



BSNL to Launch 4G Services in Bihar | Bihar | 21 Feb 2022

Why in News

On February 19, 2022, BSNL Board of Director Sushil Kumar Mishra said that 4G services will be launched in Bihar on upcoming 15th August.

Key Points

- For this, 4000 towers of BSNL 4G will be installed in Bihar.
 - It is worth mentioning that BSNL has 4G spectrum. Bihar currently has 2,800 mobile towers for 2G and 3G. All will be upgraded to 4G. Along with Bihar, BSNL's 4G review service will also start in Delhi and Mumbai.
 - BSNL will launch 4G service mobile with fully 2G indigenous ventures. TCS is making indigenous 4G venture. Along with the launch of 4G, the trial of 5G will also start.
 - BSNL Chief General Manager Devendra said that other telecom companies are increasing their tariff, but BSNL is providing mobile services at concessional rates. In the last month, two lakh subscribers are connected in BSNL Bihar Lee Circle.
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Maithili Duck | Bihar | 21 Feb 2022

Why in News

Recently the name of Maithili duck found in North Bihar has been registered in National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resource Karnal. Maithili ducks have now become the identity of Bihar.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the team of scientists from the Eastern Research Complex of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has named it after six years of research on the duck.
- These ducks are being liked across the country. Dr Reena Kamal, who works on Maithili duck, said that indigenous names of ducks have been given in Purnia, Katihar, Araria, Kishanganj and Motihari regions.
- It survives because of its attractive colour, light weight and climate. Their treatment costs less. Not only this, they can be reared on less land. Their meat is full of medicinal properties. There are 50-60 thousand Maithili ducks in the state. Maithili ducks are also becoming companions in fisheries. They are being saved from being eaten by ducks of other exotic breeds. These ducks lay fewer eggs, so farmers feed them with other ducks. This is threatening the existence of Maithili ducks. ICAR is trying to save the farmers from extinction by making them aware.
- With the identification of Maithili duck in the institute, work is being done to increase its development and egg capacity.

Valmiki Tiger Reserve | Bihar | 21 Feb 2022

Why in News

On February 19, 2022, **Madanpur forest area of forest division 2 of Valmiki Tiger Reserve** was deliberately set on fire by some people, causing great damage to the grass and trees that the VTR administration has kept every year for eating herbivorous animals.

Key Points

- The Valmiki Tiger Reserve is the only tiger reserve in Bihar, which forms the easternmost extent of the Himalayan Terai forests in India.
- Situated in the Gangetic plains bio-geographic region, the vegetation of this Tiger Reserve is a combination of Bhabar and Terai regions.
- According to the Tiger Census, 2018, the number of tigers in Valmiki Tiger Reserve is 32.
- According to the Forest Survey of India Report 2021, 85.71% of its total area is covered by forest cover.
- Wild mammals found in the forests of Valmiki Tiger Reserve include tiger, sloth bear, leopard, wild dog, bison, wild boar etc.