

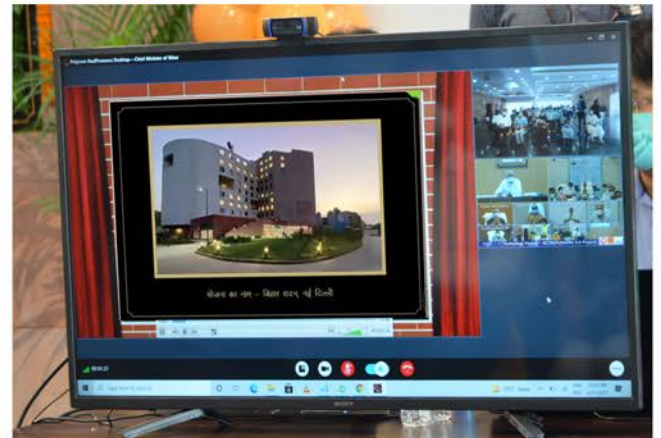


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Vistara came to rescue after the immediate intervention by the Resident Commissioner, Bihar Bhawan.



Palka Sahni ✓
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Excellent work @Dm_Motihari grateful to @airvistara for helping us ship the crankshaft in time
#CovidWarriors



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Crankshaft from Muzaffarpur, technician from HPCL & 15 cylinders of Oxygen from Nepal & more...

Inspirational story of how E. Champaran averted a tragedy, saving more than 800 lives during the oxygen crisis.

Video by @sajid_ali_mir

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Replying to @palka2015

Thank you for the appreciation, Ms. Sahni. We are humbled to have contributed to the initiative through our National Relief Program. We are #InThisTogether #FightAgainstCovid19



District Collector of East Champaran, Bihar, Kapil Ashok Shirsat, narrates how he fixed the problem at Gayatri Medical and Industrial Gases, and procured oxygen cylinders from the Indo-Nepal border

District Collector of East Champaran, Kapil Ashok Shirsat, woke up to an SOS call as the only functioning oxygen plant serving the two districts of Bihar crashed. The plant was supplying oxygen to 800 patients in the east and west Champaran districts.

In the wee hours of the morning, the technical team of the Gayatri Medical and Industrial Gases oxygen plant learned that the crankshaft of a pump used to fill oxygen in cylinders came apart. There was no spare and the only way to solve the crisis was to replace it. However, micro-management, meticulous planning for 12 hours and the quick wit of an IAS officer saved the day.



How Purnea DM saved nearly 250 lives by solving acute oxygen crisis in 8 hours?

On 12 May, around 3.30 am, the only oxygen plant in Bihar's Purnea district broke down. The plant would take care of the district's daily requirement. By 7 am, the WhatsApp groups of Purnea's nodal officers started flooding with SOS messages, and people had taken to social media asking for help. For Purnea district, 300 kilometres away from state capital Patna, this was the "biggest crisis" so far during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Without wasting a single minute towards averting the disaster, the Purnea DM's eight-hour operation led from the Covid control room in Purnea Sadar Hospital not only saved the life of 250 critical Covid patients but should also serve as a lesson in crisis management.

The HITCOVID App developed by the Department of Information Technology, Government of Bihar, has gotten praise from the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



An innovative Home Isolation Tracking (HIT) app developed by the Bihar government to keep an eye on the condition of COVID patients recuperating at their residence has drawn special praise from the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. PM came to know about the HIT App while talking to Patna district magistrate

Chandrasekhar Singh during an interaction with officials of several districts of nine states on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had launched the "HIT COVID App" on Monday to reach out to coronavirus patients undergoing treatment for the deadly disease in home isolation.

Recognition of journalists as frontline workers, inoculation to all.

On instruction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, the Bihar government on decided to give status of frontline workers to the journalists who will get COVID vaccination on a priority basis.



All the journalists accredited with the Information and Public Relations Department at the state level and also non- accredited scribes authenticated by the district public relation officers, from print, electronic and web media, will be considered as frontline workers for inoculation, an official statement said here.

Bihar reaches 3rd Position in Mushroom cultivation. 21,325 ton production in 2020-21



Bihar has created history in the field of mushroom production. Bihar has become one of the top three mushroom producing states in the country with 21325 tonnes of mushroom production.

