

Bihar Special

5-Day Management Development Programme (MDP)

Why in the news?

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya (IIM BG), is conducting a 5-day residential Management Development Programme (MDP) from 2nd to 6th September 2024.

Participation from Multiple States

- ❖ **State Representation:** Elected representatives and officials from eight states—Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal—are participating in the training at IIM Bodh Gaya.

Program Objectives

- ❖ **Skill Enhancement:** The program aims to enhance the leadership, management, and governance skills of PRI representatives, emphasising the Ministry's commitment to strengthening local governance and empowering Panchayats.



Bihar's Agriculture Incentive Scheme

Why in the news?

Bihar launches Agriculture Incentive Scheme to boost horticulture, offering financial aid to enhance gooseberry (amla), guava, lemon, banana, and papaya plantations.

- ❖ **Objective:** To boost horticulture at the village level by increasing plantation coverage of gooseberry, guava, lemon, banana, and papaya.
- ❖ **Financial Assistance:** ₹1 lakh per acre, with a maximum of ₹25 lakh per village.
- ❖ **Horticulture Growth:** Bihar, a leading guava producer, aims to scale up fruit production with a focus on food processing industries to double farmers' income.
 - Last year, about 4.31 lakh MT of guava was produced in the state, which accounts for about 12% of the total production nationally.

- ❖ **Gooseberry Production:** Bihar ranks 8th in India, with an increase from 3,400 hectares yielding 15,700 MTs (2021-22) to 3,770 hectares yielding 16,250 MTs (2022-23).

Foundation Stone for Water Supply Scheme

Why in the news?

The Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar laid the foundation for a major drinking water supply scheme at Annicut, Dehri, in Rohtas district.

- ❖ **Project Cost and Scope:** Estimated at ₹1347.32 crore, the scheme will utilize Sone river water to supply Aurangabad, Dehri, and Sasaram towns.
- ❖ **Water Crisis:** Declining groundwater levels and reservoir shortages have led to a drinking water crisis in south Bihar, particularly in Aurangabad, Rohtas, and Kaimur districts.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Forensic Science University (NFSU)

Why in the news?

Bihar government signed an MoU with NFSU, based in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- ❖ **Focus Areas:** The MoU covers scientific training for police personnel, academic collaboration, and research.
- ❖ **NFSU Overview:** It was established by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi, then Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2009. NFSU is a prominent institution under the Union Home Ministry, with nine campuses in India and one overseas.

Bihar's First GI Facilitation Center Established

Why in the news?

The first Geographical Indication (GI) Facilitation Center in Bihar has been established at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour.

- ❖ **Purpose:** The center aims to provide global recognition to Bihar's heritage products and assist in obtaining GI tags for them.

National Award for Handicrafts

Why in the news?

Pintoo Prasad from Buxar has been honored with a national award for his excellence in terracotta craftsmanship. He was also selected for the Yakshini Award for his continuous good work in art.

Establishment of Largest Goat Semen Bank in Bihar

Why in the news?

Bihar will host the second-largest goat semen bank in the country, following Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

- The semen bank will be established at a cost of ₹1.55 crore under the National Livestock Mission.
- It will be located at the Bihar Veterinary College, opposite the ICAR campus, Patna.
- ❖ **Significance:**
 - This will be the first semen bank for Bihar, Jharkhand, and Bengal.
 - It will focus on preserving semen from the Black Bengal goat breed, which is adapted to the eastern Indian climate and is known for higher fertility and rapid growth.

Polity And Governance

Centre notifies constitution of 23rd Law Commission

Why in the news?

The Government of India has notified the constitution of the 23rd Law Commission, which is set to function from September 2024 to August 2027.

Term and Structure

- ❖ **Duration:** three years, from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2027.

Composition:

- ❖ **Full-Time Chairperson:** One
- ❖ **Full-Time Members:** Four (including a Member-Secretary)
- ❖ **Ex-Officio Members:**
 - Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs
 - Secretary of the Legislative Department

- ❖ **Part-Time Members:** Up to five

Eligibility and Function:

- ❖ Serving Supreme Court and High Court Judges will serve as Chairperson and Members.
- ❖ They will perform their duties on a whole-time basis until their retirement or the Commission's term ends, whichever comes first.

Headquarters:

- ❖ The Law Commission will be based in New Delhi.

Terms and Conditions:

- ❖ The President has sanctioned the terms and conditions for the appointment of the Chairperson, Members (including Member-Secretary), and part-time Members.



