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Dear Readers,

I am delighted to present the October 2024 edition of our newsletter, filled with inspiring updates from Bihar.

This month, we have witnessed remarkable progress across various sectors. His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, launched the Mission Total Segregation initiative, aimed at transforming Patna into a cleaner city. He also honored Shri Wart, who is on a cycling tour to raise awareness about environmental conservation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated several key projects to boost tourism and enhance the healthcare sector. Notably, this includes the launch of a ₹188 crore Regional Eye Institute and new hostels in Saran. These developments demonstrate the Government of Bihar's dedication to creating a prosperous and healthy future for all.

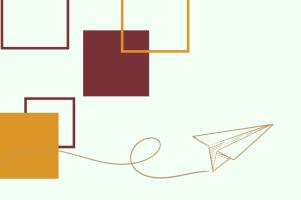
Meanwhile, the state is abuzz with spiritual fervor as the Pitru Paksh Mela takes place from September 17 to October 2. Thousands of pilgrims are flocking to the holy city of Gaya to perform sacred rituals for their ancestors. Government of Bihar has made comprehensive arrangements to ensure a smooth and safe experience for all devotees, including special transportation, medical facilities, and accommodations. This further highlights Bihar's commitment to promoting cultural and spiritual tourism, blending tradition with modern convenience.

Additionally, the Bihar Foundation has been working to keep our state's rich culture and traditions alive, with residents living abroad proudly participating in cultural activities.

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### HE Governor of Bihar honors Shri Wart for inspiring youth to save the environment

Shri Wanlalayamuzala Wart from Mizoram, who is cycling across India, met with His Excellency Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Arlekar, at Raj Bhawan on September 5, 2024. Shri Wart began his cycling journey from Aizawl on January 25, 2024, to raise awareness about clean air and healthy living. After traveling 14,169 kilometers and visiting 26 states, he arrived in Bihar. His Excellency praised and honored Shri Wart for his brave efforts to protect and promote the environment, calling him an inspiration for the youth.



### **Chief Secretary Shri Amrit Lal Meena Meets His Exellency Governor of Bihar**

On September 5, 2024, the newly appointed Chief Secretary of Bihar, Shri Amrit Lal Meena, had an official meeting with His Excellency, the Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Arlekar, at Raj Bhavan.



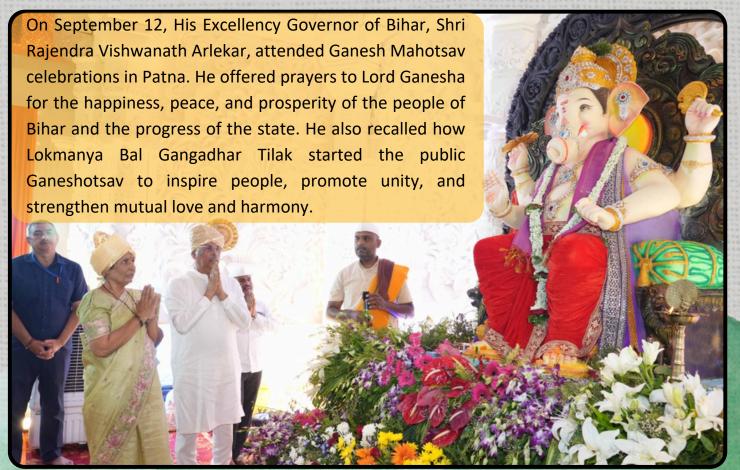
### **HE Governor administers oath of State Information Commissioners**





On September 12, His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, administered oath of office to Shri Brajesh Mehrotra and Shri Prakash Kumar as State Information Commissioners. The Honorable Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Samrat Choudhary, along with other government officials were present at the oath-taking ceremony.

#### "Time to encourage people towards mutual prosperity"



#### **Mission Total Segregation to make Patna cleaner**



On September 19, His Excellency, Governor Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, inaugurated the "Mission Total Segregation" program organized by the Urban Development and Housing Department to make Patna a waste-free city.

While addressing the gathering at Bapu Sabhagar, Patna, the Governor emphasized that cleanliness should become a lifelong habit. He mentioned that the government is committed to making Bihar clean, and it is everyone's responsibility to actively participate in this mission. He urged people to take a pledge to make Patna a leader in cleanliness.

