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FROM THE DESK OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Dear Readers,

As the festive season approaches and Bihar welcomes lakhs of devotees to Gaya Ji for the Pitru Paksh Mela, this edition finds the state in a season of both reverence and renewal, its heritage on full display and its development gathering pace.

At Lok Bhawan, the Hon'ble Governor led a series of thoughtful initiatives, from releasing the 'Vihar Darshan' magazine and honouring our brave army and police personnel to championing the Indian knowledge tradition at Nalanda. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, meanwhile, carried the momentum of development across the state, gifting 145 projects to East Champaran at the Bapudham Mahotsav, launching the Seva Sankalp and Kayakalp Abhiyan, and announcing a new Teacher Training University. Bihar also showcased its industrial strength at the ICC Global Business Summit and its semiconductor potential at SEMICON India 2026, sealed a Bihar-UAE partnership for food processing in Dubai, launched a health screening campaign for six crore residents, and transferred Rs 579.23 crore in flood relief to over 8 lakh families. Four film personalities rooted in Bihar were also honoured at the 72nd National Film Awards, a fitting reminder of the state's enduring cultural legacy.



MANOJ KUMAR SINGH, IAS

I am particularly glad to highlight the launch of the "Samanvay Portal", a dedicated digital platform for the systematic monitoring and following up of matters pending with the various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. Developed with the technical support of the National Informatics Centre (NIC), the portal brings Departments of the state government and Bihar Bhawan onto a single, structured, workflow-based system. By ensuring timely follow-up, clearer documentation, and full accountability at every stage, it strengthens the very coordination that Bihar Bhawan exists to serve, marking an important step towards transparent, time-bound, and accountable governance.

I hope you find this edition engaging and informative.

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Hon'ble Governor Releases 'Vihar Darshan' Magazine

Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) released 'Vihar Darshan', the official-language magazine of the Regional Passport Office, Patna, at Bihar Lok Bhawan. The Hon'ble Governor praised the publication, describing it as a medium that promotes Hindi while providing a wider platform for Bihar's rich cultural heritage.



He said that Bihar's history, culture, art, tradition, and heritage are extremely rich, and that 'Vihar Darshan' can play an important role in taking these facets to the country and the world. He suggested giving prominence to contemporary subjects alongside historical and cultural achievements, and extending the magazine's reach to social media and other digital platforms to engage a wider and younger readership.

The Hon'ble Governor suggested including new and informative topics in every issue, expressing hope that 'Vihar Darshan' would effectively promote Hindi while presenting Bihar's identity and heritage at the national and international levels.

Hon'ble Governor Calls for Linking Indian Knowledge Tradition with Modern Science



Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) participated in the inaugural session of a national symposium on 'The Role of the Indian Knowledge Tradition in Building a Viksit Bharat' at Nalanda University, Rajgir. The Hon'ble Governor said Nalanda is a symbol of India's glorious knowledge tradition and global intellectual dialogue, and that its legacy must now be connected to modern contexts. He said India should play a leading role in the field of knowledge by linking its rich tradition with modern science, technology, innovation, and global knowledge exchange. He said the holistic approach embedded in the Indian knowledge tradition could also help address contemporary challenges. He called on educational and research institutions to connect the study of the Indian knowledge tradition with modern research.

Hon'ble Governor Honours Brave Army and Police Personnel

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



Teachers Not Only Teach, They Build the Future and Society: Hon'ble Governor

Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) addressed the orientation programme for newly appointed assistant professors of 211 newly established degree colleges at Bapu Sabhagar. He said a teacher's role is not limited to the curriculum, but includes an important contribution to shaping students' futures and building society. The Hon'ble Governor said the teacher-student relationship lasts a lifetime, and teachers should present themselves as role models through their conduct, knowledge, and sense of

responsibility. He urged the newly appointed professors to work with full dedication in the new rural colleges and provide students quality education, while continuously learning, researching, and adopting new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence ethically. The Hon'ble Governor said that the new degree colleges will provide better higher-education opportunities to rural students. He urged teachers to develop curiosity, innovation, and a sense of responsibility among students through their knowledge and dedication.



