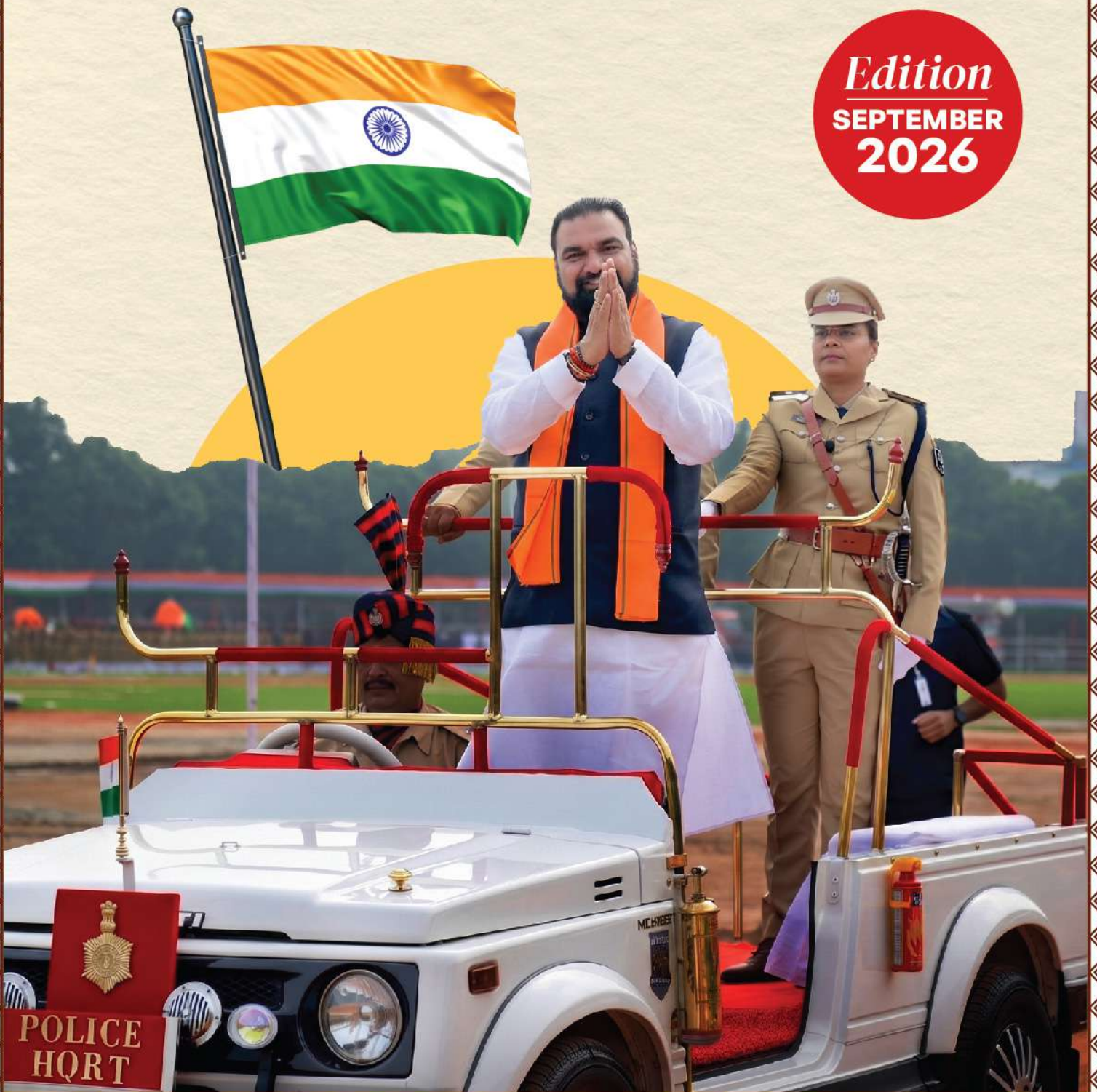




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As the nation celebrated its 80th Independence Day, Bihar stood tall as a proud partner in India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat. It is my privilege to bring you the September edition of our newsletter which captures not only the spirit of the Independence Day celebrations across the State but also Bihar's growing contribution to the story of nation-building.

This month, the spirit of freedom was celebrated with warmth and pride. Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag at Bihar Lok Bhawan, while Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary hoisted the tricolour at Lok Sevak Awas and, depicting the spirit of freedom to the last person in society, joined a flag-hoisting ceremony at a Mahadalit Tola at Dhanrua. Here in the capital, at Bihar Bhawan, Bihar Niwas, and Bihar Sadan, we hoisted the National Flag together with members of the Bihar diaspora in Delhi. Their presence was a reminder of the deep bond of our people with their homeland. Settled across the capital, they contribute every day to the nation's growth, carrying the values and enterprise of Bihar wherever they go.

At The Economic Times World Leaders Forum, the Hon'ble Chief Minister set out a resolve to quadruple the State's economy in four years, a vision matched on the ground by industrial agreements worth over fifty-one thousand crore to build Bihar into a steel hub, and by a fresh push to draw investment in footwear, textiles and food processing. In Information Technology, new partnerships in Artificial Intelligence are being forged to place governance and services in every citizen's own language.

The government has also stayed close to its people. Over eleven lakh new pucca houses have been sanctioned under PMAY-G, giving families security and dignity. Students now have a new grievance portal, ASHA workers will soon have homes of their own in every district, and our regional languages are being given centres of their own. In a historical breakthrough, a 25-year-old dispute with Jharkhand over Sone river water was amicably resolved, opening the way for stronger irrigation, drinking water and industrial growth across South Bihar. Our ancient heritage, from Nalanda to the Kesaria Stupa, is being readied to take its rightful place on the world stage.

