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## Bihar Floor Test | Bihar | 14 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Janata Dal (United) coalition government in Bihar won the [confidence motion](#) by 129 votes.

### Key Points

- **Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD's)** three [Members of the Legislative Assembly \(MLAs\)](#) were seen sitting on the ruling party benches in the Bihar Assembly.
- The RJD leader raised a [point of order](#), taking objection to party MLAs sitting among members of the ruling party, ahead of voting on a [no-confidence motion](#).
- The RJD coalition government won the **motion of confidence** for his government after the resolution was supported by 129 MLAs.
- The **Bihar assembly** also passed the **no-confidence motion** against **Bihar Assembly Speaker** and **RJD leader Awadh Bihari Choudhary**.
  - The **no-confidence motion** against the leader was passed with the support of **125 members**.
- However, no ruling was given on the **point of order** by **Deputy Speaker Maheshwar Hazari**, who was in the Chair.

### Point of Order

- A member can raise a **point of order** when the proceedings of the House do not follow the normal rules of procedure.
- A point of order should relate to the interpretation or enforcement of the Rules of the House or such articles of the Constitution that regulate the business of the House and **should raise a question that is within the cognizance of the Speaker**.
- It is **usually raised by an opposition member** in order to control the government. It is an extraordinary device as it suspends the proceedings before the House.
- **No debate is allowed on a point of order.**

### No-Confidence Motion

- This is a motion moved in the [Lok Sabha](#) (and not in the Rajya Sabha) to test the confidence of the government.
- The motion needs the support of **50 members** to be admitted.
- If a **no-confidence motion** is passed, the government must resign.
- **No-confidence motions** are significant political events that usually occur when there is a perception of the government **losing majority support**.

### Floor Test

- It is a term used for the test of the majority. If there are **doubts against the Chief Minister (CM) of a State, he/she can be asked to prove the majority** in the House.
  - In case of a coalition government, the CM may be asked to move a vote of confidence and win a majority.

- In the absence of a clear majority, when there is more than one individual staking claim to form the government, **the Governor may call for a special session to see who has the majority to form the government.**
  - Some legislators may be absent or choose not to vote. The numbers are then **considered based only on those MLAs who were present to vote.**

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## Investment in Uttar Pradesh Experiencing a Significant Surge | Uttar Pradesh | 14 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

The Prime Minister of India will perform “**bhoomi puja**” to bring an investment of **₹10.11 lakh crore** to ground at the Groundbreaking Ceremony (GBC) being organised at the **Indira Gandhi Pratishthan (IGP)** in **Lucknow** from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.

### Key Points

- The projects involve more than **14,000 units** in various sectors such as [non-renewable energy](#), [information technology](#), [automobile](#), and **film city**.
- This is going to be a **quantum leap** in terms of investment from **₹60,000 crore** at the first groundbreaking ceremony held in Lucknow on **July 29, 2018 to ₹10.11 lakh crore now**.
- The state government has also prepared an exhibition on [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#), featuring a team from **ETH Zurich University, Switzerland**.
- The [film city project](#), which will be set up in over **230 acres of land** with an investment of **₹ 1,500 crore**, is one of the most attractive investments in the state.

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## Evangelists Arrested in Rajasthan for Alleged Mass Conversion Attempt | Rajasthan | 14 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, an incident happened in **Rajasthan**, where two evangelists were arrested and eight others were detained for allegedly trying to **convert hundreds of people to Christianity** by offering them money and healing.

### Key Points

- The incident took place in Bharatpur, where the evangelists had organised a large-scale programme with **450-500 people**.
- The **Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP)**, claimed that the evangelists used objectionable language against **Hindu gods** and misleading people.
- The police arrested two of the evangelists, identified and booked them under various sections of

the [Indian Penal Code \(IPC\)](#) for promoting **enmity, outraging religious feelings, and causing hurt.**

- The police also detained eight other people held under [preventive measures](#) of **section 151** of the [Code of Criminal Procedure](#) and later released on bail.