### Lady Governor distributes wheelchairs and tricycles to differently-abled individuals

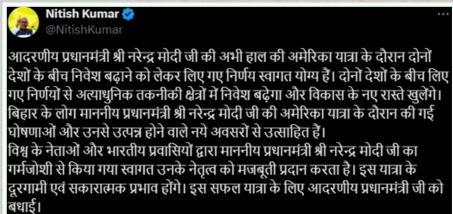


Lady Governor and President of the Women's Aid Committee, Raj Bhavan, Smt. Anagha Arlekar, distributed wheelchairs and tricycles to differently-abled individuals on September 19. In a program held at the Women's Aid Committee training center on the Raj Bhavan premises, 5 beneficiaries received wheelchairs, and 3 were provided with tricycles.



### Hon'ble CM Shri Nitish Kumar praises decisions from Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's US visit

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, said that the people of Bihar are very excited about the announcements made during Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's recent trip to the United States, which have created new investment opportunities.





During his three-day visit, Hon'ble PM Modi attended important meetings on key issues. He spent one day at the Quad and met with U.S. President Shri Joseph Biden, another day in New York meeting with business leaders and the Indian community, and the final day at the United Nations for more meetings.

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, shared a brief video of his engagements, from the Quad Summit to series of bilateral meetings including with US President Joe Biden. He also shared highlights of his address to the Indian diaspora, interaction with important American business leaders and address at the Summit of the Future in the United Nations.

"This has been a fruitful USA visit, covering diverse programmes and focusing on a series of subjects aimed at making our planet better. Here are the highlights," PM Modi said in a post on X.

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### Hon'ble PM inaugurates new Vande Bharat trains for Bihar; Hon'ble CM joins the ceremony

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated six new Vande Bharat Express trains via video conferencing from Ranchi Airport, while Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar joined the event from 'Sankalp' at 1 Anne Marg, Patna on September 15.



Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off the Bhagalpur-Howrah, Gaya-Howrah, Tatanagar-Patna, Deoghar-Varanasi, Brahmapur-Tatanagar, and Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat Express trains. Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Samrat Choudhary and Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha, the Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Dr. S. Siddharth, Danapur DRM Shri Jayant Kumar Choudhary, and other senior railway officials were present at the event.

#### Hon'ble CM celebrates Vishwakarma Puja with devotion



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, participated in Vishwakarma Puja celebrations, offering prayers for the prosperity and well-being of the state.

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#### Patna gets new ₹188 crore Regional Eye Institute



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar and Hon'ble Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Shri J.P. Nadda, on September 6, inaugurated the newly constructed Regional Eye Institute at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS), built at a cost of ₹188 crores. In the same program, the leaders remotely inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various health department projects worth ₹850 crores.

### Hon'ble CM launches mobile veterinary call center, flags off 534 mobile veterinary units

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated Mobile Veterinary Call Center at 1 Anne Marg on September 9; he also flagged off 534 mobile veterinary units (vehicles) along with the launch of Bihar Pashupalak App and Kisan Pashupalak App.



Each GPS-enabled mobile unit is equipped with tools for disease diagnosis, veterinary care, minor surgeries, and audio-visual promotional equipment. It also provides essential medicines and artificial insemination services. A call center and a mobile app has also been developed for the convenience of livestock owners.

## Hon'ble CM inaugurates new workshop and hostels at Marhaura, Saran; Lays foundation stones for ₹59.93 crore projects

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar on September 12 inaugurated newly constructed workshop and tech lab at Government Industrial Training Institute in Marhaura, Saran, built at a cost of ₹306.63 lakh under Saat Nischay Yojana-2. He also unveiled two new hostels, each with a capacity of 300 students, at Government Polytechnic College in Madhaura.





Additionally, Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stones for various projects in Saran, including the construction of 22 police buildings and model police stations, at a total cost of ₹59.93 crore. He also visited beautified Amrit Sarovar under the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan in Amnaur Harnarayan village, where he planted trees and fed ducks in the pond.