Every one of these stories reflects a simple truth: a Viksit Bharat begins with a Viksit Bihar. As the land that once gave the nation its golden age of knowledge and enterprise, Bihar is once again rising to lead.

I hope these pages leave you, as they leave us, with pride in Bihar's journey and quiet certainty about the road ahead.

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Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) Hoists the National Flag at Bihar Lok Bhavan on Independence Day



Marking the 80th Independence Day on 15 August 2026, Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag at Bihar Lok Bhavan and took the salute at the parade. Extending warm greetings to the people of Bihar and the nation, the Governor paid homage to the martyrs and freedom fighters, and called upon all citizens to strengthen the unity and integrity of the nation and work towards making India a developed country. He expressed confidence that, through the dedication and hard work of its people, Bihar will continue to advance steadily on the path of development.

Hon'ble Governor Calls on Youth to Make Character and Discipline Their Foundation

At the launch of the “Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan”, Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) joined via video conferencing from Bihar Lok Bhavan, with Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary present alongside him. The campaign, launched virtually by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, seeks to turn the fight against drug addiction into a people's movement. Drawing on over four decades in the Indian Army, the Governor observed that a soldier's greatest strength lies not in weapons but in character and discipline. Addiction weakens a person and erodes self-respect, he cautioned, while discipline builds the strength to face adversity. Reminding the youth that no defeat is final, he urged them never to let despair become their identity.



Hon'ble Governor Chairs Meeting on Dignified Rehabilitation of Agniveers



Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) chaired a meeting at Bihar Lok Bhavan on the dignified rehabilitation and meaningful reintegration of Agniveers after the completion of their service tenure. Hon'ble Governor observed that the discipline, training, and skills of Agniveers could be effectively deployed in disaster management, particularly in tackling emergencies such as fire incidents, and in strengthening fire safety and disaster preparedness across schools, hotels, and other public establishments. During the meeting, the CEO of Smile and Show Up Foundation presented 'Project AVATAAR' (Agniveer for Transformation with AI Advancement at Roots). Senior Army and State officials deliberated on creating permanent, dignified opportunities for Agniveers in nation-building.

High-Level Meeting Held on Long-Term Development of Nalanda University

Chaired by Hon'ble Governor Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) at Bihar Lok Bhavan on 10 August 2026, a high-level meeting deliberated on the long-term development of Nalanda University, including improved road and rail connectivity and the growth of the Nalanda University-Rajgir Knowledge and Innovation City. Hon'ble Governor affirmed that Bihar has no shortage of talent, urging that officials, vice-chancellors, and faculty visit the campus to strengthen creative collaboration. Discussions also covered tourism development at Rajgir and Bodh Gaya and the preservation of Nalanda's manuscripts and civilisational heritage.



Bihar and Jharkhand Sign MoU on Sone River Water Sharing, Ending 25-Year-Old Dispute



A 25-year-old dispute between Bihar and Jharkhand over the sharing of Sone river water has finally been resolved, with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two states in Delhi. The signing took place in the presence of Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C.R. Patil, Hon'ble Bihar CM Shri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Jharkhand CM Shri Hemant Soren, and Hon'ble Bihar Deputy CM Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary on 31st August 2026.

Under the new agreement, Bihar has been allotted 5.75 MAF and Jharkhand 2.00 MAF of Sone river water. The CM expressed special gratitude to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, whose

active efforts and mediation made the resolution possible, describing it as a new chapter of cooperation, trust, and shared development between the two states.

The agreement will improve water availability in the drought-prone and plateau regions of South Bihar and Jharkhand, expanding irrigation, easing drinking water shortages, and boosting industrial growth. It will also accelerate work on the Sone-Falgu river linking project and reservoir construction, benefiting Gaya and several other areas, with adequate water in the Falgu easing rituals during the Pitrapaksha Mela.



Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary Hoists National Flag on 80th Independence Day, Reaches Out to the Last Person in Society



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day at Lok Sevak Awas, and took the salute from the joint contingent.

Carrying the spirit of freedom to the last person in society, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also joined a flag-hoisting ceremony at Nadwan Mahadalit Tola in Dhanrua block, Patna, where local elder Shri Jugeshwar Manjhi hoisted the tricolour in his presence. For Nadwan's holistic development, several projects were approved, including an anganwadi centre, community building, health sub-centre, panchayat government building, and a kanya vivah mandap, along with the renovation of the high school playground. Nadwan High School will be developed as a model school. Extending Independence Day greetings, the Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon all to resolve to build a Viksit (developed), Samridh (prosperous), and Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) Bihar.



Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary Seeks Centre's Support for Speedy Completion of Kosi High-Level Dam DPR

Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary, along with Hon'ble Deputy CM Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, met Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman and Hon'ble Union External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar in New Delhi for discussions on key issues related to Bihar's development. The meeting also reviewed the funds due to the state under central budget announcements and the implementation of various schemes.



On the Kosi-Mechi inter-state river link project, Hon'ble CM raised the release of funds for the first phase and technical approval for the second, prompting the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister to direct the NWDA and Ministry of Jal Shakti to take necessary action. On the CM's request, she also directed the speedy completion of the DPR for a high-level dam on the Kosi river, with agreement that a Bihar member will be included in the joint technical expert committee to safeguard the state's interests.

