

Bihar Special

Bettiah Raj Property Bill, 2024

Why in the news?

The Bihar government has passed a bill to take over 15,215 acres of Bettiah Raj property for public welfare.

- ❖ The total land of Bettiah Raj comes to around 15,215 acres, of which 143 acres fall in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ In Bihar, it is spread across East Champaran, West Champaran, Siwan, Saran, Gopalganj and Patna.
- ❖ Note: Harendra Kishor Singh was the last zamindar of Bettiah Raj who died in March 1893

International Relations

Global Media Congress 2024

Why in the news?

The third Global Media Congress has commenced at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

- ❖ **Objective:** To enhance international cooperation in the media sector by fostering the exchange of global best practices and establishing strategic partnerships.
 - It lays special emphasis on empowering youth participation in the media industry, encouraging innovation, and nurturing creativity among the next generation of media professionals.

About the event:

- ❖ It is organized by ADNEC Group in partnership with the Emirates News Agency and the Government of the UAE.
- ❖ Theme: "Shaping Future Media".



Economy

International Tourism Mart

Why in the news?

The Union Ministry of Tourism has organized the 12th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) at the UNESCO World Heritage site Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve.

- ❖ It was inaugurated by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and will be held from November 26-29, 2024.



❖ **Objective:**

- It serves as a vital platform, bringing together tourism businesses and entrepreneurs from the eight North Eastern States- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim
- To foster connections between regional stakeholders and domestic and international markets.

❖ **History:**

- The first-ever ITM was inaugurated by the then Governor of Assam, Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik, on 19th January 2013 in Guwahati.
- It is organized annually by the Ministry of Tourism, the event rotates among the Northeastern states.
- The 2023 edition was held in Shillong, Meghalaya, from 21st to 23rd November 2023.

Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024

Why in the news?

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying released its annual publication of 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024'.

- ❖ It was released by the Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh on 26th November 2024.
- ❖ It is based on the outcomes of the Integrated Sample Survey conducted for the period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024.
- ❖ It generates crucial data on the production estimates of Major Livestock Products (MLPs) such as Milk, Eggs, Meat, and Wool.
- ❖ At the global level, India is leading in milk production globally whereas 2nd in Egg production.

<p>Milk Production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The total Milk production in the country is estimated as 239.30 million tonnes during 2023-24, registered a growth of 5.62% over the past 10 years which was 146.3 million tonnes in 2014-15. <p>Top five milk-producing states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The top five milk producing States during 2023-24 was Uttar Pradesh with a share of 16.21 % of total milk production followed by Rajasthan (14.51 %), Madhya Pradesh (8.91 %), Gujarat (7.65 %), and Maharashtra (6.71 %). ❖ In terms of annual growth rate (AGR), the highest AGR recorded by West Bengal (9.76%) followed by Jharkhand (9.04%), Chhattisgarh (8.62%) and Assam (8.53%) over the previous year.
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Egg Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The total Egg production in the country is estimated as 142.77 billion nos. during 2023-24 and registered a growth of 6.8% growth over the past 10 years as compared to the estimates of 78.48 billion numbers during 2014-15. <p>Top five egg producing states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Andhra Pradesh is the top state with a share of 17.85% in total egg production, followed by Tamil Nadu (15.64%), Telangana (12.88%), West Bengal (11.37%) and Karnataka (6.63%). ❖ In terms of AGR, the highest growth rate was recorded by Ladakh (75.88%) and followed by Manipur (33.84%) and Uttar Pradesh (29.88%).
Meat Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The total Meat production in the country is estimated as 10.25 million tonnes during 2023-24 and registered a growth of 4.85 % over the past 10 years as compared to the estimates of 6.69 million tonnes in 2014-15. <p>Top meat producing states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ West Bengal with 12.62 % share and followed by Uttar Pradesh (12.29%), Maharashtra (11.28 %), Telangana (10.85 %) and Andhra Pradesh (10.41 %). ❖ In terms of annual growth rate, the highest Annual Growth Rate (AGR) has been recorded in Assam (17.93%) followed by Uttarakhand (15.63%) and Chhattisgarh 11.70(%)
Wool Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The total Wool production in the country is estimated as 33.69 million kg during 2023-24 registered a slight growth of 0.22% over last year. <p>Top Wool Producing states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rajasthan with a share of 47.53% followed by Jammu & Kashmir (23.06%), Gujarat (6.18%), Maharashtra (4.75%) and Himachal Pradesh (4.22%). ❖ In terms of annual growth rate, the highest AGR has recorded by Punjab (22.04%) followed by Tamil Nadu (17.19%) and Gujarat (3.20%).