Hon'ble CM Inaugurates Bapudham Mahotsav, Gifts 145 Development Projects to East Champaran

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary inaugurated the Bapudham Mahotsav at Gandhi Maidan, Motihari, and unveiled 145 development projects worth around Rs 285 crore for East Champaran. He announced that work to reopen the closed sugar mill in Motihari would begin soon, along with a medical college at Bariarpur, a planetarium, the Atal Kala Bhavan, and a fish prosperity cluster and processing plant. He also announced a new National School of Drama campus in Bihar, with the State Government to provide suitable land and bear 50 per cent of the approved construction cost, as well as a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Bariarpur, which was earlier proposed for Piprakothi. Other announcements included an aquaculture park, a larger Mother Dairy plant, a Marine Drive along Motijheel, road-widening projects, and helicopter connectivity for Motihari, giving a boost to tourism, education, health, fisheries, industry, culture and infrastructure in the district.



Bihar's Heritage Takes Centre Stage as Hon'ble CM inaugurates Bihar Mahotsav-2026 in Bengaluru



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary and Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar inaugurated the four-day Bihar Mahotsav-2026 at the Art of Living campus in Bengaluru by lighting the lamp. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said Bihar has for centuries given the world knowledge, compassion, philosophy and non-violence, and appealed to migrant Biharis to contribute to the development of their birthplace alongside their place of work. He announced that a grand Maa Sita temple will be established in Bihar by 31 December 2028. The Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted Bihar's development, including an increase in irrigated land from around 21 lakh hectares to 44 lakh hectares, with a target of 70 lakh hectares before 2030, and said AI-based systems are being used to strengthen governance and public service delivery. He also highlighted the government's 30-day timeline for resolving public complaints. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar described the festival as a means of promoting national unity and cultural connection, while praising Bihar's Madhubani art and cuisine.

Hon'ble CM Transfers Rs 579.23 Crore Flood Relief to 8.27 Lakh Families



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary transferred Rs 579.23 crore in ex-gratia relief, at Rs 7,000 per family, to the bank accounts of 8,27,472 flood-affected families through DBT at Sankalp Sabhagar. The floods affected nearly 50 lakh people across 15 districts, 88 blocks, 575 gram panchayats, 2,642 villages and 136 wards in 21 towns, along with around 55,000 hectares of land. More than 1,200 community kitchens are providing food, with around 1.28 crore meals served so far, while 21 NDRF and SDRF teams are engaged in relief and rescue operations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed officials to add any eligible left-out families to the relief list within a week, ensuring no affected family is deprived of assistance. He also directed that recovery and reconstruction be carried out under the theme 'Build Back Better Than Before' and completed within a month, including agricultural input subsidies, road repairs and other assistance to affected families and farmers. Ahead of the proposed visit of Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, officials were directed to prepare a factual assessment of the flood damage and document the situation for further relief and recovery measures.





Hon'ble CM Launches Seva Sankalp and Kayakalp Abhiyan, Unveils Kayakalp Portal



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched the Seva Sankalp and Kayakalp Abhiyan at Sankalp Sabhagar and unveiled the Kayakalp portal. The campaign aims to make public facilities and assets better and cleaner while creating new infrastructure. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that the upgrade, strengthening, and repair of existing assets at the panchayat level be completed by 30 November, ideally before Deepawali, while new infrastructure is to be built by 31 March 2027. School painting, anganwadi centres, community buildings, health centres, and hostels are to be completed within the timeline. The Kayakalp portal and mobile app will provide information on scheme progress, completed works and other details across departments, making monitoring easier and helping accelerate pending works. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also called for cooperation from Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies and directed ministers to monitor the campaign.

