

22 Mar 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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1. Bihar Diwas

Context:

PM greets people of Bihar on Bihar Diwas.

About Bihar Diwas:

- Bihar Day or Bihar Diwas is observed on 22 March every year to mark the formation of the state in 1912. The state was carved out of the Bengal Presidency under the British.
- It is a public holiday in Bihar. Apart from that, the day is also observed by the Bihari diaspora.

2. World Summit on Information Society Forum 2021

Context

The MoS for Telecom represents India at the World Summit on Information Society Forum 2021.

About World Summit on Information Society Forum:

- The World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2021 represents one of the world's largest annual gatherings of the 'ICT for development' community.
- It is co-organized by the [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\)](#), UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD.
- The Forum has proven to be an efficient mechanism for coordination of multi-stakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, creation of knowledge, sharing of best practices and continues to provide assistance in developing multi-stakeholder and public/private partnerships to advance development goals.
- This Forum will provide structured opportunities to network, learn and participate in multi-stakeholder discussions and consultations on WSIS implementation.
- The WSIS Forum 2021 serves as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and targets.

3. Gandhi Peace Prize

Context:

Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019 and 2020 announced.

Details:

- The Gandhi Peace Prize is an annual award instituted by the Government of India since 1995, the 125th Birth Anniversary commemoration year of Mahatma Gandhi.
- This annual award will be given to individuals, associations, institutions or organizations who have worked selflessly for peace, non-violence and amelioration of human sufferings particularly for the less-privileged sections of society contributing towards social justice and harmony.
- The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or sex.
- The 2019 award has been given to (Late) His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman.
- The 2020 award has been conferred upon Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh.
 - Bangladesh is celebrating Mujib Borsho (Mujib Year) in 2020-21.
- The award carries an amount of Rs. 1 crore, a citation, a plaque and an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.
- The Award may be divided between two persons/institutions who are considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.
- The Award is given for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence.
- Some of the previous recipients of the award include Nelson Mandela, Gerhard Fischer (German diplomat), Baba Amte, Ramakrishna Mission, ISRO, Akshaya Patra Foundation, Sulabh International, etc.
- The jury for Gandhi Peace Prize is chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and comprises two ex-officio members, namely the chief justice of India and leader of the single largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha.