



Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi flagged off 12,000 HP 'Make in India' freight electric locomotive from Bihar's Madhepura

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a 12,000-horsepower freight electric locomotive assembled at the Madhepura factory in Bihar. The train engine was developed at the Electric Locomotive Factory, a collaboration between India and France. It is the first Make-in-India project of such a magnitude. Indian Railway had the most powerful electric engine so far of 6,000 HP only.

The locomotive, rolled out of the factory from Madhepura in Bihar, will now go to Saharanpur for extensive testing before its induction in Indian Railways. The 3.5 billion euros project is said to be the biggest

Foreign Direct Investment project in Indian Railways. The new high-powered electric locomotives will run on dedicated freight corridors, pulling freight at much better speeds and doing so in a more 'green' way than the diesel locomotives. The electric locomotives will be game-changer for Indian Railways as the national transporter looks to commission dedicated freight corridors for faster movement of goods.

Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated development projects worth Rs 2,500 crores, including three sewerage networks and a sewerage treatment plant in Patna, as part of the Centre's Namami Gange scheme. Other projects included a lake beautification project in Motihari and a water supply project in Bettiah.

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We are pleased to bring to our esteemed readers the April, 2018 edition of our e-newsletters. Leaving out exception, almost everyone would agree that Bihar is in the path of resurrection. With this E news letter we attempt to mirror these significant and developmental changes occurring in our state. It is very much hoped that the present edition will be appreciated in the very same way as its predecessors.

In a major decision aimed to empower women, Bihar Government announced financial assistance at the various stages in a life a woman. All unmarried girls from government or government granted schools-colleges will get 10 thousands after passing intermediate and all married and unmarried girls will get 25 thousands after graduation by state government.

Bihar now has its own prestigious Gateway in the form of "Sabhyata Dwar". This iconic 34m-high sandstone gateway has been constructed on the lines of India Gate of Delhi and Gateway of India in Mumbai.

Please scroll further for such positive news of Bihar.



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Punouradham of Sitaramhi will be developed as an international tourist destination

In a two-day 'Sitamarhi festival', organized on the occasion of Maa Sita's birth anniversary in Punouradham, Hon'ble Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced to develop Punouradham as an international level tourist destination. In the first phase of project, tourism amenities along with beautification of the site will be done at a cost of about Rs 48.53 crores. This work will be completed in two years. Bihar is the first state in the country to announce public holiday on Ma Sita's birthday anniversary.

Nand Kishore Yadav, Road Construction Minister, said that apart from the Ramayana Circuit, a Ram-Janaki Marg will also be constructed. The road from Ayodhya to Sitamarhi will be built in such a pattern to be recognized internationally. Like Vaishali, holy place of Jainism, and Nalanda, an ancient center of great learnings, Sitamarhi will also be developed on the

same pattern. There will be complete care of facilities for the visitors which will promote religious tourism in the state, leading to large number of employment opportunities.

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Nation's first Sufi Research Center built in Bihar for further research on subject

Bihar has been one of the earliest centers in the Indian Sub-Continent where mystic Sufis had settled. The most important of all the Sufi orders in Bihar, however, was the Suhrawardiyya, particularly its sub section, the Firdausia Silsila. The country's first Sufi Research Center has been constructed in Khankah Munemiya campus in Patna. The first Sufi Research Center has been opened for the research and comparative study of the teachings and messages of Sufis and Saints of all religions, located at Meetan





Ghat. There will be arrangements for postgraduate and PhD students for research on Sufism by the institute.

The building of the Sufi Research Center at the southern part of KhanKahah has been prepared with white marble and green granite stone. The arches and artifacts made are attracting the visitors from various parts of the country and from abroad too. Students coming from the country and abroad can study and research on Sufism here.

Sufism's education and preaching of love and humanity will be promoted through the center. Bihar has many Khankahs like Mukhdum Sharfuddin Yahiya Maneri, a contemporary of Mohammad bin Tughlaq, Sheikh Sharifuddin Yahia Maneri's Bihar Sharif, Shah Makhdoom Shah Daulat's Maner Sharif, and many more. Sufi's teachings will be communicated from here to strengthen the unity and integrity of the nation and the state.

