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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026**: target **1 lakh tonnes/yr** by **2031**; nodal agency **BREDA**.
- Cabinet: **₹2,761.55 cr** to solarise **2,554** farm feeders (**2,585 MW**).
- **21,644** households in **Kaimur-Rohtas** to get grid power under **RDSS**.
- **Gandak** crossed its **HFL**; peak discharge **5.43 lakh cusecs** at **Valmikinagar**.
- **Gadkari** reviews Bihar **NH projects** in Patna; **JP Ganga Path Phase-2** = **35 km, ₹5,500 cr**.
- Bihar signs **Statement of Intent** with **Google** for AI teacher training.
- **Gross GST (Sept 2026)**: **₹2,03,521 cr**, up **14.7%**; H1 FY27 **₹12.46 lakh cr**.
- EC removes **SIR declaration** from **Form-6** where revision is complete.
- Windfall levy cut: **diesel ₹20→₹16/litre**, **ATF ₹15→₹10.50/litre** from **1 Oct**.
- **THE WUR 2027**: **IISc** at **254**; record **143** Indian institutions ranked.

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL — State Schemes, Policy, Administration & Economy

Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026 — at a glance

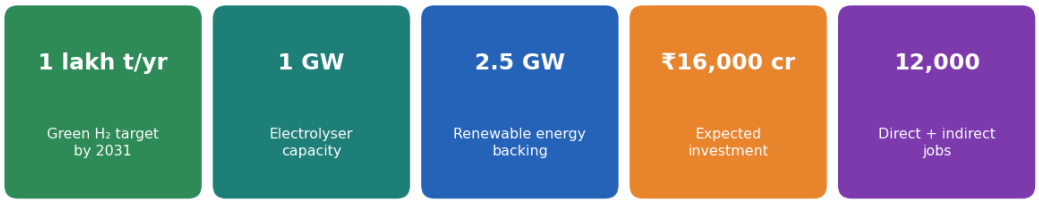


Fig. 1 — Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026 (Item 1)

1. Bihar Cabinet clears Green Hydrogen Policy 2026

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy / S&T)**

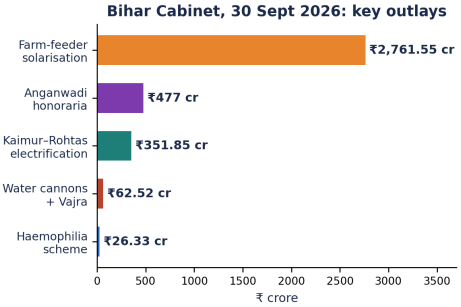
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy – energy & industrial policy; role of **S&T** in development. **Prelims**: Bihar schemes, renewable energy, **National Green Hydrogen Mission**.
Context	The **Samrat Choudhary** cabinet on **30 Sept 2026** cleared **30 agendas**, the biggest being the **Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026** to attract private investment, cut carbon emissions and create green jobs.
Key Facts	■ Target: **0.1 MMT (1 lakh tonnes)** of green hydrogen per year by **2031**. ■ Capacity: **1 GW electrolysers** backed by **2.5 GW** of renewable energy. ■ Expected investment **~₹16,000 crore**; **~12,000** direct + indirect jobs. ■ Nodal agency: **BREDA** (Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency). ■ Aligned with **National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023)** and **net-zero 2070**.
Way Fwd	Link electrolysers to **solar parks & Ganga water** sources, and create offtake in **fertiliser, refining (Barauni)** and transport.
Concept	**Green hydrogen** = H_2 made by **electrolysis of water** using **renewable power** (zero CO_2). Grey H_2 uses natural gas; blue H_2 adds **carbon capture**.

