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# NEWSLETTER

## HIS EXCELLENCY IN MANGOLIA



### MEETING THE INDIAN DIASPORA

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar held talks with the Indian diaspora in Mangolia.

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### BIHAR GETS ITS FIRST DRY PORT IN BIHTA

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### BIHAR BHAWAN CORNER





# FROM THE DESK OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Dear Readers,

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

This month has been marked by significant progress and development. His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, visited Mongolia at the beginning of this month and attended 25th anniversary celebration of Pethub Monastery. He also held key discussions with Mongolia's former President, Mr. N. Enkhbayar, and met with the Indian diaspora there.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated several key facilities to boost tourism and promote sports. Notable among these are the new civil enclave at Darbhanga Airport, the landmark Bapu Tower, Travel and Tourism Fair 2024, and more. To boost sports, Hon'ble Chief Minister also flagged off "Gaurav Yatra" ahead of upcoming Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy.

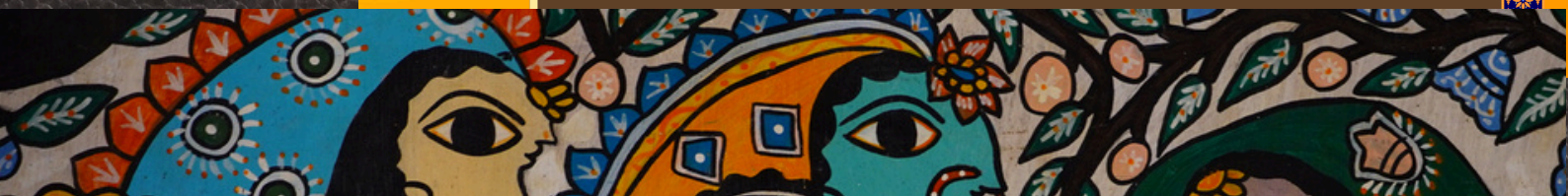
The industrial sector has also seen a boost, with department of Industries actively supporting businesses. A brand-new Khadi Mall has been opened to promote Khadi, handicrafts, and indigenous products from local artisans. Investor meets were held in several locations to attract investors to the state.

Moreover, Bihar has opened its first dry port to enhance exports of goods produced in the state, in partnership with a private company.

In another impactful development, Australia has officially recognized October as Hindu Heritage Month, with a mention of Chhath Puja from Bihar.

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## A visit to Mangolia...

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, paid a 5-day visit to Mangolia, where he attended the 25th anniversary celebration of Pethub Monastery in Ulaanbaatar on first day of his visit. During the visit, he also met and conversed with Mangolia's former President, Mr. N. Enkhbayar.



In his address at the Monastery, His Excellency noted that Bihar holds a special place, as it is where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. He also invited pilgrims to visit the state and experience its rich Buddhist culture.



On October 2, 2024, His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended the inaugural session of International Conference on the "Nalanda Knowledge System in Mongolia" as the chief guest. The conference was organized to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Pethub Monastery by Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, former Ambassador of India to Mongolia, in 1999.

His Excellency, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar participated as Chief Guest in the Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti celebrations held at Mahatma Gandhi Street in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. On the occasion, he highlighted Gandhi Ji's ideals of truth and non-violence and their relevance in today's global context.





## A visit to Mangolia...



His Excellency, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar also engaged in a dialogue with members of the Indian community in Mongolia.

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar visited and viewed the ancient statue of Lord Avalokiteshvara Padmapani in Mongolia on October 3, 2024.



Later in the day, he laid foundation stone for a new Buddhist temple at Pethub Monastery in Mangolia.





## Bihar Adda @ Bapu Sabhagar



"Bihar Adda," a special program organized by The Lallantop, took place at Bapu Sabhagar in Patna on October 25, 2024. His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended the event and shared his insights on empowering the nation's youth. Emphasizing the importance of guiding young people in the right direction, the Governor said, "With the dedication and hard work of our youth, India will be able to achieve the status of a developed nation by 2047." The Governor's address inspired the audience, highlighting the critical role of youth in shaping India's future.

## Her Excellency Governor of UP Smt Anandiben Patel visits Bihar

On October 29, His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, warmly welcomed the HE Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, at Raj Bhavan in Patna. During her visit, Governor Arlekar extended gracious hospitality and engaged in meaningful discussions, highlighting the deep bonds and shared cultural heritage between Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.



Following their meeting, HE Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel toured Bihar Museum, where she explored the rich history and cultural artifacts on display.