Hon'ble Chief Minister paid a visit to the exhibition organised by various departments where he distributed battery-operated tricycles to differently-abled individuals and symbolic checks for the Inter-caste Marriage Incentive Scheme and the Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana. He also handed over certificates for land settlement under the Abhiyan Basera Scheme to eligible beneficiaries, keys under the Mukhyamantri Block Transport Scheme, and approval letters for the Skilled Youth Program and the Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme to selected beneficiaries.

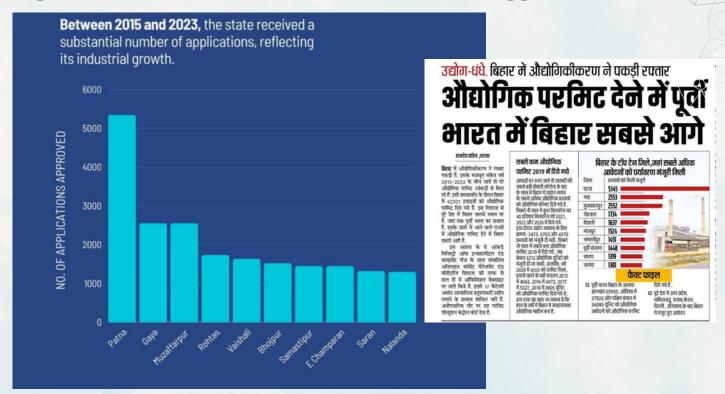


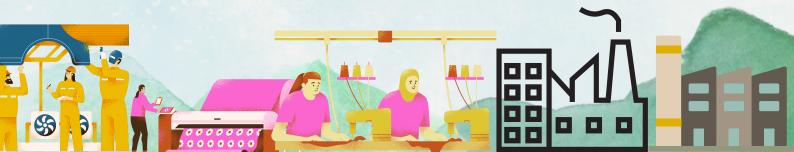
#### Bihar leads Eastern India in issuing industrial permits

Bihar is making significant strides in industrialization, as evidenced by the industrial permit data released from 2015 to 2023. During this period, 42,301 units received industrial permits, placing Bihar seventh in the country and first among states in Eastern India. These figures were recently published on the official website of the Ministry of Environmental and Climate Change

Notably, the years following the COVID-19 pandemic saw the highest number of industrial proposals in Bihar. In the last nine years, 40% of total clearances were granted in 2021, 2022, and 2023, with approvals for 5,473, 6,703, and 4,370 proposals, respectively. The lowest number of industrial permits was issued in 2019, with only 3,212 units approved, while 4,555 permits were granted in 2020. Previous years saw the following approvals: 4,063 in 2015, 4,672 in 2016, 5,327 in 2017, and 3,805 in 2018. This data indicates a positive industrial climate in Bihar in recent years.

#### **Top 10 districts in Bihar with environmental approval**





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### Bihar showcases opportunities in food sector @ World Food India exhibition



### Haldiram secures 12 acres in Bihta, Patna, to establish new manufacturing facility

Haldiram, a famous Indian multinational sweets, snacks, and restaurant company based in Noida, has been granted 12 acres of land in the Industrial Area of Sikandarpur, Bihta, Patna. This strategic investment, amounting to approximately ₹300 crore, is expected to create around 500 jobs in the region. The new facility will focus on the production of a diverse range of snacks, namkeen, and sweets.

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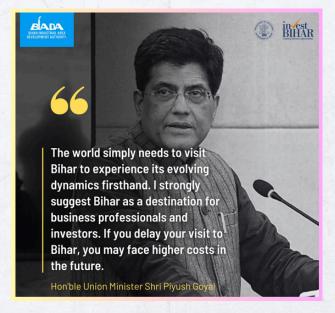
#### Bihar Business Connect 2024: Investors meet in Mumbai



An Investors meet was organized in Mumbai on September 13 as part of Bihar Business Connect 2024, with Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, as the chief guest. He inaugurated the event by lighting ceremonial lamp in the presence of Hon'ble Industry Minister Shri Nitish Mishra and Secretary Smt. Bandana Preyashi.

During the event, Minister Goyal encouraged business professionals and investors to visit Bihar, saying, "The world simply needs to visit Bihar to experience its evolving dynamics firsthand. I strongly suggest Bihar as a destination for business professionals and investors. If you delay your visit to #Bihar, you may face higher costs in the future."

