



Bihar to Constitute 'State Safai Karmachari Commission'

Why in News?

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced the **formation** of the **Bihar State Safai Karmachari Commission**, which aims to ensure the welfare, protection, and **socio-economic upliftment of sanitation workers across the state**.

- It will also monitor the implementation of various welfare schemes and work towards ensuring the protection of their rights.

Key Points

- **Composition of the Commission:** The commission will consist of a **chairperson, vice-chairperson**, and **five members**, including a **woman** and a **transgender person**.
 - This inclusive structure aims to address the concerns of marginalized sections of society engaged in sanitation work.
- **Key Functions and Goals:** The commission will provide **suggestions** on the rights and welfare of sanitation workers, advise the government on policy matters, and **review and implement** welfare schemes designed for their benefit.
 - It will also play a key role in integrating sanitation workers into the social and economic mainstream.
- **Jurisdiction of Commission:** According to an estimate, **more than 4 lakh sanitation workers employed in various urban local bodies, panchayats**, and other areas **across Bihar** will be covered under the purview of the commission.
 - There are **more than 260 urban local bodies in Bihar**, including 19 municipal corporations and over 8000 panchayats, where a large number of sanitation workers are engaged in cleanliness campaigns and sanitation works.