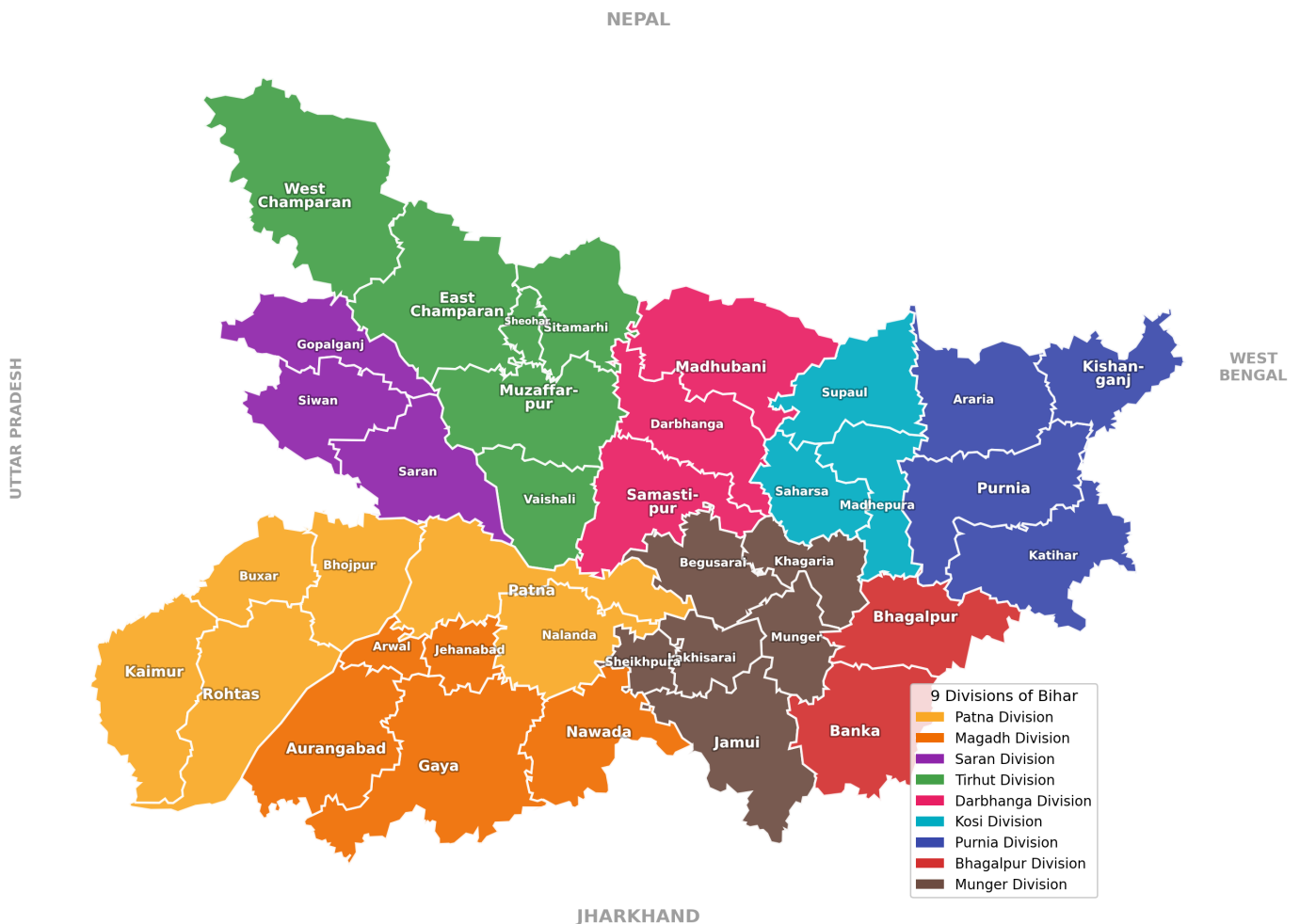


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A memory technique: place > event > fact

- Bihar has **9 divisions and 38 districts**. Each division has one colour throughout this book - the same colour as on the map.
- Every district card first lists the Jan-Jun 2026 news of that district, followed by a purple star marker and its Jan-Dec 2025 highlights (with tiny "static links" that examiners love to pair with the news).
- Whatever could not be pinned to one district - state-wide schemes, rankings, awards lists, sports - sits in the **"Whole-of-Bihar"** section at the end.
- **Bihar Budgets (2026-27 & 2025-26)** and the **Economic Survey 2025-26** are NOT here - they have their own separate illustrated PDFs.