Train service to commence now from Raxaul in Bihar to Nepal's capital Kathmandu

On his three-day visit to India, Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli announced to strengthen people-to-people contact in both countries during meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under this endeavor, Raxaul in Bihar and Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, will be connected with electrified train with the help of India. Under the first phase of the project, the survey of the route and detailed project report will be completed within a year. The two sides will prepare a detailed project report along with the implementation of the plan and its financial stake within a year.

Under the scheme, the work of laying a rail line from Jaynagar to Janakpur in Bihar will also be completed this year. The work of custom yard between Jogbani



and Biratnagar will also be completed this year. Apart from this, Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas and Jogbani-Biratnagar Rail line will be completed on priority basis. In the second phase of the project, it is proposed to connect New Jalpaiguri to Kakarbhitta, Nautanwa with Bhairawa and Nepalganj Road to Nepalganj. The final survey is underway currently.

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Gateway of Bihar 'Sabhyata Dwar' ready to be inaugurated in Patna

An iconic 34m-high sandstone gateway of Bihar 'Sabhyata Diwar' has been constructed on the bank of river Ganga in Patna which will serve as the ceremonial gateway to the city and Bihar. The iconic gateway is likely to be inaugurated soon. The gateway has been built in the premises of the Samrat Ashoka International Convention Centre, adjoining the Gandhi Maidan in the heart of the city, and overlooks the river, on the banks of which construction is in full swing for the Ganga Drive. Built in Mauryan architecture style,

the gateway will evoke the glory of the ancient capital of Patliputra.

Late ex-Vice Army Chief Lt Gen (retd) S. K. Sinha envisioned the project as 'civilisation gate' to draw the tourists and travellers to its rich and multi-layered history of Patna, as it did in the reign of the Mauryan Empire over 2,500 years ago. The structure was erected by the building construction department of the state government. Two giant Mauryan-styled arches, one each on the northern and southern sides have been built, both of which are flanked by two



small arches. Red and beige-coloured sandstone has been used in the gateway, topped with a four-sided lion capital of King Ashoka. The northern (facing Ganga) and southern faces of the gateway each will bear two ancient inscriptions. The inscriptions will be attributed to Megasthenes, the ancient Greek envoy to Pataliputra, King Ashoka, who ruled ancient India from his capital in Pataliputra (today's Patna); Lord Buddha, who achieved nirvana in Bodh Gaya and Lord Mahavira, who was born in Vaishali in northern Bihar.

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A Bihari will represent India in 18th Asian Games in Jakarta

Uday Mehta from Saharsa of Bihar will represent India in the 18th Modern Pentathlon Asian Games to be held in Jakarta. The 27-member team selected



from all over the country includes Uday from Saharsa, Chandan of Jehanabad and Prem Kunj of Patna. Uday Mehta will be trained in the coaching camp with the team of selected players and will depart on 9th June to take part in the Asian Games in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia. Uday will participate in 15 hundred meters race, swimming, and horse riding.

BA First year student of SNSRKS College, Saharsa, Uday had a strong passion for sport since his childhood. Uday participated in the Athletics in

Saharsa during the Kosi festival for the first time. Bagging first position in Kosi festival energized his passion to continue in sport further. Since then, he has actively participated in various level of sports competition at district, state and national level. Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar and Udanpari P.T. Usha honoured him in National Games 2015.

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Every girl passing Intermediate will get 10,000 rupees and graduation will receive 25 thousand rupees in Bihar

Bihar government has made an important decision for the upliftment of girls in a special meeting of state cabinet headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. All unmarried girls from government or government granted school-college will get 10 thousands after passing intermediate and all married and unmarried will receive 25 thousands after passing graduation by state government.

This will be applicable from this financial year 2018 only. For this, the cabinet has approved the Chief Minister Kanya Utthan Yojana. Under this scheme, Rs. 2,221 crores will be spent on the state's 1.60 crore girls. Two children of a family will get the benefit. Thus a girl from birth to undergraduate will get 54,100.

Under the Chief Minister Kanya Uphaan Yojana, the provision of giving two thousand rupees to the parents or guardian's bank account on the birth of the girl by



the Social Welfare Department is already in progress. Now upon completion of one year of girlhood and getting Adhar registered, one more thousand will be given. In addition with this, the girl child after attaining two years will get two thousands more in account by Health Department. In this way, the girl child will get five thousand instead of two.

