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100 days *of*
SEVA, SANKALP AND
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A New Momentum for Bihar

FROM THE DESK OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER



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Dear Readers,

It gives me pleasure to place before you the August edition of the Bihar Bhawan Newsletter, a chronicle of a State moving forward with confidence and clear purpose.

The Government of Bihar marked one hundred days of "*Seva, Sankalp aur Samarpan*," dedicating projects worth over eleven thousand crore to the people of the State. Across departments, the momentum was unmistakable, from the launch of Bihar School Live Classes and 551 Saraswati Vidya Niketan in Education, to a new Orthopaedic Super-Specialty Hospital in Health, an AI Centre of Excellence in Information Technology, and the beginning of heli-tourism connecting the State's most cherished destinations. The Shrivani Mela at Sultanganj reminded us once again of Bihar's boundless spirit of faith, while our sportspersons and scholars carried the name of Bihar to podiums and institutions across the world.

At Bihar Bhawan, our task is to carry Bihar's aspirations to the national capital and to translate them into outcomes. In pursuit of this, and following the Hon'ble Chief Minister's initiative to bring important national-level institutions to the State, meetings were held with Secretaries to the Government of India during the month, taking forward different proposals with Culture, MSME, Urban Affairs, Defence, Health Ministries and AYUSH, a National School of Drama campus, an All India Institute of Ayurveda and Dedicated Centres for Urban Studies and Enterprise. These engagements were encouraging, and we continue to pursue them earnestly so that Bihar secures its rightful place in the country's institutional landscape.

As you turn these pages, I hope you share in our pride at how far Bihar has travelled, and our conviction about the journey ahead.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Praises Sitamarhi's 'Waste to Wealth' Initiative in *Mann Ki Baat*



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in the latest edition of *Mann Ki Baat*, praised Bihar's Sitamarhi district for its innovative 'Waste to Wealth' initiative. He highlighted this initiative as an inspiring example of environmental conservation through recycling. Referring to plastic pollution as a major environmental challenge facing the world, the Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized the importance of proper disposal of single-use plastic.

He lauded Sitamarhi's initiative of recycling plastic waste into attractive benches, noting that each bench is made using around 40 kilograms of single-use plastic. He described the benches as strong, durable, comfortable and eco-friendly.

These benches are being installed in government schools, parks and other public places, while also helping raise awareness about environmental protection.

The Prime Minister appreciated the important role played by the district administration and the local industrial unit in carrying forward the initiative. He also noted that the project is creating employment opportunities at the local level.

Describing Sitamarhi's effort as a remarkable example of sustainable innovation, Hon'ble Prime Minister said it reflects how the principles of **"Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"** are no longer just slogans, but are increasingly becoming a part of everyday life.



New Direction for Research Education in Bihar: *Hon'ble Governor Approves Uniform Ph.D. Regulations, 2026*

The Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor, Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Syed Ata Hasnain, has approved the Uniform Ph.D. Regulations, 2026, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This decision marks a significant step towards making Bihar's higher education and research ecosystem more transparent, high-quality, and aligned with national standards.

Once the new regulations come into effect, the Ph.D. admission process across all state universities will be uniform, transparent, and entirely merit-based. Additionally, new research opportunities will open up for graduates of the Four-Year Undergraduate Program and postgraduate degree holders. The admission process will also give due weightage to UGC-NET, GATE, and other recognized national eligibility tests, thereby providing better opportunities for deserving candidates.

The regulations provide for both full-time and part-time Ph.D. programs, enabling teachers, professionals, and working research scholars to engage in higher education and research.

The new system places special emphasis on research quality, research ethics, effective supervision, and timely evaluation. This will enhance the credibility and utility of research work while further strengthening the standard of research in Bihar's universities. This initiative is considered a historic step towards fostering a culture of research excellence in the state and steering higher education in a new direction.



Hon'ble Governor Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Syed Ata Hasnain Joins Government of India Delegation in Iran; Conveys Message of Empathy and Peace

Hon'ble Governor Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Syed Ata Hasnain participated in the tribute ceremony held in Tehran, Iran, for His Eminence Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei as a member of the official Government of India delegation. On this occasion, he represented India alongside the Hon'ble MoS for External Affairs, Govt of India, Shri Pabitra Margherita, and conveyed India's deep condolences.

The delegation paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the recent conflict and expressed heartfelt condolences to their families. India also reiterated its commitment to peace, dialogue, and humanitarian values during the event.

Hon'ble Governor's significant international participation underscored India's compassionate and responsible diplomatic role on the global stage. Held in the presence of representatives from various countries, the event highlighted the importance of international cooperation, mutual respect, and humanitarian concerns.

As a former military officer and seasoned strategist, Hon'ble Governor's presence embodied India's vision of prioritizing global peace, stability, and humanitarian values. This participation also demonstrated India's solidarity with the international community, strengthening international relations and emphasizing empathy, cooperation, and dialogue during challenging times.



Hon'ble Governor Pays Tribute to Nalanda's Tradition of Knowledge at Nava Nalanda Mahavira

Hon'ble Governor Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Syed Ata Hasnain visited the Xuanzang Memorial Hall located at Nava Nalanda Mahavihara. On this occasion, he reverently paid tribute to the invaluable legacy of the great Buddhist scholar Acharya Xuanzang and reflected upon Nalanda's glorious Buddhist tradition and its timeless culture of knowledge.

The Hon'ble Governor stated that Acharya Xuanzang played a pivotal role in establishing the global renown of the knowledge traditions of India, and specifically that of Nalanda University. His life stands as an unparalleled example of the pursuit of knowledge, research, cultural exchange, and dialogue between civilizations.

