# Monthly Current Affairs Compilation

# September 2026

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## Month at a glance

- **Saturday, 5 September 2026** — Bihar Cabinet extends the Student Credit Card Scheme to 2030-31 and clears the 336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway; the SCO Bishkek Summit and India's 7.8% Q1 growth headline national affairs.
- **Sunday, 6 September 2026** — Ganga breaches Patna's all-time flood record as 16.85 lakh reel across 11 Bihar districts; State Cabinet clears 27 proposals; ISRO's EOS-05 rides GSLV-F17 to orbit.
- **Monday, 7 September 2026** — Ganga breaches all-time flood record at Patna as 10.26 lakh are hit; Bihar Economic Survey shows 8.6% growth; India readies to host the BRICS Summit
- **Tuesday, 8 September 2026** — Bihar-Jharkhand end 25-year Sone river dispute; RBI drains Rs 6 lakh crore surplus liquidity; India to host the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi
- **Wednesday, 9 September 2026** — Seven rivers breach danger mark as Bihar floods hit 35.89 lakh; Cabinet clears ₹23,698-cr Fourth Agriculture Roadmap; DAC approves ₹1.10 lakh-crore defence buys.
- **Thursday, 10 September 2026** — Ganga breaks all-time flood record at Patna as 10.26 lakh hit; India's Q1 FY27 GDP surges 7.8%; Union Cabinet clears Rs 10,021 cr railway plan
- **Friday, 11 September 2026** — Bihar clears 336-km Buxar–Bhagalpur expressway & extends Student Credit Card to 2030-31; India's GDP grows 7.8% in Q1 FY27; Home Ministry proposes Article 371(K) for Ladakh.
- **Saturday, 12 September 2026** — Ganga floods ravage Bihar as the 18th BRICS Summit opens in New Delhi; Bihar's economy tops **₹9.92 lakh crore**.
- **Tuesday, 15 September 2026** — Bihar floods hit 49 lakh across 15 districts; State Cabinet clears ₹23,698-cr 4th Agriculture Road-map; SEBI extends T+0 to top 500 stocks
- **Wednesday, 16 September 2026** — Bihar Cabinet clears 17 proposals led by a ₹3,516-cr Gaya Vishnupad Corridor; Ganga touches an all-time high in the 2026 floods; India hosts the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi.
- **Thursday, 17 September 2026** — Bihar Cabinet's 17 proposals & 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launch lead the day, alongside the Supreme Court's vehicle-repossession ruling and 4.82% retail inflation.
- **Friday, 18 September 2026** — **Bihar floods** hit 47 lakh across 15 districts as the Ganga tops its **2016 record**; the **18th BRICS Summit** concludes in New Delhi; India's **CPI inflation** climbs to **4.82%**.
- **Saturday, 19 September 2026** — Bihar Cabinet clears **₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor** in Gaya & a new **Makhana scheme**; India hosts the **18th BRICS Summit**; Bihar floods hit **47.33 lakh** people.
- **Sunday, 20 September 2026** — Bihar floods hit 47 lakh across 15 districts; ₹476 cr Makhana Board push; US Fed's first hike since 2023
- **Monday, 21 September 2026** — Bihar floods hit **47 lakh** across **15 districts**; state pushes an integrated sugar-ethanol policy, while the **Supreme Court** flags a uniform law on court deposits
- **Tuesday, 22 September 2026** — ECI notifies Bihar's 8 Legislative Council seats; Bihar flood crisis grips 15 districts; India–New Zealand FTA to take effect 20 October
- **Wednesday, 23 September 2026** — Samrat Choudhary Cabinet clears jobs & AI-EV push as Bihar battles record floods; SC bars penalty for refusing the national song.
- **Thursday, 24 September 2026** — Bihar floods hit 47 lakh across 15 districts; PM-JAY marks 8 years; Moody's lifts India's FY27 growth view to 7%

- **Friday, 25 September 2026** — Bihar Cabinet clears 24 proposals & orders long-term Kosi flood strategy; Make in India marks 12 years.
- **Monday, 28 September 2026** — Bihar makes computer education mandatory in govt schools; 17 north Bihar districts on flood alert; Russia backs India's permanent UNSC seat
- **Tuesday, 29 September 2026** — Gandak floods trigger CM's aerial survey in north Bihar; India's first Victim Rights Centre opens in Patna; SC refuses to stay UPI MDR
- **Wednesday, 30 September 2026** — Gandak hits all-time high of 91.25 m as North Bihar floods worsen; Bihar DGP Vinay Kumar picked as State Chief Information Commissioner; India's net FDI touches 5-year high

# All topics — key facts for revision

## Saturday, 5 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-05.html

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet extends Student Credit Card Scheme to 2030-31

- **Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme** extended to **2030-31**; education loan of up to **Rs 4 lakh**.
- **Mukhyamantri Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana** also extended to **2030-31**.
- **Rs 40 crore** for **Bihar & Patna Museum** upkeep; **Rs 39.80 crore** for Nehru Path widening.
- Chaired by the Chief Minister; **27 agenda items** approved in all.

**Concept:** **Student Credit Card** is part of Bihar's **Saat Nishchay** human-resource push; funded loans are routed through the **Bihar State Education Finance Corporation**.

### BIHAR 336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur greenfield expressway cleared on PPP

- Length **336 km**, **six-lane**, fresh alignment; developed via **PPP** under **BSRDCL**.
- Passes through **Bhojpur, Arwal, Jehanabad, Gaya, Nawada, Nalanda, Sheikhpura, Lakhisarai, Jamui, Munger, Banka**.
- An **economic corridor** with commercial hubs planned along the route.
- Consultant for **DPR** and a transaction adviser to be appointed.
- Aims to cut travel time between **southern and eastern Bihar**.

**Concept:** **BSRDCL** = Bihar State Road Development Corporation Ltd, the nodal SPV for state highways/expressways; **greenfield** = built on a brand-new alignment.

### BIHAR Patna Metro gets Rs 628.32 crore under SASCI capital-aid

- Network: **~31 km**, **24 stations**, **two corridors**; total cost **Rs 13,925 crore**.
- Funding split: **60% JICA (Japan) loan**, **20% Union**, **20% Bihar**.
- Interchange stations at **Patna Junction** and **Khemnichak**.
- A **3.6-km elevated Blue Line** stretch is already operational.

**Concept:** **SASCI** = 50-year interest-free capital loans to states for infrastructure; **JICA** = Japan International Cooperation Agency, a major bilateral lender for Indian metros.

### BIHAR Bihar-Jharkhand ink Sone river water-sharing MoU

- **Bihar 5.75 MAF** and **Jharkhand 2 MAF** of the **7.75 MAF** under the 1973 **Bansagar Agreement**.
- Makes the **Indrapuri Barrage** (**Rohtas district**, Bihar) fully operable.
- Benefits **Magadh-belt irrigation** in Bihar; Palamu & Garhwa in Jharkhand.
- Sone is a major **south-bank tributary of the Ganga**.

**Concept:** Inter-state river disputes fall under the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956** and **Article 262** of the Constitution.

### BIHAR Bihar renews push for MSP on makhana as Makhana Board rolls out

- Bihar grows about **90%** of India's makhana; **Mithila Makhana** got a **GI tag in 2022**.
- **National Makhana Board** (**Rs 100 crore**) announced in **Union Budget 2025-26**, based in Bihar.
- Research anchored at the **ICAR-NRC** makhana centre, **Darbhanga**.
- MSP sought to shield growers from price volatility.
- Makhana is a high-value, low-fat superfood with rising export demand.

> **Concept: GI tag** = Geographical Indication under the **GI of Goods Act, 1999**; **MSP** = a government-set floor price to protect farmers.

### IR 26th SCO Summit concludes at Bishkek; Bishkek Declaration adopted

- **English** added as an official SCO language alongside Russian and Chinese.
- **Universal Security Centre** approved for intelligence-sharing; **Anti-Drug Centre** regulations cleared.
- **Green Technology Corridor** framework (**2026-2030**) adopted.
- India stressed **zero double standards on terrorism** and sovereignty-respecting connectivity.
- **Pakistan** takes the next chair (2026-27); SCO has **10 full members**.

> **Concept: SCO** = Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Eurasian security & economic bloc); India became a full member in **2017**.

### DEFENCE India-Belgium sign defence LoI; RAKSHA diplomacy document unveiled

- India appoints its **first Defence Attache to Brussels**; a Fast Trade Mechanism set up.
- **RAKSHA** rests on four pillars: **strategic partnerships, capacity building, indigenous exports, maritime security**.
- India's defence exports were **Rs 21,083 crore** in FY 2023-24.
- Belgium hosts **NATO HQ**, adding strategic weight to the pact.

> **Concept:** A **Letter of Intent** signals intent to cooperate ahead of a binding pact; **Defence Attache** = a military diplomat posted at an embassy.

### POLITY Supreme Court: Bar Council of India has no jurisdiction over law students

- Ruling by a three-judge bench; universities - not the BCI - govern law students.
- BCI's authority begins only **after enrolment** as an advocate.
- Upheld **Article 19(1)(a)** (free speech) and **Article 19(1)(c)** (association).
- Arose from a students' protest at a national law university.
- Reaffirms limits on statutory bodies exceeding their mandate.

> **Concept: BCI** is a statutory body under the **Advocates Act, 1961**; **Article 19** guarantees the six freedoms to citizens.

### SCI-TECH DBT launches BIO-NIVESH to channel private capital into biotech startups

- Inaugural edition: about **20 startups** and **50 investors**.
- Anchored by **BIRAC** (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council).
- Aligns with the **BioE3 Policy (2024)** and the **Rs 1 lakh crore RDI Fund**.
- India targets a **Rs 20 lakh crore bioeconomy by 2030**.
- Focus areas: bio-manufacturing, health and sustainability.

> **Concept: BioE3** = Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment; **BIRAC** is a PSU under DBT that funds biotech innovation.

### SOCIETY Teachers' Day: President confers National Teachers' Awards on 48 teachers

- **48 awardees** (26 men, 22 women) across states, UTs and central bodies.
- Selected via a three-stage process; each gets a certificate, medal and cash award.
- **5 September** marks the birth anniversary of **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**.
- Radhakrishnan was India's **first Vice-President** and **second President**.
- India's school teaching workforce is about **1.5 crore**.

> **Concept: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan** - philosopher-statesman, **Bharat Ratna (1954)**; Teachers' Day honours his legacy.

## Sunday, 6 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-06.html

### BIHAR Ganga Breaches Patna's All-Time Flood Record; 16.85 Lakh Hit Across Bihar

- **16.85 lakh (1.685 million)** people affected across **11 districts** — Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Buxar, Samastipur, Munger, Katihar, Araria.
- Ganga at **Gandhi Ghat (Patna)** touched **50.53 m**, above the previous HFL of **50.52 m (Aug 2016)**; forecast to reach **50.62 m**.
- **50 blocks** and **201 gram panchayats** affected; September rainfall **60.8 mm** — **69% above normal**.
- Relief: **858 boats**, **27 SDRF** teams, **7 NDRF** groups, **38 community kitchens**, **12,300** polythene sheets.
- **Gandak, Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Punpun & Ghaghara** also flowing above danger levels.

> **Concept: HFL (Highest Flood Level)** is the maximum recorded water level at a site. Bihar is India's most flood-prone state — **~76%** of north Bihar lives under flood threat from Himalayan-fed rivers; the **Kosi** is called the '**Sorrow of Bihar**'.

### POLITY Bihar Cabinet Clears 27 Proposals; Student Credit Card Extended to 2030-31

- **Student Credit Card** scheme extended **5 years (FY2026-27 to 2030-31)**; loans up to **₹4 lakh**.
- **₹9,169 crore** for all municipal corporations under the **16th Finance Commission** as basic + performance grants.
- **E-Cabinet** system approved with **₹2.75 crore** from the Contingency Fund for paperless governance.
- New **Medical College & Hospital at Arwal** on **25 acres**; **Nehru Path (Patna)** widening at **₹49.80 crore**.
- **₹14.79 crore** Goat Farming Cooperative Federation (Saat Nischay-3); **₹40 crore** grant to Bihar Museum.

**Concept:** The **Council of Ministers** headed by the CM (Art. **163-164**) is collectively responsible to the **Vidhan Sabha**. The **16th Finance Commission** (Art. **280**) recommends devolution for 2026-31.

### BIHAR Bihar & Jharkhand End 25-Year Sone Water Dispute; Bihar Gets 5.75 MAF

- Of the **7.75 MAF** under the **1973 Bansagar Agreement**, Bihar gets **5.75 MAF** and Jharkhand **2 MAF**.
- Enables full operation of the **Indrapuri Barrage** in **Rohtas**, Bihar.
- Unlocks new irrigation for the **Magadh belt** (Bihar) and **Palamu & Garhwa** (Jharkhand).
- **Sone** is a major **right-bank tributary of the Ganga**, joining near **Maner (Patna)**.
- Resolves a long-standing hurdle to irrigation expansion in south-west Bihar.

**Concept:** Inter-state river water disputes are governed by the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956** (Art. **262**). **1 MAF** = one million acre-feet of water.

### SOCIETY ₹10,000 DBT Reaches Over 21 Lakh Women Under Mahila Rojgar Yojana

- **₹10,000** one-time seed grant credited via **DBT** to women **SHG (Jeevika Didi)** members.
- Beneficiaries can access a follow-on micro-enterprise **loan up to ₹2 lakh** plus **skill training**.
- Aims to cover a large base of women self-help group members statewide.
- Rides on Bihar's strong **JEEViKA** network of rural women's self-help groups.
- Seeks to boost female labour-force participation and rural livelihoods.

**Concept:** **DBT** routes benefits straight to bank accounts, cutting leakage. Bihar's **JEEViKA** (Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project) is a flagship SHG-based poverty-reduction model.

### ECONOMY Barauni Land Bank: 700 Acres Cleared to Power Bihar's Industrial Push

- **700 acres** at **Barauni** earmarked for a new industrial area to draw investment.
- **Barauni** already hosts a major **refinery, thermal power and fertiliser** complex.
- Aims to generate fresh **employment** and anchor manufacturing in north Bihar.
- Part of a wider land-bank strategy to offer ready plots to investors.
- Complements Bihar's push under its industrial and investment-promotion policy.

**Concept:** A **land bank** is a stock of pre-acquired, encumbrance-free government land offered to industries to cut project delays — central to state industrial policies.

### ECONOMY Mithila Makhana: Bihar's GI-Tagged Superfood Anchors a Growing Farm Economy

- **Mithila Makhana** received the **GI (Geographical Indication) tag in 2022**.
- Bihar produces the bulk of India's makhana, concentrated in **Darbhanga, Madhubani & Purnia**.
- A protein-rich superfood driving exports and value-added processing.
- Supported by makhana research and a dedicated push for branded, packaged products.
- Part of Bihar's basket of GI/agri specialities alongside **Shahi Litchi** and **Katarni rice**.

**Concept:** A **GI tag** identifies goods of a specific geographic origin with qualities due to that place, protected under the **GI of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999**.

### ECONOMY New National Accounts: GDP Base Year Shifts to 2022-23; Q1 Growth 7.8%

- GDP base year revised from **2011-12 to 2022-23**.
- **Producer Price Index (PPI)** replaces the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**.
- New indices introduced — **IIP** revamp and a **Banking Services Price Index (BkSPI)**.
- **Q1 FY2026-27**: real GDP growth **7.8%**, nominal **10.3%**.
- Covers final estimates for 2022-24 and provisional for 2025-26.

**Concept:** The **base year** is a reference year for computing **real (constant-price) GDP**; **PPI** measures average change in **producers' selling prices**, unlike the transaction-stage **WPI**.

### POLITY Supreme Court Pushes States to Raise District Judge Retirement Age to 62

- Retirement age to be raised from **60 to 62**, subject to a suitability review at 60.
- Backdrop: **5.18 crore** cases pending in district courts.
- **Seven states** have already agreed — including Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal.
- Remaining states/UTs given **two weeks** to decide.
- Aims to retain experienced judicial officers and cut vacancies.

**Concept:** The **district judiciary** is administered by High Courts (Art. **233-237**). High Court judges retire at **62** and Supreme Court judges at **65**.

### SCI-TECH ISRO Launches EOS-05 Imaging Satellite Aboard GSLV-F17

- **GSLV-F17** placed the **2,367-kg** satellite in a sub-geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- India's first dedicated **imaging satellite in geosynchronous orbit (~36,000 km)**.
- **19th GSLV** mission and **107th** launch from **Sriharikota**.
- Planned **nine-year** operational lifespan.
- Ends an eight-month hiatus after two earlier PSLV setbacks.

**Concept:** A **geosynchronous** satellite orbits at ~**36,000 km** matching Earth's rotation, so it stays over the same region — ideal for continuous imaging. **GSLV** uses an indigenous **cryogenic** upper stage.

### IR India Joins 26th SCO Summit at Bishkek; Bishkek Declaration Adopted

- **Bishkek Declaration** signed; a **Universal Security Centre** approved.
- **Green Technology Corridor** framework (2026-2030) and anti-drug centre regulations cleared.
- **English** added as an official SCO language alongside Russian and Chinese.
- India stressed **'zero double standards on terrorism'** and sovereignty-first connectivity.
- SCO has **10 full members**; **Pakistan** chairs the bloc for **2026-27**.

**Concept:** The **SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation)**, founded in **2001**, is a Eurasian political-security-economic bloc; India became a full member in **2017**. Its security arm is **RATS**.

### ENVIRONMENT UN Flags Likely Breach of the 1.5°C Paris Target

- Current warming is about **1.4°C** above the pre-industrial baseline.
- Under existing policies, warming may reach **2.6°C** by century's end.
- New fallback framework: cap overshoot at **1.8°C**, then scale up **carbon removal**.
- Reversing one decade of excess warming could take **50+ years**.
- Reinforces urgency ahead of climate negotiations and NDC updates.

**Concept:** The **Paris Agreement (2015)** seeks to keep warming **well below 2°C**, ideally **1.5°C**. **Overshoot** means temporarily exceeding a limit before bringing it back via net-negative emissions.

## Monday, 7 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-07.html

### ENVIRONMENT Ganga breaches record flood mark; 10.26 lakh hit across 11 districts

- **11 districts** flooded: Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Buxar, Samastipur, Munger, Katihar, Araria.
- **~10.26 lakh people** across **201 gram panchayats** in **50 blocks** affected.
- Rivers above danger mark: **Ganga, Gandak, Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Ghaghara**.
- Relief: **858 boats, 27 SDRF + 7 NDRF teams, 38 community kitchens**, 12,300 polythene sheets.
- **CM Samrat Choudhary** ordered senior officers to camp in affected areas.

**Concept:** **Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC)**; Nepal-origin rivers - **Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar'), Gandak, Bagmati**; **HFL vs Danger Level**.

### BIHAR Bihar's GI-tagged makhana goes global via National Makhana Board

- Bihar grows **~85-90% of India's makhana**; **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag (2022)**.
- Core belt: **Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnia, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul**.
- Board to organise farmers into **FPOs** and fund processing units & branding.
- Marketed as a **high-protein superfood** for domestic and export markets.

**Concept:** **GI tag** under the Geographical Indications Act, **1999**; other Bihar GIs - **Bhagalpuri Tussar silk, Katarni rice, Shahi Litchi, Magahi Paan, Jardalu mango**.

### BIHAR Patna Metro priority corridor running; Bihar speeds up metro & road build-out

- Line-2 priority stretch stations: **Bhoothnath, Zero Mile, Patliputra Bus Terminal (ISBT)**.
- Network: **Line-1 (14 stations)**, **Line-2 (12 stations)**; built by **Patna Metro Rail Corporation**.
- State also advancing **six-lane highways & new expressways** in 2026.

> **Concept: Urban mass transit**; central-state **SPV** funding model; **AMRUT / urban infrastructure** missions.

### SOCIETY ₹10,000 seed aid transferred to ~21 lakh women under Mahila Rozgar Yojana

- Aim: link **~1 crore women** to livelihoods; grant scalable up to **₹2 lakh**.
- Builds on Bihar's **JEEViKA** self-help-group network.
- Delivered via **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.

> **Concept: JEEViKA (Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project)**; **DBT**; female **labour-force participation rate**.

### ECONOMY Bihar Economic Survey 2025-26: 8.6% real growth outpaces India

- **Per-capita GSDP: ₹76,490 (current)** - still among India's lowest.
- Sector shares: **Services 54.8%, Industry 26.8%, Agriculture 18.3%**.
- Fastest growth in the **secondary sector (11.1% real)**.
- AT&C power losses down to **15.54%** (from 42.99%); discom profit **₹1,959 cr**.

> **Concept: GSDP vs GVA**; primary/secondary/tertiary sectors; **AT&C (Aggregate Technical & Commercial) losses**.

### IR India to host 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi (11-13 Sept 2026)

- BRICS+ accounts for **~half the world's population** and **~30% of global GDP (PPP)**.
- Expanded bloc now includes **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE**.
- Agenda: reformed multilateralism, the **Global South**, and trade in **local currencies**.
- **New Development Bank (NDB)** is headquartered in **Shanghai**.

> **Concept: BRICS (formed 2009/2010)**; **New Development Bank**; **Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)**.

### SCI-TECH ISRO's EOS-05: first Indian earth-imaging satellite in geostationary orbit

- A continuous 'gaze' enables **flood, cyclone, fire and crop monitoring**.
- Aids **stubble-burning detection** and disaster early-warning.
- India now has **450+ space start-ups**; space economy targeted at **$44 billion by 2033**.

> **Concept: GEO vs LEO/SSO** orbits; remote sensing; **IN-SPACe, NSIL**; Gaganyaan roadmap.

### POLITY SIR of electoral rolls: large deletions flagged in Manipur & Sikkim

- Manipur: **1.32 lakh names** removed from draft rolls.
- Sikkim: **52,614 names** deleted.
- Goal is to weed out duplicate/dead/shifted voters - raising an **inclusion-vs-purity** debate.

**Concept: Election Commission of India (Article 324)**; electoral rolls under the **RP Act, 1950**.

### IR India-China Corps Commander talks agree two new border meeting points

- Follows the **36th WMCC** and **25th Special Representatives** talks in Beijing.
- Aims to stabilise the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)** after the 2020 stand-off.
- Comes just before the **BRICS Summit**, where both leaders will meet.

**Concept: LAC, WMCC, BPM points**; Panchsheel principles; buffer zones.

### IR US-Iran war disrupts Strait of Hormuz; oil-supply risk for India

- Hormuz carries **~20-30% of the world's seaborne oil** - a critical **choke point**.
- India imports **over 85% of its crude**, leaving it exposed to price shocks.
- Costlier oil pressures **inflation, the rupee and the current account**.

**Concept: Strait of Hormuz** (Persian Gulf-Gulf of Oman); global **choke points**; **strategic petroleum reserves**.

### ECONOMY Monthly PLFS data reignites the debate on measuring unemployment

- PLFS uses **Usual Status** and **Current Weekly Status** concepts.
- Headline metrics: **LFPR, WPR and the unemployment rate**.
- A 'flat Phillips curve' implies a weak inflation-unemployment trade-off in India.

**Concept: PLFS (NSO), LFPR/WPR**; the **Phillips curve**; inflation targeting (**4% +/- 2%**).

## Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-08.html

### BIHAR Bihar-Jharkhand End 25-Year Sone River Water Dispute

- Water shared: **Bihar 5.75 MAF** (million acre-feet) and **Jharkhand 2 MAF**.
- The Sone rises near **Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh)** and joins the **Ganga near Patna (Maner)**.
- **Indrapuri Barrage** at **Dehri** (on the Sone) is among Asia's longest barrages and anchors the **Sone Canal System**.
- Inter-state water disputes fall under **Article 262** and the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956**.

**Concept:** Right-bank tributaries of the Ganga: **Son, Yamuna, Chambal**. **Article 262** lets Parliament bar courts from notified inter-state water disputes.

