

Bihar Special**Per Capita Income in Bihar****Why in the news?**

According to the recent report released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation:

At Current prices:

- ❖ In Bihar, the per capita income at current prices in the year 2022-23 was Rs 59,244, which has increased to Rs 66,828 in 2023-24.
 - That is, the per capita income at current prices has increased by Rs 7584 in the last one year.
- ❖ Apart from this, Bihar's gross domestic product i.e. GDP has also increased by 14.5 percent.
 - Bihar's gross state domestic product at current prices is set to reach Rs 8,54,429 crore in the year 2023-24 which is 14.5 percent more than last year's Rs 7,46,417 crore.

At Constant Prices:

- ❖ The per capita income in Bihar at constant prices was Rs 33,763 in the year 2022-23, which has increased to Rs 36333 in 2023-24.
 - An increase of Rs 2570 has been registered in the per capita income at constant prices.

- ❖ Bihar's GDP has grown at the rate of 9.2 percent in the year 2023-24, which has increased to Rs 4,64,540 crore in the year 2023-24 as compared to Rs 4,25,384 crore in 2022-23.

Comparison with neighboring states:

- ❖ Bihar's neighboring states have higher per capita income than Bihar.
 - At current prices, Chhattisgarh has a per capita income of Rs 1,47,361, while Jharkhand has Rs 1,05,274, Uttar Pradesh has Rs 93,514, West Bengal has Rs 1,54,119, Odisha has Rs 1,63,101 and Madhya Pradesh has Rs 1,42,565.

BIHAR ECONOMIC SURVEY 2023-24

- ❖ The nominal per capita income in the state is estimated to be Rs. 59,637, with an increase of 13.9 percent over the previous year.
- ❖ After adjusting for increase in prices, the real per capita income of the state is estimated to grow by 9.0 percent in 2022-23 to reach Rs. 35,119.

Polity And Governance

Bombay HC quashes amended IT rules

Why in the news?

The Bombay High Court quashed the amended Information Technology rules holding it as unconstitutional.

- ❖ On April 6, 2023, the government promulgated amendments to the IT Rules 2021
- ❖ The rules provided for establishing FCU (Fact Checking Unit) with powers to flag misleading or false online content concerning the government.

Why did the HC termed it unconstitutional?

- ❖ The amended rules infringed the right to equality and freedom of speech.
 - It violated Article 14 (right to equality), Article 19 (freedom of speech and expression) and Article 19(1)(g) (freedom to practice any profession) of the Constitution.
- ❖ The court also said the rules being vague and broad could cause a “chilling effect” not only on an individual but also social media intermediaries.

Economy

Economic Advisory Council Report

Why in the news?

According to a working paper (Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24) by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM):

- ❖ Five southern states: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu accounted for over 30 per cent of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2023-24.
 - West Bengal saw its share shrink from the third-largest of 10.5 per cent in 1960-61 to only 5.6 per cent in 2023-24.
- ❖ The economic liberalization that began in the 1990s seems to have benefited Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Delhi the most.
 - Their share in the national GDP has increased significantly between 1990-91 and 2023-24.

Share of States in national GDP:

- ❖ Maharashtra's share in the national GDP fell from 14.6 per cent in 1990-91 to 13.3 per cent in 2023-24.
 - It still maintains the top spot among states.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's share declined, from 8.7 per cent in 1960-61 to 7.1 per cent in 1990-91.
 - It saw a turnaround, with its share in the national GDP touching 8.9 per cent in 2023-24.
- ❖ Gujarat's economy has also transformed, with its share in the national GDP increasing from 6.4 per cent in 1990-91 to 8.1 per cent in 2022-23.

Per Capita Income:

- ❖ Relative per capita income remained the highest in Delhi, Telangana, Karnataka and Haryana, and the lowest in Bihar.

Share of national GDP (%)	1990-91	2000-01	2010-11	2020-21	2023-24
Maharashtra	14.6	14	15.2	13.0	13.3
Tamil Nadu	7.1	8.3	8.4	8.9	8.9
Uttar Pradesh	12.6	10.2	8.7	8.2	8.4
Karnataka	5.3	6.2	5.9	8.1	8.2
Gujarat	6.4	6.4	7.5	8.0	8.1*
West Bengal	7.9	8.2	6.7	5.7	5.6
Rajasthan	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.0
Andhra Pradesh	7.6	8.2	4.6	4.9	4.7
Madhya Pradesh	6.9	4.3	3.8	4.7	4.5
Kerala	3.2	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8
Haryana	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.6	3.6
Delhi	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6

*For 2022-23 Source: PM-EAC

Environment And Geography

International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

Why in the news?

The Union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal of India to become a member country of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

- ❖ On February 29, 2024, the Union cabinet approved the establishment of International Big Cat Alliance with Headquarters in India with a one-time budgetary support of ₹150 crore for a period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28.

International Big Cat Alliance

- ❖ **Launch:** On the occasion of commemorating 50 years of India's Project Tiger on April 9, 2023 the Prime Minister launched an International Big Cat Alliance.
- ❖ **Objective:** It aims at securing the future of cats: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and the cheetah.
- ❖ **Member countries:**
 - All UN member countries are eligible for becoming a member of IBCA.
 - So far four countries have become members of IBCA including India, Nicaragua, Eswatini and Somalia.
 - Twenty-four countries (including India) have consented to be members of IBCA
 - Nine international organizations have also consented to be a partner organization of IBCA.