Hon'ble CM Shri Samrat Choudhary Announces Teacher Training University at Teachers' Day Celebration



At the Teachers' Day celebration 2026 held at Shri Krishna Memorial Hall on the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary announced the establishment of a Teacher Training University to strengthen the training and capacity development of the state's over seven lakh teachers. He said a modern AI ecosystem would be developed with Microsoft, Google, and Sarvam AI to train teachers in the latest technologies, and an MoU was signed between the Education Department and Google on the occasion. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said efforts would be made to establish a BHU centre in the state, and that a separate pay scale would be ensured for non-aided (vitt rahit) teachers. He also announced examination reforms, including releasing Matric results within seven days, providing students an opportunity to retake exams within 15 days in case of objections to marks, and issuing engineering and polytechnic results within 24 hours. Around 700 model schools are also planned, with facilities for NEET and JEE preparation and live online teaching support. The government is also advancing the establishment of Vikramshila University, with land acquisition completed on 15 July. Pending salaries of Madrasa and Sanskrit Board teachers have also been released.



Bihar Cabinet Clears Key Decisions on New Universities, Vishnupad Corridor and Police Modernisation

The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary, cleared several significant proposals across departments in its September meetings. Spanning higher education, rural welfare, security, and heritage development, the decisions reflect the government's continued focus on institution-building and inclusive growth towards a Samridh Bihar and a Viksit Bharat.

Two New Universities Approved:

The Cabinet cleared the establishment of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University, Begusarai, and Mata Sita Women's University, Patna, sanctioning Rs 15 crore each for administrative and staff expenses.

Interest-Free Loans for Dairy Farmers:

The Mukhyamantri Go-Dhan Vikas Rin Yojana was approved with an outlay of Rs 160.00 crore over three years, offering dairy farmers a 100 per cent interest subsidy on bank loans, with at least half the beneficiaries expected to be women.

Special Remission for Prisoners:

Marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Cabinet approved a one-time special remission to release eligible convicted prisoners on 2 October 2026.

Boost to Police Modernisation:

The Cabinet sanctioned Rs 33.68 crore for equipment to strengthen the district police, rail police and prohibition and narcotics units, along with Rs 24.50 crore for the purchase of 50 drones for surveillance, disaster management and anti-crime operations.

Gayaji's Vishnupad Corridor:

The comprehensive development of the Vishnupad temple corridor in Gaya ji, on the lines of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, was approved along with the Son-Falgu river-link project, at a total administrative cost of Rs 3,516.05 crore.

Makhana Development Scheme:

The Cabinet approved implementation of the centrally sponsored Makhana Development Scheme at a cost of Rs 89.79 crore for 2026-27, strengthening the makhana value chain to benefit farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

Bihar Showcases Industrial Strength at ICC Global Business Summit



As the title partner of the ICC Global Business Summit – Edition 2, Bihar presented its growing industrial capacity, investment opportunities, and investor-friendly business environment. Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh addressed the Bihar State Session, joined by Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, and MSME Director Shri Aman Sameer. A Business-to-Government (B2G) dialogue followed, discussing investment, ease of doing business, and collaboration. An MoU with Sector Skill Councils under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) was signed to strengthen sector-specific skill development in the MSME sector. The Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated the Bihar Pavilion, showcasing the state's investment-ready ecosystem.



Bihar Showcases Semiconductor Investment Potential at SEMICON India 2026

The Industries Department participated in SEMICON India 2026, organised by the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, from 17 to 19 September 2026. The Bihar delegation was led by Resident Commissioner Shri Manoj Kumar Singh and MSME Director Shri Aman Sameer. Through the event, Bihar presented emerging opportunities in semiconductor and electronics manufacturing, policy support, and investment prospects to industry stakeholders from India and abroad. Roundtable discussions were held with stakeholders from the United States and Japan on investment, technical collaboration, and industrial partnership, alongside Business-to-Government (B2G) meetings with investors. The state's Semiconductor Policy 2026, growing industrial infrastructure, and investment-focused approach were also showcased, strengthening Bihar's engagement with the global semiconductor industry.



