

Bihar Special

Bihar Cabinet Meeting

Why in the news?

The Bihar Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, approved 31 proposals, including a new social registry scheme, free HPV vaccinations for girls, reduced vehicle permit fees, and the bifurcation of Patna Sadar Circle.

Approval for "Bihar One" Portal

- ❖ The Bihar Cabinet approved Rs 85.23 crore for the development of the "Bihar One" portal, which will unify government services and schemes, enabling family-based social registration and streamlined application and verification processes.

HPV Vaccination Program

- ❖ The "Mukhyamantri Balika Cancer Pratirakshan Yojana" will offer free HPV vaccinations to girls aged 9-14 to prevent cervical cancer, with an investment of Rs 150 crore.

Reduction in Vehicle Permit Fees

- ❖ Vehicle permit fees will be reduced by 50% to 75% to encourage commercial vehicle registration and attract ride-sharing services like Ola and Uber to Bihar.

Bifurcation of Patna Sadar Circle

- ❖ Patna Sadar Circle will be divided into four smaller circles to improve administrative efficiency and public service delivery.

ASMITA Yogasana League

Why in the news?

The ASMITA Yogasana League (East Zone) is set to commence on August 22, 2024 at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna, Bihar.

- ❖ This three-day event, which runs until 24th August 2024, marks a significant milestone as the Bihar Yogasana Sports Association (BYSA) hosts the league for the first time.

Event Details

- ❖ **Name:** ASMITA Yogasana League (East Zone)
- ❖ **Location:** Patliputra Sports Complex, Patna, Bihar
- ❖ **Start Date:** 22nd August 2024
- ❖ **End Date:** 24th August 2024

Hosting and Participation

- ❖ **Host:** Bihar Yogasana Sports Association (BYSA) - hosting for the first time
- ❖ **Participants:** 500 women players
- ❖ **Age Groups:**
 - 12 to 18 years
 - 18 to 55 years
- ❖ **Events:** Five main events

States Representing

- ❖ **Participating States:** Bihar, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, and Odisha



Polity And Governance

Justice Hema Committee Report

Why in the news?

The Kerala government, led by Pinarayi Vijayan, faced significant criticism for delaying the release of the Hema Committee report.

- ❖ The report, which revealed disturbing details about the mistreatment of women in the Malayalam cinema industry, was released after a lengthy delay.

Formation and Report Details:

- ❖ The Justice Hema Committee was established in 2017 to address issues faced by women in the Malayalam film industry.

- ❖ The report, initially 295 pages long, was finally released under the Right to Information Act after five years. However, 63 pages were redacted before its public release.

Key Findings:

- ❖ The report exposed various forms of exploitation, including unwanted physical advances and threats to women in the industry.
- ❖ Women experienced severe issues such as being denied basic facilities like toilets and changing rooms on sets.
- ❖ Victims faced cyber attacks on social media for reporting abuses, and there were instances of intoxicated individuals forcing entry into their rooms.

Allegations of Power Nexus:

- ❖ The report highlighted a "power nexus" involving a small group of producers, directors, actors, and production controllers, who were central to the exploitation and mistreatment of women in the industry.



International Relations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Historic Visit to Poland and Ukraine

Why in the news?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Poland, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in 45 years.

- ❖ India and Poland are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations.
- ❖ The last Indian Prime Minister to visit Poland was Morarji Desai in 1979.
- ❖ His trip includes stops in both Poland and Ukraine, with Warsaw being the first destination and Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, as the second leg of his two-nation visit.
- ❖ India and Poland have agreed on a social security agreement, strengthening partnership in areas like new technology and clean energy.



Schemes In News

Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan Yojana

Why in the news?

On 15 August 2024, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan Yojana' during the 78th Independence Day celebrations in Lucknow.

Scheme Overview

- ❖ **Financial Support:** The state government will provide financial assistance to young entrepreneurs.

Targets and Goals

- ❖ **MSMEs:** It aims to establish 10 lakh new Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state.
- ❖ **Employment Opportunities:** It is expected to create 50 lakh direct and indirect jobs through the scheme.

Miscellaneous

World's Longest Postage Stamp

Why in the news?

Sri Lanka has issued the world's longest postage stamp, measuring 205 mm.

About

- ❖ It symbolises the historic Kandy Esala Perahera and is valued at 500 rupees.
- ❖ The stamp was presented to President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

About Kandy Esala Perahera

- ❖ The Kandy Esala Perahera, also called the Festival of the Tooth, is an annual event held in July and August (Month of Esala) in Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- ❖ This historic procession is conducted to honour the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha, which is kept at the Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy.



Sports

U-17 Wrestling Championship

Why in the news?

Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya achieved a remarkable victory by winning the Bronze medal in the Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms category at the Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in Jordan.

India's Overall Performance

- ❖ **Medal Count:** Two Bronze medals in Men's Greco-Roman category
- ❖ **Other Medalist:** Sainath Pardhi won Bronze in GR 51 kilograms category



Persons In News

Satya Prakash Sangwan

Why in the news?

Satya Prakash Sangwan has been appointed as the Chef de Mission for the Indian contingent at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

- ❖ Also serving as the Vice-President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), Sangwan will lead India's largest-ever team of 84 para-athletes competing in 12 sports.



News in Short

- ❖ Senior IAS officer Amardeep Singh Bhatia has taken over as the secretary of DPIIT, succeeding Rajesh Kumar Singh, who has moved to the Department of Defence.

❖ Rajesh Nambiar, former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Cognizant India, has been appointed as the Nasscom President-designate, succeeding Debjani Ghosh whose tenure concludes in November, 2024.

❖ Amul has been ranked as the world's strongest food and dairy brand for the fourth consecutive year by Brand Finance, UK.

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