

Bihar Special

Food Processing Opportunities in Bihar

Why in the news?

Bihar is ready to become a key player in food processing, covering areas like agriculture, horticulture, and dairy. The state plans to process a variety of products, including maize, fruits, vegetables, pulses, milk, honey, spices, and bakery items.

E-Radiation Center

- ❖ An e-radiation center in Bihta will export processed food to the USA and Europe.
- ❖ Extends shelf life and maintains quality of perishable items.

Export Pack House

- ❖ A 2-acre export pack house in Sikanderpur, Bihta, will boost exports of products like lychee and mangoes.

Local Processing Units

- ❖ Processing units for Muzaffarpur lychee, Mithila fox nuts, Bhagalpur mangoes, Gaya paan, Silao Khaja, and Champaran rice.
- ❖ Bihar Food Processing Policy 2024 aims to attract investment and enhance the state's food processing sector.

Mega Food Park

- ❖ A 140-acre Mega Food Park in Muzaffarpur will house 60 units, with ₹1500 crore investment.
- ❖ Features include dry warehouses, cold storage, frozen storage, and a banana ripening chamber.

Ambuja Cement's Investment in Bihar

Why in the news?

Adani Group-owned Ambuja Cement Ltd (ACL) on 3 August 2024 announced an investment of around ₹1,600 crore in Bihar to set up a cement grinding unit at Warisaliganj in Nawada district.

- ❖ The 6 MTPA Warisaliganj cement grinding unit is the company's first venture in Bihar.

Economy

World Bank's New B-Ready Index

Why in the news?

India is preparing for the B-Ready index, set to replace the World Bank's Doing Business index, which will benchmark the business environment and investment climate globally.

- ❖ **Focus Areas:** The B-Ready index will cover ten topics in business operations, including international trade, financial services, and digital trade.
- ❖ **Key Metrics:** The index aims to assess efficiency in importing and exporting, compliance costs, and digital trade transactions.
- ❖ **Report Publication:** The B-Ready report is expected to be published in April 2026.
- ❖ **Current Efforts:** The commerce and industry ministry is collecting data on the time and cost involved in exporting digitally ordered goods, as well as compliance and transaction costs.
- ❖ **Future Goals:** India aims to significantly increase e-commerce exports, targeting \$200-300 billion by 2030, up from the current \$4-5 billion.
- ❖ **Integration:** The B-Ready elements will be integrated into the Business Reforms Action Plan, which evaluates states on 301 reform points to boost investor confidence and streamline government services.



Apps and Portals

Launch of New Criminal Justice Apps and Laws

Why in the news?

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and e-Summon apps in Chandigarh, aiming to modernise India's criminal justice system through three new laws: BNS, BNSS, and BSA.

Event Overview

- ❖ **Event:** Launch of e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and e-Summon apps.
- ❖ **Location:** Chandigarh.
- ❖ **Occasion:** Introduction of three new criminal laws.

New Criminal Laws

- ❖ **Laws Introduced:**
 - **BNS:** Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, (Previous Name: Indian Penal Code (IPC))

- **BNSS:** Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, (Previous Name: Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC))
- **BSA:** Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, (Previous Name: Indian Evidence Act)

- ❖ **Aim:** To reflect Indian values and ethos of justice, focusing on providing justice rather than just punishment.
- ❖ **Modernization:** Expected to be the biggest reform of the 21st century, leading to a technologically advanced criminal justice system in India.

Technological Enhancements

- ❖ **Apps Launched:**
 - **e-Sakshya:** Strengthens the technical competency of the system.
 - **e-Summon:** Facilitates the issuance and tracking of summons.
 - **Nyaya Setu:** Provides easy access to justice services.
 - **Nyaya Shruti:** Enhances communication within the judicial system.

- ❖ **Impact:** These apps will integrate with existing systems like Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) and Forensic Science Laboratories (FSL) to enhance efficiency.

CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems)

- ❖ **Purpose:** CCTNS is a nationwide platform designed to enhance the efficiency of the Indian police force. It facilitates the digitization of crime records, tracking of criminal cases, and integration of various police databases across the country.

FSL (Forensic Science Laboratories)

- ❖ **Purpose:** FSL provides forensic analysis services that support the criminal justice system by examining physical evidence related to criminal investigations.

Implementation Goals

- ❖ **Chandigarh:** Set to become the first administrative unit with 100% implementation of the new laws within two months.
- ❖ **Time-bound Processes:** Ensure that judgments up to the Supreme Court level are delivered within three years.



Sports

Djokovic wins gold at Paris 2024 Olympics

Why in the news?

Serbia's Novak Djokovic beat Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in the men's tennis singles final to win the gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

- ❖ Novak Djokovic becomes the fifth player to complete a career Golden Slam.
- ❖ He joins the ranks of Steffi Graf: 1988, Andre Agassi: 1999, Rafael Nadal: 2010 and Serena Williams: 2012
- ❖ At 37, he is the oldest tennis gold medallist since 1988 and the first to win men's singles gold without dropping a set since the 1988 Seoul Games.



Persons In News

Daljit Singh Chaudhary appointed interim DG of BSF

- ❖ **Leadership Change:** Nitin Agrawal, Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force (BSF), has been repatriated to his state cadre.
- ❖ **Interim Appointment:** Daljit Singh Chawdhary, DG of the Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB), has been given additional charge of the BSF DG position until a regular appointment is made.
- ❖ **Reason for Change:** This move comes amid a rise in terror incidents and infiltration attempts in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ❖ **Recent Data:** From January to July 21, 2024, J&K has reported 14 civilian deaths, 14 security personnel deaths, 24 counter-terror operations, and 11 terror-initiated incidents.

Daljit Singh Chawdhary Takes Additional Charge As Border Security Force Chief



Obituary

Sara Abraham

Sara Abraham, a prominent figure in contemporary Indian art, passed away recently.

Kala Yatra Initiative



- ❖ Initiated the 'Kala Yatra' in the 1970s, a travelling art gallery exhibiting works across various Indian cities.
- ❖ Aimed to make art accessible and educate the public on appreciating art.

Dr. Yamini Krishnamurthy

Why in the news?

Dr. Yamini Krishnamurthy, a renowned Indian classical dancer known for her significant contributions to Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, passed away on August 3, 2024.



- ❖ She received the Padma Shri in 1968 at age 28, the Padma Bhushan in 2001, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2016. She was also honored with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1977.

News in Short

- ❖ The "VIRAASAT" exhibition, celebrating the 10th National Handloom Day, began on August 3, 2024, at Handloom Haat, Janpath. Organized by NHDC under the Ministry of Textiles, it will run until August 16, 2024. This year, the 10th National Handloom Day will be celebrated on 7th August.
- ❖ Manu Bhaker, the talented Indian shooter, and double bronze medallist in Paris Olympics 2024, is set to be the flag bearer for India at the Olympic closing ceremony in Paris.



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