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RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Dear Readers,

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

This month has been marked by significant progress and development. His Excellency, the Governor of Bihar, attended the Conference of Governors hosted by Her Excellency, the President of India. The conference focused on key issues that play a critical role in shaping Centre-State relations and enhancing the welfare of our people.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated several key facilities to boost tourism and promote sports. Notable among these are the revitalized Kakolat Waterfall in Nawada and the new State Sports Academy in Rajgir. These initiatives reflect the Government of Bihar's commitment to fostering a brighter future and promoting prosperity.

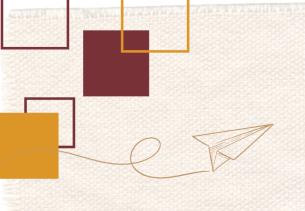
The industrial sector has also seen a boost, with the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) actively supporting businesses. A Coca-Cola bottle manufacturing unit was allocated land, and two Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been approved, making Bihar an increasingly attractive destination for investment.

Moreover, Bihar Foundation held key discussions under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Samrat Choudhary, to explore potential initiatives aimed at fostering mutual prosperity for Bihar and its global diaspora.

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Thank you for your continued support and engagement.





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Bihar Bhawan Corner

Bihar Foundation

'Conference of Governors' by HE President

HE Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended the Conference of Governors hosted by HE President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 2, 2024. The conference focused on various issues that play a critical role in shaping center-state relations and welfare schemes for the common people.

The Education sector was among key topics discussed as HE President of India said that the National Education Policy emphasised upon improving the Accreditation and Assessment system of educational institutions. She urged the Governors to contribute to this reform process in their capacity as the chancellors of state universities.





The conference was attended by Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah.

Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi in his address during the session urged Governors to play a crucial role of being the bridge between the Centre and the State and interact with people and social organisations in a manner to co-opt those who are underprivileged.

On the sidelines of the conference, HE President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu also met with the spouses of the Governors.

The two-day conference concluded on August 3, 2024.



"Need for collective effort to make India a developed nation"

His Excellency Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, attended the annual function of Vanbandhu Parishad, Patna Chapter, at Bapu Sabhagar, Gandhi Maidan, Patna on August 11, 2024. He said that Vanbandhu Parishad, through its Ekal Vidyalayas, is imparting education and cultural values to tribal communities. It is now our collective responsibility to make every effort to integrate tribal communities into the mainstream. He emphasized that to make India a developed nation by 2047, the contribution of every individual and family from all sections of society is essential.





"बिहार के गाँधी: नीतीश कुमार" - HE launches book in Patna

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on August 18, 2024, launched books with title "बिहार के गाँधी: नीतीश कुमार" and "Life and Leadership of Nitish Kumar," authored by Dr. Ashok Choudhary and Mrs. Shambhavi Choudhary, at the Bihar Legislative Assembly Auditorium. He highlighted that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, is truly a man of development, deeply committed to the progress of Bihar. He also mentioned that Bihar is fortunate to have him as its CM for such an extended period.





Pitching Bihar as attractive tourist destination

On August 1, 2024, His Excellency Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, met with Honorable Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at his residence in New Delhi. During the meeting, a discussion was held over cultural and touristic beauty of Bihar with plans on how tourism can be boosted in the state.







"Senate should focus on launching new AI-based courses"



His Excellency Governor of Bihar-cum-Chancellor, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, addressed a Senate meeting at Patna University on August 9, 2024. He emphasized that the Senate members must focus on improvising the education scenario. They should also consider introducing courses related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), Forensic Science, Defense Studies, Cyber Crime, Cyber Law, and Cyber Security. He also stressed the need for separate deans to promote research.



78th Independence Day Celebrations



His Excellency, the Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, posted a selfie with the tricolour as part of "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign by Government of India to mark the celebrations of Independence Day 2024.

HE hoisted the national flag and took salute at parade at Raj Bhavan. Watch video below:



Kavi Sammelan of patriotism, humour and sattire

On the eve of Independence Day, a Kavi Sammelan was organized at Rajendra Mandap in Raj Bhavan. Addressing the audience, His Excellency Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar said that everyone must remain committed to the spirit of love, brotherhood, and unity to strengthen the nation's integrity.

The Kavi Sammelan featured performances by Shri Gajendra Priyanshu, Shri Shambhu Shikhar, Sushri Pushpini Sharma, and Dr. Tisya Shri, who engaged audience with poems on patriotism, humor, satire, and romance.







