



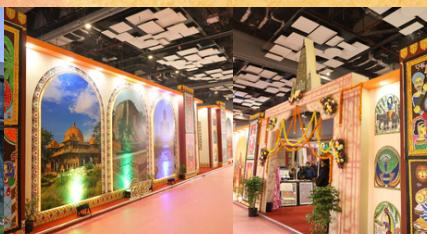
Bihar Set For a New Era of Development



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FROM THE DESK OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to present the December 2025 edition of Bihar Bhawan Newsletter, capturing a month that marks a decisive leap toward a future-ready Bihar under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar.

Bihar went to polls last month, and the historic mandate brought Hon'ble Chief Minister to office for a record 10th term, energising the new government with a renewed commitment to inclusive and technology-driven growth.

In his first Cabinet meeting after assuming office, Hon'ble CM outlined an ambitious blueprint for a new-age economy centred on technology, services, and innovation. Key decisions included establishment of a Defence Corridor, Semiconductor Manufacturing Park, Global Capacity Centres, a Mega Tech City, a Fitness City, and a dedicated AI Mission—initiatives designed to position Bihar as an emerging tech hub of eastern India.

This month also reflected Bihar's strengthening leadership in governance, scientific advancement, and technical education. Patna hosted a national conference on holistic district development, bringing together policymakers and district administrators from across India to share scalable governance innovations. DSTTE continued elevating Bihar's technical education landscape through BEU's 2nd Convocation and its commitment to affordable, high-quality learning. Bihar's focus on science outreach deepened as new interactive facilities were inaugurated at Patna Planetarium, including VR-based learning spaces, an Astro Park, and progress toward a state-of-the-art Observatory Dome.

Across sectors, Bihar continued its upward trajectory. Launch of Patna Metro marked a breakthrough in urban mobility; Patliputra Industrial Area secured No. 1 national rank under the Swachh Industrial Park category; and successful manufacturing of the WAG-12B locomotive underscored Bihar's expanding industrial capabilities. Sports infrastructure strengthened with inauguration of an international-level cricket stadium in Rajgir, while vibrant Bihar Diwas celebrations at ITPO Trade Fair showcased cultural richness and rising investment appeal.

Bihar Foundation continued strengthening cultural and community bonds across the globe.

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Thank you for your continued trust and engagement.



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Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar back in action with renewed energy and commitment

With a sweeping victory of 202 out of 243 seats, NDA formed government with Hon'ble Shri Samrat Chaudhary and Hon'ble Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha as Deputy Chief Ministers.



With a resounding mandate in recently concluded Assembly elections, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar has returned to lead Bihar, marking a significant new chapter in the state's governance. The people of Bihar have once again placed their trust in his experienced leadership, giving NDA an overwhelming majority and reaffirming their confidence in his vision for development and effective administration.

Sworn in as Chief Minister for a **record tenth time**, Hon'ble Shri Nitish Kumar has assumed office with renewed energy, clear priorities, and a firm commitment to accelerating Bihar's growth. Guided by the vision and support of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the state government is poised to push forward transformative development initiatives aimed at strengthening Bihar's socio-economic landscape.

In his new term, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has reiterated key priorities: expanding employment opportunities for youth, strengthening core infrastructure, improving education and healthcare systems, and fostering an ecosystem conducive to industrial and MSME growth. With Bihar's young population aspiring for rapid development, the government's emphasis on job creation and skill-building is expected to play a central role.

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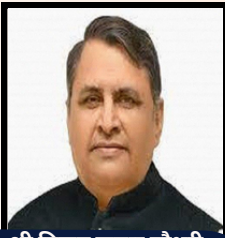


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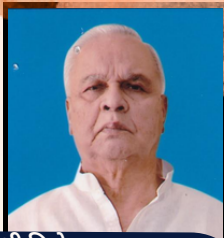
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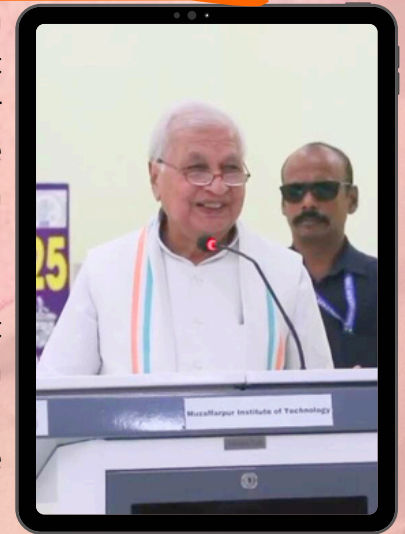
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Sustainability begins with us: Hon'ble Governor urges citizens to nurture nature

At 'Jal Panchayat Programme – Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' held at MIT campus in Muzaffarpur, Hon'ble Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan emphasized that water and trees are very foundation of human existence, and without their conservation, any idea of sustainable development remains incomplete. He underlined that true environmental awareness can only be achieved when every citizen assumes personal responsibility for protecting nature.

Addressing students and local representatives, Hon'ble Governor said that initiatives like "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (A Tree in Mother's Name) can transform environmental protection into a mass movement through emotional connection. "When we plant a tree in our mother's name, it becomes more than an act of plantation — it becomes a symbol of gratitude towards nature," he said.