2. ₹2,761.55 cr farm-feeder solarisation; 21,644 homes to join the grid

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy – Energy & Agriculture)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy – power sector, **agriculture inputs**, rural infrastructure. **Prelims**: **PM-KUSUM**, **RDSS**, Bihar cabinet decisions.
Context	The same cabinet meeting approved solar power for agricultural feeders, rural electrification of uncovered habitations and several welfare and law-and-order outlays.
Key Facts	■ **₹2,761.55 cr** to solarise **2,554 farm feeders** – **2,585 MW** of solar plants. ■ Split: **₹2,714.25 cr** grants (**₹1.05 cr/MW**) + **₹47.30 cr** incentives to **gram panchayats** at **946 substations**. ■ **21,644 households** in **177 habitations** of **Kaimur & Rohtas** – **₹351.85 cr** under **RDSS**. ■ **₹477 cr** for **Anganwadi** honoraria; **₹26.33 cr** (first year) for a **haemophilia** treatment scheme. ■ **₹62.52 cr** for **30 water cannons** and **86 Vajra** vehicles for the police.
Way Fwd	Daytime solar power to farm feeders can **cut diesel irrigation cost** and the **cross-subsidy burden** on DISCOMs; timely land and grid evacuation is key.
Concept	**Feeder-level solarisation** = **PM-KUSUM Component C**: solar plants near substations power a whole agricultural feeder. **RDSS** (2021) aims to cut **AT&C losses** to **12–15%**.

Bihar Cabinet, 30 Sept 2026: key outlays



Gandak flood 2026 — from Nepal rain to the Ganga (schematic)

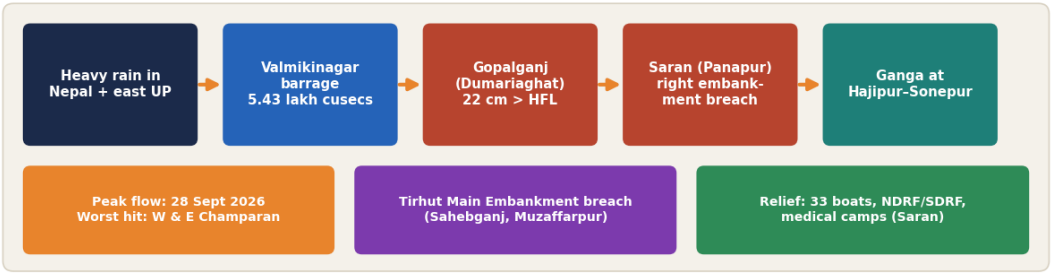


Fig. 2 — Gandak flood 2026 schematic (Item 3)

3. Gandak above highest flood level; embankments breach in Saran, Muzaffarpur

ENVIRONMENT **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography – Disaster Management)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: **Bihar geography** – rivers, floods & **disaster management**. **Prelims**: Gandak/Kosi/Bagmati, barrages, flood-prone districts.
Context	Heavy rain in **Nepal** and eastern **UP** pushed the **Gandak** above its previous **Highest Flood Level (HFL)**; **Bagmati** and **Kosi** also rose, hitting **2 lakh+** people in North Bihar.
Key Facts	■ Peak 2026 discharge **5,43,500 cusecs** at **Valmikinagar barrage** on **28 Sept**. ■ **Dumariaghat (Gopalganj) ~22 cm above HFL** for ~**36 hours**. ■ Breaches: **Panapur (Saran)** right embankment and **Tirhut Main Embankment** (Sahebganj, **Muzaffarpur**). ■ Worst hit: **West & East Champaran, Gopalganj**; also **Saran, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur**. ■ Saran alone: **48 villages**, ~**24,725** people; **33 boats** and **NDRF/SDRF** teams deployed.
Way Fwd	Raise and **strengthen embankments**, build **Indo-Nepal** flood forecasting and **storage dams**, and adopt **'room for the river'** flood-plain zoning.
Concept	**Gandak** (Narayani/**Saligrami** in Nepal) enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar (West Champaran)** and meets the **Ganga at Hajipur-Sonepur**. **HFL** = highest water level ever recorded at a gauge.

4. Gadkari reviews Bihar NH projects in Patna; JP Ganga Path Phase-2 lined up

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy – Infrastructure)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy – **transport infrastructure**, PPP models. **Prelims**: expressways and corridors through Bihar.
Context	Union Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** is in **Patna** on **1 Oct** to review **National Highway** projects with CM **Samrat Choudhary**; the state seeks faster central approvals for pending proposals.
Key Facts	■ Key corridors: **Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway**, **Raxaul–Haldia** corridor, **Buxar–Bhagalpur** highway. ■ **JP Ganga Path Phase-2**: **Digha–Sherpur–Koilwar**, **35 km**, **₹5,500 cr**; work from **Nov 2026**. ■ **18 km** elevated four-lane (Digha–Sherpur) + **17.65 km** embankment road (Sherpur–Koilwar). ■ Built on **Hybrid Annuity Model**: builder **60%**, state **40%**; **15-year** maintenance. ■ Patna–Buxar travel expected to fall to ~**2 hours**.
Way Fwd	Clear **land acquisition**, forest and encroachment hurdles; integrate with **Purvanchal Expressway** and **Patna Metro** for logistics gains.
Concept	**HAM** (2016): government pays **40%** during construction, rest as **annuity** over operation – a mix of **EPC** and **BOT-Toll**, sharing risk between state and developer.