Hon'ble Chief Minister hoists national flag on 78th I-Day





Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar hoisted the national flag at his official residence at 1 Anne Marg, Patna to mark the 78th Independence Day and received the salute from the combined contingent. Later, Hon'ble Chief Minister hoisted the national flag at the historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna after taking the salute from the parade.







Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar also hoisted the national flag at Lakhnibigaha Mahadalit Tola in Danapur Block of Patna District, where he honoured beneficieries of various government schemes.

Hon'ble CM ties Rakhi to mark Bihar Tree Protection Day and Raksha Bandhan



On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan and 'Bihar Tree Protection Day,' Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, tied a protective thread (rakhi) around a 'Bombax Ceiba' tree at Rajdhani Vatika in Patna. He also planted a 'Doranda' sapling at the park.

On August 13, 2012, Hon'ble Chief Minister had started 'Bihar Tree Protection Day' to coincide with Raksha Bandhan. The objective of this initiative is to raise awareness about environmental conservation, protection of trees, and encourage more tree plantation among the public.



New Bridge Over Muhane River at Dwarika Bigaha





Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar on August 3, 2024, inaugurated newly constructed bridge over the Muhane River at Dwarika Bigaha in Harnaut block of Nalanda district. The bridge, constructed by Bihar State Bridge Construction Corporation Limited, has been built at a cost of ₹493.64 lakh under the Chief Minister's Area Development Scheme (Special Plan).

This newly constructed bridge on the Dwarika Bigaha-Harnaut road connects to NH-31 near Chero, significantly improving connectivity for the residents of several villages, including Kalyan Bigaha, Chero Bahadur, and Birju Milki.

Hon'ble CM meets Miss Universe India contestant Ms. Kajal



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, had a courtesy meeting with Ms. Kajal Rani, the daughter of Bihar, who has been selected to represent the state in the 'Miss Universe India' competition. The meeting took place at 'Sankalp' on 1 Anne Marg on August 10, 2024. Ms. Kajal Rani was crowned Miss Universe Bihar in a competition held in Patna, and she will represent Bihar in the upcoming Miss Universe India contest in Delhi.

"Irreparable loss to the fields of art and culture"

Madhubani painting artist and Padma Shri awardee Smt. Godavari Dutta passed away on August 14, 2024. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar expressed deep condolences and said that her demise is an irreparable loss to the fields of art and culture. She has played a significant role in bringing recognition to Madhubani painting both in India and internationally.



MORE ABOUT HER...

Smt. Godavari Dutta was born in 1930 in Bahadurpur, Darbhanga district, Bihar. She was taught to paint by her mother, Smt. Subhadra Devi, an artist herself. Dutta began painting at the age of six, initially on walls, and transitioned to paper in 1971. Her works have been displayed in the Mithila Museum in Takamachi, Japan, and the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum.

₹1400cr Ambuja Cement Grinding Unit makes way to Bihar





Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, on August 3, 2024, inaugurated Ambuja Concrete North Private Limited's cement grinding unit in the Warisaliganj industrial area.

The cement plant will be constructed at an investment of approximately ₹1400 crore and is expected to produce 6 million tons of cement annually. Govt. of Bihar is supporting the establishment of this plant by providing 73 acres of land through the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA).

The new cement plant will enhance the availability of cement in the state. Additionally, its establishment will create direct employment for 250 people and indirect employment for 1,000 others.

Ajanta Shoes India set to invest in Bihar



Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Govt of Bihar, Shri Nitish Mishra held a meeting with Ajanta Shoes India CMD Shri Subrata Banik and CEO Shri Vipul Kansal. They presented their plans for investment in Bihar; Hon'ble minister expressed strong support for the proposal and assured to provide all necessary assistance to facilitate the company's investment.

GOI grants formal approval for Multi-Sector Special Economic Zones in Kumarbagh and Navanagar

In a major development for Bihar's industrial landscape, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has formally approved the establishment of <u>Multi-Sector Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Kumarbagh (West Champaran) and Navanagar (Buxar)</u>. The decision was made during a Board of Approval meeting held at the Commerce Building, New Delhi, on July 31, 2024, and was officially communicated to the Bihar government on August 9, 2024.

