

Bihar Special

Bihar Ranks Third in Clean Water Standards

Why in the news?

Bihar's 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' scheme has significantly boosted its cleanliness and water accessibility, placing it third nationally.

- ❖ **National Recognition:** According to the NITI Aayog's Fourth SDG report, Bihar scores 98%, surpassing many states and exceeding the national average.
- ❖ **Comparison:** Goa and Himachal Pradesh top with a perfect score of 100%, while Bihar's 98% underscores its strides in water sanitation.
- ❖ **Achievements:** Bihar was honoured with the third national water award last year, highlighting its progress in this critical area.

"Chethda-Chethda Bhel Vyavastha"

Why in the news?

The book "Chethda-Chethda Bhel Vyavastha" by Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar recipient Sanskriti Mishra was launched at Vidyapati Bhavan.

Dr. Rachna Vidhi

Why in the news?

Dr. Rachna Vidhi, a young scientist from Chhapra, has been selected for the Hall of Fame at a U.S. university. Her picture will be displayed at the USF Research Park in Tampa, Florida.

- ❖ **Field of Contribution:** Renewable energy, including solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric power, and battery technology and storage.

Babulal Madhukar: Magahi Poet and Novelist

Why in the news?

Babulal Madhukar, renowned poet and novelist in the Magahi language, passed away recently at the age of 84 years.

- ❖ **Contribution:** Known for his prolific works in Magahi and Hindi, he authored more than 15 poetry collections, novels, essay collections, and plays.
 - After Magahi's first regional novel Ramartiya, his novel Fatima Didi became quite popular.
- ❖ **Literary Influence:** Collaborated with literary figures like Baba Nagarjun and Phanishwar Nath 'Renu', contributing significantly to the establishment of the Magahi Academy in Bihar.

- ❖ **Political Career:** Served as a member of the Bihar Legislative Council and was actively involved in cultural and literary initiatives.



Polity And Governance

"One Scientist, One Product" Programme

Why in the news?

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will launch its "one scientist, one product" programme.

Five-Year Plan

- ❖ **Annual Identification:** Scientists or groups must identify a product at the start of each year.
- ❖ **Targets:** 5,521 scientists will develop products, technologies, models, concepts, or publications.
- ❖ **Monitoring:** ICAR will monitor progress every three months at the institute level and every six months at the headquarters level.
- ❖ **Duration:** The programme will run for five years.

Seed Hubs and New Varieties

- ❖ **Development Goals:** ICAR aims to develop 100 new seed varieties and 100 farm technologies in 100 days as part of the Centre's 100-day action plan.

Sports

Copa America 2024

Why in the news?

Argentina beat Colombia 1-0 in the Copa America final. This is Argentina's sixteenth Copa America title.

Copa America 2024 Highlights:

- ❖ **Tournament Details:**
 - The 48th edition of the Copa América, organized by CONMEBOL (South America's football governing body), took place in the United States.
 - **Date:** June 20 to July 14, 2024.
- ❖ **Participating Teams:** 16 teams competed in pursuit of the title.
- ❖ **Host Cities:** The tournament was hosted in 14 cities across the United States.

Copa America 2024: Important Awards



Award	Winner	Country	Achievement
Golden Boot	Lautaro Martinez	Argentina	5 goals
Golden Glove	Emiliano Martinez	Argentina	5 clean sheets
Golden Ball	James Rodriguez	Colombia	6 assists

News in Short

- ❖ Clean energy company, ReNew's Chairman and CEO, Sumant Sinha, has been appointed Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders.



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