

Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

We take great pleasure in presenting to you the November edition of our monthly newsletter. We are thrilled to engage with our readers and share important updates from Bihar.

In this edition, we provide a glimpse of India International Trade Fair 2023 (IITF 2023) held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Bihar was the partner state for IITF 2023, where it showcased its vibrant artforms and culture along with the delicacies state offers from different regions. A special pavilion was also setup to connect the potential investors with the apt strategic infrastructure in the state for mutual prosperity.

The newsletter also offers a glimpse of famous festival Chhath Puja and its celebrations in the state and across the world. Bihar Foundation played an important role in connecting with Bihari Diaspora and making the celebrations grand for the ones who could not visit the state during the holy days.

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, Government of Bihar has undertaken significant initiatives to accelerate Bihar towards the path of progress and prosperity. In the past month, record number of teachers were provided with joining letters while a key developments have taken place in the healthcare sector. Inauguration of Lohiya Path and hospital facility in Bhagalpur are a testament to it.

Furthermore, the state has placed a strong emphasis on infrastructure and land development to attract more industries to Bihar. Department of Industries has been carrying out special events to promote investment and invite investors to the upcoming Bihar Business Connect 2023, scheduled from 13th-14th December in Patna.

Additionally, our newsletter highlights the achievements of young minds; a youth making history by cracking IIT exam at an early age of 12 years. Bihar's youths continue to shine as inspiring examples of talent and innovation.

We encourage you to subscribe to our newsletter for regular updates. Please feel free to contact us at rcbihar@yahoo.in with any inquiries or suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.

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25 YEAR MANTRA FOR STUDENTS

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended the convocation ceremony of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at the Patna campus on November 3. Addressing the students who received medals and degrees on this occasion, he advised them to set their goals in such a way that they can contribute their best to the progress of the country in the next 25 years, considering it as a golden period.



IGNITING THE LAMP OF PATRIOTISM

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, participated in the 'Ek Deep Rashtra Ke Naam' cultural program organized at the Veterinary College Ground, Patna, under the joint auspices of the Vande Mataram Foundation and Shri Ram Karmabhumi Nyas, Siddhashram, Buxar. On this occasion, he emphasized the need to ignite the lamp of patriotism in the hearts of the 13 crore residents of Bihar. On the occasion of Diwali, he called for lighting a separate lamp in every home to pray for the protection of the soldiers deployed at the country's borders.



INDOOR STADIUM AT DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA COLLEGE, MUZAFFARPUR

His Excellency Governor, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, inaugurated the newly constructed Indoor Stadium and laid foundation stone for Dr. Mahachandra Prasad Singh Academic Building at Dr. Jagannath Mishra College, Muzaffarpur. On the occasion, he talked about the importance of sports facilities for the holistic development of students and said that every university and college should have such amenities.



JOB LETTERS TO 1.20 LAKH TEACHERS IN BIHAR

"We will certainly achieve the target of providing 10 lakh jobs and 10 lakh employment opportunities to the state youths by the end of 2024." - Hon'ble CM Nitish Kumar



In a historic step, the Government of Bihar recruited more than 120,000 teachers through a single advertisement. On November 3, 2023, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar personally distributed appointment letters to 25,000 teachers during a ceremony in Patna. The Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Tejashwi Yadav, and other senior ministers were also present at the event, each presenting appointment letters to students after the Hon'ble CM's initial distribution.

Out of the appointed teachers, over 70,000 will serve in primary schools, while the remaining will be assigned to high schools and higher secondary or plus two schools. Approximately 58,000, constituting 48 percent of the total, are female teachers.



Redevelopment of Vikas Bhawan



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated the renovated and redevelopment works of the Vikas Bhawan on November 10, including the unveiling of the basement parking, exterior surroundings, and the new fourth floor. Hon'ble CM also inaugurated the newly constructed basement parking at Vikas Bhawan. Following this, Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated and inspected the new fourth floor of Vikas Bhawan. Additionally, he also visited the exhibition of the Invest Bihar initiative by the Industry Department in Vikas Bhawan.