He remarked that Nalanda was not merely an ancient university but a symbol of global knowledge, Buddhist philosophy, peace, and shared human values. Its rich heritage continues to convey a message of education, tolerance, and intellectual excellence to the world today.

The Hon'ble Governor expressed confidence that this historic legacy of Nalanda would continue to inspire the new generation with a spirit of knowledge, research, and global cooperation, while playing a significant role in further strengthening the global recognition of India's civilizational heritage.



One Hundred Days of “Seva, Sankalp and Samarpan”: A New Momentum for Bihar

Some milestones are measured not in days but in the distance travelled. Marking the completion of his government's first hundred days on 25 July 2026, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary addressed the gathering at the BIT Mesra campus in Patna. "This government belongs to the people of Bihar, and we are your servants," he said, describing it as an emotional moment to have been given the chance to serve.

Behind those words lay a hundred days of visible intent. On this occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation of 2,476 development projects worth Rs 11,464 crore, touching almost every corner of public life, from roads and bridges to health, education, irrigation and drinking water.

The story of these hundred days is a story of bringing development to the last mile. Degree colleges rose in 211 blocks that had never known one. As many as 551 schools were reimagined as model schools. And in all 534 blocks, Sahyog Camps opened their doors to ordinary grievances. Resolving nearly ninety per cent of some seven lakh applications, with the Chief Minister himself hearing the ones that remained.

If the past hundred days were about foundations, the years ahead speak of ambition. Investment worth Rs 5 lakh crore is to be drawn to Bihar by 20th November 2026.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister called Bihar the country's youngest and most spirited State. The government, he said, works with the mantra of hope, aspiration and public welfare. Carried by the trust of its people, Bihar would emerge in the coming years as a leading engine of the nation's growth.



Bihar to Set Up Its Own Commission for Long-Term Development on the lines of NITI Aayog

Bihar is to have its own planning commission on the lines of the Centre's NITI Aayog. Announcing the decision at a high-level review of the Planning and Development Department, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary said the new body would craft a long-term vision for the State, anchor evidence-based policymaking, monitor the implementation of development schemes and strengthen coordination between departments.

Hon'ble Chief Minister said the department must do more than frame schemes. It must see them through and show real results on the ground. He added that Bihar will complete 125 years of its formation in 2037, and a clear plan for a *Viksit* Bihar should be ready by then.



Property Registration at the Doorstep: A New Ease for Bihar's Senior Citizens above 75

In a significant relief for senior citizens, the Government has launched a facility allowing those aged 75 and above to register property from their homes. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the digital initiative of the Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department at the Hajipur Registration Office, under the 'Sabka Samman, Jeevan Aasaan' programme within 'Saat Nischay-3'.

Eligible senior citizens no longer need to visit the office to register land, plots or flats. They simply apply through the department's e-registration portal and book a slot. At the appointed time, a mobile registration unit visits the applicant's home to verify documents, conduct biometric authentication and complete the process. Equipped with an internet-enabled laptop, biometric devices, a webcam and Aadhaar authentication, the unit sends a digital copy of the registered documents to the applicant's mobile number once done.

The department has also introduced paperless registration, with e-Stamp, e-Challan, Aadhaar-based e-signatures and GIS-based site inspections, making the process simpler, more transparent and citizen-friendly.



A Greener Road Ahead: Hon'ble CM Flags Off Electric and Deluxe Buses

Bihar's public transport has taken a modern, cleaner turn. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary flagged off electric buses under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, along with a new fleet of deluxe buses for the Bihar State Road Transport Corporation, at a ceremony held at the Veterinary College Ground in Patna.

Under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, Bihar has secured approval for 400 electric buses, 200 in the 12-metre category and 200 in the 9-metre category. In the first phase, operations will begin in Patna, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga and Purnia. The move will help curb pollution, protect the environment and give passengers a modern, convenient way to travel.

The launch also included 3 air-conditioned and 73 non-AC buses from the Corporation's fleet of 149 deluxe buses. Equipped with modern, technology-driven amenities, they promise safe, reliable and comfortable journeys. These buses will run on major interstate routes linking Bihar with Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Haryana.

Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the government aims to provide affordable, safe and high-quality public transport to its citizens. The initiative, he noted, gives Bihar's transport system a new direction while advancing the vision of sustainable development and a green future.



A New Riverfront for Patna: Three Ganga Ghats Reborn with Modern Facilities

Patna's riverside has taken on a new face. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary inaugurated the beautification and development projects at Bhadra Ghat, Mahavir Ghat and Naujar Ghat, unveiling the plaque for three redeveloped Ganga ghats in the city. Built at a cost of Rs 46.26 crores by the Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation, the ghats now offer residents and pilgrims safer, cleaner and better public spaces along the river.

Once earthen and uneven, the three ghats have been made permanent and fitted with modern amenities. A 565-meters promenade, a modern walkway, high-mast lighting, barricading for safety, seating and full sanitation arrangements now line the Patna City riverfront, giving it a fresh identity.

After the inauguration, Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the completed works, where officials briefed him through a site plan. He touched the waters of the Ganga in reverence and offered prayers for the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of Bihar.

Devotees and citizens alike will find bathing and worship easier, and the arrangements will prove especially valuable during the Chhath Mahaparva. The project also strengthens the city's urban infrastructure and lends fresh momentum to inclusive and sustainable urban development.



Somnath Swabhiman Parv: Hon'ble Chief Minister Flags Off 1,150 Pilgrims from Patna



Bihar's devotion travelled westward this season. On the auspicious occasion of the Somnath Swabhiman Parv, marked as a glorious saga of unwavering faith, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary flagged off a special train carrying 1,150 pilgrims from Pataliputra Junction, Patna to Somnath Dham.

The journey is far more than a religious event. It stands as a symbol of Bihar's faith, self-respect and cultural consciousness. The sacred flags and Kalash accompanying the pilgrims will carry the message of the State's rich spiritual tradition, glorious cultural heritage and abiding faith to the holy abode of Lord Somnath strengthening the values of devotion, culture and social unity.

Sahayog Programme: A New Tier to Ensure Every Grievance Finds Redressal

Bihar has added a fresh layer of assurance to the way it hears its citizens. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched the State-Level Sahayog Programme, reinforcing the government's commitment to transparent, accountable and citizen-centric governance.

The programme works in tiers. Citizens first bring their grievances to district-level Sahayog Camps. Where if the matter is not settled to their satisfaction, they can now approach the State-Level Sahayog Programme. Here, cases are re-examined to ensure a fair, transparent and time-bound resolution.

On the occasion, The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated the Application Receipt Centre and the Sahayog Path at the Secretariat. At the inaugural State-Level Sahayog Camp, 129 applications were registered, with 100 applicants present and their cases taken up for disposal.



Bihar Cabinet Clears Key Proposals: *Stronger Panchayats and New Airports for Rajgir and Rohtas-Kaimur*

In a wide-ranging meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, the Bihar Cabinet approved a set of key proposals aimed at strengthening local self-governance, widening the revenue base of panchayats and advancing the state's aviation infrastructure. Anchoring the agenda were decisions that touch grassroots administration and connectivity alike, from the fresh delimitation of panchayats to the groundwork for two new greenfield airports.

A Fresh Delimitation of Panchayats

The Cabinet moved to reorganise the state's panchayat map, approving the constitution and delimitation of Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad areas under the Bihar Panchayat Raj Act, 2006. The exercise will draw on the 2011 Census, ensuring representation that keeps pace with population and paves the way for more balanced development across every region.

Panchayats Gain the Power to Levy Tax and Fees

In a decisive step towards fiscal self-reliance, the Cabinet cleared the draft Gram Panchayat Tax, Rate and Fee Rules, 2026. Gram Panchayats will now be able to levy holding tax within their jurisdiction and to collect fees on professions, trades and industries, along with charges for the services they provide. The state will set the ceiling within which panchayats fix their own rates. The decision is set to lift local income and steadily lighten the dependence of panchayats on government grants.

A Revision in Motor Vehicle Tax

The Cabinet also approved amendments to the Bihar Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1994, revising rates that had stood unchanged for many years. The one-time motor vehicle tax on two-wheelers rises by one per cent, three-wheelers paying one-time tax attract an additional levy, and the trade tax on commercial vehicles has been raised fourfold. Together, these measures are expected to strengthen the state's revenue collection in the years ahead.

Green Light for Airports at Rajgir and Rohtas-Kaimur

In a move set to reshape the state's connectivity, the Cabinet approved a MoU with the Airports Authority of India for greenfield airports at Rajgir and in the Rohtas-Kaimur region. With the agreement in place, pre-feasibility studies for both sites will now begin, opening the way to speed up construction. The government sees a direct dividend for tourism in Rajgir and fresh momentum for investment and industry in Rohtas and Kaimur, with better air links carrying new opportunities for trade, investment and employment across the region.

Taken together, the Cabinet's approvals mark a purposeful step towards stronger self-governance, a firmer revenue footing for panchayats and better connectivity, a series of decisions poised to shape Bihar's development in the months and years ahead.



Bihar Showcases Textile Strength at Bharat Tex 2026, Secures ₹1,476 Crore Investment Commitments

Bihar made a strong impression at Bharat Tex 2026, India's premier global textile exhibition, featuring as Partner State. Led by the Department of Industries, the State showcased its textile manufacturing strength, industrial infrastructure and craftsmanship before investors and buyers from India and abroad.

The Bihar Pavilion was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh and Hon'ble Industries Minister of Bihar Sushri Shreyasi Singh, in the presence of Shri Kundan Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Industries; Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, IAS, Resident Commissioner, Bihar Bhawan; Dr. Bidya Nand Singh, Director, Handloom and Sericulture; and Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta, Director of Industries. Bringing together the Department of Industries, BIADA and Invest Bihar, the pavilion presented the State's investor-friendly policies, plug-and-play infrastructure and expanding manufacturing base.

A major highlight was the signing of 16 Memoranda of Understanding with textile and apparel companies:

- 16 MoUs signed with leading textile and apparel companies
- ₹1,476 crore in proposed investments
- Employment potential of over 40,500 jobs

Reinforcing the spirit of #BiharHaiTaiyar, the event gave fresh momentum to Bihar's emergence as a competitive textile manufacturing hub.



Bihar Showcases Industrial Excellence at ToyBiz 2026 and GCPRS 2026

The Government of Bihar showcased its expanding industrial ecosystem at two major national exhibitions at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi: the 3rd Global Conclave on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS 2026) from 2 to 5 July, and ToyBiz 2026 from 4 to 7 July. Through dedicated pavilions, the State highlighted its investor-friendly policies, strong infrastructure and commitment to sustainable growth.