The event also featured discussions on water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and river rejuvenation, highlighting integration of traditional wisdom with modern technology to address the water crisis. On the occasion, hundreds of students, teachers, and social workers participated in a tree plantation drive, spreading the message of environmental protection. The programme was organized with the support of environmental and social organizations dedicated to ecological conservation.



Medicine meets humanity: Hon'ble Governor urges graduate doctors to serve society's vulnerable

Patna hosted 9th Convocation Ceremony of Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS) at Energy Auditorium. Addressing graduates as Chief Guest, Honorable Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan emphasized that medicine is not just a profession but the highest form of service to humanity. He highlighted that doctors hold power not only to treat but to give life, making ethics, compassion, and service essential in the medical field. Hon'ble Governor also urged students to use their knowledge for the welfare of vulnerable communities and support the expansion of healthcare in rural areas.

During the ceremony, degrees were awarded to undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. students, and meritorious students received medals from the Governor. IGIMS Director shared the institute's achievements and ongoing research initiatives, underscoring efforts to make Bihar self-reliant in healthcare. The presence of teachers, parents, and students added to the inspiring and emotionally resonant atmosphere of the event.

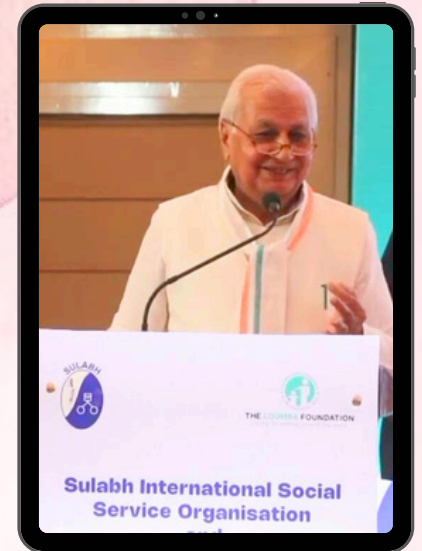


Threads of Hope: Loomba Foundation weaves a future of dignity for widows in Bihar

On October 14, a special ceremony was held at Hotel Chanakya, Patna, to mark the completion of the Loomba Foundation's skill development program aimed at empowering widows and their dependent children in Bihar. Hon'ble Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan graced the occasion as Chief Guest and presented certificates to the trained women participants.

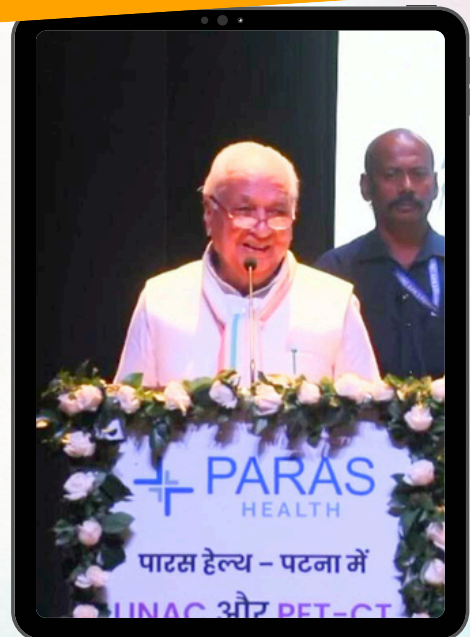
In his address, Hon'ble Governor said that empowering widows is a vital step toward achieving true social justice. He commended the Loomba Foundation for its sustained efforts, stating that such initiatives not only enable women to achieve economic independence but also instill in them the confidence to lead a dignified life.

He further urged society to actively support such initiatives so that no woman or child feels abandoned or helpless. Under the program, participants received training in tailoring, embroidery, beauty care, computer literacy, and handicrafts, helping hundreds of women and youth gain meaningful employment opportunities.



Revolutionizing Cancer Care in Bihar: Hon'ble Governor inaugurates LINAC and SPECT-CT units at Paras HMRI Hospital

On October 6, 2025, Hon'ble Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated LINAC (Linear Accelerator) and SPECT-CT units at Paras HMRI Hospital, Patna, marking a major leap in cancer diagnosis and treatment in Bihar. He praised the initiative as a milestone in modern healthcare, emphasizing that advanced technologies like these will ensure timely, precise, and lifesaving care for patients. He described medical innovation as a "new dimension of service," benefiting both patients and doctors by bringing world-class therapeutic tools to the state. Hospital officials highlighted that these systems will enhance accuracy and safety in radiotherapy and nuclear medicine. The launch signifies Bihar's growing commitment to technology-driven healthcare excellence.



Yuva Samvad: PM Modi empowers youth of Bihar



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and launched multiple youth-centric initiatives related to education and skill development in Bihar during 'Yuva Samvad' programme held via video conferencing.

During the programme, Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme was relaunched in an upgraded format to expand its reach and impact. In addition, scholarship assistance of ₹450 crore was transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to 25 lakh students of Class 9 and 10. To promote youth empowerment and self-reliance, the Bihar Youth Commission was also established.

Hon'ble PM also disbursed financial assistance to beneficiaries of Chief Minister Nishchay Self-Help Allowance Scheme and inaugurated Bharat Ratna Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Skill University. Along with this, he dedicated to the nation the Bihta campus of NIT Patna.