Division	Districts (38)
Patna Division	Patna, Nalanda, Bhojpur, Buxar, Rohtas, Kaimur
Magadh Division	Gaya, Jehanabad, Arwal, Aurangabad, Nawada
Saran Division	Saran, Siwan, Gopalganj
Tirhut Division	Muzaffarpur, East Champaran, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Vaishali
Darbhangha Division	Darbhangha, Madhubani, Samastipur
Kosi Division	Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura
Purnia Division	Purnia, Araria, Kishanganj, Katihar
Bhagalpur Division	Bhagalpur, Banka
Munger Division	Munger, Jamui, Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura, Khagaria, Begusarai

Bihar at a glance (evergreen basics): Established 22 March 1912 • Capital Patna • Area 94,163 sq km (2.86% of India, 13th) • 9 divisions, 38 districts • 40 Lok Sabha + 16 Rajya Sabha seats • Assembly 243 + Council 75 • Borders: Nepal (N), UP (W), Jharkhand (S), West Bengal (E) • 7 districts touch Nepal • Largest district: West Champaran; Smallest: Sheohar.

PATNA DIVISION

Patna | Nalanda | Bhojpur | Buxar | Rohtas | Kaimur

Patna

- ▶ **Samrat Choudhary** became the **24th CM of Bihar (15 April 2026)** - first-ever BJP CM of Bihar; Nitish Kumar moved to the Rajya Sabha (oath on 10 April 2026); the first Samrat cabinet meeting (22 April) cleared 22 proposals; 35 ministers sworn in (May 2026).
- ▶ **Nitin Navin** (5-time MLA from Bankipur, Patna) became the **12th National President of BJP (Jan 2026)** - first person from Bihar and youngest to hold the post.
- ▶ Park & statue in memory of **Sushil Kumar Modi** inaugurated at Rajendra Nagar (6 Jan 2026); S.K. Modi got Padma Bhushan (posthumous) in 2025.
- ▶ **Patna High Court**: Justice **Sangam Kumar Sahu** became 47th Chief Justice; Justice **Meenakshi Madan Rai** became **48th CJ (June 2026)** - 2nd woman CJ of Patna HC and first judge from Sikkim to become a CJ.
- ▶ **Bapu Tower (Gardanibagh)** won the **17th CIDC Vishwakarma Award** (with Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum, Vaishali).
- ▶ **'Education City'** on 250 acres near Patna (over Rs 547 crore) on the **'shared campus model'** of Singapore & Japan.
- ▶ **Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park renamed 'Patna Zoo'**; old Karbigahiya power house to become a **Modern Energy Museum** - India's first, world's 4th.
- ▶ Patna & its new mega satellite township to be identified by the ancient name **'Pataliputra'** (announced 17 June 2026).
- ▶ **IGIMS Patna**: Bihar's first robotic surgery (gallbladder stone).
- ▶ **Bihar's 2nd international hockey stadium** (blue turf from the Netherlands, ~Rs 8.44 crore) at Rajendra Nagar Physical College complex.
