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Dear Readers,

Warm greetings to you and your families on Deepawali and Chhath Mahaparv. In Bihar, these festivals are about far more than lamps and offerings. They bring families home from every corner of the country, fill the ghats with devotion, and remind us that our culture has always honoured nature, discipline and togetherness. Far beyond our borders, people of Bihar from Mauritius to the United States and the Gulf will gather at riverbanks, lakes and makeshift ghats to offer arghya to the setting and rising sun, carrying the spirit of Bihar with them wherever they live.

Just as the festive lamps brighten every home, a spirit of renewal is visible across the State this season, and this edition captures a Bihar that is building its future with confidence. At Bodh Gaya, the Hon'ble Chief Minister unveiled Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited, an occasion that also saw MoUs worth Rs 4,092 crore signed with 12 industrial units. In Muzaffarpur, he opened the Mega Leather and Footwear Cluster, while Jamui is emerging as a new industrial destination. The State Cabinet approved the Bihar AI Policy 2026 and the MSME Policy 2026, signalling our readiness for the industries of tomorrow.

This month, Bihar's heritage took centre stage on the world map. The Bihar Museum in Patna has been ranked ninth in the world and first in Asia in the World's 100 Best Museums 2026 list by the international travel platform Worth a Journey. It is the only Indian museum on the list. The honour is a moment of pride not only for Bihar but for the entire nation, and it shows that India's heritage can stand alongside the finest in the world. With more than 30,000 artefacts spanning nearly 5,000 years of history, art and culture, the museum tells the story of a land that gave the world Nalanda and once drew scholars from across Asia. Other honours also came the State's way. Bihar received two national awards for its work under PMAY-Urban 2.0, and the Hon'ble Prime Minister's mention of Purnia makhana reaching Greece in Mann Ki Baat brought fresh pride to our farmers.

The stories that resonate most with me, however, come from our people. Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth of Darbhanga has become the first Indian woman to complete the Fighter Combat Leader course. Young Priya Kumari of Supaul designed a school bag that turns into a classroom mat, and eleven-year-old Adarsh Bhardwaj of Madhubani has written nine books. They show what the youth of Bihar can achieve when given the right opportunity. Bihar Bhawan remains committed to carrying these achievements to the national capital and strengthening the bond between Bihar and the rest of the country on the path to a Samriddh Bihar and Viksit Bharat.

We value your readership and look forward to your feedback and suggestions. For any queries or inputs, please write to us at rescm-bi@nic.in.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Visits Bihar Tourism Pavilion at Bharat Parv 2026



Bihar's heritage found a proud place on the national stage as Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Bihar Tourism Pavilion at Bharat Parv 2026, held on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. Joint Secretary of the Tourism Department Smt. Shalini Kumari and departmental officials warmly welcomed him.

The pavilion showcases Bihar's rich cultural heritage, historic monuments, traditional arts and crafts and wide range of tourist attractions, presenting the State's glorious traditions and vast tourism potential to visitors from across the country. Bihar's heritage, after all, is India's identity, in the true spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

Purnia Makhana Reaches Europe, Earns Hon'ble PM's Praise in Mann Ki Baat

When Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke of Purnia's makhana reaching Greece in the 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat on 25 October, he placed a humble Bihar staple alongside the country's proudest export stories. For farmers who wade into Seemanchal's ponds each season to harvest the seeds by hand, it was a moment of quiet pride.

The journey behind those words began earlier this month. A one tonne consignment of popped makhana, prepared by Indo Global Export in Belauri and facilitated by APEDA, set sail from Mundra Port for Piraeus, carrying Bihar's flavour into a new European market.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also reminded listeners that packaging matters as much as quality. Bihar is taking that advice to heart, with packhouses already strengthening the export chain.



Positive Thinking and Coordination Key to Transforming Higher Education: Hon'ble Governor

Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) felicitated army and police personnel from Bihar at a 'Samman Samaroh' held at Bihar Lok Bhawan, honouring those awarded gallantry medals for bravery and indomitable courage and the President's Police Medal for outstanding and meritorious service. The Hon'ble Governor said the courage, dedication, and commitment of army and police personnel to national service is a matter of pride for the entire country and an inspiration for the youth. He said that the role of army and police personnel is important not only for national security but also for serving citizens. He said their dedication strengthens an environment of security and trust in society. He also paid special tribute to the sacrifice, patience, and contribution of their families, noting that continuous family support lies behind every soldier's service and achievement.