## New Civil Enclave at Darbhanga Airport: A gamechanger for Bihar

On Sunday (October 20), Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid foundation stone for new civil enclave at Darbhanga Airport through video conferencing. The new terminal building and civil enclave will be constructed with an investment of ₹912 crore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar joined the event virtually from 'Sankalp' at his official residence and expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister for this significant project. He said that the development of Darbhanga Airport will contribute not only to the growth of the Mithila region but also to the prosperity of North Bihar districts. To support the airport's expansion, the state government has allocated 76.85 acres of land to the Airports Authority of India. Currently, the airport handles around 1,500 passengers daily and offers 10 airline services, making it a growing hub for regional connectivity.

## Inauguration of Bapu Tower: A New Landmark at Patna's Gandhi Maidan

On Gandhi Jayanti, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated the newly constructed Bapu Tower at historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna. The tower, built in honor of Mahatma Gandhi, symbolizes peace and resilience. Located centrally in Patna, Bapu Tower serves as a cultural and educational landmark, providing visitors with insights into the life and teachings of the Father of the Nation.

During the inauguration, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's statue, emphasizing the importance of following his ideals of unity and harmony.





## New infrastructure boost to enhance connectivity



On October 3, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated Krishna Ghat link of JP Ganga Path from Ashoka Rajpath, alongside the Gaighat up-ramp, with an aim of easing traffic flow on Ashoka Rajpath and improving connectivity for residents and commuters. The new Krishna Ghat link now provides direct access to JP Ganga Path, while the Gaighat up-ramp facilitates smoother travel along this essential route, positively impacting Patna's traffic system.

## Hon'ble CM inaugurates development projects worth Rs 405.53 Crore in Katihar



On October 16, 2024, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 183 developmental projects spanning various departments, with a combined investment of Rs 405.53 crore in a program held at Lakshmipur Panchayat, Barari Block, Katihar district. During the event, residential land deeds were distributed to 5,279 displaced and landless families from Barari and 353 families from Kursela, helping them secure stable housing. Additionally, beneficiaries of state-sponsored development schemes were given cheques for approved funds. Under the program, 18,698 self-help groups supported by JEEViKA and various banks received a total financial assistance of Rs 154.52 crore, and 889 families received cheques worth Rs 3.87 crore to support sustainable livelihood initiatives.



## Hon'ble CM distributes appointment certificates to 1,239 New Police Sub-Inspectors at Bapu Auditorium

On October 21, Hon'ble CM, Shri Nitish Kumar distributed appointment certificates to 1,239 newly appointed police sub-inspectors, including 442 women at the Bapu Auditorium in the Samrat Ashok Convention Center. In 2005, Government of Bihar expedited recruitment process in the police force, leading to significant growth. From around 42,000 personnel, the current strength of police force now stands at 1.1 lakh. Bihar now also has the highest female representation in police ranks nationwide.

Under Saat Nischay-2 initiative, launched in 2020, a commitment was made to create 10 lakh jobs and an equal number of employment opportunities. Of the 10 lakh jobs promised, 7.16 lakh positions have already been filled, with the target now raised to 12 lakh by June 2025.



## Travel and Tourism Fair 2024: Hon'ble CM inaugurates

On October 22, 2024, Hon'ble CM Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated the Travel and Tourism Fair-2024, organized by the Tourism Department at Gyan Bhawan, located within the Samrat Ashok Convention Center. Also present were Hon'ble Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Culture and Tourism Department, Government of India; Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs Minister; and Shri Satpal Maharaj, Tourism Minister, Government of Uttarakhand.





# TRAVEL AND TOURISM FAIR 2024

## "BIHAR HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME TOURIST CAPITAL OF INDIA"

Asserting that Bihar is historically renowned as the land of religion, knowledge, and science, Hon'ble Union Tourism Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat expressed confidence in the state's potential to lead the country's tourism sector. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the two-day Travel and Tourism Fair 2024 at Gyan Bhawan, he highlighted that the Union budget has allocated funds for the development of key religious and tourist destinations in Bihar, including Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, and Nalanda.



## GLIMPSES OF TTF 2024:

### DAY 1 AND DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

The Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) 2024 unfolded over two vibrant days, showcasing a plethora of tourism-based stalls from various states across the nation. Dignitaries and esteemed guests participated in the event, emphasizing the importance of tourism development in India. Attendees explored diverse exhibits that celebrated the rich cultural heritage, unique experiences, and travel opportunities each state has to offer. The event served as a significant platform for promoting tourism, fostering connections, and inspiring collaborations in the sector.