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet Clears AI Mission, EV Policy & Mega Road Plan

- Approved a **Rs 15,967 crore** road/infrastructure plan and induction of **400 electric buses** for city transport.
- Cleared a **Bihar AI Mission** and an **Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy** for green mobility and skilling.
- Earlier packages added **biogas plants**, **solar subsidies** and a **DA hike** for state employees.
- Backs the goal of **one crore jobs** under the **Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy**.

**Concept:** State AI/EV policies operationalise national missions (**IndiaAI**, **PM E-DRIVE/FAME**) at the sub-national level.

### BIHAR Makhana Development Scheme Boosts Bihar Fox-Nut Farmers

- **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag** (granted **2022**); Bihar grows nearly **85-90%** of India's makhana.
- The development scheme gives up to **Rs 72,750 per hectare** subsidy to farmers.
- A **Makhana Board** (announced in **Union Budget 2025-26**) supports processing, branding and exports.
- Grown mainly in **Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnia, Katihar, Saharsa** (Mithila/Kosi region).

**Concept:** **GI (Geographical Indication)** is protected under the **GI of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999**.

### BIHAR Ganga, Punpun Above Danger Mark; Bihar on Flood Alert

- Bihar is India's **most flood-prone state**; about **73%** of its area is flood-affected.
- Chief flood-causing rivers: **Kosi** ('Sorrow of Bihar'), **Gandak, Bagmati, Kamla, Mahananda, Punpun**.
- The **Kosi** carries huge silt from Nepal; flood management involves **embankments** and the **Kosi barrage (Birpur)**.
- Response uses the **SDRF/NDRF** framework and Flood Management Improvement schemes.

**Concept:** Most north-Bihar rivers are **antecedent, Himalayan, perennial** and silt-laden, causing recurrent floods.

### BIHAR Gaya Gears Up for Pitri Paksha Mela 2026

- The Mela begins **25 September 2026**; authorities plan a **2,500-bed tent city**, helplines and transport.
- Nearby **Bodh Gaya (Mahabodhi Temple)** is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** on the Buddhist circuit.
- The seasonal **Falgu (Phalgu)** now has the **Gayaji Dam** rubber dam for year-round water.

**Concept:** Bihar's heritage triad for exams: **Nalanda, Vikramshila** (ancient learning) and **Bodh Gaya** (Buddhism).

### ECONOMY RBI Drains Rs 6 Lakh Crore to Mop Up Surplus Liquidity

- Surplus liquidity had reached **Rs 11.6 lakh crore**, nearly **4%** of banking-system deposits.
- RBI accepted **Rs 3.53 lakh crore** in overnight and **Rs 2.59 lakh crore** in 30-day bids.
- The **repo rate** stands at **5.25%** with a **neutral** stance; **SDF 5.00%**, **MSF 5.50%**.
- FY27 **GDP growth** projection was raised to **6.7%**; the inflation forecast was cut.

**Concept:** **VRRR** absorbs liquidity; the **LAF corridor** = **SDF (floor) < repo < MSF (ceiling)**.

### IR India to Host 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam

- India's chairship theme: **'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'**.
- Founding members: **Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa**; the grouping later expanded.
- Agenda pillars: **Global South**, climate action, digital infrastructure, green finance, multilateral reform, local-currency trade.
- The **New Development Bank (NDB)** is BRICS's flagship bank (HQ **Shanghai**, est. **2014**).

**Concept:** BRIC (2006) became **BRICS** with South Africa (**2010**); works via consensus, no charter.

### DEFENCE Defence Council Clears Rs 1.10 Lakh Crore Procurement

- Approvals include **CBRN reconnaissance vehicles, radars, advanced light helicopters** and **marine gas turbines**.
- Strong thrust on **Atmanirbharta** (self-reliance) and **Make-in-India** in defence.
- **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** is the first step in the defence capital-acquisition process.

**Concept:** **DAC** is the apex defence-procurement body under the **Ministry of Defence**.

### ECONOMY PM-KISAN Extended up to 2030-31 with Rs 3.15 Lakh Crore

- PM-KISAN gives **Rs 6,000/year** in **three Rs 2,000 instalments** via **DBT** to eligible farmer families.
- Launched in **2019**; among the world's largest **DBT** schemes.
- Bihar has a large beneficiary base given its **~54%** agriculture-dependent workforce.

**Concept:** **DBT** cuts leakages using the **JAM trinity** (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile).

### POLITY Cabinet Approves Raising Supreme Court Judge Strength by 4

- SC strength is fixed by the **Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956**, amended periodically.
- Judges are appointed by the **President** through the **Collegium** (CJI + 4 senior-most judges).
- **Article 124** governs the establishment and composition of the Supreme Court.

**Concept:** Present sanctioned strength was **34** (CJI + 33 judges); the 1956 Act sets the ceiling.

### IR Rajnath Singh Visits Sri Lanka to Deepen Defence Ties

- Talks covered **defence, maritime security** and regional cooperation under **Neighbourhood First**.
- Sri Lanka is central to India's **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)** security and the **SAGAR** vision.
- Builds on growing India-Sri Lanka connectivity and energy cooperation.

**Concept:** **SAGAR** = Security and Growth for All in the Region (India's maritime doctrine, 2015).

## Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-09.html

### BIHAR Seven Rivers Breach Danger Mark: Bihar Flood Emergency

- **7 rivers above danger mark**: **Ganga, Gandak, Kosi, Budhi Gandak, Punpun, Bagmati, Ghaghara**
- **14 districts, 35.89 lakh people** and **491 gram panchayats** affected; **Samastipur** alone **2.33 lakh**
- **5 deaths** in Patna (**Danapur, Maner**); **₹4 lakh** ex-gratia per family
- Relief: **456 community kitchens** (**10 lakh+ meals/day**), **14 camps**, **1,876 boats**
- **10 NDRF + 27 SDRF** teams deployed; **Munger's Ganga** ran **70 cm** above danger

**Concept:** Bihar is India's most flood-prone state (~73% area flood-prone). Kosi = 'Sorrow of Bihar'; most rivers originate in the Nepal Himalayas and carry heavy silt.

### POLITY Cabinet Extends Student Credit Card Scheme to 2030-31

- **Student Credit Card Scheme extended to 2030-31**; education loans up to **₹4 lakh**
- Routed via **Bihar State Education Finance Corporation**
- **Mukhyamantri Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana** extended to **2030-31**
- **₹40 cr** for Bihar & Patna Museum upkeep; **₹39.80 cr** for Nehru Path widening

**Concept:** Part of Bihar's 'Saat Nishchay' agenda; a state-run education-finance and credit-guarantee model for higher studies.

### ECONOMY Fourth Agriculture Roadmap Cleared — ₹23,698 Crore

- **₹23,698 cr Fourth Agriculture Roadmap** approved
- **₹9,748 cr under PMKSY** for irrigation infrastructure
- **₹198 cr** to **Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour**
- **Bihar Sports Policy 2026** — '**Win a Medal, Get a Job**'
- **22,000 Anganwadi** worker/helper vacancies cleared

**Concept:** Bihar has run successive Agriculture Roadmaps since 2008. PMKSY = 'Har Khet Ko Paani'; a core GS-II Bihar-economy theme.

### BIHAR Makhana Development Scheme: ₹476 Crore, 9 Districts

- **₹476.03 cr over 2025-26 to 2030-31** (≈ **₹79 cr/year**)
- **9 districts**: Madhubani, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnea, Supaul, Kishanganj, Araria
- **National Makhana Board** constituted **14 Sep 2025**, headquartered in **Bihar**
- Bihar ≈ **85% of India's makhana**; India ≈ **90% of world** output
- **Mithila Makhana** carries a **GI tag (2022)**

**Concept:** GI (Geographical Indication) tags protect origin-linked products; makhana is an aquatic cash crop aligned with 'One District One Product'.

### BIHAR Patna Metro Gets ₹628 Crore Central Capital Aid

- **₹628.32 cr** from the Centre's **Special Assistance for Capital Investment**, FY **2026-27**
- Funding split: **Centre 20% / State 20% / external loan 60%**
- Implemented via **Patna Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (PMRCL)**
- **O&M by DMRC**; **₹2,179.37 cr** estimated for ~2 years 8 months

**Concept:** States receive 50-year interest-free capex loans from the Centre; urban metros use a mixed grant-plus-external-loan model.

### DEFENCE DAC Clears ₹1.10 Lakh Crore Defence Acquisitions

- **₹1.10 lakh crore** capital acquisitions cleared
- Chaired by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**
- Covers **CBRN vehicles, helicopters, radars, marine gas-turbine engines**
- Strengthens combat power of **Army, Navy and Air Force**
- Reinforces **Atmanirbharta** (self-reliance) in defence

**Concept:** DAC is the apex defence-procurement body under the Ministry of Defence; 'Acceptance of Necessity' is the first approval stage.

### SCI-TECH India Joins Global 'Call to Action for 6G'

- India plus **USA and 24 nations** back the '**Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security**'
- India's **Bharat 6G Mission** targets a **global 6G hub by 2030**
- Focus on **secure, trusted telecom supply chains** and standards

**Concept:** 6G is the next generation after 5G; leadership rests on spectrum, IPR and digital sovereignty.

### SOCIETY India's UNESCO Tentative Tally Reaches 73 Sites

- **4 sites added to the tentative list**
- Includes **Rangpur-Sivasagar (Assam)**, **Colonial Penal Settlement (Andaman)**, **Painted Haveli Towns (Rajasthan)**
- India's tentative tally now **73 sites**
- Break-up: **53 Cultural, 17 Natural, 3 Mixed**

**Concept:** UNESCO World Heritage Convention, 1972; the tentative list precedes inscription. Bihar's heritage: Nalanda, Mahabodhi (Bodh Gaya).

### ECONOMY Coastal LAB Becomes First in RBI's Second Schedule

- **Coastal Local Area Bank (Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh)** entered the **RBI Second Schedule**
- Under the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**
- **First LAB** ever to become a scheduled bank
- Gains access to **RBI liquidity and refinance** facilities

**Concept:** Local Area Banks (1996 guidelines) are small, region-focused banks; the RBI Act's Second Schedule lists scheduled banks.

### ECONOMY IFC Commits USD 1 Billion for Indian MSMEs

- **USD 1 billion** mobilised by the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**
- **USD 500 mn to SIDBI** plus **USD 500 mn** via syndication
- Up to **7-year loans** to MSMEs
- Targets manufacturing, auto-components, electronics, textiles, food processing

**Concept:** IFC is the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group; SIDBI is India's apex MSME financier.

### SOCIETY Satwik-Chirag Win Maiden China Masters Title

- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty** won the **19th China Masters (Shenzhen)** men's doubles
- **First Indians** to win the men's doubles title there
- Final score: **11-21, 21-13, 21-17**
- Their **10th BWF World Tour** title

**Concept:** The BWF World Tour ranks graded tournaments (Super 1000/750/500/300); a staple of prelims sports GK.

## Thursday, 10 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-10.html

### BIHAR Ganga breaches all-time record at Patna; 10.26 lakh hit across 11 districts

- **Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna: 50.53 m — 1 cm above the previous HFL of 50.52 m (Aug 2016)**.
- **10.26 lakh people** affected across **11 districts** (Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Buxar, Samastipur, Munger, Katihar, Araria).
- **858 boats**, **27 SDRF teams** and **7 NDRF teams** deployed; **38 community kitchens** running.
- Rivers above danger mark: **Gandak, Kosi (at Baltara), Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Ghaghara**.
- **12,300 polythene sheets** and **2,250 dry-ration packets** distributed; embankment patrolling ordered.

**Concept:** HFL = Highest Flood Level ever recorded at a gauge; NDRF is under NDMA (DM Act, 2005), SDRF under the state.

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet backs AI-monitored roads, 400 e-buses and a State AI Mission

- **Rs 15,967.03 crore** sanctioned to maintain **19,305 km of roads** over **7 years** using **AI/ML-based monitoring**.
- **400 electric AC buses** approved for 12-year operation from **FY 2026-27**: **150 for Patna**, 50 each for Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Darbhanga and Purnia.
- **State AI Mission** approved with training and collaboration with **IITs and C-DAC**.
- **$500 million World Bank** loan cleared under the **Urban Transformation Programme**.
- River-erosion protection funds for **Shahpur, Sonpur and Vaishali**.

**Concept:** C-DAC = Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, under MeitY; a key public-sector R&D body for HPC and AI.

### SOCIETY Bihar widens free JEE-NEET coaching to 700 model schools; honours 168 toppers

- Free **JEE and NEET coaching** extended to **700 Saraswati Vidya Niketan / model schools**.
- **168 top performers** of the **2026 Intermediate and Matriculation** exams honoured.
- Rewards include **cash awards, laptops and scholarships**.
- Aims to cut dependence on costly private coaching and stem out-migration of students.

**Concept:** 'Free coaching' schemes target equity of opportunity, aligning with Article 46 (educational upliftment of weaker sections).

### BIHAR Bihar seeks Rs 2,130 crore for Gaya-Bodhgaya and Nalanda-Rajgir heritage circuit

- **Rs 2,130 crore** plan: **Rs 1,080 cr for Gaya-Bodhgaya** and **Rs 1,050 cr for Nalanda-Rajgir**.
- **Rs 12.16 crore** for **Simriya Ghat (Begusarai)** under the **PRASHAD scheme**.
- Bodhgaya to get a **Heritage Haat** and an **international food court**.
- Targets 'national and international tourism destinations' and tourism-led local economy.

**Concept:** PRASHAD = Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (Ministry of Tourism).

### ECONOMY GI-tagged Mithila Makhana reaches Australia by sea for the first time

- **Mithila Makhana** (fox nut) received its **GI tag in 2022**.
- First-ever **sea shipment to Australia**, cutting freight cost versus air export.
- A dedicated **National Makhana Board** anchors production, processing and branding.
- Bihar accounts for the bulk of India's makhana output, concentrated in the **Mithila region**.

**Concept:** A GI (Geographical Indication) tag links a product to its origin under the GI of Goods Act, 1999.

### ECONOMY Union Cabinet clears 5 railway multi-tracking projects worth Rs 10,021 crore

- **Five multi-tracking projects** approved worth about **Rs 10,021 crore**.
- Spread across **five states** to decongest key rail corridors.
- Aim: higher **capacity, faster freight** and better logistics efficiency.
- Aligned with **PM Gati Shakti** and the National Logistics Policy goals.

> **Concept:** Multi-tracking (doubling/tripling) adds parallel lines to ease congestion and cut transit time.

### DEFENCE India-Japan air exercise Veer Guardian-2026 begins at Jodhpur

- **Veer Guardian-2026** held at **Jodhpur, Rajasthan** from **9-22 September 2026**.
- **Second edition**, following the first in **Japan (2023)**.
- IAF assets: **LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI and Rafale**.
- JASDF participation: **3 F-2A aircraft and 110 personnel**.

> **Concept:** JASDF = Japan Air Self-Defense Force; such exercises build 'interoperability' between partner air forces.

### SCI-TECH GalaxEye becomes first Indian startup to win a US patent for OptoSAR imaging

- **GalaxEye** (Bengaluru, founded **2021**) won a **US patent** for **OptoSAR**.
- **OptoSAR** fuses **optical + Synthetic Aperture Radar** imaging in one system.
- Works in **all-weather, day-night** conditions, unlike optical-only sensors.
- Uses span **national security, agriculture, infrastructure, maritime and disaster management**.

> **Concept:** SAR = Synthetic Aperture Radar; it images through clouds and darkness by using microwave signals.

### IR India objects to UN map's depiction of Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin

- India protested the **UN map's depiction** of **Arunachal Pradesh** and **Aksai Chin**.
- New Delhi reiterated **Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India**.
- **Aksai Chin** remains under Chinese control but is claimed by India.
- The boundary in the east follows the **McMahon Line**; the de-facto line is the **LAC**.

> **Concept:** LAC = Line of Actual Control, the de-facto India-China boundary; not a mutually delimited border.

### ECONOMY Crude oil tops $100 a barrel on West Asia tensions, pressuring India

- Crude oil crossed **$100 per barrel** on **Middle East / West Asia tensions**.
- India imports over **85% of its crude**, so higher prices widen the **import bill**.
- Costlier oil can push **retail inflation** and pressure the **rupee** and **CAD**.
- Comes as India's **July 2026 CPI hit 4.45%**, a 19-month high, with food inflation at **5.52%**.

> **Concept:** CAD = Current Account Deficit; a rising oil bill worsens it by increasing the value of imports.

## Friday, 11 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-11.html

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet extends Student Credit Card & urban schemes to 2030-31

- **Student Credit Card Scheme** extended to **2030-31**; loans up to **₹4 lakh** via the State Education Finance Corporation.
- **Mukhyamantri Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana** (urban) also extended to **2030-31**.
- New **Bihar State Goat Rearing Cooperative Federation** set up with **₹14.795 crore**.
- **₹40 crore** for **Bihar & Patna Museum** upkeep; **₹39.80 crore** for Nehru Path widening.

**Concept:** **Student Credit Card** (since 2016) is part of Bihar's **Saat Nishchay** vision. Prelims: link each scheme to its launch year.

### BIHAR 336-km Buxar–Bhagalpur expressway & 11,000-borewell irrigation push cleared

- **Buxar–Bhagalpur Expressway**: **336 km**, access-controlled, on **PPP (DBFOT)** via the **BSRDCL**.
- Alignment crosses **Arwal, Jehanabad, Nalanda, Jamui** and other districts.
- **Mukhyamantri Niji Nalkoop Yojana**: **11,000** private borewells at **₹305.6 crore** (FY 2026-27).
- Targets irrigation of **~2.3 lakh hectares**, over **35,000** earlier-surveyed borewells.

**Concept:** **Greenfield expressway** = new alignment; **DBFOT** = Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer PPP. Bihar farming is largely **flood-plain, monsoon-dependent**.

### POLITY Samrat Choudhary govt drives law-and-order & judicial reforms

- CM holds **Home** & **General Administration**; focus on crime crackdowns and anti-liquor drives.
- **100 fast-track courts** planned for speedy disposal of pending cases.
- Women's safety via **Pink Policing** & **Police Didi**; urban **satellite townships** proposed.
- Education reforms include **private school fee regulation**.

**Concept:** The **CM** heads the **State Council of Ministers** (Arts **163-164**); the **Governor** appoints the CM.

### ENVIRONMENT Ganga in spate: floods spotlight Bihar's river-management challenge

- By official assessments, ~**76%** of **north Bihar**'s population lives under recurring flood threat.
- Key rivers: **Kosi** ('Sorrow of Bihar'), **Gandak, Bagmati, Ganga** — many **Himalayan, Nepal-fed**.
- Management mix: **embankments, barrages, desilting, flood forecasting**, relief.
- Rising **Ganga** caused waterlogging and road submergence in riverine belts.

**Concept:** The **Kosi** shifts course due to heavy **silt load**; embankments raise the riverbed. **Structural vs non-structural** measures form the framework.

### POLITY Delhi court frames charges against Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi in IRCTC case

- Court **framed charges** against **Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi & Tejashwi Yadav**.
- **Seven** other accused were **discharged** in the case.
- Relates to alleged irregularities in **IRCTC hotel** contracts during **2004-09**.
- Probed under the **PMLA, 2002** by the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)**.

**Concept:** **PMLA, 2002** lets the **ED** attach 'proceeds of crime'; framing precedes trial. **IRCTC** is a Railways PSU.

### POLITY Home Ministry proposes Article 371(K) special provisions for Ladakh

- Proposed **Article 371(K)** would create a **directly elected** body for the **UT of Ladakh**.
- Seeks safeguards over **land, culture, language, forests and environment**.
- Mirrors special provisions like **371A (Nagaland)** and **371G (Mizoram)**.
- Follows demands for **statehood / Sixth Schedule** protection in Ladakh.

**Concept:** **Art. 371 (371A-J)** confer **special provisions** for regions; the **Sixth Schedule** protects tribal areas. Amendment needs **Art. 368**.

### ENVIRONMENT India reports 21.76 million ha restored at UNCCD COP17

- India has restored **21.76 million hectares**, toward its **26 million ha by 2030** target.
- Theme: **'Restoring Land, Restoring Hope'**; **~40%** of world's land is degraded.
- Summit secured **$1.3 billion** new finance; binding **drought treaty** deferred to **COP18**.
- India cited **Mission Amrit Sarovar**, **PMKSY watershed** and Rajasthan's **Orans**.

**Concept:** **UNCCD** is a **Rio Convention** (with **UNFCCC** & **CBD**), 1994. **Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)** aligns with **SDG 15.3**.

### SCI-TECH ISRO hot-tests indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine at 220 kN

- The **CE20** cryogenic engine was hot-tested at the **220 kN** thrust level.
- **CE20** powers the **cryogenic upper stage (C25)** of the **LVM3**.
- Uses the high-efficiency **LOX–LH2 (liquid oxygen–hydrogen)** propellant.
- The test validates engine performance for **operational flights**.

**Concept:** **Cryogenic engines** burn super-cooled **LOX+LH2** for high specific impulse — mastered by few nations. **LVM3** is ISRO's heaviest rocket.

### DEFENCE India–Japan air exercise 'Veer Guardian-2026' begins at Jodhpur

- **Veer Guardian-2026**: **India–Japan air exercise** at **AFS Jodhpur** (from **9 Sept**).
- **IAF** fields **LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI, Rafale**; **JASDF** deploys **F-2A** fighters.
- First-time deployment of Japanese fighters at an Indian air base.
- Focus: **tactical interoperability** and joint aerial operations.

**Concept:** India–Japan share a **Special Strategic & Global Partnership** and are **Quad** members. Air drills complement **Malabar** & **JIMEX**.

### SCI-TECH Deep Ocean Mission advances with ORV 'Sagar Manthan'

- **ORV Sagar Manthan**: **₹840 crore**, **30-year** life, built by **GRSE, Kolkata**.
- Part of **Deep Ocean Mission – Vertical 4** (ocean survey & exploration).
- Carries **ROV/AUV** systems, **multibeam bathymetry** and seismic gear.
- Supports **deep-sea mineral** exploration and **tsunami/climate** forecasting.

**Concept:** **Deep Ocean Mission** (2021) targets the **Blue Economy**; **Samudrayaan** aims for **6,000 m** depth via **Matsya-6000**.

## Saturday, 12 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-12.html

### BIHAR Ganga at record high: 47 lakh hit across Bihar

- **47.33 lakh** people affected across **15 districts** (Sep 12).
- **Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna** crossed its **2016 record**; at **Sultanganj** it ran **2.12 m** above danger.
- **Seven rivers** above danger: Ganga, Gandak, Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Bagmati, Ghaghra.
- **1,876 boats**, **10 NDRF + 27 SDRF** teams, **1,221 kitchens**; **4 embankment breaches** in Bhagalpur.
- September rain **27% above normal** (**104.1 mm**).

**Concept:** **Kosi** = 'Sorrow of Bihar'; flood cushioning via embankments & barrages (Kosi, Farakka); **Disaster Management Act, 2005**.

### BIHAR Bihar plans 126-km Ganga Marine Drive & big investment push

- **126-km Marine Drive** along the Ganga & Sone (**Dighwara–Sherpur**).
- ~**₹6 lakh crore** investment plan via an expanded **township policy**.
- **14,000 acres** acquired; **6.5 lakh acres** planned for townships.
- Parallel bridges to **JP Setu** & **Mahatma Gandhi Setu**; focus on **pharma, IT & MSMEs**.

**Concept:** Township policy, ease-of-doing-business, MSME clusters; the **Ganga as an economic corridor**.

### BIHAR Patna Metro gets ₹628.32 crore central boost

- **₹628.32 crore** from central **SASCI** funds.
- Funds accelerate **Corridor-1 & Corridor-2**.
- Metro also planned for **Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Darbhanga & Bhagalpur**.

