



# Chief Minister inaugurated the road convenience centre cum cafeteria of Kesariya Stupa

## Why In News?

On December 12, 2023, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the wayside convenience centre cum cafeteria of Kesariya Stupa in East Champaran district by cutting the ribbon and laid the foundation stone of the development works of the tourist facility in the premises of Kesariya Stupa.

## Key Points

- The cost amount of this scheme is Rs 6.90 crore. With the construction of the cafeteria, the tourists coming here will find it convenient to stay. The cost of the important scheme for the development of tourist facilities in the premises of Kesariya Stupa is Rs 19.77 crore.
- Here, a replica of the Kesariya Stupa, which has special importance among Buddhist symbols, will be built near it. In this, the extinct parts of the main stupa will be carved into the structure.
- A total of eight miniature replicas will be built around the main structure, which include Vishwa Shanti Stupa, Mahabodhi Temple, ruins of Nalanda University, Ashoka Pillar Vaishali, Vikramshila, Gurupa Bodh Sthal, Barabar Ki Cave and Sujata Stupa.
- In this, tourists will get a complete glimpse of Buddhist architecture. A 45-seat auditorium will also be constructed inside the stupa-like shape, which will be equipped with audio-visual system.
- In this structure, an exhibition hall has also been arranged to show short documentaries and exhibitions related to Lord Buddha.
- This scheme has been implemented by Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation. Tourist visiting center and cafeteria building have been constructed under the scheme.