# TRAVEL AND TOURISM FAIR 2024

## "ADVENTURE TOURISM A MUST TO ATTRACT YOUTH FROM THE NATION"

Tourism Department, Government of Bihar is continuously working towards measures which may boost number of tourists in the state. On the second day of TTF 2024, Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Urban Development Department and former Secretary of Tourism, emphasized the need to promote adventure tourism to attract youth from across the nation.



## LUXURY HOTEL TO BE BUILT IN SITAMARHI

To promote tourism in the state, the tourism department has decided to construct a budget-friendly luxury hotel, Janaki Vihar, in Sitamarhi, the birthplace of Mata Janaki, ensuring that tourists and pilgrims receive top-quality facilities.

### Janki Vihar Hotel Amenities

The Janaki Vihar Hotel will be constructed at an estimated cost of approximately Rs 30 crore. The project has received administrative approval from the tourism department. The proposed plan includes the construction of a new budget hotel (G+5) featuring 54 rooms, 4 suite rooms, a swimming pool, and parking facilities for 90 cars and 5 buses. The complex will also include centralized air conditioning, boundary wall construction, generator facilities, and the installation of CCTV cameras, among other amenities.

### सीतामढ़ी : पर्यटन विभाग सभी सुविधाओं से लैस बजट होटल जानकी विहार का करारगा निर्माण

● लगभग 30 करोड़ रुपये की इस योजना को विभाग द्वारा प्रशासनिक स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी।  
● इस योजना के अन्तर्गत एक नये बजट होटल का निर्माण (जी+5) कार्य किया जा रहा है।

पटना, प्रातः किरण संवाददाता

माता जानकी की जन्मभूमि सीतामढ़ी में पर्यटकों व श्रद्धालुओं को उच्चस्तरीय सुविधा प्राप्त हो, इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए पर्यटन विभाग ने सीतामढ़ी में सभी सुविधाओं से युक्त बजट होटल जानकी विहार के निर्माण का निर्णय लिया है। लगभग 30 करोड़ रुपये की इस योजना को पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा प्रशासनिक स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी है। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत एक नये बजट होटल का निर्माण (जी+5) कार्य किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। इसके अन्तर्गत 54 कमरे, 04 सुईट कमरे, स्वीमिंग पूल, 90 कार तथा 05 बसेस की पार्किंग व्यवस्था। परिसर में सेन्टरलाइज एयरकंडिशनिंग, चाहरदिवार की निर्माण, जेनरेटर



सुविधा, सीसीटीवी अधिग्रहण इत्यादि कार्य किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। पर्यटन मंत्री नीतीश मिश्रा ने बताया कि राज्य के विभिन्न हिस्सों में पर्यटकों को उच्च स्तर की गुणवत्तापूर्ण पर्यटकीय सुविधाओं की प्राप्ति हो, इसके लिए पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा लगातार आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास किया जा रहा है।

इस क्रम में माँ जानकी की जन्मभूमि में बजट होटल के निर्माण की योजना बनायी गयी है। विभाग द्वारा होटल जानकी विहार, सीतामढ़ी के परिसर में बजट होटल के निर्माण हेतु 29,87,10,000 रुपये की राशि की प्रशासनिक स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी है। योजना की कार्यकारी एजेंसी विहार राज्य पर्यटन

विकास निगम द्वारा योजना की आगामी 24 माह में पूर्ण कर लिया जाएगा। श्री मिश्रा ने कहा कि माता जानकी की जन्मभूमि पुनीराधम में पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा व्यापक रूप से विकास का कार्य किया जा रहा है। वहाँ 50 एकड़ भूमि के अधिग्रहण का भी कार्य किया जा रहा है ताकि बेहतर पर्यटकीय सुविधाओं का निर्माण हो सके। आधारभूत सुविधाओं के निर्माण के उपरान्त यहाँ श्रद्धालुओं की संख्या में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि होगी, जिनमें बेहतर आवासन की सुविधा की आवश्यकता होगी। इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए बजट होटल का निर्माण कराने का निर्णय लिया गया है ताकि पर्यटकों को वहाँ अधिक उत्तम पर्यटकीय सुविधाओं की अनुभूति प्राप्त हो।



## Muzaffarpur gets Khadi Mall, to promote local artisans

On the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras (October 29), Hon'ble Industry and Tourism Minister, Shri Nitish Mishra inaugurated Khadi Mall in Muzaffarpur. This mall, dedicated to promoting Khadi, handicrafts, and indigenous products, aims to support local artisans and showcase the beauty of traditional craftsmanship to the public.