Governor Urges Forensic Professionals to Uphold Integrity at Forensic Jurisconn-2026

Hon'ble Governor Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd) inaugurated 'Forensic Jurisconn-2026' at Netaji Subhas Medical College and Hospital, (NSMCH), Bihta, describing forensic science as a remarkable meeting point of science, justice and humanity.

He noted that scientific evidence plays a vital role in uncovering the truth, often making it possible to establish a person's identity even after death and giving complex investigations a firm foundation. Since their findings can shape the course of justice, the Governor urged forensic professionals to work with integrity and a deep sense of responsibility, adding that evidence-based inquiry helps protect both justice and human dignity.



Hon'ble Governor Calls for Life-Saving CPR Training in Every School and Public Space



Hon'ble Governor Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd) and Lady Governor Smt Sabiha Hasnain took part in a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training programme at Bihar Lok Bhawan, organised by the Mahila Imdad Committee and Jay Prabha Medanta Super Speciality Hospital, Patna, for officials and staff of the Governor's Secretariat.

Noting that CPR can make the difference between life and death in an emergency, the Governor urged that such training must reach schools, colleges, universities and public places. He also recommended training students above Class 8, so that young people are ready to help those in need.

Hon'ble Governor Attends 'Dastan-e-Karn' as Ancient Storytelling Comes Alive at Lok Bhawan

The epic story of Karna found a new voice at Bihar Lok Bhawan as Hon'ble Governor Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd) attended 'Dastan-e-Karn', presented by renowned dastango Shri Mahmood Farooqui.

Dastangoi, the subcontinent's traditional art of oral storytelling, relies on the narrator's voice, expression and command over words to bring a tale to life. Through this form, Mahabharata's Karna emerged as a figure of courage, generosity and self-respect, values that still speak to audiences today. The evening offered a rare chance to experience India's epics through living tradition and connect younger generations with the country's rich oral heritage.



Hon'ble CM Invites Investors to 'Build and Believe' in Bihar at 2026

Bihar is ready for investment, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary told industry leaders as he inaugurated the Rising Bihar Investor Summit 2026 at Taj City Centre, Patna, alongside Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Industries Minister Sushri Shreyasi Singh and Hon'ble Road Construction Minister Shri Kumar Shailendra.



Calling Bihar's 14 crore people an economic strength and a vast market, Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the State Government will buy 25 per cent of goods made by industries in Bihar, provided they meet quality standards. He also highlighted Bihar's first-ever silt policy, which will put river silt to use in road construction and lower costs.



Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Gadkari assured full support from the Centre for a Samridh Bihar.

Bihar Pledges Its Role in Building a *Viksit Bharat by 2047*

A Viksit Bharat by 2047 depends on a prosperous and empowered Bihar, said Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary as he launched the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha and flagged off the Seva Jyoti Yatra with a lit torch at Miller High School Ground, Patna. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the gathering virtually.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said the country has made remarkable progress in development and public welfare over the past 12 years, guided by the spirit of 'Nation First'. In Bihar, nearly 89 lakh farmers are benefitting from PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, funds have reached the accounts of 1.81 crore Jeevika Didis, and 50 lakh women have already become Lakhpati Didis.



He added that schemes such as PM Awas Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal and PM Surya Ghar are bringing visible change to everyday lives across the State.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Launches 'Sankalp' Dashboard and 'Samanvay' Portal for Faster, Transparent Governance



The work of all 48 departments of the Bihar Government now sits on a single digital platform. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched the 'Sankalp' Dashboard and 'Samanvay' Portal at the Samvad Hall, Main Secretariat, Patna.