Shri Kundan Kumar, Secretary, Industries Department, along with Director Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta, visited the Bihar Pavilions and interacted with industry leaders, entrepreneurs and investors. At ToyBiz, Bihar showcased its toy manufacturing potential and incentives, while as State Partner at GCPRS it highlighted plastics recycling, circular economy and sustainable manufacturing, reaffirming its emergence as a leading destination for innovation-driven industrial development.



BIADA Organises Statewide Grievance Redressal Camps for Industrial Units

The Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) is organising Grievance Redressal Camps (Shivir) across its industrial clusters from 13 July to 3 August 2026, giving industrial units a dedicated platform to engage directly with officials and ensure the timely resolution of grievances. The camps are being held across Begusarai, Motipur, Purnia, Bhagalpur, Bihta, Patna, Darbhanga, Gaya, Hajipur and Muzaffarpur.

Officials at the cluster offices are addressing concerns, facilitating prompt disposal of pending matters and escalating cases needing higher intervention, while inviting feedback to improve BIADA's services. The initiative

reaffirms BIADA's commitment to responsive governance and a business-friendly environment.



Bihar Positions Itself as the Next GCC Investment Destination



Shri Kundan Kumar, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, participated in a high-level closed-door roundtable at the CII GCC Business Summit 2026, engaging with senior government officials, policymakers, and industry leaders to discuss the future of India's Global Capability Centre (GCC) ecosystem. The deliberations focused on strengthening Centre-State collaboration, developing a skilled

talent pool, promoting innovation, and creating a future-ready policy framework to accelerate GCC growth.

During the summit, Shri Kundan Kumar also presented the Bihar Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy 2026 before leading industrialists, investors, and policymakers. The presentation highlighted Bihar's key strengths, including its young and skilled workforce, strategic location, improving infrastructure, investor-friendly reforms, and proactive governance. It reaffirmed the State's vision of emerging as a preferred destination for Global Capability Centres, driving innovation, technology-led growth, high-value employment, and sustainable economic development.



Bihar Advances Sustainable MSME Development Through Strategic Partnership

The Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi) for the implementation of the Water Hyacinth Craft Development Project under the Government of India's Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme.

The MoU was exchanged in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Smt. Shreyasi Singh, Minister for Industries, Government of Bihar. The occasion was also attended by Shri Kundan Kumar, Secretary, Department of Industries; Shri Aman Samir, Director, MSME, Department of Industries; Shri Ashim Kumar Das, General Manager, NEDFi; and Shri Chandra Kant Das, Executive Officer, NEDFi.



The partnership marks a significant step towards promoting sustainable livelihoods, fostering innovation, and strengthening Bihar's MSME ecosystem through eco-friendly and inclusive development initiatives.

Bihar Unveils Strategic Roadmap for a New Economy

Marking 100 Days of 'Seva, Sankalp, Samarpan', the Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary and the guidance of Hon'ble Smt. Shreyasi Singh, Minister for Industries, unveiled three landmark Action Committee Reports to accelerate Bihar's transformation into a hub for innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship.

The reports present a strategic roadmap for positioning Bihar as a leading destination for startups, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), IT/ITeS, and the digital economy. The three reports unveiled include:

- Action Committee Report on Startup and the New Age Economy
- Action Committee Report on Establishing Bihar as a Global Backend Hub & Global Workplace
- Action Committee Report on Establishing Bihar as the Eastern Tech Hub

These initiatives reaffirm the Government of Bihar's commitment to fostering innovation-led growth, creating high-value employment, and building a future-ready, globally competitive economy.



Bihar Builds an AI-First Future: A New Centre of Excellence and Services in Every Citizen's Language

Bihar is placing artificial intelligence at the service of its people. The government has approved the Bihar State Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence Corporation, which will build the computing, cloud and data infrastructure the State needs for AI and bring research, industry, education and governance onto a single platform.

Hon'ble Information Technology Minister Shri Nitish Mishra said this foundation would turn ambition into everyday benefit. Under this vision, the IT Department has signed MoUs with Sarvam AI and CoRover (BharatGPT), in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary.

Through AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants, government services, grievance redressal and information will reach citizens in Hindi, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Magahi and other Indian languages, simpler and faster to use. For a farmer, a student or a pensioner, the state becomes easier to approach in their own words.



Bihar IT Industry Meet 2026: Global Tech Firms Show Deep Interest in the State

Bihar is steadily positioning itself as one of the country's leading technology hubs. To that end, the Information Technology Department organised the Bihar IT Industry Meet 2026 in Bengaluru on 4 July, bringing the State together with leading technology firms, Global Capability Centre leaders, startups and investors to attract investment and build lasting partnerships.



The response was warm, with senior officials holding one-to-one meetings with firms including Adobe, Oracle, Salesforce and Razorpay. Hon'ble IT Minister Shri Nitish Mishra said the aim was not investment alone but a modern ecosystem where innovation, industry and young talent rise together, placing Bihar firmly on the global technology map.

Union Home Ministry Official Commends *Bihar's Work on New Criminal Laws and Cyber Security*

Bihar's work on policing and criminal justice reform has drawn appreciation from the Centre. Shri Rajiv Kumar, Joint Secretary (LWE) in the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, commended the efforts of the State Government at a high-level review held with senior officers of the Home Department. The meeting examined the State's progress on cybercrime control, narcotics eradication, disaster management and the rollout of the three new criminal laws.

Home Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar presented the achievements recorded so far and the current status of implementation across these areas.



