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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet clears **Green Hydrogen Policy 2026** — **1 lakh t/yr by 2031**, **₹16,000 cr** investment.
- **₹2,761.55 cr** to solarise **2,554** farm feeders (**2,585 MW**).
- **ATF VAT** cut from **1% to zero** at UDAN airports in Bihar.
- **Gandak** hits **91.25 m** at Bagaha — beats **2024** record of **90.90 m**.
- Purnea **makhana** (**1 MT**) shipped to **Greece** via Mundra–Piraeus.
- **44 prisoners** freed on Gandhi Jayanti; **₹3.86 cr** to **1,820** victim families.
- September **GST** at **₹2.04 lakh cr**, up **14.7%** YoY.
- **RBI MPC** meets **5–7 Oct**; CPI **4.82%** (Aug); repo **5.25%**.
- **BCAS**: digital entry permits with facial biometrics at **169 airports**.
- CJI **Surya Kant**: **SUVAS** translated **83,000+** judgments into **18** languages.

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

Gandak Flood 2026 — from Nepal catchment to relief

Bagaha gauge 91.25 m vs earlier record 90.90 m (2024) | data: state Water Resources Department

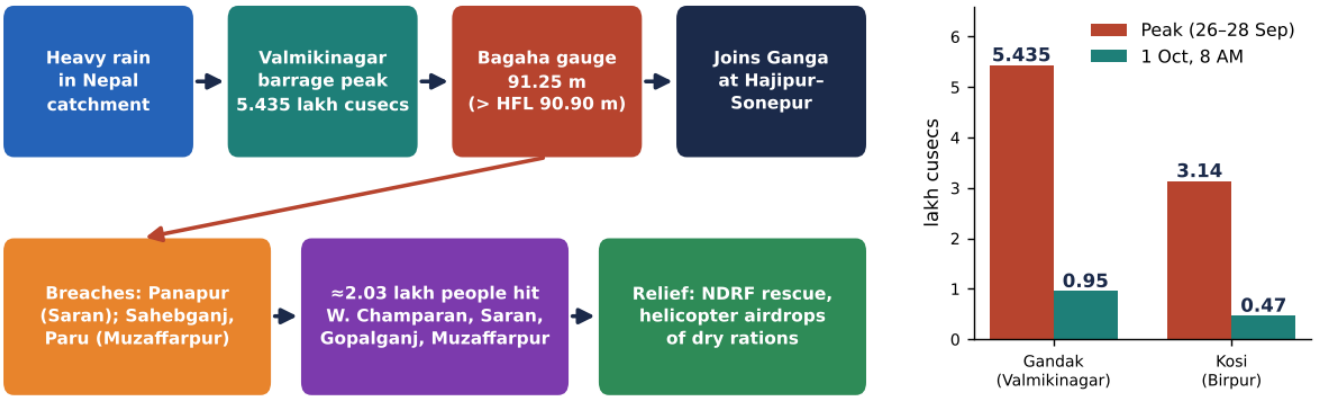


Figure (A3) — Gandak flood: peak discharge, record gauge level, breach points and relief chain

A1. Bihar Cabinet clears Green Hydrogen Policy 2026: 1 lakh tonnes a year by 2031

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy — industrial & energy policy; role of **science & technology** in development. **Prelims**: state policies, renewable energy, National Green Hydrogen Mission.
Context	The **Bihar Cabinet**, chaired by CM **Samrat Choudhary** on **30 September 2026**, approved the draft **Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026** among **30 proposals**, aiming to turn the state's clean-energy push into an industrial base.
Key Facts	■ Target: **1 lakh tonnes (0.1 MMT)** of green hydrogen / green ammonia per year by **2031**. ■ Expected investment of about **₹16,000 crore**; around **12,000** direct and indirect jobs. ■ Plans **1 GW** electrolyser manufacturing and about **2.5 GW** of linked renewable capacity. ■ Nodal agency: **BREDA** (Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency); aligned with the **National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023)**.
Way Fwd	Secure cheap round-the-clock renewable power and water for electrolysis; build demand anchors such as fertiliser units and the **Barauni** refinery, plus a skilled workforce.
Concept	**Green hydrogen** = H2 made by **electrolysis of water** using renewable power (near-zero emissions). **Grey** = from natural gas without carbon capture; **Blue** = grey + carbon capture. National Mission target: **5 MMT** a year by **2030**.

Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy 2026

Cabinet approval: 30 Sep 2026 | Nodal: BREDA



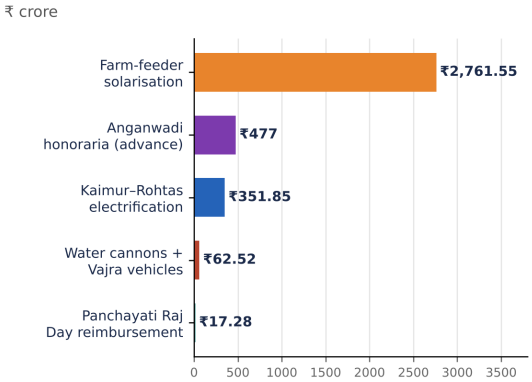
A2. Cabinet: ₹2,761.55 crore to solarise 2,554 farm feeders; ATF VAT cut to zero

BIHAR | BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Agriculture)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy — agriculture, energy, infrastructure and state finances. **Prelims**: state schemes, regional air connectivity (**UDAN**), welfare schemes.
Context	The same **30 September** Cabinet cleared big-ticket spending on farm power, rural electrification, police modernisation and nutrition, and made jet fuel cheaper at small regional airports.

Key Facts	■ **₹2,761.55 crore** for **2,585 MW** of solar capacity across **2,554 agricultural feeders** — daytime, cheaper power for irrigation. ■ VAT on **Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)** cut from **1% to zero** at **Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN)** airports. ■ Grid electrification of **21,644 households** in **Kaimur & Rohtas**: cost revised to **₹351.85 crore** (from ₹117.80 crore). ■ **₹62.52 crore** for **30 water cannons** and **86 Vajra** vehicles; **₹477 crore** advance for Anganwadi honoraria. ■ New **Mukhya Mantri Hemophilia Yojana** for **255** identified patients; **35 posts** for the **Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum, Vaishali**.
Way Fwd	Time-bound commissioning of feeder solar plants, linked with micro-irrigation, will cut diesel use and the state's power-subsidy bill.
Concept	**Feeder-level solarisation** is the **PM-KUSUM Component C** model — an entire agricultural feeder is powered by a solar plant. **UDAN** (2016) = Regional Connectivity Scheme; **Darbhanga** airport is Bihar's best-known UDAN success.

Bihar Cabinet, 30 Sep 2026: key allocations



A3. Gandak breaks its record flood level; embankments breached in Saran & Muzaffarpur

ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography; Disaster Mgmt)

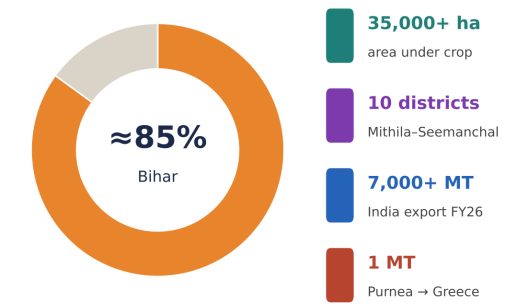
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: geography of Bihar — rivers, floods and disaster management. **Prelims**: rivers and barrages of Bihar, NDRF/SDRF.
Context	Heavy rain in the Nepal catchment pushed the **Gandak** to **91.25 m** at the **Bagaha** gauge on **1 October 2026**, above its **2024** record of **90.90 m**. The Water Resources Department warned that the next **48 hours** would stay sensitive.
Key Facts	■ Peak discharge at **Valmikinagar barrage**: **5.435 lakh cusecs** (**28 Sep**); **Kosi** at Birpur peaked at **3.14 lakh cusecs** (**26 Sep**). ■ Breaches: right embankment at **Panapur (Saran)**; ring embankment at **Sahebganj** and old Gandak embankment in **Paru (Muzaffarpur)**. ■ About **2.03 lakh** people affected; worst-hit: **West Champaran, Saran, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur**. ■ Relief: **helicopter airdrops** of dry rations in Panapur; **NDRF** deployed for rescue.
Way Fwd	Move from embankment-only defence to **integrated flood management**: real-time India–Nepal data sharing, floodplain zoning, restored drainage and pre-monsoon anti-erosion work.
Concept	**Gandak** (**Narayani** in Nepal; ancient **Sadanira**) rises in the Nepal Himalaya and joins the **Ganga near Hajipur–Sonepur**. **Valmikinagar barrage** was built under the Indo-Nepal **Gandak Agreement (1959)**. **HFL** = highest flood level ever recorded at a gauge.

