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RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to share with you the August 2024 edition of our newsletter, filled with exciting updates from Bihar.

This month has been marked by significant progress and development. The Hon'ble Finance Minister announced the Budget 2024-25, which includes a remarkable allocation of over ₹49,000 crores dedicated to enhancing development and infrastructure in our state. This substantial investment reflects our ongoing commitment to Bihar's growth and modernization.

In recent weeks, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar has inaugurated several key projects, including the Valmiki Auditorium, a new guest house, a section of JP Ganga Path, and the Van Mahotsav 2024. These initiatives are part of our broader efforts to improve public amenities and promote environmental sustainability.

We also witnessed a landmark approval this month with the introduction of Bihar's first Film Promotion Policy. This new policy aims to bolster our local film industry and attract investment, paving the way for vibrant cultural and economic growth.

Moreover, the Bihar Foundation, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, successfully hosted the Videsh Sampark Program in Patna. This event was a crucial step in strengthening international relationships and exploring new investment opportunities for Bihar.

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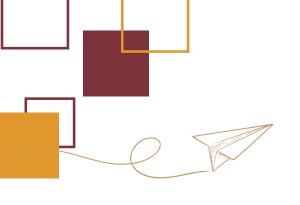


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Enhancing Quality Education: A workshop





Raj Bhavan organized one-day workshop on "Leadership Development for Quality Higher Education" for vice-chancellors of state universities on July 3, 2024. The event was inaugurated by His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, who emphasized crucial role of education in India's development by 2047. He said that to give a new direction to higher education in Bihar, it is imperative to set clear goals and take responsibility to achieve them.

8th Senate Meeting @ Patliputra University





His Excellency, Governor-cum-Chancellor Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended 8th Senate meeting of Patliputra University, held at the J.D. Women's College auditorium in Patna. Addressing the students, he highlighted Bihar's renowned ancient and traditional education system, emphasizing the need to adapt it to contemporary contexts. He noted historical significance of Nalanda University, which was globally celebrated for its quality education, and encouraged universities in Bihar to strive for similar excellence by continually enhancing their educational standards.

'Vision Walk' for blind and specially abled people



His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurated 'Vision Walk' organised by Lions Club of Patna Centennial for blind children by flying a balloon and flagged it off on Sunday (July 7, 2024). During the occasion, he noted that people must remain sensitive towards blind and specially abled; also, we should keep doing something for such suffering people of the society.

"Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

Under the campaign – "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" – launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 5, His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar planted a white sandalwood sapling in the Raj Bhavan premises. On World Environment Day, Hon'ble PM started the campaign and urged people in India and around the world to plant a tree in honor of their mothers in the coming days.



"Bapu in Bihar" book released



His Excellency, the Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, released a book "BAPU IN BIHAR-Gandhiji's Pilgrimage in Search of Truth" on Tuesday. The book, compiled and written by Chief Post Master General of Bihar Postal Circle, Shri Anil Kumar, was unveiled at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. During the event, Governor Arlekar praised Mahatma Gandhi's enduring influence, highlighting how his principles of Gram Swaraj, Swadeshi, and self-reliance are pivotal in achieving the vision of a developed India.

Guru Shishya Parampara in Bihar





On the occasion of Guru Purnima (July 21), His Excellency Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar addressed a program on 'Guru Shishya Parampara' held in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. He emphasized that both teachers and students should approach their roles with utmost dedication. Teachers should impart knowledge with commitment, while students should pursue learning with equal devotion and enthusiasm.

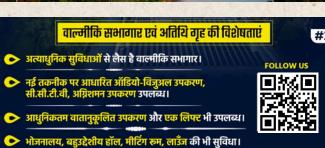
Valmiki auditorium and guest house to boost eco-tourism in West Champaran





On June 27, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated Valmiki Auditorium and Guest House in West Champaran district. Located near the Valmiki Tiger Reserve, this new facility is set to attract a significant number of visitors. The region, known for its mountains, forests, and rivers, has become a prominent eco-tourism destination in recent years. The area boasts numerous scenic spots that appeal to both tourists and wildlife enthusiasts. With the addition of four newly constructed guest houses featuring modern amenities, visitors will now have access to maintained and high standard accommodation.









Hon'ble Chief Minister launches Van Mahotsav 2024



On July 8, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, launched the state-level event 'Van Mahotsav-2024,' organized by the Department of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. During the event, he planted a sapling and urged people to plant more trees in their surroundings and premises. It is important to note that the state is also running the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali campaign to protect and enhance the environment and address the challenges of climate change.

Inauguration of J.P. Ganga Path section enhances connectivity and accessibility



On June 24, 2022, a new section of the J.P. Ganga Path, extending from Gayaghat to Kanganghat, was inaugurated. With this transportation has improved between the eastern and western parts of Patna. The new path facilitates seamless connectivity between major hospitals in Patna—PMCH, NMCH, and AIIMS—providing the public with better access to medical facilities. Additionally, the upgraded route enhances travel between North Bihar and South Bihar.

