

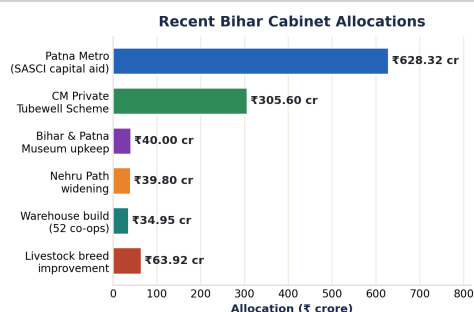
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

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- **336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur** six-lane greenfield expressway cleared on **PPP** via BSRDCL.
- **Patna Metro** gets **Rs 628.32 crore** under **SASCI**; project is **60% JICA-funded**.
- Bihar-Jharkhand sign **Sone river water-sharing MoU** (Bihar **5.75 MAF**).
- Bihar presses for **MSP on makhana**; **National Makhana Board** rolls out.
- India **Q1 FY2026-27 real GDP grows 7.8%** on the new **2022-23 base**.
- **26th SCO Summit** concludes at **Bishkek**; **Bishkek Declaration** adopted.
- India-Belgium sign **defence Letter of Intent**; **RAKSHA** diplomacy document released.
- **Supreme Court: Bar Council of India** has no power to discipline **law students**.
- **Teachers' Day** - President confers **National Teachers' Awards** on **48 teachers**.

SECTION A BIHAR SPECIAL — Schemes • Policy • Administration

Bihar Cabinet extends Student Credit Card Scheme to 2030-31

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Governance)
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - Bihar govt schemes & welfare; Mains GS-II (Bihar economy, governance & social sector).
Context	The state cabinet cleared 27 proposals , headlined by extension of the flagship Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme and the urban development mission through 2030-31 .
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Long-horizon extensions give students and urban bodies funding certainty; timely disbursal and skill-linkage will decide real impact.
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 .



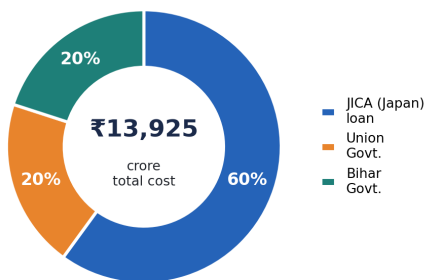
336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur greenfield expressway cleared on PPP

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography & Infrastructure)
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - Bihar connectivity projects; Mains GS-II (Bihar geography, infrastructure & economy).
Context	The cabinet granted in-principle approval for a 336-km, six-lane expressway on a new alignment linking Buxar (west) to Bhagalpur (east), to be built through PPP .
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Land acquisition and a bankable PPP structure are the key hurdles; a completed corridor can unlock industry in south Bihar.
Concept	BSRDCL = Bihar State Road Development Corporation Ltd, the nodal SPV for state highways/expressways; greenfield = built on a brand-new alignment.

Patna Metro gets Rs 628.32 crore under SASCI capital-aid

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Urban Infrastructure)
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - Patna Metro & central capital schemes; Mains GS-II (infrastructure & urban economy).
Context	Bihar sanctioned Rs 628.32 crore for the Patna Metro under the Centre's SASCI (Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment) for 2026-27 , routed via PMRCL .
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Fwd	Steady SASCI tranches tied to milestones can keep the metro on schedule; last-mile feeder integration will drive ridership.
Concept	SASCI = 50-year interest-free capital loans to states for infrastructure; JICA = Japan International Cooperation Agency, a major bilateral lender for Indian metros.

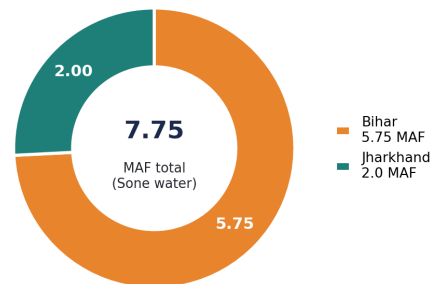
Patna Metro — Funding Mix



Bihar-Jharkhand ink Sone river water-sharing MoU

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Rivers & Water Management)
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - Bihar rivers, barrages, inter-state water; Mains GS-II (Bihar geography & resource management).
Context	A long-pending Sone river water dispute - open since the 2000 bifurcation - was resolved through an MoU allocating shares to Bihar and Jharkhand .
Key Facts	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.
Way Fwd	Assured allocation stabilises canal irrigation in south Bihar; joint monitoring will keep the accord dispute-free.
Concept	Inter-state river disputes fall under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 and Article 262 of the Constitution.

Sone Water Pact (MAF share)



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

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Agriculture)
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - makhana, GI tags, agri-boards; Mains GS-II (Bihar agrarian economy & value addition).
Context	Bihar reiterated its demand for a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for makhana (foxnut) as the National Makhana Board , announced in the Union Budget, begins operations.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Fwd	A functioning board plus assured price and cold-chain can turn makhana into a flagship Bihar export brand.
Concept	GI tag = Geographical Indication under the GI of Goods Act, 1999 ; MSP = a government-set floor price to protect farmers.