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Britannia and Prince pipe to invest 1000 crores in Bihar

On the second day of the two-day Mumbai visit of Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, in Investor Meet organized by Bihar Investment Promotion Committee, a unit of Britannia Industries Biscuit and Prince Pipes and Fittings Pvt. Ltd presented a proposal to invest more than one thousand crores in Bihar. Ashoka Buildcon and Xrbia made proposal for to offer affordable housing and Ajay Thakkar, CEO of Jupiter Hospital, proposed to set up a hospital on the lines of Shankar Nethralaya in Bihar.

Addressing the Bhari diaspora at an event organized on the occasion of Bihar Day, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced to set

up a state-level committee to provide land for the cancer patients coming from Bihar and to oversee preparations for Chhath puja in Mumbai. Investment Commissioner of Bihar R.S. Shrivastava, Britannia Managing Director Varun Barry, Prince Pipe Chairman Jayant Chenda, Executive Director of Ashoka Buildcon, Milpraj Bansal, Chairman of Sabarbans Rahul Nahar, Star TV India CEO Uday Shankar along with other dignitaries also joined the meeting.

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Saharsa railway station of Koshi region gets NSG-3 status

The largest junction of Koshi region Saharsa railway station has been given the status of NSG-3. Apart from Saharsa in NSG-3, 19 more stations have been included in the category. The Ministry of Railways has changed the grading process of railway stations and halts across the country. The stations have been given the grades from NSG-1 to NSG-6 and HG-1 to HG-3 by adding revenue and number of passengers in financial year 2016-17.

Based on the revenues derived from the stations, grading system from A to E was awarded. In the





One crore saplings to be planted during approaching monsoon in Bihar

During the coming monsoon, 10 million saplings will be planted by running a special campaign in Bihar. During the review of the National Agriculture Forestry Project, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi directed officials to run a special campaign to set up one crore plants in the state during the Van Mahotsav period. There is a plan to include other related departments also in this campaign.

The Deputy Chief Minister announced that a conclave will be held on June 24 & 25 on climate change. Representatives from different states of North-Eastern India will participate in the conclave. In a bid to promote bamboo cultivation, the bamboo conclave will also be organized on 9th of June. The saplings plantations programme for next year will also be finalized by October of current financial year to face no difficulties in the acceptance of the scheme and for the provision of the budget.

new grading system, with the annual revenue of 63 crores 78 lakh 82 thousand 727 along with 40 lakh 70 thousand 379 passengers and 11 thousand 152 passenger daily the largest junction of the Kosi region, Saharsa has been given the status of NSG-3. Apart from Saharsa in NSG-3, other 19 stations include Khagaria, Samastipur, Barauni, Hajipur, Sonpur, Motihari, Betiya, Jaynagar, Madhubani, Raxaul, Danapur, Rajendranagar Terminal, Ara, Buxar, Koderma, Kiul, Dehri on Son, Sasaram.





Some important decisions taken by Nitish Cabinet in the month of April

- Approval to set up State Women's Degree College in Jamui, Bihar
(Ref: Resolution No.41-(08)-36-2018/AgendaNo. 6/ Date: 17th April 2018)
Link: <http://csd.bih.nic.in/Upload/Decisions/d17042018.pdf>
- Approval for linking the bank accounts of beneficiaries with Adhar under different welfare schemes run by the Bihar government for providing subsidy, scholarships etc. in the accounts directly through RTGS / NEFT in their accounts
(Ref:ResolutionNo.41-(08)-36-2018/AgendaNo.17/Date:17thApril 2018)
Link: <http://csd.bih.nic.in/Upload/Decisions/d17042018.pdf>
- Under the Integrated Child Development Student Scheme, the cost per beneficiary has been increased from 250 to 400 rupees for the children of the Aanganwadi centers for dress scheme by state's scheme
(Ref: Resolution No.41-(08)-37-2018/AgendaNo.3/ Date:19th April 2018)
Link: <http://csd.bih.nic.in/Upload/Decisions/d19042018.pdf>
- Approval of 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Uthan Yojna'
(Ref: Resolution No.41-(08)-37-2018/AgendaNo.4/Date: 19th April 2018)
Link: <http://csd.bih.nic.in/Upload/Decisions/d19042018.pdf>



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