Chief Minister Entrepreneur Scheme : First installment released

First installment of the Chief Minister Entrepreneur Scheme has been released in Bihar. Under this scheme, lakhs of rupees will be provided for industries. The program was organized at Patna's Bapu Sabhagar for the disbursement of the amount. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the ceremony. During the event, the Chief Minister stated that they are working in the service of everyone, considering the welfare of people of all castes, and also emphasized their commitment to working for the welfare of people from economically weaker sections. He mentioned that continuous efforts are being made for the development of the people, and on this occasion, he also demanded special state status for Bihar.



DARBHANGA GETS MEDICAL UPLIFT!



The medical facilities in Darbhanga received an upliftment as Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated a surgical block with 400 beds, amounting to 194.08 crore rupees at Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital. The unveiling ceremony, attended by local representatives, government officials, and medical professionals, marked a significant milestone in the advancement of healthcare infrastructure in Darbhanga. Hon'ble CM also announced a comprehensive plan of annual construction of 250 educational buildings and a hospital with 2100 beds, along with Maharani Rameshwari Bharatiya Chikitsa Vigyan Sansthan in Mohanpur, Darbhanga.



HON'BLE CM SHRI NITISH KUMAR INAUGURATES LOHIYA PATH

The road infrastructure in Bihar has been growing rapidly. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated and inspected the Lohiya Path Chakra by cutting the ribbon. Earlier on October 17th, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated Phase-1 of the Lohiya Path Chakra, located on Nehru Path near Pant Bhavan.



"Best Implementation of Water Resources"



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated 'Ganga Jal Supply Scheme' on November 27, 2022, in Rajgir, and on November 28, 2022, in Gaya. The initiative has earned recognition from the Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBI&P) under the category of 'Best Implementation of Water Resources.'

Under the initiative, a daily supply of Ganga water is being provided to every household in the urban areas of Rajgir, Gaya, and Bodh Gaya. This year, nearly 2 crore devotees at the Rajgir Malmalas Mela and over 15 lakh pilgrims at the Gaya Ji Dham during the Pitrapaksha Mela Mahasangam were facilitated with Ganga water.

With the help of this scheme, large reservoir and a water treatment plant will be set up which will purify the Ganga water for daily distribution of 135 liters per person to the areas aforementioned.

Bihar Power: Transforming Energy Landscape

On the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the establishment of Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited and its subsidiary companies, a ceremony was held to inaugurate, dedicate, commence, and lay the foundation for various energy sector projects with a total cost of 13,934.89 crore rupees.

At the beginning, electricity supply was only 700 megawatts and Patna, the capital, used to get electricity for approximately only 8 hours a day. The department worked diligently, and now, the electricity supply in Bihar exceeds 7000 megawatts. Electricity is reliably reaching every household, whether in villages or cities.

In October 2018, the task was completed to provide electricity to every home two months ahead of the scheduled time. The installation of pre-paid meters is ongoing in rural and urban areas.



BOOMING ETHANOL

IN BIHAR

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated the ethanol plant established by Patel Agro Industries Private Limited on 30 acres in the village of Aravan in the Ben block of Nalanda district.



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BIHAR BUSINESS CONNECT 2023

A GLOBAL INVESTORS' MEET
13-14 DECEMBER 2023
GYAN BHAWAN, PATNA

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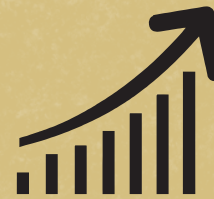
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A land of immense opportunities

The Government of Bihar has transformed the industrial landscape of the state over the past few years. Bihar has emerged as one of the biggest consumer markets. To present the transforming industrial landscape, the Government of Bihar is convening a 2-day mega event 'Bihar Business Connect 2023'. The event will witness business networking, knowledgeable discussions and sessions for exploring synergies and partnership opportunities.