Alongside the appreciation came a clear road ahead. Shri Rajiv Kumar suggested that the three new criminal laws be brought into force in a phased manner within fixed timelines, that the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) be implemented effectively, that e-evidence be fully linked with the relevant FIRs, that chargesheets be filed within 60 or 90 days, and that cyber security measures be strengthened further. Senior officers were asked to work in coordination and meet the targets within the prescribed time.



Nyayashruti Clears Pilot Trial: *Bihar Joins the National Dashboard, State-Wide Rollout to Follow in Phases*



Bihar's pilot run of the Nyayashruti system has come through successfully, placing the State on the national dashboard alongside others that have adopted it. The system will now be rolled out across Bihar in phases. Home Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar chaired a review of the preparations with all the pillars of the Interoperable Criminal Justice System, among them the Bihar Police, the Patna High Court, the Directorate of Prosecution, NIC, TCS and the State Crime Records Bureau.

Shri Sudhanshu Kumar Chaubey, Director of Prosecution, has been named nodal officer for the State-wide rollout, with a coordination mechanism drawing representatives from every ICJS pillar working under him to monitor progress. The Home Secretary directed all departments to discharge their responsibilities within the set timelines so that the rollout is timely and effective.

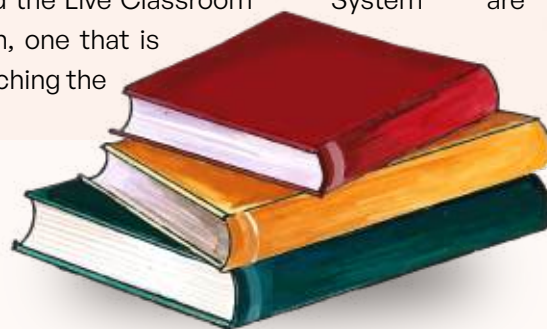
Bihar School Live Classes Launched: *Free Digital Learning and NEET-JEE Coaching for the State's Students*



Bihar has opened a new chapter in technology-driven schooling. At the Government Girls' Higher Secondary School, Shastrinagar, Patna, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated 'Bihar School Live Classes' and directed that the initiative be rolled out to high schools across the State. He also launched free coaching for the Engineering (JEE) and Medical (NEET) entrance examinations under the Bihar School Examination Board's Online Coaching Classes, reaching ten Model Schools in the capital.

To deepen quality and innovation, the Education Department signed Memorandums of Understanding with seven voluntary organisations, including Khan Academy India, Pratham Education Foundation and Wadhwani AI, all offered to students free of cost. The partnerships will strengthen artificial intelligence, foundational literacy and numeracy, STEM education, teacher capacity building and AI-based assessment.

At its heart, the initiative seeks to place the same quality of learning within reach of every student, regardless of where they study. Smart Classrooms, interactive panels and the Live Classroom System are envisioned as the everyday tools of a modern Bihar classroom, one that is more interactive, student-centric and connected to the best teaching the State can offer. In the government's vision, this technology-led model will steadily narrow the gap between schools, nurture talent across academics and sport alike, and prepare a generation of students to hold their own in the country's most demanding examinations.



Innovation in Education, Expanding Opportunities: *551 Saraswati Vidya Niketan Inaugurated*



Bihar has opened a new chapter in school education with the inauguration of 551 Saraswati Vidya Niketan, the State's Model Schools for Classes 9 to 12. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched the schools from Begusarai, the land of Rashtrakavi Shri Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar', describing the occasion as the inauguration not of buildings but of Bihar's future.

The schools have been equipped with smart classrooms, e-libraries and other digital learning tools, giving students a modern learning environment and the resources to prepare for national-level competitive examinations. Together they mark a significant step in strengthening the State's academic infrastructure.

At the heart of the initiative lies a simple commitment: that talent should not be limited by circumstance. By placing quality teaching and modern facilities within reach of students across the State, the government aims to give every capable child the opportunity to move ahead and realize their aspirations.



CM Inaugurates State-of-the-Art 400-Bed Orthopedic Super-Specialty Hospital at LNJP Hospital

Strengthening healthcare in the State, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the newly constructed 400-bed orthopaedic super-specialty hospital within the premises of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital in Rajvanshi Nagar, Patna. He inspected the departments, reviewed the facilities and met admitted patients to inquire about the care being provided.

The hospital is equipped with world-class facilities, including modular operation theatres, a modern ICU, a sports injury centre, trauma and emergency services, advanced radiology, MRI and physiotherapy units. With diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services under one roof, patients will receive prompt, comprehensive care. The Chief Minister said the government aims to provide world-class healthcare within the State itself, so that patients with severe orthopaedic conditions need no longer depend on other states. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar were also present.



Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Chaudhary Inaugurates New Facilities at Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, Launches Statewide Healthcare Initiatives

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the newly constructed building of Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, Patna City, along with a District Drug Warehouse, strengthening Bihar's healthcare infrastructure. He also launched several statewide initiatives, including 105 new ICU beds, 70 Intermediate Care Unit beds and 24x7 emergency services at district hospitals across the State.

The Chief Minister further inaugurated free dialysis services at 25 Sub-Divisional Hospitals and launched the first phase of free pathology services under the Public-Private Partnership model, comprising 11 Hub and 221 Spoke Laboratories, expanding quality diagnostics closer to people's homes. Reaffirming the government's commitment to accessible, affordable care, he emphasised that every citizen should receive modern treatment at government hospitals, reducing unnecessary referrals.