Bihar govt to provide Rs 1,500 per month to children orphaned by Covid



Hon'ble Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced that children who have lost their parents to COVID-19 will be provided Rs 1,500 per month under the Bal Sahayata Yojna till they attain the age of 18, adding that such children will be housed in a child care centre. Those children who have lost both parents to COVID, or at least have lost one parent to the virus, will be given Rs 1,500 per month by the state till they attain the age of 18.



Bihar Teeka Express

The government has taken a big initiative for this. Mangal Teeka will be launched from Teeka Express from Tuesday. Teeka Express, which is carrying vaccines for rural areas of Patna, will work to vaccinate those above 45 years of age. At the same time, the vaccination of 18+ will be done on Tuesday at 36 centers. Teeka Express will come out in 23 blocks .

Bihar's Shahi Litchi exported to London



The season's first consignment, with the help of Apeda, was shipped by air route. The first consignment of GI-tagged Shahi Litchi of the current season was exported to the UK from Bihar with the ample support of APEDA.

Good Governance: Bihar government is taking a big leap in e-waste management



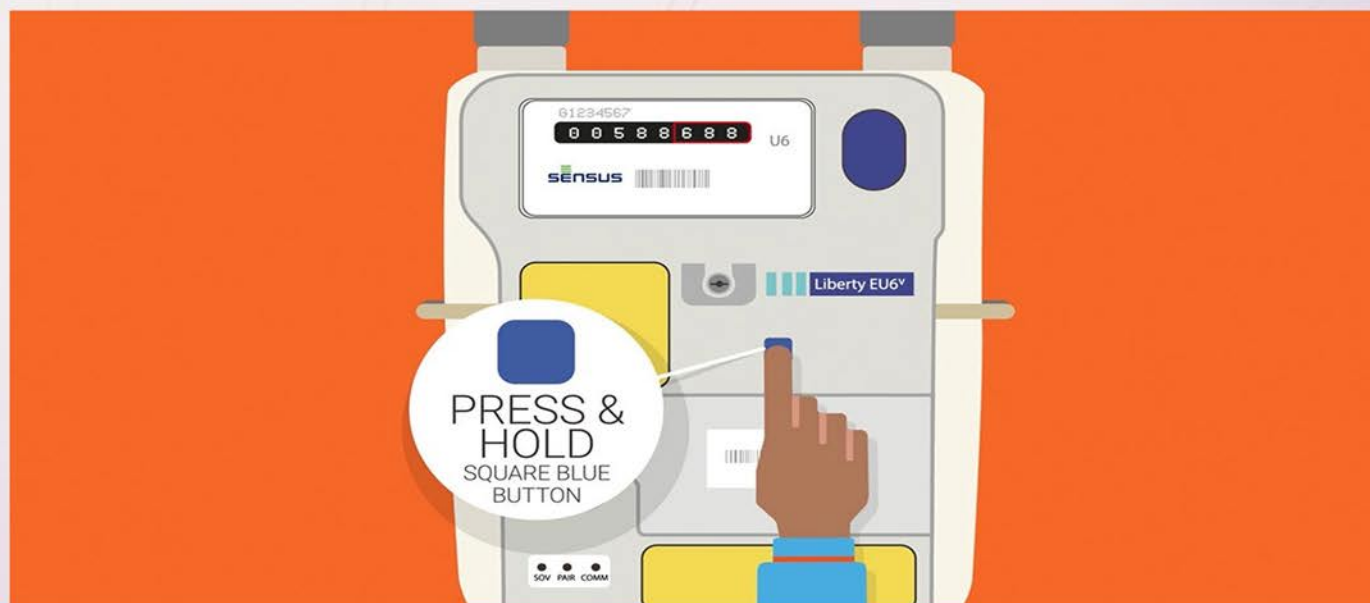
The state government has authorised 142 e-waste collection points in various districts and has initiated awareness drives about e-waste hazards, writes Dipak Kumar Singh, I.A.S Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar.

Bihar 1st state to have own ethanol policy for biofuel



Bihar the first state in the country to have an ethanol promotion policy under the National Policy of Biofuels, 2018. The state ethanol policy allows the extraction of ethanol, which was restricted to sugarcane, from surplus quantities of maize as well. An investor will get an additional government subsidy of 15% of the cost of plant and machinery up to a maximum of Rs5 crore, in addition to the existing incentives under the Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy, 2016. Under the new policy, financial assistance would be provided to greenfield standalone manufacturing units producing fuel-grade ethanol and supplying 100% of their ethanol to oil manufacturing companies under the Centre's ethanol blending programme. Bihar produces around 12 crore litres of ethanol and is in the fifth position in ethanol production in the country. With the implementation of this policy, we aim to be the ethanol hub of India and generate 50 crore litres of ethanol every year.