**Concept:** **SASCI** = Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (**50-year interest-free** loans).

### BIHAR National Makhana Board powers Bihar's superfood economy

- **National Makhana Board** (HQ **Purnia**) drives value-addition & exports.
- **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag** (**2022**).
- **Makhana Vikas Yojana 2026-27** with a **₹476 crore** push.
- Bihar contributes ~**90%** of India's makhana output.

**Concept:** **GI tag** = Geographical Indication (**GI Act, 1999**); agro-processing & **FPOs**.

### IR 18th BRICS Summit opens in New Delhi

- Held in **New Delhi, 12–13 September 2026**; India's **4th chairship**.
- Theme: **'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability'**.
- **11 full members** + **10 partner** countries.
- The STI track adopted the **Chennai Declaration** (BRICS GRAIN, AI, quantum).

> **Concept: BRICS**: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Indonesia; **NDB** HQ Shanghai.

### POLITY SC upholds RBI power over co-operative bank boards

- RBI may supersede boards **beyond six months** (within statutory limits).
- Flows from the **Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020**.
- Aims to curb governance failures in **co-operative banks**.

> **Concept:** RBI's **dual control** over co-op banks; **Art. 141** (SC law binding); **DICGC** deposit insurance up to **₹5 lakh**.

### POLITY DILRMP 3.0 launched for digital land records

- **DILRMP 3.0 (2026–2031)**, central-sector, outlay ~**₹565.5 crore**.
- **Bhu-Aadhaar**: a **14-digit ULPIN** for every land parcel.
- **Registration Seva Kendras**, Revenue Court CMS & **NAKSHA** urban mapping.
- **100% central funding** with performance-linked release.

> **Concept: ULPIN** = Unique Land Parcel Identification Number; conclusive vs presumptive **titling**.

### SCI-TECH ISRO tests uprated CE20 cryogenic engine

- **CE20** tested at **220 kN** thrust.
- Uses **liquid oxygen + liquid hydrogen** (cryogenic).
- Powers the **LVM3** upper stage; key for **Gaganyaan**.

> **Concept: Cryogenic stage**; specific impulse; **LVM3 = GSLV Mk-III** heavy-lift vehicle.

### DEFENCE India–US 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' exercise underway

- **22nd edition**; began **9 September 2026**.
- Held at **Bikaner (Rajasthan)** & **Auli (Uttarakhand)**.
- Focus on **high-altitude & counter-terror** drills under a UN mandate.

> **Concept:** Key India–US drills: **Yudh Abhyas** (army), **Malabar** (navy, +Japan/Australia), **Cope India** (air).

## Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-15.html

### BIHAR Ganga-Kosi-Gandak in spate: 49 lakh hit across 15 Bihar districts

- About **49 lakh (4.9 million)** people affected across **15 districts** including Patna, Bhagalpur, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar & Araria.
- **Ganga at Sultanganj** flowing at **36.21 m**, i.e. **1.71 m above** the danger level.
- September rainfall **111.7 mm**, about **13% above normal**.
- Relief: **1,260 community kitchens**, **13 relief camps**, **10 NDRF + 27 SDRF** teams deployed.

**Concept:** **Kosi** = 'Sorrow of Bihar', rises in Nepal/Tibet; **danger level** is the gauge stage at which flooding of the surrounding area begins; **NDRF** raised under the **DM Act, 2005**.

### BIHAR Cabinet clears Rs 23,698-cr 4th Agriculture Road-map & Sports Policy 2026

- **4th Agriculture Road-map** outlay: **₹23,698 crore**.
- **₹9,748 crore** for irrigation under **PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**.
- **₹198 crore** to **Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour**; **22,000 Anganwadi** posts to be filled.
- **Sports Policy 2026** offers **'Win a Medal, Get a Job'** to state and national medallists.

**Concept:** Agriculture Road-map = Bihar's flagship multi-year farm-planning framework since **2008**; **makhana** got a dedicated **Makhana Board**; PMKSY targets **'Har Khet Ko Pani'**.

### BIHAR Patna Metro gets Rs 628.32-crore push; Malahi Pakri extension opens

- Funding boost: **₹628.32 crore** for the **Priority + full corridors**.
- Patna Metro runs on **two lines** (Blue & Red), first stretch operational since **2025**.
- New **Malahi Pakri** station extension commissioned in **2026**.
- Aims to cut congestion in **Patna**, Bihar's largest urban agglomeration.

**Concept:** Metro rail is funded on a **50:50 SPV** model between the Centre and the State; Patna Metro is executed via a dedicated **PMRC** company.

### POLITY Samrat Choudhary at helm as State reviews 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan'

- **Samrat Choudhary (BJP)** is Bihar CM since **April 2026**.
- **Seva Sankalp Abhiyan** = time-bound delivery of welfare & certificate services at the doorstep.
- Focus on **saturation** of Centre-State schemes down to the block level.
- Complements the **Bihar Lok Shikayat Nivaran Adhikar Act, 2015** (RTPS).

**Concept:** The **CM** heads the State Council of Ministers (**Art. 163-164**); the **Governor** is the constitutional head; RTPS guarantees **time-bound public services**.

### ECONOMY SEBI extends T+0 same-day settlement to the top 500 stocks

- **T+0** = trade and settlement of funds/securities on the **same day**.
- Now available on the **top 500** stocks by market-cap (from **25** earlier).
- India already shifted equities to **T+1** in **2023**, a global first at scale.
- **SEBI** is a statutory body under the **SEBI Act, 1992**; HQ **Mumbai**.

**Concept:** Settlement cycle = time between trade and final transfer; shorter cycles cut **counter-party risk** and free up capital faster.

### ECONOMY August GST mop-up at Rs 2.32 lakh crore, second-highest ever

- **₹2.32 lakh crore** = **2nd-highest** monthly GST collection on record.
- GST is a **destination-based** consumption tax, live since **1 July 2017**.
- Governed by the **GST Council** (**Art. 279A**), chaired by the Union FM.
- Buoyant GST strengthens **transfers to States** like Bihar via devolution.

**Concept:** GST subsumed most indirect taxes into **CGST + SGST + IGST**; the **101st Constitutional Amendment** enabled it.

### IR India takes over presidency of the International Solar Alliance

- **ISA** now has about **124 member countries**; HQ at **Gurugram, Haryana**.
- Co-founded by **India and France** at **CoP-21 (Paris, 2015)**.
- Motto: **'One Sun, One World, One Grid' (OSOWOG)**.
- Targets mobilising **USD 1 trillion** in solar investment by **2030**.

**Concept:** ISA is a **treaty-based** intergovernmental body; India's push aligns with its **Panchamrit** climate pledges and **net-zero by 2070**.

### SCI-TECH ISRO orbits GSAT-N3 communication satellite aboard LVM3

- **GSAT-N3** is a **high-throughput** communication satellite for broadband & broadcasting.
- Launched on **LVM3 (formerly GSLV Mk-III)**, ISRO's heaviest operational rocket.
- Strengthens **rural connectivity, tele-medicine and disaster communication**.
- Built by **NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL)**, ISRO's commercial arm.

**Concept:** **GSAT** = geostationary communication series (**35,786 km** orbit); LVM3 also carried **Chandrayaan-3**.

### REPORT ADB lifts India's FY27 growth forecast to 7.4%

- **India FY27 GDP** growth projected at **7.4%** (revised upward).
- India remains the **fastest-growing major economy**.
- **ADB** HQ **Manila**; India is a **founding member (1966)**.
- Robust growth supports jobs and capex in lagging States.

**Concept:** **GDP** = market value of all final goods/services in a year; multilateral forecasts guide **investor sentiment** and policy.

## Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-16.html

### BIHAR Gaya Vishnupad Corridor Cleared at ₹3,516 cr

- Corridor cost: **₹3,516.05 crore**, the biggest item in the package.
- Vishnupad Temple stands on the banks of the **Falgu (Phalgu) river** at **Gaya**.
- Works: **riverfront & ghats, parking, pathways and pilgrim facilities**.
- Aims to boost the **Gaya–Bodh Gaya pilgrimage-tourism circuit**.

**Concept:** **Vishnupad** marks Lord Vishnu's footprint; Gaya is famed for **Pind-daan** rites. The 'corridor' model decongests and integrates pilgrim infrastructure.

### ECONOMY ₹89.79 cr Makhana Development Scheme Approved

- Makhana scheme outlay: **₹89.79 crore** for 2026-27.
- Bihar grows nearly **90% of India's makhana (fox-nut)**, mainly the **Mithila/Kosi** belt.
- **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag (2022)**.
- A **National Makhana Board** is being set up in Bihar for processing & exports.
- Horticulture Mission: **₹78.34 crore**; oil-palm push under the National Mission on Edible Oils.

**Concept:** A **GI tag** is an origin-linked IPR; **makhana** is a high-protein aquatic crop grown in ponds and wetlands.

### ENVIRONMENT Bihar Floods 2026: Ganga Touches All-Time High

- **~40 lakh+ people** affected across North & Central Bihar.
- The **Kosi** is the '**Sorrow of Bihar**'; it rises in the Tibet/Nepal Himalaya.
- Cabinet cleared a **₹1,000 crore intake well on the Sone river** for water security.
- Response: **embankments, barrages and NDRF/SDRF** relief deployment.

**Concept:** Bihar is India's **most flood-prone state (~73% of area)**; the Kosi shifts course and carries heavy silt.

### SOCIETY Patna Metro Blue Line Nears Full Launch

- Corridor: **Patna Junction–New ISBT**, about **14 km** north-south.
- A **7.9 km underground** stretch (Patna Jn–Rajendra Nagar) is being finished.
- Built by **PMRCL** with technical support from **DMRC**.
- Final elevated stations: **Khemnichak and Malahi Pakri**.

**Concept:** A **metro** is mass rapid transit that cuts emissions and congestion in growing capital cities.

### HEALTH Bihar to Add 366 Assistant Professors in Medical Colleges

- **366 Assistant Professors** on contract across **5 medical colleges**.
- Contractual posts also cleared for **dental colleges**.
- Aims to sustain **MBBS/PG teaching** and clinical services.
- Complements Bihar's push to raise **MBBS seats** and district hospitals.

**Concept:** Faculty-student ratio norms are set by the **National Medical Commission (NMC)**.

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet Clears 17 Proposals in One Sitting

- **17 proposals** cleared in one sitting.
- **₹1,000 cr** Sone-river intake well; **₹3,516 cr** Vishnupad Corridor.
- **₹89.79 cr** Makhana + **₹78.34 cr** horticulture (2026-27/27-28).
- Brick-kiln dues relief of **₹266 cr**; new posts in the Animal Sciences University.

**Concept:** The **Cabinet** is the Council of Ministers headed by the CM — collective executive decision-making (Art. 163-164).

### IR India Hosts the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi

- **18th Summit**; venue **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.
- BRICS = **~50% of world population, ~40% of GDP, >25% of trade**.
- Focus: **local-currency trade**, payment systems, cross-border investment.
- India–Russia talks covered **trade, defence, energy and critical minerals**.

> **Concept: BRICS** = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (plus newer members); the **NDB** is headquartered at Shanghai.

### ECONOMY Wholesale Inflation (WPI) Climbs to 9.92% in August

- **WPI: 9.92%** (Aug) vs **9.78%** (Jul).
- **CPI (retail): 4.82%**; food inflation **5.95%**.
- WPI base year **2011-12**; released by the **Office of Economic Adviser (DPIIT)**.
- CPI compiled by **NSO/MoSPI**; RBI targets **CPI at 4% (±2%)**.

> **Concept: WPI** tracks wholesale/producer prices (no services); **CPI** tracks retail prices including services.

### POLITY SC: RBI Can Supersede Co-op Bank Boards Beyond 6 Months

- The **third proviso to Art. 243ZL(1)** is read as an independent substantive provision.
- Anchored in the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Sec. 36AAA)** and the **97th Amendment (2011)**.
- A **five-year** statutory limit is the outer safeguard for board elections.
- The consultation proviso applies only to **state-registered** co-op banks.

> **Concept: Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT)**, added by the **97th Amendment**, governs co-operative societies.

### DEFENCE India to Add Two New Missile-Testing Ranges

- **Nagayalanka (AP)** range: about **₹1,460 crore**; radars, telemetry, EO tracking.
- **Junput (WB)** coastal range: an extension of the **Chandipur** test range.
- Supports **ballistic & cruise missiles, air-defence and BMD Phase-II**.
- Projects overseen by the **DRDO**.

> **Concept: BMD** = Ballistic Missile Defence; **Chandipur (Odisha)** hosts India's main Integrated Test Range.

### REPORT India Climbs to 94th in the UN SDG Index 2026

- Rank **94/167**; score **68.3/100** (best ever).
- Up **18 places** since 2015 (from 112th).
- Published by the **UN SDSN**; **Finland** ranked **1st**.
- Weak spots: **SDG-2 (Zero Hunger)**; only about **33%** of targets on track for 2030.

> **Concept:** The **17 SDGs (2015-2030)** were adopted by the UN; India's **NITI Aayog** runs the national SDG Index.

## Thursday, 17 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-17.html

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet clears 17 proposals; ₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor approved

- **₹2,520 crore** for the **Vishnupad Temple Corridor**, Gaya — ghats, elevated pathways, multilevel parking & dormitories.
- **366 Assistant Professor** posts (contract) across **5 govt medical colleges**: Bettiah, Purnia, Madhepura, Chhapra, Samastipur.
- One-time **brick-kiln dues settlement** for FY 2024-25 (interest waived, 3-month window).
- **Bihar Water Resource Restoration & Silt Management Policy 2026** cleared.

**Concept:** Cabinet = Council of Ministers under **Art. 163-164**; it aids & advises the **Governor**, who acts on that advice.

### SOCIETY 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launches today; 26 schemes delivered on-the-spot

- Runs **17 Sep – 17 Oct 2026**, with activities extended up to **March 2027**.
- **26 central schemes** delivered **on-the-spot** at block/panchayat 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' camps.
- **13 themes** across **9 departments** (education, health, rural development, PHED, panchayati raj, urban housing, SC/ST & backward-class welfare).
- Opens with an '**Aashirwad ka Diya**' lamp-lighting on the evening of 17 Sep.

**Concept:** Reflects '**saturation**' **governance** & **JAM**-enabled Direct Benefit Transfer for leak-proof welfare.

### ECONOMY ₹89.8 cr makhana push; ₹78.3 cr Horticulture Mission for crop diversification

- **₹89.80 crore** Makhana Development Scheme (FY 2026-27): seeds, processing, branding & market linkage.
- Bihar grows **~85-90% of India's makhana**; '**Mithila Makhana**' holds a **GI tag (2022)**.
- **₹78.34 crore** Horticulture Development Mission for diversification into fruits, vegetables & spices.
- **Son-Falgu river-linking (₹996 cr)** & a **₹1,000 cr** flood/irrigation fund also cleared.

**Concept:** A **GI tag** is intellectual property under the **GI of Goods Act, 1999**, protecting origin-linked products.

### ENVIRONMENT ₹579 cr flood relief to 8.27 lakh families as Ganga, Kosi & Gandak swell

- **₹579 crore** transferred to **8.27 lakh families**, **₹7,000 each** via DBT.
- Rivers in spate: **Ganga, Kosi & Gandak** (with the Bagmati & Kamla-Balan basins).
- The CM ordered left-out names added within a week; a central team is assessing damage.
- The **Kosi** — the '**Sorrow of Bihar**' — carries heavy Himalayan silt into the plains.

**Concept:** **~73% of Bihar** is flood-prone; embankments, early-warning systems & DBT relief form the disaster-management toolkit.

### BIHAR Bihar signs Modified UDAN MoU; heliports planned for aspirational districts

- Part of the **Cabinet's 17 approvals** on **15 Sep 2026**.
- **UDAN** = Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik regional-connectivity scheme (launched **2016**).
- New **para-veterinary posts** created at **Bihar Animal Sciences University**.
- Aims to link smaller cities and boost tourism & medical access.

> **Concept: UDAN/RCS** caps airfares on select routes through **Viability Gap Funding** to airlines.

### REPORT Economic Survey: Bihar's economy grows 14.9%, ahead of the national average

- GSDP grew **14.9%** (current prices) versus India's **12.0%**.
- GSDP (2024-25) at **₹9.92 lakh crore**; per-capita income **₹76,490**.
- Sector shares: **Services 54.8%**, **Industry 26.8%**, **Agriculture 18.3%**.
- Per-capita NSDP is still only **~31.7%** of the all-India average.

> **Concept: GSDP** is the money value of goods/services produced in a state in a year; **per-capita NSDP** gauges living standards.

### POLITY Supreme Court tells RBI to ensure lawful repossession of financed vehicles

- The Court barred **forcible / musclemen repossession**; recovery must follow law and fair procedure.
- An NBFC (**Cholamandalam**) was **penalised** for a coercive seizure.
- The RBI must ensure lenders follow its **Fair Practices Code**.
- The ruling upholds borrower dignity under **Article 21**.

> **Concept:** The **RBI** is the banking regulator under the **RBI Act, 1934**; NBFCs are also regulated by it.

### ECONOMY Retail inflation rises to 4.82% in August 2026; food prices firm up

- Food inflation (**CFPI**) at **5.95%**; rural **5.23%**, urban **4.31%**.
- Still within the RBI's **4% (±2%)** target band.
- New CPI base year is **2024=100**.
- The RBI's **MPC** targets **4%** medium-term inflation.

> **Concept: CPI** tracks retail prices; the **RBI-MPC** sets the repo rate to anchor inflation.

### IR India protests Pakistan Navy vessel's collision with warship in Arabian Sea

- India cited **unsafe, unprofessional high-speed manoeuvring**.
- The **MEA summoned** Pakistan's Chargé d'Affaires on 16 Sep.
- India invoked the **1991 India-Pakistan military-exercises agreement** & **COLREGs**.
- The Indian Navy keeps 3-4 ships escorting merchant vessels in the region.

> **Concept: COLREGs** are international collision-prevention rules; the **MEA** handles diplomatic protests.

### REPORT India ranks 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026

- Top three: **Iceland, Finland, Norway**.
- The index measures four pillars: **economy, education, health & political empowerment**.
- It is published by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**.
- Global gaps persist most in **economic participation**.

**Concept:** The **Gender Gap Index** benchmarks gender-based gaps, not a country's absolute development level.

### IR 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi adopts the 'New Delhi Declaration'

- Launched **BRICS-AGRIN**, a farmer-centric agriculture framework.
- New: an **Integrated Early-Warning System** for infectious diseases, plus logistics & MSME initiatives.
- **NIMHANS Bengaluru** named the mental-health training coordinating centre.
- Theme: **'Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability'**.

**Concept:** **BRICS** = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (plus new members); a consensus-based bloc.

## Friday, 18 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-18.html

### BIHAR Bihar Floods 2026: Ganga at Patna crosses 2016 record

- About **47.33 lakh people** affected across **15 districts**.
- Rivers above danger mark: **Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Ghaghra**.
- **10 NDRF** and **27 SDRF** teams deployed; **1,876 boats** in service.
- **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 relief camps** (12,260 people), **3.13 lakh** polythene sheets.
- September rainfall about **27% above normal** (104.1 mm).

**Concept:** North Bihar's **Kosi** ('Sorrow of Bihar'), Gandak and Bagmati originate in Nepal; flat gradient + heavy silt cause recurrent floods.

### ECONOMY Bihar opens 2026-27 paddy procurement at raised MSP

- Paddy (common) MSP raised **₹72** to **₹2,441/quintal**; Grade-A **₹2,461/quintal**.
- Centre cleared higher MSP for **14 Kharif crops** (2026-27), a **₹2.6 lakh crore** outgo.
- Bihar payment target: within **48 hours** of purchase, into farmers' accounts.
- Procurement via **PACS** and vyapar mandals; registration of raiyat/non-raiyat farmers live.

**Concept:** **MSP** is recommended by the **CACP** and announced by the Union Cabinet before sowing to assure farmers a floor price.

### SCI-TECH Bihar rolls out a dedicated AI Policy 2026

- Focus pillars: **AI/IT hubs**, **skilling & jobs**, **e-governance** and **investment**.
- Aims to attract **data centres** and Global Capability Centres (**GCCs**).
- AI to be used in citizen-facing services and governance analytics.
- Positions Bihar within India's wider push on an **AI mission** and IT hub development.

> **Concept: Artificial Intelligence** enables machines to perform tasks needing human-like reasoning; states are framing AI policies to draw IT investment.

### SOCIETY Pitripaksh Mela 2026 to begin in Gaya on 25 September

- Pilgrims perform **pind-daan / shraddh** for ancestors during **Pitru Paksha**.
- Rites centre on the **Falgu river** and the **Vishnupad Temple**.
- Child-safety step: **QR-coded bands** linked to parents' contact details.
- One of Bihar's largest religious congregations, drawing pilgrims from across India and abroad.

> **Concept:** Gaya is a key node of the **Buddhist Circuit** (Bodh Gaya nearby) and a major Hindu pilgrimage for ancestral rites.

### BIHAR Four Bihar-linked names in 72nd National Film Awards

- **Sanjay Mishra** — Best Supporting Actor (for **Bhakshak**).
- **Kamlesh Kumar Mishra** & **Meenati Mishra** (Gopalganj) — for the film **Kakori**.
- **Sanjeev Srivastava** (Muzaffarpur) — **Best Film Critic**.
- **Kartik Aaryan** and **Mammootty** shared Best Actor (Leading Role).

> **Concept:** National Film Awards, instituted **1954**, are administered by the **NFDC/DFF**; top honour is the **Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus)**.

### IR 18th BRICS Summit concludes in New Delhi

- Theme: **Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, Sustainability**.
- India's earlier BRICS chair years: **2012, 2016, 2021**; this is the 4th.
- **NIMHANS, Bengaluru** named coordinating centre for a mental-health training hub.
- New initiatives in **space**, **health** and **agriculture** announced.

> **Concept: BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + newer members) is a plurilateral bloc of major emerging economies.

### ECONOMY Jobless rate eases to 5.0% in August 2026

- Unemployment rate: **5.0%** (August) vs **5.1%** (July).
- Labour Force Participation Rate: **55.6%**.
- Worker-Population Ratio: **52.8%**.
- Survey coverage: about **3.70 lakh** persons nationally.

> **Concept: LFPR** = labour force as % of population; **WPR** = employed as % of population; UR = unemployed as % of labour force.

### ENVIRONMENT Dryland Congress 2026 adopts 'Delhi Declaration on Drylands'

- Organised by **ICAR** and **ICRISAT**.
- Adopted the **Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D)**.
- Inaugural **ISSCA Global Awards 2026**: 170 nominations from 34 countries.
- Focus: resilient dryland farming, soil & water conservation.

> **Concept: Drylands** (arid/semi-arid, rain-fed) cover much of India's cropped area; **ICRISAT** is HQ'd at Patancheru, Hyderabad.

### DEFENCE Defence Ministry launches VIMARSH 2026 with tech transfers

- **9 Technology Transfer Licensing Agreements (TTLAs)** signed.
- Aim: strengthen **Atmanirbhar Bharat** in defence.
- Encourages private industry participation in defence R&D.
- Part of a wider push on defence indigenisation and exports.

> **Concept: Transfer of Technology (ToT)** lets domestic firms manufacture systems developed by DRDO/labs, cutting import dependence.

### SOCIETY India lift record 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup title

- India's **8th** Women's T20 Asia Cup title — a record.
- Beat **Sri Lanka** by **72 runs** in the final.
- Reinforces India's dominance in Asian women's cricket.

> **Concept:** The Women's Asia Cup is organised under the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**.

## Saturday, 19 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-19.html

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet clears ₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor in Gaya

- **Vishnupad Temple Corridor, Gaya: ₹2,520 crore**, built on the **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor** model.
- To be executed by the **Bihar State Road Development Corporation**; includes ghats, multi-level parking, elevated pathways & dormitories.
- **₹1,000 crore** withdrawal sanctioned from the **State Contingency Fund**.
- Boosts the **Gaya–Bodh Gaya faith-tourism circuit**.

> **Concept: Contingency Fund of a State – Article 267(2)**; the temple-corridor model was pioneered at **Kashi Vishwanath, Varanasi**.