Under the PM-USHA Mission, new academic and research facilities were inaugurated at four universities in Bihar:

- Patna University
- JPU, Chhapra
- BNMU, Madhepura
- Nalanda Open University

On this occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister also handed over appointment letters to 3,942 newly selected candidates, marking significant progress in employment generation for youth of Bihar. These initiatives aim to provide new opportunities in education, skill development, and employment for the youth of Bihar. Hon'ble PM said that these efforts will not only help build an educated, skilled, and self-reliant Bihar, but will also strengthen the state's contribution to the nation's progress.

The scheme empowers 25 lakh women with ₹2,500 crores under Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar transferred ₹2,500 crore through DBT to 25 lakh women under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana from 'Sankalp', 1 Anne Marg. Each beneficiary received ₹10,000 as seed support for self-employment. The scheme was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 26, 2025, when ₹7,500 crore was transferred to 75 lakh women. With the latest installment, a total of ₹10,000 crore has been directly credited to 1 crore women so far.

Under the scheme, one woman from every family in Bihar is being supported to start income-generating activities. After the initial grant of ₹10,000, additional assistance up to ₹2 lakh will be provided for entrepreneurship. Hon'ble CM Shri Nitish Kumar said that the initiative will boost women empowerment, self-reliance, and economic growth in Bihar.



Wheels of Change: Patna Metro ushers in a new urban era

CM IN FOCUS



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated Patna Metro Rail Services on Priority Corridor, marking a historic leap in Bihar's urban transport landscape. In its first phase, 4.3-kilometer stretch connects ISBT, Zero Mile, and Bhootnath stations, officially placing Patna among India's metro cities.

The project represents a major stride toward creating a modern, eco-friendly, and integrated transport network in the city. Hon'ble CM said that Patna Metro will provide citizens with a fast, safe, and comfortable mode of commute, while significantly reducing traffic congestion. He also emphasized that the initiative will generate new employment and business opportunities, strengthening Patna's local economy.

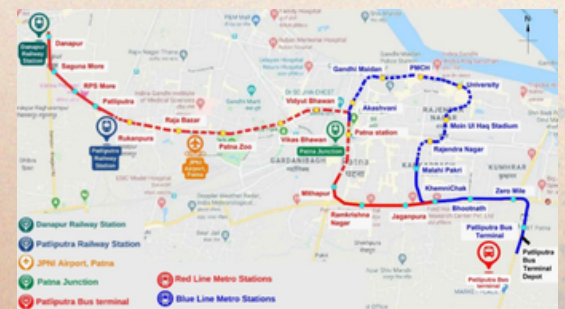
Inter-Modal Integration: Redefining Urban Connectivity

A key highlight of Patna Metro project is its emphasis on inter-modal integration - a system designed to connect various modes of transportation for seamless passenger movement. The integration will link the metro with the Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Patna Airport, Patna Junction, Rajendra Nagar Railway Station, and Patliputra Railway Station, ensuring smooth and efficient travel across the city. Patna Junction and New ISBT are being developed as multi-modal hubs, enabling passengers to easily switch between metro, bus, rail, and air transport. This connectivity is expected to encourage greater use of public transport, resulting in fewer vehicles on the road, reduced traffic congestion, and lower pollution levels.

Benefits of Inter-Modal Integration

- *Seamless and hassle-free travel for passengers across different transport modes.*
- *Reduced travel time and smoother crowd and traffic management.*
- *Boost to public transport usage, leading to better environmental outcomes.*

Enhanced accessibility to major transit points and last-mile connectivity solutions.



A Step Toward Smart Urban Mobility

The inter-modal integration of Patna Metro is designed to transform the way citizens move across the city—making travel convenient, efficient, and sustainable. With metro stations strategically connected to major transport centers, passengers will be able to commute effortlessly within and beyond Patna, marking a new era of smart mobility and urban progress in Bihar's capital.



Hon'ble Chief Minister's 5-year vision for Bihar: One Crore Jobs and a New-Age Economy



Following victory in Bihar Assembly elections, the newly formed Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar held its first meeting on November 27 and unveiled an ambitious roadmap for next five years. The Cabinet announced a target of providing one crore jobs and employment opportunities to the youth of Bihar between 2025 and 2030, along with a strong push for industrial growth and widespread employment generation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister underscored that expanding job opportunities has been a core priority of the government. Between 2020 and 2025, under the Saat Nishchay initiatives, the State facilitated government jobs and employment for 50 lakh young people. Building on this momentum, the new government has initiated swift measures to boost industries and create large-scale employment across sectors.

Emphasising a transformative vision, the Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted the goal of developing Bihar into a new-age economy driven by technology and service-oriented innovation. The State aims to position itself as a "back-end hub and global workplace" over the next five years. To achieve this, inputs will be sought from leading entrepreneurs and industry experts associated with Bihar.

A comprehensive action plan is being prepared with the collaboration of key departments, renowned economists and subject experts. This integrated approach will guide the formulation of policies and strategic initiatives to establish Bihar as a competitive global destination for talent, services and innovation.

Hon'ble CM inspects new MLA flats at Daroga Rai Path



On November 23, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar visited the newly constructed MLA residential complex on Daroga Rai Path and expressed satisfaction with the quality and design of the new accommodations. The modern flats have been equipped with all essential facilities, and the entire campus has been beautifully developed with enhanced landscaping. The government will allocate these new residences to all newly elected MLAs based on their constituency and assembly segment.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar also reviewed the ongoing beautification work along the JP Ganga Path. The project has already improved travel convenience for the public, and the upgraded walkway will soon offer an even more comfortable and pleasant experience for pedestrians.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's inspection reflects a proactive and positive start to the new term, reinforcing the state's commitment to enhancing infrastructure and ensuring better facilities for citizens and public representatives.