Built with six core modules and over 20 sub-modules, Sankalp will track key projects, departmental performance, Cabinet decisions and action taken on directions from review meetings. Samanvay will strengthen coordination between the State and the Government of India, helping monitor Central funds, national rankings and scheme implementation, with the Resident Commissioner in New Delhi steering coordination.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also directed integrated monitoring of CCTV cameras through the portal, including the 2,500 already installed in Patna. He said the platforms will speed up work, resolve public grievances faster and bring greater transparency, helping Bihar move ahead with greater pace.

Rohtas Set for Transformation as Hon'ble Chief Minister Unveils Rs 400 Crore Projects

Rohtas, the land of Emperor Ashoka and Sher Shah Suri, received a major development push as Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of projects worth over Rs 400 crore. At PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Sasaram in Karup, Shivsagar block, he also opened a new astronomy laboratory and interacted with students about their science models.



Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that Son river water will reach Sasaram and Aurangabad before next March, and that a new township will come up in the district, Rohtas. Tourist sites such as Maa Tarachandi Mandir, Gupta Dham and Maa Tutla Bhawani Dham will be developed to increase annual visitors from about 50,000 to 5 lakh within five years.

Launching the Seva Setu Abhiyan, he added that any official who fails to decide on an application received at a Sahyog Shivir within 30 days will face suspension.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Picks Up the Broom, Calls on Every Citizen to Build a Clean Bihar

Under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched a cleanliness drive in front of Lok Sevak Awas, Patna, with the guiding mantra 'Seva Mera Yogdan'. Joining the cleaning work himself, he set a personal example of the collective responsibility that a clean Bihar demands.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said cleanliness belongs to all of us, not to any single person or institution. He urged people to keep their homes, workplaces and neighbourhoods clean and to make cleanliness a natural part of daily life.

Through the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, the State Government is carrying the spirit of service and social responsibility to every household. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said public participation will be the driving force in realising the vision of a clean, healthy and Samriddh Bihar.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Opens India-New Zealand U-20 Rugby Sevens Series at Rajgir







The Maori haka echoed across Rajgir as Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the India-New Zealand Under-20 International Rugby Sevens Series at the Rajgir Sports Complex. Marking 100 years of sporting ties between the two nations, the series is the first tour of New Zealand's Under-20 rugby teams to India.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister along with Hon'ble Sports Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh met the players, unveiled jerseys signed by both teams and said the event gives young athletes an international stage in Bihar. New Zealand's Acting High Commissioner Mr Matthew Ayers and Rugby India President Shri Rahul Bose were present.

The State Cabinet met on 28 October 2026 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary and approved 43 agenda items

Rs 11,096.55 Crore for Power Distribution

With peak demand up from 1,802 MW in 2012 to 9,475 MW, the Cabinet approved an Rs 11,096.55 crore scheme to strengthen the LT network and upgrade overloaded cables and transformers within three years. NBPDCL and SBPDCL will raise the funds on a State Government guarantee.

Bihar MSME Policy 2026

Built on the vision "Ek Crore Udyami Parivar, Sashakt Bihar ka Aadhar," the policy aims to transform one crore families into thriving entrepreneurs and create one crore jobs in five years. It also plans MSME centres in all 38 districts.

Bihar AI Policy 2026

The new policy aims to draw AI companies, GCCs and startups to Bihar, offering capital, power tariff, cloud and employment subsidies. It also promotes AI use in agriculture, health and education.

Rs 43.50 Crore for UDAN Flights

The State will fund viability gap support until September 2028 to keep flights running from Purnea to Kolkata, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad, which have already served over 1.5 lakh passengers. A flying training organisation will also come up at the Saharsa airstrip.

Bihar State Games 2026

Rs 12 crore has been approved for the Games, which will bring together about 5,500 athletes from across the State in 24 disciplines.



Jamui Emerges as Bihar's New Industrial Destination with ₹3,400 Crore Investment



Chakai in Jamui is set to become one of Bihar's rising industrial hubs. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inspected the Ankur Biochem ethanol plant under construction there, one of Asia's largest grain-based ethanol plants, with production expected to begin by March 2027.

Spread across 105 acres, the plant will produce about 10 lakh litres of ethanol a day and run on a 20 MW captive power facility. Its daily need of nearly 30,000 quintals of grain will give local farmers a steady market, while a Zero Liquid Discharge system will help conserve water.