During the inauguration, Hon'ble minister said that Muzaffarpur Khadi Mall will not only establish a significant market for Khadi products but also create new employment opportunities for local artisans and craftsmen. He encouraged the people of Muzaffarpur to embrace Khadi and support indigenous products.



## Features and Purpose of Khadi Mall

Located at P&T Chowk on Gaushala Road, this 41,500 square-foot Khadi Mall was developed under the PM Gati Shakti scheme. It features a wide array of Khadi clothing, handicrafts, and indigenous products, providing local artisans with a substantial platform and promoting the popularity of Khadi in the region.

## INVESTORS MEET @ BENGALURU

Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar, organized an Investors' Meet at Bangalore on October 28. The event highlighted immense opportunities, scope, and attractive incentives offered to the investors. Shahi Exports, Flipkart, Britannia, Superseva, VRL logistics, Capgemini, Goldman Sachs, Ola Electric, Mahindra, AEPC, Setner, ELCIA, were among the key companies that were present.





## DPIIT hosts Eastern zone capacity building workshop on PM GatiShakti in Patna

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) organized fourth PM GatiShakti Eastern Zone District-Level Capacity Building Workshop in Patna on October 17. The event brought together over 100 officials from Central Ministries, State Governments, and District Administrations across 44 districts in Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal.



The workshop was inaugurated by Minister of Industries & Tourism, Hon'ble Shri Nitish Mishra. Also present were Joint Secretary of DPIIT, Shri E. Srinivas, and Secretary of the Department of Industries, Bihar, Smt. Bandana Preyashi, among other dignitaries.

Key sessions highlighted best practices and practical applications of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), with presentations from BISAG-N and several Infrastructure and Social Sector Ministries, including Roads and Highways, Railways, Telecommunications, School Education, and Tribal Affairs. The workshop showcased PMGS's geospatial technology and area development approach, with an emphasis on collaboration with NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Program to strengthen planning and cooperation.

The platform's utility in planning infrastructure, social, and economic amenities was underlined, with particular focus on the District Master Plan (DMP) and the pivotal role of District Collectors in leading comprehensive area-based planning efforts.



Launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 13, 2021, PM GatiShakti aims to integrate multimodal connectivity across India. Through a GIS-based decision support system, it enables inter-ministerial coordination, boosting infrastructure development across the nation.

### PM GATISHAKTI FEATURES

- ▶ Comprehensiveness
- ▶ Synchronization
- ▶ Prioritization
- ▶ Optimization
- ▶ Analytical
- ▶ Dynamic
- ▶ Transparency