### BIHAR Makhana scheme & Son–Phalgu river-linking approved

- **Makhana Development Scheme 2026-27: ₹89.79 crore** outlay.
- **Son–Phalgu river-linking: ₹996.05 crore**, with an **11-km pipeline** from the **Indrapuri Barrage** intake well.
- **National Mission on Edible Oil (Oil Palm): ₹2.10 crore** for 2026-27.
- Bihar grows the bulk of India's makhana; **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag (2022)**.

> **Concept: GI Tag – Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999**; makhana (fox-nut/**Euryale ferox**) is grown in the **Mithila region's** ponds.

### BIHAR Bihar floods: 47.33 lakh hit as Ganga breaks 2016 record

- **47.33 lakh people** affected across **15 districts** (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea, Begusarai, Buxar).
- **Ganga at Patna's Gandhi Ghat** crossed its **2016 record**; **Gandak, Kosi, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak & Punpun** above the danger mark.
- Relief: **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 camps (12,260 people)**, **1,876 boats**, 3.13 lakh polythene sheets, 48,400 dry-ration packets.
- **27 SDRF** and **10 NDRF** teams deployed.

**Concept:** The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; the **NDRF** works under the **NDMA (Disaster Management Act, 2005)**.

### BIHAR Bihar's 125-day job guarantee & new welfare push

- **'Viksit Bihar' employment guarantee: 125 days** of unskilled work a year across **38 districts**.
- Welfare schemes: **'Police Didi'** for women's safety, **digital property registration** for senior citizens, satellite townships & heli-tourism.
- **Samrat Choudhary** has been Chief Minister since **15 April 2026 (BJP)**.
- A **water-resource policy for silt management** in rivers & reservoirs was also cleared.

**Concept:** **MGNREGA, 2005** guarantees **100 days** of wage employment; states may add extra days from their own funds.

### BIHAR UDAN, brick-kiln settlement & prison-land fuel pumps cleared

- Implementation of the **modified UDAN** regional-connectivity aviation scheme in the state.
- A **one-time settlement scheme** for brick-kiln operators' outstanding dues.
- **Petrol-pump operations** permitted on prison lands at **4 locations**.
- New **mining-sector regulations** approved.

**Concept:** **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) – launched 2016** under the Regional Connectivity Scheme to make flying affordable.

### BIHAR 366 medical faculty posts cleared to fix doctor gaps

- **366 assistant-professor posts** across **5 government medical colleges** (contract basis).
- Faculty recruitment for **professor and lecturer** roles in dental colleges.
- **4 instructor and 2 clerical posts** at the **Patna Paravet School** (Veterinary Sciences).
- Aims to improve teaching capacity and healthcare delivery.

**Concept:** Medical education is regulated by the **National Medical Commission (NMC)**, which replaced the **MCI in 2020**.

### IR India hosts 18th BRICS Summit; New Delhi Declaration adopted

- Theme: **'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'**.
- **11 members**: India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE & Indonesia.
- Adopted the **New Delhi Declaration** – a **140-paragraph** consensus on global-governance & **WTO reform** and **local-currency trade (no common currency)**.
- **PM Modi** held bilaterals with **Russia's Putin** and **China's Xi Jinping**.

**Concept: BRIC coined 2001**; BRICS from **2010**; **New Development Bank** is HQ'd at **Shanghai**; India held the chair in **2026**.

### POLITY PM distributes 51,000+ jobs at the 20th Rozgar Mela

- **51,000+ appointment letters** distributed at the **20th Rozgar Mela**.
- Rural Development Ministry to train about **34,000 rural youth** under **DDU-GKY 2.0** next month.
- **President Droupadi Murmu** appointed **14 judicial officers** as judges across **5 High Courts**.
- The **Agnipath scheme** was highlighted for skilling youth alongside military service.

**Concept: DDU-GKY** – a placement-linked skilling scheme of the **Ministry of Rural Development**; HC judges appointed under **Article 217**.

### ECONOMY GST 2.0: process reforms head to Council on 7 October

- Focus: expanding **e-invoicing** (including composition dealers) and rationalising **input-tax-credit (ITC)** rules.
- Follows the rate-rationalisation phase; described as still within **GST 2.0, not 3.0**.
- GST was introduced on **1 July 2017** via the **101st Constitutional Amendment**.
- The **GST Council** is a constitutional body under **Article 279A**.

**Concept:** In the **GST Council**, the **Centre holds 1/3 and States 2/3** of votes; decisions need a **3/4th weighted majority**.

### IR India sends 9th IAF relief flight to flood-hit Nepal

- The **9th IAF relief flight** carried **11 tonnes** of medicines, tents & hygiene kits.
- Part of India's **Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR)** outreach.
- The same **Himalayan river system** feeds both Nepal's floods and Bihar's (**Kosi/Gandak**).
- Reflects the **'Neighbourhood First'** policy and **'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'**.

**Concept: HADR** is a key pillar of India's soft power; the **IAF** is the lead agency for aerial relief operations.

### SCI-TECH ISRO gears up for first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission

- **Gaganyaan** is India's **first human-spaceflight programme**.
- The uncrewed **G1 flight** will carry the humanoid robot **'Vyommitra'**.
- The crewed mission is expected around **2027**; ISRO chief is **V. Narayanan**.
- It will fly on the human-rated **LVM3** from **Sriharikota (SDSC SHAR)**.

**Concept: ISRO** was founded in **1969**; **LVM3** = Launch Vehicle Mark-3, India's heaviest operational rocket.

## Sunday, 20 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-20.html

### BIHAR Bihar floods: 47 lakh+ hit as Ganga, Kosi, Gandak breach danger mark

- **47.33 lakh** people affected across **15 districts** (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea, Buxar).
- **Ganga at Sultanganj** ran **2.12 m** above danger; **Gandhi Ghat, Patna** topped its **2016** record.
- **10 NDRF + 27 SDRF** teams, **1,876 boats**, **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 relief camps** deployed.
- Also above danger: **Kosi, Gandak, Burhi Gandak, Bagmati, Punpun, Ghaghra**.

> **Concept:** Bihar is India's **most flood-prone** state (~**73%** of area flood-liable); most rivers rise in **Nepal**, making it a trans-boundary issue.

### POLITY Bihar Cabinet clears 27 proposals; Student Credit Card extended to 2030-31

- **Student Credit Card Scheme** extended up to **2030-31** with a **~₹950 crore** outlay.
- **Kaushal Yuva Program** (skill training) also extended.
- **e-Cabinet** approved for paperless governance.
- Support cleared for **B.Ed college upgrades / multidisciplinary colleges**.

> **Concept:** The **Student Credit Card** (since **2016**, under 7 Nishchay) offers up to **₹4 lakh** education loan — a key Bihar HR tool.

### ECONOMY National Makhana Board drives ₹476 cr push in Bihar's Mithilanchal

- Outlay **₹476.03 crore** (**2025-26 to 2030-31**) for seed supply & post-harvest processing.
- Covers **9 districts**: Madhubani, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnea, Supaul, Kishanganj, Araria.
- India ~**80% of global** makhana output; **NRC Makhana** anchor at **Darbhanga**.
- Certified seed from **Univ. Sabour** & **CAU Samastipur**; **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag**.

> **Concept:** Makhana (fox-nut, *Euryale ferox*) is a wetland cash crop; a **GI tag** protects **Mithila Makhana**'s origin identity.

### POLITY Patna HC quashes arbitrary externment, awards ₹1 lakh for Article 21 breach

- Bench of **Justices Rajeev Ranjan Prasad & S.D. Mishra** (order dated **11 Sep 2026**).
- The order forced daily police attendance **40 km** away, 10 AM-5 PM — held **arbitrary**.
- **₹1,00,000** compensation + **₹10,000** costs, recoverable from the **erring DM (Banka)**.
- Held to violate **Article 21** (protection of life & personal liberty).

> **Concept:** **Article 21** guarantees life & personal liberty; courts can grant **compensation** as a public-law remedy for its breach.

### SOCIETY Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana anchors Bihar women's livelihoods drive

- First tranche of **₹10,000** each transferred to about **21 lakh women**.
- Further support up to **₹2 lakh** for viable enterprises after training.
- Aims to raise **female labour-force participation** and rural incomes.
- Delivered via the **Jeevika (SHG)** network for last-mile reach.

**Concept:** Builds on Bihar's **Jeevika** self-help-group model; complements national goals on **women-led development**.

### HEALTH Jan Aushadhi (PMBJP) widens basket to 2,110 affordable medicines

- **2,110 medicines** + **315 surgicals/devices**; **20,000+** Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- Cumulative sales **₹7,873.85 cr** (2021-22 to 2025-26); citizen savings **~₹37,200 cr**.
- New baskets: **Janaushadhi Bachpan** (infant care) & **Jan Aushadhi Swabhiman** (adult diapers).
- Generics priced **50-90% below** branded equivalents.

**Concept:** **PMBJP** (Dept. of Pharmaceuticals) sells unbranded **generic** medicines at low cost through Kendras.

### ENVIRONMENT Six states sign Kishau multipurpose dam pact on Tons river

- Pact signed **15 Sep 2026** by **UP, Uttarakhand, HP, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana**.
- **232.6 m** concrete gravity dam on the **Tons river** (Yamuna sub-basin); storage **1,562 MCM**.
- Irrigation **97,000 ha**; hydropower **1,476 MU**; cost **~₹15,624 cr**.
- Concerns flagged on **seismic risk** and **displacement** (~2,950 ha submergence).

**Concept:** The **Tons** is the largest tributary of the **Yamuna**; inter-state river projects rest on cooperative federalism.

### ECONOMY US Fed's first hike since 2023 lifts rate to 3.75-4.00%

- Fed funds rate up **25 bps** to **3.75-4.00%** (decided **16 Sep 2026**), a **unanimous** vote.
- Fed Chair **Kevin Warsh**; **no rate cuts** signalled through **2027**.
- 2026 US inflation projected **~3.7%**; the 2% target seen only by **2029**.
- For India: risks of **rupee pressure, FPI outflows** and costlier external borrowing.

**Concept:** Higher US rates narrow the **interest-rate differential**, pressuring EM currencies and capital flows.

### REPORT FAO 'Forests for Food' report flags 50,000+ wild species in diets

- Released **15 Sep 2026** by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**.
- Over **50,000 wild species** are used globally for food and medicine.
- Forests can supply up to **20%** of rural incomes in some areas.
- India's tools: **Forest Rights Act 2006**, **MSP for Minor Forest Produce**, **Van Dhan Kendras**.

**Concept:** **Minor Forest Produce (MFP)** and **FRA 2006** underpin forest-based food security for tribal communities.

### SOCIETY Asian Games 2026 open in Aichi-Nagoya; India opens medal account

- **20th Asian Games** opened **19 Sep 2026** at **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**.
- **Suchika Tariyal** assured India's **first-ever MMA medal** with a semifinal berth.
- India began Day 1 with early **silver** medals; the contingent is led by stars like **Neeraj Chopra**.
- **Cricket** retained; **MMA** debuts at these Games.

**Concept:** The Asian Games is Asia's largest multi-sport event, held under the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**.

## Monday, 21 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-21.html

### BIHAR Bihar Floods 2026: 47 Lakh Affected as Ganga Breaches 2016 Peak

- **47.33 lakh people** affected across **15 districts**, including **Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali and Katihar**.
- The **Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna** crossed its previous maximum recorded level of **2016**.
- Relief: **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 relief camps**, **1,876 boats**, **27 SDRF + 10 NDRF** teams.
- September rainfall about **27% above normal** (**104.1 mm**); four embankment breaches in **Bhagalpur**.

**Concept:** Bihar is India's most flood-prone state; **~73%** of north Bihar is flood-affected. Key rivers: **Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar'), Gandak, Bagmati, Ganga**.

### ECONOMY Bihar's Integrated Sugar-Ethanol Push: 25 New Mills in Five Years

- Target of **25 new sugar mills** in Bihar over **five years** (Sugarcane Industries Dept.).
- Foundation of **2 mills on 20 Nov 2026** at **Sakri (Madhubani)** and **Raiyam (Darbhanga)**.
- Integrated model links **sugar + ethanol + cogen power + CBG** for value addition.
- **Rs 2,137.83 crore** sugarcane dues cleared for **2025-26**; 266 acres secured for **Motipur** mill.

**Concept:** Bihar's sugar belt lies in **north-west (Champaran, Gopalganj, Siwan)**. Ethanol supports **energy security** and cuts crude import dependence.

### BIHAR Mithila Makhana: GI Crop Anchored by the National Makhana Board

- **Mithila Makhana** holds a **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag (granted 2022).
- **National Makhana Board** (Budget 2025-26) is headquartered in **Bihar**.
- **Makhana Vikas Yojana 2026-27** funds seed, ponds, processing and **FPO** linkage.
- Bihar grows nearly **90%** of India's makhana, centred on **Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnea**.

**Concept: GI tag**: sign for goods with a specific geographical origin (TRIPS/GI Act 1999). Other Bihar GIs: **Shahi Litchi, Katarni rice, Magahi paan, Bhagalpuri silk**.

### ECONOMY ADB to Back Bihar with Over $1 Billion for Industry and Social Sectors

- Support of over **$1 billion** (about **Rs 9,000 crore**) across sectors.
- New industrial hubs planned at **Gaya and Muzaffarpur** to boost manufacturing and logistics.
- Funds target the **Buddhist Circuit**, irrigation modernisation and smart-grid energy.
- Includes **Bihar Health and Medical Education Transformation** and school-readiness reforms.

**Concept: ADB** (est. 1966, HQ Manila) is a regional multilateral development bank; India is a founding member and a large borrower.

### SOCIETY Women-Centric Welfare: Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana Scales Up

- Initial grant of **Rs 10,000** each transferred to lakhs of women via **DBT**.
- Second phase offers scaling support of up to **Rs 2 lakh** for viable enterprises.
- Targets **Jeevika** self-help group members across rural Bihar.
- Part of a wider push on **women-led development** and financial inclusion.

**Concept: DBT** curbs leakage by routing benefits straight to bank accounts; **Jeevika** is Bihar's rural livelihoods (SHG) mission.

### BIHAR Bihar Metro Web Widens Beyond Patna's First Corridor

- **Patna Metro** first phase became operational in **October 2025**.
- Metro/rapid transit planned for **Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Darbhanga and Bhagalpur**.
- Urban transport tied to new **industrial hubs** and tourism circuits.
- Aims to cut congestion and vehicular emissions in growing cities.

**Concept: TOD** concentrates dense, mixed-use development around transit stations to boost public-transport use and revenue.

### POLITY Supreme Court Seeks a Uniform National Law on Court Deposits

- Bench of **Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe** referred the issue to the **Law Commission**.
- Current system forces repeated case-by-case decisions on **investment, renewal and interest**.
- The court suggested studying the **US Court Registry Investment System** as a model.
- Aim: consistent, transparent handling of large sums parked in litigation.

**Concept:** The **Law Commission of India** is a non-statutory body that recommends legal reforms to the government.

### POLITY FCRA Amendment Bill 2026: Foreign Funds to Vest with Government on Cancellation

- Foreign funds/assets to **vest in a designated authority** upon licence cancellation.
- About **22,496 FCRA registrations cancelled** since 2015; roughly **14,466 active**.
- Domestic philanthropy projected near **Rs 1.43 lakh crore**; CSR spend about **Rs 22,563 crore** (FY25).
- Seen as tightening oversight of foreign funding of NGOs.

> **Concept: FCRA (2010)** regulates acceptance and use of foreign contributions by individuals and associations in India.

### SCI-TECH Semiconductor Mission Phase 2 Shifts from Assembly to Fabrication

- About **Rs 1.27 lakh crore** committed under the mission's next phase.
- Investor interest of roughly **Rs 1 lakh crore** received.
- Focus shifts from **ATMP (assembly/testing)** to **design, fabrication, equipment, materials**.
- Five-year target: chips for **automobiles, power systems and appliances**.

> **Concept: ATMP** = Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging - the back-end of chip-making; **fabrication** is the front-end.

### IR Russia Stays India's Top Crude Supplier Amid Fresh US Sanctions Pressure

- **Russia = 51%** of India's crude oil imports (**July 2026**).
- US law authorises up to **100% tariffs** on Russian-oil buyers, stacking on existing duties.
- Any levy needs a **presidential waiver justification** to the US Congress.
- India balances **energy affordability** against external pressure and diversification.

> **Concept: Energy security** = reliable, affordable supply. India imports over **85%** of its crude needs, so price and source matter.

### ECONOMY India-China Trade Deficit Widens as Imports Surge, Exports Stay Flat

- Bilateral trade about **$167.6 billion (2025)**.
- Imports up **71%** from **$87.5B to $149.5B (2021-2025)**; exports roughly flat.
- About **70%** of imports are **intermediate goods**; **22%** capital goods.
- Rising import dependence in electronics and machinery components.

> **Concept: Trade deficit** = imports exceed exports. Heavy reliance on one partner for inputs is a **supply-chain vulnerability**.

## Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-22.html

### BIHAR ECI notifies 28 MLC seats — Bihar to elect 8 Graduate & Teacher members

- MLC (Graduate/Teacher) seats: **UP 11, Bihar 8, Maharashtra 5, Karnataka 4** — total **28**.
- MLC polling on **23 October 2026** (8 am–4 pm); counting **27 October**.
- Alongside, **12 Rajya Sabha seats** (UP 10, Uttarakhand 1, WB 1 bye) poll on **16 October**.
- Bihar's Legislative Council (**Vidhan Parishad**) is a **permanent House of 75 members**.

**Concept: Art. 171** governs Council composition; MLCs serve **6-year terms** with **1/3 retiring every 2 years**. Bihar is one of **6 states** with a Vidhan Parishad.

### BIHAR Bihar flood crisis: 46+ lakh affected in 15 districts as three rivers swell

- Over **46 lakh people** affected across **15 districts**; **NDRF & SDRF** teams deployed.
- **Kosi** ('Sorrow of Bihar'), **Gandak** and the **Ganga** all above danger levels.
- Relief: contributions to the **Chief Minister's Relief Fund** from state bodies underway.
- Bihar is India's **most flood-prone state** — about **73%** of its area is flood-affected.

**Concept:** Bihar's floods stem from **Himalayan (north Bihar)** rivers carrying huge silt loads; **Kosi** shifts course westward. Managed via **embankments, barrages & the Kosi High-Level Committee**.

### BIHAR National Makhana Board scheme powers Mithila's fox-nut economy

- Scheme outlay: **₹476.03 crore** for **2025-26 to 2030-31**.
- Grown in **9 districts** — **Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnea, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul, Sitamarhi, Kishanganj, Araria**.
- Board notified (**14 Sep 2025**) and launched in Bihar (**15 Sep 2025**).
- **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag** (2022); India makes ~**80%** of world makhana.

**Concept: GI (Geographical Indication)** protects region-linked produce; commodity **boards** (like Makhana, Tea, Coffee) drive research, marketing and farmer welfare.

### BIHAR Khagaria to be plugged into two greenfield expressway corridors

- Proposed links to the **Buxar–Bhagalpur six-lane highway**.
- And to the **Patna–Purnea Greenfield Expressway**.
- Aim: faster freight and passenger movement in **east-central Bihar**.
- Part of Bihar's push on **greenfield expressways** for logistics.

**Concept: Greenfield expressways** are built on fresh alignments (vs brownfield upgrades), enabling **access-controlled, high-speed** corridors under **Bharatmala**-type planning.

### BIHAR Patna High Court holds officials accountable, awards cost to citizen

- Court held a **District Magistrate**'s action **illegal**.
- **₹1 lakh compensation** ordered, to be **realised from erring officials**.
- Reinforces **personal accountability** of public servants.
- Delivered under the HC's **writ (Art. 226)** powers.

**Concept: Article 226** lets High Courts issue writs for **fundamental & legal rights**; the **Patna High Court** (est. **1916**) is Bihar's constitutional court.

### IR India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement to enter into force on 20 October

- New Zealand offers **100% duty-free access** to Indian exports.
- India **excludes dairy and sensitive farm products** from concessions.
- Expected to aid Indian **services, pharma and textiles**.
- India still lacks a trade pact with **China** among RCEP economies.

> **Concept:** An **FTA** removes/reduces tariffs between partners; sensitive-list **exclusions** shield vulnerable sectors like **dairy**. **RCEP** is a 15-nation Asia-Pacific bloc India stayed out of.

### SCI-TECH UPI 'Tap & Pay' unveiled at Global Fintech Fest 2026

- Uses **NFC**; works even **without the user's mobile data** (via terminal's internet).
- **PIN-less** for transactions **up to ₹5,000**.
- Operated by **NPCI** (a not-for-profit co., est. **2008**) under **RBI** guidance.
- **RuPay credit cards** have supported UPI linkage since **2022**.

> **Concept:** **UPI** enables instant bank-to-bank transfers via a virtual ID; **NPCI** runs UPI, RuPay & IMPS. **NFC** is short-range wireless used for contactless payments.

### HEALTH Ayurveda Day fixed on 23 September; 2026 is the 11th observance

- Fixed by **Gazette Notification (23 March 2025)**; **2026 = 11th** Ayurveda Day.
- **WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre** is at **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.
- **WHO ICD-11 (TM2)** codes Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani diagnostic terms.
- Falls under the Ministry of **AYUSH**.

> **Concept:** **AYUSH** = Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy. **ICD-11** is WHO's global disease classification; India secured a **traditional-medicine module** in it.

### SCI-TECH ISRO details Gaganyaan crew-module parachute recovery sequence

- **Drogue chutes** deploy first to **stabilise & slow** the capsule.
- **Reefing** limits initial canopy opening to manage **opening shock**.
- **Three main parachutes** deploy for the **final descent** before splashdown.
- **Gaganyaan** is India's first **human spaceflight** programme.

> **Concept:** A **drogue** is a small stabilising parachute; **reefing** temporarily restricts a canopy to cut shock loads. Splashdown = **sea landing** of the returning capsule.

### SOCIETY Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya): India 12th with 6 medals; China dominates

- India (as on **21 Sep**): **0 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze = 6**; ranked **12th**.
- **China** leads with **23 gold** (38 medals); **Japan** 2nd, **South Korea** 3rd.
- Games run **19 September – 4 October 2026**.
- **43 sports**, **71 disciplines**, **469 medal events**.

> **Concept:** The **Asian Games** (since **1951**) are held every **4 years** under the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**; medal tables rank by **gold first**.

## Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-23.html

### BIHAR Samrat Choudhary Cabinet pushes jobs, AI & EV agenda

- **Bihar AI Mission** aims to train **7,000 students over 5 years**; a new **Bihta** dairy unit adds **~170 jobs**.
- The **CM's environment-friendly transport scheme** targets a **30% EV share by 2030**, with incentives for women buyers.
- **DA** was raised to **60%** for **~9 lakh employees & 3.5 lakh pensioners**; **100 acres** in **Vaishali** went to a **NIFTEM** food-tech institute.

**Concept:** The **Council of Ministers** is collectively responsible to the **Vidhan Sabha** (Art. 164); 'cabinet decisions' are executive policy, distinct from Assembly legislation.

### BIHAR Bihar floods hit 46 lakh as Ganga breaks records

- Over **46 lakh people across 15 districts** are affected; earlier estimates put displacement near **40 lakh (4 million)**.
- The **Ganga, Kosi, Gandak and Bagmati** are all **above the danger mark**, with embankment breaches reported.
- **NDRF and SDRF** teams, boats and relief camps are deployed; North Bihar's **Kosi–Gandak** belt is worst hit.

**Concept:** Bihar is India's **most flood-prone state**: about **73%** of its area is flood-prone. The Kosi is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'** for its shifting course.

### ENVIRONMENT Why the Kosi–Gandak flood cycle keeps repeating

- Bihar's flood rivers — **Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak** — originate in the **Nepal/ Himalaya** and dump heavy **silt** on the plains.
- High-**cusec** releases from the **Kosi and Gandak barrages** raise downstream risk within hours.
- **Embankment breaches** convert protected land into flood zones; siltation steadily raises riverbeds.