Makhana Economy — Why Bihar Leads

~90%

Bihar's share of India's makhana output

₹100 cr

National Makhana Board (Union Budget 2025-26)

2022

GI tag: Mithila Makhana

Darbhanga

ICAR-NRC makhana research centre

MSP

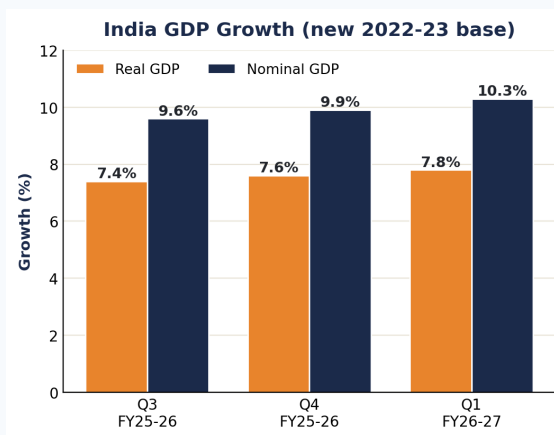
Bihar's demand for makhana price support

SECTION B DATA POINT OF THE DAY

India Real GDP Growth - Q1 FY2026-27

7.8%

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.



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

26th SCO Summit concludes at Bishkek; Bishkek Declaration adopted

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (India & the World)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - SCO, summits & groupings; Mains - India's foreign policy & regional security.
Context	The 26th SCO Summit was held at Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) on 3-4 September 2026 , adopting the Bishkek Declaration and several new mechanisms.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Fwd	India must balance SCO engagement on connectivity and counter-terror with its strategic autonomy and Global South agenda.
Concept	SCO = Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Eurasian security & economic bloc); India became a full member in 2017 .

SCO Bishkek Summit 2026 — Key Outcomes & India's Agenda



India-Belgium sign defence LoI; RAKSHA diplomacy document unveiled

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Defence & Sci-Tech)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - defence pacts, exports, frameworks; Mains - India's defence & technology diplomacy.
Context	India and Belgium signed a Letter of Intent on defence cooperation , while the Defence Ministry released the RAKSHA ten-year defence-diplomacy document.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Fwd	Codified diplomacy plus export focus supports the goal of India as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region.
Concept	A Letter of Intent signals intent to cooperate ahead of a binding pact; Defence Attache = a military diplomat posted at an embassy.

RAKSHA: Four Pillars



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

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - fundamental rights, statutory bodies; Mains - polity, rights & institutional powers.
Context	The Supreme Court held that the Bar Council of India (BCI) has no statutory power to discipline or punish law students , quashing action against protesting students.
Key Facts	- 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.
Way Fwd	Clear jurisdictional lines protect student rights; the BCI's remit stays confined to enrolled advocates and legal-education standards.
Concept	BCI is a statutory body under the Advocates Act, 1961 ; Article 19 guarantees the six freedoms to citizens.

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

SCI-TECH **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Technology)**

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - biotech missions, policies, bodies; Mains - science & technology and its impact.
Context	The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) , via BIRAC , launched BIO-NIVESH to mobilise private capital and bridge the lab-to-market 'valley of death' for biotech startups.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Blended finance can de-risk deep-tech biotech; execution and IP support will determine how many startups scale.
Concept	BioE3 = Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment; BIRAC is a PSU under DBT that funds biotech innovation.

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

SOCIETY **BPSC: Prelims (National Current Events)**

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - national days, awards & institutions; Mains - education & human capital.
Context	On Teachers' Day (5 September) , the President of India conferred the National Teachers' Awards 2026 on 48 school teachers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Recognition must pair with training and better teacher-pupil ratios to lift learning outcomes under NEP 2020.
Concept	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan - philosopher-statesman, Bharat Ratna (1954) ; Teachers' Day honours his legacy.

SECTION D PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

#	Quick Fact	#	Quick Fact
1	International Day of Charity is observed on 5 September , marking Mother Teresa's death anniversary (1997).	4	Mithila Makhana received its GI tag in 2022 ; the ICAR-NRC makhana centre is at Darbhanga .
2	Teachers' Day (5 Sept) honours Dr. S. Radhakrishnan , India's 1st Vice-President and 2nd President.	5	The Indrapuri Barrage on the Sone river lies in Rohtas district , Bihar.
3	The RBI repo rate stands at 5.25% with a neutral stance; the inflation target is 4% (+/- 2%) .	6	BioE3 Policy (2024) targets a Rs 20 lakh crore bioeconomy by 2030 .

SECTION E PRACTICE CORNER

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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?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only

- (b) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (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. The 26th SCO Summit of 2026, which adopted the Bishkek Declaration, was hosted by which country?

- (a) Kazakhstan
(c) Uzbekistan

- (b) Kyrgyzstan
(d) China

Ans: (b) — The 26th SCO Summit was held at Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, on 3-4 September 2026.

Mains: 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)

Hint: 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.

★ ONE-LINE REVISION ★

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%.

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