

Bihar Special

Fish Production in Bihar

- ❖ In the fiscal year 2023-24, Bihar has come close to achieving self-sufficiency in fish production, with a total output of 8.73 lakh tons, slightly below the target of 8.89 lakh tons.
- ❖ Compared to the previous year (2022-23), there has been an increase of 27 thousand tons in fish production in 2023-24.
- ❖ Madhubani recorded the highest fish production with 91.78 thousand tons in the past financial year. In contrast, Jehanabad reported the lowest production with 1.58 thousand tons.

Publication of Books on 15 Padma Shri Awardees

- ❖ Bihar Museum is set to release a book narrating life stories of Padma Shri awardees from Bihar.
- ❖ Book titled "Padma Shri Kalakar of Bihar" to feature 15 artists honoured with Padma Shri.
- ❖ It will include contemporary and folk artists renowned for Mithila painting and other art forms.

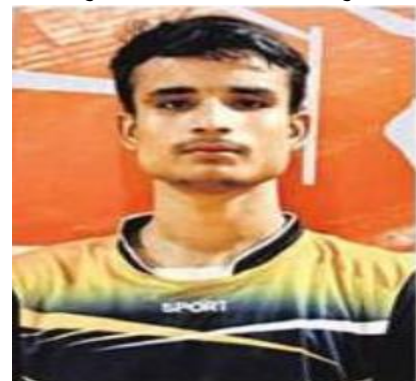
Soil Sampling Targeted for 5 Lakh Samples in Bihar This Year

- ❖ **Increased Target:-** Bihar aims to analyse 5 lakh soil samples this year, marking a 60% increase compared to the previous year.

- ❖ **Achieved Targets:-** In the year 2023-24, the target of analyzing 2 lakh soil samples was met successfully.
- ❖ **Testing Facilities:-** There are soil testing laboratories in all 38 districts of the state, along with one mobile soil testing laboratory in each subdivision, totaling 9 per division.
- ❖ **Digital Soil Fertility Map:-** After collecting soil samples, a digital soil fertility map is being generated, which will facilitate identification of suitable crops and fertilizer recommendations.

Selection of Bobby Kumar in Indian Sepak Takraw Team

- ❖ Bobby Kumar from Patna has been selected in the Indian Sepak Takraw team for the upcoming World Cup event.
- ❖ The International Sepak Takraw Federation (ISTAF) World Cup will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 16 to May 26, 2024.
- ❖ Sepak takraw is also called buka ball, kick volleyball or foot volleyball.



Environment and Geography

India's Rise in Solar Energy Production

- ❖ **Ranking Shift:-** India has overtaken Japan to become the world's third-largest solar energy producer.
- ❖ **Historical Context:-** In 2015, India ranked ninth globally in solar energy usage.
- ❖ **Progressive Growth:-** Since then, India has made substantial strides in solar energy production.
- ❖ **Global Impact:-** In 2023, 5.5% of global electricity production came from solar energy.

Science and Technology

Ukraine Introduces AI Spokesperson:- Victoria Shi

- ❖ The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recently introduced an innovative approach to handle diplomatic communications by launching an AI spokesperson named Victoria Shi.
- ❖ This development marks a significant step as it's the first time Ukraine has employed a digital spokesperson for conveying official statements.



Places in News

Manipur introduces 'School on Wheels' program

- ❖ The Manipur Government has launched a "School on Wheels" initiative to reach out to students staying in relief camps in the ethnic violence-hit state.
- ❖ It involves a mobile educational setup equipped with a library, computers, and sports equipment, accompanied by a teacher, visiting several camps.



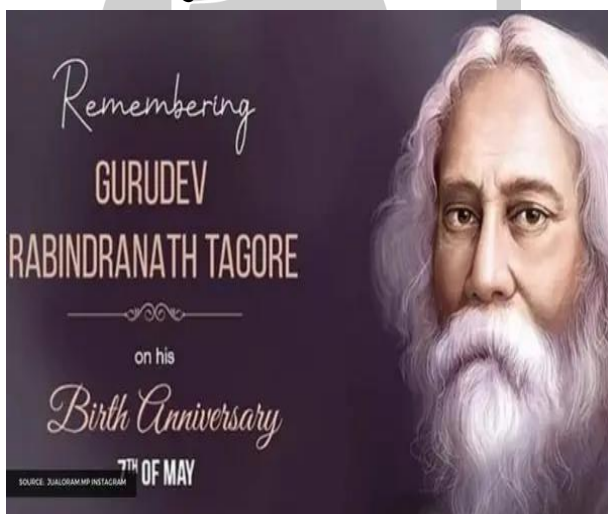
Persons in News

Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd Birth Anniversary

Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti 2024 commemorates the 163rd birth anniversary of the versatile Bengali Poet.

- ❖ **Background:-** Born on 7th May, 1861 in Calcutta, India, into a prominent Bengali family, he was a renowned poet, novelist, playwright, and essayist.

- ❖ **Nobel Laureate:-** Awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913, the first non-European to achieve this honour for his Internationally acclaimed collection of poetry, Gitanjali.
- ❖ **Social Reform:-** Advocated for Indian independence and social reform, contributing to the National freedom movement.
- ❖ **Educational Vision:-** While establishing Visva-Bharati University, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, he emphasized on holistic education and cultural exchange.



Index and Report

The World Bank's report, "Recipe for a Livable Planet:- Achieving Net Zero Emissions in the Agrifood System"

- ❖ Recipe for a Livable Planet is the first comprehensive global roadmap for mitigating the agrifood system's contributions to climate change.
- ❖ It shows how the agriculture system that produces the world's food can cut greenhouse gas emissions while continuing to feed the world.

About World Bank

- ❖ **Establishment:-** Founded in 1944 during the Bretton Woods Conference.
- ❖ **Headquarters:-** Washington, D.C., United States.
- ❖ **President:-** Ajay Banga (Indian-born American)



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