Hon'ble Industry Minister, Shri Nitish Mishra, spoke about Bihar's potential, stating, "Bihar is poised to become India's growth engine and the driving force in India's economic growth."







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#### **BIADA: PCC grants land allotments to 15 industrial units**



On September 20, the Project Clearance Committee (PCC) of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), chaired by Shri Kundan Kumar, Investment Commissioner and Managing Director, approved land allotments for 15 industrial units.

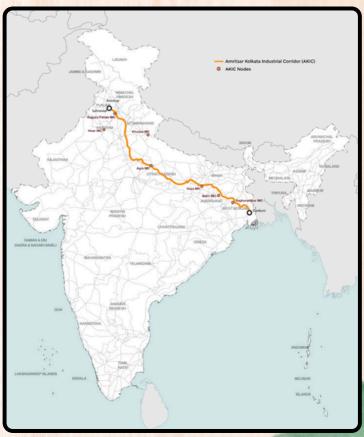
These units, which span sectors such as food processing, general manufacturing, and IT/ITeS, are set to collectively invest ₹323.37 crores and create over 750 jobs. This initiative is expected to further boost industrial development and employment opportunities in Bihar.

#### Meeting held to discuss IMC project in Gaya

Shri Kundan Kumar, Investment Commissioner and Managing Director of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), on September 13 met with representatives from the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) in New Delhi. The meeting focused on the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) project in Gaya, Bihar, which is part of the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC).



AKIC is intended to facilitate development of well-planned and resource-efficient industrial world-class base served by sustainable connectivity infrastructure, bringing significant benefits in terms of innovation, manufacturing, job creation and resource security to states coming within its influence region.



#### **Bapu Tower: A Tribute to the Mahatma Gandhi in Patna**

Located in the heart of the Gardanibagh area, Bapu Tower stands as a majestic tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. Spread across over seven acres, this landmark is set to be inaugurated on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti, and is designed to offer an immersive experience into the life, values, and legacy of Bapu.



The design elements within Bapu Tower create an atmosphere that transports visitors back to Gandhi's era. The use of murals, 3-D multimedia, and silicone statues of Gandhi and his associates with grafted artificial hair brings historical figures to life. The interactive touch screens and galleries made of fibrereinforced plastic further enrich the educational experience.



The architectural marvel consists of two structures:

- 1.A G+6 rectangular building adorned with a grand mural of Gandhiji on its facade, visible from afar.
- 2. An inverted cone-shaped structure, featuring ramps that spiral from the top to the bottom, interconnected with all floors of the rectangular building. This building also has a striking face line of Gandhi.



Inside, the galleries such as London Street and Porbandar House depict miniatures of the real locations, offering a glimpse into pivotal moments and places in Gandhi's life. Visitors will find detailed information about his teachings, vows, his strong association with Bihar, and how his influence spread globally even after his death. In addition to the galleries, the campus is equipped with a canteen serving vegetarian food, a souvenir shop, and ample parking space, making it a welcoming place for families and visitors from around the world.

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#### **HE Governor greets Asian Savate Championship Medal Winners**



On September 17, His Excellency Governor, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar met with four medal-winning athletes from Muzaffarpur and West Champaran, Bihar, who represented India at the Asian Savate (French Boxing) Championship 2024 in Wanduran, Indonesia. The athletes were accompanied by their coach, Shri Rahul Kumar. The Governor congratulated the team and extended his best wishes for their future achievements.

### Hon'ble CM felicitates Ms. Mahi Shwet Raj for winning 3 Gold medals at National Championship

Ms. Mahi Shwet Raj of Bihar, who secured three gold medals in the 77th Senior National Swimming Championship held in Mangaluru, Karnataka, was felicitated at 'Sankalp', 1 Aney Marg. Hon'ble CM, Shri Nitish Kumar, awarded her with a cheque of Rs 2 lakh and a shawl, recognizing her outstanding achievement that brought pride to Bihar. In recognition of her excellence in sports, Ms. Mahi Shwet Raj is being appointed as a Sub Inspector in Bihar Police under the 'Bihar Utkrishta Khiladiyon Ki Appointment Rules 2023'. Her coach, Mr. Pratim Majumdar, was also honored with a cheque of Rs 2 lakh and a shawl for his guidance and contribution.



