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Bihar Current Affairs July 2022

Gandak now has second largest gharial population in country

In a joint effort by the Wildlife Trust of India and the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as many as 148 gharials have been released in the Gandak thereby turning the river having the second-largest gharial population after the Chambal river in the country.

The Gandak river has been identified as a nesting habitat of the critically endangered gharials for the first time in 2016.



Every block in Bihar now has advance life support ambulance

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on July 06, 2022, flagged off 501 basic as well as advance life support ambulances, adding them to the existing fleet of 1107 ambulances under “102” emergency services. With this, Bihar has become the first state in the country to have an advance life support ambulance (ALSA) in every block of the state. Once all the ambulances are inducted, Bihar will be among the few states to have more number of ambulances as against the population norm prescribed by the Indian Public Health Standards.

The Indian Public Health Standards norm prescribes having 1 BLSA (basic life support) ambulance per 1 lakh population and 1 ALSA for a population of 5 lakh. Bihar will have 1 BLSA per 86,000 population and 1 ALSA per 2.17 lakh population.



East Champaran reports highest no. of heritage trees in Bihar

West Champaran district in Bihar, home to the famous Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR), has no heritage tree while the neighbouring East Champaran district has listed 9,630 heritage trees, the highest number in the state, ever since the state government launched an app “Bihar Heritage Tree App” to collect details of such trees on World Biodiversity Day (May 22) this year.

The initiative, launched by Bihar State Biodiversity Council, a part of the state’s forest department, is intended at creating a database of trees in the state which are more than 50 years old and hold special socio-cultural and religious importance, besides ecological significance.

Bihar launches app to help pilgrims

The app, Kanwar Yatra, 2022, will also offer options available to reach the famous Baidyanath Dham temple at Deoghar through road, trains and air.

63% of legislators in Bihar upper House face criminal cases: Report

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Election Watch analysed the criminal, financial, educational details of 60 out of 75 sitting MLCs in the Bihar legislative council.

Out of the 60, about 63 percent, i.e. 38 MLCs, has criminal cases pending against them. Analysed on party lines, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has 10 out of 14 MLCs, i.e., 71 percent, who face criminal cases, closely followed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), whose 11 out of 16 MLCs (69%) have criminal cases against them. The BJP's alliance partner, the Janata Dal-United (JD-U) has, however, less MLCs with criminal cases – 8 out of 17 (47%).

Niti Aayog's 3rd India Innovation Index, 2021

Bihar has been ranked 15th among 17 major states in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri on July 21, 2022.

India Innovation Index		
Major States		
States	III 2021	Rank
Karnataka	18.01	1
Telangana	17.66	2
Haryana	16.35	3
Maharashtra	16.06	4
Tamil Nadu	15.69	5
Punjab	15.35	6
Uttar Pradesh	14.22	7
Kerala	13.67	8
Andhra Pradesh	13.32	9
Jharkhand	13.10	10
West Bengal	12.98	11
Rajasthan	12.88	12
Madhya Pradesh	12.74	13
Gujarat	12.41	14
Bihar	11.58	15
Odisha	11.42	16
Chhattisgarh	10.97	17

Bihar Government will Give Diesel Subsidy to Farmers

In the financial year 2022-23, a total of Rs.29.95 crore has been sanctioned in advance from Bihar State Contingency Fund. The farmers will get a grant of Rs.60 per litre of diesel. Farmers will be paid at the rate of Rs.600 per acre. The grant amount will be limited to a maximum of five acres.

Climate Change Learning Lab at Patna Zoo

On July 17, 2022, Bihar Environment and Climate Change Minister Neeraj Kumar Singh inaugurated the Climate Change Learning Lab at Patna Zoo to study the climate change taking place in Bihar. This lab has been established by GIZ, an organization of the European Union and Germany on behalf of the Bihar State Pollution Control Council. Such a lab has been established for the first time in Bihar.

It is the endeavour of the state government to achieve the target of zero carbon emission in the state by the year 2040.

First edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'

In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Bihar is ranked seventh in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

Among the general category states, Bihar is at the seventh position in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.783.

The Index for ranking the states and UTs is built on three key pillars which covers the end-to-end implementation of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are: i) NFSA— Coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) Delivery platform, and iii) Nutrition initiatives.

The National Food Security Act (NFSA) was enacted on July 5, 2013

State rankings: 2022

Ranks and scores obtained by general category states and union territories

State or union territory	Index score	Rank
Odisha	0.836	1
Uttar Pradesh	0.797	2
Andhra Pradesh	0.794	3
Gujarat	0.790	4
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu	0.787	5
Madhya Pradesh	0.786	6
Bihar	0.783	7
Karnataka	0.779	8
Tamil Nadu	0.778	9
Jharkhand	0.754	10
Kerala	0.750	11
Telangana	0.743	12
Maharashtra	0.708	13
West Bengal	0.704	14
Rajasthan	0.694	15
Punjab	0.665	16
Haryana	0.661	17
Delhi	0.658	18
Chhattisgarh	0.654	19
Goa	0.631	20

The First Female Cyclist to Reach the World's Highest Road 'Umlingala'

Sabita Mahato of Chhapra district of Bihar has become the first woman cyclist in the world to travel on the world's highest road Umlingala.



MSME Award, 2022

Bihar has bagged the second prize in the 'National MSME Awards, 2022' for its outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.

It may be mentioned that the Chief Minister's Entrepreneur Scheme is being implemented to encourage MSMEs in the State.

The 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana' (MUYY), at the time of its launch in 2018, was limited to SC/ST only, but it covers backward, extremely backward, general and women categories from the financial year 2021-22.

'Plug and Play' Initiative

the Bihar government has taken an initiative of 'Plug and Play' to promote industries in the state, under which 'plug and play' pre-fabricated sheds will be constructed in five districts, where entrepreneurs will be able to start factories only by installing equipment.

Under this scheme, sheds at Co-operative Spinning Mill Campus (Bhagalpur), Bela Industrial Area (Muzaffarpur), Hajipur Industrial Area (Hazipur), Kumarbagh Industrial Area (West Champaran-Phase-2) and Sikanderpur Industrial Area (Bihta, Patna) will be constructed.

Bihar Ranks Fourth in the Country in Fish Production