- ▶ Bihar Police Week 2026 (22-27 Feb, Mithilesh Stadium) - theme **'Community Policing & Public Awareness'** (2025 theme: Cyber Security).
- ▶ 77th R-Day at Gandhi Maidan: 12 tableaux - **Transport Dept's 'Pink Bus' tableau ranked 1st**; Agro Bihar-2026 mechanization fair (12-15 March, Gandhi Maidan); Mango Festival 2026 at BAMETI.
- ▶ **Women's Job Fair-2026** (Gyan Bhawan, 16-17 March, by WDCD): 18,500 women registered, ~6,120 got jobs (health sector highest - 1,228).
- ▶ **Viksit Bharat Yuva Sansad 2026** (19-20 March) at Central Hall of Bihar Vidhan Sabha - 185 youths; by 'MY Bharat'.
- ▶ **GTRI 6.0** (6 June 2026, Patna) - theme **'Money, Market and Momentum'**; 3rd edition of 'Bihar Journal' released.
- ▶ **Bihar AI Mission** (6 May 2026) + MoUs worth Rs 468 crore at India AI Impact Summit, incl. **Rs 250-crore research park at IIT Patna**.
- ▶ Padma Shri 2026: **Late Vishwabandhu** (posthumous, folk dance) - kept the **Domkach** folk dance alive; founder of 'Surangan'.
- ▶ Sangeet Natak Akademi 2024-25: **Suresh Kumar Hajju** (Acting) & **Rohit Chandra** (Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar - young theatre artist).
- ▶ 53rd State-Level Child Scientist Exhibition at SCERT, Mahendru (5-6 Jan 2026) - 39 students picked for North-East India Science Fair (BITM Kolkata).
- ▶ **JP International Airport** became a fully **green-energy airport** from 15 June 2026 (joined 95 such airports).
- ▶ **'JEEViKA Didi Ki Awaaz Kendra'** to be set up in Patna (JEEViKA + Piramal Foundation).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Patna Metro inaugurated (6 Oct 2025)** - Blue Line, 3.6 km first stretch; public service from 7 Oct; Patna became **India's 24th metro city**; foundation 16 Aug 2017; JICA-funded.
- ▶ **Kachchi Dargah-Bidupur bridge - India's longest extra-dosed cable-stayed bridge** (total 22.76 km, main 9.76 km, Rs 4,988 cr): first phase Patna-Raghopur (4.57 km) opened 23 June 2025; links Patna to Vaishali.
- ▶ **Aunta-Simaria 6-lane Ganga bridge** (Mokama-Simaria) - **Asia's widest bridge (34 m)**, 8.15 km, inaugurated by PM on 22 Aug 2025; parallel to Rajendra Setu.
- ▶ **Bihar's first underground subway**: Patna Junction to GPO Golambar (440 m, Rs 84.83 cr, 4 escalators + 8 travelators) with a multi-modal hub - opened 17 May 2025.
- ▶ **Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025** (5th edn) - FIRST time in India/Bihar, at Patliputra Sports Complex (20-25 March); mascot **'Bheem'** (gaur bison); India won 7 medals - men's regu team won India's **first-ever gold**.