Projects by Ankur Steel, Ankur Biochem, CLM Developers and Ankur Tradevista will together bring about ₹3,400 crore in investment and over 10,000 direct and indirect jobs. Around 9,000 acres have been identified for an industrial area in Chakai, with Hon'ble Chief Minister directing that the land be mapped within 10 to 12 days and full details compiled by 30 October.

Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh, Hon'ble Transport Minister Shri Damodar Rawat, Chief Secretary Shri Pratyaya Amrit, DGP Smt. Preeta Verma, Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar, Director of Industries Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta and Jamui District Magistrate Shri Navin were among those present.

Muzaffarpur Steps Up as Footwear Hub with ₹140.95 Crore Mega Leather Cluster



Bihar's footwear and leather industry has a new home in Muzaffarpur. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Cluster and Common Facility Centre at Mahwal Industrial Area, Motipur, built at a cost of ₹140.95 crore. Shed and land allotment letters were handed to industrial units, and an MoU was signed between the Industries Department and the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI).

Inviting investors to bring their proposals to Bihar, Hon'ble Chief Minister said the State will examine them and work towards a sector-specific policy within 30 days where needed. He also outlined plans for rapid rail links from Muzaffarpur to Patna and Patna to Gaya, Integrated Manufacturing Clusters in Gaya, Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga, and 1,000 MW of data centre capacity before 2030.

Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh, Development Commissioner Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, DGP Smt. Preeta Verma, Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar, BIADA Managing Director Shri Navin Kumar, Director of Industries Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta and Muzaffarpur District Magistrate Shri Kumar Gaurav were among those present.

Bihar Signs MoUs Worth ₹4,092 Crore with 12 Industrial Units at Bodhgaya

Bihar's industrial momentum gathered fresh pace at Bodhgaya, where the Industries Department signed MoUs with 12 industrial units for investment proposals worth ₹4,092 crore in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary. The agreements were signed at the launch of Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited (BIMCGL) and the curtain raiser for Bihar Business Connect 2027.

The proposals span energy, textiles, organic products, automobiles, aluminium, agro and food processing, biotechnology and jewellery. Mint Lifesciences leads with ₹1,500 crore, followed by ABIS Group with ₹600 crore, Biohill Energy with ₹510 crore and Geofast Industries with ₹500 crore. The State Government's focus now is on turning these MoUs into working factories that create local jobs and support allied industries.

Hon'ble Union MSME Minister Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary and Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Hon'ble Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly Dr. Prem Kumar, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister and Gaya In-charge Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha, Hon'ble Industries Minister Sushri Shreyasi Singh, Hon'ble Minor Water Resources Minister Shri Santosh Kumar Suman and the Ambassadors of Japan, Thailand and Laos attended, along with Chief Secretary Shri Pratyaya Amrit, DGP Smt. Preeta Verma, Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar and Gaya District Magistrate Shri Shashank Shubhankar.





Gaya ji Set to Become Bihar's Manufacturing Powerhouse as Integrated City Eyes ₹16,500 Crore Investment



Gaya ji, revered worldwide as the land where Buddha attained enlightenment, is preparing for a new identity as a centre of modern manufacturing. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary formally launched Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited (BIMCGL) at Bodh Gaya, unveiling its logo and web portal along with the curtain raiser for Bihar Business Connect 2027.

Being developed across 1,670 acres in Dobhi block under the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor, the integrated city has the potential to attract around ₹16,500 crore in investment and create about 1.1 lakh jobs. The Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted wide investment potential in Bihar across steel and metals, textiles, food processing, semiconductors and electronics, electric vehicles and automobiles, and biofuels. Acquisition of about 13,500 acres for industry and infrastructure is under way and expected to be completed by January.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also announced a township and cultural heritage centre named after Magadh, and plans to connect Gaya ji by air with Dubai and Kathmandu. Calling on the Bihari diaspora across 55 countries to carry the State's new industrial identity to the world, he invited investors to see Bihar with fresh eyes.

