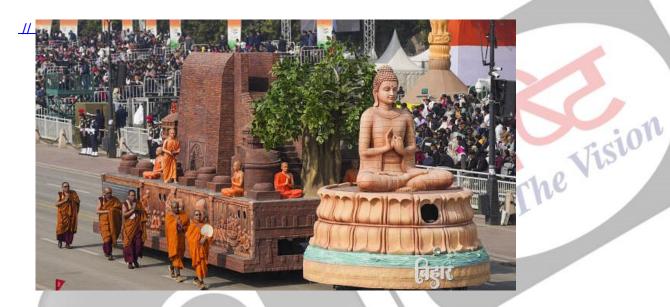


Bihar Tableau at Republic Day | Bihar | 28 Jan 2025

Why in News?

Bihar's tableau at **the Republic Day** parade showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region, symbolically representing **the revered Bodhi Tree** and the legendary **Nalanda University**.

 The display highlighted Bihar's historical identity as the 'land of Buddha' and a center of ancient wisdom.



Key Points

- Bihar's Tableau:
 - Bihar's tableau made its presence at the 76th Republic Day Parade on Kartavya Path after a gap of eight years.
 - The tableau was aligned with the central theme 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas' and stood out with the ruins of the ancient Nalanda University as the dominant element.
 - The tableau featured an installation of a <u>Lord Buddha</u> statue in a meditative <u>Dharmachakra Mudra</u>, symbolising peace and harmony. The statue's original location is at the Ghora Katora reservoir in Rajgir.
 - Bihar's tableau highlighted the state's tradition of knowledge and peace,
 emphasizing its historical identity as a land of knowledge, salvation, and peace.
- Depictions of Historical and Cultural Landmarks:
 - The tableau included representations of the sacred Bodhi Tree from Bodh Gaya, where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, and the ancient ruins of Nalanda University, established in 427 CE by <u>Emperor Kumaragupta</u>.
 - The tableau emphasized Nalanda University's role as the world's first residential university, which was a global hub for knowledge, attracting scholars from China, Korea, Japan, Tibet, and beyond.
- Murals and Modern Innovations:

- Murals on the tableau's side panels depicted the contributions
 of <u>Chanakya</u>, who mentored <u>Chandragupta Maurya</u>, and scenes from ancient Vedic assemblies, showcasing democratic governance and judicial systems.
- Another mural highlighted the 'Guru-Shishya' tradition and <u>Aryabhata's</u> contributions to mathematics.
- An LED screen displayed the newly constructed Nalanda International University campus, designed with carbon-neutral and net-zero sustainability goals, reflecting modern educational progress.



Padma awards 2025 | Bihar | 28 Jan 2025

Why in News?

Seven people from Bihar were selected for the prestigious <u>Padma awards</u>, including noted <u>singer</u> Sharda Sinha, former Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, and eminent <u>social</u> worker Acharya Kishore Kunal.

Key Points

- Announcement of Winners:
 - The Union government announced the names of the Padma award winners on the eve of **Republic Day.**

• A **total of 139 people from across the country were selected** for the highest civilian awards in various categories.

Padma Vibhushan Award:

 Sharda Sinha, the renowned singer known as 'Bihar Kokila,' will be posthumously honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, the highest civilian award, for her exceptional and distinguished service.

Padma Bhushan Award:

- Sushil Kumar Modi, the former deputy CM of Bihar, has been selected posthumously for the Padma Bhushan in the field of public affairs.
- He is the sole recipient from Bihar among the 19 recipients of the Padma Bhushan nationwide.

Padma Shri Award:

- Kishore Kunal, a noted social worker and founder of Mahavir Sansthan, will receive the Padma Shri.
- Other recipients of the Padma Shri from Bihar include:
 - · Bhim Singh Bhavesh in social work,
 - Hemant Kumar for his work in medicine,
 - Nirmala Devi for her contributions in the art field,
 - Vijay Nityanand Surishwer Ji Maharaj in spiritualism.



