

Top story: Ganga breaches all-time HFL at Patna (50.53 m); 11 districts, 10.26 lakh people hit. Bihar Economic Survey 2025-26: GSDP ₹9.92 lakh cr; 8.6% real growth beats nation.

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ganga breaches all-time HFL at Patna (50.53 m); 11 districts, 10.26 lakh people hit.
- CM Samrat Choudhary reviews relief: 858 boats, 27 SDRF + 7 NDRF teams deployed.
- Bihar Economic Survey 2025-26: GSDP ₹9.92 lakh cr; 8.6% real growth beats nation.
- National Makhana Board (Bihar) pushes GI-tagged fox-nut as a global superfood.
- Patna Metro priority corridor (Zero Mile-ISBT, 3.2 km) now operational.
- India hosts 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 11-13 September 2026.
- ISRO's EOS-05: first Indian earth-imaging satellite in geo orbit (36,000 km).
- Special Intensive Revision (SIR): heavy roll deletions in Manipur & Sikkim.
- India-China Corps Commander talks agree two new border meeting points.
- US-Iran war strains Strait of Hormuz; crude-oil supply risk for India.

SECTION A — BIHAR SPECIAL (state schemes, policy, administration, economy)

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

ENVIRONMENT

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

Syllabus	Bihar geography - rivers & flood-prone Gangetic plains; disaster management (GS-II). Prelims: HFL vs danger level, north/south Bihar rivers.
Context	Heavy rain plus upstream releases pushed the Ganga past its Highest Flood Level of 50.53 m at Gandhi Ghat, Patna on 5 September 2026 , topping the old HFL of 50.52 m (Aug 2016) .
KeyFacts	■ 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.
WayFwd	Strengthen embankments, desilt the Kosi-Gandak, use real-time flood forecasting (aided by EOS-05) and deepen Indo-Nepal water coordination.
Concept	Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC) ; Nepal-origin rivers - Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar') , Gandak, Bagmati ; HFL vs Danger Level .

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

BIHAR

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

Syllabus	Bihar economy & agriculture; GI tags (GS-II). Prelims: makhana districts, GI products of Bihar.
Context	The National Makhana Board (announced in Union Budget 2025-26, ₹100 cr corpus, headquartered in Bihar) is being operationalised to lift makhana (fox-nut) output, processing and exports.
KeyFacts	■ 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.
WayFwd	Mechanised harvesting, cold chains and GI-based branding can raise farmer incomes and export earnings.
Concept	GI tag under the Geographical Indications Act, 1999 ; other Bihar GIs - Bhagalpuri Tussar silk, Katarni rice, Shahi Litchi, Magahi Paan, Jardalu mango .

NATIONAL MAKHANA BOARD — BIHAR

₹100 cr corpus • HQ in Bihar • GI-tagged fox-nut

GI TAG Mithila makhana is GI-tagged — a high-protein superfood

5 DISTRICTS Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnia, Katihar & Saharsa lead output

FARMER FPOs Organise growers; ensure fair price, seeds & credit

EXPORTS Processing, branding & global superfood push

GOAL

Lift makhana output & farmer incomes; take Bihar's fox-nut to every plate in India and world markets

BIHAR FLOOD 2026 • RELIEF & IMPACT

Ganga above HFL, Patna

11

Districts hit

10.26 L

People affected

201

Gram panchayats

858

Boats deployed

27+7

SDRF + NDRF teams

38

Community kitchens

Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna (metres)



BIHAR INFRASTRUCTURE PUSH 2026 • PATNA METRO & ROADS

3.2 km

Metro Priority Corridor
live (Zero Mile-ISBT)

24

Metro stations planned
(30.91 km, by 2030)

3

Stations open:
Bhoothnath, Zero Mile, PBT

2030

Full Phase-1
network target

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

BIHAR

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

Syllabus	Bihar infrastructure & economy (GS-II). Prelims: Patna Metro lines, length, implementing agency.
Context	A 3.2 km priority corridor (Zero Mile-ISBT) of Patna Metro is operational (opened Oct 2025), part of a 30.91 km, 24-station, two-line network targeted for full completion by 2030 .
KeyFacts	- 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.
WayFwd	Timely land acquisition and last-mile links are key to ridership; integrate metro with city bus services.
Concept	Urban mass transit ; central-state SPV funding model; AMRUT / urban infrastructure missions.

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

SOCIETY

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

Syllabus	Bihar governance & women empowerment (GS-II). Prelims: scheme name, benefit amount, nodal body.
Context	Under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana , the state transferred ₹10,000 each to about 21 lakh women as seed capital for self-employment, with larger follow-on support promised.
KeyFacts	- 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).
WayFwd	Skilling, credit linkage and market access are needed so grants convert into durable micro-enterprises.
Concept	JEEViKA (Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project) ; DBT ; female labour-force participation rate .

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹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.

BIHAR ECONOMIC SURVEY 2025-26 • HEADLINE NUMBERS

₹9.92 lakh cr

GSDP (current prices)

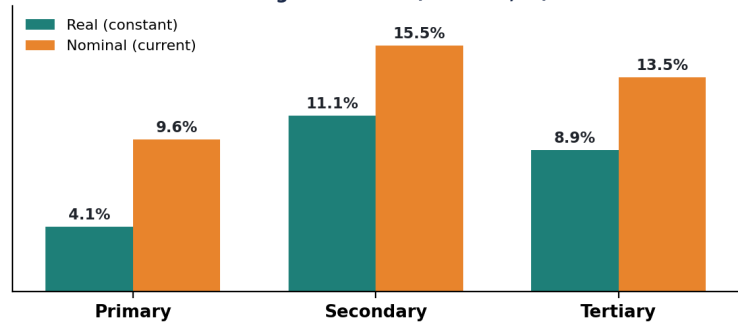
8.6%

Real growth (beats national)

₹76,490

Per-capita GSDP (current)

Sector growth rates (2024-25, %)



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

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

Syllabus	Bihar economy - state domestic product, sectoral composition (GS-II). Prelims: GSDP, per-capita income, sector shares.
Context	The Economic Survey 2025-26 pegs Bihar's GSDP at ₹9.92 lakh crore (current prices) , growing 8.6% in real terms - faster than the national average.
KeyFacts	■ 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.
WayFwd	Sustain industrial momentum, raise per-capita income and widen the tax base to close the gap with richer states.
Concept	GSDP vs GVA ; primary/secondary/tertiary sectors; AT&C (Aggregate Technical & Commercial) losses .

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

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

IR BPSC: Prelims (International Relations & Security)

Syllabus	India's neighbourhood & border management (GS-II). Prelims: LAC, BPM points, WMCC.
Context	Fresh Corps Commander-level talks in the eastern sector (Arunachal Pradesh) produced an eight-point understanding , including two new Border Personnel Meeting (BPM) points .
KeyFacts	■ 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.
WayFwd	Sustain disengagement, restore patrolling protocols and rebuild strategic trust step by step.
Concept	LAC, WMCC, BPM points ; Panchsheel principles; buffer zones.

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

IR BPSC: Prelims (IR & Economy)

Syllabus	World geography (choke points) & energy security (GS-II). Prelims: location of the Strait of Hormuz.
Context	The ongoing US-Iran conflict (since Feb 2026) has disrupted transit through the Strait of Hormuz , threatening global crude supply and prices.
KeyFacts	■ 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.
WayFwd	Diversify crude sources, build strategic petroleum reserves and accelerate the energy transition.
Concept	Strait of Hormuz (Persian Gulf-Gulf of Oman); global choke points ; strategic petroleum reserves .

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

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

Syllabus	India & the world - multilateral groupings (GS-II). Prelims: BRICS members, host, NDB headquarters.
Context	New Delhi hosts the 18th BRICS Summit on 11-13 September 2026 ; leaders including Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin are expected to attend.
KeyFacts	- 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.
WayFwd	India can use BRICS for development finance and energy security while balancing ties with the West.
Concept	BRICS (formed 2009/2010); New Development Bank; Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA).