With the inauguration of this section, access to key locations such as the birthplace of Shri Guru Govind Singh Ji Maharaj, Takht Shri Harimandir Sahib, and other religious and historical sites has been greatly simplified, resulting in considerable time savings for travelers.

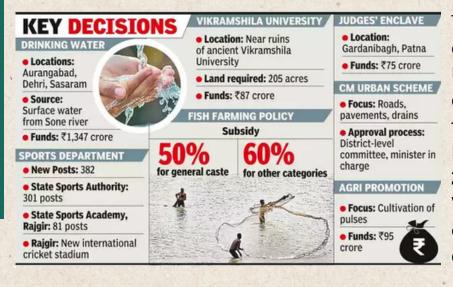
Hon'ble CM distributes appointment letters to 9,888 candidates in Revenue and Land Reforms Department



On Wednesday, July 3rd, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar distributed appointment letters candidates 9,888 in Reforms Revenue and Land Department at the 'Samvad' in the Chief Minister's Secretariat. Among them were 353 Special Survey Assistant Settlement Officers, 758 Special Kanungos, 742 Special Survey Clerks, and 8,035 Special Survey Amins.

Cabinet approves water supply, sports and education schemes

On Friday (July 19), the state cabinet approved a government proposal to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Aurangabad, Dehri, and Sasaram by sourcing surface water from the Sone River. Additionally, the cabinet approved the sports department's proposal to create 382 new posts, which include 301 positions for the state and district units of the State Sports Authority (SSA) and 81 positions for the State Sports Academy in Rajgir, Nalanda, where an international cricket stadium is under construction.



The cabinet also sanctioned the establishment of Vikramshila University, making it the third central university in the state, following those in Gaya and Motihari. This project will require 205 acres near the ancient ruins of Vikramshila University, with Rs 87 crore allocated for its development.



Bihar gets nod for its first 'Film Promotion Policy'



In a cabinet meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, the Government of Bihar approved Bihar's first 'Film Promotion Policy' aimed at providing institutional support to filmmakers.

Key incentives in the policy (Click to read)

- Includes financial grants of up to Rs 4 crore for producing films, documentaries, and serials in regional languages and others.
- Offers various financial incentives for regional films in languages such as Bhojpuri, Maithili, Magahi, Angika, and Bajjika.
- Provides single-window clearance for all government permissions, as well as adequate security and safety arrangements.
- Establishes an empowered committee and a film facilitation centre to streamline processes for the film fraternity.

Celebrity Buzz: Reactions













Budget 2024: What's in it for Bihar?

Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the budget for the financial year 2024-25 on July 23. Special announcements were made for Bihar, with a particular focus on the allocation of funds to develop roads and infrastructure in the state.

In the 2024-25 budget, Bihar has been allocated approximately Rs 59,000 crore. This includes funding for the construction of the Patna-Purnia Expressway and the Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway, costing Rs 26,000 crore. Road projects in Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Vaishali, and Darbhanga will also be completed with this allocation. Additionally, a two-lane bridge over the Ganges River in Buxar will be constructed with the help of the central government.

Moreover, power projects worth Rs 21,400 crore will be initiated, including a new 2,400 MW power plant in Pirpainti. Furthermore, Rs 11,500 crore has been allocated for flood management.

In addition to these developments, the central government will assist in developing an industrial center in Gaya as part of the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor. Bihar will also see improvements in new airports, medical colleges, and sports infrastructure.

Vishnupad Temple in Gaya and Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya will be developed, following the model of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor. Nalanda University will also be developed as a tourist spot.



From Muzaffarpur to UK Parliament



People from Bihar are now making significant contributions abroad. Shri Kanishka Narayan, a 33-year-old man from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, on July 4, won the UK general elections as a Labour candidate, bringing pride to Muzaffarpur and India. Shri Kanishka Narayan studied in Muzaffarpur until the third grade, briefly attended APJ School in Delhi, and moved to Britain at age 12. He pursued higher education at Eton College and Oxford University. After a career in civil service, he resigned to enter politics. Recently, he visited India with his family.

Russian Army gets 'Made in Bihar' shoes

As the Russian Army operates in Ukraine, its soldiers are equipped with 'Made in Bihar' boots from Hajipur. Known for its agricultural heritage, Bihar is now gaining recognition for supplying safety footwear to the Russian military. Competence Exports, a private company based in Hajipur, manufactures these safety shoes for Russian clients and designer footwear for European markets.