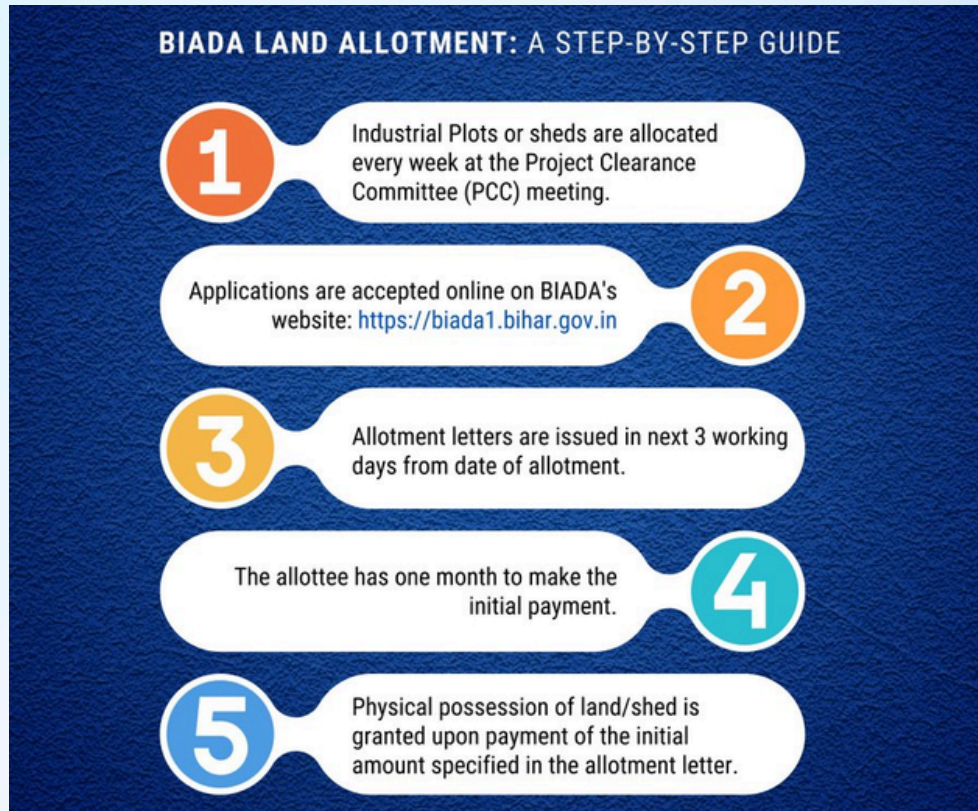
### PM GATISHAKTI 5 Es

- ▶ Ease of Doing Business
- ▶ Ease of Project Monitoring
- ▶ Ease of Optimum Planning
- ▶ Ease of Governance
- ▶ Ease of Permission



## Looking for land to invest in Bihar?

For any industry to setup their foots, fetching land at good location, good price and ease is the key. Government of Bihar has been working towards making the land allotment process fast and easy for all its current and potential investors.



## Inspiring through action - Land allotment within 24 hours



BIADA is transforming the investment landscape in Bihar with a land allocation process that's both quick and efficient, making it easier than ever for industries to get started. In an impressive demonstration of this investor-first approach, Rakesh Masala - a famous food processing company - secured 10-acre plot in Muzaffarpur's Motipur Mega Food Park within just 24 hours of discussions. With a planned investment of INR 55-crore, Rakesh Masala will establish a cutting-edge facility dedicated to producing food and beverage products. This is a testament to Bihar's commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment where visionaries can bring their projects to life seamlessly.



#BIHARHAIYAAR

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**DO  
YOU  
KNOW**

BIHAR IS THE  
**SECOND  
LARGEST  
PRODUCER  
OF RAW  
JUTE**

Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj and Supaul are the major jute-producing districts of the State.

#BIHARHAIYAAR

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**DO  
YOU  
KNOW**

THERE ARE  
**84 INDUSTRIAL**  
AREAS AVAILABLE  
IN BIHAR WITH  
**24X7**  
WATER & POWER  
SUPPLY

**#DidYouKnow**

Bihar is the **largest** foxnut producer in India.





## Bihar gets its first dry port in Bihta

On October 24, Hon'ble Industry Minister, Shri Nitish Mishra inaugurated Bihar's first dry port in Bihta, near Patna. This initiative aims to enhance exports of goods produced in Bihar, in partnership with a private company. The first export consignment from the Bihta ICD was leather shoes sent to Russia

### What is dry port?

- A dry port, also known as an inland container depot (ICD), is a logistics facility located away from a seaport or airport.
- It provides facilities for cargo handling, storage, and transportation of goods, making it easier to manage exports and imports.
- The dry port also acts as a **bridge** between the inland regions and international shipping routes through major **gateway ports**.



### Regional impact of Bihar Dry Port

The Bihar dry port is fully operational and approved by the Union Ministry of Finance. It is strategically connected by rail to major gateway ports, including Kolkata and Haldia in West Bengal, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Nhava Sheva in Maharashtra, and Mundra in Gujarat. This connectivity will benefit not only Bihar but also neighboring states like Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Odisha. The dry port's operations are set to enhance regional trade and logistics, creating a more integrated market in eastern India. The initiative reflects a broader vision for economic development in Bihar and its surrounding areas.

#### Key Highlights

**1. Strategic Game Changer:** The inaugural dry port (ICD) in Bihar by Pristine Logistics will revolutionize export logistics, enabling MSME units to book consignments directly from this facility.

**2. Enhanced Connectivity:** Currently, exports from Bihar are routed through other states' ports like Haldi, Vizag, Chennai, Mundra, and JNPT. The new ICD will streamline this process, significantly improving access for goods destined for international markets.

#### Key Highlights

**3. Export Growth Potential:** In FY 22-23, Bihar's exports totaled ₹20,000 crore, predominantly facilitated by external ports. The new ICD will help retain and enhance these figures, directly contributing to the state's economy.

**4. Incentives for MSMEs:** Under the state's export policy, MSME units booking through this ICD will be eligible for a 1% FOB incentive, promoting local businesses and increasing their competitiveness.

**5. Sector-Specific Advantages:** Key industries such as food processing and textiles, including products like litchi, maize, corn starch, makhana, ready-made garments, and silk, stand to benefit significantly from improved logistics and export capabilities.



## Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024: Logo and Mascot unveiled at Sankalp

Hon'ble CM Shri Nitish Kumar on October 5, 2024, unveiled the official logo and mascot for Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 at 'Sankalp' located at 1 Anne Marg, Patna. This tournament, hosted for the first time in Bihar, will take place in Rajgir from November 11 to 20, 2024. Six women's hockey teams from India, China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand will compete in it. A world-class sports complex has been built in Rajgir, offering state-of-the-art facilities meeting international standards for both indoor and outdoor sports. The tournament mascot, 'Gudiya,' draws inspiration from Bihar's state bird, the sparrow, embodying the spirit of resilience and liveliness. The logo design captures the essence of Bihar's rich cultural and historical heritage.



## Hon'ble CM flags off "Gaurav Yatra" Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy

On October 14, 2024, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar flagged off the Gaurav Yatra for the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy from 1 Anne Marg, Patna. This special yatra, celebrating the upcoming tournament to be held from November 11 to 20 at the International Sports Complex in Rajgir, will travel through all 38 districts of Bihar and also pass through the states of Punjab, Haryana, Odisha, and Jharkhand.

The Gaurav Yatra aims to promote a strong sports culture within Bihar, increase women's participation in sports, and generate awareness about India's national game, hockey. Through this journey, the state is encouraging public support and enthusiasm, ensuring that the tournament is both celebrated and successful.





## Paralympic Silver medalist Shri Sharath Kumar meets His Excellency at Raj Bhavan

Shri Sharath Kumar, who recently won silver medal in the High Jump event at the Paris Paralympics 2024, was warmly received by His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at Raj Bhavan. Shri Kumar is a proud resident of Muzaffarpur, Bihar, and he has brought immense pride to the state and nation with his outstanding achievement on the global stage. HE Governor congratulated Shri Kumar and extended his best wishes for his future endeavors, encouraging him to continue his inspirational journey in sports.



## Cricket Journey soars with Ranji Trophy opening in Patna

At the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna, His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurated Ranji Trophy match between Bihar and Karnataka. In his address, HE praised Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar's initiatives in promoting sports across Bihar, commending the state government's ongoing efforts to support athletic development. He expressed optimism about Bihar's promising future in sports, highlighting plans to upgrade Moin-ul-Haq Stadium to a world-class cricket facility following the successful Rajgir stadium project.





# Chancellor's Trophy Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament

## Unveiling of logo...

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar unveiled logo for Chancellor's Trophy Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament, 2024, at a special ceremony on October 10. The tournament was held from October 16 to 19, 2024, at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna.



## The inauguration...

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar inaugurated the Chancellor's Trophy Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament, 2024, at Patliputra Sports Complex, Patna. During the inauguration ceremony, he acknowledged state government's commitment to sports development through the establishment of a separate sports department, which aims to promote athletic talent and enhance facilities across the region.



## The First Game...

On the first day of the tournament, His Excellency met with the players of men's and women's team.



**THE WINNERS**







On October 6, Team Bihar Bhawan organized a farewell ceremony for former Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba, a 1982-batch officer of the Jharkhand (formerly Bihar) cadre. The event was graced by Chief Secretary Shri Amrit Lal Meena, who presented a memento and a photo collage to make the evening even more special. Among the invitees were officers from Shri Gauba's office and Bihar cadre officers posted in Delhi. The night was filled with gratitude, engaging conversations, and memorable moments, as Shri Gauba fondly remarked, "An IAS never retires."





## Australia recognizes October as "Hindu Heritage Month"

In a momentous step celebrating cultural diversity, Australia has officially recognized October as Hindu Heritage Month. This recognition honors several significant festivals observed during this period, including Dussehra, Diwali, Navratri, and **Chhath Puja**, all of which hold deep cultural and spiritual significance for Hindu communities. Hon'ble MP Shri Andrew Charlton highlighted this in the Australian Parliament, emphasizing the enriching contributions of Hindu traditions to Australian society. Watch the heart warming video below:



## Stage set for Chhath Puja celebrations across the globe

One of Bihar's most cherished festivals, Chhath Puja, will be celebrated worldwide on November 7. From every nook and corner of India to distant shores, people from Bihar are set to make the festival truly grand. The vibrant diaspora is bringing the spirit of Chhath Puja to life abroad, ensuring its traditions shine brightly across continents. Here are some of the international venues where the celebrations will be in full swing!



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