## Preventive Detention

- Preventive detention means detention of a person without trial and conviction by a court.
- Its purpose is not to punish a person for a past offense but to **prevent him from committing an offense** in the near future.
- The detention of a person cannot exceed **three months** unless an **advisory board reports sufficient cause** for extended detention.
- **Protection:**
  - **Article 22** grants protection to persons who are arrested or detained.
  - **Article 22** has two parts—the first part deals with the cases of ordinary law and the **second part deals** with the **cases of preventive detention law.**

## Freedom of Religion

- **Freedom of religion** in India is a **fundamental right** guaranteed by **Article 25-28** of the **Constitution of India.**
  - [Article 25](#) (Freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion).
  - [Article 26](#) (Freedom to manage religious affairs).
  - [Article 27](#) (Freedom as to payment of taxes for promotion of any religion).
  - [Article 28](#) (Freedom as to attendance at religious instruction or religious worship in certain educational institutions).

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## Lymphatic Filariasis | Jharkhand | 14 Feb 2024

### Why in News?


Recently, the Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare launched the first phase of the Bi-annual Nationwide [Mass Drug Administration \(MDA\) campaign](#) for [Lymphatic filariasis \(LF\)](#) elimination.

### Key Points

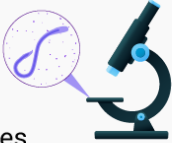
- Lymphatic filariasis, commonly known as elephantiasis, is a [Neglected Tropical Disease \(NTD\)](#) caused by infection with filarial parasites transmitted through mosquitoes.
- In 2021, approximately **882.5 million people in 44 countries** lived in areas requiring preventive chemotherapy to halt the spread of infection.
- LF is a **serious public health problem in India.** Currently, there are 345 lymphatic filariasis endemic districts in 20 states and union territories of the country.
  - **75% of MDA districts are from 5 states Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, Odisha and Telangana.**
- LF is more prevalent among the urban poor and affects all segments of the rural population.
- The **infection starts in childhood** and accumulates through adulthood, resulting in irreversible chronic disease conditions.
  - The disease inflicts stigma, mental suffering, social deprivation and economic loss and is a

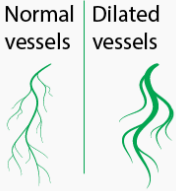
major cause of poverty in the affected communities.


- It is **caused by infection with parasites classified as nematodes** (roundworms) of the family Filarioididea. There are 3 types of these thread-like filarial worms:
  - *Wuchereria bancrofti* (responsible for 90% of the cases)
  - *Brugia malayi* (causes most of the remainder of the cases)
  - *Brugia timori* (which also causes the disease)
- **India's Initiatives:**
  - MDA Campaign twice a year synchronized with National Deworming Day (10th Feb and 10th August)
  - India is committed to eliminating LF by 2027, three years before the global target.

**LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS** 


**DISEASE**


**Infection**  
Filarial parasites spread by mosquitoes 


**Disease**  
Impairs function of lymphatic vessels 

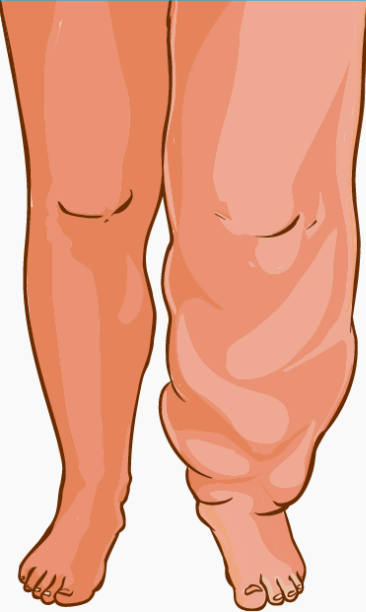
**856 Million people AT RISK** 

**ELIMINATION**

Large-scale treatment of all at-risk populations can stop spread of infection 

Vector control can supplement impact of large-scale treatment 

Morbidity management & disability prevention to alleviate suffering due to disease 



- **6.7 billion** treatments delivered (2000-2016)
- **499 million** people no longer require treatment
- Prevented or cured more than **97 million cases**
- **US\$ 100 billion** averted lifetime economic loss

**Lymphatic Filariasis eliminated as a public health problem in 10 countries**