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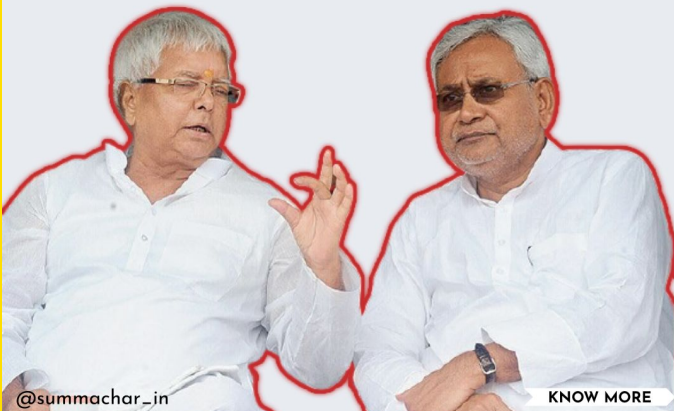
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## LALU-NITISH REGIME OF BIHAR



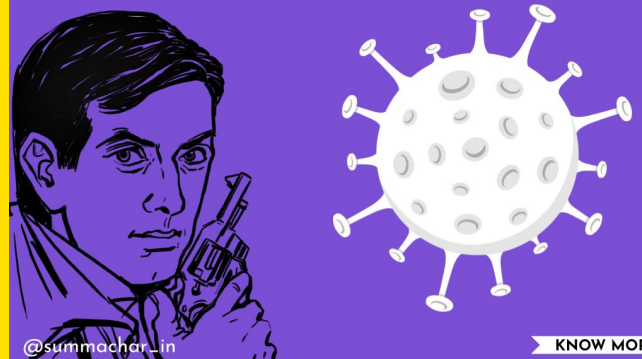
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## FELUDA COVID-19 TEST APPROVED, TO ENTER THE MARKET SOON



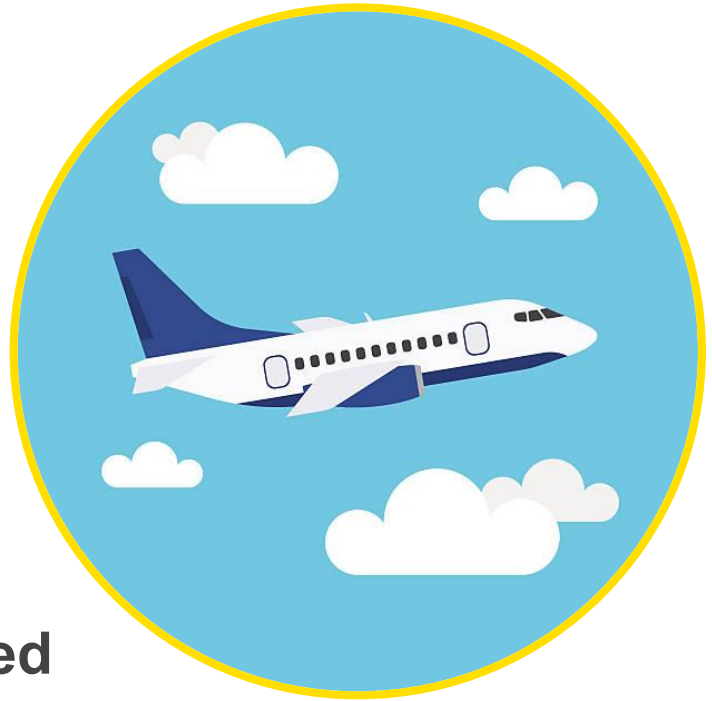
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# 1 Life of Talpade in Hawaizaada

The 2015 film *Hawaizaada*, starring Ayushmann Khurrana, was based on the life of **Shivkar Bāpuji Talpade**.

He was an Indian technical instructor in the art and craft department of Sir JJ School of Art, who, as per some reports, constructed the **first unmanned aircraft** in 1895.



