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Impact of Prohibition on Liquor in Bihar : with Special Reference to Patna

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Abstract: *On April 5, 2016, Bihar became the third state in India to impose total prohibition, after Gujarat and Nagaland. While Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar's sudden announcement took everyone by surprise, he ascribed his decision to the "overwhelming will of the people." Since the time the embargo has been imposed, Honourable CM has kept his pace, despite facing mixed reactions to his decision.*

Through this research, we have tried to focus upon the impact of the prohibition imposed by the government on various sections of the society and its resultant consequences upon different spheres of the society. It

seeks to highlight the amalgamated reactions it has invited from the hoi polloi as well as the political antagonists. A modest attempt to compare Bihar with the other dry states has also been made, which has accentuated the points of similarities and dissimilarities between them.

As there is always a scope for improvement, we have tried to suggest a few reformative measures to the government which can ensure the perpetuity of this step in the long run.

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Introduction :

"If we are going to establish the prosperity of the country upon an enduring basis, we must cleanse the foundations of the roots of Alcohol," said Lloyd George, former PM of the United Kingdom who played an important role in World War I. Most of the people in India are below subsistence level and nutrition is not sufficient even for the middle-class. To ensure a poverty-free and prosperous India, the consumption of liquor and other intoxicants should be limited to a certain extent.

Unfortunately, only a few states, that is, Gujarat, Nagaland, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and partially Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, had been quick to