



Bihar in the Most Polluted Cities of the Country

Why In News?

- According to data released by the Central Pollution Control Board on December 14, 2022, five of the top **five most polluted cities in the country are from Bihar. Purnea is the most polluted city** across the country with an **AQI of 450**.

Key Points

- **Darbhanga is the second most polluted city** in the country after Purnea with an AQI of 446. Bettiah is in third place with an AQI of 439. Begusarai with 421 AQI and **Katihar** with 420 AQI have been the **fifth most polluted city in the country**.
- According to the data, Patna's AQI is 347 . Here pollution has come down from dangerous levels to very poor levels.
- **Araria, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif, Chhapra, Kishanganj, Motihari, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Purnea, Samastipur and Siwan** have an AQI of more than 300. In this way, the air of these cities has reached very poor levels.
- Significantly, an AQI of more than 400 is considered to be an alarming level of pollution. It is very dangerous for human health.

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