

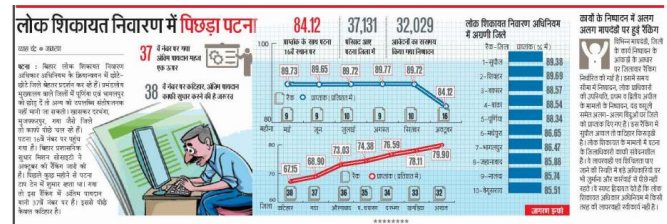
Bihar Special

Supaul tops in Public Grievance Redressal

Why in discussion?

Bihar Administrative Reforms Mission Society has released the ranking of October 2024. In this ranking Supaul is on top while Katihar is lagging behind.

- ❖ According to this report Patna has reached 16th position in Public Grievance Redressal. For the last few months Patna was included in the bottom ten. Gaya has reached the last position in this ranking at 37th position. Only Katihar (38th) is behind it.
- ❖ Small districts are performing better in the implementation of Bihar Public Grievance Redressal Act.
- ❖ Among the districts with divisional headquarters, except Purnia and Bhagalpur, the achievement of others cannot be considered satisfactory. Especially districts like Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gaya are lagging far behind.
- ❖ **Basis of Ranking**
- ❖ The district's scores have been given on different points including execution within time limit, presence of public authority, execution of first and second appeal cases, penalty recovery etc.



Report: Gopalganj tops the state in tele medicine

Why in the news?

Gopalganj has been selected as the top district in the state in tele medicine.

- ❖ The Health Department also released a comparative report of tele medicine done in October, 2024 and November, 2024.
- ❖ According to the report, 128 percent of the patients were treated with tele medicine in Gopalganj in the month of November. At the same time, 36 percent of the patients were treated in Muzaffarpur district and Muzaffarpur has been the most backward district in this.
- ❖ According to the report of the Health Department, 142 percent of the patients were treated with telemedicine in Gopalganj in the month of November. At the same time, only 31 percent of the patients could be treated with tele medicine in Muzaffarpur last month.

- ❖ Apart from Muzaffarpur, other districts of North Bihar are also lagging behind in this. In the month of November, 37 percent in Shivhar, 23 percent in East Champaran, 37 percent in Madhubani, 46 percent in Sitamarhi could be treated with tele medicine.

Polity And Governance

Bima Sakhi Yojana

Why in the news?

The Prime Minister has launched 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in Panipat.

- ❖ This initiative of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is designed to empower women aged 18-70 years, who are Class X pass.
- ❖ They will receive specialized training and a stipend for the first three years to promote financial literacy and insurance awareness.
- ❖ After training, they can serve as LIC agents and the graduate Bima Sakhis would have the opportunity to qualify for being considered for Development Officer roles in LIC.
- ❖ The Prime Minister also distribute appointment Certificates to prospective Bima Sakhis.

International Relations

UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Why in the news?

India has been chosen to Chair the 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

Economy

Foreign direct investment in India crosses one trillion dollars

Why in the news?

- ❖ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows into India have crossed the \$1,000 billion (one trillion dollar) mark during April 2000 to September 2024.
- ❖ This recognises the country's reputation as a safe and prominent niche destination globally.
- ❖ According to data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the total amount of FDI, including equity, reinvested earnings and other capital, stood at \$1,033.40 billion during this period.
- ❖ According to the data, about 25 per cent of FDI came through Mauritius, followed by Singapore (24 per cent), the US (10 per cent), the Netherlands (seven per cent), Japan (six per cent), the UK (five per cent), BOE (three per cent) and the Cayman Islands, Germany and Cyprus.

- ❖ During this period, India received \$177.15 billion from Mauritius, \$667.40 billion from Singapore.
- ❖ In the last ten years, India received \$177.15 billion of FDI inflows. FDI inflows from India rose 119% from the previous decade of 2004-14 to \$167.47 billion and from the US \$67.8 billion.
- ❖ Most of these investments came in services, computer software and hardware, telecommunications, trade, construction development, automobiles, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.
- ❖ According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, since 2014, India has attracted total FDI inflows of \$667.4 billion (2014-24), which is 119 per cent higher than the previous decade (2004-14).

Science And Technology

European Space Agency's Proba-3 satellites

Why in the news?

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 5 December, 2024 successfully launched the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 mission aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)-C59 rocket.

- ❖ The PSLV-C59/PROBA-3 Mission, the 61st flight of PSLV and the 26th using PSLV-XL configuration carrying ESA's PROBA-3 satellites (~550kg) into a highly elliptical orbit takes off from the First Launch Pad (FLP), Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), India.
- ❖ Proba-3 is an In-Orbit Demonstration (IOD) mission of the European Space Agency. The mission goal is to demonstrate precise formation flying.
 - It consists of 2 spacecraft viz. the Coronagraph Spacecraft (CSC) and the Occulter Spacecraft (OSC).

India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024

Why in the news?

India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 is being held on December 9-10, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

- ❖ Supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).
- ❖ This initiative by India's multi-stakeholder community aims to explore critical aspects of Internet governance, foster meaningful

dialogue, and highlight India's leadership in the global digital landscape.

- ❖ The event has been inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada.
- ❖ Theme: "Innovating Internet Governance for India."



Defence And Security

COMMISSIONING OF INS TUSHIL

Why in the news?

The Indian Navy commissioned INS Tushil, a stealth guided-missile frigate, in Kaliningrad, Russia on 9 December 2024.

- ❖ Featuring advanced Indian and Russian technologies, it strengthens the Navy's Western Fleet.
- ❖ The ship's name, Tushil, means 'the protector shield' and its crest represents the 'Abhedya Kavacham' (impenetrable shield).

- ❖ INS Tushil is an upgraded Krivak III class frigates of the Project 1135.6 of which, six are already in service – three Talwar class ships, built at Baltiysky shipyard, St. Petersburg, and three follow-on Teg class ships, built at Yantar shipyard, Kaliningrad.
- ❖ INS Tushil, the seventh in the series, is the first of the two upgraded additional follow-on ships, the contract for which was signed in Oct 2016 between JSC Rosoboronexport, Indian Navy and the Govt. of India.

Index and Report

India has the third highest number of billionaires in the world

Why in the news?

According to the Billionaire Ambitions Report of US-based rating agency UBS, the number of billionaires in India has increased to 185. This is the highest number after the US and China.

- ❖ Within a year, the wealth of these billionaires has increased by 42 percent.
- ❖ According to the Billionaire Ambitions Report, India has added 32 new billionaires in a year. Since 2015, the number of billionaires in the country has more than doubled.

- ❖ The report says that this shows India's ever-growing steps in the economic sector. It is estimated that in the next decade, the number of billionaires in India will equal that of China. However, in the meantime, the number of billionaires in China is also decreasing.
- ❖ The number of billionaires in the US is 835 and in China it is 427. This year, 84 people joined the list of billionaires in the US.
- ❖ However, a decline was seen in the number of billionaires in China. China has lost 93 billionaires this year.
- ❖ At the global level, the number of billionaires is expected to increase from 1,757 in 2015 to 2,682 in 2024.



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