The approval marks a major milestone, as land availability is a critical requirement for SEZ designation. The Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) will develop the SEZs according to the prescribed standards on 125 acres of land at each of the approved locations.





Govt. of Bihar is dedicated towards development of the state in industrial space. Potential investors can book their space at the two SEZs by visitng - http://biada1.bihar.gov.in

BIADA allocates land for Coca-Cola bottling plant in Buxar



The Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) has allocated 65 acres of land in Nawanagar, Buxar, to SLMG Beverages for the development of a Coca-Cola bottling plant. The project involves an investment of ₹1235 crores and will have a production capacity of 3.24 lakh cases per day.

BIADA's support to investors

What do we offer?

Guided Tours

to available plots and Plug & Play facilities with opportunity assessment

Single Window Clearance

You only apply for clearances. We follow up in weekly meetings

BADA MAN PORTUGUES ACTUAL AND ACT

Training support

3-6 Months of Training support

Plug & Play

Ready to move Plug & Play facilities and quick allotment process

Approvals

Full support in getting mandatory NOCs / licenses and departmental approvals through weekly review meetings

Bank Linkages

Support for bank linkages



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurates tourist facilities at Kakolat waterfall



Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, on August 3, 2024, inaugurated new tourist facilities at Kakolat Waterfall in Gauripur block of Nawada district. Kakolat Waterfall attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Under the able leadership and directions of Hon'ble CM, improvements have been made to enhance the tourism experience.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS...

A staircase has been constructed to facilitate access to the waterfall. The pond at the base of the waterfall has been renovated, various spots have been decked up to present attractive hilly forms. A children's zone has been created, featuring a park, swings, and seating areas. For tourists, parking facilities, numerous benches, and food and beverage stalls have been set up.

AWARDING THE EXCELLENCE!

Hon'ble CM awarded certificates of appreciation to officials for their outstanding work in the development of Kakolat Waterfall. Additionally, he conducted a tree plantation drive within the Kakolat Waterfall premises.





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Bihar gets its first Sports Academy and Sports University

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar on August 29, 2024, inaugurated State Sports Academy and Bihar Sports University at Rajgir sports complex in Nalanda district.







During the event, Hon'ble CM honoured nine international medalists from the state and recognized athletes, coaches, and participants who have excelled in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, and Senior Asian Championships, as part of the National Sports Day celebrations.

He also paid tribute to the legendary hockey player Padma Bhushan Major Dhyan Chand by offering flowers at his portrait. Dr. B. Rajendra, Principal Secretary of the Sports Department, honored the Chief Minister with a green plant, and Shri Kumar Ravi, Secretary of the Building Construction Department, presented a symbolic memento.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated a newly constructed synthetic hockey field at the Rajgir sports complex and met with the players.

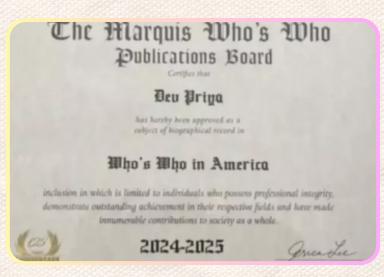




The International Sports Complex, built on 90 acres of land at a cost of ₹740 crore, is notable for providing simultaneous training in 24 sports disciplines. The facility offers comprehensive amenities including training, accommodation, and medical services all within the same campus. The complex features a main cricket stadium with a seating capacity of about 50,000 spectators and eight smaller stadiums each accommodating 10,000 spectators. It also includes a world-class sports library and various training centers for different sports.

Young boy from Bihar shines in the US

It's a proud moment for India as Shri Dev Priya, a young talent from a village in Bihar, has achieved remarkable success in the U.S. He has been recognized by the Marquis Who's Who Publication Board as one of the top 50 technical experts in the country for 2024-2025. Dev Priya created a unique software called Purple A1, which uses generative technology to develop antivirus programs.



Muhammad Riaz develops e-bike from scrap



Muhammad Riaz, a 20-year-old from Samastipur, Bihar, has created a unique electric bike using scrap materials from his garage job. This innovative bike, which can travel up to 50 kilometers on a single charge and reach speeds of 40 km/h, is sparking interest nationwide. Built for just ₹20,000, it features safety measures, a digital meter, LED indicators, and more. He has named his bike 'Tejas'.