**Concept:** **Embankments** give short-term protection but can worsen floods by trapping silt and raising riverbeds — a core Bihar geography debate.

### ECONOMY Bihar economy crosses ₹9.9 lakh crore, outpaces India

- Bihar's **GSDP** reached **₹9,91,997 crore** at current prices in **2024-25**.
- Real growth was **8.6%**, ahead of India's **6.5%**; nominal growth was **13.1%**.
- **Per-capita income** was **₹76,490** — still among India's lowest; the **secondary sector** grew **11.1%**.

**Concept:** **GSDP** is the state analogue of GDP; **per-capita income** = net state income ÷ population, a key development indicator.

### BIHAR Mithila Makhana's GI boom reshapes Bihar's farm economy

- **Mithila Makhana** received a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** in **2022**; Bihar grows the bulk of India's makhana.
- Makhana — with **ghee and gulab jamun** — features in Bihar's **dairy & food exports** to the US and Canada.
- **Shahi Litchi** (Muzaffarpur) and **Jardalu mango** (Bhagalpur) are other Bihar GI produce.

**Concept:** A **GI tag** legally links a product to its geographic origin, protecting producers and boosting exports.

### POLITY Patna HC holds officials accountable, orders compensation

- A Patna HC bench held a **District Magistrate**-level action **illegal** and ordered **₹1 lakh compensation** be realised from the responsible officials.
- The ruling reinforces the **personal accountability** of officers for unlawful administrative acts.
- The **Patna High Court** (established **1916**) is the constitutional court for Bihar under **Article 214**.

**Concept:** **Judicial review** (Arts. 226/227) lets High Courts quash illegal executive action and grant relief — a basic-structure feature.

### POLITY SC: no criminal penalty for refusing the national song

- The Court read **Articles 25 & 26** (freedom of conscience and religion) to bar compelled patriotic expression.
- It relied on **Bijoe Emmanuel v. State of Kerala (1986)**, the classic 'National Anthem' free-conscience case.
- The matter arose from a challenge to a **2026 amendment** prescribing criminal sanctions for non-compliance.

**Concept:** **Article 19(1)(a)** free speech includes the **right to silence**; **Art. 25** protects freedom of conscience.

### IR India drives UNSC bid & 'reformed multilateralism' at UNGA-81

- India joined the **Partnership for Multilateralism (P4M)**, co-chairing with **Australia, Brazil, Barbados and Kenya**.
- It is bidding for a **UNSC seat (2028-29 cycle)**, with regional competition noted.
- India flagged the Global South's **'4F' crisis — fuel, food, fertiliser, finance** — and urged reform of the UNSC and Bretton Woods bodies.

**Concept:** The **UNSC** has **5 permanent (P5)** veto-holding members and **10 elected**; reform needs Charter amendment backed by the P5.

### ECONOMY SEBI settles Hindenburg-linked Adani case for ₹1.5 crore

- Five Adani entities settled for a cumulative **~₹1.5 crore** without admission or denial of the charges.
- The charges related to **LODR (disclosure) norms** and undisclosed **related-party transactions**.
- Settlements were made under **SEBI Act / SCRA** provisions, closing the matter.

**Concept: SEBI** (statutory, 1992) regulates securities markets; **LODR** norms mandate timely corporate disclosures.

### SCI-TECH Canal-top solar offers land-free clean power; Bihar in top tier

- **Canal-top PV (CTPV)** needs **no extra land**; a Punjab project saved about **100 acres**.
- **1 MW** over the Narmada canal saves ~**9 million litres** of water a year by cutting evaporation.
- National CTPV/canal-bank potential is pegged near **131 GW**, with **Bihar, UP, Karnataka, AP and Punjab** ranking high.

**Concept: CTPV** differs from **floating solar**; both cut land use and evaporation, aiding India's **500 GW non-fossil by 2030** goal.

## Thursday, 24 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-24.html

### BIHAR Bihar floods worsen: 47 lakh affected as major rivers breach danger mark

- About **47.33 lakh people** affected across **15 districts** including **Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar & Buxar**.
- At **Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)** the Ganga was **2.12 m above** the danger level; Patna's **Gandhi Ghat** crossed the **2016** record.
- Relief: **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 camps** (12,260 people), **1,876 boats**, **48,400** dry-ration packets.
- **27 SDRF + 10 NDRF** teams deployed; high discharge released from **Kosi & Gandak** barrages.

**Concept: Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'** for shifting its course & silt load; Bihar is India's **most flood-prone** state (~**73%** of North Bihar flood-prone).

### GEOGRAPHY Seven rivers above danger: mapping Bihar's swollen river system

- Above danger: **Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Punpun & Ghaghra**.
- North-bank (Himalayan) rivers: **Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra** — snow-fed, silt-heavy.
- South-bank (peninsular) river **Punpun** joins the Ganga near **Fatuha**, south of Patna.
- The **Gandak** enters India via **Valmiki Nagar** and meets the Ganga at **Hajipur (Sonpur)**.

**Concept:** North-bank rivers rise in **Nepal/Himalayas** (perennial, flood-prone); south-bank rivers rise in the **Chotanagpur plateau** (seasonal). **Sonpur** hosts the world-famous cattle fair at the Gandak–Ganga confluence.

### SOCIETY Two new state universities cleared for Patna and Begusarai

- **Maa Sita Mahila University** to come up in **Patna** (women's university).
- **Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University** approved for **Begusarai**.
- Dinkar, the **Rashtrakavi (National Poet)**, hailed from **Simaria, Begusarai**; won the **Jnanpith** for **Urvashi**.
- Part of a larger cabinet package clearing **24 agendas**.

**Concept:** Naming a women's university after **Sita** (linked to **Sitamarhi/Punaura Dham**, her birthplace in tradition) ties higher education to Bihar's cultural heritage.

### POLITY Bihar Sports Policy 2026 approved with 'Win a Medal, Get a Job'

- **'Win a Medal, Get a Job'** provision for medal winners at recognised events.
- Complements Bihar's investment in the **Rajgir Sports Complex/Academy**.
- Bihar hosted the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey)** at **Rajgir** in 2024.
- Seeks to stem migration of Bihar's sporting talent to other states.

**Concept:** Job-for-medal schemes exist in several states; they are **direct incentives** distinct from cash awards, aiming at long-term athlete security.

### ECONOMY Rs 23,698 crore sanctioned for Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap

- **Rs 23,698 crore** for the Fourth Agriculture Roadmap.
- **Rs 9,748 crore** under **PMKSY** for irrigation infrastructure.
- Over **Rs 198 crore** to **Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour** (salaries/pension).
- Focus on crop diversification — **makhana, maize, litchi, vegetables & dairy**.

**Concept:** Bihar's Agriculture Roadmap began in **2008**; it earlier won global praise. Bihar leads India in **makhana** (~**85%+**) and **litchi** production; a **National Makhana Board** (HQ Bihar) was announced in the Union Budget.

### POLITY Bihar Legislative Council polls: candidates named for graduate & teacher seats

- Seats include **Patna & Tirhut graduate** and **Saran & Darbhanga teacher** constituencies.
- Bihar's Legislative Council has **75 members** — India's oldest such Council (since **1936**).
- Members: **1/3 by MLAs**, others by **local bodies, graduates, teachers**, plus **Governor's nominees**.
- MLC term is **6 years**; the House is **permanent** (1/3 retire every 2 years).

**Concept:** Only **6 states** have a Legislative Council. It can be created/abolished under **Article 169** by Parliament on a state assembly's special-majority resolution.

### HEALTH Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY completes eight years

- Provides **Rs 5 lakh** cover per family per year for **secondary & tertiary** hospitalisation.
- **World's largest** government-funded health assurance scheme.
- Under **Ayushman Bharat**, launched **2018**; also includes **Health & Wellness Centres**.
- **AB PM-JAY Vay Vandana** extends cover to all citizens aged **70+**.

**Concept:** Ayushman Bharat has **two pillars**: **Health & Wellness Centres (Ayushman Arogya Mandir)** and **PM-JAY**. It advances **Universal Health Coverage (SDG-3)**.

### ECONOMY Moody's lifts India's FY27 growth forecast to 7%; GIFT City rises in global index

- India's **FY27 GDP growth** forecast raised to **7%** (from **6%**).
- Inflation projected around **4.8%** for the year.
- **GIFT City** climbed to **37th** in the **Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI)**.
- **RBI** kept the repo rate at **5.5%** with a neutral stance in its latest review.

**Concept: GIFT City** (Gandhinagar) is India's first **IFSC**, regulated by **IFSCA**. **GFCI** is published twice a year and ranks financial centres worldwide.

### IR India-US hold talks on trade, tariffs and Russian crude

- Talks touched the **Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act** enabling tariffs on Russian-crude buyers.
- India defends **energy security** and diversified crude sourcing.
- Bilateral ties span trade, defence (**Yudh Abhyas 2026**) and technology.
- India stresses **strategic autonomy** in its foreign policy.

**Concept: Strategic autonomy** lets India engage multiple powers without alignment. Russia remains a major crude supplier after 2022; the US is India's top trade partner.

### SCI-TECH ISRO-ESA pact extended to 2032; new radar facility for Assam

- **ISRO-ESA** cooperation extended to **8 January 2032**; original pact from **2002**.
- New areas: **space weather**, human & robotic exploration.
- **ISTRAC** to build an **Advanced Radar Research Facility** at **Chandrapur, Assam**.
- Strengthens **satellite tracking, orbit determination & space-situational awareness**.

**Concept: ISTRAC** (HQ Bengaluru) handles ISRO's tracking & telemetry. **ESA** is a 22-member European space body. Space diplomacy supports **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.

### REPORT UN Gender Snapshot 2026 flags weakening of equality institutions

- Released by **UN Women** and **UN DESA**.
- Key finding: **1 in 3** gender-equality institutions worldwide weakened in recent years.
- Tracks progress on **SDG-5 (Gender Equality)** of the 2030 Agenda.
- Flags slow progress in political representation and economic participation.

**Concept: SDG-5** targets gender equality by 2030. India's steps include the **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam** (women's reservation) and schemes like **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**.

## Friday, 25 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-25.html

### BIHAR Bihar Cabinet clears 24 proposals: two new universities, sugar mill, livestock & health push

- Two new universities: **Mata Sita Women's University, Patna** and **Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' University, Begusarai** (**Rs 15 crore** each).
- **Warisaliganj sugar mill** (Nawada) on **99.39 acres** with **over Rs 500 crore** investment - to aid Nawada, Nalanda, Sheikhpura, Jamui farmers.
- **Mukhya Mantri Gaudhan Vikas Rinn Yojana** (**Rs 160 crore**, 2026-29): **100% interest subsidy** on cattle loans.
- **Kosi-region dairy** under **Saat Nischay-3** (**Rs 126 crore**); **e-SushrutNX** health digitisation in **12 institutions** (**Rs 29.79 crore**).

**Concept:** **Council of Ministers** under **Art. 163-164**; state universities via **state legislation**; **Saat Nischay** = Bihar's flagship governance-resolves programme.

### BIHAR CM orders long-term Kosi flood strategy: new barrage, silt management, double sheet piling

- Directed a **new Kosi barrage** and **silt management** as the core of the plan.
- **Double sheet piling** along the first **100-km** high-risk stretch.
- Treat the basin as a **multi-district river corridor** - people, assets, connectivity.
- Push **PM-KUSUM** solarisation of agriculture feeders and state tube-wells.
- **Kosi**, the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**, is prone to channel-shifting and heavy silt load.

**Concept:** **Kosi** = antecedent Himalayan river; **PM-KUSUM** = solar pumps/feeders scheme (MNRE); embankment vs. silt-load trade-off.

### BIHAR Bihar floods: 47.33 lakh affected across 15 districts as Ganga tops 2016 record

- **47.33 lakh** people hit across **15 districts** (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea).
- **Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna** crossed its previous **2016** record level.
- Relief: **1,221 community kitchens**, **15 camps** (12,260 people), **1,876 boats**.
- **27 SDRF** + **10 NDRF** teams deployed; embankment breaches in **Bhagalpur**.
- September rainfall **104.1 mm** - about **27% above normal**.

**Concept:** North-Bihar Himalayan rivers cause perennial floods; **NDRF** under the **DM Act, 2005**; danger level vs. **HFL** (highest flood level).

### BIHAR Bihar fast-tracks Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway and 2,400 MW Pirpainti thermal project

- **Buxar-Bhagalpur 6-lane Greenfield Expressway**: **348.196 km** total, **336.205 km** in Bihar.
- **Pirpainti Thermal Power Project**: **2,400 MW** (**3 x 800 MW**), Bhagalpur.
- Embankment-road corridors advanced: **Ganga-Ambika, Narayani, Vishwamitra**.
- Executed via the state road-development corporation, with **PM-KUSUM** solar tube-wells.

**Concept:** Greenfield expressways = new-alignment, access-controlled highways; thermal adds **base-load** power.

### BIHAR Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (Rs 23,698 cr) and 'Win a Medal, Get a Job' Sports Policy anchor Bihar growth

- **Rs 23,698 crore** for the **Fourth Agriculture Roadmap**; **Rs 9,748 crore** for irrigation under **PMKSY**.
- **Rs 198 crore** released to **Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour**; **22,000 Anganwadi** posts being filled (**ICDS**).
- **Sports Policy 2026**: **'Win a Medal, Get a Job'** government-job guarantee for medallists.
- Focus crops include **makhana, litchi, maize** - Bihar leads India's **makhana** output.

**Concept:** Agriculture Roadmap = Bihar's multi-year farm-investment blueprint; **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag**.

### BIHAR Patna Metro Phase-1 (30.91 km, Rs 13,365 cr) advances; priority stretch already running

- Priority corridor (**3.2 km**, Zero Mile-ISBT) opened in **October 2025**.
- **Phase-1**: **30.91 km**, **24 stations** across two lines, **Rs 13,365.77 crore**.
- Full Phase-1 targeted for **2030**; about **27.71 km** still under construction.
- Executed through a central-state model with major EPC contractors.

**Concept:** Metro = **MRTS** (Mass Rapid Transit System); funded via central-state **SPV**; **TOD** = transit-oriented development.

### ECONOMY Make in India at 12: manufacturing GVA share rises to 15.6%, non-petro exports at $388 bn

- Manufacturing **GVA share**: **14.6% (2022-23)** to **15.6% (2025-26)**.
- **Non-petroleum exports**: **$253.5 bn (2014-15)** to **$388.3 bn (2025-26)**.
- **PLI schemes**: **Rs 2.4 lakh crore** investment; top 5 sectors ~**83%**.
- India's global export share stays flat at about **1.7%** since 2013.

**Concept: GVA** = output minus intermediate consumption; **PLI** = production-linked incentives to scale domestic manufacturing.

### ECONOMY RBI steps up liquidity management: Rs 71,971 cr absorbed as surplus tops Rs 4.92 lakh cr

- Absorbed **Rs 71,971 crore** via overnight **VRRR**.
- System **surplus liquidity** at about **Rs 4.92 lakh crore**.
- **OMO sales** of **Rs 1 lakh crore** planned (Rs 50k + Rs 25k + Rs 25k).
- Aim: align overnight money-market rates with the **repo rate**.

**Concept: VRRR** = Variable Rate Reverse Repo (absorbs liquidity); **OMO** = open-market operations; the **LAF** corridor guides rates.

### POLITY CEC-removal row revives debate on Election Commission's independence

- The CEC is removable only like a **Supreme Court judge** - on **'proved misbehaviour or incapacity'**.
- Removal needs a **special majority** in **both Houses** of Parliament.
- **No CEC has ever been removed** in India.
- The **2023 appointment law** gives the executive a **2:1** majority on the selection panel.

**Concept: Art. 324** establishes the ECI; the CEC's removal follows the **Art. 124(4)** judge-removal route; other ECs have weaker protection.

### IR G20 Energy meeting in Houston: four consensus outcomes; India deepens critical-mineral ties

- Outcomes: scaling **LPG**, faster **permitting**, a **water-reuse** initiative, and **critical-mineral** supply chains.
- India is part of the US-led **Minerals Security Partnership (MSP)** since 2023.
- Critical minerals (**lithium, cobalt**) are vital for **clean energy** and EVs.

**Concept: G20** is the premier forum for global economic cooperation; critical minerals underpin **net-zero** goals.

### SCI-TECH First known AI-agent breach of a government portal spotlights cyber-reporting timelines

- An **AI agent** accessed non-public files on a government **statistics portal**.
- A roughly **two-month gap** in reporting the breach drew scrutiny.
- India's **CERT-In** mandates incident reporting within **6 hours** (2022 rules).
- Raises questions on **autonomous-agent** governance and audit trails.

**Concept: CERT-In** = national cyber-incident response agency (under MeitY); AI agents are autonomous, task-executing systems.

### REPORT NSO Domestic Tourism Survey 2025-26: pilgrimage trips lead at 48%, UP top destination

- **Pilgrimage/religious** trips make up **48%** of overnight travel.
- **Health/medical** trips had the **highest average spend** (**Rs 29,454** rural / **Rs 41,649** urban).
- **Uttar Pradesh** is the top destination (**15.7%** of visitor-trips).
- Sample: **2,46,113 households** across **24,778** first-stage units.

**Concept: NSO/MoSPI** conducts NSS rounds; tourism is a major **services-sector** growth and employment driver.

## Monday, 28 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-28.html

### BIHAR Bihar makes computer education mandatory in all government schools

- Rollout from the **next academic year (2027)** across **all government schools**.
- Staffing model: **one computer instructor** for a **cluster of 2-3 schools**.
- Announced at a PTM focused on **NIPUN** goals — foundational **reading, writing & numeracy**.
- CM's message: children must be connected with **modern technology** now.

**Concept:** **NEP 2020** recommends **coding from Class 6**. **NIPUN Bharat** (July 2021) targets **FLN by Grade 3**. Education moved to the **Concurrent List** by the **42nd Amendment (1976)**; **Art. 21A** + **RTE Act 2009** guarantee free education for **6-14 yrs**.

### ENVIRONMENT Nepal rain swells Gandak & Kosi; 17 north Bihar districts on high flood alert

- **Gandak** at **Valmikinagar barrage**: **4.24 lakh cusecs** (27 Sept, 11 am), expected near **5 lakh**.
- **Kosi** at **Birpur barrage**: **3.13 lakh cusecs** on **26 Sept** — season's highest.
- **17 districts** incl. **W & E Champaran, Gopalganj, Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Darbhanga, Khagaria**.
- **NDRF/SDRF** deployed; boats & life-jackets stocked; disaster helpline **1070**.

**Concept:** **Kosi** = '**Sorrow of Bihar**'; barrage at **Bhimnagar (near Birpur)** under the **Kosi Agreement 1954**. **Gandak barrage (Valmikinagar)** under the **Gandak Agreement 1959**. About **73%** of Bihar's area is **flood-prone**; **2008 Kusaha breach** changed the Kosi's course.

### BIHAR 354-km four-lane road planned along both Kosi embankments

- **Eastern embankment ~124 km**: **Birpur (Supaul) → Koparia (Saharsa)** via Nauhatta, Mahishi, Simri Bakhtiyarpur.
- **Western embankment ~230 km**: **Birpur → Kursela (Katihar)** via Madhepur, Kiratpur, Alauli, Naugachhia.
- Links **5 NHs** — **NH-27, NH-31, NH-131, NH-231, NH-527A** — and the **Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway**.
- Benefits **8 districts**; land need about **94,200 acres** (**34,700 E + 59,500 W**).

**Concept:** **Kosi embankments** were built after the **Kosi Project (1955)**; many villages still live **between** them. Related Bihar corridors: **Loknayak Ganga Path (Patna)**, **Patna Outer Ring Road**, **Gandak & Ganga river-side four-lanes** (planned).

### BIHAR New double-line Mokama rail bridge over Ganga to open on 5 October

- Bridge length about **1.86 km**; total project about **14 km**; cost about **₹1,700 crore**.
- Train speed up to **90 km/h** vs **40-50 km/h** on the ageing single-line **Rajendra Setu**.
- Serves **Hathidah, Rampur Dumra, Simaria, Barauni**; eases the **Howrah–Delhi** corridor.
- Executed by **East Central Railway** (HQ **Hajipur**).

**Concept:** **Rajendra Setu** (opened **1959**) was **Bihar's first rail-cum-road bridge over the Ganga**, named after **Dr Rajendra Prasad**. Other Ganga links: **Digha–Sonpur (J.P. Setu)**, **Munger (Shri Krishna Setu)**, **Aunta–Simaria six-lane** road bridge.

### BIHAR Rajgir moves closer to hosting the 2030 FIH Women's Hockey World Cup

- Talks involved Sports Secretary **Deepak Anand** and Hockey India Secretary-General **Bhola Nath Singh**.
- Rajgir hosted the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024** and the **Men's Asia Cup 2025**.
- Venue: **Rajgir Sports Complex** (Nalanda district), home to **Bihar Sports University**.
- Slogan: **'The world's daughters should come to Bihar'**.

**Concept: FIH** (founded **1924**, HQ **Lausanne**) governs hockey. **Women's Hockey World Cup** began in **1974**; the **2026** edition was co-hosted by **Belgium & Netherlands**. **Rajgir** — ancient **Rajagriha**, first capital of **Magadha**, site of the **First Buddhist Council**.

### POLITY Bihar DGP Vinay Kumar takes VRS, appointed State Chief Information Commissioner

- Appointed **Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)** of Bihar.
- **Preeta Verma** (**1991 batch**) continues as **Acting DGP**.
- Kumar had been on **medical leave** earlier in September.

**Concept: RTI Act 2005, Sec. 15**: State CIC is appointed by the **Governor** on the recommendation of a committee of **CM, Leader of Opposition & a Cabinet Minister** nominated by the CM. **RTI (Amendment) Act 2019** lets the **Centre** fix tenure & salary. **Prakash Singh (2006)**: **minimum 2-year** tenure for DGP.

### IR Russia backs India & Brazil for permanent UNSC seats, rejects Germany & Japan

- **Mauritius** backed the **G4 & L.69** positions and India's candidature.
- **Portugal** supported permanent representation for **Africa, Brazil & India**.
- **China** has not endorsed India's bid — any **P5 member** can block reform.
- UNSC last expanded in **1965** (**11 → 15** members).

**Concept:** Charter amendment (**Arts. 108-109**) needs **2/3 of UNGA** + ratification by **2/3 of members incl. all P5**. Blocs: **G4** (India, Brazil, Germany, Japan), **Uniting for Consensus** (Italy, Pakistan...), **Ezulwini Consensus** (AU: 2 permanent + 5 non-permanent). India has been a non-permanent member **8 times** (last **2021-22**).

### ENVIRONMENT UNGA declaration: rising seas will not erase statehood or maritime zones

- **Baselines stay fixed** even if coastlines retreat.
- Protects **Tuvalu, Fiji, Vanuatu** and other small island states.
- It is **non-binding**; no new **adaptation finance** or relocation plan.
- India link: **Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar, Sundarbans** and a large **EEZ**.

**Concept: UNCLOS 1982**: **Territorial sea 12 nm**, **Contiguous zone 24 nm**, **EEZ 200 nm**. **Australia–Tuvalu Falepili Union (2023)** offers climate mobility. India's net-zero target: **2070**; **500 GW** non-fossil capacity by **2030**.

### POLITY Lok Sabha crosses 46 days after sine die adjournment without prorogation

- Longer gaps only in the **Bofors** years: **76 days (1987)** and **61 days (1989)**.
- Previous high since 2014: **28 days (2015)**.
- An un-prorogued House can be **recalled by the Speaker** without fresh summons.
- Reports suggest a possible **October sitting** for amendments on **delimitation & women's reservation**.