Miscellaneous

Jordan: First Leprosy Free Nation

Why in the news?

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently declared Jordan the first country to eliminate leprosy.

- ❖ Capital of Jordan: Amman.
 - Recently, Jordan's King Abdullah has appointed Jafar Hassan as the new prime minister of the country.
- ❖ WHO HQ: Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ Director General of WHO: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Leprosy

- ❖ It is also known as Hansen's disease.
- ❖ It is caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*.
- ❖ It affects the skin, nerves, and respiratory tract.
- ❖ **World Leprosy Day:** It is traditionally celebrated on the last Sunday of January every year.



Index and Report

Global Cybersecurity Index 2024

Why in the news?

India has marked a significant milestone in its cybersecurity efforts by achieving top Tier i.e. Tier 1 status in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024.

- ❖ With a remarkable score of 98.49 out of 100, India joins the ranks of 'role-modeling' countries.

Global Cybersecurity Index 2024

- ❖ It assessed national efforts based on five pillars: legal, technical, organizational, capacity development, and cooperation.
- ❖ The comprehensive questionnaire includes 83 questions, covering 20 indicators, 64 sub-indicators, and 28 micro-indicators, ensuring a thorough evaluation of each country's cybersecurity landscape.
- ❖ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) played a pivotal role as the nodal agency representing India in this index.

ITU established the Global Cybersecurity Index in 2015. The report series identifies areas for improvement and encourages countries to act on strengthening cybersecurity.

Persons In News

Shubhanshu Shukla

Why in the news?

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will pilot the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025.

- ❖ He will be part of an international crew, with fellow Indian astronaut and backup pilot Group Captain Prashanth Nair also from the IAF.
- ❖ The mission will be commanded by renowned astronaut Peggy Whitson.
- ❖ This mission will mark India's first human presence aboard the ISS.
- ❖ It will be the second government-sponsored human spaceflight in more than four decades, following Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma's 1984 mission with the Soviet Union.

Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission

- ❖ It is the result of a collaborative initiative between India and the United States.

- ❖ It will utilize SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft, known for its advanced life support systems and automated docking capabilities.
- This will ensure a safe journey for the crew, who will spend up to 14 days aboard the ISS.

Important Days/ Dates

International Day of Peace

Why in the news?

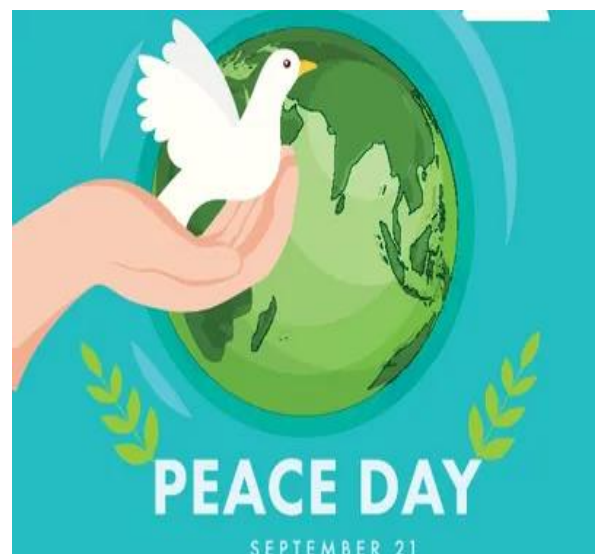
The International Day of Peace is observed annually on September 21.

- ❖ **Objective:** To promote peace and celebrate the power of global solidarity for a peaceful and sustainable world
- ❖ **Theme, 2024:** Cultivating a Culture of Peace.
- ❖ **History of the day:**
 - It was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. In 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to devote a day to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace.

- The UN initially designated the third Tuesday in September 1981 to celebrate World Peace Day.
- Later in 2002, the date was then shifted and fixed to September 21.

Global Peace Index 2024:

- ❖ It is published annually by The Institute for Economics and Peace.
- ❖ India is currently ranked 116th globally (Score: 2.319) in the GPI 2024, which is a significant improvement from its 126th rank in 2023, 139th in 2020, and 141st in 2019.
- ❖ The top three nations in the index are Iceland, Ireland and Austria.



News in Short

- ❖ Tata Steel has successfully commissioned India's largest blast furnace at Kalinganagar, Odisha.
- ❖ Indian lifter Loganathan Dhanush claimed the bronze medal in the 55kg weight category at the IWF Junior World weightlifting championship in Spain.
- ❖ India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) will be organizing the 43rd edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF), at Bharat Mandapam (New Delhi), from November 14-27, 2024.

- ❖ A poem on the National War Memorial and a chapter on India-Pakistan war martyr Abdul Hameed have been added to the NCERT's Class 6 curriculum.
- ❖ Bharti Airtel is the 4th company in India to hit a market cap of Rs 10 trillion.
- ❖ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar unveiled joint commemorative stamps celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Romania.



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