BIADA Allots Industrial Land to 12 Units, Paving Way for 2,500 Jobs

Industry is taking root across Bihar. The Project Clearance Committee of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), chaired by Managing Director Shri Naveen Kumar, approved the allotment of 9.14 acres of industrial land and Plug & Play sheds to 12 industrial units. Together, they are expected to bring in about ₹132.60 crore in investment and create around 2,500 jobs in Patna, Buxar, Muzaffarpur, West Champaran, Bhagalpur, Purnea, Madhubani, Aurangabad and Saharsa.



The Plug & Play facilities give investors ready-built infrastructure, helping units begin operations faster. Hon'ble Industries Minister Sushri Shreyasi Singh said these projects will open employment and skill-based opportunities for the State's youth. Shri Naveen Kumar added that BIADA is making plots available through a transparent, time-bound process, strengthening Bihar's position as an emerging industrial destination.

Bihar Makes Its Mark at India Mobile Congress 2026

Bihar took an active seat at the table as the country discussed its digital future at India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi. Inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and attended by Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, the event hosted a Centre-State Round Table Meeting where a delegation from the Department of Information Technology, led by Hon'ble IT Minister Shri Nitish Mishra, represented the State.

Discussions focused on taking reliable internet connectivity to rural areas and using telecom technology to improve access to services in sectors such as health, education and agriculture, so that ordinary citizens gain the most from the digital shift.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Nitish Mishra highlighted that Bihar is working closely with the Ministry of Communications to expand and strengthen telecom services. The State has put in place a phased Resolution Mechanism that ensures time-bound, coordinated solutions to issues in the telecom sector.

He added that, in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Digital India vision and under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, Bihar is building a strong, future-ready IT ecosystem that encourages innovation, emerging technologies and citizen-centric digital services, positioning the State as an active partner in India's digital journey.



Simultala Awasiya Vidyalaya Ranks Second in the Country

Nestled in the hills of Jamui, Simultala Awasiya Vidyalaya has once again put Bihar on the national education map. The school has secured second place among the country's best government residential schools in the Cfore School Rankings 2026.

Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Mithilesh Tiwari congratulated the principal, teachers and students, calling the achievement a moment of pride for Bihar and a reflection of the State's efforts towards quality education. Known for its academic excellence, disciplined environment and focus on the all-round development of students, Simultala now stands as an inspiration for government schools across Bihar.

Kayakalp Abhiyan Gives Bihar's Schools a Fresh Start

Safe, well-kept classrooms are the first promise a school makes to its children, and the Education Department is working to keep that promise across Bihar. Under the Kayakalp Abhiyan, ₹275 crore has been released to districts, with each primary school receiving between ₹30,000 and ₹40,000 and each high school ₹50,000. School Management Committees have been asked to approve the proposed works so that funds are used without delay.



The Department is also taking stock of buildings that need more than routine upkeep. Teams of engineers will carry out technical inspections of dilapidated school buildings, while headmasters upload photographs of such structures on the e-Shikshakosh portal. This will give the State a complete list of buildings in need, so that repairs and reconstruction can be planned where they matter most. It also places student safety at the centre of Bihar's school improvement agenda.

PMCH Tower-3 Opens, Taking Bihar's Premier Hospital to 2,500 Beds



Patna Medical College and Hospital, one of Bihar's oldest and largest hospitals, is entering a new era. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the newly built Tower-3 under Phase-1 of the PMCH Redevelopment Project, enabling the hospital to treat patients on 2,500 beds with modern medical facilities.

The new tower offers kiosk and counter-based OPD registration, a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), an obstetrics and gynaecology ICU, a post-natal ward, modular operation theatres and a radiology department. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the PICU, distributed nutrition kits to young patients and directed officials to ensure better coordination between departments, regular upkeep of facilities and quality in the remaining redevelopment work.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary and Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant, Hon'ble Cooperation Minister Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Chief Secretary Shri Pratyaya Amrit, Health Secretary Shri Kumar Ravi, State Health Society Executive Director Dr Naval Kishore Choudhary and PMCH Superintendent Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh were among those present.