The Hon'ble CM mentioned that Bihar has provided 219 acres for Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur and 100 acres for NIFTEM in Hajipur, urging their early commencement. Work on the Son-Falgu river link project, Mahabodhi Corridor, and Vishnupad Temple Corridor were also discussed.



Hon'ble CM Meets Hon'ble Union Jal Shakti Minister to Push Bihar's Irrigation and Flood Control Projects

Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary met Hon'ble Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C.R. Patil in New Delhi, along with Hon'ble Deputy CM Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, to seek speedy approval and central assistance for Bihar's key irrigation and flood management projects. He urged early release of funds for the Kosi-Mechi river link and sought the inclusion of the Indrapuri Reservoir, Son-Falgu river link, and Saran flood control project in the Union Budget 2027-28. Noting that 73 per cent of Bihar is flood-prone, he also called for a national silt management policy.



Hon'ble CM Sets Target to Quadruple Bihar's Economy in Next Four Years



Speaking at The Economic Times 'World Leaders Forum' on 21 August 2026, Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary said Bihar stands on the cusp of transformation, with the government aiming to quadruple the state's economy over the next four years. Under the mantra "Build Bihar, Believe in Bihar," he affirmed that with basic needs of road, electricity, and water now largely met, the government's focus has shifted to industry, investment, and employment, backed by new policies including those for semiconductors and Global Capability Centres. He noted that Bihar's power availability has risen from around 350 MW to over 10,000 MW, and irrigated land from 21 lakh to 44 lakh hectares. Four airports are now operational with work under way on ten more and six

expressways, while the mining sector is projected to earn Rs 7,000-8,000 crore in revenue over five years. He invited investors to partner in Bihar's prosperity.



Hon'ble CM Conducts Aerial Survey of Gandak River and Flood-Prone Border Areas

In the wake of flooding in Nepal, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary conducted an aerial survey of the Gandak river from Sonapur to Valmikinagar on 27 August 2026 to assess the situation in Bihar's border and potentially flood-affected areas, including Bagaha, Valmikinagar, Bettiah, and Motihari. After landing at Valmikinagar, he inspected the barrage's upstream and downstream, where the discharge stood at around 1.06 lakh cusecs, and reviewed the situation at the control room with Water Resources Department officials.

The Gandak had peaked at 1,50,200 cusecs on the night of 26 August before receding steadily, though late rainfall in the Devghat area was bringing a fresh rise in its level, with the embankments so far showing no adverse impact. The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed administrative preparedness with the West Champaran DM and SP, directing officials to maintain vigilance in sensitive areas and act swiftly if needed. Ensuring citizens' safety and providing all possible assistance, he affirmed, remains the government's top priority.



Mineral Wealth to Benefit Bihar's People; Target to Operationalise 44 Mining Blocks in Nine Months



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary said that Bihar's mineral wealth will be used with complete transparency for the welfare of its people and the development of the state. Speaking at the auction of important and strategic mineral blocks, he affirmed that misuse of these resources would not be permitted at any level. He informed that 44 mining blocks are being surveyed, with survey work progressing in 28, and a target to allot over 30 blocks by 30 September. Mining operations will begin from 15 October, with efforts to activate all identified blocks within a record nine months. Large resources exist in Rohtas, Aurangabad, Jehanabad, Jamui, Gaya, Banka, and Bhagalpur, and the royalty earned will fund development works. The Hon'ble CM also affirmed efforts to achieve an investment target of Rs 5 lakh crore by November.



Nasriganj-Panapur Free Steamer Service Launched, Set to Boost Movement and Trade

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched a free steamer (ferry) service between Nasriganj Ghat and Panapur Ghat in Danapur. The service will provide safe and convenient movement during the monsoon to six gram panchayats of the Ganga's diara region and a population of more than 66,000.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the entirely free ferry service will ease movement in the area while accelerating local economic activity, making it convenient for farmers and producers of vegetables, fruits, and milk to bring their goods to market and boosting local trade.

In the diara region, the pontoon bridge generally operates from November to 15 June. As it is removed during the monsoon, people face difficulty and risk in crossing the Ganga, and the steamer service will offer an important alternative during this period. Hon'ble Deputy CM and WRD Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and Hon'ble Cooperation Minister Shri Ramkripal Yadav were among those present



World Trade Centre to Come Up in Patna; Rs 4,000 Crore Investment to Accelerate Development

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary reviewed the redevelopment and construction of various government land parcels for the planned and modern development of Patna. During the meeting, the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) presented a proposal to build a World Trade Centre in Patna, along with redevelopment plans for land parcels at Nehru Path opposite the Bihar Museum, Gardanibagh, Bhootnath Sector-6, and Boring Canal Road.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister called for maximum and effective use of government land and assets to develop Patna as a modern, global-standard city, with old buildings replaced by new construction as required. He directed the preparation of an integrated plan for around 2,000 acres in Patliputra Township and 1,000 acres in other townships, and stressed identifying suitable land in Gaya, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, and Darbhanga. The proposed projects, adopting modern technology and a 'zero waste model', are expected to draw around Rs 4,000 crore in investment and generate nearly Rs 8,000 crore in revenue.



Maa Janaki to be Enshrined in a Grand Temple; Punaauradham to Get a New Form



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary offered prayers amid Vedic chanting at the Punaauradham temple, the birthplace of Mata Janaki in Sitamarhi, seeking peace and prosperity for the state. He also installed idols of Lord Shri Ram and Mata Sita in the newly built temporary wooden mandapam.

