VIDEO 37 • SECTION 4.9 • MODULE 4 — MODERN BIHAR

The Press in Nineteenth-Century Bihar

20 MCQs on this lecture • Answer key with explanations at the end • Attempt all questions first, then check

Q1. Akhbar-ul-Akhyar (1868) was the organ of:
(a) Bihar Scientific Society, Muzaffarpur
(b) Arya Samaj, Danapur
(c) Wahabi movement, Patna
(d) Bihar Provincial Conference

Q2. In which language was Akhbar-ul-Akhyar published?
(a) Hindi
(b) Urdu
(c) English
(d) Persian

Q3. Which was the first Hindi newspaper of Bihar?
(a) The Beharee
(b) Akhbar-ul-Akhyar
(c) Bihar Bandhu
(d) Behar Herald

Q4. Bihar Bandhu was started in:
(a) 1868
(b) 1874
(c) 1875
(d) 1872

Q5. Who started Bihar Bandhu?
(a) Keshav Ram Bhatt
(b) Guru Prasad Sen
(c) Sachchidanand Sinha
(d) Mahesh Narayan

Q6. Bihar Bandhu first began from which place?
(a) Patna
(b) Calcutta
(c) Muzaffarpur
(d) Gaya

Q7. Which was the first English newspaper of Bihar?
(a) The Bihar Times
(b) The Searchlight
(c) The Behar Herald
(d) Indian Nation

Q8. The Behar Herald (1875) was founded by:
(a) Sachchidanand Sinha
(b) Keshav Ram Bhatt
(c) Syed Imdad Ali
(d) Guru Prasad Sen

Q9. The Bihar Times (1894) was founded by:
(a) Sachchidanand Sinha
(b) Mahesh Narayan
(c) Guru Prasad Sen
(d) Mazharul Haque

Q10. Who was the editor of The Bihar Times?
(a) Sachchidanand Sinha
(b) Mahesh Narayan
(c) Ali Imam
(d) Keshav Ram Bhatt

Q11. The Bihar Times was renamed The Beharee in:
(a) 1894
(b) 1912
(c) 1906
(d) 1918

Q12. Which newspaper was the chief voice of the demand for a separate Bihar?
(a) The Behar Herald
(b) Akhbar-ul-Akhyar
(c) Bihar Bandhu
(d) The Bihar Times

Q13. Bihar Bandhu was a strong advocate of:
(a) Hindi
(b) Urdu
(c) English education only
(d) Bengali

Q14. The Searchlight (1918) and Indian Nation (1931) belong to which period?
(a) The 1860s–70s
(b) The freedom-struggle period (Module 5)
(c) The Mughal period
(d) After 1950

Q15. Arrange the newspapers in order of their start:

1. The Bihar Times
2. Bihar Bandhu
3. Akhbar-ul-Akhyar
4. The Behar Herald

(a) 2, 3, 4, 1
(b) 3, 4, 2, 1
(c) 3, 2, 4, 1
(d) 2, 4, 3, 1

Q16. Match the paper with its language:

1. Akhbar-ul-Akhyar — Urdu
2. Bihar Bandhu — Hindi
3. The Behar Herald — English
4. The Bihar Times — English

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q17. Consider the following statements:

1. The Behar Herald led the campaign for a separate Bihar.
2. Bihar Bandhu began from Patna in 1872.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) Neither 1 nor 2
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 only
(d) Both 1 and 2

Q18. Keshav Ram Bhatt, founder of Bihar Bandhu, was a:

(a) Bengali settled in Patna
(b) Maharashtrian settled in Bihar Sharif
(c) Kashmiri settled in Gaya
(d) Rajasthani settled in Muzaffarpur

Q19. Urdu and Hindi papers of the 1870s in Bihar protested mainly against:

(a) Indigo planters
(b) The Wahabi trials
(c) Bengali domination of jobs in Bihar
(d) The opium monopoly

Q20. Which pair is correctly matched?

(a) Bihar Bandhu — Guru Prasad Sen
(b) Behar Herald — 1894
(c) Bihar Times — Keshav Ram Bhatt
(d) Akhbar-ul-Akhyar — 1868

Answer Key

Q1	(a)	Q6	(b)	Q11	(c)	Q16	(d)
Q2	(b)	Q7	(c)	Q12	(d)	Q17	(a)
Q3	(c)	Q8	(d)	Q13	(a)	Q18	(b)
Q4	(d)	Q9	(a)	Q14	(b)	Q19	(c)
Q5	(a)	Q10	(b)	Q15	(c)	Q20	(d)

Explanations

Q1. Answer: (a) Bihar Scientific Society, Muzaffarpur
Akhbar-ul-Akhyar (Urdu, 1868) was the organ of the Bihar Scientific Society.

Q2. Answer: (b) Urdu
Urdu.

Q3. Answer: (c) Bihar Bandhu
Bihar Bandhu (1872) was the first Hindi newspaper of Bihar.

Q4. Answer: (d) 1872
1872 — from Calcutta; it was published from Patna from 1874.

Q5. Answer: (a) Keshav Ram Bhatt
Keshav Ram Bhatt, a Maharashtrian settled in Bihar Sharif.

Q6. Answer: (b) Calcutta
It began from Calcutta (1872) and moved to Patna in 1874.

Q7. Answer: (c) The Behar Herald
The Behar Herald (1875), Patna.

Q8. Answer: (d) Guru Prasad Sen
Guru Prasad Sen founded it; it largely voiced the Bengali community in Bihar.

Q9. Answer: (a) Sachchidanand Sinha
Founded by Sachchidanand Sinha with Mahesh Narayan as editor.

Q10. Answer: (b) Mahesh Narayan
Mahesh Narayan was the editor.

Q11. Answer: (c) 1906
In 1906.

Q12. Answer: (d) The Bihar Times
The Bihar Times (1894) — not the Behar Herald.

Q13. Answer: (a) Hindi
Bihar Bandhu strongly advocated Hindi.

Q14. Answer: (b) The freedom-struggle period (Module 5)
They belong to Module 5 (freedom struggle).

Q15. Answer: (c) 3, 2, 4, 1
1868 Akhbar-ul-Akhyar → 1872 Bihar Bandhu → 1875 Behar Herald → 1894 Bihar Times.

Q16. Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
All four are correct.

Q17. Answer: (a) Neither 1 nor 2
Neither: the campaign was led by The Bihar Times; Bihar Bandhu began from Calcutta in 1872 (Patna from 1874).

Q18. Answer: (b) Maharashtrian settled in Bihar Sharif
He was a Maharashtrian settled in Bihar Sharif.

Q19. Answer: (c) Bengali domination of jobs in Bihar
They protested against Bengali domination of jobs — the seed of the separation demand.

Q20. Answer: (d) Akhbar-ul-Akhyar — 1868
Akhbar-ul-Akhyar — 1868. Bihar Bandhu = Keshav Ram Bhatt; Behar Herald = 1875, Guru Prasad Sen; Bihar Times = Sachchidanand Sinha.

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