Established in 2018, the facility employs 300 people, 70% of whom are women, aiming to boost local employment. Last year, the company exported 1.5 million pairs of shoes worth Rs 100 crore and plans to increase exports by 50% this year. The safety shoes are designed to be lightweight, slip-resistant, and capable of withstanding extreme conditions, including temperatures as low as -40 degrees Celsius.

Mohammad Shams Aalam Shaikh bags three Paralympic medals

Md Shams Aalam Sheikh from Bihar has brought immense pride to India by winning three medals at the World Open Para Swimming Championship (5th - 7th July 2024) in Zagreb, Croatia. He secured a silver medal in the 100 meters breaststroke, set a national record with another silver in the 200 meters individual medley, and earned a bronze in the 50 meters butterfly event.



Shri Aditya Anand Wins Silver Medal In World Championship



Shri Aditya Anand from Bihar won a silver medal in the Laser Run at the Modern Pentathlon World Championship in Zhengzhou, China. Representing India, he brought significant recognition to both the his home country and state. Originally from Chanpura village in Koilwar, Shri Aditya Anand has excelled in various sports from a young age. Competing against athletes from 52 countries in a challenging 3-kilometer race that includes shooting, he secured the silver medal.

Clearance to investment proposals worth Rs 1,528 Crore

बिहार में 1528 करोड़ के नये निवेश को हरी झ

जुलाई को हुई 56 वीं बैठक में बिशस कुल 1528 करोड़ के निवेश प्रस्ताची को फनटे जिलक्षेस दिये गये हैं. अबे मुख्य निवेश प्रस्ताओं में सहरण के एकमा में 1500 मेडी के अस्पताल की स्थापना की जानी है. इसमें 700 करोड़ का निवेश प्रसावित है, वहीं, पटना के पार्टीलपुत्र औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में आइटी एंड आइटी इनेवल्ड क्षेत्र की एक कंपनी 232 करोड़ का निवेश करने जा सी है. इसके अलावा बिरार ट्रॉरज्म पॉलिमी - प्रस्ताव को भी मंजूरी दी गयी है.

के तरत अंबुला निओटिया रोल्डिंग प्राइवेट लिमिटेड घटना में 213 करोड़ राज्य निवेत प्रोत्सातन पर्यंद की ये का निवेत से एक डोटल खोलने जा सी है. विकास अनुक चैतन्य प्रसाद की अध्यक्षण में आयोजित इस बैठक में पर्यंद ने कुल 28 प्रस्तावों को फर्स्ट बिलवरेंस दिवे हैं. निवेश के अन्य असम प्रमताओं में बैकाली जिले के चक चयेली, सराव में लॉजिस्टिक सेक्टर में 154.7 करोड़ के निवेश को मंजूरी दी गयी है, वहां लॉजिस्टिक क्षके और वेदर शहरा बनाव जना है. इसी तरह चलीगंज में 100 मीटों का एक नीर्रांग कॉलेज स्थापित करने के करोड से सरण में 1500 वेडों का अरफताल बनेगा करोड़ की लागत से पटना में होटल बनेगा

करोड निवेश आइटी संवटर में होगा

नौ प्रस्ताव खाद्य प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्र में

जनरत मेन्युफेक्टर सेक्टर के 37.19 करोड़, प्तरिटक एंड

रबर में 10.41 करोड़ के तीन

प्रस्तव, रिन्युवल एनजी में 33.87 करोड़ के दो पस्तव,

लक्दी उद्योग में 8.40 करे।

के एक प्रमताव को हरी झंडी दी



रेज्य पॅलिसी के एक प्रस्ताव को और दें तो बिहार इन्वेन्टमेंट पॉलिसी के तहत 27 निवेश

१८२ करोड के १३ निवेश प्रस्तावों को वितीय विलयरेंस दिया गया दो जुलाई को हुई फीट की बैठक में 192 करोड़ के 19 इस्तार्थ को जिलाय किलायरेश दिया गया है, इनसे इनसे खारा प्रशंतक रूप क्षेत्र में हैं.. इस सेक्टर में 89.61 करोड़ लॉजिरिटक सेवटर में 37 ,35 करोड़ के एक प्रस्तव के निवेश प्रस्तवित हैं. इसके अलावा राइस मिल में 39.66 करोड़ के नी निवेश प्रस्ताद,

को , जनरात मैन्यूफैकवरिंग संवटर में 16.89 करोड के बार प्रस्तव, खादा प्रमंख्यमण में 35.25 करोड़ के एक प्रस्ताद और राइस मिल सेक्टर में 72.54 करोड़ के पांच प्रस्तावों को हरी झंडी दी गयी है , यह वह प्रस्ता हैं, जिन्हें पहले ही फर्न्ट किलवरेंस दिया जा पूका है. त. त्यान प्रकार के पार त्याचित्र के प्रकार के प्रकार के किया जा कार के किया जा कर मुनिद के कार जा कर मुनिद कर क उत्तर में के लिए तैयार है. ज्याआप्राधीर्थ की इस बैटक में विकास आयुक्त के आसवा उद्योग विचास के आस मुख्य सुचिव सुचैव विद्विक और उद्योग निरोशक वेकल दीवित