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### Bihar's Shri Sharad Kumar Shines at Paris Paralympics with Silver Medal

Shri Sharad Kumar from Muzaffarpur has made his mark at the Paris Paralympics 2024 by winning a silver medal in the high jump event in the T-63 category.



Previously, Shri Sharad won a bronze medal in the same event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, and this time he cleared a height of 1.88 meters. He is the first athlete to win medals in two consecutive Paralympic Games.

Shri Sharad expressed his happiness about the win, saying, "I was hoping to win the gold medal, but I'm very happy with the silver. I dedicate this success to my father, Shri Surendra Kumar, my mother, Smt. Kumkum Kumari, and my elder brother, Shri Sanat Kumar."

### Bihar's Shri Vaibhav Survanshi breaks Shri Sachin's record with 49 centuries in a year

In a remarkable achievement, 14-year-old cricketer Shri Vaibhav Survanshi from Samastipur, Bihar, has created history by scoring 49 centuries and three double centuries, at an age younger than Sachin Tendulkar.

Bihar has made significant strides in sports in recent years, leading to the emergence of young talents like Vaibhav. He debuted in the Ranji Trophy on Friday at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna, starting his journey at just 14 years old. Sachin Tendulkar made his Ranji debut at 15 years and 232 days.

Vaibhav Survanshi is a left-handed batsman known for his explosive batting style, and he continues to bring pride to Bihar with his impressive performances on the national stage.

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#### **Bihar Engineer builds floating house**

वेस्ट से बेस्ट... बाढ़ से परेशान बिहार के इंजीनियर का जुगाड़ घर, ये इबता नहीं, तैरने लगता है; गंगा नदी के रास्ते बक्सर से पटना ले जा रहे

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हर साल बाढ़ से परेशान रहने वाले बिहार में पढ़ ऐसा घर तैयार किया गया है, जो बाढ़ में डूबने की बजाय तैरों लोगा। इसे सेटर ऑफ पिजलिंद्स के अपसाइक्लिंग ऑटिंस्ट प्रशांत पांडे ने 2 साल में बक्सर में तैयार किया है। इसे गंगा नदी के रास्ते ही बक्सर से पटना ले जाया जा रहा है। अभी यह आरा पहुंचा है और 15 अक्टूबर तक पटना पहुंचेगा। प्रशांत कहते हैं, 'इस घर के कमरे और किचन बने पुपती या बेकार चीजों से हैं।'

योजना... सरकार की मदद से तैरते गांव बसाएंगे: बाइग्रस्त इलाकों के गांवों में तैरते वाले घर बनाए जा सकते हैं। प्रशांत कहते हैं, पे घर स्लाहाईंग चेन से बंधे होंगे। बाइ आने पर 10 फीट तक ऊपर उठ जाएंगे।' प्रशांत बाइग्रस्त क्षेत्र में ऐसे घर, स्कूल, सामुदाधिक भवन बनाकर गांव बसाने के प्रोजेक्ट पर काम करना वाहते हैं।



आत्मिनर्भर घर... गर्मी में ठंडा और सर्बी में गर्म रहता है घास-फूस-बांस से बना घर 22 देशों के वॉलीटवर्स ने मिट्टी, घास-फूस, सुरकी-चूना, बांस और बेकार चीजों से इसे बनाया है। सर्दी में गर्म और गर्मी में ठंडा रहता है। खुद के लिए सीर, पवन ऊर्जा, भोजन और स्वच्छ पानी का इंतजाम कर सकता है। 'लो टेक' यानी कम से कम लागत में देशी तकनीक से बना है, तिक लोग खुद अपना घर बना सकें। इसमें मानव मल को पानी और गैस में बदलने के इंतजाम हैं।



Prashant, an engineer from Ara, Bihar, has built a floating house on water. The house is being transported along the Ganga River from Buxar to Patna and is expected to reach Patna by October 15. Prashant has built this house over an area of around 1,000 square feet. To keep the house afloat, 108 waste domestic drums have been used. Materials used to build the house include mud, grass, lime mortar, bamboo, and items made from waste.