A4. Purnea makhana sails to Greece: 1 MT export consignment flagged off

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy — agriculture, agri-exports and food processing. **Prelims**: GI tags of Bihar, APEDA, makhana belt.
Context	On **2 October 2026**, **APEDA** facilitated a **1 metric tonne** shipment of **popped (phool) makhana** from **Purnea** to **Greece**, widening Bihar's superfood export map in Europe.
Key Facts	■ Route: **Mundra Port** (Gujarat) to **Piraeus Port** (Greece); sourced through a **Purnea**-based exporter. ■ Bihar grows **80–85%** of India's makhana on **35,000+ hectares** across **10 districts**. ■ **FY 2025-26**: India exported **7,000+ MT** of makhana and products worth **USD 22 million** to **20+** countries. ■ Tech support: **Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour** and **ICAR–National Research Centre for Makhana, Darbhanga**.
Way Fwd	Scale up grading, packaging and cold-chain in the Mithilanchal–Seemanchal belt; use the **Makhana Board** and **GI** branding to capture higher export value.
Concept	**Mithila Makhana** received the **GI tag in 2022**. Makhana (**Euryale ferox**, fox nut) is an aquatic crop of ponds and wetlands. **APEDA** (1985) works under the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**.

Makhana: Bihar's share of India's output



A5. Gandhi Jayanti: Bihar frees 44 elderly and ailing prisoners; ₹3.86 crore to victims' families

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity – State Executive)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian polity — pardoning powers, state executive, criminal-justice reforms. **GS-I**: Gandhi and Bihar (**Champaran Satyagraha**). **Prelims**: Art. 72 vs Art. 161.
Context	On Gandhi's **157th birth anniversary (2 October 2026)**, the state government approved the release of **44 prisoners** on humanitarian grounds, on the recommendation of the **State Prisoners' Remission Committee**.
Key Facts	■ Age profile: **2** above **90**, **8** above **80**, **20** aged **70–80**; serious illness and length of custody also weighed. ■ Oldest: **Rambriksh Koeri (93)**, to be released from **Rohtas** jail. ■ **₹3.86 crore** distributed among **1,820** families of crime victims under victim compensation. ■ **2 October** is also the UN **International Day of Non-Violence** (declared in **2007**).
Way Fwd	Make remission criteria transparent and periodic, strengthen probation and rehabilitation, and widen victim-compensation outreach.
Concept	**Art. 161**: Governor may pardon, reprieve, respite, remit or commute sentences for offences under state laws. **Art. 72**: President (also death sentences and court-martial). Statutory remission: **Sec. 473 BNSS** (old Sec. 432 CrPC). Gandhi's first Indian satyagraha: **Champaran, 1917**.

SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Gross GST collection — September 2026

₹2.04 lakh crore

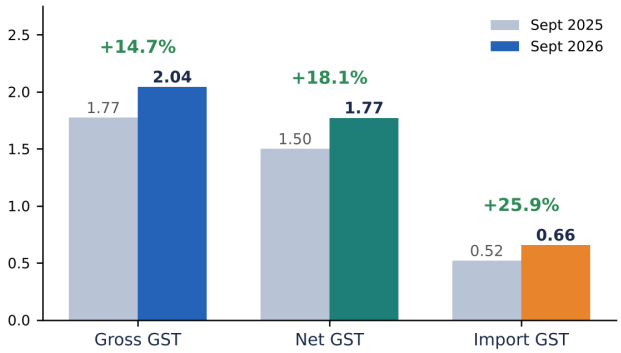
+14.7% YoY (released 1 Oct 2026)

Gross **₹2,04,050 crore**, up **14.7%** from **₹1,77,279 crore** (Sept 2025); net after refunds **₹1,77,049 crore** (**+18.1%**). Import GST **₹65,525 crore (+25.9%)**; domestic **₹1.38 lakh crore (+10.1%)**. **April–September** gross: **₹12.46 lakh crore (+11.6%)**. GST came via the **101st Amendment (2016)**; **GST Council** under **Art. 279A**.

Bihar angle: as a large **consuming state**, Bihar gains from **destination-based** GST — strong import and festive demand lift its **SGST + IGST settlement**.