A New Peak: Bihar Meets Record Power Demand of 9,475 MW

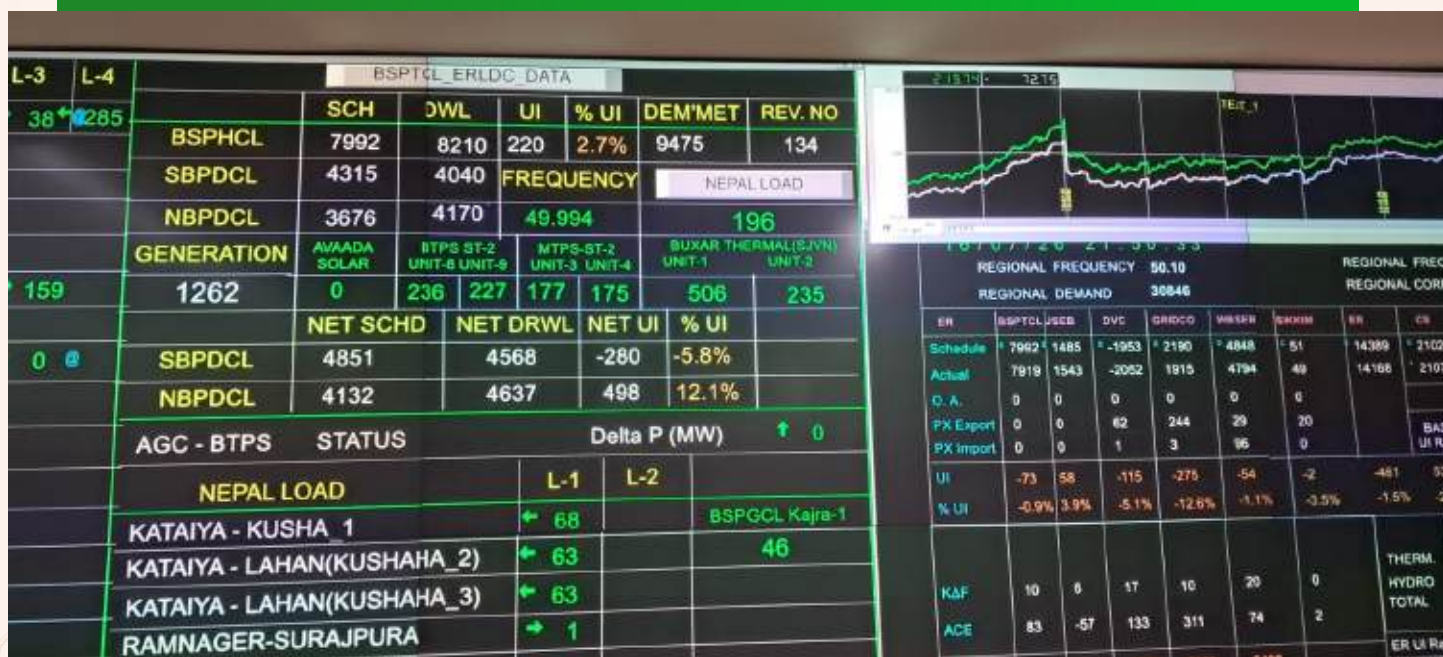
Bihar's power network passed a demanding test on the evening of 16 July 2026. At 9:50 that night, electricity demand across the State climbed to a peak of 9,475 MW, and the system met it in full.

Through that peak, supply held steady for every kind of consumer. Homes, farms, industries, commercial establishments and essential services drew power without interruption, even as demand touched its highest point.

The achievement says much about how far the State's power infrastructure has come. Meeting a load of this scale, at the busiest hour of the day, calls for generation, transmission and distribution working in close step.

For Bihar, it is more than a number on a meter. Reliable electricity is the quiet foundation on which farms irrigate, factories run and households go about their evenings.

That commitment endures. The State will keep powering Bihar's growth and delivering dependable electricity to every consumer - in every corner - at every hour.



Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary Hands Over Appointment Letters to 2,446 JEEViKA Recruits

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary distributed appointment letters to 2,446 newly selected candidates under the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (JEEViKA) at Urja Auditorium, Shastri Nagar, Patna, on 21 July 2026, symbolically handing letters to five recruits. Congratulating them, he said the appointments carried not only employment but also a responsibility to uplift the most deprived families, and urged the appointees to advance JEEViKA's mission with dedication and integrity.

Describing JEEViKA as a transformative movement for women's self-reliance and rural prosperity, the Chief Minister noted that over 10.49 lakh Self-Help Groups, comprising more than 1.81 crore women, are now associated with it, with Bihar creating over 30 lakh Lakhpati Didis, the highest in the country. Empowered women and prosperous villages, he affirmed, are central to a Samridh Bihar and a Viksit Bharat.



Bihar Pension Day: A New Monthly Assurance for 97.84 Lakh Pensioners

The Government of Bihar has strengthened its social security framework with the introduction of 'Bihar Pension Day', to be observed on the 10th of every month. Announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, it ensures that pension amounts reach all eligible pensioners through Direct Benefit Transfer on this day, making payments timely, transparent and certain.

The occasion was marked by the transfer of Rs 1,423.94 crore to 97.84 lakh social security pensioners across the State, sent directly to their accounts and reaching beneficiaries in every district.

The government has resolved that no eligible person will be left out, running campaigns to link missed beneficiaries and complete pending Aadhaar linkages. As the Chief Minister noted, the effort seeks to uphold the dignity and security of the elderly, the differently-abled and the vulnerable, with the pension raised from Rs 400 to Rs 1,100 bringing meaningful change to countless lives.