PCC Approves 26 Industrial Projects Worth Rs 505.27 Crore

The Project Clearance Committee (PCC) of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) approved 26 industrial projects, along with the allotment of nearly 33.08 acres of industrial land. The projects propose an investment of about Rs 505.27 crore and are likely to generate nearly 5,000 employment opportunities. Chaired by Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar, the meeting also cleared plug-and-play shed allotments across sectors including food processing, textiles, leather garments, and animal feed. Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh said the sustained growth reflected the state's industry-friendly policies and rising investor confidence. Resident and Investment Commissioner Shri Manoj Kumar Singh and members of CII, ICC, BCCI, and Laghu Udyog Bharati were present.



Bihar-UAE Partnership to Boost Food Processing and Investment

AIM CONGRESS 2026

MoU SIGNING



The Department of Industries exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the AIM Global Foundation during the AIM Congress 2026 in Dubai, aimed at promoting a dedicated food processing park in Bihar anchored by investment from the UAE. Held in the presence of Hon'ble Industries Minister Ms. Shreyasi Singh, the MoU was signed by Industries Secretary Shri Kundan Kumar and AIM Global Foundation President H.E. Dawood Al Shezawi, with Industries Director Shri Mukul Kumar Gupta also present. Under the agreement, the two sides will work to develop an integrated agri-food and food processing cluster, attracting investment from companies and institutions across the UAE and the wider Gulf region, and establishing Bihar as a key sourcing and processing hub for the Gulf's food supply chain. The Hon'ble Minister said the partnership would help farmers and industries connect with global supply chains, while Shri Kundan Kumar noted it laid a strong foundation for structured cooperation between Bihar and UAE investors.

Health Screening for 6 Crore Bihar Residents, Digital Health Record for All

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary launched the 'Jaanch Evam Upchaar - Chikitsa Aapke Dwar' (Healthcare at Your Doorstep) campaign at the Urja Auditorium in Patna, flagging off awareness chariots in all 38 districts. Running from 2 September to 30 November 2026, the free campaign will screen citizens above 30 for non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, common cancers, heart and lung ailments, and fatty liver. ANM and ASHA workers will carry out door-to-door surveys, with digital health records prepared for nearly six crore residents. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said early detection makes treatment more effective and forms the foundation of a Samridh Bihar and a Viksit Bharat. To improve healthcare at the grassroots level, the government plans to introduce "Mission Kayakalp" to upgrade PHCs, APHCs and sub-centres. It also plans to provide foreign-language training to nursing and paramedical students to expand their employment opportunities. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary noted the campaign's lasting impact in rural areas, while Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav called it a significant day for the state. Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar affirmed the department's commitment to accessible care under the motto 'Accessible Health, Secure Life'.



Drug Testing Laboratory and Analytical Facility Planned for Patna



The Health Department has begun preparations to establish a state-of-the-art Drug Testing Laboratory and Analytical Development Facility (ADF) in Patna, strengthening Bihar's pharmaceutical sector and assuring medicine quality. A review meeting chaired by Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar, attended by Health Secretary Shri Kumar Ravi and senior officials of the department and NIPER Hajipur, examined infrastructure, technical capacity, budget, lab accreditation, and skill development in nursing and pharmacy. Beyond routine testing, the facility will support the development of new formulations, analytical methods, and quality control, benefiting the state's pharmaceutical industry, startups, researchers, and academic institutions. Drawing on NIPER Hajipur's expertise, training programmes are also planned for pharmacy students and professionals. The Hon'ble Health Minister termed the initiative an important step towards developing Bihar as a strong centre for pharmaceutical quality, research, and innovation.

Health Minister Expands Critical Care Facilities in Muzaffarpur



Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Nishant Kumar, during a day-long visit to Muzaffarpur, inaugurated a state-of-the-art ICU complex at the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre and dedicated a 30-bed Special Critical Care Unit at Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH). The new ICU will strengthen critical care for cancer patients in complex conditions, while the SKMCH unit will benefit seriously ill patients across North Bihar. The Hon'ble Minister said the government's priority is to ensure that cancer patients receive world-class treatment near home, without travelling to other states, and assured that facilities at Muzaffarpur would be expanded further.