Patna

- ▶ **Guinness World Records (27 April 2025)**: world's largest Madhubani painting made at Patliputra Sports Complex.
- ▶ **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Science City** (Rajendra Nagar, 21 acres) inaugurated 21 Sep 2025; '**Deshratna Dr Rajendra Prasad Bihar Gaurav Udyan**' opened 5 Aug 2025.
- ▶ **IIT Patna**: Bihar's first supercomputer '**PARAM RUDRA**' (26 Dec 2025; National Supercomputing Mission; 838 teraflops); IIT Patna ranked **36th in NIRF 2025**; its student team NE-AR won NASA Space Apps '**Galactic Problem Solver 2025**'.
- ▶ **India's largest Unani medical college** being built near NMCH Patna (Rs 264 cr, target 2027); drug control laboratory at Agamkuan (Rs 30 cr).
- ▶ '**Unmesh**' **International Literature Festival** (3rd edn, 25-28 Sep 2025) - Asia's largest literary fest, ~550 writers, ~100 languages.
- ▶ Swachh Survekshan 2024-25: Patna = '**Promising Swachh Shehar**', Water-Plus + 3-star Garbage-Free; **4th in Ganga Town** category; Patna Nagar Nigam's '**Pink Innovation**' picked for the Resilient Systems conference (Delft, Netherlands).
- ▶ Indian Open Athletics Meet (6th edn) held in Bihar for the first time (19 July 2025, Patliputra); powerlifter **Amit Kishan** (Patna) won gold in Japan (Asian-African Pacific C'ship, 182.5 kg).
- ▶ **Bihar Gramin Bank** formed 1 May 2025 (merger of Uttar + Dakshin Bihar Gramin Banks) - largest rural bank, HQ Patna, PNB-sponsored; Bihar's first commercial bank branch: Allahabad Bank, Patna (1865).
- ▶ Swami Sahajanand Saraswati's **75th death anniversary** (26 June 2025) - the Kisan Sabha pioneer died at Bihta (Patna) in 1950.
- ▶ Static link: Guru Gobind Singh (10th Sikh Guru) born at Takht Sri Harmandir Ji, Patna Sahib (22 Dec 1666); CREA report - Hajipur 3rd & Patna 7th most-polluted cities of India (Jan-Jun 2025).
- ▶ **76th Republic Day 2025** (Gandhi Maidan): 15 tableaux, 20 contingents - top three: **Industry, Sports, Health** departments.
- ▶ **Patna University Students' Union: Maithili Mrinali (ABVP)** became the first woman president in **107 years**; PU est. 1 Oct 1917 - its site was a Dutch East India Company factory of 1632 (now Patna College's admin building).
- ▶ **Asia's first Dolphin Research Centre** stands on the Patna University campus on the Ganga (opened 4 March 2024) - pairs with Bihar's 35% share of India's river dolphins.
- ▶ IAF's **Suryakiran aerobatic show** over JP Ganga Path (22-23 April 2025) - a first for Bihar; '**Lakshman Jhula**' on the **Punpun river** (Rishikesh-style suspension bridge, Rs 82.90 cr) opened 5 Sep 2025.
- ▶ **Patna Pustak Mahotsav** by the National Book Trust (Gandhi Maidan, 21-27 March 2025); **Aam Mahotsav 2025** (28-29 June, Gyan Bhawan; theme on reviving old orchards; fun contest: 'Aam khao, inaam pao').
- ▶ '**Space Heritage in India**' **exhibition** at Shri Krishna Science Centre (23 Aug 2025, 2nd National Space Day - Chandrayaan-3 landed 23 Aug 2023).
- ▶ Labour Dept's **Niyojan Bhawan got a 5-star energy-efficiency rating** from the Centre; Bihar's first thermal plant = Barauni (1962).
- ▶ **Rani Park renamed 'Sushil Modi Smriti Park'**; every 13 May (his death anniversary) to be observed as a STATE FUNCTION.
- ▶ '**Abhinya Bihar-2025**' startup showcase on National Startup Day (16 Jan, CIMP Patna; new startup portal + Bihar Khadi Calendar 2025); the **Bihar Startup Policy was launched in Aug 2022** (by then Industries Minister Shahnawaz Hussain).
- ▶ '**Bihar Learning Week**' (11-17 July 2025, Mission Karmayogi) and '**Bihar Swasthya Mela - Arogya Parv**' (11-12 July, Gyan Bhawan; free multi-pathy care) held at Patna.
- ▶ Bihar's first supercomputer '**Param Buddha**' was set up in 2024 at C-DAC Patna (before IIT Patna's Param Rudra).
- ▶ At the Pustak Mahotsav, the State Disaster Management Authority released the '**Disaster Risk Reduction Roadmap of Bihar**' and the 'Mukhyamantri Vidyalaya Suraksha Karyakram' (classes 9-12).
- ▶ Static link: Bihar's first municipality was set up at **Patna in 1864**; Patna Nagar Nigam est. 1952; EVMs first used in Bihar's municipal polls in 2017; municipal bodies got constitutional status via the **74th Amendment (1992)**.

Nalanda

- ▶ '**Bawan Buti**' saree & fabric got the **GI tag** - main centre Baswan Bigha (Nalanda's ancient handloom tradition).
- ▶ **Rajgir**: 16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men's National Championship 2026 (1-12 April) at the new Rajgir Sports Academy; Bihar's **first glass bridge** is at Rajgir.
- ▶ Bihar's **first 'Jeevika Didi Haat'** opened at **Telhara** - hygienic food items for rural people.

