently 2828 packs will get this facility.

- Giving information about the app, Cooperation Secretary Vandana Preyashi said that under the Chief Minister's Green Agriculture Scheme, the scheme amount has been provided to each selected PACS at the rate of Rs 15 lakh per pack in the form of 50 percent grant and 50 percent loan.