Bihar Charts a New Orbit: Hon'ble CM Inaugurates New Scientific Facilities at Patna Planetarium

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Bihar took a major stride in scientific learning and public outreach as Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated a series of advanced facilities at Patna Planetarium (Taramandal). The initiatives, developed by the Department of Science, Technology & Technical Education (DSTTE), reflect the state's focus on interactive learning, innovation, and democratized access to science.

Key additions include Bihar's first Virtual Reality Theatre, the Astro Park, the signing of an MoU for a new Observatory Dome, the launch of a Mobile Science Exhibition Bus, and an Internship Portal to connect students with research and industry opportunities.

The Virtual Reality Theatre marks a significant leap in experiential education. Built over 3,000 sq ft at a cost of ₹5.59 crore in collaboration with the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), it features 25 motion-enabled 360-degree immersive seats. Through synchronized VR headsets, visitors can explore short fully immersive experiences such as Mission to Mars, Journey to the Moon, the International Space Station, and more, bringing complex scientific concepts to life.

The Mobile Science Exhibition Bus, flagged off by Hon'ble Chief Minister, will travel to schools and districts across Bihar, offering hands-on experiments and interactive exhibits to nurture scientific curiosity at the grassroots.

The upcoming Observatory Dome, to be developed with NCSM at a cost of ₹99.7 lakh, will house a high-capacity automated telescope capable of live celestial observation, significantly expanding astronomy-based learning in the state. The new Astro Park will further engage students through sky-gazing and science activities.

DSTTE's new initiatives underscore Bihar's emergence as a growing hub of scientific inquiry, innovation, and future-ready education.



Hon'ble Chief Minister visits industrial units in Hajipur



On November 24, 2025 Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inspected major industrial units in the Hajipur Industrial Area, including New Zeal Seasonal Wear Pvt. Ltd., Competence Export Pvt. Ltd. and Britannia Industries Ltd.

At New Zeal Seasonal Wear, the Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the garment production process, assessed workforce strength, and interacted with workers to understand the facilities provided by the unit.

He then visited Competence Export Pvt. Ltd., where he was briefed on footwear production, market demand and raw material supply chains.

At Britannia Industries Ltd., officials informed him that the unit manufactures biscuits and cookies for nationwide distribution as well as exports.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister held detailed discussions with officials on production activities, expansion prospects and employment generation. He directed them to take proactive steps to accelerate industrial growth and create more job opportunities in the region.

The Hajipur Cluster, one of Bihar's leading industrial hubs, comprises nine industrial areas, including the Hajipur Industrial Area and the Export Promotion Industrial Park. Land has been allotted to 289 units, with 291.83 acres allotted and 304.11 acres still available. The cluster benefits from reliable power supply, a well-developed road network, solar street lighting, drainage systems, boundary walls and strong connectivity.

During 2024–25, the cluster attracted significant investments from COMFED Sudha Dairy, Son Biscuit Ltd., Anmol Industries Ltd., Britannia Industries Ltd., Godrej Agrovet Ltd., SLMG Beverages Pvt. Ltd. and Avon Cycle Ltd., creating new employment opportunities.



Bihar Leads the Way: National Conference on Holistic Development of Districts Showcases Innovation, Inclusion, and Impact

The National Conference on Holistic Development of Districts, jointly organised by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, and the Bihar Prashasnik Sudhar Mission Society, brought together over 200 senior policymakers, District Magistrates, and governance leaders from across India. Held at the Taj City Centre, Patna, the conference highlighted Bihar's growing role in advancing innovative, inclusive, and scalable governance models at the district level.

Bihar's governance innovations were a major highlight. Dr. B. Rajender, Additional Chief Secretary, presented the state's advancements in administrative reforms and grassroots transformation. Several district-level models showcased Bihar's commitment to citizen-centric governance. Shri Kundan Kumar shared Unnayan Bihar – Purnea Live Classes initiative, which enabled government teachers to deliver high-quality IIT-JEE and NEET coaching, expanding opportunities for rural students.

Senior officers from Bihar added depth to the conference with initiatives in sports development, urban governance, and social welfare. Projects such as the creation of more than 8,000 playgrounds under MGNREGA, major international sports events hosted by the state, Vaishali's top performance in implementing central schemes, and Patna's Shrawan Shruti hearing-loss initiative demonstrated Bihar's multi-sectoral transformation.

Delegates also explored exhibitions curated by IPRD, Tourism, Industries, and DARPG, offering immersive VR experiences and insights into Bihar's cultural and developmental journey. Cultural performances and field visits to Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Vaishali, and Rajgir provided a richer understanding of the state's heritage and progress.



Bihar reinforces commitment to MSME growth at ICC's MSME financial innovation conclave



3rd ICC MSME Financial Innovation Conclave on "Catalyzing MSME growth through financial innovation," held on November 26, brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders for meaningful discussions aimed at accelerating MSME development in Bihar. The event highlighted state's strong resolve to empower small and medium enterprises through innovation-driven financial solutions.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha graced the conclave as Chief Guest and underscored the crucial role of MSMEs in driving economic progress and generating employment across the state.

