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## Reassignment of NIA and Habeas Corpus Cases | Jammu & Kashmir | 03 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, [NIA \(National Investigation Agency\)](#) and [Habeas Corpus](#) cases at the J&K High Court were reassigned to a new bench in Srinagar following a series of rulings by Justice Sreedharan.

### Key Points

- **Roster Change:** An order modified the existing roster for **NIA and Habeas Corpus cases**, shifting them from Justice Atul Sreedharan's bench to a **new Special Division** Bench of Justices Rajnesh Oswal and Mohammad Akram Chowdhary.
  - A roster is a systematic plan for **assigning tasks to members of a High court** to increase efficiency.
- **Rarity of Shift:** Midway shifting of cases from a particular bench to a completely new bench is a rare occurrence.
- **Significant Rulings of Justice Sreedharan:**
  - [Public Safety Act, 1978 \(PSA\)](#) Case: Justice Sreedharan in July 2024 imposed a fine on the District Magistrate for vague and confusing reasoning in a preventive detention case.
  - **Fundamentalism Ideology:** He challenged the labeling of a detainee as a "fundamentalist" and clarified its meaning in context in the **August, 2023 case**.
  - **Policeman Bail Case:** Granted bail to a policeman charged with murder due to a delayed trial, citing a violation of [Article 21](#).
  - **Fahad Shah Case:** Questioned the application of [UAPA \(Unlawful Activities Prevention Act\)](#) charges against journalist Fahad Shah, noting insufficient evidence of incitement to violence.

### Habeas Corpus

- It is a Latin term which literally means **'to have the body of'**. Under this the court issues an order to a person who has detained another person, to produce the body of the latter before it. The court then examines the cause and legality of detention.
  - This [writ](#) is a bulwark of individual liberty against arbitrary detention.
  - The writ of habeas corpus can be issued **against both public authorities as well as private individuals**.
  - The writ, on the other hand, is not issued where the:
    - detention is lawful,
    - the proceeding is for contempt of a legislature or a court,
    - detention is by a competent court, and
    - detention is outside the jurisdiction of the court.
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# Landslide in Vaishno Devi Track | Jammu & Kashmir | 03 Sep 2024

## Why in News?

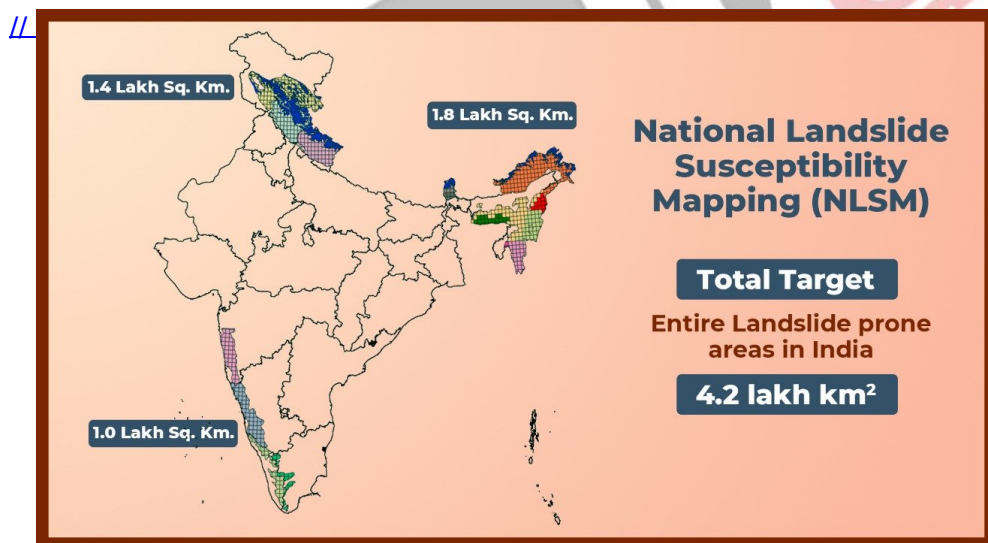
Recently, a [landslide](#) occurred on the new track to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, affecting the route near Panchi, 3 km ahead of Bhawan.

## Key Points

- **Vaishno Devi Temple:** Temple is located at **5,200 feet** in the Trikuta mountains, sees over one crore visitors annually, with a **12 km trek** from Katra.
  - **Key Landmarks:** Darshani Deodhi, Banganga, Chara Paduka, Indraprastha, Adhkuari, Garbha Joon, Himkoti, Haathi Matha, Sanji Chhat Bhavan, Sher ka Panja and Bhairon Mandir.
- **Reasi**, a town and notified area committee in Jammu and Kashmir, situated on the **bank of the Chenab River**. It was part of the **Bhimgarh state** established by **Bhim Dev** in the **8<sup>th</sup> century AD**.
  - Bhimgarh State, centered in Reasi, remained independent **until 1822** when [Raja Gulab Singh](#) unified the small states in the region.