Nalanda

- ▶ Para-athlete **Jhandu Kumar** (Harnaut) selected for **Commonwealth Games 2026** (Glasgow); bronze at Asia-Oceania Open Weightlifting (Bangkok).
- ▶ Dr. Pramod Kumar - **National Teachers' Award 2025**; DM Kundan Kumar - Best Electoral Practice Award.
- ▶ Static link: Pavapuri (Mahavira's nirvana); Kundalpur (his birthplace per Digambara tradition); Silao Khaja GI (2018).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Rajgir International Cricket Stadium inaugurated (5 Oct 2025)** - Bihar's FIRST international cricket stadium; cost Rs 1,121.41 cr (initial Rs 740 cr, foundation 12 Oct 2018); 45,000 capacity; 13 pitches (Maharashtra red + Mokama black soil); BCCI cleared it for international matches.
- ▶ **Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025** hosted at Rajgir (June 2025, 14 countries) - Bihar's 2nd hosting (1st: 2012, Patna); **kabaddi is Bihar's state sport**.
- ▶ **Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025** (men's, 12th edn) at Rajgir (29 Aug-7 Sep): **India champions - beat Korea 4-1** (4th title) and qualified for the 2026 FIH World Cup; mascot '**Chaand**' (tiger-inspired); first time in Bihar.
- ▶ **Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens** first time in India at Rajgir (9-10 Aug 2025; mascot 'Ashok' - a rabbit named after Emperor Ashoka); 6 Bihar players in the Indian squads; India women won bronze; earlier Rajgir hosted the **8th Asian Women's Hockey Champions Trophy 2024** (mascot 'Gudiya').
- ▶ **Lion breeding centre at Rajgir announced (16 June 2025)** - India's 4th (after Junagadh/Surat, Etawah, Delhi) and Bihar's first.
- ▶ **Bihar Police Academy, Rajgir** to be expanded into the state's largest constable-training centre (4,000 trainees; academy opened 2018, 133 acres).
- ▶ **Bihar's first hi-tech 'Fish Mall'** at Mohanpur, Silao block (G+3, Rs 60-70 cr, under PM Matsya Sampada Yojana).
- ▶ Tourism (Jan-Jun 2025): **Rajgir became the top foreign-tourist destination of Bihar** (70,499) ahead of Bodh Gaya (58,959) & Nalanda (55,113).
- ▶ **Aarti Gupta** (Bihar Sharif) - first woman from Bihar & IMD in the **45th Indian Antarctic expedition** (winter mission).
- ▶ Nav Nalanda Mahavihara (est. 1951): Buddhist AI & chatbot with **Malaysia's** help; Bakhtiyarpur-Rajgir-Tilaiya rail-line doubling approved (Rs 2,192 cr; Patna-Nalanda-Gaya-Nawada).
- ▶ First **Nalanda Sahitya Mahotsav** (21-25 Dec 2025, Rajgir Convention Centre) & Rajgir Mahotsav (19-21 Dec 2025); Bihar Sharif riverfront on Panchane river (Rs 42 cr); KIYG 2025 co-host city.
- ▶ **19th Independence Cup All-India Karate** (Delhi, 7-10 Aug 2025): all **6 players of a Nalanda academy won 6 medals** (incl. gold for Divyanshu Raj).

Bhojpur (Ara)

- ▶ '**Pidhiya**' painting got the **GI tag** - traditional folk painting of the Bhojpur region, made by women during festivals, with natural colours.
- ▶ **Integrated Aqua Park** approved at Banasur Fish Seed Farm, **Udwantnagar** (Rs 31.20 crore) under **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana**; NFDB regional centre at Patna; both launched 15 June 2026.
- ▶ **Bharat Singh Bharti** - Padma Shri 2026 (Bhojpuri folk music, on AIR Patna since 1962); **Bhim Singh Bhavesh** (Ara) got Padma Shri 2025 (social work).
- ▶ **10 MW solar power plant** approved on the embankment of the **Western Son Canal**.
- ▶ DM Tanay Sultania - Best Electoral Practice Award 2025.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Sapna Kumari** (Ara; BSF) won **2 golds + 1 silver in archery** at the 21st World Police & Fire Games 2025 (Birmingham, Alabama, USA); India hosts the 2029 edition (Ahmedabad).
- ▶ Veer Kunwar Singh's **169th death anniversary** (23 April) - 1857 hero of Jagdishpur; British officer William Tayler had invited him to Patna.
- ▶ Archer **Samarth Kumar** (Bhojpur) won mixed-team bronze with Anshika Kumari at the 45th NTPC Senior National Archery C'ship (Hyderabad, Dec 2025).
- ▶ MPLADS report: Ara MP was the only Bihar MP with **zero spending** of the Rs 9.8-cr MP fund.

