

Bihar Special

50-Year-Old Trees to Receive Heritage Status

Why in the news?

Patna Municipal Corporation will confer heritage status on trees older than 50 years. A committee will be formed to identify and preserve these heritage trees.

Tree Census and Identification

- ❖ **Special Survey:**
 - A survey will be conducted to identify trees older than 50 years.
 - Special QR codes will be placed on these trees for easy information access.
- ❖ **Committee Formation:**
 - The committee will include experts to map and survey trees older than 50 years.

Municipal Corporation Initiatives

- ❖ **Four Heritage Gates:**
 - Four heritage gates will be constructed at different locations to enhance the city's heritage appeal.
- ❖ **Selfie Points:**
 - 75 selfie points will be created across the city for public engagement and tourism.

Schemes in News

Extension of Smart Cities Mission (SCM)

Why in the news?

The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) under the Union Urban Development Ministry has been extended till March 31, 2025.

- ❖ **Mission Launch:** Launched in June 2015, 100 cities were selected through a competitive process to be developed as smart cities.
- ❖ **Mission Vision:** The mission aims to develop areas within selected cities as model areas based on an area development plan. This development is expected to positively influence other parts of the city and nearby cities and towns.

Places in News

Sage Parshuram Statue at Parshuram Kund

Why in the news?

A 51-foot-tall statue of Sage Parshuram, considered one of Lord Vishnu's incarnations, will be erected at Parshuram Kund, a holy spot on the bank of the Lohit River in Arunachal Pradesh.

- ❖ **Funding and Support:** Under the central government's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme, a grant of Rs 37.87 crore has been allocated for the site's development.



Sports

Hardik Pandya Becomes No. 1 All-Rounder in T20Is

Why in the news?

Hardik Pandya became the first Indian to reach the No. 1 spot in the ICC's T20I all-rounders' rankings.



- ❖ **Ranking Progress:** Pandya rose two places to achieve this top position,

tying with Sri Lankan Wanindu Hasaranga as the top-ranked men's T20I all-rounder.

Persons in News

Champai Soren

Why in the news?

Champai Soren submitted his resignation as Chief Minister of Jharkhand to Governor CP Radhakrishnan. The Governor accepted the resignation.

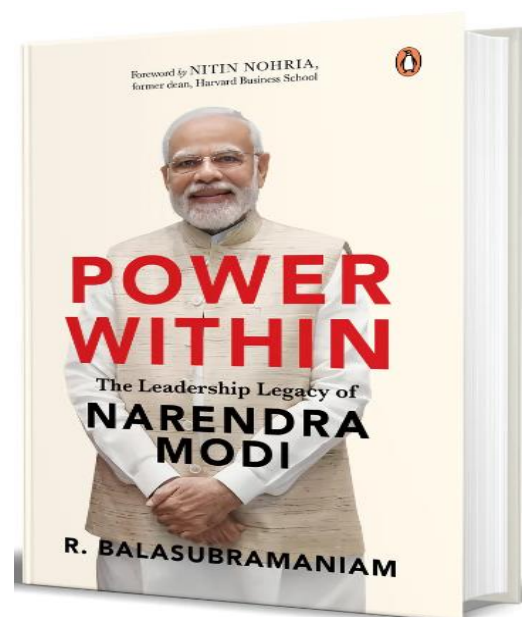
❖ **Expected Swearing-in Ceremony:**

- Hemant Soren is expected to take the oath as Chief Minister for the third time on July 7th.
- He will be the 13th Chief Minister of the state.

Books and Authors

"POWER WITHIN: The Leadership Legacy of NARENDRA MODI"

❖ **Author:** R. Balasubramaniam



News in Short

- ❖ Commodore Diviya Gautam, Principal Director Medical Services at Coast Guard Headquarters (on deputation from the Indian Navy), became the first serving naval woman officer to climb Mount Kilimanjaro (19,341 ft).
- ❖ India will host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee from July 21-31, 2024.

- ❖ Ankita Rai, representing Bihar, secured 9th place in the Under-8 age category at the World Cadet Chess Championship held in Batumi, Georgia.
- ❖ Japan issued new banknotes for the first time in two decades, incorporating advanced 3D holographic technology to combat counterfeiting.



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