

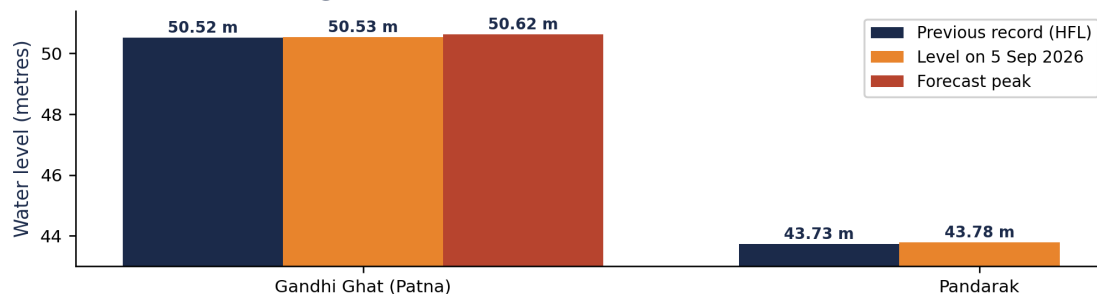
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ganga crosses all-time high flood level at Patna; **16.85 lakh** hit across **11 districts**.
- 858 boats**, **7 NDRF** & **27 SDRF** teams deployed in Bihar flood relief.
- Bihar Cabinet clears **27 proposals**; Student Credit Card extended to **2030-31**.
- ₹9,169 crore** for Bihar's urban local bodies under the **16th Finance Commission**.
- Bihar-Jharkhand end **25-year Sone water dispute**; Bihar gets **5.75 MAF**.
- ₹10,000** DBT reaches over **21 lakh** women under Mahila Rojgar Yojana.
- ISRO's **EOS-05** placed in orbit by **GSLV-F17** — the **19th** GSLV flight.
- GDP base year shifts to **2022-23**; **PPI** replaces **WPI**; **Q1 growth 7.8%**.
- Supreme Court pushes district judge retirement age from **60 to 62**.
- 26th SCO Summit** held at **Bishkek**; UN flags likely **1.5°C** breach.

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL

State schemes, policy, administration & economy

Ganga Flood: 2026 Levels vs Previous Records



Relief mobilised



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

BIHAR

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

Syllabus Linkage	Bihar geography (rivers & flood plains), disaster management; Prelims: HFL, river systems.
Context	The Ganga surged past its all-time high flood level at Patna, submerging riverside settlements and triggering Bihar's largest relief mobilisation of the year as several rivers ran above the danger mark.
Key Facts	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.

Way Fwd	Accelerate the Kosi-Mechi link , systematic de-silting and real-time forecasting, with stronger Indo-Nepal water cooperation to tame recurrent floods.
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 '.

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

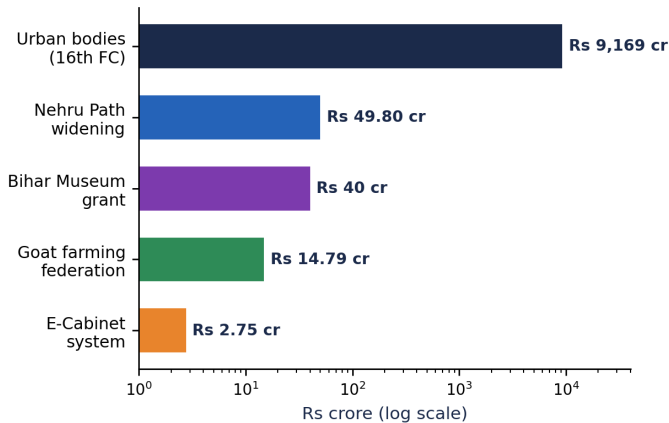
POLITY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity, Governance & Bihar Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	State executive & governance, welfare schemes, fiscal federalism; Prelims: schemes & allocations.
Context	The Bihar Cabinet , meeting in Patna, approved 27 proposals spanning education, digital governance, industry, health and urban finance.

Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Timely disbursal and monitoring will decide whether these outlays translate into jobs, better civic services and skilling on the ground.
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 Cabinet: Key Allocations

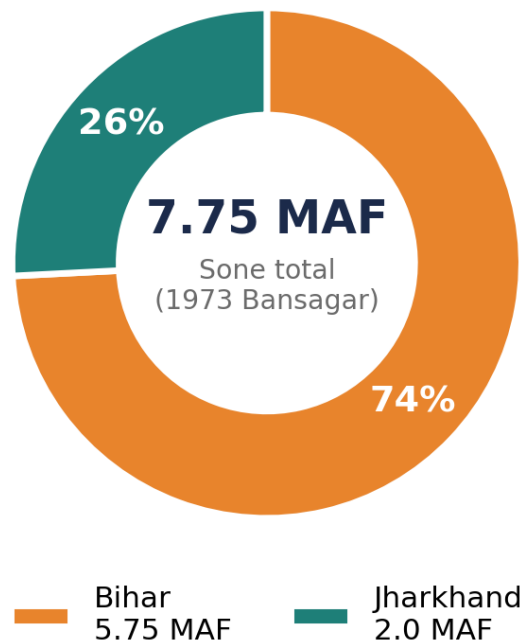


Bihar & Jharkhand End 25-Year Sone Water Dispute; Bihar Gets 5.75 MAF

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography & Inter-State Rivers)

Syllabus Linkage	River water sharing, irrigation, inter-state relations; Prelims: Sone basin, Indrapuri Barrage.
Context	Bihar and Jharkhand signed an MoU to share the waters of the Sone , ending a 25-year dispute that lingered since the 2000 bifurcation .
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Joint basin management and lined canals can maximise assured irrigation and reduce future inter-state friction.
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.

Sone Water Sharing Pact



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

SOCIETY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy, Governance & Women Empowerment)

Syllabus Linkage	Women-centric welfare, self-help groups, direct benefit transfer; Prelims: scheme features.
Context	Under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana , the state transferred a ₹10,000 seed grant directly to over 21 lakh women to start micro-enterprises.
Key Facts	■ ₹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.
Way Fwd	Hand-holding, market linkages and credit access will determine whether seed grants become durable enterprises.
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.

Mahila Rojgar Yojana — journey



Key Facts

- **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 specialties alongside **Shahi Litchi** and **Katarni rice**.

Way Fwd

Cold chains, mechanised popping and branding can lift farmer incomes and make Bihar a global makhana hub.

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**.

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

ECONOMY

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

Syllabus Linkage	Industrial policy, land bank, employment generation in Bihar; Prelims: industrial hubs.
Context	The Cabinet transferred 700 acres of government land at Malhipur, Barauni (Begusarai) to the Industries Department to expand Bihar's industrial land bank.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Plug-and-play infrastructure, single-window clearances and skilled-labour supply are key to converting land banks into working factories.
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.

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

ECONOMY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I & GS-II (Bihar Agriculture, Culture & Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Agriculture & horticulture of Bihar, GI tags, food processing; Prelims: GI products of Bihar.
Context	Makhana (fox nut) , grown mainly in the Mithila region, remains a high-value cash crop central to Bihar's farm diversification and food-processing plans.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹9,169 crore

DATA POINT OF THE DAY

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.

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

Polity • Economy • Sci-Tech • IR • Environment

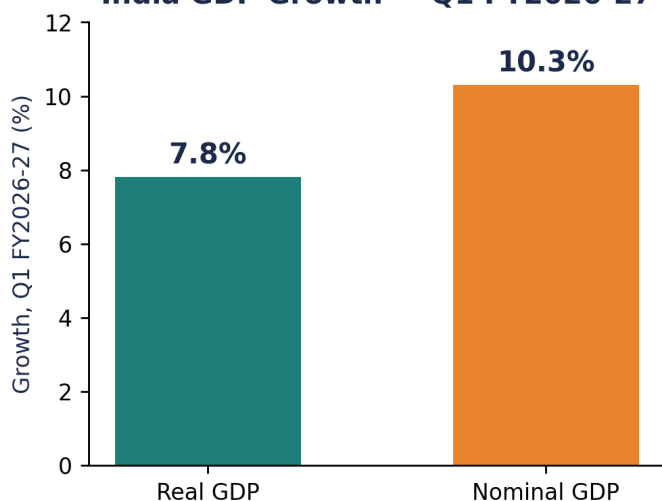
New National Accounts: GDP Base Year Shifts to 2022-23; Q1 Growth 7.8%

ECONOMY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy & Statistical Analysis)

Syllabus Linkage	National income, GDP measurement, price indices; Prelims: base year, PPI vs WPI.
Context	The National Accounts Statistics 2026 overhauled how India measures growth, revising the base year and replacing key price indices.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	A modern base year and PPI better capture services and new-economy sectors, but require consistent back-series for comparison.
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 .