Buxar

- ▶ **Vishwamitra Mahotsav 2026** (21 Feb) at Kila Maidan - Buxar is the tapobhumi of Maharshi Vishwamitra.
- ▶ Grand statue of **Lord Ram at Ramrekha Ghat** announced by CM Samrat Chaudhary.
- ▶ **110th birth anniversary of Ustad Bismillah Khan** (21 March 2026) - born at **Dumraon, Buxar (1916)**; Bharat Ratna 2001.
- ▶ Artist **Naveen Nitesh Pandey** (Buxar) won 'Gaon Ki Mati Manas Kala Award 2026' (Sidhi, MP).
- ▶ Static link: Ganga enters Bihar at **Chausa**; Battle of Chausa (1539), Battle of Buxar (1764); district carved out of Bhojpur in 1991.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Gokul reservoir (448 ha) declared a RAMSAR site** (27 Sep 2025) - one of Bihar's 6 Ramsar wetlands.
- ▶ **Multi-sector SEZ at Nawanagar (Buxar)** - one of Bihar's first two big SEZs (other: Kumarbagh, W. Champaran).
- ▶ Boxer Priyanshu Kumari (Buxar) won bronze at Khelo India Youth Games 2025; Buxar 3rd in RTPS service delivery ranking; Suraj Srivastava (Buxar) got Magadh Gaurav Samman (education).

Rohtas

- ▶ **Telkap Gram Panchayat** - the ONLY panchayat from Bihar honoured in the **National Panchayat Awards 2025-26** (Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat - Best Gram Panchayat; ceremony 3 June 2026, New Delhi).
- ▶ **Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary** (spread over Kaimur + Rohtas, ~1,504 sq km - largest wildlife area of Bihar) approved as Bihar's **2nd Tiger Reserve** (NTCA in-principle approval).
- ▶ Static link: highest literacy district of Bihar (73.37%, Census 2011).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Bihar's first 3-D lab** inaugurated at Beladhi (Sasaram) on 19 Feb 2025 during CM's Pragati Yatra.
- ▶ **Panduka bridge over the Son** (Nauhatta, Rohtas to Garhwa, Jharkhand; 1.5 km, Rs 155 cr) - will cut a 150-km detour to ~3 km; foundation by Nitin Gadkari (14 Nov 2022).
- ▶ **Imran (Rohtas)** won pentathlon GOLD at the 40th Junior National Athletics C'ship 2025 (Bhubaneswar).
- ▶ Progressive farmer **Nakul Singh** (Rohtas) honoured for conserving the traditional **Khirmohan paddy** (PPV&FRA; award); among Bihar's most-forested districts (ISFR 2023).

Kaimur

- ▶ **Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary to be Bihar's 2nd tiger reserve** (with Rohtas; ~1,504 sq km).
- ▶ **High-security jail** announced at Aghora hill area (announced during Samriddhi Yatra).
- ▶ **Helipoint** announced at Kaimur (with Valmikinagar) to boost eco-tourism.
- ▶ **Kamlesh Kumar** (11 yrs, posthumous) - PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025 (Bravery).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **'Maa Mundeshwari' Eco Park** - Bihar's FIRST wildlife eco park (14 acres, under Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali), named after the historic Mundeshwari temple.
- ▶ Teacher **Sikendra Kumar Suman** (Kaimur) won the National Teachers' Award 2024; zoo-ambassador eco-tourism team sent to Kaimur-Rohtas (April 2025).

MAGADH DIVISION

Gaya | Jehanabad | Arwal | Aurangabad | Nawada

Gaya (Gayaji)

