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## Flood in Bihar | Bihar | 23 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, **Bihar** has been severely affected by floods, with **12 districts submerged** and over 12 lakh people impacted.

### Key Points

- **Flood Situation:**
  - Heavy rainfall in Nepal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand has led to **rising water levels** in the rivers of **North** and **South Bihar**.
  - The situation has caused widespread flooding in Bihar, particularly along rivers like the **Ganga**.
- **Affected Areas:**
  - 12 districts are affected, including **Buxar, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Patna, Samastipur, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Munger, Khagaria, Bhagalpur, and Katihar**.
  - A total of **12.67 lakh** people in low-lying areas have been impacted by rising water levels.
  - Affected trains include Patna-Dumka Express, Saraigarh Deoghar Special, Jamalpur-Kiul Memu Special, and Bhagalpur-Danapur Intercity Express.
  - The **Bihar Disaster Management Department (DMD)** reported that **361 panchayats** have been affected.

### Floods

- **About:**
    - **Floods** are the most frequent type of natural disaster and occur when an overflow of water submerges land that is usually dry.
    - Between **1998-2017, 2 Billion** people have been affected worldwide due to floods.
  - **Causes:**
    - These are often caused by heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt or a storm surge from a **tropical cyclone** or **tsunami** in coastal areas.
  - **Types of Floods:**
    - **Flash Floods:** These are caused by rapid and excessive rainfall that raises water heights quickly, and rivers, streams, channels or roads may be overtaken.
    - **River Floods:** These are caused when consistent rain or snow melt forces a river to exceed capacity.
    - **Coastal Floods:** These are caused by storm surges associated with tropical cyclones and tsunami.
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# Mukhyamantri Gramin Setu Nirman Yojana | Bihar | 23 Sep 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government approved the "**Mukhyamantri Gramin Setu Nirman Yojana**" (MGSNY) to boost rural infrastructure through the construction of **small bridges in the state**.

## Key Points

- **Objective of the Scheme:**
  - The "Mukhyamantri Gramin Setu Nirman Yojana" (MGSNY) aims to enhance connectivity in **rural Bihar**.
  - The scheme is focused on constructing **1,000 small bridges** across various rural areas.
- **Target Areas:**
  - The initiative prioritizes **remote and rural regions** that face difficulties due to inadequate infrastructure.
  - It is expected to address the issue of inaccessibility during **monsoon seasons**, when rivers and **streams overflow and disconnect villages**.
- **Expected Benefits:**
  - The bridges will significantly **improve transportation** for rural populations, enabling easier movement of goods and people.
  - Enhanced infrastructure will contribute to **economic development** in rural areas by connecting **farmers, traders, and service providers to markets**.
  - It will also improve **access to education and healthcare**, ensuring quicker and more reliable transit for school children and patients in need of urgent medical care.

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# Bihar Tourism and Market Policy-2024 | Bihar | 23 Sep 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, Bihar has approved the [Bihar Tourism and Market Policy-2024](#) to boost **tourism infrastructure and market integration** in the state, making it a hub for cultural, ecological, and heritage tourism.

## Key Points

- **Objective:**
  - To promote sustainable tourism development in Bihar, enhancing its appeal as a **tourist destination**.
  - To boost local economies and **create job opportunities** through tourism-related activities.
- **Key Features:**
  - **Infrastructural Development:** Focus on improving transportation, accommodation, and **amenities to support tourists**.
  - **Heritage Promotion:** Emphasis on showcasing Bihar's rich cultural and historical heritage, including sites like [Bodh Gaya](#), [Nalanda](#), and [Rajgir](#).
  - **Public-Private Partnerships:** It promotes private investments in tourism infrastructure and services.
    - It provides financial support and subsidies for tourism-related businesses and startups.
- **Marketing and Promotion:**

- Launch of **aggressive marketing campaigns** to highlight Bihar's unique attractions.
- Utilization of **digital platforms** and social media for broader outreach.
- **Famous Tourist Places in Bihar:**
  - Mahabodhi Temple Complex in Bodhgaya
  - Vishwa Shanti Stupa in Rajgir
  - Nalanda, Ancient city of Patliputra
  - Valmiki Nagar Tiger Reserve in the West Champaran
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