JP Ganga Path Phase-2 (HAM: 60:40)



5. Bihar ties up with Google to train teachers in AI tools

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (S&T in Development / Education)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: role of **science & technology** in Bihar's development; education reform. **Prelims**: digital-education initiatives, **NEP 2020**.
Context	Bihar's **Science, Technology & Technical Education Department** signed a **Statement of Intent** with **Google** (29 Sept) to integrate **AI** in teaching and teacher training.

6. Pitru Paksha Mela at Gaya Ji draws pilgrims; digital push for pind daan

SOCIETY **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Culture of Bihar)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-I**: **Indian culture** – Bihar's role, fairs & pilgrimage. **Prelims**: Gaya, **Vishnupad temple**, Phalgu river, state fairs.
Context	The state-run **Pitru Paksha Mela** (**25 Sept – 10 Oct 2026**) at **Gaya Ji** and **Punpun** is in its second week, with crowds at the **Vishnupad** temple vedis for **pind daan**.

Key Facts	■ Teachers to be trained in **Gemini** and **NotebookLM** for lesson planning and admin work. ■ Training in **Hindi and English** with locally adapted content; **hybrid** mode with **competency-based** assessment. ■ Support for **ICT labs, smart classrooms, digital libraries** and language labs. ■ **Google Educator Groups** for peer learning among Bihar teachers. ■ Comes as **Bihar Board** marksheets go on **DigiLocker** for the first time.
Way Fwd	Pair AI training with **rural connectivity** and **data-privacy safeguards** so that tools reach government schools, not just urban ones.
Concept	**NEP 2020** stresses **technology-enabled learning** and set up the **National Educational Technology Forum (NETF)**; **DIKSHA** is India's national teacher platform.

Key Facts	■ Mela inaugurated by CM **Samrat Choudhary**; venues **Gaya Ji** and **Punpun**. ■ **'Pinddaan Gaya Ji' app** and website for rituals, vedis, stay and transport. ■ **2,500-bed tent city** at Gaya Ji; **5,000-capacity** pandal at **Punpun Ghat**. ■ **150 free e-rickshaws** for elderly and differently abled pilgrims. ■ Security: **5 zones, 54 sectors**, CCTV and **drone** surveillance.
Way Fwd	Build a **year-round pilgrimage circuit** linking **Gaya-Bodh Gaya-Rajgir-Nalanda** with better **Phalgu** riverfront and waste management.
Concept	**Pind daan** = rite offering **rice-ball (pinda)** to ancestors in **Pitru Paksha** (Bhadrapada/Ashwin Krishna Paksha). Gaya lies on the **Phalgu** river; **Vishnupad** temple was rebuilt by **Ahilyabai Holkar (1787)**.

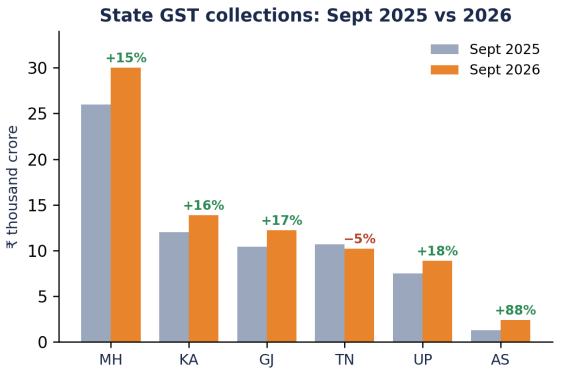
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

GROSS GST COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 2026

₹2,03,521 crore (+14.7% YoY)

Domestic **₹1,37,996 cr (+10.1%)**, imports **₹65,525 cr (+25.9%)**; refunds **₹27,001 cr**; net GST **₹1,76,520 cr (+18.1%)**. Above **₹2 lakh crore** for the **third straight month**; **H1 FY27** total **₹12,46,278 cr (+11.6%)**. GST Council meets on **7 Oct**.

