



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 [monsoon session](#)** of the state legislature.

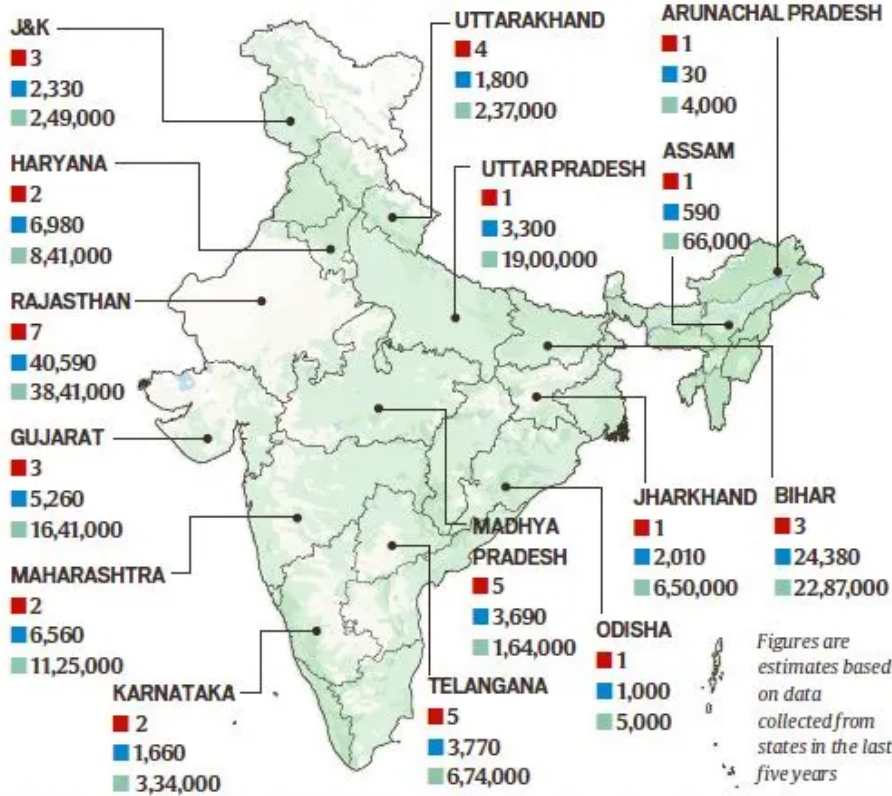
Key Points

- The central government has already notified the [Public Examinations \(Prevention of Unfair Means\) Act, 2024](#), which **aims to prevent unfair means** in **public examinations** and **common entrance tests** 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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