Reviewing the progress of the grand Mata Sita temple complex under construction, The Hon'ble Chief Minister was briefed through models on proposed facilities including the temple and boundary wall, yajna and ritual mandaps, a museum, auditorium, and women's haat. He announced that construction will be completed and Maa Janaki enshrined in the grand temple by 31 December 2028, describing Punaauradham as a key centre of Bihar's

religious and cultural heritage. The development, he noted, will offer devotees better facilities, boost religious and spiritual tourism, and expand local employment and economic opportunities. Union and state ministers, public representatives, and devotees were present.

Bihar Cabinet Clears Key Decisions on Skilling, Energy, Infrastructure and Education

Bihar Cabinet meetings held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary approved a wide-ranging set of decisions to strengthen the state's youth, energy, agriculture, and infrastructure sectors. The key approvals are as follows:

Boost to Youth and Skill Development:

The Kushal Yuva Program was extended for five years (2026-27 to 2030-31) with an outlay of Rs 430.08 crore, equipping youth with future-ready skills. To widen access to technical training, half the seats in private Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will now be filled through the Bihar combined entrance examination.

Strengthening Higher Education:

The Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme was extended through 2026-31, with Rs 950 crore sanctioned for 2026-27 to continue financial support for students. In a major reform under NEP 2020, over 300 stand-alone B.Ed institutions will be transformed into multidisciplinary degree colleges.

Push for Clean and Reliable Energy:

State financial assistance of Rs 10,000 per kilowatt (maximum Rs 20,000 per consumer) over and above the CFA by government of India was approved under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, with a total outlay of Rs 1,000 crore. The Cabinet also sanctioned 221 new posts in the Bihar State Power Transmission Company.

Major Infrastructure Development:

The 336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur six-lane greenfield expressway was cleared on the PPP model through BSRDCL, alongside canal restoration works worth over Rs 66 crore. Free land was allotted for Compressed Biogas plants in Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, and Biharsharif.

Advancing Agriculture and Technology:

A Nasl Sudhar Yojana worth Rs 63.92 crore was approved to enhance dairy and livestock productivity, along with 11,000 additional tubewells under the *Har Khet Tak Sinchai Ka Pani* scheme. An MoU with Taiyo AI India was cleared to build the state's Artificial Intelligence ecosystem, reaffirming Bihar's commitment to technology-led, inclusive growth.



Bihar Attracts Rs 125 Crore Investment in Footwear and Leather Sector at IIFF 2026



Bihar presented itself as an emerging footwear manufacturing hub at the 10th India International Footwear Fair (IIFF) 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. At a dedicated state session themed “**Bihar: The Next Frontier of Global Footwear Manufacturing**,” the government, industry, investors, and experts discussed the state’s growing potential in the footwear and leather sector. Two MoUs worth a total of Rs 125 crore were signed, expected to generate around 1,800 direct jobs.

Hon’ble Industries and Sports Minister Ms Shreyasi Singh invited investors to Bihar, highlighting the state’s skilled workforce, resources, connectivity, and investor-friendly environment as strong advantages for the footwear and leather industry. Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar outlined the state’s policies, incentives, and logistics network, noting that the Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Park at Mahwal in Muzaffarpur offers investors plots on lease and plug-and-play facilities on monthly rent. Resident Commissioner and Invested Commissioner of Bihar, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh said the Delhi-based Bihar Bhawan has become an effective channel of engagement between investors and the state government. FDDI Managing Director Shri Vivek Sharma highlighted the role of skill development, design, and modern technology in staying globally competitive.

Of the two agreements, an MoU with Lehar Footwear Private Limited was signed for Rs 100 crore, expected to create around 1,500 direct jobs, while an MoU with Patna Leather Garment was signed for Rs 25 crore, projected to generate about 300 jobs. The latter was executed by Director of Industries Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta, IAS, and Patna Leather Garment partner Mohd. Mushahid Raza Khan. Industry representatives, including Competence Exports Managing Director Shri Dhanesh Prasad and Comfy Footwear Director Shri Jaikant, praised the state’s supportive policies.

Bihar Honoured as 'Best State' for Highest Number of Sanctions Under PMFME Scheme

Bihar has been conferred the prestigious '**Best State**' award at the PMFME Conclave in New Delhi for securing the highest number of sanctions under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises

(PMFME) Scheme. The award recognises the state's remarkable performance in formalising micro food processing enterprises, promoting entrepreneurship, and providing institutional support to small entrepreneurs. It was presented by Hon'ble Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Chirag Paswan to Shri Aman Sameer, Director, MSME & Food Processing, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar.



Hon'ble Shri Chirag Paswan noted that the scheme aims to bring small food processing enterprises into the formal economy with financial

and technical support, adding that Bihar's achievement reflects the growing potential of entrepreneurship and the food processing sector in the state. Hon'ble Industries Minister of Bihar Ms Shreyasi Singh expressed happiness over the recognition, describing it as a testament to the capabilities and hard work of the state's micro entrepreneurs. The government, she affirmed, is continuously working to provide small entrepreneurs with financial assistance, technical guidance, and better market linkages, and this recognition will further accelerate entrepreneurship based on local resources in Bihar.

Startup Bihar Stakeholder Dialogue Held to Boost Funding and Market Access

To further strengthen Bihar's startup ecosystem, the Department of Industries organised the Startup Bihar Stakeholder Dialogue, bringing together banks, Startup Cells, incubation centres, investors, and startups. Discussions focused on funding, capital market access, SME listing, investor readiness, technology, and banking support. Director of Industries Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta announced that the evaluation process is being made AI-based, reducing human intervention and saving 15-20 days to ensure fast, transparent support. Outstanding startups were felicitated, including Road Express Technologies and Ved Prabha Aerospace for consistent revenue growth, and Agrix Agrotech for securing Rs 9 crore in funding. The Startup Bihar App was also presented for feedback.



Bihar Industry B2G Meet 2026 Held in Bengaluru to Attract Investment



The 'Bihar Industry B2G Meet 2026' was organised in Bengaluru by the Department of Industries to promote industrial investment and establish direct engagement with leading investors and industry representatives. Investors were briefed on Bihar's investment potential, industrial infrastructure, investor-friendly policies, and land availability, with discussions focusing on e-commerce, pharmaceuticals, energy, technology, and manufacturing. Key decision-makers from organisations including Flipkart, Reliance Trends, Drools, and Ninja Cart participated. Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms Shreyasi Singh assured investors of policy support

and better industrial infrastructure, affirming the government's commitment to making Bihar an attractive, investor-friendly destination. Director of Industries Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta said an enabling environment is being created through industrial land, improved connectivity, and sector-specific policies.

Rs 25.097 Crore First Installment Distributed to Beneficiaries Under BIADA Exit Policy

The Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) distributed first installment cheques worth Rs 25.097 crore to beneficiaries under the BIADA Exit Policy, handed over by Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms Shreyasi Singh. The policy enables the voluntary exit of entrepreneurs holding unutilised industrial land, allowing it to be reclaimed for new industrial use. Of the total, Rs 22.283 crore was distributed under the 2025 policy against 85.90 acres, and Rs 2.813 crore under the 2023 policy against 1.46 acres, covering 87.36 acres in all. Hon'ble Minister described the policy as a landmark initiative to ensure productive use of industrial land, while Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar reaffirmed the Department's commitment to transparent, investor-friendly governance. On the occasion, the Minister also unveiled the BIADA Land Allotment and Management Policy (Revised), 2026, aimed at making land allotment more transparent, time-bound, and investor-friendly.



Bihar Signs MoUs Worth Rs 51,600 Crore to Emerge as a Steel Hub

The Department of Industries signed Memoranda of Understanding worth approximately Rs 51,600 crore with leading industrial groups in the presence of Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary at Lok Sevak Awas Sankalp on 6 August 2026. The CM announced that Bihar will be developed as one of India's leading steel hubs, with special priority to the textile, nuclear energy, food processing, and pharmaceutical sectors. Under the mantra "Build and Believe in Bihar," he directed all departments to translate the proposals into projects on the ground without delay. Key investments include:

- GRACE (clean energy): Rs 22,500 crore, 2,000 jobs
- Nakshit Iron & Steel: Rs 6,836 crore, 4,200 jobs
- Ankoor Steel: Rs 6,000 crore, 5,000 jobs
- Sri Langta Baba Metals & Power: Rs 5,500 crore, 1,500 jobs
- Shyam Steel and Shakambhari Ispat: Rs 5,000 crore each, 5,000 jobs each

The MoUs are expected to generate large-scale employment across Bihar.



Bihar IT Industry Meet 2026 Reaches Hyderabad, Strengthens Push as Eastern India's Emerging Tech Hub

Building on the momentum generated in Bengaluru, the Bihar Government's Department of Information Technology successfully hosted the Hyderabad Edition of the Bihar IT Industry Meet 2026 at Hotel Novotel, Hyderabad, on 7 August 2026. The event brought together leading technology companies, GCC leaders, venture capital firms, startups, and industry stakeholders for extensive dialogue and business meetings aimed at establishing Bihar as the emerging technology hub of Eastern India while accelerating IT investment and employment generation across the state.



During the meet, representatives from leading organisations including Infosys Consulting, Wipro, Sandoz Pharma (IT), JLL India GCC, Zuora, Amnex Infotechnologies, and Broadcom held meaningful discussions on investment prospects, industry requirements, and avenues for collaboration in Bihar. The Government showcased its Ease of Doing Business framework, Single Window Clearance System, investment incentives, skilling support, and industry-ready infrastructure, warmly inviting the technology sector to invest and expand in Bihar and become partners in the state's fast-evolving IT growth story.

Bihar Government Signs MoU with ConveGenius.AI to Build a Future-Ready, AI-Enabled State

In a significant step towards fostering innovation, technical capacity, and new employment avenues in Artificial Intelligence, the Department of Information Technology, Government of Bihar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ConveGenius.AI. The partnership will accelerate AI innovation, skill

development, technology deployment, and employment generation, creating over 100 direct jobs alongside high-skill technical capacity at the local level. Under the MoU, ConveGenius.AI will support the development of B-ONT (Bihar Ontology), a unified knowledge graph enabling AI agents to help citizens access schemes and services, and will extend contextual AI-enabled skilling across academic, professional, and industrial institutions. The company has proposed an anchor investment of over Rs 100 crore for platform infrastructure, technical operations, and programme delivery in Bihar.



Bihar Deepens AI Push with Taiyo AI India Partnership

Bihar's drive to position itself as a frontrunner in Artificial Intelligence has gained fresh momentum with the approval of a partnership between the Department of Information Technology and Taiyo AI India Private Limited. Announcing the development, IT Minister Hon'ble Shri Nitish Mishra said the collaboration reflects Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary's vision of making Bihar a leading state in technology and innovation, while preparing its youth for the technical challenges of the future.