GST collections: Sept 2025 vs Sept 2026

₹ lakh crore



SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Sci-Tech & IR for BPSC

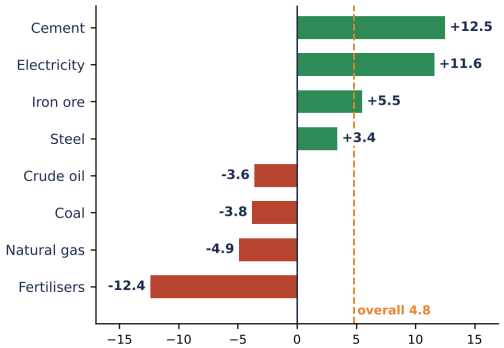
C1. Rate-hike watch: RBI MPC meets 5–7 October as CPI stays above 4%

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian economy — inflation, monetary policy, growth indicators. **Prelims**: repo rate, MPC, CPI, Index of Core Industries.
Context	The **RBI Monetary Policy Committee** meets on **5–7 October 2026**, with the decision due on **7 October**. Most economists expect a **25 bps hike** from **5.25%** to **5.50%** as inflation and global tightening build up.
Key Facts	■ **CPI inflation** at **4.82%** in **August 2026** — above the **4%** target for the **3rd** month running. ■ Repo rate held at **5.25%** for **four** consecutive reviews. ■ Pressures: rupee down about **6%** vs the US dollar in 2026; hikes by the **US Fed** and **Bank of Japan (1.25%)**; costlier crude. ■ **Core sector** grew **4.8%** in **August 2026** (four-month low): cement **+12.5%**, electricity **+11.6%**, fertilisers **−12.4%**.
Way Fwd	Balance inflation control with growth; supply-side steps such as food stocks and fuel-tax tweaks can ease the burden on monetary policy.
Concept	**MPC** under **Sec. 45ZB, RBI Act 1934** (amended 2016) has **6 members**; **flexible inflation targeting** at CPI **4% ± 2%**. In the **Index of Core Industries**, electricity carries the highest weight (about **31%**).

Core sector growth, August 2026 (% YoY)

Overall index: +4.8% (four-month low)



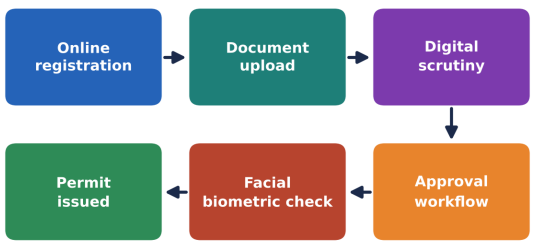
C2. Aviation security goes digital: BCAS rolls out entry-permit and clearance reforms

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: role and impact of **science & technology**, e-governance and infrastructure. **Prelims**: BCAS, civil aviation, UDAN, DigiYatra.
Context	On **2 October 2026** the **Civil Aviation Ministry** announced reforms by the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)** to make security processes simpler, faster and more accountable.
Key Facts	■ Security clearance made **category- and contract-agnostic** across **9** entity categories, valid for **5 years**. ■ **Aerodrome Entry Permit** fully digital — online registration, digital scrutiny and **facial biometric** checks on one platform for **169 airports**. ■ Time-bound, single-stage security vetting of airport infrastructure projects. ■ India is the **3rd-largest** domestic aviation market; operational airports rose from **74 (2014)** to **165 (July 2026)**.
Way Fwd	Pair digital permits with strong data protection; faster clearances can speed up airport works in Bihar such as **Purnea, Darbhanga and Bihta**.
Concept	**BCAS** is the regulator for civil aviation security under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**; it became an independent department in **1987** after the **Kanishka bombing (1985)**. Facial biometrics also power **DigiYatra** paperless boarding.