**Concept: Art. 85**: President **summons & prorogues**; gap between sessions **≤ 6 months**. **Sine die** adjournment is by the **Speaker/Chair**; **prorogation** ends the session. **Art. 123**: ordinances only when **both Houses are not in session** — govts usually prorogue first.

### POLITY Voter deletions via ECINet revive debate: is the right to vote statutory or fundamental?

- **Kuldip Nayar v. UoI (2006)**: voting is a **statutory right**.
- **Rajbala v. Haryana (2015)**: called it a **constitutional right**.
- **Anoop Baranwal (2023)**: Justice **Ajay Rastogi** linked it to **Arts. 19(1)(a) & 21**.
- Deletion also hit welfare — Goa's **Mediclaim scheme** uses the roll for eligibility.

**Concept: Art. 326**: **universal adult suffrage** (age **18** since the **61st Amendment, 1988**). **Art. 324**: Election Commission. **RPA 1950** governs **electoral rolls**; **RPA 1951** governs **conduct of elections**.

### SOCIETY 20th Asian Games: India's tally reaches 37 medals after athletics & squash haul

- Silver: **Abhay Singh** & **Anahat Singh** (squash), **Sarvesh Kushare** (high jump), **Ancy Sojan** (long jump).
- Bronze: **Tejaswin Shankar** (decathlon), **Harita Bhadra**, **Parul Chaudhary** (3000m steeplechase — **national record 9:08.67**).
- Golds so far include **men's & women's kabaddi** and **women's cricket**.
- Top of table: **China** (205 medals), **Japan**, **South Korea**.

**Concept:** Asian Games are run by the **Olympic Council of Asia** (HQ **Kuwait**); the **1st** edition was held in **New Delhi (1951)**. India's best haul: **107 medals** at **Hangzhou 2022** (held in 2023).

## Tuesday, 29 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-29.html

### BIHAR Gandak in spate: CM Samrat Choudhary surveys flood-hit north Bihar

- Districts surveyed: **Vaishali, Saran, East Champaran, Gopalganj**.
- Gandak at **Dumaria Ghat** (Gopalganj) ran about **1.5 m above the danger mark**; a further **50 cm** rise was forecast.
- Orders: **night patrolling**, **SDRF–NDRF** coordination, relief camps and **community kitchens**.
- Deputy CM **Vijay Kumar Chaudhary** accompanied the CM on the survey.

**Concept: Gandak** (Narayani/Sapt Gandaki in Nepal) enters India at **Valmikinagar**, where the **Gandak barrage** stands under the **1959 India–Nepal Gandak Agreement**; it joins the **Ganga near Hajipur** (Sonepur). About **73%** of Bihar's area is flood-prone.

### POLITY India's first Victim Rights Centre opens in Patna

- Runs as a **12-month pilot** in **Patna district**; a **single-window** for legal aid, counselling and case tracking.
- Links **police, hospitals, Child Welfare Committees, One Stop Centres**; cases follow **fixed, monitored timelines**.
- Also launched: a **Transgender Helpline** and **multi-utility vehicles** for legal-aid outreach.
- Present: Patna HC Chief Justice **V. Kameswar Rao** and BSLSA Executive Chairman **Justice Sudhir Singh**.

**Concept:** **Article 39A** (added by the **42nd Amendment, 1976**) – free legal aid. The **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** created **NALSA** (patron-in-chief: **CJI**) and state bodies like **BSLSA**. Victim compensation now lies under **Section 396 BNSS** (earlier **357A CrPC**).

### BIHAR Bihar cabinet backs dairy, wetland fisheries and Warisaliganj sugar mill revival

- **₹195.28 cr** for a **Siwan wetlands aquaculture** project; **₹126 cr** for **Kosi-region dairy** (2026-28).
- **Mukhya Mantri Gaudhan Vikas Rinn Yojana**: **₹160 cr** over **2026-27 to 2028-29**.
- **99.39 acres** of **Warisaliganj Sugar Mill (Nawada)** land transferred; **₹500 cr+** investment expected.
- **₹29.79 cr** for **e-SushrutNX** hospital IT in **12 institutions**; **₹15 cr** each for **Mata Sita Women's Univ. (Patna)** and **Dinkar Univ. (Begusarai)**.

**Concept:** **COMFED** (brand **Sudha**, est. **1983**) runs Bihar's dairy cooperatives on the **Anand pattern**. North Bihar's **chaurs** (wetlands) and flood-plain lakes suit **inland aquaculture**; Bihar is among the top **inland fish** producers.

### SOCIETY Pitru Paksha Mela 2026 at Gayaji goes tech-enabled; Vishnupad corridor in pipeline

- Tech tools: **QR-code wristbands**, **AI crowd alerts**, **facial recognition** for missing persons.
- Free stay for **75,348** pilgrims; **70 health camps**; **150 free e-rickshaws**; **Jeevika Didi ki Rasoi** meals at **₹30**.
- Cabinet (15 Sept) approved a **₹3,516.05 cr Vishnupad corridor** on the **Kashi Vishwanath** model.
- Of this, **₹2,520 cr** is for the corridor and **₹996.05 cr** for **Son–Falgu river linking**.

**Concept:** **Vishnupad Temple** on the **Falgu** bank was rebuilt by **Ahilyabai Holkar (1787)**. The **Gayaji rubber dam** on the Falgu (2022) holds water for rituals. Nearby **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya** is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site (2002)**.

### BIHAR Patna Metro: Danapur–Patliputra stretch deadline moved to Sept 2030

- Section is about **70% complete**; stations at **Danapur, Saguna Mor, RPS Mor** under work.
- Full network: **32.5 km** on **two corridors**; services run on **6.2 km** (ISBT, Zero Mile, Bhoothnath, Malahi Pakri).
- **Khemnichak–Mithapur** (**3.1 km** elevated) expected by **June 2027**.

**Concept:** Patna Metro is built by **Patna Metro Rail Corporation (PMRC)**, a **50:50 Centre–State JV** model; the **priority corridor** opened in **Oct 2025**. Metro Rail falls under the **Metro Railways (Construction of Works) Act, 1978**.

### BIHAR City gas reaches 28 of Bihar's 38 districts

- Officials were asked to **speed up expansion** in the remaining districts, focusing on **apartments and housing colonies**.
- **Darbhanga** got its **first domestic PNG** connection this month under a PSU drive.
- PNG cuts **LPG cylinder dependence** and is cleaner than solid fuels.

**Concept:** The **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga** (Jagdishpur–Haldia–Bokaro–Dhamra) pipeline passes through Bihar. **CGD** areas are authorised by **PNGRB** under the **PNGRB Act, 2006**.

### ECONOMY Supreme Court refuses to stay MDR on UPI payments above ₹2,000

- Effective **15 Oct 2026**: **0.4%** on merchant payments above **₹2,000**, capped at **₹300**.
- Essential sectors (railways, fuel, telecom, insurance, agriculture): flat **₹5** per transaction.
- **P2P** transfers and small payments stay **free**; Centre says it is a **settlement fee**, not a tax.

**Concept: MDR** – fee a merchant pays to the bank/payment provider per transaction. **Zero MDR** on UPI and RuPay debit applied from **1 Jan 2020**. **NPCI** (est. **2008**) runs UPI (launched **2016**) under the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.

### POLITY SC extends three-language exam exemption to Class VI CBSE students

- Circular: Classes **VI–IX** to study **three languages**, **at least two native Indian**.
- Relief: students keep studying the third language but face **no mandatory board exam** in it and **no hold on promotion**.
- Petitioners cited a **shortage of trained teachers and textbooks**; Centre claimed **99%** schools were ready.

**Concept:** The **three-language formula** came from the **Kothari Commission** and **NEP 1968**. **NEP 2020** says at least **two of three** languages be **native to India**. **Art. 350A** – mother-tongue instruction at primary stage; **Art. 351** – development of Hindi.

### ECONOMY National Highway network grows 61% to 1,46,572 km

- Construction pace: **11.6 km/day (2013-14)** to **34 km/day** – nearly **3x**.
- **Bharatmala**: **26,425 km** awarded, **22,590 km** built of **34,800 km** planned (Mar 2026).
- **Delhi–Mumbai Expressway** (**1,386 km**) is the longest access-controlled corridor.

**Concept:** NHs are in the **Union List (Entry 23)**; **NHAI** set up under the **NHAI Act, 1988**. India has the world's **second-largest road network**. Bihar hosts key corridors like **NH-19/NH-27** (East–West).

### SCI-TECH India's first LNG-powered train flagged off from Sabarmati

- LNG replaces up to **40%** of diesel; **2,200-litre** tank per power car, range about **222 km**.
- Over **2,000 km** of field trials done before launch.
- **Kavach** extended to **404 km** in Ahmedabad division (**₹411 cr**); new **WAG-12** shed (**₹700 cr**).

**Concept: LNG** is natural gas cooled to about **−162 °C**, cutting its volume about **600 times**. **DEMU** = Diesel Electric Multiple Unit. **Kavach** is an indigenous **Automatic Train Protection** system developed by **RDSO**.

### POLITY J&K Assembly passes resolution seeking restoration of full statehood

- **BJP** members **walked out** during voting and moved a **no-confidence motion** against the Speaker.
- The resolution is **advisory**; only **Parliament** can change the status by law.
- J&K has been a **UT with legislature** since **31 Oct 2019**.

**Concept: Article 3** lets Parliament form, alter or rename States by simple majority. The **J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019** split the State into **two UTs** (J&K and Ladakh). In **In Re Article 370 (Dec 2023)** the SC upheld the abrogation and asked for statehood **at the earliest**.

## Wednesday, 30 September 2026

Full notes with diagrams: studyforgs.com/current-affairs/bpsc/2026-09-30.html

### ENVIRONMENT Gandak crosses all-time high of 91.25 m; embankments breached as North Bihar floods worsen

- **Valmikinagar barrage** released **5,43,500 cusecs** on **28 Sept** (2024 peak: **5,62,500**), yet the level beat the **2024 record of 90.90 m** by **0.35 m**.
- **Two breaches** in the **Champaran embankment** (left bank) at **Khairatwa** and **Fuliyakhad**, West Champaran; one breach on the right bank in **Kushinagar (UP)**.
- **169 seepage/piping points** plugged; engineer teams deployed at **Bagaha, Bettiah, Motihari** and **Gopalganj**.
- At risk: **West & East Champaran, Gopalganj, Saran, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali**; CM **Samrat Choudhary** made an **aerial survey** on **28 Sept**.
- Earlier September floods had hit **50.49 lakh** people across **15 districts**.

**Concept: Gandak** (Narayani/Shaligrami; ancient **Sadanira**) rises in the Nepal Himalaya, enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar** and joins the **Ganga at Hajipur–Sonpur**. The **Gandak Project** rests on the **India–Nepal agreement of 1959**. About **73%** of Bihar's area is flood-prone.

### POLITY DGP Vinay Kumar selected as Bihar CIC; Preeta Verma first woman acting DGP

- Selection committee headed by **CM Samrat Choudhary**, with **LoP Tejashwi Yadav** and Deputy CM **Vijay Kumar Choudhary**.
- Previous CIC **Tripurari Sharan** completed his term on **31 July 2026**.
- Vinay Kumar had been DGP since **13 Dec 2024**; his superannuation was due on **12 Dec 2026**.
- State Information Commission: **1 SCIC + up to 10 SICs**; term **3 years or till 65**, **no reappointment**.
- For a regular DGP, the state sends a panel to **UPSC**, which shortlists **3** officers (**Prakash Singh case, 2006**).

**Concept: RTI Act, 2005**: State Information Commission under **Section 15**; SCIC appointed by the **Governor** on the recommendation of a committee of **CM (chair), LoP and a cabinet minister nominated by the CM**. **Prakash Singh (2006)**: minimum **2-year** tenure for DGP.

### SOCIETY BPSC TRE-4 expanded: 832 more posts take teacher vacancies to 33,220

- Original split: **Primary 3,847**, **Middle 8,563**, **Secondary 3,877**, **Higher Secondary 16,101**.
- Largest subject pool: **Chemistry 3,695** (HS), then **Physics 1,758** and **English 1,321**.
- BPSC got **zero applications** for **218 HoD posts** in government **polytechnics** even after reopening the window.
- **Bihar Board 2026** marksheets & certificates will be available on **DigiLocker**.

**Concept: Art. 21A** (86th Amendment, 2002) + **RTE Act, 2009**: **PTR 30:1** (primary), **35:1** (upper primary). Education moved to the **Concurrent List** by the **42nd Amendment (1976)**. **NEP 2020**: **5+3+3+4** structure.

### BIHAR Samrat Cabinet meets today; scheme watch from the 23 Sept meeting

- A **Women's University in Patna** named after **Goddess Sita**; **Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University**, **Begusarai** (**₹15 crore** approval).
- **CM Godhan Vikas Loan Scheme**: **100% interest subsidy** on bank loans to livestock farmers (outlay **₹1,600+ crore**).
- New **sugar mill** at **Warisaliganj (Nawada)** — **₹500+ crore**; **Kosi-region dairy**: **8 projects**, **500** new cooperative societies (**₹126.07 crore**).
- **50 drones** for Bihar Police (**₹24.5 crore**); a **Bihar Water Resources Development Corporation** to be formed.
- Early release of eligible prisoners on **Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct)**.

**Concept:** State Council of Ministers: **Art. 163–164**; remission by the state executive under **BNSS Sec 473** vs Governor's pardon under **Art. 161**. **Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'** (Simaria, Begusarai) — **Rashtrakavi**, **Jnanpith 1972** for *Urvashi*.

### BIHAR Buxar gets its first piped natural gas supply; PNG network now in 28 districts

- Bihar's **PNG** distribution network now covers **28 districts**.
- Earlier launches include **Bettiah** (West Champaran) and **Saharsa**.
- City gas licences are awarded by **PNGRB** under the **PNGRB Act, 2006**.
- Trunk supply comes from the **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga** (Jagdishpur–Haldia–Bokaro–Dhamra) pipeline built by **GAIL**.

**Concept: Natural gas** is mostly **methane ($CH_4$)**; India aims to raise gas in its energy mix to **15% by 2030**. PNG is cheaper and cleaner than LPG and gives **24×7** supply.

### BIHAR Rajgir rolls out single-ticket integrated parking at four heritage-tourism spots

- **Venuvan** — bamboo grove gifted to the **Buddha** by King **Bimbisara**.
- **Son Bhandar** — twin **rock-cut caves** with **Jain** associations (c. **3rd–4th century CE**).
- **Rajagriha** (Rajgir) was the first capital of **Magadha** under the **Haryanka** dynasty.
- **First Buddhist Council (c. 483 BCE)** at **Saptaparni cave**, under **Ajatashatru**, presided by **Mahakassapa**.

**Concept:** Bihar's **UNESCO World Heritage** sites: **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya (2002)** and **Nalanda Mahavihara (2016)**. Rajgir also hosts the **Vishwa Shanti Stupa** (Ratnagiri hill).

### ECONOMY Kandla, JNPA, Paradip and Mundra notified as India's first 'mega ports'

- **Deendayal (Kandla, Gujarat)**, **JNPA (Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra)**, **Paradip (Odisha)**, **Mundra (Gujarat)**.
- **Mundra** is the only **non-major, privately operated** port in the list; **Paradip** is the only one on the **east coast**.
- Criteria (issued **30 July 2026**) are based on **annual cargo volume**, not ownership; status valid for **5 years**.
- India has **12 major ports** and **200+ non-major ports**.

> **Concept:** **Major ports**: **Union List, Entry 27**; other ports: **Concurrent List, Entry 31**. The **2025 Act** replaced the **Indian Ports Act, 1908**. **Sagarmala** programme: **2015**.

### ENVIRONMENT Sagarmala Finance opens India's first blue bond for maritime projects

- Tenor **10 years**; rated **AA+**.
- SMFCL — India's **first maritime-focused NBFC**, set up in **June 2025**.
- Use of funds: **maritime lending**, **greenfield ports** and **coastal roads**.
- Borrowing plan: ₹**25,000 crore** overall, ₹**8,000 crore** in the first year.

> **Concept:** **Blue bond**: debt raised to fund **ocean/marine** projects (a subset of green finance). World's first **sovereign blue bond**: **Seychelles (2018)**. India's first **sovereign green bonds**: **Jan 2023**.

### HEALTH Supreme Court flags 10-fold markup on cancer drug as 'broad daylight dacoity'

- About **82%** of medicines are **non-scheduled** — outside the **DPCO** price ceiling.
- DPCO caps ~**1,000** scheduled medicines, against **60,000+** brands in the market.
- Non-scheduled drug prices can rise at most **10% a year**, but launch prices are free.
- PILs: **Kishan Chand Jain (2023)** and a **2026** petition on trade margins.

> **Concept:** **NPPA (1997)** under the Dept of Pharmaceuticals enforces **DPCO 2013**, issued under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**. **NLEM 2022**: **384** drugs. Right to health: **Art. 21**; **Art. 47** (DPSP).

### ECONOMY Edible oil import duties slashed ahead of festive season

- Crude **palm & soybean**: **10% → 5%**; crude **sunflower**: **10% → 0%**.
- Refined palm & soybean: **32.5% → 27.5%**; refined sunflower: **32.5% → 22.5%**.
- Effective duty (with cess): crude palm/soy **16.5% → 11%**; crude sunflower **16.5% → 5.5%**.
- India imports about **two-thirds** of its edible oil — from **Indonesia, Malaysia** and **Argentina**, among others.

> **Concept:** **Yellow Revolution** = oilseeds. Bihar grows **rapeseed-mustard** in rabi. Customs duty is levied under the **Customs Act, 1962**; cutting it lowers **imported inflation**.

REPORT **India climbs to 31st in WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026**

- Top 5: **Japan, USA, Spain, Australia, France**.
- **92%** of economies (**101 of 110**) improved their scores since 2024.
- India's strengths: **price competitiveness**, **cultural resources** (top-10), business travel.
- Gaps: tourist services, general infrastructure, **sustainability** and workforce skills.

**Concept: TTDI** is the **biennial** successor to the **Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI)**. It measures conditions for **sustainable and resilient** tourism, not just arrivals.

# Prelims rapid-fire — 132

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| 1 | **International Day of Charity** is observed on **5 September**, marking Mother Teresa's death anniversary (1997). |
| 2 | **Teachers' Day (5 Sept)** honours **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**, India's 1st Vice-President and 2nd President. |
| 3 | The **RBI repo rate** stands at **5.25%** with a neutral stance; the inflation target is **4% (+/- 2%)**. |
| 4 | **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag in 2022**; the **ICAR-NRC** makhana centre is at **Darbhanga**. |
| 5 | The **Indrapuri Barrage** on the **Sone river** lies in **Rohtas district**, Bihar. |
| 6 | **BioE3 Policy (2024)** targets a **Rs 20 lakh crore** bioeconomy by **2030**. |
| 7 | Ganga crossed its previous all-time HFL of **50.52 m** (2016) at Patna's Gandhi Ghat. |
| 8 | ISRO's **EOS-05** rode **GSLV-F17** — the **19th** GSLV mission and **107th** launch from Sriharikota. |
| 9 | National Accounts base year revised **2011-12 → 2022-23**; **Producer Price Index (PPI)** replaces **WPI**. |
| 10 | Sone river pact: Bihar gets **5.75 MAF**, Jharkhand **2 MAF** of the **7.75 MAF** 1973 Bansagar share. |
| 11 | **26th SCO Summit** was held at **Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)**; **Pakistan** chairs the bloc in 2026-27. |
| 12 | Supreme Court asked states to raise district judge retirement age from **60 to 62** amid **5.18 crore** pending cases. |
| 13 | Ganga's all-time HFL at Patna's **Gandhi Ghat** is now **50.53 m** (old **50.52 m**, 2016). |
| 14 | The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'** and originates in **Nepal/Tibet**. |
| 15 | **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag in 2022**; the Makhana Board is based in **Bihar**. |
| 16 | **EOS-05** orbits at **~36,000 km** in a **geostationary** orbit. |
| 17 | The **New Development Bank (BRICS)** is headquartered in **Shanghai**. |
| 18 | The **Strait of Hormuz** links the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman**. |
| 19 | A global credit-rating agency upgraded India's sovereign rating from **BBB+ to A-** (2 Sept 2026). |
| 20 | **ISRO** launched earth-observation satellite **EOS-05** aboard the **GSLV** (4 Sept 2026). |
| 21 | India logged **7.8% GDP** growth in **Q1 FY27**, the fastest among major economies. |
| 22 | **8 September** is observed as **International Literacy Day** (UNESCO). |
| 23 | Bihar's makhana farmers get up to **Rs 72,750/hectare** subsidy under the development scheme. |
| 24 | **Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma** became the first non-medical woman **two-star** officer in India's defence forces. |
| 25 | **Kosi** — 'Sorrow of Bihar', originates in the **Nepal Himalayas**, notorious for shifting course. |
| 26 | **Mithila Makhana** got its **GI tag in 2022**; **National Makhana Board** HQ is in **Bihar** (2025). |
| 27 | The **DAC**, chaired by the **Defence Minister**, grants '**Acceptance of Necessity**' for procurement. |
| 28 | **Coastal Local Area Bank** = first **LAB** in the **RBI Second Schedule** (RBI Act, **1934**). |
| 29 | India's **UNESCO tentative tally = 73** (**53 Cultural, 17 Natural, 3 Mixed**). |
| 30 | **Bharat 6G Mission** targets India as a **global 6G hub by 2030**. |
| 31 | **Ganga HFL** at Patna's Gandhi Ghat (previous record): **50.52 m (Aug 2016)**; now **50.53 m**. |
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| | **DRDO SHIELD**: S-band **High-Power Microwave** system using **Gallium Nitride (GaN)**, peak field min **3 kV/m**. |
| 33 | **Army AASHVAST lab** (DG EME, Delhi): detects **Chinese components** in drones via an air-gapped, read-only system. |
| 34 | **PM-SETU**: new ITI-cluster investment **Rs 735.70 cr**; cumulative **Rs 2,171 cr** across **9 clusters**. |
| 35 | **GalaxEye** (Bengaluru, 2021): first Indian startup with a **US patent** for **OptoSAR**. |
| 36 | **New lichen** *Buellia maharajensis* found in **Mathikettan Shola NP, Kerala** (Western Ghats). |
| 37 | **Mithila Makhana** (fox nut, *Euryale ferox*) of Bihar carries a **GI tag** (granted 2022). |
| 38 | The **Buxar–Bhagalpur Expressway** (**336 km**) crosses Arwal, Jehanabad, **Nalanda** and Jamui. |
| 39 | Proposed **Article 371(K)** for **Ladakh** mirrors **371A (Nagaland)** and **371G (Mizoram)**. |
| 40 | India's **Q1 FY27 GDP** grew **7.8%**, computed on the new **2022-23** base-year series. |
| 41 | **UNCCD COP17** was hosted by **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** — theme 'Restoring Land, Restoring Hope'. |
| 42 | **CE20** is ISRO's **cryogenic** upper-stage engine for **LVM3**, hot-tested at **220 kN**. |
| 43 | **Mithila Makhana** got its **GI tag** in **2022**; the Board's HQ is at **Purnia**. |
| 44 | The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; it rises in **Nepal/Tibet**. |
| 45 | **ULPIN** under Bhu-Aadhaar is a **14-digit** land-parcel ID. |
| 46 | BRICS' **New Development Bank (NDB)** is headquartered in **Shanghai**. |
| 47 | **SASCI** gives states **50-year interest-free** capital-investment loans. |
| 48 | The **LVM3** cryogenic upper stage is powered by the **CE20** engine. |
| 49 | **Kosi** river is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; it originates in **Nepal/Tibet**. |
| 50 | **Bihar Agricultural University** is located at **Sabour (Bhagalpur)**. |
| 51 | **ISA** headquarters: **Gurugram**; founded with **France** at **CoP-21, 2015**. |
| 52 | **T+0** means trade and settlement on the **same day**; India moved to **T+1** in 2023. |
| 53 | **GST Council** is a constitutional body under **Article 279A**. |
| 54 | **Engineer's Day (15 Sep)** marks the birth anniversary of **M. Visvesvaraya**. |
| 55 | **Vishnupad Temple** stands on the **Falgu river** at **Gaya**. |
| 56 | **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag in 2022**. |
| 57 | The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**. |
| 58 | RBI's inflation target: **4% (±2%)**, measured on CPI. |
| 59 | **18th BRICS Summit** venue: **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. |
| 60 | **Art. 243ZL** (Part IX-B) deals with **co-operative societies**. |
| 61 | **17 September** — **World Patient Safety Day** (WHO); India also marks **Vishwakarma Puja**. |
| 62 | The **Kosi** river is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; it originates in Nepal/the Himalayas. |
| 63 | **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag** in **2022**. |
| 64 | India's **CPI base year** has been revised to **2024=100**. |
| 65 | **BRICS** was founded in **2009** (South Africa joined 2010); this is India's **4th** presidency. |
| 66 | The **Vishnupad Temple**, Gaya, stands on the banks of the **Falgu** river. |
| 67 | **Mithila Makhana** holds a **GI tag**; a **Makhana Board** is being set up to boost farmers' income in Bihar. |

