

Bihar Special

State Health Committee Review

Why in the news?

As per the State Health Committee review in September 2024:

- ❖ The districts of North Bihar have performed better in providing online facilities available in the district hospitals of Bihar.
- ❖ Kishanganj, Katihar and Supaul are at the top among the district hospitals.
 - District Hospital Kishanganj is in first place with 98.9 percent marks.
 - Katihar at second place got 98.7 and Supaul in third place has got 97.5 percent marks.
- ❖ Hajipur, Bhojpur and Nawada have got the lowest marks in the performance of online facilities.

Polity And Governance

Classical Languages

Why in the news?

The Union Cabinet has approved to confer the status of classical language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.

- ❖ The primary states involved are Maharashtra (Marathi), Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh (Pali and Prakrit), West Bengal (Bengali), and Assam (Assamese).

Total number of Classical Languages:

- With the addition of these new five languages, the total number of classical languages has increased to 11.
- Tamil was declared as the first classical language in 2004.
 - ✓ After that Sanskrit in 2005, Telugu and Kannada in 2008, Malayalam in 2013, and Odia in 2014 were declared as classical languages.

- ❖ **Significance:** It serves as a custodian of India's profound and ancient cultural heritage, embodying the essence of each community's historical and cultural milestone.

Revised criteria for Classical Language:

- ❖ High antiquity of (its) is early texts/recorded history from 1500 to 2000 years.

- ❖ A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a heritage by generations of speakers.
- ❖ Knowledge texts, especially prose texts in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.
- ❖ The Classical Languages and literature could be distinct from its current form or could be discontinuous with later forms of its offshoots.

International Relations

International Energy Efficiency Hub

Why in the news?

The Union Cabinet approved a proposal for India's entry to the International Energy Efficiency Hub.

- ❖ The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), the statutory agency, has been designated as the implementing agency for the hub on behalf of India.
- ❖ **Significance:** It will help India gain access to an exclusive 16-nation group sharing strategic energy practices and innovative solutions.

International Energy Efficiency Hub.

- ❖ It is a global platform dedicated to fostering collaboration and promoting energy efficiency worldwide.
 - The hub brings together governments, international organizations, and private sector entities to share knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions.
- ❖ It was established in **2020** as the successor to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC).
- ❖ Till July 2024, sixteen countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the United States and the United Kingdom) have joined the Hub.

Schemes In News

National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds)

Why in the news?

The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds).

❖ **Objective:** To boost domestic oilseed production and achieve self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils.

➤ It will focus on enhancing the production of key primary oilseed crops such as rapeseed mustard, Groundnut, Soybean, Sunflower, and Sesamum.

➤ It will be achieved by promoting the adoption of high-yielding high oil content seed varieties, extending cultivation into rice fallow areas, and promoting intercropping.

❖ **Period of implementation:** It will be implemented over seven years, from 2024-25 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs 10,103 crore.

❖ **Key targets:**

➤ It seeks to expand oilseed cultivation by an additional 40 lakh hectares by targeting rice and potato fallow lands, promoting intercropping, and promoting crop diversification.

➤ It aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31.

➤ Together with NMEO-OP (Oil Palm), the Mission targets to increase domestic edible oil production to 25.45 million tonnes by 2030-31 meeting around 72% of our projected domestic requirement.

❖ **SATHI Portal:**

➤ To ensure the timely availability of quality seeds, the mission will introduce an online 5-year rolling seed plan through the 'Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory (SATHI)' Portal.

PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) & Krishonnati Yojana (KY)

Why in the news?

The Union Cabinet approved the proposal from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) to rationalise all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

❖ It will consolidate these schemes into two umbrella initiatives: the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) and the Krishonnati Yojana (KY).

- PM-RKVY will promote sustainable agriculture, while KY will address food security & agricultural self-sufficiency.

- Both schemes will be implemented with a total proposed expenditure of Rs.1,01,321.61 crore.

❖ **PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY):** It comprises of the following schemes:

- Soil Health Management
- Rainfed Area Development
- AgroForestry
- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
- Agricultural Mechanization including Crop Residue Management
- Per Drop More Crop
- Crop Diversification Programme
- RKVY DPR component

❖ **Accelerator Fund for Agri Startups**

❖ **States have been given flexibility to reallocate funds from one component to another based on their specific requirement.**

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

Why in the news?

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

- ❖ **Objective:** It envisions saturation of critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood, through 25 interventions implemented by 17-line ministries of Govt of India by convergence and outreach; and ensures holistic and sustainable development of tribal areas and communities.

