

Bihar Special

Airports will be built in ten cities of the state

Why in the news?

- ❖ According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, airports will be built in ten cities of Bihar under the UDAN 5.2 scheme.
- ❖ There is a proposal to operate small aircraft at airports in Veerpur, Maharama, Bhagalpur, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Valmikinagar, Motihari, Raxaul, Madhubani and Chapra in Bihar.
- ❖ Bids have been received for these cities. Bids have been received for aircraft with less than 20 seats at these airports.

Currently, operations are being carried out at these three airports in Bihar

- ❖ **Gaya Airport:** It is the only international airport in Bihar, located in Gaya city. This airport is near the World Heritage Site Bodh Gaya.
- ❖ **Jayaprakash Narayan International Airport:** It is located in Patna and is a major domestic airport of Bihar.
- ❖ **Darbhanga Airport:** It is located in Darbhanga and is a domestic airport. People of Mithila get convenience from here.

Bihar Sports Scholarship Scheme-2024 approved

Why in the news?

The Bihar government has approved the Bihar Sports Scholarship Scheme-2024 under the 'Long Term Athlete Development Program' in view of the all-round development of the players of the state.

- ❖ The objective of the scheme is to enhance the talent of the talented players of the state by providing financial assistance to them and making them financially capable.
- ❖ The number of seats for admission under sports quota in all colleges including medical colleges, engineering colleges has also been determined.

Three Categories

- ❖ The Bihar Sports Scholarship Scheme has been divided into three categories.

First Category

- ❖ The first category is for players performing well from district to state level. In this, 500 players between the age of 12 to 18 years are being given Rs 3 lakh per year.

- ❖ Those who win medals in individual and team sports in the competition organized by the School Games Federation of India are being included in it.

Second Category

- ❖ Under the second category, financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh is being provided every year to 200 national/international level players in the age group of 12 to 24.
- ❖ This includes those athletes who participate in international level competitions or have won medals in sports organized by All India University or National Associations.

Third Category

- ❖ Through Bihar Sports Scholarship Scheme, 25 Olympic level players in the third category are being helped with Rs 20 lakh per year.
- ❖ In the third group, financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh per year is being given to players who have achieved Olympic level qualification and have won medals or participated in senior national competitions.
- ❖ This also includes the facility of training abroad. Sports scholarships are being provided to the players by the State Sports Department and Bihar State Sports Authority.

Economy

Centre's PLI Scheme To Boost Millet-Based Products

Why in the news?

To promote the use of millets in food products and encourage value addition, the Government of India launched the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Millet-based Products (PLISMBP) for the period FY 2022-2023 to FY 2026-2027, with an outlay of ₹800 crore.

- ❖ The scheme eliminates the threshold investment requirement, making it accessible to more applicants.
- ❖ To qualify for incentives, companies selected under the scheme must achieve a minimum year-on-year sales growth of 10% over the base year.
- ❖ The scheme incentivizes sales of branded Ready-to-Eat and Ready-to-Cook products in consumer packs that contain over 15% millet by weight or volume.
- ❖ According to the scheme guidelines, only domestically sourced agricultural products (excluding additives, flavors, and oils) must be used in the preparation of millet-based products.

- ❖ This requirement has boosted local production and procurement of agricultural produce, which has benefited farmers.

Tenure

- ❖ The scheme has a tenure of five years. The claims in respect of first performance year (FY 2022-2023) were required to be filed in FY 2023-2024.

Sports

Kush Maini won Formula 2 Constructors Championship

Why in news

Indian racer Kush Maini created a new history in Indian sports by winning the Formula 2 Constructors Race.

- ❖ He has become the first player from the country to win the FIA Constructors World Championship.
- ❖ This season in Formula 2 has been great for Maini. Earlier, he became the first Indian player to achieve pole position in this race.
- ❖ This team reached the podium five times this season, including securing first place in Hungary.
- ❖ This Indian racer had achieved pole position in Jeddah.



Persons In News

Sanjay Malhotra

Why in the news?

The Centre on December 9, 2024 announced the appointment of Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

- ❖ Sanjay Malhotra as the new RBI Governor replacing Shaktikanta Das whose tenure ends on December 10, 2024.
- ❖ A 1990-batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service of the Rajasthan cadre.
- ❖ Sanjay Malhotra is a computer science engineering graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and has a Master's degree in Public Policy from Princeton University, U.S.A.

- ❖ He will take charge of the country's monetary policy framework and banking regulation at Mint Street, Chennai on 11 December 2024.



Important Days/ Dates

Human Rights Day

Why in the news?

Human Rights Day is observed annually around the world on **10 December**.

- ❖ It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- ❖ The day is intended to celebrate and promote rights that protect against abuses, violations and other harms, ensuring everyone can live in dignity and respect -- irrespective of their race, gender, religion, nationality or any other factor.

- ❖ The theme of Human Rights Day 2024 is "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now". It looks at how human rights affect our everyday lives.
- ❖ **Note** - Bihar Human Rights Commission was constituted on 10 December 2008.

SHORT NEWS

- ❖ **Flipkart**, India's homegrown e-commerce platform, has signed an MoU with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to support and empower tech start-ups in India.
- ❖ Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched "**Amrit Gyaan Kosh**" Portal to strengthen governance training.

❖ “Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman” (HSHS) campaign, launched on World Toilet Day (November 19, 2024), concludes on 10th December, aligning sanitation with dignity and human rights on Human Rights Day.

➤ Organized by the D/o Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

❖ US President-elect Donald Trump nominated Indian-American Harmeet K. Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the US Department of Justice.

❖ Former Karnataka Chief Minister and Union Minister SM Krishna passed away at his residence in Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru, at the age of 92.

❖ Filmmaker Payal Kapadia has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Indian director to be nominated for the Best Director (Motion Picture) category at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards for her film *All We Imagine As Light*.

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