India GDP Growth — Q1 FY2026-27



Base year revised: 2011-12 -> 2022-23

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

POLITY

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

Syllabus Linkage	Subordinate judiciary, judicial reforms, pendency; Prelims: retirement ages of judges.
Context	A Supreme Court bench led by CJI Surya Kant directed states to raise the retirement age of district judges to ease record case pendency.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Higher retirement age must pair with faster recruitment, more courts and digitisation to make a real dent in pendency.
Concept	The district judiciary is administered by High Courts (Art. 233-237). High Court judges retire at 62 and Supreme Court judges at 65 .

ISRO Launches EOS-05 Imaging Satellite Aboard GSLV-F17

SCI-TECH

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Role & Impact of Science & Technology)

Syllabus Linkage	Space technology, remote sensing, launch vehicles; Prelims: ISRO missions & vehicles.
Context	ISRO placed the EOS-05 earth-observation satellite in orbit aboard GSLV-F17 , ending an eight-month launch gap.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Geo-imaging enables near-continuous monitoring for disaster response, agriculture and border security — a strategic capability leap.

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.
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ISRO EOS-05 — mission at a glance

2,367 kg Satellite mass	~36,000 km Geosynchronous orbit
GSLV-F17 Launch vehicle	19th GSLV mission
107th Sriharikota launch	9 yrs Mission life

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

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

Syllabus Linkage	India & multilateral groupings, regional security; Prelims: SCO members & summits.
Context	The 26th SCO Summit at Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) marked the bloc's 25th anniversary , with India pressing its long-held positions on terror and connectivity.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	India's SCO engagement balances Eurasian connectivity and counter-terror goals while guarding strategic autonomy.
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 .

26th SCO Summit — Bishkek

- **Bishkek Declaration signed**
- **Universal Security Centre approved**
- **Green Technology Corridor (2026-30)**
- **English added as official language**
- **Anti-drug centre regulations cleared**
- **Pakistan to chair the bloc in 2026-27**

UN Flags Likely Breach of the 1.5°C Paris Target

ENVIRONMENT

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II & Current Events (Environment & Climate)

Syllabus Linkage	Climate change, Paris Agreement, global governance; Prelims: temperature targets, UNEP.
Context	A UNEP report formally acknowledged that the 1.5°C Paris warming limit is likely to be breached within the next few years.
Key Facts	■ 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.
Way Fwd	Faster emission cuts, renewable scale-up and credible carbon-removal pathways are needed to limit overshoot and its damage.
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.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

➤ Ganga crossed its previous all-time HFL of **50.52 m** (2016) at Patna's Gandhi Ghat.

➤ ISRO's **EOS-05** rode **GSLV-F17** — the **19th** GSLV mission and **107th** launch from Sriharikota.

➤ National Accounts base year revised **2011-12 → 2022-23**; **Producer Price Index (PPI)** replaces **WPI**.

➤ Sone river pact: Bihar gets **5.75 MAF**, Jharkhand **2 MAF** of the **7.75 MAF** 1973 Bansagar share.

➤ **26th SCO Summit** was held at **Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)**; **Pakistan** chairs the bloc in 2026-27.

➤ Supreme Court asked states to raise district judge retirement age from **60 to 62** amid **5.18 crore** pending cases.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. The Indrapuri Barrage, recently in the news in the context of a Bihar-Jharkhand water-sharing agreement, is built on which river?

(a) Kosi (b) Gandak (c) Sone (d) Bagmati

Ans: (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.

Q2. 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?

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

Ans: (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.

Mains Practice. 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)

Hint: 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.

ONE-LINE REVISION: 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.

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