

Bihar to Bring Stringent Law Against Paper Leaks

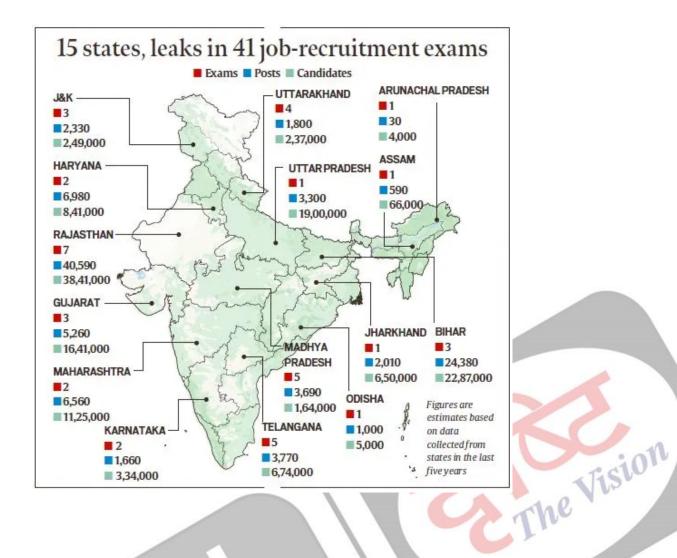
Why in News?

Recently, **Bihar Deputy Chief Minister** Samrat Chaudhary **asserted** that the **state government would bring** in a stringent **law to curb** exam **paper leaks**.

• The **new law will be passed** by the assembly **in the upcoming** <u>monsoon session</u> of the state legislature.

Key Points

- The central government has already notified the <u>Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means)</u> <u>Act, 2024</u>, which aims to prevent unfair means in <u>public examinations</u> and <u>common entrance tests</u> held across the country.
- Key Features:
 - It defines various offences related to unfair means, such as paper leaks, the use of fake websites, and collusion with service providers.
 - It prescribes strict penalties, including a minimum jail term of 3-5 years and a fine up to Rs. 1 crore.
 - It holds **service providers** engaged for exam conduct liable with fines up to Rs 1 crore and a 4-year ban on their involvement in public exams.
 - It empowers police officers not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police or Assistant Commissioner of Police to investigate offences under the Act.
 - It will cover a wide range of central government recruitment exams, including those conducted by UPSC, SSC, RRBs, IBPS, and National Testing Agency (NTA).



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