At the heart of the tie-up is a plan to bring intelligence and foresight to how Bihar builds and manages its public infrastructure. An AI-Enabled Public Infrastructure Dashboard will act as an early warning system, flagging projects at risk of delay or cost overruns before they slip, while geospatial and demographic mapping will sharpen how projects are planned and tracked on the ground.



Home Department Prioritises Timely Redressal of Public Grievances

Chairing a departmental review meeting on 20 August 2026, Principal Secretary (Home) Shri Pankaj Kumar directed officials to develop an effective tracking mechanism to ensure the timely and complete disposal of public grievances and applications. He emphasised that the swift and effective resolution of citizens' problems remains among the department's foremost priorities, calling for regular monitoring of pending matters and a proper system to track the status of every application. Such a mechanism, he noted, would help identify pending cases, facilitate their time-bound disposal, and deliver more responsive and accountable administrative service to the public. During the meeting, Special Secretary Shri Anil Kumar Choudhary presented an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the department's various branches and directorates. Special Secretary Shri Kshatraneel Singh, Additional Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar, Joint Secretary Shri Kamal Nayan, and other officials were present on the occasion.





Bihar Reimagines Education with a Two-Day State-Level Brainstorming Camp

Bihar's classrooms are set to shape the state's future as senior education officials gathered in Patna for a two-day state-level workshop-cum-reflection camp at Adhiveshan Bhavan. Inaugurated by Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary and chaired by Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Mithilesh Tiwari, the camp brings together nearly 400 senior, regional, district, and block-level officers to chart the road ahead.

At the centre of the deliberations lies a forward-looking agenda spanning the National Education Policy 2020, smart classrooms, e-Shikshakosh and HRMS, IIT-based laboratories, vocational education, digital innovation, and renewable energy, with a sharp focus on harnessing ICT and Artificial Intelligence to enrich teaching and learning.

Hon'ble Education Minister noted that the workshop aimed to strengthen coordination within the department and ensure effective implementation of schemes, with clear action plans drawn up for district and block officials. Quality, modern education, he affirmed, is the surest path to Bihar's prosperity and its growing role in the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.



Bihar Champions Regional Languages and Smarter Teaching

Bihar is set to give its regional languages a home of their own. Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Mithilesh Tiwari has announced dedicated centres for Bhojpuri, Magahi, Maithili, Angika, and other regional languages, each to be developed as a Centre of Excellence to promote their study, research, and preservation.

The vision goes well beyond language. Chairing a review meeting at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in Patna, Shri Tiwari urged lecturers to shift from hard work to smart work, setting clear targets and placing fresh emphasis on meaningful teacher evaluation and result-oriented training.

A wave of new initiatives is on the horizon. A podcast titled '**Bihar Vidyavani**' will soon stream from the SCERT studio, carrying educational insights to a wider audience, while the '**Hamara Vidyalaya, Hamara Swabhiman**' portal will invite alumni to adopt their old schools and strengthen community bonds. SCERT lecturers, meanwhile, will train at premier institutions such as the IIMs to sharpen their leadership and management skills.



‘Vidyarthi Sahyog Portal’ to Ensure Swift Redressal of Student Grievances and Greater Transparency in Education

Launching the ‘Vidyarthi Sahyog Portal’ at J.D. Women’s College, Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary said that the initiative will play a vital role in making Bihar’s education system more transparent, accountable, and student-centric. Through the portal, students will be able to register their academic and hostel-related complaints and suggestions online at any time. **A toll-free helpline, 1100,** will also be available, and the identity of students will be kept entirely confidential.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister said that if action is not initiated within 10 days of a complaint being registered, an automatic notice will be issued on the 11th day, and resolution will be ensured within a maximum of 30 days. ‘Vidyarthi Sahyog Camps’ will be held at educational institutions on the fourth Tuesday of every month, where students can present their problems directly. A Vidyarthi Sahyog Campaign will begin across all schools and hostels from 25 August.

He informed that of the 6.42 lakh applications received earlier through the Sahyog Camps, 96 per cent have been resolved. To fix accountability, a system of issuing automatic notices on the 10th, 20th, and 25th day has been put in place.



IGIMS Gets a Major Health Infrastructure Boost with State-of-the-Art Facilities

In a significant step towards expanding quality and modern healthcare in Bihar, Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar inaugurated a range of advanced facilities at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS), Sheikhpura, Patna. The new facilities include a Modular Operation Theatre Complex at the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIO), a Critical Care Medicine (CCM) ICU, a CCTV Control Room and Command Centre, and a new dialysis unit.

Hon'ble Minister affirmed that the state government's goal is to provide world-class healthcare to the people of Bihar within their own state, reducing the need for patients to travel elsewhere for treatment of serious and complex ailments. As IGIMS is the state's premier super-speciality institute, he noted, these facilities will benefit patients from Bihar and neighbouring states alike.



Bihar to Set Up 'Aasha Ghar' in Every District to Empower ASHA Workers

In a significant move to strengthen primary healthcare, the Health Department, Government of Bihar, has decided to establish 'Aasha Ghar' in every district. Under the National Health Mission, these dedicated spaces will be set up in a phased manner during 2026-27 to provide ASHA workers with facilities for training, meetings, rest, and community activities. The State Health Society has earmarked Rs 2 lakh per district for 'Aasha Ghar' at District Hospitals, Sub-Divisional Hospitals, and Community Health Centres, directing that they be made operational by 31 August 2026. Designed to be women-friendly, each will offer at least six beds, secure meeting rooms, storage, and attached washrooms, overseen by a district-level committee. Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar described ASHA workers as the most vital link in the state's health system, affirming that 'Aasha Ghar' will strengthen their capacity, improve training quality, and enhance community participation in delivering quality healthcare.