## Landslide

- A landslide is a geological phenomenon involving the **downward movement of a mass** of rock, soil, and debris on a slope. This movement can vary in scale from small, localised shifts to massive and destructive events.
- Landslides can occur on **both natural and man-made slopes**, and they are often triggered by a combination of factors such as heavy rainfall, [earthquakes](#), volcanic activity, human activities (such as construction or mining), and changes in groundwater levels.



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# Mega Industry Players in Bihar | Bihar | 03 Sep 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, Bihar received **Rs 12,000 crore** in investment proposals between **2022 and 2024**, a significant rise from the Rs 2,500 crore received between 2016 and 2022.

## THE TURNAROUND

Investments between  
2016 and 2022:

**₹2,500.57 crore**

353 industrial units



Investments between  
2022 and 2024:

**₹12,000 crore**

(approximately)

### BIG TICKET INVESTMENTS IN LAST THREE YEARS

■ Jay Prabha Medanta  
Hospital, Patna:

**Rs 800 cr (2021)**

■ PepsiCo, Begusarai:

**Rs 550 cr (2022)**

■ Britannia Industries,  
Patna:

**Rs 250 cr (2023)**

■ Taj City Centre, Patna:

**Rs 500 cr (2024)**

## Key Points

- **Investors:** Major players like Britannia, PepsiCo, Tata Group, and Medanta are investing in the state.
- **Sectoral Focus:** Investments are primarily in textile, leather, [food processing](#), and cement industries.
  - Key projects include **Ambuja Cements' Rs 1,600-crore unit**, Tata Group's Taj hotel, and Medanta's hospital.
  - The entry of private players has significantly improved healthcare, reducing the load on government hospitals.
  - Bihar's strength in food processing, supported by abundant raw materials, is **recognised as a key area for future investment growth**.
- **Government Initiatives for Industry:** The state has created a **land bank of 5,000 acres** and leased out 7,592 acres in the last two years.
  - New industrial areas are being developed in **31 districts, with SEZs (Special Economic Zones) planned in West Champaran and Buxar**.
- **Challenges:** Despite progress, investors face issues with **land availability, infrastructure, [ease of doing business](#), and concerns about labor unrest**.
  - The government emphasized the importance of enhancing **single-window systems** and extending government incentives.

## Foundation Stone for Drinking Water Project | Bihar | 03 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government laid the foundation for a Rs 1,347 crore project to supply [Sone river water](#)

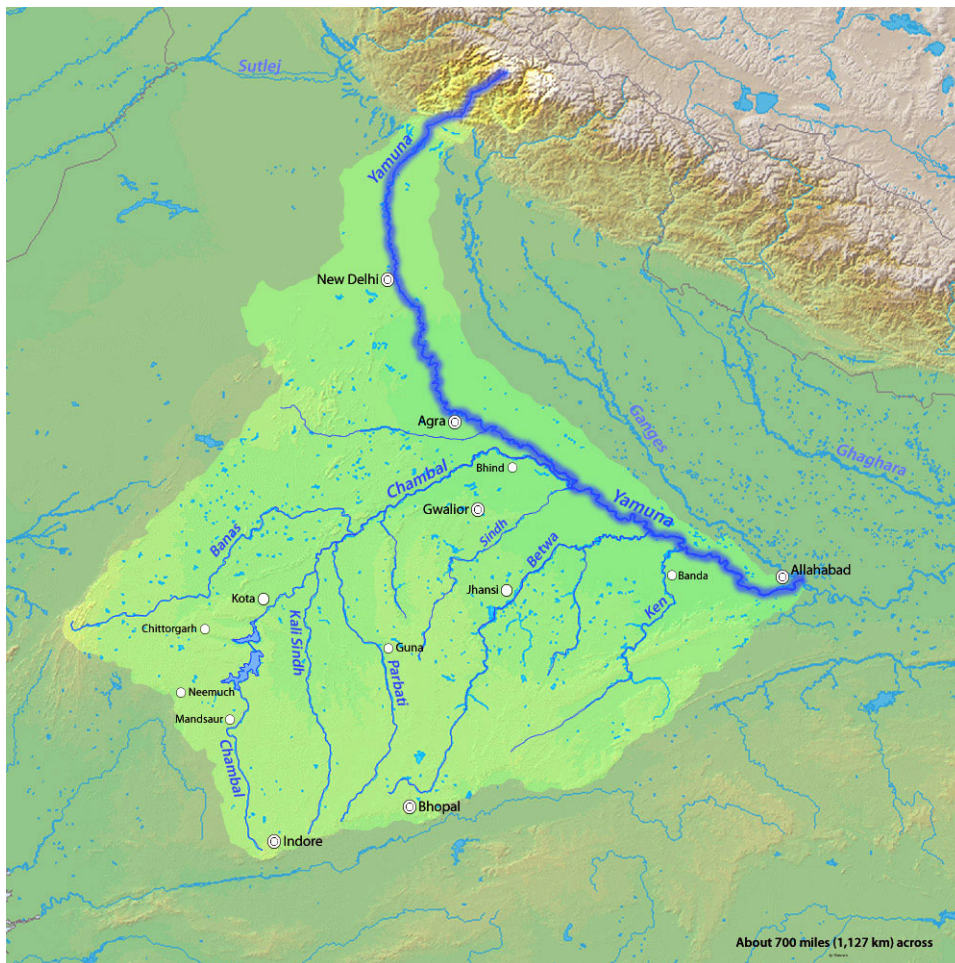
for drinking in **Aurangabad, Dehri, and Sasaram.**

