



Agreement between Bihar Tourism Department & Inland Waterways Authority of India

Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, an agreement has been signed with the Tourism Department and the Inland Waterways Authority of India to promote river cruise tourism in Bihar.

Key Points

- Two ships named Ro Pax Vessel with a capacity of 300 tourists each will run in Patna and Bhagalpur. Both the sailing vessels will be new centers of attraction in terms of cruise tourist facilities in the state.
- sailing Vessel MV Swami Paramhans will operate from Digha Ghat to Kangan Ghat in Patna.
- The tourist cruise will visit all the Ghats of Patna from Kanganghat and will also be able to visit Takht Sri Hariminder Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh.
- On the other hand, MV Rajendra Prasad ferry will operate between Vikramshila (Dolphin Century) via Kahalgaon, Sultanganj, Bateshwar place in Bhagalpur.
- This vessel is about 15 km. and it will take a tour of the Ganges Ghats of Patna and Bhagalpur at the speed of every hour. After a successful trial, its commercial program will be inaugurated by the deputy Chief minister in the coming days.
- Bihar Tourism Development Corporation has also issued the list of fare of the vessel. Common people will have to pay Rs 300 to travel by boat for 45 minutes.
- The fare for 1 hour package booking has been fixed at Rs 30000, 2 hours Rs 50000, 4 hours Rs 100000, 6 hours Rs 125000 and 8 hours Rs 150000.