Bihar Showcases Power Sector Transformation at CII International Energy Conference, Invites Global Investment

Bihar showcased its remarkable journey of power sector reforms and clean energy transition at the 7th CII International Energy Conference & Exhibition (IECE 2026) in New Delhi, unveiling a Rs 1.40 lakh crore investment roadmap for the next five years. Hon'ble Energy Minister Shri Shailesh Kumar presented the State's vision for a future-ready, investor-friendly power sector, noting that Bihar has moved from a power-deficit State to one where every household now has electricity. He highlighted the push for rooftop solar, PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM, and invited industries to become partners in Bihar's growth. Energy Secretary Shri Ajay Yadav presented the investment roadmap, showcasing DISCOM profits of over Rs 2,300 crore, AT&C losses reduced to 11.54 per cent, over 92 lakh smart prepaid meters, and a Single Window Clearance System offering every investor a dedicated nodal officer.



Consumers to Get Up to Rs 20,000 Additional State Assistance for Rooftop Solar

In a major step towards promoting clean energy, the Bihar Cabinet, chaired by Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary, approved State Financial Assistance for consumers installing rooftop solar plants, in addition to the support provided by the Central Government. Under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, the State will provide Rs 10,000 per kW, up to a maximum of Rs 20,000 per consumer, in addition to the central assistance taking total assistance for systems of 3 kW and above to Rs 98,000.

Consumers can also avail collateral-free bank loans of up to Rs 2 lakh at 5.75 per cent interest for systems up to 3 kW. The assistance will be available to five lakh eligible residential consumers on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum financial burden of Rs 1,000 crore on the State.



Over 11 Lakh New Pucca Houses Sanctioned for Bihar Under PMAY-G

Bihar marked a proud milestone by celebrating the completion of 2.35 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in 2026-27. Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary handed over house keys to beneficiaries and sanction letters to newly selected families, while Union Rural Development Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented Bihar's new target for the scheme.



For 2026-27, Bihar has been allotted a target of 11,18,937 pucca houses, backed by Rs 13,427 crore in central assistance. The CM noted that between 2014 and 2026, 50 lakh houses have been allotted for Bihar's poor families, compared to just 30 lakh under the Indira Awas Yojana from 1986 to 2014, and expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister and the Union Minister. A pucca home, he affirmed, brings security, dignity, and confidence to families and their dreams.

The CM also highlighted the success of the 'Sahyog Programme', under which 96 per cent of 6.42 lakh applications have been resolved within 30 days, and Bihar's women empowerment achievements, with over 30 lakh Jeevika Didis now Lakshpati Didis. Hon'ble Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan praised these initiatives, urging other states to emulate Bihar's model.

Bihar to Modernise 207 Rural Haats in First Phase Under VB-G RAM JI Scheme

Bihar is set to weave a network of modern marketplaces across its villages to energise the rural economy. Under the Rural Development Department's Viksit Bharat-G RAM JI (VB-G RAM JI) scheme, the process of building and upgrading modern haat-bazaars in rural areas has begun, offering local entrepreneurs, farmers, and women's self-help groups a well-organised platform to sell their produce.

Of the 725 potential sites circulated to districts, 207 implementable locations have been identified for the first phase after detailed review. Each of these haats will feature shaded vendor platforms for the convenience of sellers and buyers, followed by the laying of paver blocks and the development of supporting structures and other basic amenities. All administrative and paperwork formalities are to be completed within a strict timeline before construction begins.

The scheme is expected to become a key driver of rural livelihoods, creating local employment while giving agricultural and handicraft products direct access to markets. By reducing dependence on middlemen, it will help women's self-help groups secure fair prices for their goods.

Hon'ble Rural Development Minister Shri Shravan Kumar said that 725 modern rural haat-bazaars will eventually be developed with NABARD's financial and technical participation, giving Jeevika Didis and local farmers a permanent platform to sell their products directly to consumers and lending new strength to the village economy.

Patliputra Township to Emerge as a World-Class Sports Hub



A 651-acre sports hub will be developed within the Patliputra Greenfield Satellite Township, Hon'ble Urban Development and Housing Minister Shri Nitish Mishra announced following a review meeting in Patna on 11 August 2026, attended by Hon'ble Sports Minister Ms Shreyasi Singh. Shri Mishra affirmed that, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary, the state is developing world-class sports infrastructure to help its youth hone their talent and excel at the national and international levels.

Of the total 651 acres earmarked for sports in the township's integrated plan, around 225 acres will house a Sports City, 187 acres a golf course, and 239 acres a modern sports complex, offering state-of-the-art training, practice, and competition facilities. Ms Shreyasi Singh stressed that these facilities will be developed to Olympic standards, enabling Bihar to host national and international competitions, and added that land for sports infrastructure will be identified across all 12 proposed townships in the state, ensuring quality sporting facilities in each.



Bihar's Ancient Heritage to Gain Global Recognition; Maa Mundeshwari, Bodh Gaya, Sultanganj and Mandar to be Developed as World-Class Tourism Centres Through Scientific Survey



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary directed the preparation of an action plan for the scientific survey, conservation, and holistic development of major archaeological sites to give Bihar's thousands-of-years-old historical and cultural heritage global recognition. He emphasised developing Maa Mundeshwari, Bodh Gaya, Sultanganj, Mandar, and the Kesaria Stupa as world-class tourism centres.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister called for a phased plan for the scientific restoration and conservation of the thousands of ancient ruins scattered around the Maa Mundeshwari temple complex. He also stressed a plan to develop a heritage and eco-tourism circuit by linking natural and prehistoric sites, including Tilhar Kund and Karkatgarh in Kaimur.