#### Bihar's daughter Ms. Alankrita Sakshi gets ₹60 lakh package at Google

Alankrita Sakshi from Bhagalpur district has been offered a job at Google, the world's largest software company, with an annual package of ₹60 lakhs. She will be working as a Software Engineer at Google. Alankrita is originally from Simra village in Naugachia, Bhagalpur, and is currently residing in Koderma, Jharkhand.

Before joining Google, Alankrita worked for two years at Wipro in Bengaluru, one year at Ernst & Young, and another year at Samsung Harman, which led to her selection at Google.



### Bihar Tourism Branding Policy and Homestay Promotion Scheme 2024 to boost hotel businesses

On September 18, "Bihar Tourism Branding and Marketing Policy, 2024" and "Mukhyamantri Homestay/Bed and Breakfast Protsahan Yojana, 2024" were officially released by Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and Industries, Shri Nitish Mishra, along with Tourism Secretary, Shri Lokesh Kumar Singh, and MD of BSTDC, Shri Nand Kishore, and other officials from the department.

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#### Pitru Paksha Mela 2024: Honoring Ancestors in Bihar

Pitru Paksha, a 16-day period in the Hindu calendar, is dedicated to performing shradh rituals to honor deceased ancestors. According to Hindu beliefs, offering prayers during Pitru Paksha helps souls attain peace and salvation, thereby removing any familial or generational obstacles. Gaya, with its rich historical and religious significance, is believed to be the perfect place for these offerings.

This year, Pitru Paksha Mela is being held from September 17 to October 2, 2024. Government of Bihar has setup several tent cities with amenities to facilitate the devotees.

Government of Bihar, in collaboration with the local administration, has put in place numerous measures to ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims. Special transportation services, medical aid camps, and clean drinking water are provided across the venue.

#### **Facilities at Tent cities, Bihar**





#### Comprehensive arrangements for pilgrims' stay in Gaya

The Bihar State Tourism Department has extensive arrangements made pilgrims. Besides a well-equipped tent city a capacity of 2,500 people, government accommodations have been set up at 36 locations, ensuring lodging for a total of 15,150 pilgrims. In addition, buildings, hotels, and private have been identified houses to accommodate another 77,449 visitors.



The tent city at Gandhi Maidan, Gaya, is free of cost and offers basic amenities such as LED TVs, 24-hour power backup, security guards working in 8-hour shifts, and RO water for drinking. The tent city is equipped with CCTV surveillance, a reception area, a public address system, and selfie points. Additionally, security is being maintained through drone surveillance.



#### 'May I Help You' Counters

A 'May I Help You' counter has been set up near the tent city to assist pilgrims. Information about the pilgrims is recorded, noting the duration of their stay in the tent city for easy tracking

#### **Lighting Arrangements at the Mela**

To ensure proper illumination throughout the Pitripaksha Mela area, 3,584 street lights have been installed by EESL, along with 435 street lights by the municipal corporation. A total of 17 high-mast and 34 mini high-mast lights have been installed.



#### **Falgu Aarti**

During the 16-day Pitripaksha Mela, a mesmerizing Falgu Aarti is held every evening at the banks of the Falgu River, organized by the Bihar Tourism Department. Pilgrims and visitors experienced this grand spectacle throughout the duration of the festival.



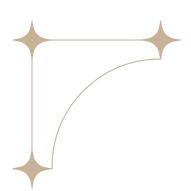
A Bihari Maithil family recently celebrated the Upanayan, or sacred thread ceremony, in Dallas, U.S., showcasing their commitment to preserving cultural traditions even thousands of miles away from home. The Upanayan, a significant rite of passage in Hindu culture, marks the transition of a young boy into spiritual adulthood.

**USA: Consul General and Bihar Foundation USA celebrate Hindi Diwas 2024** 



On September 13, 2024, the Consul General of India, Rakesh Adalkhah, in collaboration with the Bihar Foundation of USA, successfully organized Hindi Diwas 2024 in Milpitas, California. The event was graced by WTZ Chairman, Secretary, Board Members, the Indian Cultural Committee (ICC), and several members of the Bihari community.

Kumari Anamika, an executive member of the Bihar Foundation of USA, presented her self-composed poem, paying tribute to the beauty and significance of Hindi.





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