- ▶ **Rs 551-crore modern sewerage project** launched (Feb 2026) to make the **Falgu / Niranjana river** clean & pollution-free.
- ▶ **Shyam Steel** to set up a 1-MTPA integrated steel plant in the **Gaya-Dobhi Road Industrial Corridor** - investment **Rs 5,000 crore** (~500 acres sought).
- ▶ **'Patharkatti' stone craft got the GI tag** - ~300-year-old craft of Patharkatti village (black granite idols; stone also used in Vishnupad temple).
- ▶ **Sansad Jan Udyam Sports & Cultural Festival 2026** at Gandhi Maidan, Gaya (20-25 April) - inaugurated by Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi.
- ▶ Myanmar's President **U Min Aung Hlaing** offered prayers at **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya** (World Heritage Site).
- ▶ DM Shashank Kumar - Best Electoral Practice Award 2025; Gayaji among the 11 new greenfield satellite townships.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Gaya city officially RENAMED 'GAYAJI'** (cabinet, 16 May 2025) - city of moksha, pind-daan and the Vishnupad temple.
- ▶ Swachh Survekshan 2024-25: **Gaya = cleanest city of Bihar** (3-10 lakh category), jumped from 272nd to **27th nationally**; got ODF++ & 3-star garbage-free rating.
- ▶ **Bodh Gaya**: Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre (Rs 165.44 cr, Swadesh Darshan 2.0; design inspired by Kesaria Stupa); **375 monks set a Guinness record** (largest singing-bowl ensemble) at Mahabodhi Temple; **20th International Tripitaka Chanting Ceremony** held in Bihar for the first time (2-12 Dec 2025).
- ▶ President Droupadi Murmu visited **Vishnupad Temple, Gayaji** (20 Sep 2025) and performed pind-daan - a first for an Indian President.
- ▶ **Pooja Kumari** (Garari panchayat, Gayaji) - Bihar's youngest two-time mukhiya, honoured at Red Fort on I-Day 2025; archery coach **Jay Prakash** got the Bihar State Khel Samman 2025.
- ▶ ABVP's 67th Bihar provincial convention at Gayaji (28-31 Dec 2025); KIYG 2025 co-host; Gaya = largest forest-area district (ISFR 2023); RPF's 'Operation Vilep' rescued 48 turtles at Gaya Junction.

Nawada

- ▶ **Nuclear power plant** announced for Nawada (with a steel plant in Jamui) to boost employment & industry.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **India's first Small Modular Reactor (SMR) nuclear plant** proposed near **Phulwaria Dam, Nawada** (announced by Union Power Minister under the Rs 20,000-cr Nuclear Energy Mission); a 10-MW floating solar plant already runs on the dam.
- ▶ The e-book also notes an **'Eastern India's first nuclear power plant'** announcement for Nawada (NPCIL-NTPC JV).
- ▶ **Aarti Kumari (Nawada)** captained Bihar to GOLD in the National Senior Women's Rugby C'ship (Guwahati).

Aurangabad

- ▶ Part of the **Son River water-sharing settlement** belt (Indrapuri Reservoir Project can now move ahead).
- ▶ Static link: among districts with lowest ST population percentage (Census 2011).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Dev Surya Mahotsav** (4-6 Feb 2025) at the famous **Deo Sun Temple** - India's only sun temple whose main gate faces WEST (6th-8th century).
- ▶ **Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Stage-II**: PM laid the foundation - 3 x 800 MW, Rs 29,984 cr, ultra-supercritical technology.
- ▶ Aurangabad's **500-year-old banyan** is the oldest of Bihar's 32 newly declared **'Heritage Trees'**; Anushka Singh (class-8, Aurangabad) won All-India 5th rank in 'Young Scientist India'.

Jehanabad

- ▶ **Meraj Ahmed** - among 11 Bihar panchayat representatives invited as special guests to the 77th Republic Day parade, Kartavya Path.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Anamika Sharma** (Jehanabad) set a world record parachute jump from 13,000 ft in Bangkok carrying the Mahakumbh flag - India's youngest licensed woman skydiver (20).
- ▶ Jehanabad + Bhagalpur jointly topped Bihar's **RTPS (Right to Public Services) ranking** (9.995 points); weightlifter Ujjwal Singh (Jehanabad) won Bihar's only weightlifting medal (bronze) at KIYG 2025.

Arwal

- ▶ **Rajesh Singh** - among the 11 panchayat representatives honoured at the 77th Republic Day parade (LSDG performance).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ Static link: Arwal is Bihar's **38th and newest district** (created 2001); Magadh division has 5 districts.

