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## Patwa Toli: The Village of IITians in Bihar | Bihar | 09 Apr 2024

### Why in News?

In Bihar, a village named **Patwa Toli** has gained recognition as the '**IIT factory**' for consistently giving over a dozen IITians annually.

- The village, located in **Gaya**, boasts a high number of IIT qualifiers, with almost every household having an engineer.

### Key Points

- **Vriksha** is an organisation, which has been providing **free coaching for the JEE Main exam since 2013**.
  - This initiative, funded by **IIT graduates**, equips students with **engineering books and online classes** conducted by prominent educators.
  - To support financially disadvantaged students, **Vriksh Veda Chain established a library model offering free education through online classes** conducted by volunteer teachers from Delhi and Mumbai.
- The success story of IIT qualifiers from Patwa Toli traces back to **1991** which ignited a wave of aspirations in the village.
- Initially known as the '**Manchester of Bihar**' due to its history of **cloth weaving**, Patwa Toli has now earned the name '**village of IITians**' for its remarkable educational achievements.
  - With a rich legacy of producing engineers and medical professionals, Patwa Toli stands as a testament to the **transformative power of education and community support**.

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