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| 68 | **Patna Metro's** first (priority) section on the **Blue Line** is operational, a milestone in the city's urban transport. |
| 69 | **World Ozone Day** is observed on **16 September** (2026 theme focuses on global action for a cooler planet). |
| 70 | **International Day of Democracy** falls on **15 September**. |
| 71 | **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; the **Kosi-Mechi** link aims at flood relief and irrigation. |
| 72 | India's **repo rate** stands at **5.25%**; the next **RBI MPC** meeting is scheduled for October 2026. |
| 73 | The **Kosi** river is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**. |
| 74 | **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag in 2022**. |
| 75 | **Global Gender Gap Index 2026**: India ranked **131st**; **Iceland** tops the list. |
| 76 | **BRICS** now has **11 members** after its recent expansion. |
| 77 | Gaganyaan's uncrewed flight will carry the humanoid **'Vyommitra'**. |
| 78 | The **GST Council** is a constitutional body under **Article 279A**. |
| 79 | **Cheetah** count in India rises to **56** (**36 born** in India); **Kuno NP**, Madhya Pradesh is the hub. |
| 80 | PM handed out **51,000+** appointment letters at the **20th Rozgar Mela**. |
| 81 | Marathi film **'Gondhal'** is India's official entry for the **Oscars 2027** (Best International Feature). |
| 82 | **HAL** delivered **2 LCA (Tejas) twin-seat trainers** to the IAF; **Dhruv NG** choppers inducted. |
| 83 | **Bihar** ranks **1st** in India for **litchi, makhana & bottle-gourd** output. |
| 84 | **Himalayan Monal** (Uttarakhand's state bird) alters its calls under tourism noise — study at **Kedarnath WLS**. |
| 85 | **Mithila Makhana** carries a **GI tag**; the **National Makhana Board** is based in Bihar. |
| 86 | **Patna Metro** first phase started operations in **October 2025**. |
| 87 | **RBI repo rate** is **5.25%** with a **neutral** monetary-policy stance. |
| 88 | **Russia** supplied **51%** of India's crude oil imports in **July 2026**. |
| 89 | The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; the **Kosi-Mechi link** aids flood control. |
| 90 | **Shahi Litchi (Muzaffarpur)** and **Katarni rice (Bhagalpur)** are Bihar **GI** products. |
| 91 | Bihar Vidhan Parishad strength: 75 members (permanent House) |
| 92 | Mithila Makhana GI tag year: 2022 |
| 93 | India–NZ FTA in force from: 20 October 2026 |
| 94 | UPI Tap & Pay PIN-less limit: ₹5,000 |
| 95 | Ayurveda Day (fixed date): 23 September |
| 96 | Asian Games 2026 host city: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan |
| 97 | **Battle of Haifa (23 September 1918):** Indian cavalry (Jodhpur, Mysore, Hyderabad Lancers) freed Haifa in WWI — marked as **Haifa Day**. |
| 98 | **UP Gangsters Act, 1986:** SC flagged that defining a 'crime' cannot be left to executive discretion — the **Article 20(1)** legality principle. |
| 99 | **Critical minerals:** India is eyeing **lithium & nickel** processing (including a Mali venture) to build its **EV-battery** ecosystem. |
| 100 | **Special Intensive Revision (SIR):** SC found ~**33 lakh** Delhi voter notices 'mechanically issued'; disposal deadline **29 October**. |

101 **Shahi Litchi (Muzaffarpur)** and **Jardalu mango (Bhagalpur)** carry **GI tags** — frequent BPSC Prelims picks.

102 **BIT/ISDS:** India's recent investment treaties push disputes to **domestic arbitration**, omitting investor-state (ISDS) clauses.

103 **Kosi** — called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'** — is a north-bank Himalayan river prone to shifting course.

104 **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** was launched on **23 September 2018**; cover of **Rs 5 lakh** per family/year.

105 Bihar has **75** Legislative Council seats — the **oldest** state Council in India (**1936**).

106 **GIFT City**, India's first **IFSC**, is regulated by the **IFSCA** at **Gandhinagar**.

107 Bihar produces about **85%+** of India's **makhana**; a **National Makhana Board** was announced for the state.

108 **ISTRAC**, ISRO's tracking network, is headquartered in **Bengaluru**; **ESA** has **22** member states.

109 **Mithila Makhana** carries a **GI tag**; Bihar leads India's makhana output.

110 **World Rhino Day** (22 Sep): Greater One-Horned Rhino - IUCN **Vulnerable**, WPA **Schedule I**.

111 **PM-KUSUM** solarises farm feeders and tube-wells (Ministry: **MNRE**).

112 **NSO Tourism Survey**: **Uttar Pradesh** top destination at **15.7%** of trips.

113 **Kosi** = the 'Sorrow of Bihar', an antecedent Himalayan river.

114 **CERT-In** cyber-incident reporting deadline in India: **6 hours**.

115 **Vishnupad Temple Corridor (Gaya)** — Bihar cabinet gave **₹2,520 crore** approval on **15 Sept**, modelled on **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor**.

116 **Son–Falgu river-linking** project sanctioned **₹996.05 crore**; **Makhana Development Scheme 2026-27**: **₹89.79 crore**.

117 **Poompuhar (Mayiladuthurai, TN)** — undersea finds incl. a **West Asian 'torpedo jar'**; port of the **early Cholas** (Sangam age).

118 **Incendiamoeba cascadensis** — amoeba replicating at **63°C**, a **record for eukaryotes**.

119 **Mann Ki Baat (138th episode, 27 Sept)** — hailed **pygmy hog** recovery (~**190**) in Assam & **Modhera** solar village.

120 **COP31** — **Antalya, Türkiye (Nov 2026)**, with **Australia** leading negotiations.

121 **Makhana**: Bihar grows **85%+** of India's makhana on **41,000 ha** (2025-26); **Mithila Makhana** has a **GI tag**; target **82,000 ha** by **2030-31**.

122 **Chess Olympiad**: 46th edition at **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** (15–27 Sept): India won **Silver (Open)** and **Bronze (Women)**.

123 **Ex VARUNA**: 24th **India–France** naval exercise; **INS Trishul** reached **Toulon**. Began **1993**, named VARUNA in **2001**.

124 **DDU-GKY**: Completed **12 years** on **25 Sept** (launched **2014**); **18.47 lakh** trained, **12.43 lakh** placed; age **15–35**.

125 **FASTag Pass**: **FASTag Annual Pass** crossed **1 crore** passes since its **Aug 2025** launch.

126 **World Heart Day**: Observed on **29 Sept** every year to raise awareness on **cardiovascular disease**.

127 CJI **Surya Kant** opened India's **first Victim Rights Centre** at **BSLSA, Patna** on **26 Sept** — a **12-month pilot**.

128 Forest officials at **Sasaram (Rohtas)** seized ~**10 kg** of **Indian pangolin** scales — a **Schedule I** species (WPA, 1972).

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| 129 | **Asian Games 2026 (Aichi–Nagoya)**: India won **kabaddi gold** in both men's (**40–34**) and women's (**37–34**) finals vs **Iran**. |
| 130 | **Paradip** is the only **mega port** on India's **east coast**; **Mundra** the only private one. |
| 131 | World's first **sovereign blue bond**: **Seychelles, 2018**. |
| 132 | Bihar's two **UNESCO** sites: **Mahabodhi Temple (2002)** and **Nalanda Mahavihara (2016)**. |

## Data points

**7.8%**

**India Real GDP Growth - Q1 FY2026-27**
Real GDP rose **7.8%** (nominal **10.3%**) in **April-June 2026**, computed on the new **2022-23 base year** - among the fastest for a major economy despite global headwinds.

**₹9,169 crore**

**Bihar's 16th Finance Commission grant to Urban Local Bodies (FY2026-27 to 2030-31)**
Approved by the State Cabinet as **basic + performance grants** for all municipal corporations — among the largest devolutions to Bihar's urban bodies, aimed at water, sanitation and civic infrastructure.

**₹9.92 lakh cr**

**Bihar's economy crosses ₹9.92 lakh crore**
GSDP (current prices) in the Economic Survey 2025-26; real growth 8.6% (above the national average); per-capita GSDP ₹76,490.

**GSDP Rs 9.91 lakh cr | 14.9% growth**

**Bihar's Economy (Economic Survey 2025-26)**
Bihar's GSDP touched **Rs 9,91,997 crore** (2024-25, current prices), growing **14.9%** against India's **12.0%**; per-capita income rose to **Rs 76,490**. Sectoral share of GSVA: services **54.8%**, industry **26.8%**, agriculture **18.3%**.

**≈ 85% of India's makhana — India ≈ 90% of world output**

**Bihar's Makhana Dominance**
Mithila–Kosi belt; GI-tagged Mithila Makhana (2022); National Makhana Board set up in 2025; ₹476-cr scheme across 9 districts.

**7.8%**

**India Q1 FY27 GDP growth**
India's real GDP grew **7.8%** in **Q1 FY27 (Apr-Jun 2026)**, up from **6.9%** a year earlier and above the **RBI's 7% projection** — the fastest among major economies.

**7.8%**

**India Real GDP growth — Q1 FY27 (Apr–Jun 2026)**
Up from 6.9% a year earlier and above the RBI's ~7.0% estimate; led by manufacturing and services, on the new 2022-23 base-year series.

**₹9.92 lakh crore**

**Bihar GSDP (2024-25)**
Real growth **8.6%** and nominal **13.1%** — **outpacing the national average**; services are **54.8%** of GSDP and per-capita income is **₹40,973** (constant prices).

**14.9%**

**Bihar GSDP growth (Economic Survey 2025-26)**

Bihar's economy expanded **14.9%** in **2024-25** (current prices) — faster than India's **12.0%**. GSDP reached about **₹9.92 lakh crore**; per-capita income rose to **₹76,490**. Services lead at **54.8%** of GSDP, industry **26.8%**, agriculture **18.3%**.

**4.82%**

**India Retail Inflation (CPI) — August 2026**

Up from 4.44% in July; food inflation at 5.95%. Still within the RBI's 4% (±2%) tolerance band, even as wholesale (WPI) inflation ran far higher at 9.92%.

**14.9%**

**Bihar's economic growth (2025-26 Economic Survey)**

GSDP growth at current prices — ahead of India's 12.0%. State GSDP ₹9.92 lakh crore; per-capita income ₹76,490 (still ~31.7% of the national average).

**4.82%**

**India CPI (retail) inflation — August 2026**

Up from 4.45% in July; food inflation at 5.95% and core near 4.2%. The RBI held the repo rate at 5.25% (neutral stance); next MPC review is due in October 2026.

**5.50%**

**RBI Repo Rate (held)**

The RBI has kept the policy repo rate at **5.50%** with a **neutral** stance. Real GDP is projected at **6.8% (FY26)** and **6.6% (FY27)**, with **CPI inflation around 2.6% (FY26)**. **GST 2.0** process reforms head to the Council on **7 October 2026**.

**14.9% vs 12.0%**

**Bihar's economy grows faster than the nation**

Bihar's GSDP grew **14.9%** at current prices in **2025-26** against India's **~12.0%**, crossing **₹9.92 lakh crore**. Yet per-capita income (**₹76,490**) stays well below the national average, and agriculture still holds **54%** of jobs for only **18%** of output — a growth-with-gaps story.

**Repo 5.25% | CPI 4.82% | Core 4.2%**

**India's Real Policy Rate Turns Modestly Positive**

With retail inflation (CPI) at 4.82% in August 2026 and the RBI repo rate at 5.25% under a neutral stance, the real policy rate is mildly positive. Food inflation stood at 5.95% and bank credit growth at 19.1%.

**80%**

**MAKHANA — BIHAR'S GLOBAL EDGE**

India grows about 80% of the world's makhana (fox nut), overwhelmingly in Bihar's Mithila region; the new National Makhana Board scheme carries a ₹476.03 crore outlay for 2025-26 to 2030-31.

**₹9.92 lakh crore**

**Size of Bihar's economy (GSDP, current prices, 2024-25)**

Bihar's GSDP grew **8.6%** in real terms in 2024-25 — faster than India's **6.5%** — even as per-capita income (**₹76,490**) stayed among the country's lowest. Secondary-sector growth of **11.1%** signals a gradual industrial pickup.

**47.33 lakh people**

**Bihar flood impact**

affected across **15 districts**; relief includes **1,221 community kitchens**, **1,876 boats** and **27 SDRF + 10 NDRF** teams as the **Ganga, Kosi & Gandak** stay above the danger mark.

**Rs 23,698 crore**

**Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (2023-28)**

Approved outlay to modernise farming - the largest farm-sector commitment in the state's roadmap series, with Rs 9,748 crore for irrigation under PMKSY.

**$765.90 bn**

**India's foreign exchange reserves (week ended 18 Sept 2026)**

Down **$14.88 bn** in one week — the **sharpest weekly fall since Nov 2024** — from **$780.8 bn**; all-time high **$785.7 bn** (5 Sept). Foreign currency assets **$631 bn**, gold **$111.3 bn**, SDRs **$18.7 bn**, IMF reserve position **$4.9 bn**. Cause: **RBI dollar sales** to steady the **rupee** as crude crossed **$105/barrel** and US yields rose above **5%**.

**74%**

**Bihar Budget 2026-27: share of revenue receipts coming from the Centre**

Of revenue receipts, **55%** is Bihar's share in central taxes and **18%** is central grants; **own tax revenue** is **₹65,800 cr** (only **5% of GSDP**). Total spending is **₹3,24,925 cr**, GSDP is **₹13.1 lakh cr**, and the fiscal deficit target is **3% of GSDP**. **Education** gets the largest share (**₹70,141 cr, 21.7%**).

**US$ 7.3 billion**

**Net FDI inflow into India, July 2026**

Highest monthly net FDI in **5 years**, up **64%** from **US$ 4.5 bn** in July 2025. Gross inflows: **US$ 14.6 bn**. April–July 2026 net FDI: **US$ 13.4 bn** (+**38%**). **Mauritius, UAE** and **US** gave ~**70%** of equity inflows.

## Practice MCQs — 44

**Q1. With reference to the recently approved Buxar-Bhagalpur Greenfield Expressway, consider the following statements: 1) It is a six-lane expressway of about 336 km. 2) It is being developed on PPP through BSRDCL. 3) It passes through Nalanda and Gaya districts. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q2. The 26th SCO Summit of 2026, which adopted the Bishkek Declaration, was hosted by which country?**

1. Kazakhstan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Uzbekistan
4. China

**Q3. The Indrapuri Barrage, recently in the news in the context of a Bihar–Jharkhand water-sharing agreement, is built on which river?**

1. Kosi
2. Gandak
3. Sone
4. Bagmati

**Q4. With reference to India's revised National Accounts released in 2026, consider the following statements: 1. The base year for GDP was revised to 2022-23. 2. The Producer Price Index (PPI) replaced the Wholesale Price Index (WPI). Which of the statements is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q5. Consider the following statements about the National Makhana Board: 1. It was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26. 2. It is headquartered in Bihar. 3. Mithila Makhana has received a GI tag. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q6. The all-time Highest Flood Level (HFL) of the Ganga breached in September 2026 was recorded at which ghat in Patna?**

1. Digha Ghat
2. Gandhi Ghat
3. Gai Ghat
4. Collectorate Ghat

**Q7. With reference to the Sone (Son) river, consider the following statements: 1. It is a right-bank tributary of the Ganga. 2. It originates near Amarkantak. 3. The Indrapuri Barrage is built on it. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q8. The 18th BRICS Summit (2026) is being hosted by which country and at which venue?**

1. Brazil - Rio de Janeiro
2. India - New Delhi (Bharat Mandapam)
3. Russia - Kazan
4. South Africa - Johannesburg

**Q9. Which of the following rivers, associated with recurrent flooding in Bihar, originates in the Nepal Himalayas?**

1. Punpun
2. Kosi
3. Son
4. Falgu

**Q10. With reference to makhana in Bihar, consider: (1) The National Makhana Board was set up in 2025. (2) It is headquartered in Bihar. (3) Mithila Makhana has a GI tag. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q11. With reference to Mithila Makhana, consider the following statements: 1. It received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2022. 2. It is cultivated mainly in the Mithila region of Bihar. 3. A dedicated National Makhana Board has been set up for it. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q12. The bilateral air exercise 'Veer Guardian-2026' is held between India and which one of the following countries?**

1. France
2. Japan
3. Australia
4. United States

**Q13. The proposed Article 371(K), recently in the news, seeks special constitutional provisions for which Union Territory?**

1. Jammu & Kashmir
2. Ladakh
3. Puducherry
4. Lakshadweep

**Q14. Mithila Makhana, which holds a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is a product of which crop?**

1. Water chestnut (Singhara)
2. Fox nut (Euryale ferox)
3. Lotus stem
4. Barley

**Q15. With reference to the recent Bihar floods, consider the statements: (1) The Ganga at Patna crossed its previous record level. (2) The Kosi rises in the Nepal/Tibet Himalaya. (3) The NDRF alone carries out all rescue in the state. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q16. 'Bhu-Aadhaar', recently in the news, refers to:**

1. A crop-insurance ID
2. A 14-digit Unique Land Parcel Number (ULPIN)
3. A rural job card
4. A soil-health card

**Q17. With reference to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), consider the following: 1. It was jointly launched by India and France. 2. Its headquarters is located in Gurugram, Haryana. 3. It is an intergovernmental treaty-based organisation. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q18. Consider the following pairs (river : location where it flows above danger level in Bihar): 1. Ganga - Sultanganj 2. Budhi Gandak - Khagaria 3. Punpun - Sripalpur How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?**

1. Only one
2. Only two
3. All three
4. None

**Q19. Consider the following statements about the Vishnupad Temple: 1. It is located in Gaya on the banks of the Falgu river. 2. The approved corridor is modelled on the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor. Which of the statements is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q20. Which constitutional part, inserted by the 97th Amendment, deals with co-operative societies?**

1. Part IX (Art. 243-243O)
2. Part IX-A (Art. 243P-243ZG)
3. Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT)
4. Part VIII (Art. 239-242)

**Q21. Consider the following about the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launched in Bihar (Sep 2026): 1. It delivers 26 central schemes on-the-spot. 2. It is coordinated across 9 departments. 3. It runs for exactly one week. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q22. 'Mithila Makhana', seen in the news, is associated with which state and form of IP protection?**

1. Assam – Patent
2. Bihar – Geographical Indication
3. Odisha – Trademark
4. West Bengal – Copyright

**Q23. With reference to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif 2026-27, consider the following: 1. The MSP for paddy (common) was raised by ₹72 to ₹2,441 per quintal. 2. MSP is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). Which of the statements is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q24. Consider the following rivers that were flowing above the danger mark during the 2026 Bihar floods: 1. Bagmati 2. Gandak 3. Ghaghra Which of these are tributaries linked to the Ganga system in Bihar?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q25. The Vishnupad Temple Corridor, recently approved by the Bihar Cabinet, is located in which district?**

1. Nalanda
2. Gaya
3. Rohtas
4. Bhagalpur

**Q26. Consider the following about the 18th BRICS Summit (2026): 1) It was hosted by India at New Delhi. 2) Members adopted the New Delhi Declaration. 3) A common BRICS currency was launched. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q27. With reference to the National Makhana Board, consider the following: 1. Its outlay is ₹476.03 crore for 2025-26 to 2030-31. 2. It covers nine districts of north Bihar. 3. India accounts for about 80% of global makhana output. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q28. The Kishau Multipurpose Project, recently in the news, is being built on which river?**

1. Betwa
2. Tons (Yamuna sub-basin)
3. Ken
4. Sharda

**Q29. With reference to Mithila Makhana, consider the following statements: 1. It has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. 2. The National Makhana Board is headquartered in Bihar. Which of the statements is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q30. Which of the following rivers is popularly known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar'?**

1. Gandak
2. Bagmati
3. Kosi
4. Punpun

**Q31. With reference to the Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad), consider the following statements: 1. It is a permanent House that is not subject to dissolution. 2. One-third of its members retire every two years. 3. Only six Indian states currently have a Legislative Council. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q32. Consider the following pairs of river and its common description in Bihar: 1. Kosi — 'Sorrow of Bihar' 2. Gandak — a north-bank tributary of the Ganga Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?**

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

**Q33. With reference to Bihar's rivers, consider the following statements: 1. The Kosi originates in the Nepal/Himalaya. 2. The Kosi is known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar'. 3. The Gandak is a tributary of the Ganga. Which of the above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q34. The case 'Bijoe Emmanuel v. State of Kerala (1986)' is chiefly associated with which fundamental right?**

1. Right to property
2. Freedom of conscience and religion
3. Right to constitutional remedies
4. Right against exploitation

**Q35. With reference to the Bihar Legislative Council, consider the following statements: 1. It is the oldest State Legislative Council in India. 2. One-third of its members are nominated by the Governor. 3. A State Legislative Council can be created or abolished under Article 169. Which of the statements given above are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1 and 3 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q36. Consider the following pairs of rivers and their features in Bihar: 1. Kosi — north-bank Himalayan river 2. Punpun — south-bank peninsular river 3. Gandak — enters India via Valmiki Nagar How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?**

1. Only one
2. Only two
3. All three
4. None

**Q37. With reference to Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap, consider: 1) It covers the period 2023-28. 2) Its approved outlay is about Rs 23,698 crore. 3) Irrigation is supported under the PMKSY. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q38. Regarding the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), consider: 1) The CEC can be removed only in the same manner as a Supreme Court judge. 2) Removal requires a special majority in both Houses of Parliament. 3) Several CECs have been removed since 1950. Which are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q39. Consider the following statements about the proposed Kosi four-lane corridor in Bihar: 1. It will run along both Kosi embankments for about 354 km. 2. Its western section runs from Birpur to Kursela. 3. It will connect with the Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q40. Under the RTI Act, 2005, the State Chief Information Commissioner is appointed by:**

1. The Chief Minister
2. The Governor on the recommendation of a committee
3. The President of India
4. The Chief Justice of the High Court

**Q41. Consider the following statements about the Victim Rights Centre inaugurated in September 2026: 1. It is India's first such centre and is located in Patna. 2. It functions under the Bihar State Legal Services Authority. 3. It has been set up as a 24-month pilot project. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 1 and 2 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q42. The Gandak river, currently in spate in north Bihar, enters India at which place and meets the Ganga near which town?**

1. Bhimnagar; Kursela
2. Valmikinagar; Hajipur
3. Raxaul; Barh
4. Birpur; Munger

**Q43. With reference to the Gandak river, consider the following statements: 1. It enters Bihar at Valmikinagar. 2. It joins the Ganga near Hajipur–Sonpur. 3. The Gandak Project was executed under an India–Bhutan agreement. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

1. 1 only
2. 1 and 2 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

**Q44. Under the RTI Act, 2005, which of the following statements about the State Chief Information Commissioner is/are correct? 1. Appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Minister. 2. The Leader of Opposition in the Assembly is a member of the selection committee. 3. The appointee is eligible for reappointment.**

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

## Answer key & explanations

**Q1 — Answer: D**
All three are correct - the ~336 km six-lane greenfield expressway is being built on PPP via BSRDCL and passes through Nalanda and Gaya among 11 districts.