SARAN DIVISION

Saran | Siwan | Gopalganj

Saran (Chhapra)

- ▶ **Marhaura Diesel Locomotive Factory** dispatched its **51st WDG4G (4,500 HP) locomotive to Guinea** for the Simandou Iron Ore Project; JV of Wabtec (76%) + Indian Railways (24%); total order - 150 locos.
- ▶ **'Baba Hariharnath Corridor' at Sonepur** approved - to be built on the lines of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.
- ▶ New airport proposed at **Chhapra** (under the 100-new-airports plan); Chhapra also gets a greenfield satellite township.
- ▶ Bihar Women's Kabaddi League 2026: **Saran Strikers were runners-up**; Muskan (Best Raider) & Shivani (Best Defender).
- ▶ Police Medal for Gallantry (R-Day 2026): Kundan Krishnan, Arjun Lal & Jitendra Singh - for controlling the 2002 prisoner uprising at **Divisional Jail, Chhapra**.
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Sonpur Mela 2025** (9 Nov-10 Dec) - Asia's largest cattle fair at the Ganga-Gandak confluence (Harihar Kshetra / Chhattar Mela; origins traced to Chandragupta Maurya's era); 62,871 foreign visitors in 2024; Revenue Dept sold 'Bihar Bhumi' + **Kaithi script** booklets here.
- ▶ **Marhaura factory began exporting locomotives**: first batch of 4 'Evolution Series' 4,500-HP locos shipped to Guinea (Aug 2025) - Bihar became the first state to export rail engines; 140-loco deal worth Rs 2,000-3,000 cr ('Make in India to Make for the World').
- ▶ ~300-year-old **Dutch tomb at Chhapra** (built for Governor Jacobus van Hoorn) added to Bihar's protected monuments list.
- ▶ **Suhani Kumari (Saran)** won Bihar's FIRST medal of Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (silver, 7.5-km scratch race) plus team-sprint silver; Ayush Raj (Saran) bronze in javelin (40th Jr Nationals).

Siwan

- ▶ **63rd death anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad** (India's first President, born at **Ziradei, Siwan**) observed in 2026; Gandhi ji called Ziradei a place of pilgrimage.
- ▶ Static: Siwan Titans won the inaugural Bihar Women's Kabaddi League (2024).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ Air Marshal **Narmdeshwar Tiwari** (Sikalpur, Siwan) became the **49th Deputy Chief of the Indian Air Force** (2 May 2025).
- ▶ **Alka Singh (Siwan)** - first Bihar athlete to win a shot-put GOLD at Khelo India Youth Games 2025; cyclists Amrita & Shalini (Siwan) won team-sprint silver.
- ▶ Groundwater Report 2024: **Siwan recorded Bihar's highest groundwater exploitation**, with uranium traces in its water; Mauniya Baba Mela (Siwan) got state-fair status.
- ▶ Groundwater Commission also flagged high **salinity** in the water of Siwan, Vaishali, Buxar, Jehanabad & Lakhisarai; 33 Bihar districts have excess iron in groundwater.

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- ▶ Bihar govt intensified efforts to restart the closed **Sasamusa Sugar Mill**.
- ▶ New airport proposed at **Sabeya (Gopalganj)** under the Centre's 100-airports plan.
- ▶ Static link: highest sex ratio (1,021) & lowest decadal growth (Census 2011).
- ▶ ★ **JAN-DEC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS**
- ▶ **Sainik School Gopalganj ranked No.1** among India's 33 Sainik Schools (Bihar's two: Gopalganj & Nalanda, both est. 2003).
- ▶ **Thawe Junction** upgraded as an Amrit Bharat station (Rs 11.75 cr; decorated with Mithila paintings; 12th Thawe Mahotsav on 7-8 April 2025).
- ▶ PM inaugurated a **2.75-km elevated corridor at Gopalganj** (Rs 184.90 cr) on NH-27 - part of the East-West Corridor; NH-27 is India's 2nd-longest NH.

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- ▶ Actor **Pankaj Tripathi** (Gopalganj) co-founded the audio-storytelling platform 'Velvet' and became MP Tourism's brand ambassador.
- ▶ More Pankaj Tripathi: named '**Mahotsav Rajdoot**' of the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav; won the National Film Award (Best Supporting Actor, 'Mimi'); was Bihar Khadi's brand ambassador in 2020.