Addressing the gathering, Managing Director of BIADA and IDA, Shri Kundan Kumar, IAS, reiterated that "MSMEs are the backbone of the country's economic growth." He emphasized BIADA's unwavering mission to strengthen Bihar's industrial ecosystem through progressive policies, quality infrastructure, and a supportive environment for both MSMEs and emerging startups.

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2025 national awards: Patliputra industrial area ranks No. 1 in Swachh Industrial Park category



Bihar achieved a proud milestone as Industrial Area Patliputra, Patna, was recognised among the best Swachh Industrial Parks of India at the prestigious Swachh Industrial Parks Awards 2025. This national honour reflects the visionary leadership guiding Bihar's industrial growth and the unwavering commitment of BIADA to creating cleaner, greener, and industry-friendly infrastructure across the state.

The award was received by Managing Director of BIADA, Shri Kundan Kumar, during FICCI's 98th Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The recognition was presented by FICCI President, Shri Harshvardhan Agarwal.

This remarkable achievement showcases Bihar's steady progress in developing sustainable industrial spaces and reinforces the state's dedication to environmental responsibility, improved facilities, and investor-friendly ecosystems.

Where innovation meets strength: Bihar's WAG-12B puts India on the global rail map



Bihar has once again created history in industrial progress and the Make in India initiative. The WAG-12B electric locomotive, manufactured at Madhepura Electric Locomotive Private Limited (MELPL) facility, has become India's first locomotive with a 10,000-horsepower capacity. This marks a significant milestone as the most powerful engine ever built for Indian Railways - twice as powerful as its predecessor, the WAG-9.

Equipped with state-of-the-art IGBT-based three-phase drive technology, the WAG-12B offers superior efficiency, reliability, and energy conservation. It has been specifically designed to haul heavy freight trains—up to 6,000 tonnes—at higher speeds, thus setting a new benchmark in the modernization of India's freight corridors.

Manufactured by Alstom at Madhepura, this project represents a major leap in Bihar's industrial development. Beyond technological advancement, it has driven local employment, enhanced skill development, and boosted industrial investment in the region.

Railway experts note that the successful production of the WAG-12B positions Bihar as a key hub of India's rail manufacturing strength. This locomotive not only elevates India's rail capabilities to new heights but also symbolizes Bihar's growing role in industrial self-reliance and national progress.

Land, Leadership, and Growth: Bihar steps into a new era of industrial expansion



Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) has taken another major step toward strengthening the state's industrial ecosystem. In a meeting of the Project Clearance Committee (PCC) chaired by Managing Director and IAS officer Shri Kundan Kumar, the committee reviewed and approved land and shed allocations to eligible applicants and industries across various sectors.

During the meeting, 39 industrial units were allotted 30.04 acres of land in different industrial areas of the state. These units span diverse sectors including food processing, renewable energy, plastics and packaging, textiles, leather, and general manufacturing.

The approved proposals are expected to attract an investment of approximately ₹442.66 crore and generate employment opportunities for around 2,227 people. This initiative marks a significant milestone in promoting industrial investment and enhancing local employment generation in Bihar.



Bihar gets new international level cricket stadium @ Rajgir



On October 5, 2025, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated a newly constructed international-standard cricket stadium at Rajgir Sports Complex. Built with advanced infrastructure, the stadium is equipped with world-class facilities for players, spectators, and media professionals.

Spread across 18 acres, the stadium has a seating capacity of 40,000 spectators. It includes modern dressing rooms, a press and media gallery, practice nets, floodlights, parking facilities, and other essential sports amenities. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the construction of this stadium would provide Bihar's cricket players the opportunity to perform on bigger platforms and make possible the return of international cricket to the state after several decades.

He added that talented players from Bihar will now be able to stay in their home state and participate in high-level tournaments, which will bring new energy and motivation to the sports ecosystem.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also expressed confidence that Rajgir Cricket Stadium will script a new chapter in cricket history of Bihar. He thanked the Department of Sports and all associated agencies for their efforts and reaffirmed the state government's commitment to making Bihar a new hub of sports and youth development, enabling local talent to shine at the national and international level.



DSTTE-Led Transformation: BEU's 2nd Convocation and Bihar's Leap in Technical Education



The Department of Science, Technology, and Technical Education (DSTTE) is driving a major transformation in Bihar's technical education sector, in line with the state's Saat Nischay agenda. With a focus on inclusive access, DSTTE offers AICTE-compliant education at a tuition fee of just ₹10 per month, ensuring quality learning for students across Bihar.

A central pillar of these reforms is Bihar Engineering University (BEU), established in 2022 and affiliating engineering institutions since 2023. In just two years, BEU has emerged as a fast-growing academic institution and was honoured with the Best Emerging University Award 2024 by the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), acknowledging its progress in academic standards, infrastructure, and innovation.

BEU held its 2nd Convocation on 20 September 2025 at the Indira Gandhi Planetarium, Patna, in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chancellor Shri Nitish Kumar. Meritorious students from the 2020–24 batch were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals. Seven branch toppers received Gold Medals and laptops, while overall topper Suman Kumar was awarded a ₹50,000 cheque in addition to other honours. Seven of the toppers were girls, marking a notable rise in women's participation in engineering.

To meet emerging industry needs, DSTTE has launched new-age B.Tech programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, IoT, Biomedical Robotics, VLSI Design, Web Technologies, and more. A Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) programme has also begun at Gaya Engineering College.