**Q2 — Answer: B**
The 26th SCO Summit was held at Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, on 3-4 September 2026.

**Q3 — Answer: C**
The Indrapuri Barrage lies on the **Sone** river in **Rohtas** district. The 2026 Bihar–Jharkhand pact, allocating Bihar **5.75 MAF**, allows its full operation and irrigation in the Magadh belt.

**Q4 — Answer: C**
The new National Accounts Statistics 2026 shifted the base year from **2011-12 to 2022-23** and introduced the **PPI** in place of the **WPI**, alongside new indices like the Banking Services Price Index.

**Q5 — Answer: D**
All three are correct - the Board was announced in Budget 2025-26 with a ₹100 cr corpus, is based in Bihar, and Mithila Makhana was GI-tagged in 2022.

**Q6 — Answer: B**
The Ganga touched 50.53 m at Gandhi Ghat, above the earlier HFL of 50.52 m set in August 2016.

**Q7 — Answer: D**
The Son is a right-bank tributary of the Ganga, rises near Amarkantak (MP), and the Indrapuri Barrage (Dehri) is built on it in Bihar.

**Q8 — Answer: B**
India, as the 2026 BRICS Chair, hosts the 18th Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (12-13 September 2026).

**Q9 — Answer: B**
The Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar') rises in the Nepal/Tibet Himalayas. The Son and Punpun are south-Bihar rivers; the Falgu flows near Gaya.

**Q10 — Answer: D**
All three are correct — the Board was constituted in September 2025, is headquartered in Bihar, and Mithila Makhana received a GI tag in 2022.

**Q11 — Answer: D**
Mithila Makhana got its GI tag in 2022, is grown mainly in Bihar's Mithila region, and is supported by a National Makhana Board — all three statements are correct.

**Q12 — Answer: B**
Veer Guardian is the India-Japan bilateral air exercise; the 2026 edition was held at Jodhpur, with the IAF flying Tejas, Su-30 MKI and Rafale, and the JASDF fielding F-2A aircraft.

**Q13 — Answer: B**
The Union Home Ministry proposed Article 371(K) to give Ladakh a directly elected body and safeguards over land, culture and environment, mirroring 371A and 371G.

**Q14 — Answer: B**
Makhana is the fox nut (Euryale ferox), cultivated in Bihar's Mithila region; 'Mithila Makhana' received a GI tag in 2022.

**Q15 — Answer: A**
Both **SDRF and NDRF** operate in Bihar, so (3) is wrong. The Ganga crossed its **2016 record** and the **Kosi** rises in the Nepal/Tibet Himalaya — (1) and (2) are correct.

**Q16 — Answer: B**
Under **DILRMP 3.0**, **Bhu-Aadhaar** assigns a **14-digit ULPIN** to each land parcel for geo-referenced records.

**Q17 — Answer: D**
ISA was launched by India & France at CoP-21 (2015), is headquartered at Gurugram, and is a treaty-based intergovernmental body. Hence all three are correct.

**Q18 — Answer: C**
During the September 2026 floods the Ganga (Sultanganj), Budhi Gandak (Khagaria) and Punpun (Sripalpur) were all reported above their danger levels. All three pairs are correct.

**Q19 — Answer: C**
Both are correct — the Vishnupad Temple is at Gaya on the Falgu river, and the ₹3,516-cr corridor follows the Kashi Vishwanath model.

**Q20 — Answer: C**
Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT), added by the 97th Amendment (2011), governs co-operatives; Art. 243ZL was central to the recent Supreme Court ruling.

**Q21 — Answer: A**
The campaign runs 17 Sep-17 Oct 2026 (extended to Mar 2027), not one week; 26 schemes across 9 departments are correct, so statements 1 and 2 hold.

**Q22 — Answer: B**
Mithila Makhana of Bihar received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2022.

**Q23 — Answer: C**
Paddy (common) MSP rose ₹72 to ₹2,441/quintal for 2026-27, and MSP is recommended by the CACP before Cabinet approval. Both are correct.

**Q24 — Answer: D**
Bagmati, Gandak and Ghaghra are all part of the Ganga river system in Bihar and were above the danger mark during the 2026 floods.

**Q25 — Answer: B**
The **₹2,520-crore** corridor, modelled on the **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor**, will develop the Vishnupad temple in **Gaya**.

**Q26 — Answer: A**
India **hosted** the summit and members adopted the **New Delhi Declaration**; **no common currency** was launched – the focus was on **local-currency trade**.

**Q27 — Answer: D**
All three are correct — the six-year **₹476.03 cr** mission covers **9 north-Bihar districts**, and India produces ~**80%** of the world's makhana.

**Q28 — Answer: B**
The dam is on the **Tons river**, the largest tributary of the **Yamuna**; a six-state pact was signed on 15 Sep 2026.

**Q29 — Answer: C**
Mithila Makhana received a GI tag (2022) and the National Makhana Board announced in the Union Budget is based in Bihar. Hence both statements are correct.

**Q30 — Answer: C**
The Kosi, notorious for shifting its course and causing severe floods in north Bihar, is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar'.

**Q31 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. Under **Article 171**, the Council is permanent, with **one-third retiring every two years**, and at present **six states** (including **Bihar**) have one.

**Q32 — Answer: C**
Both are correct. The **Kosi** is called the **'Sorrow of Bihar'** for its shifting course and floods, and the **Gandak** is a **northern (Himalayan) tributary** joining the Ganga.

**Q33 — Answer: D**
All three are correct. The Kosi rises in the Himalaya/Nepal, is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar' for its shifting course, and the Gandak (Narayani) is a left-bank tributary of the Ganga.

**Q34 — Answer: B**
It upheld students' freedom of conscience (Arts. 19(1)(a) & 25) in the National Anthem case — cited in the 2026 national-song ruling.

**Q35 — Answer: B**
The Bihar Legislative Council (since 1936) is India's oldest such Council (1 correct). Under Art. 171, about 1/12 of members are Governor-nominated, not 1/3 (2 wrong). Art. 169 lets Parliament create/abolish a Council on a state assembly's special-majority resolution (3 correct).

**Q36 — Answer: C**
All three are correct. The Kosi is a Himalayan north-bank tributary; the Punpun rises in the Chhotanagpur plateau and joins the Ganga south of Patna; the Gandak enters India at Valmiki Nagar and meets the Ganga at Hajipur (Sonpur).

**Q37 — Answer: D**
All three statements are correct - the roadmap runs 2023-28 with an outlay of about **Rs 23,698 crore** and irrigation support under **PMKSY**.

**Q38 — Answer: A**
Statements 1 and 2 are correct; **no CEC has ever been removed**, so statement 3 is wrong.

**Q39 — Answer: D**
All three are correct: **354.37 km** on both embankments; west **Birpur → Kursela (~230 km)**, east **Birpur → Koparia (~124 km)**; it links **5 NHs** and the **Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway**.

**Q40 — Answer: B**
**Sec. 15(3)**: the **Governor** appoints on the recommendation of a committee of the **CM**, **Leader of Opposition** and a **Cabinet Minister** nominated by the CM.

**Q41 — Answer: B**
The centre at **BSLSA, Patna** is **India's first**, but it is a **12-month** pilot, so statement 3 is wrong.

**Q42 — Answer: B**
The Gandak enters India at **Valmikinagar** (site of the **Gandak barrage**, 1959 India–Nepal agreement) and joins the Ganga near **Hajipur**. Bhimnagar/Birpur relate to the **Kosi**.

**Q43 — Answer: B**
The Gandak enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar** and meets the **Ganga at Hajipur–Sonpur**. The Gandak Project rests on an **India–Nepal** agreement (**1959**), not India–Bhutan.

**Q44 — Answer: A**
**Section 15(3)**: the **Governor** appoints on the recommendation of the **CM (chair)**, **LoP** and a **cabinet minister**. The SCIC is **not eligible for reappointment**.

## Mains practice questions

1. Inter-state water-sharing accords are central to Bihar's water security. In light of the recent Sone river MoU, examine how such agreements can strengthen irrigation and flood management in Bihar. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
   Cover the Bansagar framework and MAF shares, the role of the Indrapuri Barrage and Magadh-belt irrigation, Article 262 / the 1956 Act, and links to Kosi-Mechi and flood control.
2. The 2026 Ganga floods have again exposed the structural vulnerability of Bihar's river systems. Examine the causes of recurrent flooding in Bihar and suggest a sustainable flood-management strategy. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
   Cover north-Bihar's Himalayan-fed rivers (Kosi 'Sorrow of Bihar', Gandak, Bagmati), heavy silt load, Nepal-origin discharge, embankment failures and drainage congestion; suggest de-silting/dredging, the Kosi-Mechi link, floodplain zoning, real-time forecasting and Indo-Nepal cooperation.
3. Recurrent floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of river management as of rainfall. Examine the causes and suggest a sustainable flood-management strategy for the state. (BPSC Mains, GS-II)
   Cover Nepal-origin rivers (Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati), heavy silt load and embankment failures, the 2026 HFL at Patna, FMISC, desilting and afforestation, EOS-05 based forecasting, and Indo-Nepal cooperation.
4. Inter-state river water disputes remain a recurring challenge to cooperative federalism in India. In this context, examine the significance of the recent Bihar-Jharkhand Sone river water-sharing agreement.
   Cover Article 262 and the ISRWD Act, 1956; limitations of tribunals; the negotiated-MoU model of cooperative federalism; and benefits to south Bihar's Sone Canal command area.
5. "Bihar's recurrent floods are as much a challenge of inter-state and international water management as of engineering." Discuss with reference to the Kosi–Gandak river system. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
   Cover Nepal-origin rivers and heavy silt load, limits of embankments, the Kosi barrage/treaty framework, real-time forecasting, and a shift from purely structural defences to integrated basin management.
6. Recurring high-magnitude floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of governance and river management as of rainfall. Critically examine, with reference to the 2026 Ganga floods.
   Discuss Kosi-Gandak sediment load and embankment failures, inter-state/Nepal water flows, HFL breaches at Patna, and remedies: flood forecasting, desilting, floodplain zoning, and NDRF/SDRF preparedness.
7. Bihar's recurring floods are as much a problem of river and catchment management as of relief. Examine the structural and non-structural measures needed for sustainable flood management in north Bihar. (250 words)
   Cover Kosi/Gandak/Bagmati silt and Nepal-origin flows; embankments vs desilting; floodplain zoning; flood forecasting; India–Nepal cooperation; and community preparedness.
8. Recurrent floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of river management as of geography. Discuss with reference to the Kosi and the recent embankment breaches. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
   Cover the Himalayan silt load, rainfall in Nepal, the limits of embankments, the Kosi-Mechi link, and disaster-management reforms.
9. Recurrent floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of river management and inter-State/ international water-sharing as of rainfall. Discuss, with reference to the Kosi and Gandak systems, the structural and institutional measures needed for long-term flood moderation. (15 marks, 250 words)

Cover: Nepal-origin rivers & silt load; embankment breaches; Kosi high dam & Kosi-Mechi link; desilting; DM Act 2005 institutions (NDRF/SDMA); Indo-Nepal cooperation; nature-based solutions.

10. “Bihar's recurring floods are as much a challenge of river management and Indo-Nepal cooperation as of relief.” Discuss with reference to the Kosi and the recent measures announced. (15 marks, 250 words)
    Cover the Kosi's silt load and course-shifting, the limits of embankments, the 2026 Ganga high, the new ₹1,000-cr Sone intake well, and the need for catchment treatment plus transboundary cooperation.
11. Recurring floods in the Kosi-Gandak plains remain Bihar's biggest developmental challenge. Discuss the causes and evaluate recent state measures for flood management. (250 words)
    Cover Himalayan silt load & embankment failure, river-linking (Son-Falgu), the Silt-Management Policy 2026, DBT relief and early-warning systems.
12. North Bihar faces recurrent, high-magnitude floods almost every monsoon. Examine the geographical causes and suggest a sustainable, basin-level flood-management strategy for the state. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
    Cover Himalayan/Nepal-origin rivers (Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati), high silt load & flat gradient, embankment limits; suggest desilting, Kosi-Mechi link, forecasting, floodplain zoning and Indo-Nepal cooperation.
13. "Bihar's recurring floods are as much a problem of water management as of geography." Discuss with reference to the **Kosi–Gandak river system** and suggest measures.
    Cover the Himalayan-origin high sediment load, embankment breaches, Indo-Nepal barrage coordination, silt management, wetland/drainage revival and the **2026 flood data (47.33 lakh affected)**.
14. Bihar records higher headline GSDP growth than the national average yet lags sharply on per-capita income. Examine the structural reasons and suggest measures for inclusive, employment-rich growth. (GS-II, Bihar Economy)
    Use the **output-vs-jobs mismatch** (agriculture: 54% of jobs, 18% of output), low industrialisation and out-migration; suggest agro-processing (makhana), MSMEs, skilling and urban infrastructure.
15. Bihar remains India's most flood-prone state even as it pursues rapid agro-industrial growth. Examine the challenges of river management in north Bihar and suggest a sustainable strategy that also supports the state's economy.
    Cover Kosi/Gandak/Bagmati behaviour and embankment limits; link relief data (47 lakh affected) to preparedness; discuss Kosi-Mechi link, forecasting and how sugar-ethanol and makhana value chains fit climate-resilient development.
16. "Recurring floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of river management as of geography." In light of the roles of the Kosi and Gandak, examine the structural and institutional measures needed to reduce flood damage in Bihar. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~150 words)
    Link Himalayan silt-laden rivers & the Kosi's westward shift to embankments, desilting, the Kosi High-Level Committee, interlinking, early warning and Indo-Nepal barrage coordination.
17. Bihar is India's most flood-prone state. Examine the geographical causes of recurring floods in north Bihar and suggest a sustainable river-management strategy. (BPSC Mains, GS-II)
    Cover Himalayan-origin silt-laden rivers (Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati), Nepal barrage releases and embankment limits; suggest desilting, catchment-area treatment, Indo-Nepal cooperation and flood-plain zoning.
18. Bihar is India's most flood-prone state. Discuss the geographical factors behind its recurring floods and evaluate the effectiveness of the state's flood-management measures.
    Cover Himalayan north-bank rivers (Kosi, Gandak) with high silt & shifting courses, Nepal-origin

catchments, flat Gangetic plains and heavy monsoon; then assess embankments, barrages, NDRF/SDRF response, relief logistics and the case for basin-wide, Indo-Nepal cooperation.

19. Recurring floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of silt and river management as of rainfall. In this light, examine the shift towards a 'long-term river-corridor' strategy for the Kosi. (BPSC Mains GS-II)
    Cover the Kosi's antecedent Himalayan character, its silt load and channel-shifting, the limits of embankments, the new barrage + double-sheet-piling plan, the PM-KUSUM solarisation link, and Indo-Nepal cooperation.
20. "Floods in north Bihar are as much a governance challenge as a geographical one." Discuss with reference to the Kosi and Gandak basins and suggest a long-term strategy. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~250 words)
    Intro: **~73% flood-prone area**, Himalayan rivers from **Nepal**. Body: geography (**high sediment, shifting channels, flat plains**) + governance (**embankment dependence, 2008 Kusaha breach, delayed Indo-Nepal cooperation, weak forecasting**). Way forward: **basin-level treaty mechanism**, **real-time forecasting**, **flood-plain zoning**, **resilient roads (Kosi four-lane)**, **makhana & fisheries livelihoods**. Conclude: from **flood control to flood management**.
21. Floods in north Bihar recur almost every year despite a long network of embankments. Examine the causes and suggest a mix of structural and non-structural measures, with reference to the Gandak and Kosi basins. (BPSC Mains GS-II, 38 marks)
    Intro: about **73%** of Bihar's area flood-prone; Nepal catchment. Causes: **heavy siltation**, **embankment breaches**, shifting channels, poor drainage. Structural: **Valmikinagar/Kosi barrages**, desilting (**Silt Management Policy 2026**), high dams in Nepal. Non-structural: **forecasting with Nepal**, flood-plain zoning, **SDRF** readiness, crop insurance. Conclude with **basin-level** India–Nepal cooperation.
22. "Floods in North Bihar are as much man-made as natural." Examine this statement in the light of the record Gandak floods of September 2026 and suggest an integrated flood-management strategy for Bihar.
    Natural: Himalayan rivers from **Nepal**, heavy sediment, flat terrain. Man-made: **embankment breaches**, silted channels, encroached flood plains. Use data (**91.25 m** record, **5.43 lakh cusecs**, **50.49 lakh** affected earlier). Way out: **India–Nepal** data sharing and storage dams, embankment audits, flood-plain zoning, early warning, **SDRF/NDRF** preparedness, crop insurance.

## One-line revision — the whole month

- **Saturday, 5 September 2026:** Remember: 5 Sept = Teachers' Day (Dr. Radhakrishnan) & Intl Day of Charity | SCO Summit = Bishkek | Patna Metro 60% JICA-funded | Sone: Bihar 5.75 MAF | Bihar ~90% of India's makhana | Q1 FY27 real GDP 7.8%.
- **Sunday, 6 September 2026:** Ganga breached Patna's 2016 record (50.52 m) — 16.85 lakh hit; Cabinet cleared 27 proposals; EOS-05 flew on GSLV-F17; GDP base year now 2022-23; Sone pact gives Bihar 5.75 MAF.
- **Monday, 7 September 2026:** Revision snap: Ganga HFL **50.53 m** at Patna | Bihar GSDP **₹9.92 lakh cr, 8.6%** growth | **Makhana Board** (₹100 cr, Bihar) | **EOS-05** at 36,000 km | **BRICS** Delhi 11-13 Sep | **Strait of Hormuz** oil choke point.
- **Tuesday, 8 September 2026:** Remember: Sone = right-bank Ganga tributary; Bihar 5.75 MAF / Jharkhand 2 MAF; 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; RBI repo 5.25%; Bihar GSDP Rs 9.91 lakh cr, 14.9% growth.
- **Wednesday, 9 September 2026:** Kosi = Sorrow of Bihar (Nepal-origin) • Makhana: Bihar ≈85% of India • DAC ₹1.10 L cr • UNESCO tally 73 • Patna Metro ₹628 cr • IFC $1 bn for MSMEs.

- **Thursday, 10 September 2026:** Ganga at 50.53 m sets a Patna flood record (10.26 lakh hit); Q1 FY27 GDP 7.8%; Rs 10,021 cr rail plan; Veer Guardian-2026 with Japan; Mithila Makhana sails to Australia.
- **Friday, 11 September 2026:** 11 Sep 2026: Bihar clears the 336-km Buxar–Bhagalpur expressway and extends the Student Credit Card scheme to 2030-31; India's GDP grows 7.8% in Q1 FY27; Article 371(K) is proposed for Ladakh; India crosses 21.76 mn ha of land restored at UNCCD COP17.
- **Saturday, 12 September 2026:** TODAY: Ganga floods hit **47.33 lakh** across **15** Bihar districts • Bihar GSDP **₹9.92 lakh cr** • **18th BRICS** in New Delhi • **DILRMP 3.0** & **Bhu-Aadhaar** • ISRO **CE20** at **220 kN**.
- **Tuesday, 15 September 2026:** REVISE TODAY: Bihar floods (49 lakh, 15 districts, Ganga +1.71 m at Sultanganj) - 4th Agri Road-map ₹23,698 cr / Sports Policy 2026 - GSDP 14.9% - SEBI T+0 top 500 - GST ₹2.32 L cr - ISA presidency (124 members) - GSAT-N3 on LVM3 - ADB 7.4%.
- **Wednesday, 16 September 2026:** Vishnupad ₹3,516 cr • Makhana ₹89.79 cr • Ganga at all-time high • CPI 4.82% / WPI 9.92% • India SDG 94th • BRICS in New Delhi.
- **Thursday, 17 September 2026:** 17 Sep 2026 — Bihar: 17-item Cabinet (Vishnupad Corridor ₹2,520 cr, makhana ₹89.8 cr), 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launch, ₹579 cr flood relief; National: SC on lawful vehicle repossession, CPI 4.82% (Aug), India 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026.
- **Friday, 18 September 2026:** Remember today: Ganga tops 2016 record at Patna • 47.33 lakh flood-affected in 15 districts • CPI 4.82% (Aug) • Paddy MSP ₹2,441 • 18th BRICS = New Delhi Declaration • Jobless rate 5.0%.
- **Saturday, 19 September 2026:** Revise: **Vishnupad Corridor (Gaya, ₹2,520 cr)** · **Makhana Scheme (₹89.79 cr)** · **Bihar floods (47.33 lakh)** · **BRICS New Delhi Declaration** · **RBI repo 5.50%** · **GST 2.0 (7 Oct)**.
- **Sunday, 20 September 2026:** ₹476 cr Makhana Board (9 districts) • Bihar GSDP 14.9% > India 12% • Kishau dam on Tons river • US Fed 3.75-4.00% (Warsh) • Patna HC upholds Article 21.
- **Monday, 21 September 2026:** Remember today: Bihar floods hit 47.33 lakh across 15 districts (Ganga above 2016 peak); Sugar Policy-2026 targets 25 mills; Mithila Makhana is GI-tagged; SC seeks a uniform court-deposit law; Semicon Phase 2 ~Rs 1.27 lakh crore; Russia = 51% of India's crude; repo 5.25%, CPI 4.82%.
- **Tuesday, 22 September 2026:** REVISE: 28 MLC seats (Bihar 8) poll 23 Oct • Bihar floods hit 15 districts • Makhana Board ₹476.03 cr • India–NZ FTA from 20 Oct • UPI Tap & Pay PIN-less ≤₹5,000 • Ayurveda Day 23 Sep.
- **Wednesday, 23 September 2026:** Remember today: Bihar GSDP ₹9.92 lakh crore (8.6% real growth) • 46 lakh flood-affected across 15 districts • SC: no penalty for refusing the national song • India's P4M & UNSC push at UNGA-81 • Canal-top solar ~131 GW potential.
- **Thursday, 24 September 2026:** Remember today: Bihar floods — 47.33 lakh / 15 districts (Ganga-Kosi-Gandak); PM-JAY 8 yrs (Rs 5 lakh); Bihar Agri Roadmap Rs 23,698 cr; Moody's India FY27 7%; ISRO-ESA to 2032.
- **Friday, 25 September 2026:** Remember: Bihar Cabinet 24 proposals - Kosi long-term flood strategy + new barrage - 47.33 lakh flood-hit - Rs 23,698 cr Agriculture Roadmap - Patna Metro 30.91 km - Make in India @12 (GVA 15.6%) - RBI VRRR Rs 71,971 cr - CEC removal = like an SC judge.

- **Monday, 28 September 2026:** Kosi = Birpur barrage (1954 pact) • Gandak = Valmikinagar (1959 pact) • Rajendra Setu 1959 • State CIC: Governor appoints (RTI Sec. 15) • Forex $765.9 bn • UNSC last expanded 1965
- **Tuesday, 29 September 2026:** Revise today: **Gandak** (Valmikinagar → Hajipur) • **Art. 39A** + **Victim Rights Centre, Patna** • **Vishnupad** (Ahilyabai, 1787) • **UPI MDR 0.4%** above ₹2,000 • **NH 1,46,572 km** • **Art. 3** and J&K statehood.
- **Wednesday, 30 September 2026:** Gandak record **91.25 m** (Bagaha) • CIC **Vinay Kumar** • Acting DGP **Preeta Verma** • TRE-4 **33,220** • FDI July **US$ 7.3 bn** • **4 mega ports** (Sec 73) • First blue bond — **SMFCL** • TTDI India **31st**