In the 56th meeting of the State Investment Promotion Council held on July 2, investment proposals totaling ₹1,528 crore received initial approval for Bihar. Notable proposals include a 1,500-bed hospital in Ekma, Saran, with a projected investment of ₹700 crore, and an IT and IT-enabled services company investing ₹232 crore in Patna's Patliputra Industrial Area. Additionally, Ambuja Neotia Holdings Pvt. Ltd. plans to open a hotel in Patna with a ₹213 crore investment under the Bihar Tourism Policy. The council, chaired by **Development Commissioner Chaitanya Prasad**, approved a total of 28 proposals, including a ₹154.7 crore investment in the logistics sector in Chak Chameli, Sarai, and several food processing and rice mill projects totaling ₹129.27 crore.

JK Lakshmi cement invests in Bihar

JK Lakshmi Cement establishing a new 1.5 lakh TPA (Tons Per Annum) plant Madhubani's Lohat Industrial Area Phase-II, with an initial investment of INR 500 crores. The plant will manufacture cement, AAC blocks, POP, and ready-mix concrete. The Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) has allotted 45 acres of land for this project.



Textile Investor meet held in Patna

Aimed at making the state a textile hub, Government of Bihar, in association with the Union Ministry of Textiles and the Apparel Export Promotion Council, held a two-day Textile Investors' Meet in Patna on July 18-19. This event took place just months before Bihar Business Connect 2024, a Global Investors' Summit scheduled for December.

Hon'ble <u>Union Minister Shri Giriraj Singh</u> expressed his gratitude to the Government of Bihar, Hon'ble <u>Tourism Minister Shri Nitish Mishra</u> and Hon'ble <u>Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar</u> for organizing the investor meet in Patna. He highlighted that the participation of major companies in the state would lead to the creation of employment opportunities. Hon'ble Industry and Tourism Minister Shri Nitish Mishra said that the meet was intended to position the state as a textile hub.

Altogether, 90 investors, including 70 major companies from across the country, attended the two-day meet. On the first day, around 25 of them toured the Bela Industrial Area in Muzaffarpur. The second day included technical and plenary sessions, where investors were provided with detailed information about the Bihar government's policies in the sector.







Bihar Foundation Hosts Videsh Sampark Program with MEA



Bihar Foundation, Government of Bihar, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, held the Videsh Sampark program on July 20 in Patna.

It is an outreach initiative aimed at disseminating information about special schemes implemented by the Government of India, with the goal of promoting safe and legal migration, protecting the interests and welfare of migrant laborers abroad, addressing their grievances with appropriate redressal mechanisms, and outlining strategies for regular engagement with diaspora of Bihar. The program also highlighted innovative methods to ensure the efficient delivery of consular and passport services.

The program was co-chaired by Shri Chaitanya Prasad, Development Commissioner, and Shri Muktesh K. Pardeshi, Secretary (CPV & OIA), MEA. The program was also attended by Shri. Ankan Banerjee, Joint Secretary (DE), Ministry of External Affairs; Shri Neeraj Agarwal, Joint Secretary (CPV), Ministry of External Affairs; Shri Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (ED), Ministry of External Affairs; Ms. Tavishi Behal Pandey, RPO, Patna; and Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner and CEO of Bihar Foundation. Senior officials from various departments of Bihar, recruitment agencies, and senior officials from district and police administrations were also present.









A new eatery serving cuisine of Bihar in Delhi



On July 22, Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner and CEO of the Bihar Foundation, inaugurated "Aaharika - The Cuisine of Bihar" at India Gate in New Delhi. This new eatery introduces the rich flavors of Bihar to Delhi, offering a variety of delicious dishes at very reasonable prices.





Welcoming IAS Probationers 2022 batch

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Meeting Industry Leaders to Explore Investment Opportunities

Chaired by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, a meeting was held, on July 11, with prominent industry leaders to discuss investment opportunities and encourage them to establish their operations in Bihar. The meeting was also attended by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Sanjay Jha and Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner and CEO of the Bihar Foundation.







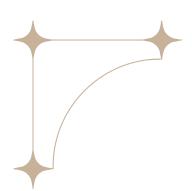


Branding, Bonding and Business with Shri Sameer Pandey

Mr. Sameer Pandey, Councillor of Parramatta Ward (Australia) and the City's first Lord Mayor of Indian origin, visited Bihar Niwas. A discussion on promising prospects for enhancing Bihar's branding, bonding, and business initiatives was held. The meeting also featured a showcase of our state's exquisite traditional art and craft at the Biharika kiosk.









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