These academic initiatives are supported by smart classrooms, advanced labs, language facilities, and experienced faculty from leading institutes, alongside hostel amenities, sports grounds, and health services. DSTTE congratulated all awardees, reaffirming Bihar's commitment to strengthening technical education and fostering innovation-driven growth.



Bapu Tower: From Champaran's soil to the world's conscience



The philosophical journey that Mahatma Gandhi began in Champaran continues to remain deeply relevant across all sections of society today. To embody and immortalize this timeless ideology, the “Bapu Tower” has been constructed as a living symbol of Gandhi's principles and his enduring legacy.

Built with concrete and glass, the tower stands in the shape of an inverted cone, representing the ever-expanding reach and influence of Gandhi's thoughts. Just as the Champaran Satyagraha marked the beginning of mass awakening in India, the Bapu Tower symbolizes the global dissemination of his vision and values.

This monument not only commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's historic contributions but also serves as a reminder that his core principles — truth, non-violence, and self-reliance — continue to guide society even today. The architectural design of the tower beautifully blends modernity with tradition, reflecting how Gandhi's philosophy has grown more relevant with time.

Bapu Tower stands as a powerful message to the world: Mahatma Gandhi is not merely a figure of history, but a timeless inspiration for the future — a beacon of light that emerged from Champaran and continues to illuminate the path of humanity across the globe.

A Journey of Faith and Freedom: Honoring 350 years of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's sacrifice



The 350th Shaheedi Jagriti Yatra began from Patna Sahib, paying tribute to the supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Maharaj. More than a religious journey, it symbolizes courage, faith, and spiritual awakening.

Hundreds of devotees joined the procession, walking with devotion to honor the Guru's ideals of truth, service, and sacrifice. The yatra aims to keep his teachings alive and spread messages of morality, unity, and compassion.

As it moves through various routes, the yatra not only strengthens the spirit of faith and courage but also highlights Bihar's growing importance in religious tourism.



Global Chhath 2025: A Worldwide Celebration of Faith and Devotion

Global Chhath 2025 stood as a glowing testament to India's timeless devotion and unity in diversity — a celebration that transcended geographical boundaries and carried the essence of Bihar's culture to every corner of the world. From the sacred rivers of India to the distant shores of foreign lands, the Sun God was worshipped with the same spirit of humility, gratitude, and love.

Bihar — The Spiritual Heartbeat

In Bihar, the birthplace of this divine tradition, the ghats of Ganga, Gandak, and Kosi gleamed under the golden hues of the setting sun. From Patna's iconic Deegha Ghat to the calm waters of Dev Ghat in Aurangabad, countless devotees stood immersed in devotion, singing the age-old Chhath Geet that has bound generations together. The air was filled with incense, hymns, and the fragrance of thekua — the sacred offering of love and simplicity.

Australia — Sydney and Melbourne Unite in Prayer

Across the Australian coasts, Chhath Puja became a festival of togetherness. In Sydney and Melbourne, devotees gathered by the beaches, their offerings laid before the golden waves. The rhythmic sound of the sea merged with devotional songs, as families stood hand in hand, thanking the Sun for life, energy, and hope.



Thailand, Indonesia & Hong Kong — The Spirit of the East

In Bangkok, Jakarta, and Hong Kong, the Indian communities came together in large numbers to celebrate the festival. With traditional songs, dance, and rituals, these cities witnessed a wave of devotion that transcended boundaries. The sight of devotees standing in calm waters, holding diyas and folded hands, brought tears to many eyes — a living symbol of how faith travels with the soul, not with borders.



Africa & the Middle East — From Swarn Ganga to Bahrain

From Swarn Ganga in Tanzania to the serene beaches of Bahrain, the melodies of Chhath Maiya ke geet resonated across lands and seas. The evening sky glowed with the light of countless lamps, and the devotion of thousands turned foreign shores into holy ghats. The festival carried the fragrance of Indian soil across continents, weaving hearts together in devotion.



Oman — A Desert Blooms with Faith

In Oman, far away from the Ganges, the Indian diaspora recreated the spirit of Chhath with unshaken faith. The setting sun over the desert horizon turned into a symbol of resilience and devotion. Women in vibrant sarees, men assisting with rituals, and children learning the songs of their heritage — together, they turned a foreign land into a sacred space of cultural pride.



Assam — Divine Glow on the Brahmaputra

In Guwahati, the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra turned divine as hundreds of devotees offered Arghya during sunset. The reflection of the diyas on the river created an enchanting scene of serenity and faith. Chants of “Chhathi Maiya ki Jai” echoed across the ghats, making the evening come alive with devotion and emotion.



Traditional food offerings of Chhath Puja: A closer look at Bihar's sacred preparations

Chhath Puja follows strict parvaita (purity) rules, and every food item is prepared in a satvik manner—without salt, onions, garlic or processed ingredients. Each item is linked to a particular ritual and carries deep cultural and symbolic meaning.

1. Thekua (Main prasad for Sandhya and Usha Arghya)

- **Ingredients:** Wheat flour, jaggery, ghee, fennel seeds, grated coconut (optional).
- **Significance:** Thekua is the primary prasad offered on both the evening and morning arghya. Its durability allows it to be shared widely among devotees.



2. Kharna kheer (Made only on the second day – Kharna)

- **Ingredients:** Rice, jaggery (gur), cow's milk.
- **Ritual:** Prepared after the day-long fast and offered during the Kharna puja at sunset.
- **Unique tradition:** Devotees eat this kheer as the only meal of the day, symbolising purity before the 36-hour nirjala fast begins.