18th BRICS SUMMIT — NEW DELHI

India hosts • 11-13 September 2026

World population



World GDP (PPP share)



Theme focus: reformed multilateralism, Global South, trade in local currencies

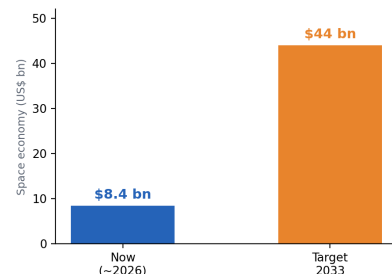
Leaders expected: Xi Jinping, Putin & other member heads

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

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

Syllabus	Science & technology - space applications (GS-II). Prelims: orbit altitude, uses, agencies.
Context	ISRO placed EOS-05 , its first dedicated earth-observation satellite in geosynchronous orbit (~36,000 km) - its first successful launch of 2026 after two PSLV setbacks.
KeyFacts	- 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.
WayFwd	GEO imaging can power real-time disaster response (e.g., the Bihar floods) and precision agriculture.
Concept	GEO vs LEO/SSO orbits; remote sensing; IN-SPACE, NSIL ; Gaganyaan roadmap.

EOS-05 & INDIA'S SPACE ECONOMY

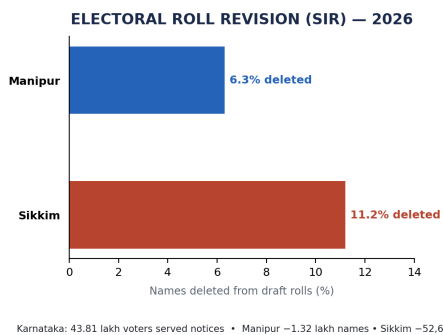


EOS-05: first Indian earth-imaging satellite in geo orbit (36,000 km); monitors floods, cyclones, crops — ISRO's first success of 2026

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

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

Syllabus	Polity - elections and the ECI (GS-II). Prelims: SIR, Article 324, roll revision laws.
Context	The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls saw notable deletions - 6.3% in Manipur and 11.2% in Sikkim - while 43.81 lakh voters were served notices in Karnataka.
KeyFacts	- 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.
WayFwd	A transparent claims-and-objections window and strong grievance redress are needed to avoid wrongful deletions.
Concept	Election Commission of India (Article 324); electoral rolls under the RP Act, 1950 .



Monthly PLFS data reignites the debate on measuring unemployment

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

Syllabus	Economy - employment and statistics (GS-II). Prelims: PLFS, NSO, unemployment concepts.
Context	India's shift to monthly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data has renewed debate on how joblessness is measured, alongside a ' flat Phillips curve ' finding on inflation.
KeyFacts	- 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.
WayFwd	High-frequency, granular data plus jobs-rich growth are needed to cut disguised and under-employment.
Concept	PLFS (NSO), LFPR/WPR; the Phillips curve; inflation targeting (4% +/- 2%).

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE — QUICK FACTS

- Ganga's all-time HFL at Patna's **Gandhi Ghat** is now **50.53 m** (old **50.52 m**, 2016).
- EOS-05** orbits at ~**36,000 km** in a **geostationary** orbit.
- The **Kosi** is called the '**Sorrow of Bihar**' and originates in **Nepal/Tibet**.
- The **New Development Bank (BRICS)** is headquartered in **Shanghai**.
- Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag in 2022**; the Makhana Board is based in **Bihar**.
- The **Strait of Hormuz** links the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER**Prelims MCQ 1**

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?

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

Ans: 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.

Prelims MCQ 2

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

- (a) Digha Ghat
- (b) Gandhi Ghat
- (c) Gai Ghat
- (d) Collectorate Ghat

Ans: B. The Ganga touched 50.53 m at Gandhi Ghat, above the earlier HFL of 50.52 m set in August 2016.

MAINS PRACTICE QUESTION

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)

Hint: 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.

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.

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