Science And Technology

India's first AI laboratory in space

Why in the news?

TakeMe2Space has announced the launch of MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure - Technology Demonstrator).

- ❖ It will be India's first AI lab in space.
- ❖ It is scheduled for mid-December 2024 aboard ISRO's PSLV C60 launch vehicle.

About the platform:

- ❖ It will demonstrate real-time data processing in orbit, making space research more affordable and accessible.
 - It will demonstrate the ability to open up the space industry, specifically Earth Observation, to millions of space enthusiasts, researchers, and small companies.
- ❖ It addresses a fundamental challenge in satellite operations: satellites capture petabytes of data daily, with up to 40 percent potentially being unusable due to cloud cover or other factors.
- ❖ TakeMe2Space is a space technology firm based in Hyderabad.



Defence And Security

SAREX-24

Why in the news?

The Indian Coast Guard began the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercises & Workshop (SAREX-24) on 27th November 2024.

- ❖ It is being conducted under the aegis of Nthe MSAR Board at Kochi from November 27 to 30, 2024.
 - It will be conducted with imperatives to validate the National M-SAR construct through an 'all-inclusive' and 'collaborative' approach.
- ❖ Theme of the exercise: "Enhancing Search and Rescue capabilities through Regional collaboration."
 - It signifies ICG's commitment and resolute to provide succor during large scale contingencies regardless of location, Nationality or circumstances in the ISRR and beyond.



Schemes In News

TeacherApp

Why in the news?

Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the TeacherApp in New Delhi.

- ❖ **Objective:** To enhance the quality of education.
 - To equip teachers with the skills needed to navigate 21st-century classrooms, fostering continuous professional development.
- ❖ Theme of the event in which the app was launched: "Elevating Teachers, Elevating India,".

About the TeacherApp:

- ❖ It has been developed with a deep understanding of the challenges teachers face, drawing from on-ground experiences.
 - It has been developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises.
 - The free, user-friendly app, built with direct input from teachers, is accessible on the Web, iOS, and Android, ensuring wide availability for educators across the country.
- ❖ It will empower educators by providing continuous professional development through innovative content, technology, and community-building tools.

- ❖ It provides over 260 hours of high-quality content, including courses, videos, podcasts, webinars, quizzes, and more, aimed at enhancing teaching practices and boosting student engagement.



Persons In News

Dinesh Bhatia

Why in the news?

As per the announcement of the Ministry of External Affairs, Dinesh Bhatia has been named as India's next Ambassador to Brazil.

- ❖ He is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Argentina from August 21, 2019.

About Dinesh Bhatia:

- ❖ He is an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1992 batch.
- ❖ He is an alumnus of the National Defence College (NDC) and participated in the 4th Joint Civil-Military Course on National Security at LBSNAA.

- ❖ He has authored *Devi Purana—A Rendition of Srimad Devi Bhagavatam*, published by Bloomsbury in 2023.



News in Short

- ❖ The third edition of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Tanzania took place in Goa on November 26, 2024.
 - During the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of areas of cooperation, including growing training partnership and service-to-service, maritime & defence industry collaboration.
- ❖ In Chess, eight-year-old Divith Reddy has won the gold medal at the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship in Montesilvano, Italy.

- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir celebrated the 'Samvidhan Diwas' on 26th November, 2024 for the first time since 1950 when the country's Constitution was adopted by Parliament.
- ❖ A Conference on potential of blue economy in the Indian Ocean region, Voyage Sri Lanka 2024, was held at Colombo,
- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu released the Maithili and Sanskrit versions of the Constitution at the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution on 26th November, 2024.
- ❖ India's GSAT-N2 communication satellite was successfully deployed into orbit by SpaceX, marking a significant milestone in the country's efforts to enhance broadband infrastructure.
- ❖ 'Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan':
 - It is a pioneering health awareness campaign launched by the Ministry of Ayush.
 - It aims to provide citizens with tailored health insights based on their Prakriti, facilitating the prevention of diseases and fostering holistic well-being.



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