Shri Ajay Rai Achieves Success in Digital Marketing

Shri Ajay Rai from Arela village, Buxar, has made a notable impact in digital marketing. After earning his engineering degree from Punjab Technical University in 2017, Rai started with a modest job but soon founded UPcoach in 2020. His company, specializing in business coaching, now operates in 15-16 countries. Rai also runs Traffic Expert LLC in New York, managing Google traffic and employing over 50 people. His businesses have achieved a turnover of over ₹10 crore.





78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY









Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner cum Investment Commissioner and CEO of Bihar Foundation, hoisted the tricolor at Bihar Bhawan, Bihar Niwas, and Bihar Sadan in Delhi to celebrate the spirit of freedom on the 78th Independence Day.



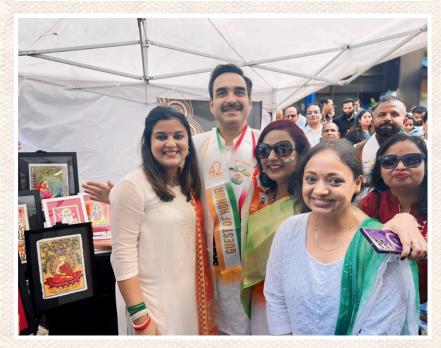


A glimpse to India Day parade in the US

Bollywood actors of Bihar origin, Sonakshi Sinha, Pankaj Tripathi, and Manoj Tiwari, led the India Day Parade on August 21, 2024, in New York. The event attracted hundreds of participants, both from the Indian community and Americans. As the parade made its way through New York City, attendees waved Indian flags, sang patriotic songs, played drums, and danced, celebrating India's rich cultural heritage and unity.















Darbhanga's Ms. Deepti Agrawal Mittal showcases Mithila Art at Seattle's India Day Parade

Ms. Deepti Agrawal Mittal, originally from Darbhanga, is the founder of a Madhubani Painting organisation in Seattle, USA. She, along with her students, displayed their unique Mithila artwork at the India Day Parade on August 26, 2024 in Seattle, captivating the audience with the rich tradition of Bihar's folk art.





Bihar Foundation: The road ahead for a prosperous future

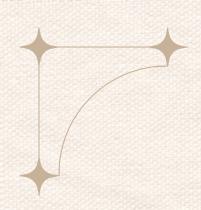
Shri Kundan Kumar, CEO of the Bihar Foundation, on August 28, 2024 presented the operational dynamics and future initiatives of the Bihar Foundation to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister **Shri Samrat Choudhary** at his office in Old Secretariat, Patna. The CEO detailed the ongoing policies and proposed future plans aimed at enhancing and strengthening the Foundation's engagement with the Bihari Diaspora, emphasizing the associated benefits. The meeting was attended by **Shri Nitish Mishra**, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, **Shri Chaitanya Prasad**, Development Commissioner, **Smt. Bandana Preyashi**, Secretary, Department of Industries, **Shri Lokesh Kumar**, Secretary of the Finance Department.





Transfers and Postings August 2024

NAME	TRANSFER/POSTING
Smt. Harjot Kaur Bamhrah	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Patna
Shri Santosh Kumar Mall	Principal Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Patna
Shri Prem Singh Meena	Commissioner, Magadh Division, Gaya
Smt. Pratima Satish Kumar Verma	Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Technical Education, Patna
Shri Saravanan M	Commissioner, Tirhut Division, Muzaffarpur
Shri Pankaj Kumar Pal	Secretary, Department of Energy, Patna
Shri Lokesh Kumar Singh	Secretary, Department of Finance, Patna
Shri Kundan Kumar	Additional charge as MD, Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA), Patna
Dr. Virendra Prasad Yadav	Special Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Bihar, Patna
Shri Dayanidhan Pandey	Secretary, Department of Art, Culture & Youth, Patna
Shri Sandeep Kumar R. Pudakalkatti	Secretary, Department of Minor Water Resources, Bihar, Patna
Shri Dharmendra Singh	Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Bihar, Patna
Shri Gopal Meena	Commissioner, Saran Division, Chapra
Shri Jai Singh	Additional charge as Secretary (Resources), Finance Department, Bihar, Patna
Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh	Secretary, Department of Commercial Tax, Bihar, Patna
Dr. (Smt.) Ashima Jain	Additional charge as Secretary, Transport Department, Bihar, Patna





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