## Key Points

- **Additional Initiatives:** Inaugurated and laid foundations for a state industrial training institute, tech labs, street lights, and [Anganwadi centers](#) in Dehri, Rohtas district.
  - Distributed a cheque of Rs 74.17 crore to **1,864 self-help groups** under the **Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), known as JEEVIKA.**
- **JEEVIKA:** Funded by the [World Bank](#), it is a rural social and economic empowerment programme that comes under Bihar's rural development department.

## Sone River

- The Son River, also known as the Sone River, is a perennial river that flows through central India.
- The Son River is the 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest southern (right bank) tributary of the [Ganges](#) after the [Yamuna River](#).



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## 18 Langurs Shot Dead in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 03 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, about 18 Langurs were shot dead in **Belgaon village of Chhattisgarh** for crop damage, leading the forest department to launch an investigation.

## Key Points

- **Cultural Context:** The incident was unusual because villagers typically avoid killing monkeys, **fearing it could bring drought**, highlighting the **cultural and traditional significance of wildlife**.
- **Legal Action:** A case has been filed against unidentified persons under the [Wildlife Protection Act, 1972](#).
  - **Schedule I:** Protects endangered species with strict penalties; prohibits hunting except in extreme cases (e.g., Black Buck, Snow Leopard).
  - **Schedule II:** High protection and trade prohibition for certain species (e.g., Assamese Macaque, Indian Cobra).
  - **Schedules III & IV:** Protects non-endangered species with lesser penalties for violations (e.g., Chital, Flamingo).
  - **Schedule V:** Lists vermin species that can be hunted (e.g., Common Crows, Rats).
  - **Schedule VI:** Regulates cultivation and trade of specified plants, requiring prior permission (e.g., Blue Vanda, Kuth).

## Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

- The Wild Life (Protection) Act, of 1972 **provides a legal framework for the protection of various species of wild animals and plants**, management of their habitats, regulation, and control of trade in wild animals, plants, and products made from them
- The act also lists schedules of plants and animals that are afforded varying degrees of protection and monitoring by the government.

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## Review Meeting on 17 New Districts of Rajasthan | Rajasthan | 03 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, a **review meeting was held to evaluate the status of the 17 new districts** created during the earlier government's tenure in Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- **New Districts and Divisions:** The [new districts](#) in Rajasthan include Anupgarh, Gangapur City, Kotputli, Balotra, Jaipur City, Khairthal, Beawar, Jaipur Rural, Neemkathana, Deeg, Jodhpur City, Phalodi, Didwana, Jodhpur Rural, Salumber, Dudu, Kekri, Sanchore, and Shahpura.
  - Additionally, **three new divisions**—Banswara, Pali, and Sikar—have been created.
- **Cost and Administration:** Creating a district costs approximately **Rs.2,000 crore** (as per the review committee report).
  - The district of Pratapgarh, **established in 2008**, is still incomplete and administrative tasks remain pending.
- **Future Considerations:** Retired IAS officer Lalit K. Pawar has been reappointed to **oversee the 17 new districts** and gather public feedback.
  - He is responsible for preparing a factual and analytical report for further committee consideration.