Date & Venue	13th – 14th December 2023 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at Gyan Bhawan, Patna
Day 1 (13th Dec)	Sectoral sessions on: 1. IT/ITeS & ESDM 2. Textile & Leather 3. Food Processing 4. Hospitality & Tourism sectors, combined with relevant field visits.
Day 2 (14th Dec)	A plenary session, where Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers & senior government officers will participate. In the second half of the day, one-to-one B2G meetings will be held. We will also organize visits to Nalanda, Rajgir and Bodh Gaya for interested participants.



Investor Summits' in India and abroad



To encourage investments in the state and help investors learn about the opportunities in Bihar, the industries department regularly organizes investor summits in India and abroad. Recently, there was a summit in Tokyo and another in New Delhi. At the same time, Bihar Foundation, through its chapters, works to involve the Bihari diaspora to make these events successful.



HE AMBASSADOR NGUYEN THANH HAI VISITS BIHAR BHAWAN

His Excellency Ambassador of Vietnam, Nguyen Thanh Hai, on Friday visited Bihar Bhawan to meet Resident Commissioner Shri Kundan Kumar, who informed him about the upcoming Bihar Business Connect 2023 scheduled to be held in Patna on 13th-14th December. HE was also given a formal invitation to join as the partner country for the event.



AN INVITE TO TURKEY



On November 29, 2023, Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner and CEO of Bihar Foundation, had a meeting with Mr. Hidayat Alper, Deputy Ambassador of Turkey, at the Turkish Embassy in New Delhi. In the course of the discussion, he extended an invitation to Turkey to serve as the partner nation for the upcoming Bihar Business Connect 2023 event, slated for December 13-14 in Patna.

IITF 2023



The India International Trade Fair 2023 commenced at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on November 14. Shri Kundan Kumar, the Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner, attended the inauguration ceremony as the representative of Bihar, which was designated as the partner state for the event.





In Hall No. 2, Bihar presented its vibrant art and culture through a dedicated pavilion, offering visitors the opportunity to explore various products from every corner of the state, available for purchase at affordable prices.





A number of dignitaries, including Shri Sameer Mahaseth, Minister of Industries, Government of Bihar, and Shri Sandeep Poundrik, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries, visited the Bihar Pavilion. The pavilion also showcased a range of investment opportunities available in the state.



BIPARD'S TRANSITION POST BIFURCATION OF BIHAR: A MILESTONE



The inauguration of the impressive Administrative Training Institute (ATI) building on October 2, 2022, marked a historic milestone in Bihar's training landscape.

Following the state's bifurcation and formation of Jharkhand and subsequent transfer of then existing ATI to Jharkhand, the Government of Bihar had to manage training for All India services officers, state civil services, and other employees in a makeshift campus for an extended period.

The commitment of the Government of Bihar to establish a state-of-the-art training institute is evident in the current ATI. The institute conducts training programs for Indian Administrative Services (probationers), probationers of Bihar Administrative Services, and probationers of other allied services undergoing a basic training course at the institute.

The new ATI building in Gaya boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including 250 KV solar panels that underline a commitment to sustainability. A range of amenities, such as a swimming pool and a rubberized track for recreational and fitness activities. The implementation of biometric attendance ensures a streamlined and efficient work environment.



Moreover, the campus prioritizes the well-being with a 10-bedded hospital featuring round-the-clock availability of doctors. Hostel residents enjoy convenience with helpdesks on each floor, and the two mess facilities capable of catering to 800 people per day ensures everyone is well-fed. Additionally, the campus houses crucial infrastructure, including a power substation and server rooms, reflecting the foresight in addressing operational needs.

There is an element of joy among the officials as the institute could see the light of the day because of the efforts of building department of Bihar and efforts put in by successive Director Generals of BIPARD and a major contribution was put in by Director General Shri KK Pathak.

World Food India 2023: Outstanding Performance

Bihar received an award for its outstanding performance in the field of food processing. On November 5, Shri Sandeep Poundrik, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Industry Department, and Shri Vivek Ranjan Maitrey, the Director of Food Processing, received the award on behalf of Govt. of Bihar in a ceremony at the Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, during the World Food India event.



Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras, the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, was also present on this occasion. Bihar received this award for its commendable performance in the Prime Minister's Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme. Entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector in Bihar have shown significant interest in this field. According to the PMFME portal, a total of 35,736 applications have been received so far. Among them, 2,827 are under the One District One Product category, while 32,909 applications have been received for other schemes.

Bihar @ World Food India 2023

In the Bihar session at World Food India 2023, over 100 companies took part. Among them were the CEOs of Britannia Industries, Anmol Feeds, and Rakesh Masala, who discussed their experiences regarding the ease of doing business in the state.



Directorate of Horticulture bags first prize in horticulture promotions

The Directorate of Horticulture in Bihar received the first prize for the "Excellent Promotion of Horticulture in Bihar" at the Agri & Horti Expo held at Dilli Haat, New Delhi, as part of Vibrant India 2023. This recognition was bestowed during the Asia Dairy & Fisheries Expo-2023, which took place from November 3-5, 2023, at Dilli Haat, Pitampura, New Delhi. The event was conducted under the auspices of Vibrant India 2023 and received valuable support from Universal Sampo General Insurance. The award was presented by the Asia Dairy & Fisheries Expo-2023 to acknowledge the commendable efforts of the Directorate of Horticulture Bihar in promoting horticulture in the region. The event was organized by NNS Media Group since 1950 and hosted with valued support from the Airports Authority of India.



Youth from Bihar creates history



Coming from a farmer's family in Ara, Bihar, Satyam Kumar, an extraordinary student, has etched his name in the annals of IIT, achieving the remarkable feat of cracking the entrance exam at the age of 12. His journey extends beyond India, encompassing prestigious institutions like the University of Texas and internships at tech giants such as Apple. Born in the village of Bakhorapur in Bhojpur district, Satyam's exceptional intellect led him to secure dual degrees in B.Tech and M.Tech from IIT Kanpur before pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science in the United States. His achievements are surely pride of Bihar.

Bhagalpur Shines Globally in Scientific Excellence



Bhagalpur has attained significant achievement across diverse sectors, notably with the establishment of Bhagalpur Agricultural University, where Dr. Mohammad Waseem Siddiqui has earned global recognition, ranking among the top 2% scientists worldwide according to Stanford University's list for 2023. Dr. Siddiqui's three consecutive years in this elite group reflect his impactful research beyond academic boundaries, particularly in revolutionizing post-harvest processes for fruits and vegetables. His work addresses crucial issues such as food scarcity and significantly contributes to the industry. The global rankings, spanning from 1960 to 2022 and categorized into 'Lifetime Scientific Influence Ranking' and '2022 Annual Scientific Impact Ranking,' underscore his enduring influence and recent academic contributions, drawing from a vast pool of over 10 million scientists worldwide.

World Travel Market 2023: London Chapter

To provide information about Bihar's tourist destinations to international travelers, Bihar participated in the World Travel Market (WTM) show in London, the capital of the United Kingdom. This show, held from November 6th to 8th, focused on branding tourism destinations. Bihar showcased its Buddhist and Sikh circuits, garnering interest among global tourists. Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, Secretary, Tourism Department of Bihar, informed the gathered tourists at the show about Bihar's Ramayana Circuit, Sufi Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Jain Circuit, as well as significant places related to Heritage Culture and Eco-Tourism. In addition, information was shared about the Eco Circuit, Gandhi Circuit, Shiv Shakti Circuit, and the option of cruising on the Ganges River. The tourists were also encouraged to explore Bihar and experience its diverse attractions.

Highlights from the inaugural day of World Travel Market 2023 (WTM, Excel London)



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Secretary Tourism, Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, Director Tourism, Shri Vinay Kumar Rai, GM BSTDC, Shri Abhijeet Kumar, and other notable dignitaries graced the Bihari Connect event, hosted in collaboration with Bihar Foundation's UK Chapter.