3. Rasia and puri (Prepared on the fourth day)

- **Ingredients:**
 - **Rasia:** A thick jaggery-based pudding made using rice, water and gur.
 - **Puri:** Wheat flour kneaded with water and deep-fried in ghee.
- **Usage:** Prepared for the final day of Chhath; consumed after offering the Usha Arghya.



4. Rice laddu / Arwa chawal ke laddu

- **Ingredients:** Coarse rice flour, jaggery syrup, and sometimes sesame seeds.
- **Role in the puja:** Placed in the soop (bamboo tray) as an essential offering during both arghyas.
- **Why rice?** Arwa chawal signifies purity in the traditional Mithila and Bhojpuri cultures.



5. Kasar (Soft jaggery-rice balls)

- **Ingredients:** Roasted rice flour (chiniya rice preferred), hand-mixed with grated jaggery.
- **Use:** Often prepared specifically for the morning arghya.



6. Seasonal fruits (Must-have items in every soop)

- Bananas (a minimum of 5 or 12 is traditional)
- Coconuts with husk
- Sugarcane (ganne ki dali is compulsory)
- Sweet lime, lemons, apples, pomegranate, and local seasonal fruits



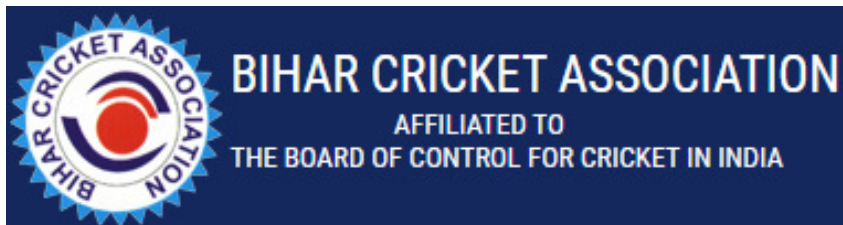
Bihar ki Beti Shines: Nitu Chandra Brings Culture to Life Through Cinema



Renowned actress Nitu Chandra recently visited Bihar Bhawan, expressing her strong connection with the state. During her visit, she highlighted her efforts to showcase Bihar's rich culture and heritage through cinema. She also appreciated the well-equipped facilities and the aesthetically designed infrastructure of Bihar Bhawan, noting its significance as a center reflecting the pride and identity of Bihar.

Adding to the festive spirit, the trailer of the Bhojpuri film **"CHHATH"** has been released. The film beautifully portrays Bihar's traditions, art, culture, and heritage, and is set to release on **24th October**. Families can enjoy the film on the **OTT platform WAVES**.

We are proud that our **Bihar ki Beti**, National Award-winning producer and **Hollywood actress Nitu Chandra**, has produced this upcoming Bhojpuri film, directed by National Award-winning **director Nitin Neera Chandra**.



"Bihar's Daughters Make Their Mark in Cricket"

The Bihar Cricket Association (BCA) has announced the **Women's Under-19 T20 team** to represent the state in upcoming matches in **Aurangabad, Maharashtra**. The **17-member squad** will be led by **Akshara Gupta (captain)** and **Juli Kumari (vice-captain)**.

The team includes talented players from across the state, such as **Dipa Kumari** and **Neha Chaudhary** (wicketkeepers), along with batters and bowlers from **Madhubani, Maghepura, Rohtas, Shekhar, Patna**, and other districts.

Supported by an experienced staff—**Zeishan Bin Wasi (Head Coach)**, **Rakhi Sinha (Assistant Coach)**, **Anu Kumari (S&C Coach)**, and **Nikita Kumari (Physiotherapist)**—the team is well-prepared for competitive play.

This selection highlights Bihar's young women excelling in sports, providing them confidence and inspiration, and reinforcing BCA's mission to promote female talent at national and international levels.

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The following players have been selected to represent Bihar Cricket Association's Team of Women's U-19 T-20 Category for the first two matches scheduled to be held at Aurangabad Maharashtra.

Sl. No.	Name of the Players	District
1	Akshara Gupta (Captain)	E. Champaran
2	Juli Kumari (Vice Captain)	Siwan
3	Dipa Kumari WK	Aurangabad
4	Pratibha Shari	Madhubani
5	Neha Chaudhary WK	Samastipur
6	Saoni Kumari	Patna
7	Sweety Kumari	Patna
8	Bobby Kumari	Samastipur
9	Nandani Pandit	Patna
10	Kumari Tapasi	Patna
11	Kajal	Madhubani
12	Kankasha Praveen	Madhepura
13	Sakshi Kumari	Patna
14	Sidhi	Patna
15	Rishu	Rohtas
16	Nandani Yadav	Shekhar
17	Riddhi	Patna

* Rest all the registered players will be stand by

The following support Staff has been selected to assist the team:

1	Zeishan Bin Wasi:-	Coach
2	Rakhi Sinha:-	Asst. Coach
3	Anu Kumari :-	S&C Coach
4	Nikita Kumari	Physiotherapist

(Nitesh Singh) (Lovely Raj) (Shikha Soniya) (Sopanya Singh) (Sanjana Ray)
Women's Cricketing Committee, Bihar Cricket Association

Threads, Colors & Stories: Rediscovering Bihar's Hidden Arts

PRIDE OF BIHAR

When we think of Bihar's art, Madhubani often takes the spotlight — but it's just one shade in a vast cultural palette. From embroidered tales to painted legends and royal weaves, Bihar's artistry tells stories of faith, beauty, and resilience waiting to be rediscovered.