Key provisions of the Abhiyan:

- ❖ It will cover around 63,843 villages benefitting more than 5 crore tribal people in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks spread across all tribal majority villages and aspirational blocks in 30 States/UTs.
- ❖ The scheme has a total outlay of Rs.79,156 crores (Central Share: Rs.56,333 crore and State Share: Rs. 22,823 crore).

Miscellaneous

India's first super-capacitor production unit

Why in the news?

Keltron Component Complex Limited (KCCL) has set up India's first super-capacitor production facility at Kannur, Kerala.

- ❖ Industries that can be benefitted include transportation, consumer electronics, renewable energy, defence equipment, space launch vehicles and industrial.
- ❖ **Significance:** It marks a major step towards becoming a world-class manufacturer of electronic components

About Super-Capacitor:

- ❖ It is a high-capacity capacitor whose capacitance is much higher than normal capacitors but with lower voltage limits.
- ❖ It stores up to 100 times more energy per unit volume or mass than electrolytic capacitors.
- ❖ These are being used in several applications ranging from automotive, renewable energy to electronics.



Persons In News

Jimmy Carter

Why in the news?

The 39th US President Jimmy Carter turned 100 years old on 1st October 2024.

- ❖ He is the first US president to reach 100 years old.
 - The previous record-holders for longest-living presidents were George HW Bush, who passed away at 94 years in 2018.
- ❖ The current president, Joe Biden, holds the record as the oldest sitting US president at the age of 81 years.

About Jimmy Carter:

- ❖ He was born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia.

- ❖ He served as President of the United States of America from 1977 to 1981.
- ❖ In 2002, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in promoting peace and advocating for human rights worldwide.



Important Days/ Dates

World Animal Day

Why in the news?

It is observed and celebrated on the 4th of October every year.

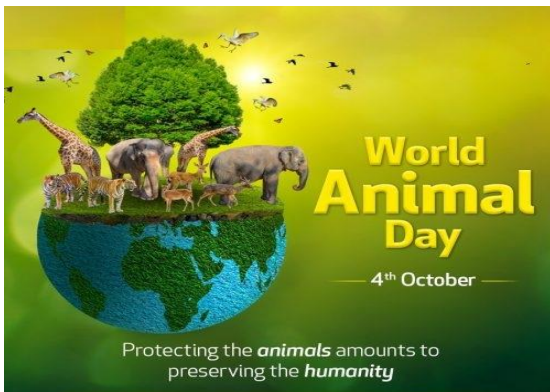
- ❖ **Theme 2024:** The world is their home too.
- ❖ **History of this day:** It was first commemorated on March 24, 1925, at the Sports Palace in Berlin, Germany.
- ❖ This day marks the initiative of cynologist and animal protection advocate Heinrich Zimmermann.
- ❖ In 1929, the date was shifted to October 4 to align with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is celebrated for his compassion and reverence for animals.

Arti Sarin

Why in the news?

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin took over as the director general of the Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)

- ❖ **Significance:** She is the first woman doctor to become the DG of AFMC.
- ❖ **DGAFMS:**
 - It functions directly under the defence ministry and is responsible for medical policy matters related to the military.



News in Short

- ❖ **Telangana has become the first State, in the country, to get a chapter of NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).**
 - It was launched in association with WE Hub and the Telangana government.
 - It aims to promote and support women entrepreneurs across sectors, providing them resources, tools, and a robust network to enhance their business growth
- ❖ **Toilet Tax of Himachal Pradesh:**
 - The government of Himachal Pradesh has introduced a new tax for its urban residents, based on the number of toilet seats in their homes.

- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India has launched the People's Plan Campaign (Jan Yojana Abhiyan) for the preparation of Panchayat Development Plans (PDPs) for 2025-26.
 - The campaign, themed 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' (Everyone's Plan, Everyone's Development), urges rural citizens to actively participate in shaping the future of their villages.
- ❖ **Ram Singh Bouddh, resident of Gajraula in Amroha in Uttar Pradesh has Guinness World Records recognition for having the largest collection of radios.**
 - The Guinness record keepers confirmed that "the largest collection of radios is 1,257 and was achieved by Ram Singh Bouddh,"
- ❖ **Google has recently launched Gemini Live in English for conversations with Gemini on phones.**

- Gemini Live is now being rolled out in Hindi, with eight more Indian languages—Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, and Urdu.

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