Bihar Wins Two National Awards for Housing the Urban Poor



Bihar's push to give every eligible urban family a pucca home has earned national recognition. On World Habitat Day, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs honoured the State with two national awards for its implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 at a ceremony in New Delhi, presented by Hon'ble Union Minister of State Shri Tokhan Sahu.

Bihar was named the Best Performing State for grounding the highest number of houses against sanctions, and received a Special Recognition Award among large states for sanctioning the highest percentage of houses against its target.

Hon'ble Urban Development and Housing Minister Shri Nitish Mishra said the honours reflect the State's commitment to the Prime Minister's vision of 'Housing for All'. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, Bihar remains committed to providing a dignified home to every eligible family.

Project Dhenu Dhara to Boost Dairy Income Through Pashu Sakhis

Small dairy farmers in Muzaffarpur and Nalanda are set to earn more from every litre of milk. JEEViKA has launched ‘Project Dhenu Dhara’ in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation, signing an MoU for the two-year initiative to improve productivity, animal health and incomes of small and marginal dairy farmers.

Through 200 trained women Pashu Sakhis, the project will reach around 20,000 dairy farmers, promoting ration balancing and ethnoveterinary medicine with technical support from the National Dairy Development Board. It aims to raise milk production by up to 10 per cent and farmers’ incomes by up to 20 per cent, while cutting unnecessary antibiotic use.

JEEViKA Director (Enterprises) Shri Vinay Kumar Rai said the partnership will build a sustainable, women-led dairy model that also creates lasting livelihoods for Pashu Sakhis.



Bihar's Dams and Hills to Bloom as Eco-Tourism Destinations









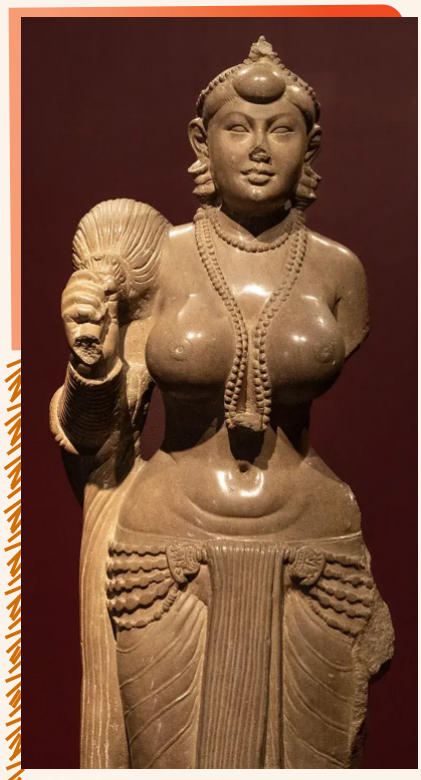
Bihar's quiet reservoirs and forested hills are set to welcome new visitors. At a review of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary directed that eco-tourism facilities be developed around Odhni Dam in Banka, Kharagpur and Jalkund Dams in Munger and Tarakol Dam in Nawada, along with Kasraiya Dhar in Khagaria.

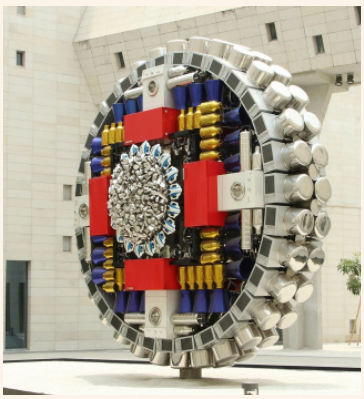
Where government land is limited, projects will be taken up in PPP mode. Facilities in hilly areas will use natural materials such as bamboo and wood, with ropeways planned wherever tourism needs them. Hill areas will also be solarised, and large-scale plantations around reservoirs will expand the State's green cover.

Hon'ble Minister Dr Ramchandra Prasad, Chief Secretary Shri Pratyaya Amrit and Additional Chief Secretary Shri Anand Kishore were among those present.