Bihar Invites Investors to Partner in State's Energy Transformation



At Bharat Electricity 2026, Hon'ble Energy Minister Shri Shailesh Kumar alias Bulu Mandal delivered the keynote address on "Energy Sovereignty for a Climate-Resilient Viksit Bharat" and inaugurated the Bihar Power Pavilion. The Hon'ble Minister said Bihar has emerged as a national leader in smart metering, with over 94 lakh smart prepaid meters installed, while AT&C losses have fallen from around 59 per cent to below 11.54 per cent. The State met a record peak demand of 9,475 MW and is projected to reach a peak demand of around 19,033 MW by FY2037. Bihar will also provide free 1.1 kW rooftop solar systems to 2.5 lakh BPL households, while major projects include a proposed 1,200 MW/7,308 MWh pumped-storage plant at Nawada and a 301 MW solar PV project supported by 523 MWh of battery energy storage at Kajra, Lakhisarai. The Hon'ble Minister invited investors to Bihar not merely as investors, but as partners in building a clean, reliable and climate-resilient energy sector.

Solar Protsahan Yojana Launched, Subsidy Transferred to 25,000 Beneficiaries



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary transferred additional state financial subsidy to 25,000 beneficiaries who installed rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana at a programme at the Energy Auditorium. He also launched the Mukhyamantri Solar Protsahan Yojana and flagged off nine Solar Rath to spread awareness across the state. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said making solar energy accessible to every household is a top priority, with panchayats, local bodies and JEEViKA Didis playing a key role in expanding solar adoption. Combining central and state assistance, eligible consumers can receive up to ₹98,000 for a 3 kW rooftop system, while wards and Gram Panchayats demonstrating better performance in solar installations will receive incentives of ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh. An MoU was signed between the power distribution companies and JEEViKA, and Solar Marts will be established in all 534 blocks, with JEEViKA Didis receiving training on solar-energy systems. The State Government is also strengthening transmission infrastructure to support a capacity of 20,000 MW in the coming years. Under the next phase of PM-KUSUM, the state aims to connect around 8.40 lakh farmers' electricity connections with solar energy.

Bihar Saras Mela 2026 Inaugurated, Bringing Together Women Entrepreneurs from 15 States

Hon'ble Rural Development Minister Shri Shravan Kumar inaugurated the Bihar Saras Mela 2026 at Gyan Bhawan, Patna, aimed at promoting rural entrepreneurship and providing a market to women entrepreneurs linked with self-help groups. The 10-day fair brought together hundreds of women entrepreneurs from 15 states, including Bihar, showcasing their distinctive crafts, flavours, traditions, and culture.

After cutting the ribbon, the Hon'ble Minister toured the stalls, interacting with women entrepreneurs and appreciating the quality, innovation, and enterprise behind their handmade products, handicrafts, handloom, organic goods, and traditional cuisine. On the occasion, he also unveiled the new logo of 'Biharika', the collective brand for products made by Bihar's women entrepreneurs, giving JEEViKA Didis' products a new identity and wider market access.

The Hon'ble Minister said JEEViKA's core objective is to organise poor families and strengthen their livelihoods, adding that the state government is committed to women's empowerment through ambitious schemes such as the Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana and the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana. JEEViKA CEO Shri Himanshu Sharma said the fair is a celebration of rural women's confidence, self-reliance, and empowerment, while Additional Chief Secretary Shri H.R. Srinivas described it as a vital bridge between rural development and the market.