Law Commission of India

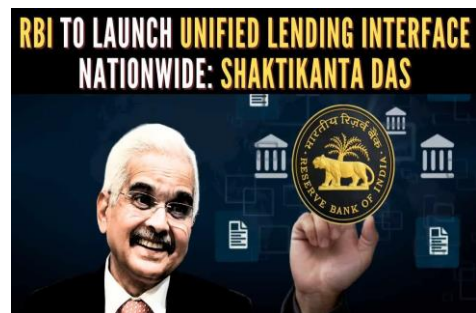
Economy

Unified Lending Interface (ULI) - RBI Initiative

Why in the news?

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) to enhance digital public infrastructure, with a focus on providing seamless credit access to farmers and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

- ❖ **Developed by:** Reserve Bank Innovation Hub, Bengaluru.
- ❖ **Purpose:** It facilitates the seamless flow of digitized financial and non-financial data from various sources to lenders, reducing the need for extensive documentation and speeding up credit approvals.



Union Cabinet Approves Seven Schemes to Boost Agriculture and Farmer Incomes

Why in the news?

The Union Cabinet approved seven schemes aimed at improving farmers' lives and increasing their incomes with a total outlay of over ₹14,235 crore.

- ❖ **Digital Agriculture Mission:** To develop digital infrastructure for agriculture.
- ❖ **Crop Science for Food and Nutritional Security:** To prepare farmers for climate resilience and ensure food security by 2047.
- ❖ **Strengthening Agriculture Education and Research:** To enhance agriculture education, management, and social science to address current challenges.
- ❖ **Sustainable Livestock Health and Production:** To increase farmers' income from livestock and dairy.

- ❖ **Sustainable Development of Horticulture:** To promote sustainable practices in horticulture.
- ❖ **Strengthening Krishi Vigyan Kendra:** To enhance the capacity and reach of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- ❖ **Natural Resources Management:** To improve management of natural resources in agriculture.

THE SEVEN SCHEMES AND OUTLAYS (₹ cr)

Digital Agriculture Mission	2,817
Crop science for food & nutritional security	3,979
Strengthening agricultural education, management & social sciences	2,291
Sustainable livestock health and production	1,702
Sustainable development of horticulture	860
Strengthening of Krishi Vigyan Kendra	1,202
Natural resource management	1,115

Sports

Paris 2024 Paralympics

Why in the news?

As of now, India won a total of 15 medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympics: 3 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals and 7 Bronze Medals.

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
1	Avani Lekhara	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Gold
2	Nitesh Kumar	Badminton	Men's Singles SL3	Gold
3	Sumit Antil	Athletics	Javelin Throw F64	Gold
4	Manish Narwal	Shooting	Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Silver
5	Nishad Kumar	Athletics	Men's High Jump T47	Silver
6	Yogesh Kathuniya	Athletics	Men's Discus Throw F56	Silver
7	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Badminton	Women's Singles SU5	Silver
8	Suhas Yathiraj	Badminton	Men's Singles SL4	Silver
9	Mona Agarwal	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Bronze
10	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Bronze

11	Rubina Francis	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
12	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Bronze
13	Manisha Ramadass	Badminton	Women's Singles SU5	Bronze
14	Rakesh Kumar/Sheetal Devi	Archery	Mixed Team Compound Open	Bronze
15	Nithya Sre Sivan	Badminton	Women's Singles SH6	Bronze



World Deaf Shooting Championship

Why in the news?

Indian shooters Dhanush Sreekanth, Shaurya Saini, and Mohammad Murtaza Vania secured all three medals Men's 10m Air Rifle event at the World Deaf Shooting Championship 2024.

- **Dhanush Sreekanth:** won gold medal
- **Shaurya Saini:** Won the silver medal
- **Mohammad Murtaza Vania:** Secured the bronze medal.
- ❖ **Location:** Championship was held in Hannover, Germany.



Important Days/ Dates

7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024

Why in the news?

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was launched at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The event aimed at promoting nutrition awareness and well-being nationwide.

- ❖ **Duration:** It is a month-long event that runs from September 1 to September 30, 2024.
- ❖ **Aim:** It will focus on key themes including Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, Technology for Better Governance, and Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

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News in Short

- ❖ RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited), which is the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, launched the "Zero Demurrage Campaign".
- ❖ Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi has officially inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi Abu Dhabi campus.

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a three-day visit to Brunei Darussalam and Singapore to strengthen ties and mark diplomatic milestones.
 - **Brunei Visit:** September 3-4, 2024
 - **Singapore Visit:** September 4-5, 2024
- ❖ India and UNESCO are co-organising the 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR) in Paris, France on 6 September 2024.



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