Patna Kalam – The People's Miniature Art



Emerging in 18th-century Patna after the Mughal Empire's decline, Patna Kalam evolved when artists from Delhi and Lucknow settled in Bihar. Blending Mughal finesse with European realism, they painted everyday scenes — markets, festivals, and river life — instead of royal courts. Known as “Company Painting,” it offered a vivid glimpse into the daily life of colonial-era Patna.

Chhapa Kala – The Heritage of Block Printing

Chhapa Kala, meaning “to print,” is a traditional block-printing art brought to Bihar by Muslim artisans in the 18th century after invasions forced their migration from Delhi and Lucknow. Settling in Patna's old quarters, they continued this craft using carved wooden blocks and natural dyes. Initially limited to red and green, the palette later expanded to vibrant colors, adorning bridal and festive garments with floral and geometric motifs. The art's beauty and craftsmanship were even documented by British chronicler Francis Buchanan in the early 1800s.



Kohbar Painting – The Art of Marriage and Fertility

Originating from the Mithila region, Kohbar painting is a traditional art form created by Maithil women during marriage rituals. These vibrant paintings adorned the bridal chamber walls, symbolizing blessings for fertility, prosperity, and harmony. Common motifs like the lotus, bamboo, fish, and sun represent life and growth. Today, Kohbar art has moved beyond walls to paper and canvas, preserving this sacred tradition for modern appreciation.



Zardozi – The Royal Threads of Bihar

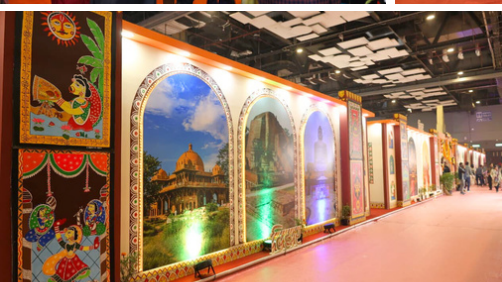
Zardozi, derived from the Persian words “Zar” (gold) and “Dozi” (embroidery), is a luxurious craft that flourished during the Mughal era and later thrived in Bihar. Artisans embroidered rich fabrics with gold and silver threads, pearls, and gemstones to create royal and bridal attire. Once favored by Nawabs and British officers, Zardozi still graces couture fashion today, though it struggles against the rise of machine-made imitations.





Bihar shines at ITPO 2025

At ITPO 2025, Bihar stood out with a vibrant showcase of its rich art, culture and timeless traditions, while also highlighting the state's growing industrial momentum powered by some of the best policies in the country.



Bihar Pavilion was inaugurated by Resident Commissioner Shri Kundan Kumar, who also led the celebrations of Bihar Diwas at the Trade Fair.



Bihar, as the Partner State at ITPO 2025, won the Bronze Medal for its impressive pavilion.



WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT SERVICES AT BIHAR BHAWAN

सूरज भान

मैं बिहार के गांव मरहारा, प्रखंड नूर सराय, पोस्ट गगनपुर का निवासी हूं। मैं आरटीपीएस अपने भाई के इलाज के लिए सहयोग हेतु आया था। आरटीपीएस के लोग काफी मददगार हैं। मुझे एक लाख रुपए की धनराशि अपने भाई के इलाज हेतु प्राप्त हुई है। इस मदद के लिए मैं बिहार सरकार का आभार व्यक्त करता हूं।



नीतिश कुमार

मैं बिहार के वैशाली जिले का रहने वाला हूं। मैं यहां आय प्रमाण पत्र बनवाने के लिए आया था। आरटीपीएस कर्मियों का सहयोग सराहनीय है। संबंधित अप्लाई फार्म भरने में भी पूरी मदद करते हैं। ऐसी सविस् से मुझे काफी खुशी हुई है। सभी यहां हेल्पफुल नेचर के हैं। मेरा काम यहां जल्दी हो गया।



रबे आलम

मैं गोपालगंज बिहार का रहने वाला हूं। मैं मेडिकल के तहत यहां आय प्रमाण पत्र बनवाने के लिए बिहार भवन दिल्ली आया था। बिहार भवन के आरटीपीएस के लोग काफी हेल्पफुल हैं। इन्होंने उनकी काफी मदद की। यहां की सविस् से मैं बहुत संतुष्ट हूं। मेरा काम काफी अच्छे से हो गया। जिन लोगों को भी मदद की जरूरत है। वह यहां जरूर आए, यहां के लोग उनका पूरा सहयोग करने के लिए बैठे हैं।



प्रकाश कुमार

मैं बिहार के मुजफ्फरपुर जिले का रहने वाला हूं। यहां मैं अपने भाई के एम्स में किडनी ट्रांसप्लांट के तहत चल रहे इलाज के सहयोग के लिए आया था। आरटीपीएस के लोगों का सहयोग बहुत ही सराहनीय है। मुझे 3 लाख रुपए की सहयोग राशि बिहार सरकार से प्राप्त हुई है। जिससे मैं अपने भाई का इलाज करा सकूंगा। इसके लिए दिल्ली में दी जा रही इस प्रकार की सेवा के लिए मैं मुख्यमंत्री जी का भी आभार व्यक्त करता हूं।



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