Promotion of Bihar Government Employees

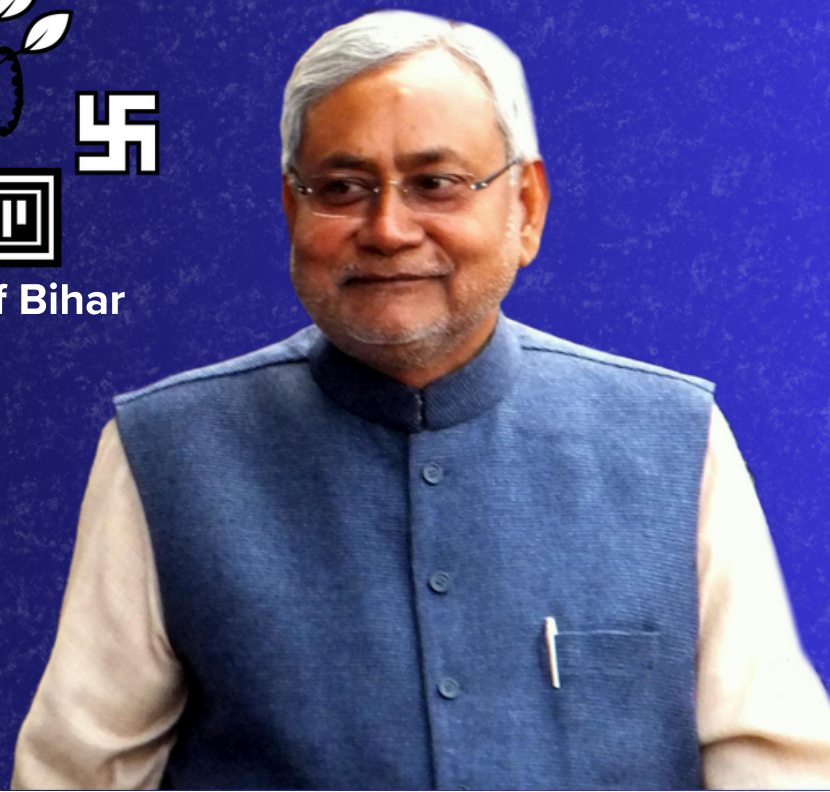
The Government of Bihar, under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, has promoted employees and officers across various departments. These promotions, encompassing diverse sectors such as education, health, administration, and law enforcement, underscore the government's commitment to recognizing the hard work and dedication of its workforce.

The promotions have sent an element of joy among the employees, ultimately leading to increased productivity and improved service delivery. By prioritizing the professional growth of its personnel, the Bihar government is not only investing in the development of its human capital but also ensuring a more efficient and responsive public administration.

In October, the decision was made under the executive management to provide higher responsibilities and salary increments to government servants. It is noteworthy that these promotions have directly benefited over 75,000 employees of the Government of Bihar.



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Chhath is an old Hindu festival that originally comes from the Indian subcontinent, especially the state of Bihar. During Chhath puja, people pray to the sun god (Surya) to show gratitude and thankfulness for bestowing life on earth and to ask for certain wishes. The festival happens six days after Deepavali, or Tihar, in the Hindu calendar month of Kartika (October–November). It lasts for four days and involves rituals like taking a holy bath, fasting, standing in water, and offering prayers and offerings to the sun during sunrise and sunset. Chhathi Maiya, who is considered the sixth form of Prakrti and Surya's sister, is also worshipped during this time.

His Excellency Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister greet devotees



On the occasion of Chhath Puja, His Excellency Governor, Shri Rajendra Arlekar, and hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, visited various ghats of Ganga river on a steamer to greet the devotees, who were offering Arghya to the setting Lord Bhaskar.



THE NEXT MORNING



Hon'ble Chief Minister, along with family members, offered the morning oblation to the rising sun, Lord Bhaskar, at the Chief Minister's residence on 1 Anne Marg.



His Excellency Governor, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, offered prayers to the rising sun in the pond located within the Raj Bhavan premises.

Chhath celebrations across the world

With individuals from Bihar dispersing across various corners of the globe, the art and culture have intertwined with them. Those unable to be present in Bihar for the celebrations conducted festivities in their respective regions. [Bihar Foundation](#) played a key role to engage with the diaspora and get a glimpse of how devotees were observed performing the rituals on an international scale.



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