EESL to install 23.4 lakh smart prepaid electricity meters in Bihar



State-owned Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has entered into agreements with two Bihar utilities for installation of 23.4 lakh smart prepaid meters in Bihar. This is the first time that smart prepaid meters are being installed at this scale, and are set to have a transformative impact on the state's energy landscape, EESL said in a statement.

EESL signed agreements with South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (SBPDCL) and North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (NBPDC) for the installation of 2.34 million smart prepaid meters in Bihar, under its Smart Meter National Programme.



Bihar to plant 5 cr saplings in a year to increase its green cover up to 17%, CM launches 'Mission 5.0 Plantation'



The state government has decided to plant more than five crore saplings in the current financial year (2021-22) under the Mission 5.0 Plantation with an aim to increase the state's green cover to 17% from the existing 15%.

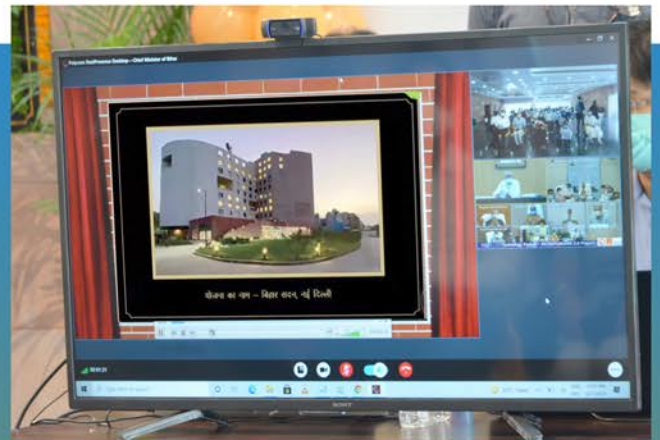
Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar on Saturday launched the 'Mission 5.0 Plantation', an ambitious drive for planting five crore saplings in the state in a year, by planting a mahogany sapling at his official residence at 1, Anney Marg, here on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Hon'ble Chief Minister said:

“State's environment, forest and climate change department (EFCCD) has fixed a target of planting five crore saplings in the current FY under the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan to create awareness about environment protection,” a press note issued from the CM's office said.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Inaugurated Bihar Sadan built at Dwarka.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated altogether 169 newly-constructed government buildings of 21 departments, including a swanky Bihar Sadan in Dwarka area of New Delhi, total worth Rs 1,411 crore, through video conferencing from 'Sankalp' hall of his residence in Patna. The Hon'ble CM also laid foundation stones for other 73 government buildings of 12 departments on the occasion. These 73 buildings would be built at a cost of Rs. 725.22 crore.

Thus, the Hon'ble CM on Monday launched total building projects worth Rs 2,136.22 crore. The Bihar Sadan will be the third guest house of the state government in Delhi after 'Bihar Bhawan' and 'Bihar Niwas.'

Covering an area of two acre, there are 10 floors in the Bihar Sadan in addition to basement and ground floor.

It has altogether 118 rooms. There is a multipurpose conference hall with a capacity of 200 people and also a cafeteria catering 180 people in the Sadan.

Delhi-based liaison offices of Bihar government e.g of energy, tourism, IPRD, water resources, finance, road construction department among others would now function from the Bihar Sadan.

The new building would cater to the needs of Bihari diaspora in Delhi-NCR more effectively and adequately.

"People from Bihar would not face any difficulty in Delhi after the completion of the Bihar Sadan. They will get many facilities at the Bihar Sadan," Hon'ble CM said soon after inaugurating the 169 new buildings.

The new Bihar Sadan is expected to become an important land mark in the national capital symbolizing the public-friendly approach of the Bihar government. This house will act like a One-Stop Solution for all needs of people from Bihar.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Nitish Kumar said his government would also do some extensions in other two Delhi-based guest houses—the Bihar Bhawan and the Bihar Niwas. He said the building construction department (BCD) has been given the responsibilities of maintenance of the Bihar Sadan.

He also asked the officials to complete on time all the building projects for which foundation stones were laid.