Bihar Adds Heli-Tourism to a Steady Tourism Push

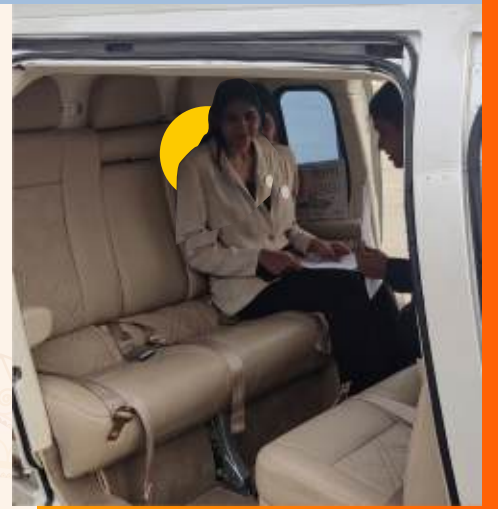
Bihar's effort to grow its tourism sector has been gathering pace for some time, and its latest step lifts that ambition literally off the ground. The State Government has launched the Bihar Heli-Tourism and Air Tourism Service Scheme 2026, offering travellers a safe, swift and memorable way to reach some of Bihar's most treasured destinations by helicopter.

The scheme does not stand alone. It joins a run of initiatives through which the State has been steadily rebuilding its tourism identity, from the Buddhist Circuit linking Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, Nalanda and Vaishali, to a fresh eco-tourism drive across the State's forests and hills, backed by a sharply increased tourism budget and projects. Heli-tourism is the newest thread in that larger fabric.

Under the scheme, helicopter services connect Patna with Rajgir, Valmikinagar and Kaimur. To keep travel affordable, the Government provides a subsidy of up to ₹15,422 per ticket. Fares have been fixed at ₹2,100 for the Patna joy ride, ₹4,000 for Patna-Rajgir, ₹5,000 for Patna-Valmikinagar and ₹6,000 for Patna-Kaimur.

Online booking opened on 13 July 2026, and flights began on 18 July, operating every Saturday and Sunday.

Beyond the thrill of the ride, the scheme brings Bihar's historical, religious and natural heritage within easier reach, while spurring local employment. It is one more stride towards the shared vision of a Viksit Bharat and a Samridh (Prosperous) Bihar.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary inaugurated Shravani Mela 2026, Launched Shravani Mela App for Devotees



The month of Shravan began in Bihar with prayer and ceremony. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Chaudhary inaugurated Shravani Mela 2026 with due worship and the lighting of lamps at the Namami Gange Ghat in Sultanganj, Bhagalpur district. The Mela, he said, is not merely a festival of faith but a living symbol of Bihar's rich cultural heritage and spiritual tradition.

To ease the pilgrims' journey, the Chief Minister launched Shravani mela app "E-Shravani", a dedicated app developed by IIIT Bhagalpur, through which devotees can access all travel-related information. He also inaugurated the service camp built along the Kanwariya Path, and launched a tourism department booklet.



The Chief Minister set out an ambitious vision for the region. Sultanganj will get an international airport, a ropeway will connect Ajgaibinath to Aguwani Ghat, and an 83-kilometre Ganga Path, or marine drive, will run from Bhagalpur to Munger. Ajgaibinath Dham will be developed as a major centre of religious tourism, with Haridwar-style ghats built on both banks of the river.

Describing the Mela as one of the world's largest gatherings of faith, Hon'ble CM noted that lakhs of devotees walk from Sultanganj to Deoghar with the chant of 'Bol Bam', a remarkable example of social harmony and devotion.



Jhandu Kumar Lifts Bihar to the Podium at Glasgow



Bihar's Jhandu Kumar has given the nation a moment to cherish. The para powerlifter from Harnaut in Nalanda district claimed bronze in the men's heavyweight event at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, winning India's first medal of the Games with a best lift of 190 kg and a score of 130.9 points. A polio survivor who once sold vegetables and drove an e-rickshaw, his journey from a humble home to the international podium is a stirring testament to grit, and to the boundless spirit of Bihar's youth.



Bihar Shines at Under-23 Asian Athletics Championships: Shri Setu Mishra Wins Two Medals

Shri Setu Mishra, an emerging athlete from Bihar, has brought glory to both the state and the country with his stellar performance at the Under-23 Asian Athletics Championships. Representing India, he made history by winning two medals: a gold in the 4×400m mixed relay and a silver in the men's 4×400m relay.

With these achievements, Setu Mishra has become the first athlete from Bihar to win two medals at the Under-23 Asian Athletics Championships. This historic success serves as an inspiration for athletes across the state and highlights the growing potential of sporting talent in Bihar.



Two Records for the Boy from Bihar: Shri Vaibhav Suryavanshi's Historic Rise



Bihar's young cricketing sensation Shri Vaibhav Suryavanshi has brought immense pride to the State, announcing the arrival of a new star in Indian cricket. The teenager first became the youngest cricketer ever to represent India, making his senior international debut on the back of years of dedication and rare talent.

He followed it with an unforgettable performance against Zimbabwe, reaching a blazing half-century in just 18 balls in his maiden T20I innings and became the youngest player in history to do so. His fearless strokeplay has inspired countless young sportspersons and reaffirmed Bihar's emergence as fertile ground for sporting excellence.

From Siwan to the World: Ms. Shreya Kaushik Named India's Only Lincoln Scholar

Ms. Shreya Kaushik, originally from Siwan, has brought pride to Bihar and the nation as the only Indian selected this year for the prestigious Lincoln Scholarship, winning a fully funded undergraduate education in the United States worth nearly Rs 3 crore. Among the world's most competitive undergraduate awards, the scholarship selects just ten students globally each year on academic excellence, leadership and social impact. It will support Shreya's four-year studies at Centre College, Kentucky, covering tuition, accommodation, travel and other expenses.