Bihar Museum Becomes Asia's Finest, Brings Global Honour to India

For centuries, the world came to Bihar to learn at Nalanda. Today it is once again looking to Bihar, this time to Patna. In the World's 100 Best Museums 2026 list, published by the international travel platform Worth a Journey, the Bihar Museum has been ranked ninth in the world and first in Asia. It finished ahead of celebrated names such as the Louvre in Paris and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and it is the only Indian institution on the list, a recognition that fills every Indian with pride.





The museum invites visitors to explore one of the world's oldest cultural civilisations, shaped over nearly 5,000 years of history, art and culture. Its collection of more than 30,000 artefacts traces the rise of powerful dynasties and rulers who shaped the subcontinent. At its heart stands the Mauryan-era Didarganj Yakshi, among the most admired works of ancient Indian art.



The museum is much more than a home for the past. A dedicated Children's Gallery brings Bihar's history and natural history alive for young visitors. The Diaspora Gallery tells the story of the people of Bihar who carried their culture across the world. The museum traditions through the Bihar Museum Mithila painting and Tikuli art.





its first great university, this Bihar's heritage belongs to milestone on the path to a Bharat.

Supaul's Priya Kumari

Turns a School Bag into a Classroom



In many village schools, children still sit on the floor to study. Priya Kumari, a Class 9 student from Kishanpur in Supaul, found the answer in her own school bag. Her low-cost, waterproof bag opens into a mat for the classroom floor and folds back neatly once lessons end.

The idea, developed under the guidance of her teacher, earned her a national award at the 12th INSPIRE-MANAK National Level Exhibition and Project Competition at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, along with a trip to Japan.

Bhawana Kanth

Darbhanga's Daughter Takes Command of the Skies



A decade ago, Bhawana Kanth was among the first three women to enter the Indian Air Force's fighter stream. Today, Squadron Leader Kanth has become the first Indian woman fighter pilot to complete the Fighter Combat Leader course, the IAF's elite 20-week programme in advanced air combat tactics and mission leadership, at TACDE, Gwalior.

Rooted in Baur village of Darbhanga's Ghanshyampur block, she has made a habit of firsts. She was the first woman declared fit for fighter combat missions in 2019 and flew in the 2021 Republic Day Parade. Mithila is celebrating, and young women across Bihar have one more reason to aim for the skies.

Adarsh Bhardwaj

Eleven Years Old, Nine Books, One World Record



At an age when most children are still discovering books, Adarsh Bhardwaj of Jhanjharpur, Madhubani, has already written nine of them. Among them is "Nanhaki Aankhisan Bhutan", a children's travelogue in Maithili that sees the Himalayan kingdom through a child's eyes. :The World Book of Records", London, has named him the world's youngest author, and CBSE recently honoured him as the "Wonder Boy of India".

Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Mithilesh Tiwari felicitated the 11-year-old at Vikas Bhawan, Patna, calling his achievements an inspiration for all of Bihar. Adarsh continues to write on Mithila culture and India-Bhutan friendship, and has appeared on Akashvani and Doordarshan.



Dr Anil Prakash Joshi

Padma Bhushan awardee, Environmentalist and Founder, Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation (HESCO)

Chhath Mahaparv is the finest example of Bihar's culture and its bond with nature. This bond is not confined to the river or the ghat where people gather to worship. The same reverence for nature lives on in every home and village. Through Chhath, people express their love and respect for the natural world. It is a cultural strength that can inspire people to protect the environment.



Abhishek Malhan

well-known YouTuber

I had no idea Bihar had hilly regions like these. Visiting the tourist spots of Rohtas district was a wonderful experience, and the natural beauty here is remarkable. The Hon'ble Chief Minister was very supportive and arranged full security for us.



Sulekha Kumari

Nalanda

I joined JEEViKA in 2024 and started my own business making atta, sattu, besan and spices. My products now reach several districts, and I earn around Rs 25,000 a month.



Alok Maurya

Farmer

The bunds around our fields used to lie empty. After training under the ATMA scheme, we planted arhar dal there, and the crop has done well. This has increased my income.

Thank You

As this edition draws to a close, we thank you for taking the time to read Bihar's stories of progress, enterprise and heritage. We look forward to sharing the next chapter with you soon.

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