Tourism Department Launches 3-Day Heritage Package Under 'Brand Bihar'

The Tourism Department has launched a special three-day, two-night tourism package under 'Brand Bihar', taking visitors from Patna to Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, and Nalanda before returning to Patna. Priced from Rs 20,000 per person, the package covers travel, accommodation, meals, trained guides, tourism police, and entry fees to major monuments, allowing tourists to experience the state's spiritual, historical, and cultural heritage without any additional arrangements. The journey begins at Bodh Gaya, with visits to the Mahabodhi Temple, the Bodhi tree, and the 80-foot Buddha statue, followed by Rajgir's Vishwa Shanti Stupa, Ghora Katora, and hot springs, and concludes at the ancient Nalanda University ruins and museum. Hon'ble Tourism Minister Shri Kedar Prasad Gupta said taking Bihar's spiritual, historical, and cultural heritage to tourists across the world is a state priority, and such well-organised packages will boost tourism activity while creating new local employment and economic opportunities.



Pitrupaksh Mela: Extensive Arrangements to Welcome Devotees in Gaya Ji

The Pitrupaksh Mela-2026 is being held in Gaya Ji from 25 September to 10 October. Keeping in mind the convenience of devotees arriving from across the country and abroad for Pind Daan and Tarpan, the administration has made extensive arrangements including accommodation, ghats, drinking water, sanitation, security, and transport, while the Tourism Department has shared details of special tour packages.

The Tent City is a major attraction for devotees' stay. Reviewing arrangements in the Vishnupad Temple and Devghat area, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary directed officials to treat devotees in the spirit of 'Atithi Devo Bhava'. Information is also being provided in devotees' own languages through an app.

The Vishnupad Corridor, with around Rs 3,500 crore planned for its comprehensive development, is a key long-term project. Efforts are also underway to strengthen Gaya's air connectivity with Gulf countries, Thailand, and other international cities to boost year-round religious tourism.



'Brand Bihar' Shines at BRICS Summit with Sattu and Makhana

Bihar's traditional and local products featured at the BRICS Summit, where sattu and makhana were presented to delegates and foreign guests, showcasing the state's traditional food culture and the global potential of its local produce.

Sattu is deeply woven into Bihar's culinary identity, featuring in dishes such as litti-chokha and sattu paratha, as well as the popular drink often described as "desi Horlicks." Makhana, meanwhile, is one of the state's leading agricultural products and has seen growing demand in domestic and international markets as a healthy snack and superfood. Bihar accounts for around 90 per cent of the country's total makhana production, with cultivation and processing concentrated across Mithila and several districts of North Bihar. National makhana production reached 80,590 metric tonnes in 2025-26, while Bihar's chana production increased from 57,490 metric tonnes in 2014-15 to 63,569 metric tonnes in 2024-25.

The presentation of these products to international representatives highlighted opportunities for export, branding and investment, while connecting Bihar's farmers, producers and food-processing entrepreneurs with global markets. Alongside its historical and spiritual heritage, the state's local produce is adding a new dimension to 'Brand Bihar'.



Sikki Art: Weaving Golden Grass into Bihar's Living Heritage

Among Bihar's most cherished traditional crafts is Sikki art, a delicate form of grass weaving that has flourished for generations in the Mithila region. The craft takes its name from Sikki, a golden-hued wild grass that, once dried, is skilfully coiled, stitched, and woven into baskets, boxes, figurines, and decorative articles. Traditionally practised by women, Sikki art holds a special place in Mithila's wedding rituals and household traditions, symbolising prosperity. Today, this craft offers rural women a means of livelihood and self-reliance, carrying Bihar's rich artisanal heritage and cultural identity to national and global audiences.

Bihar Takes Centrestage at 72nd National Film Awards with Four Honours

At the 72nd National Film Awards, presented by the Hon'ble President Droupadi Murmu at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, on 22 September 2026, four film personalities rooted in Bihar were honoured for their contribution to Indian cinema. Held outside New Delhi for the first time, the ceremony recognised outstanding work certified in 2024 — and Bihar's presence spanned the full arc of filmmaking, from performance and direction to production and criticism.