Beyond academics, Shreya has earned recognition for her work in sustainability and scientific innovation, including an acclaimed eco-friendly water filtration project and a role as one of India's



youngest Regional Ambassadors for the United Nations Environment Programme. Her journey from Siwan to the global stage stands as a powerful inspiration for young aspirants across Bihar.



Bihar's Pride on the Global AI Stage



A proud moment for Bihar and the global Indian diaspora, Kanishka Narayan, originally from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has assumed office as the United Kingdom's Minister for Artificial Intelligence, taking on a pivotal role in shaping the UK's AI and digital future.

With an academic background from Oxford University and Stanford University, and extensive experience across public policy, technology, finance, and governance, his appointment reflects the growing global influence of Indian-origin professionals. His achievement also highlights Bihar's legacy of nurturing talent that excels on the international stage.

As Artificial Intelligence continues to drive innovation, economic growth, and digital transformation worldwide, this milestone serves as an inspiration for aspiring innovators and future leaders. It reinforces the importance of investing in education, technology, and innovation while showcasing Bihar's contribution to global leadership.

The Department of Industries, Government of Bihar, congratulates Kanishka Narayan and wishes him every success in his new role as he helps shape the future of Artificial Intelligence and digital innovation in the United Kingdom.

A Taste of Home in the Capital: *New Bihar Bhawan Canteen Opens*

Bihar Bhawan now carries the aroma of home. The Resident Commissioner, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, inaugurated the newly renovated Bihar Bhawan Canteen, bringing the State's most-loved flavours to the heart of Delhi. Officials and staff members gathered to mark the occasion.

Speaking at the launch, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh said that guests visiting Bihar Bhawan, members of the Bihari diaspora and residents of Delhi-NCR could now savour the State's traditional and renowned delicacies under one roof. The canteen, he noted, is not merely a place to eat. It is meant to give Bihar's rich culinary heritage and culture a fresh identity in the national capital.

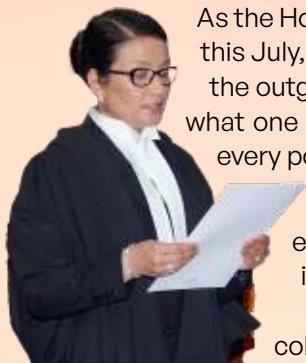
The menu reads like a homecoming. Litti-Chokha, sattv-based dishes, Kadhi-Bhat, Dal-Bhat, seasonal vegetables and other traditional preparations offer visitors the authentic taste of Bihar, with something new to look forward to each day.

The canteen serves breakfast from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and lunch and dinner from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

For every Bihari far from home, and every Delhi visitor curious about the State's kitchen, a warm plate now waits at Bihar Bhawan.



Not the Bihar of Perception, but the Bihar of Reality: A Farewell Tribute from Hon'ble Former Chief Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai



As the Hon'ble former Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, Meenakshi Madan Rai, laid down office this July, her parting words offered a reflection that Bihar will long cherish. Speaking at the farewell, the outgoing Chief Justice recalled arriving in the State carrying impressions "formed largely from what one hears and reads from a distance," and admitted candidly that Bihar had surprised her in every possible way.

The Bihar she came to know, she said, bore little resemblance to the image often encountered beyond its borders. What she found instead was a State, a Bar and an institution marked by discipline, diligence and a very high standard of professionalism. She spoke warmly of her colleagues on the Bench, who brought a seriousness of purpose and a collegiality that lightened even the most difficult days, of a Bar that argued with both rigour and courtesy, and of a Registry whose sincerity kept the Court running smoothly.

"I have seen a level of discipline here," she observed, "that many larger and more celebrated institutions would do well to emulate."

It was, in her words, the Bihar she would speak of wherever she went, not the Bihar of perception, but the Bihar of reality: hardworking, dignified and deeply committed to the rule of law.

For a State often described from a distance, this tribute from the head of its highest court stands as a rare and heartfelt affirmation, one that Bihar Bhawan is proud to carry.

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Shweta Kumari
JEEViKA Employee

I have been appointed to the post of employee at JEEViKA. Receiving the appointment letter at JEEViKA is a symbol of pride and self-reliance for me. This initiative of the Bihar Government has given me the opportunity to realise my dreams. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Bihar Government and the Hon'ble Chief Minister for this inspiring initiative.

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Sunita Gupta
Devotee

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, I am going to have the darshan of Somnath Baba for the first time under the 'Somnath Swabhimana Yatra'. I am very grateful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for providing better arrangements for the devotees.

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Lawhiya
*Bergview Traders Import & Export,
Austria — Visitor at Bharat Tex 2026*

As for Bihar, I really liked the Tussar Silk, and the Tikuli Art is very special. It's such a beautiful handmade art form. I'm really glad that I participated in this event and looking forward to buying some products from Bihar. European people especially love Indian culture and traditions, particularly products that are handmade. For example, the Tikuli Art is very special, and it looks so beautiful. I think there is definitely a market for these products.



Thank You

As this edition draws to a close, we thank you for your readership and your interest in Bihar's stories of progress, enterprise, heritage and achievements. Every page is a reminder that Bihar is moving forward with confidence and purpose. We remain committed to keeping you informed and connected, and look forward to sharing the next chapter with you soon.

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