At Bodh Gaya, directions were given to identify underground archaeological structures without excavation using state-of-the-art technologies such as LiDAR and GPR, while special emphasis was placed on the conservation and development of the historical sites at Sultanganj and Mandar.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister called for accelerating the scientific excavation and conservation of the remaining portion of the Kesaria Stupa, among the world's major Buddhist stupas. He said that the scientific conservation of heritage would bring to light new chapters of Bihar's history, promoting cultural tourism while expanding local employment and economic activities.



《 Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth, India's First Woman 'Top Gun' 》

Bihar continues to soar with pride as Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth, a daughter of Darbhanga, earns her place as India's first woman 'Top Gun'. Commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 2016 among the nation's first women fighter pilots, she made history in 2019 as the first woman qualified to undertake combat missions, and became the first woman fighter pilot to feature in the Republic Day parade tableau. Her journey from the soil of Bihar to the cockpit of a MiG-21 embodies the courage and determination of the state's youth, inspiring countless young women across Bihar to dream boldly and serve the nation with distinction.



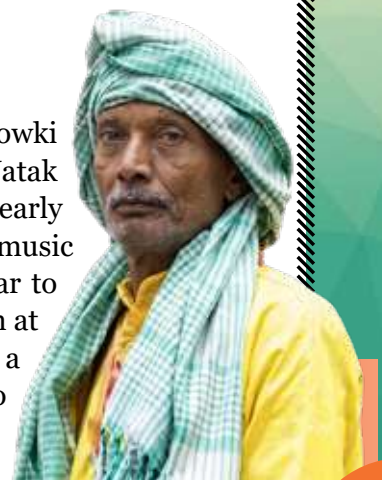
《 Bihar's Madhurendra Kumar Honoured for Global Contribution to Sand Art 》



Bihar takes immense pride in Madhurendra Kumar, whose mastery of sand art has earned him recognition on the global stage. Through his intricate sculptures, he carries the culture, heritage, and creative spirit of Bihar to audiences around the world, transforming grains of sand into powerful messages on social causes and national pride. His honour for outstanding global contribution stands as a testament to the boundless talent nurtured in the state. Madhurendra Kumar's artistry continues to inspire Bihar's aspiring artists, showcasing how homegrown creativity can command respect and admiration far beyond the state's borders.

《 Mithila's Mahendra Ram Honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 》

Bihar celebrates the artistry of Mahendra Ram of Mithila, a distinguished Rasanchowki vocalist honoured by President Droupadi Murmu with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. A resident of Bharsimar village in Madhubani district, the nearly 75-year-old artist has devoted his life to preserving and popularising the folk music tradition of Rasanchowki, carrying this rich heritage from the villages of Bihar to the national stage. Even today, he performs with the same devotion and passion at weddings and auspicious occasions across the region. His recognition stands as a proud tribute to Mithila's living cultural legacy and inspires a new generation to cherish and carry forward Bihar's timeless folk traditions.



Resident Commissioner Hoists National Flag at Bihar Bhawan, Bihar Niwas and Bihar Sadan on 80th Independence Day

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at Bihar Bhawan, Bihar Niwas, and Bihar Sadan in New Delhi, where the Resident Commissioner hoisted the National Flag amid the singing of the national anthem. The celebrations marked the nation's freedom with due solemnity and pride, honouring the sacrifices of the martyrs and great freedom fighters who won the country its independence.

Members of the Bihar diaspora from Delhi joined the celebrations, lending the occasion a warm sense of community and shared belonging. Their presence reflected the deep bond that the state's people settled in the capital continue to share with their homeland, coming together to celebrate Bihar's rich cultural identity and its journey of progress.

Extending Independence Day greetings, the Resident Commissioner paid tribute to the freedom fighters and called upon everyone to contribute to the vision of *Samridh bihar* and *Viksit bharat*, reaffirming the resolve to carry forward the state's growth story.



Suniel Shetty Praises Bihar's Infrastructure, Plans Film Shoot in Patna



Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty has expressed keen interest in shooting a film in Bihar, choosing Patna as the location for his upcoming project. During a recent visit to the state, the actor said he had come specifically to scout locations and hold discussions with the department on the logistics of a shoot expected to span about 50 to 60 days. Praising the state's steadily improving infrastructure, which he had first observed four months earlier, Shetty noted that Bihar's newly introduced film-friendly policies are helping it emerge as a major destination for filming, drawing the film industry's attention to the state's growing potential.



Neeraj Jha

Entrepreneur at 10th India International Footwear Fair (IIFF) 2026

The time has come to seriously look at Bihar as an investment destination not only for footwear, but across multiple sectors.

Bihar has a large workforce, a growing consumer market, entrepreneurial talent, and enormous potential for manufacturing and employment generation. What we need now is more investment, more industries, and more people willing to build businesses in Bihar.



Prakash Kumar

Kanwariya at Sravani Mela

The administration here is doing an excellent job and providing good facilities. Health camps have been set up at various places for medical care. We thank the Government of Bihar for this.



Priyanka Sinha

Artist

Coming to the Bihar Museum, I feel that a new history is being created here. The way artists are being promoted and the way exhibitions are organised, this deserves to be encouraged. The Bihar Museum is very beautiful and is a place worth visiting. May the museum continue such work, so that people grow more aware and appreciative of art.

Thank You

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

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