Prelims pointer: CGST ₹37,762 cr, **SGST ₹45,363 cr**, **IGST ₹1,20,396 cr**. GST came into force on **1 July 2017** via the **101st Constitutional Amendment**; **Art. 279A** = GST Council.



SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Sci-Tech, IR, Reports

7. Windfall levy on diesel and ATF exports cut from 1 October

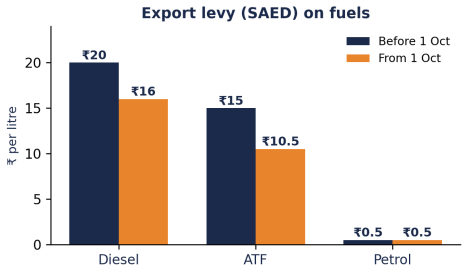
ECONOMY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy)

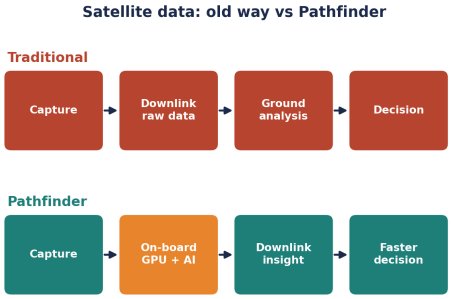
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian economy – taxation, energy security, external sector. **Prelims**: **windfall tax**, **SAED**, fuel pricing.
Context	Amid **West Asia** tensions, the Centre had imposed **Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED)** on fuel exports on **27 March** to keep domestic supplies secure; it has now trimmed the levy for the second time in a month.
Key Facts	■ **Diesel** export levy: **₹20 → ₹16 per litre**. ■ **ATF** export levy: **₹15 → ₹10.50 per litre**. ■ **Petrol** unchanged at **₹0.50 per litre**. ■ Levy reviewed **every two weeks** in line with global crude and product prices. ■ No change in **domestic** excise duty on fuels.
Way Fwd	Phase out the levy as **crack spreads** ease, to restore **refinery export competitiveness** while protecting domestic availability.
Concept	**Windfall tax** = levy on **unexpected, above-normal profits** caused by external shocks. India first used **SAED** on crude and fuel exports in **July 2022**.

8. Pathfinder: India's first orbital data-centre satellite set for launch

SCI-TECH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Role of S&T)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: role and impact of **science & technology**; space sector. **Prelims**: satellites, **hyperspectral imaging**, space start-ups.
Context	**Pathfinder**, built by Bengaluru's **Pixxel** with **Sarvam AI** models on board, is scheduled for launch from **Vandenberg Space Force Base, California** – putting India alongside the **US, China and Japan** in processing data in space.
Key Facts	■ **~200 kg** satellite with **data-centre-class GPUs**. ■ Carries Pixxel's **hyperspectral camera**; runs **Sarvam's** Indian-language AI models **in orbit**. ■ Processes imagery **on board** and sends down **insights**, not raw data. ■ Uses **continuous solar power**; avoids land, water and energy limits of ground data centres. ■ Applications: **crop & flood monitoring**, resource mapping, infrastructure tracking.
Way Fwd	Use in-orbit AI for **disaster alerts** (e.g., Bihar floods) and support start-ups under **IN-SPACe** and the **Space Policy 2023**.
Concept	**Hyperspectral imaging** captures **hundreds of narrow spectral bands**, identifying crops, minerals and pollutants. **Edge computing in space** cuts **downlink bandwidth** and **latency**.





9. EC drops SIR declaration from Form-6 in states where revision is over

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Polity – Elections)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian polity – **Election Commission**, electoral rolls. **Prelims**: **Article 324, 326**, **RP Act 1950**, Form-6.
Context	The **Election Commission of India** has removed the extra **Special Intensive Revision (SIR)** declaration from **Form-6** in states where SIR is complete; new voters there fill only the statutory form. **Bihar** was the first state to undergo SIR (2025).
Key Facts	■ Declaration had asked applicants to link themselves/parents/grandparents to an **earlier intensive-revision roll**. ■ Removed from **ECINET** and **CEO** websites in SIR-completed states. ■ Still applies in **16 states and 3 UTs** where SIR is underway. ■ Form-6 is prescribed under the **Registration of Electors Rules, 1960**. ■ Followed a **26 Sept** meeting of all three ECs led by CEC **Gyanesh Kumar**.
Way Fwd	Keep enrolment **simple and inclusive** while ensuring roll purity – via **Aadhaar-linked de-duplication** with consent and transparent claims & objections.
Concept	**Art. 324**: EC's superintendence of elections. **Art. 326**: **adult suffrage** (18+). **Form-6** = new enrolment; **Form-7** = deletion; **Form-8** = correction/shift.