SANJAY MISHRA

Actor | Best Actor in a Supporting Role | Silver Lotus (Rajat Kamal)

A son of Narayanpur in Darbhanga and an alumnus of the National School of Drama, the veteran actor was honoured for his portrayal of Bhaskar Sinha in Bhakshak. The award crowns a long and acclaimed career across Hindi cinema.



KAMLESH KUMAR MISHRA

Director | Best Biographical / Historical Reconstruction Film | Silver Lotus (Rajat Kamal)

From Singha village in Hathua, Gopalganj, he directed Kakori, a retelling of the historic Kakori Train Action of 1925, built from the accounts of historians and archival records.



MINTY MISHRA

Producer | For the film Kakori | Silver Lotus (Rajat Kamal)

Also from Singha village in Gopalganj, she produced Kakori, sharing the national honour for bringing a defining chapter of the freedom struggle to the screen.



SANJEEV SRIVASTAVA

Film Critic | Best Film Critic (Hindi) | Golden Lotus (Swarn Kamal)

Also from From Muzaffarpur, with nearly two and a half decades in journalism and film writing, he was named the sole awardee in his category, receiving the Swarn Kamal — the Golden Lotus.

Samanvay Portal Streamlines Bihar-Government of India Coordination

The Government of Bihar has taken a significant step towards strengthening inter-governmental coordination with the launch of the “Samanvay Portal”, a dedicated digital platform for the systematic monitoring and follow-up of issues pending with various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. Developed with technical support from the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bihar State Centre, it serves as a single window for tracking departmental matters requiring action at the central level.

Designed to ensure timely follow-up, better documentation, and clearer accountability, the portal operates through a structured, workflow-based system. A Bihar department first creates an issue by selecting the relevant Ministry and scheme and entering the subject, priority, financial implication, SNA/PFMS details, and supporting documents. The matter then moves to the Finance Department, Patna, for validation, followed by the Resident Commissioner’s Office and Financial Resource Coordination Unit (FRCU), Delhi, before being routed to the concerned Bihar Bhawan officer for follow-up with the central Ministry.

The portal also allows incomplete or incorrectly classified issues to be returned to departments with specific remarks, enabling them to submit clarifications, compliance reports or additional documents. Each stage of movement is recorded in the workflow history, ensuring transparency and accountability. The portal is

also expected to preserve institutional memory, reduce dependence on scattered correspondence, and support evidence-based review of pending matters.

With dedicated dashboards and built-in reporting features at every level, the Samanvay Portal marks an important move towards transparent, time-bound, and accountable governance.





Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Praises Bihar's Remarkable Journey

I have witnessed Bihar's incredible journey. Where fear and conflict once filled the air, today there is a ground-breaking transformation. Bihar is a sacred land with wisdom embedded deeply in its spiritual DNA. Its people are inherently loving, exceptionally hardworking, artistic, and capable. Through historic reconciliation, we watched past animosities dissolve into peace. Today, the state thrives with rapid development, visible progress, and newfound security. True progress requires both inner peace and outer growth—a balance Bihar is beautifully achieving as it drives positive change across the nation.



Krishna Kumar
Student
(User, Vidhya Sathi App)



Bihar Vidya Sathi" has made our studies much more convenient. Problems related to our education are now being resolved easily and on time. I sincerely thank Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary Ji for this useful initiative in the interest of students.



Kunal Dugar
co-founder of HiVision
Technologies
(Beneficiary, Start-up funding)



As an early stage startup there are challenges that you face and I would like to mention how Startup Bihar helped me in the same and provided me the platform to showcase my products, showcase my technology. Also the overall funding process for the policy was very smooth right from valuation to the presentation, the disbursement, everything was so smooth.



Rakesh
Bengaluru
Visitor, Pitrupaksh Mela



I have come to Gaya Ji with my family. I am very happy to see the arrangements here. The arrangements made at the Pitrupaksh Mela Mahasangam for the convenience, safety, and smooth performance of Pind Daan by devotees are commendable. I thank Gaya Ji and the Government of Bihar for providing such facilities for those performing Pind Daan.

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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