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Prime Minister's Office

PM greets on Kharchi Puja

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The Prime Minister posted on X :

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Kharchi Puja

- It is celebrated in the Northeastern state of Tripura.
- Also called the '**Festival of 14 Gods**', Kharchi Puja is observed on the eighth day of the new moon in July or August every year.
- The festival is centred around the worship of **Chaturdasa Devata**, the ancestral deity of the Tripuri people.
- The word 'Kharchi' is derived from two Tripuri words— 'khar' or kharta meaning sin and 'chi' or si meaning cleaning.
- During the festival, the people of Tripura also worship the earth along with their 14 deities. Although the festival has tribal origins, it is celebrated by both tribal and non-tribal people of Tripura.

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On the jurisdiction of the CBI

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EXPLAINER

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Ratna Bhandar, sacred treasury of Puri Jagannath Temple, opened after 46 years

As per 1978 inventory, the *Ratna Bhandar* has 128.38 kg of gold and 221.53 kg of silver ornaments, in addition to precious stones

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News

- After 46 years of legal battles, controversies, and debates, the Ratna Bhandar, or sacred treasury, of the Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri (Odisha) was opened recently.

About

- It was built in the 12th Century AD by King Anatavarman Deva of the Eastern Ganga Dynasty.
- It is also called 'Yamanika Tirtha', according to Hindu beliefs, the power of 'Yama', the God of death has been nullified in Puri due to the presence of Lord Jagannath (Lord Krishna).
- It is one of India's Char Dham pilgrimage sites, the others being Rameswaram, Badrinath, and Dwarka.

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Ind Exp : GS2- Polity and Governance (Page -1)

News / Political Pulse / To counter Opposition, Modi govt to celebrate 75 years of Constitution

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PM Narendra Modi's celebration of India's constitutional legacy also to be highlighted in months-long campaign, say government insiders; details being chalked out.

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News

- The Union government is set to embark on an extended campaign to celebrate 75 years of the Constitution.

About

- The Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution on November 26, 1949.
- The campaign will aim to create awareness about what the Constitution stands for, the Assembly debates, and how the government has taken steps to strengthen it.
- The nodal ministry for the campaign will be the Ministry of Culture that in 2022-2023 led a similar campaign, named Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, to mark 75 years of Independence.

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Indian Express : GS3-Economy (Page -8)

Bihar govt seeks MSP for makhana, flags 'bad shape' of research centre

Centre in Darbhanga has only 10 staff against 42 posts, no full-time director

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
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THE BIHAR government has urged the Centre to declare the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for makhana, an aquatic crop cultivated across 10 districts in the state. The Indian Express has learnt. The state has also flagged "lack" of manpower at the Darbhanga-based Indian Council of Agricultural Research — National Research Centre (ICAR-NRC) for Makhana and told the Centre it was in "bad shape".

Bihar Agriculture Minister Mangal Pandey raised the issues during his meeting with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi on July 11, it is learnt.

Chouhan is learnt to have assured Pandey that he would "look into" the MSP demand. He also directed officials to ensure the Makhana Centre in Darbhanga is made "fully functional" and the shifting of its administrative

With 12 MPs, the JDU's significance in the NDA has grown after the BJP fell short of a majority of its own in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

On the ICAR-NRC for Makhana in Darbhanga, Pandey is learnt to have told the Union Agriculture Minister that it needed to be "up-graded" and its "administrative headquarters" changed to Patna. He particularly raised the issue of lack of manpower.

According to sources, the Darbhanga-based ICAR-NRC for Makhana has only 10 employees against a sanctioned strength of 42. There's no administrative staff and a full-time director was never appointed, they added.

According to the Agriculture Ministry, the ICAR-NRC for Makhana, Darbhanga, was sanctioned by the Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Government of India, as a new scheme during the IX Five Year Plan period (1997-2002) for Conservation, Research & Development of the makhana crop.

News

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About (Makhana)

- It is an aquatic crop cultivated across 10 districts in the state of Bihar.
- About 85 percent of the country's makhana production comes from Bihar, where about 10 lakh people are directly or in-directly involved in its cultivation and production process.

Do You Know?

- In 2022, the government of India has awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to Bihar's 'Mithila Makhana'.

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Indian Express : GS2- Polity & Governance (Page -14)

News / Explained / Explained Law / What is Maharashtra's new Bill to curb 'Naxalism in urban areas'?

What is Maharashtra's new Bill to curb 'Naxalism in urban areas'?

Maharashtra government officials have cited the requirement of sanction from a competent authority of the central or state government as a hindrance for prosecuting under UAPA.



News

- The Maharashtra government has proposed a new law to deal with the “increasing presence of Naxalism in urban centres”.

What are the main provisions of the proposed law?

- The Bill gives the government the power to declare any suspect “organisation” as an “unlawful organisation”.
- It prescribes four offences for which an individual can be punished: (i) for being a member of an unlawful organisation, (ii) when not a member, for raising funds for an unlawful organisation, (iii) for managing or assisting in managing an unlawful organisation and, (iv) for committing an “unlawful activity”.
- Offences under the proposed law are **cognizable**, which means arrests can be made without a warrant, and non-bailable.