

### Bihar Special

#### DigiYatra App

##### Why in the news?

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) launched DigiYatra, a biometric-based smartphone application for airport entry, at nine airports.

- ❖ The app was launched at Visakhapatnam, Patna, Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Goa (Dabolim), Indore, Ranchi, Coimbatore and Bagdogra airports.

##### DigiYatra app:

- ❖ DigiYatra app helps you to get rid of long queues waiting that form before entering the airports.
- ❖ The Digi Yatra app connects a traveler's boarding pass to a facial recognition system (FRS) for identity verification.
- ❖ This integration streamlines the process, reducing the time needed to reach the boarding gates and complete pre-security checks.

#### SURAKSHIT SAFAR SUVIDHA

##### Why in the news?

Bihar Police started a service named 'Surakshit Safar Suvidha' under a pilot project in 6 districts to make the journey of women safe.

- ❖ Bihar has become the **third state** in the country after Haryana and Telangana, where women will be tracked through GPS by dialing **112** on one call.
- ❖ This service will start in all the districts of Bihar on 15th September 2024 but currently, it has been started in 6 districts.
- ❖ **6 districts are-** Patna, Nalanda, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Begusarai and Muzaffarpur.
- ❖ It was started from the Control and Command Center located in the Wireless Bhawan complex in Patna.



## Awards and Honors

### FICCI Young Leaders Awards 2024

#### Why in the news?

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized the 1st edition of the FICCI Young Leaders Awards on 29th August 2024.

The awards recognized outstanding young achievers across 13 categories.

- ❖ **Ayushmann Khurrana:** Awarded 'Youth Icon Award 2024 (Entertainment)'.
- ❖ **Neeraj Chopra:** Awarded 'Youth Icon Award 2024 (Sports)'.
- ❖ **Roshni Nadar:** Honored with the 'Most Promising Next-gen Leader Award 2024'.
- ❖ **Ghazal Alagh:** Recognized with the 'Inspiring Woman Leader Award 2024'.



### Poshan Tracker initiative

#### Why in the news?

The Ministry of Women and Child Development won the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (SWARNA).

- ❖ The award was given for the Poshan Tracker initiative, recognized for its government process re-engineering and digital transformation.
- ❖ The Nutrition Tracker ensures real-time monitoring and evaluation of children's nutritional development, contributing to a healthy future for children.

### Poshan Tracker initiative

- ❖ It is a tech tool to monitor Mission Poshan 2.0's progress, including growth measurements, Aadhar verification, and real-time tracking of nutrition services.



## International Relations

### First international AI treaty

#### Why in the news?

The European Union, United States, United Kingdom, and others signed the first international legally binding treaty on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems.

- ❖ The treaty was opened for signature at a Council of Europe conference in Vilnius, Lithuania.
- ❖ Signatory countries include Andorra, Georgia, Iceland, Norway, Moldova, San Marino, and Israel.
- ❖ Nations involved in negotiating the treaty also include Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, the Vatican, Japan, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay.

#### Council of Europe:

- ❖ The Council of Europe is an organization based in Strasbourg, France is responsible for upholding human rights and consists of 47 member states, including the 27 member states of the EU.



### ADNOC and ExxonMobil Partnership for Low-Carbon Hydrogen Facility

#### Why in the news?

The announcement of a partnership between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and ExxonMobil to develop the world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility.

- ❖ **Location:** The facility will be located in Baytown, Texas.
- ❖ **ADNOC's Stake:** ADNOC will acquire a 35% equity stake in the project.
- ❖ **Technology:** The facility will use advanced carbon capture and storage technologies to remove approximately 98% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- ❖ **Production Capacity:** It will produce up to 1 billion cubic feet of low-carbon hydrogen daily and more than 1 million tons of low-carbon ammonia annually.



- ❖ **Impact:** The facility aims to decarbonize hard-to-abate sectors such as industry, energy, and transportation, and boost U.S. competitiveness in the low-carbon hydrogen market.
- ❖ **Timeline:** The final investment decision is expected in 2025, with operations commencing by 2029.



### Miscellaneous

#### International Solar Festival 2024

##### Why in the news?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the first International Solar Festival 2024.

- ❖ **Event-** 05-06 September, Bharat Mandapam, Delhi.
- ❖ **Organised by** - International Solar Alliance (ISA)

##### India's Solar Energy Achievements:

- ❖ India's solar energy capacity has increased 32-fold in the last 10 years.

- ❖ India is on track to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.
- ❖ India is the first G20 nation to fulfill its Paris Agreement renewable energy commitments.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi highlighted the significance of ISA in promoting the vision of "One World, One Sun".

#### International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- ❖ International Solar Alliance (ISA), established in 2015, now has 100 member countries, with 19 more nations ratifying the framework agreement for full membership.
- ❖ **Aims** - to highlight solar energy's transformative power in advancing Sustainable Development Goals and universal energy access.



## Index and Report

### Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) Rankings-2022

#### Why in the news?

Kerala ranked as the top performer in promoting ease of doing business, followed by Andhra Pradesh.

- ❖ Other top performers include - Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Worst Performers - Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, and Puducherry
- ❖ Ranking Released by - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

## Obituary

### Aruna Vasudev

#### Why in the news?

Aruna Vasudev, a renowned film critic, and author Known as the 'mother of Asian cinema', has passed away.



#### News in Short

- ❖ Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan topped the list of celebrity taxpayers with advance tax payments of Rs 92 crore in 2023-24.
- ❖ Former Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier was appointed Prime Minister of France.
- ❖ Aparna Yadav was Appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of the UP Women's Commission.
- ❖ Luis Ayala, a legendary tennis player from Chile, has passed away at the age of 91.



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