



Chief Minister inaugurated Ethanol Plant in Muzaffarpur

Why in News?

On 6 April 2023, Sandeep Poundrik, Principal Secretary, Bihar Industries Department, said that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the Greenfield Grain-Based Ethanol Plant at Motipur in Muzaffarpur district of South Bihar, which has been built at a cost of Rs 152 crore.

Key Points

- Sandeep Poundrik, Principal Secretary of the Industries Department has said that 1,300 people will get employment in the new Ethanol Plant in Motipur. In which, 300 people will be added directly and 1,000 indirectly.
- It is known that this is the second ethanol plant which has been inaugurated within one year.
- According to the Industries Department, Bihar is on its way to becoming India's grain-based ethanol hub. North Bihar will play an important role in this in the foreseeable future.
- Several more greenfield plants are nearing completion in Bihar under the ethanol policy of the government. In this, 2 ethanol plants in Muzaffarpur, 3 in Nalanda, 1 in Begusarai and 1 in Buxar are expected to be completed by June 2023.
- According to departmental figures, a target has been set to produce 100 million liters per year from the ethanol plant located at Motipur. The machines with a combined capacity of 320 KLPD (Kilo Liters Per Day) have been installed throughout the plant. This figure is expected to increase further after the commissioning of four ethanol plants simultaneously.
- With the establishment of this plant, along with employment, the farmers will also benefit a lot. The ethanol plant will need hundreds of tons of corn or broken rice every day. The company will directly contact the farmers for its purchase.
- It is known that maize is cultivated on a large scale in the Muzaffarpur district. In such a situation, due to the demand for maize at the local level, the farmers will be able to get a good price. Most of the middlemen do not get a fair price for maize. At the same time, DDG will also be available for the poultry feed plant.

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