- After being approved by the Lok Sabha in March 2020, the **Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020** was recently passed in the Rajya Sabha. This would mean modification of the Aircraft Act, 1934.
- Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri reported that 300,000 passengers were managed by Indian airports daily before the Covid-19 pandemic, and announced the addition of **100 new airports** by 2024.

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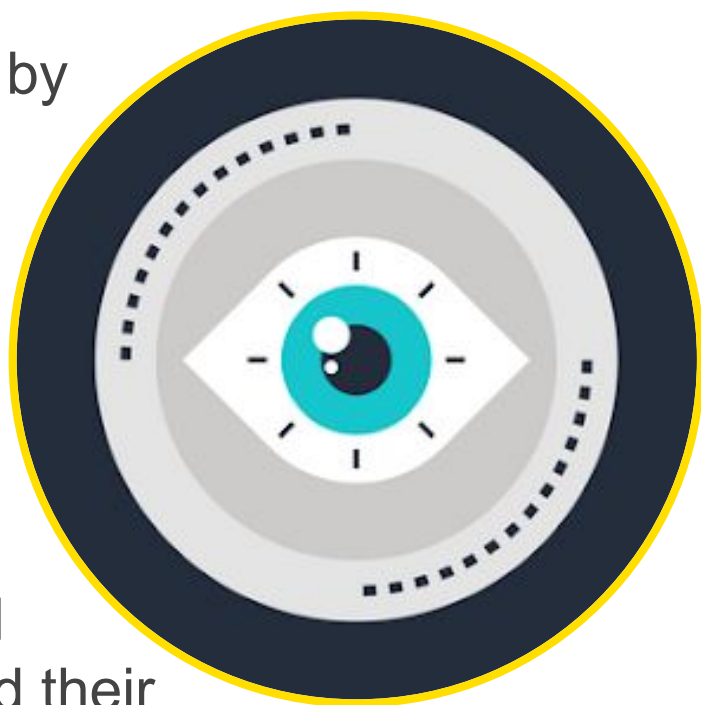
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## 2 What's the 'Chinese Dream'?

The phrase is being promoted by the Chinese President, **Xi Jinping** since **2013** within their country.

It describes a set of personal and national ethos and ideals in China.

- Meanwhile several firms and sports leagues have modified their content and rules to maintain cordiality with China.
- The big names who fell victims to China's stringent censorship norms include, **Mercedes**, Hotel **Marriott**, Apparel Retailer **Zara**, **Zoom** conferencing app
- Even **NBA's** evasive stance is due to the **~600 million viewers** in China (2017-18).
- **Twitter** also suspended the account of Li-Meng Yan who claimed that Covid-19 was "manufactured".



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### 3 What does Vihāra mean?

It is a Sanskrit word for **abode** and Bihar's name was derived from it.

The region that encloses the present state, had many Buddhist vihāras or abodes of **Buddhist monks** in the ancient and medieval periods.



- With the Bihar state elections coming up in October-November 2020, the state is poised for an electoral battle with **Lalu Yadav** and **Nitish Kumar**'s oscillating relationship being highlighted.
- In 2013, Nitish broke alliance with the BJP and declared Narendra Modi as the PM candidate.
- Then in 2014, he resigned from the CM post and formed 'Mahagathbandhan' with Lalu Yadav's RJD and Congress.

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## 4 Do you know Feluda?

Prodosh Chandra Mitter or Feluda, was a fictional Bengali private investigator starring in a Bengali novels and short stories, written by director and writer **Satyajit Ray**.



- Feluda is also an **Acronym** for **FNCAS9 Editor-Limited Uniform Detection Assay**, which is India's first paper-based test strip to identify the presence of COVID-19 in a sample.
- Developed by the TATA group and CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi, it was recently **approved for commercial launch** by the Drugs Controller General of India.
- Similar to a pregnancy test, this paper kit changes colours, if a positive diagnosis is identified. It carries one control line and a test line to interpret results.

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