10. Modi and Trump speak by phone; reaffirm Global Strategic Partnership

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: India and its foreign relations – **India–US** ties. **Prelims**: strategic partnerships, groupings (**Quad**).
Context	PM **Narendra Modi** and US President **Donald Trump** held a **telephone conversation on 30 Sept 2026**, reviewing cooperation and global developments.
Key Facts	■ Discussed **trade, defence, energy** and **critical technologies**. ■ Reaffirmed the **India–US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership**. ■ Exchanged views on **regional issues** and **global peace and security**. ■ Agreed to **maintain close engagement** going forward. ■ Comes as a first tranche of an **India–US trade agreement** is under negotiation.
Way Fwd	Convert political goodwill into an early **trade deal** and progress on **technology & defence co-production**.
Concept	India–US ties were raised to **Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership** in **2020**. Foundational defence pacts: **LEMOA (2016), COMCASA (2018), BECA (2020)**.

11. THE World University Rankings 2027: IISc best in India at 254

REPORT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Reports & Indices / Education)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: education & human-resource development. **Prelims**: **reports & indices**, rank of Indian institutions.
Context	The **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2027**, released on **30 Sept**, assessed **2,297** universities from **118** countries and territories.
Key Facts	■ **143** Indian institutions ranked – India's **largest** presence yet. ■ **IISc Bengaluru** at **254** – the only Indian entry in the **top 300**. ■ IISc scored **98.0** on **Industry** but **31.1** on **International Outlook**. ■ Global top: **Oxford (1)**, **MIT (2)**, **Princeton & Stanford (joint 3)**. ■ In Asia, **Tsinghua** is placed **11th**.
Way Fwd	Raise **research quality**, **foreign faculty/students** and funding via the **Anusandhan National Research Foundation** to break into the top 200.
Concept	THE uses **5 pillars**: Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, Industry and International Outlook. India's own ranking is **NIRF** (since **2016**).

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick fact
Bihar birth/death registration	Free within **21 days**; **1–2 years** late needs **SDM/DM** approval (from 1 Oct).
Patna property tax	Unpaid dues in **PMC** areas attract **1.5% monthly** interest from **1 Oct**.
LPG subsidy	Needs **Biometric Aadhaar Authentication** from **1 Oct 2026**.
RBI MPC	Meets **5–7 Oct**; repo **5.25%**; CPI (Aug) **4.82%**.
Asian Games 2026	**Aichi–Nagoya, Japan**, **19 Sept–4 Oct**; India's first gold – **women's cricket**.
Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct)	Gandhi's first satyagraha in India – **Champaran, 1917**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER — BPSC Pattern

Q1. With reference to the Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026, consider the following statements:
1. It targets production of 1 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen per year by 2031.
2. Bihar State Power Holding Company is its nodal agency.
3. It envisages 1 GW of electrolyser capacity.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 1 and 3 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (B) — The nodal agency is **BREDA** (Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency), so statement 2 is wrong. The target is **1 lakh tonnes/yr by 2031** with **1 GW electrolysers**.

Q2. The Gandak river, which recently crossed its highest flood level in Bihar, enters the state at which of the following places and joins the Ganga near which town?

(A) Raxaul; Patna
(B) Valmikinagar; Hajipur–Sonepur
(C) Birpur; Kursela
(D) Jogbani; Munger

Answer: (B) — The Gandak enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar (West Champaran)**, where the **Gandak barrage** stands, and meets the Ganga near **Hajipur–Sonepur**. **Birpur** is near the **Kosi** barrage.

MAINS PRACTICE

North Bihar faces floods almost every year despite a large network of embankments. Examine the causes and suggest a sustainable flood-management strategy for the Gandak–Kosi basin. (BPSC Mains GS-II, 38 marks)

Hint: Causes: **Himalayan rivers** from **Nepal**, high **silt load**, embankment breaches, shifting channels (Kosi). Strategy: **Indo-Nepal** storage dams & forecasting, embankment strengthening, **flood-plain zoning**, drainage, community preparedness, crop insurance; cite **2026 Gandak HFL** event.

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