Digital Aerodrome Entry Permit (BCAS)

One common platform for 169 airports



Security clearance: 9 entity categories • valid 5 years

C3. CJI Surya Kant: technology must widen access to justice, but AI cannot replace judges

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian polity — judiciary, access to justice, fundamental rights; role of S&T. **Prelims**: e-Courts, Art. 39A.
Context	Addressing the **7th Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts** at **Samarkand (Uzbekistan)** on **1 October 2026**, CJI **Surya Kant** set out India's tech-led judicial reforms.
Key Facts	■ **e-Courts Mission Mode Project** (since **2011**): e-filing, virtual hearings, live-streaming. ■ Supreme Court held **7.5 lakh+** video-conference hearings (**March 2020 – June 2024**). ■ **SUVAS** AI tool translated **83,000+** judgments into **18** Indian languages; **Su-Sahayak** is an AI chatbot for case status. ■ **One Case, One Data** integrates records across court levels.
Way Fwd	Bridge the digital divide through e-Sewa Kendras and strong data security, and keep AI as an aid — never a substitute — for judicial reasoning.
Concept	Constitutional anchors: **Art. 14** (equality), **Art. 21** (life & liberty), **Art. 32** (right to constitutional remedies), **Art. 39A** (free legal aid — a DPSP added by the **42nd Amendment, 1976**).

C4. Putin at Valdai: Modi has 'very good ideas' to end the Ukraine conflict

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events – IR)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-I**: current events of national and international importance. **Prelims**: India–Russia ties, groupings such as **BRICS** and **SCO**.
Context	Speaking at the **Valdai Discussion Club** forum (reported **2 October 2026**), Russian President **Vladimir Putin** praised PM **Narendra Modi**'s ideas for a mutually acceptable settlement of the **Ukraine conflict**.
Key Facts	■ Putin described India as **neutral** yet deeply committed to peace; Modi regularly raises ending the war. ■ India's stated line: it stands **firmly on the side of peace** — dialogue and diplomacy. ■ India–Russia: **Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership** (since **2010**). ■ Both are members of **BRICS** and **SCO**; India holds the **BRICS chair in 2026**.
Way Fwd	Use strategic autonomy to keep channels open with all sides while safeguarding energy and defence supplies.
Concept	**Strategic autonomy** = pursuing national interest without joining military blocs (roots in **NAM, 1961**). **Valdai Club** = Moscow-based international discussion forum, founded in **2004**.

SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

#	Area	Quick fact
1	NATIONAL	**Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct 2026)**: **157th** birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and **120th** of **Lal Bahadur Shastri** (born **1904**, Mughalsarai).
2	NATIONAL	**International Day of Older Persons (1 Oct)** 2026 theme: **'The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives'**.
3	BIHAR	**Shaheed Jubba Sahani University of Architecture & Civil Engineering** (Bihar) gets **34** new posts; named after a **Quit India** martyr from **Muzaffarpur**.
4	BIHAR	Bihar Cabinet approved **871** operators under the **Digital Mitra / Kushal Yuva Programme**.
5	NATIONAL	**National Green Hydrogen Mission** (2023): outlay **₹19,744 crore**; target **5 MMT/year by 2030**.
6	SPORTS	**Asian Games 2026**: **Aichi–Nagoya, Japan**, **19 Sept – 4 Oct**; India's flag-bearers **Manu Bhaker & Pawan Sehrawat**.

SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Gandak river: 1. It is known as the Narayani in Nepal. 2. The Valmikinagar barrage on it was built under an Indo-Nepal agreement of 1959. 3. It joins the Ganga near Hajipur. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) — All three are correct: **Narayani** is its Nepali name, **Valmikinagar barrage** came under the **Gandak Agreement (1959)**, and it meets the Ganga at **Hajipur–Sonepur**.

Q2. Under which Article of the Constitution can the Governor of a state remit the sentence of a person convicted of an offence against a state law?

(a) Article 72
(b) Article 161
(c) Article 163
(d) Article 213

Answer: (b) — **Art. 161** gives the Governor pardoning powers for state-law offences; **Art. 72** is the President's power, **Art. 163** concerns the Council of Ministers and **Art. 213** ordinances.

MAINS PRACTICE (GS-II, 250 words)

Embankments remain the mainstay of flood control in north Bihar, yet breaches recur almost every monsoon. In the light of the record Gandak flood of 2026, critically examine this approach and suggest an integrated flood-management strategy for the Gandak–Kosi basins.

Hint: Intro with **91.25 m** HFL and **5.435 lakh cusecs** peak → limits of embankments (silt, waterlogging, breaches) → India–Nepal cooperation, early warning, floodplain zoning, reservoirs, drainage, community preparedness → conclusion on living with floods.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Bihar: **Green H2 Policy** (1 lakh t by 2031) + **₹2,761.55 cr** feeder solar | **Gandak 91.25 m** record | Makhana → **Greece** | **Art. 161** remission | GST **₹2.04 lakh cr** | MPC **5–7 Oct**.

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