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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- CM **Samrat Choudhary**: jobs for **1 crore** people in Bihar by **2030**
- Udyami Yojana: up to **₹10 lakh** (₹5 lakh grant + ₹5 lakh loan)
- **₹21,000 crore** NABARD loan sought for **65 roads + 35 bridges**
- Digha–Koilwar Ganga Path on **HAM**, est. **₹5,544 crore**
- Bihar MLC polls (8 seats): **23 Oct**; counting **27 Oct**
- Darbhanga's **Bhawana Kanth**: first woman **Fighter Combat Leader**
- RBI repo **5.50%** (+25 bps); SDF **5.25%**, MSF **5.75%**
- RBI FY27: GDP **7.1%**, CPI **5.2%**
- Cabinet: **ITLA** + **₹10,000 crore SME Growth Fund**
- Uttarakhand = India's **6th fully literate state** (ULLAS)

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

Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana: instalments released, Bihar targets jobs for 1 crore people by 2030

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar economy — industrialisation, MSMEs, employment & state schemes | Prelims: Bihar schemes & ministers
Context	On **8 October 2026**, CM **Samrat Choudhary** released instalments to about **7,000** beneficiaries of the **Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana** at **Bapu Sabhagar, Patna**, and set a target of jobs for **1 crore** people by **2030**.
Key Facts	■ First phase (FY **2025-26**): about **₹96 crore** to **4,800** beneficiaries — **₹2 lakh** first instalment each. ■ Support up to **₹10 lakh**: up to **₹5 lakh grant** + up to **₹5 lakh loan**; about **₹3,500 crore** earmarked. ■ About **45,000** new entrepreneurs being prepared; ~**5 jobs** each ≈ **2.2 lakh** direct jobs. ■ Local preference: in tenders up to **₹50 crore**, a Bihar-based **L2/L3/L4** bidder may get work by matching the **L1** rate. ■ Proposed **Bihar MSME Policy 2026**; Industries & Sports Minister **Shreyasi Singh** presided.
Way Fwd	Pair instalments with mentoring, market linkage and credit follow-up; publish district-wise enterprise survival data.
Concept	Scheme began in **2018** for **SC/ST** youth, later extended to **EBC, women, minorities & youth**; run by the **Industries Department**. **L1** = lowest bidder. **MSMEs** are classified by **investment + turnover**.

Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana — How it works



₹21,000-crore NABARD push for 100 road & bridge projects; Digha-Koilwar Ganga Path bids invited

BIHAR — BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Infrastructure & Geography)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar economy (infrastructure), Bihar geography (Ganga plains) | Prelims: projects, PPP models, NABARD
Context	Bihar's **Road Construction Department** has sought **₹21,000 crore** in **NABARD** loans to fast-track about **100** projects — **65 roads** and **35+ bridges** (reported **7 Oct 2026**).
Key Facts	■ Split: **₹15,000 crore** roads (via **BSRDC**) + **₹6,000 crore** bridges (via **Bihar State Bridge Construction Corporation**). ■ **Digha-Koilwar Ganga Path** (Digha–Danapur Cantt.–Sherpur–Koilwar): bids on **Hybrid Annuity Model**, est. **₹5,544 crore** (excl. GST). ■ Also listed: **40.80 km Sultanganj–Bhagalpur–Sabour Ganga Path**, **42 km Bariarpur–Sultanganj** road, **Danapur–Maner–Bihta** four-laning. ■ Others: **Darbhanga Medical College–AIIMS** road, **Ara–Mohania** bypass (Kochas), **Chhapra–Bettiah** & **Gopalganj** bypasses.
Way Fwd	Phase-wise appraisal by NABARD; flood-resilient design for Ganga-front corridors and timely land acquisition.
Concept	**HAM**: government pays **40%** of project cost during construction; developer raises **60%** and recovers it via annuities. **NABARD** set up on **12 July 1982** (Sivaraman Committee); funds state rural infra via **RIDF**. **JP Ganga Path** runs **Digha–Didarganj** in Patna.

PRAGATI team reviews Patna Junction makeover & stalled Bihta Airport; Bihar on high-speed rail map

BIHAR — BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Infrastructure)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar economy — transport infrastructure; governance & monitoring | Prelims: PRAGATI, Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
Context	A **Project Monitoring Group** team (Cabinet Secretariat) under **PRAGATI** is inspecting Bihar's flagship projects; it met Chief Secretary **Pratyaya Amrit** and reviews **Patna Airport** on **9 Oct 2026**.
Key Facts	■ **Patna Junction**: ~**₹500 crore** upgrade under **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**; DPR within **2 months**. ■ **Harding Park terminal**: **70+** trains & **1 lakh+** passengers daily; parking for **1,500–2,000** vehicles; metro link near Junction Golambar. ■ **Bihta Airport** new terminal only ~**2%** done (terminal ~**₹460 crore**; civil enclave ~**₹1,413 crore**); target **14 March 2027**. ■ **Varanasi–Patna–Siliguri** high-speed corridor (one of **7** in Union Budget **2026-27**): possible stations in **Patna, Buxar, Begusarai, Khagaria, Katihar**; ~**320 km/h**.
Way Fwd	Fix contractor & design bottlenecks at Bihta; integrate rail–metro–air under one multimodal plan for Patna.

Concept	**PRAGATI** (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation), launched **25 March 2015**: PM-chaired ICT platform for project & grievance monitoring. **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme** (**2023**) covers **1,300+** stations. **Bihta** airport is a civil enclave at an **IAF** station.

Bihar Infrastructure Push — Roads, Bridges, Rail & Air (Oct 2026)



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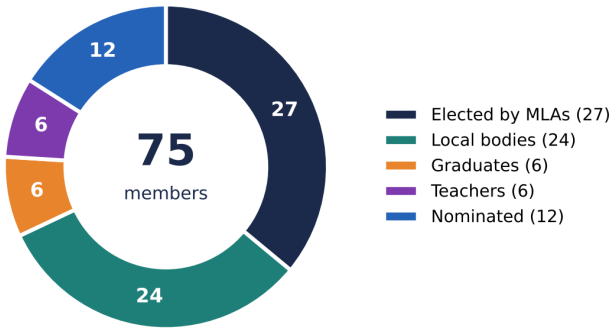
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Bihar Legislative Council polls for 8 graduate & teacher seats on 23 October

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: State legislature, bicameralism, elections | Prelims: Art. 169/171, Bihar Vidhan Parishad
Context	Polling for **8** seats of the **Bihar Vidhan Parishad** is on **23 Oct 2026**, counting on **27 Oct**; the state granted **special casual leave** to employees who are voters in these seats.
Key Facts	■ **Graduate (4)**: Patna, Tirhut, Darbhanga, Kosi. **Teacher (4)**: Patna, Tirhut, Darbhanga, Saran. ■ **164** nominations → **12** rejected → **152** candidates (**90** graduate + **62** teacher). ■ Bihar Council strength **75**: **27** by MLAs, **24** local bodies, **6** graduates, **6** teachers, **12** nominated. ■ Bihar is one of **6** states with a **bicameral** legislature.
Way Fwd	Drive enrolment of eligible graduates & teachers; ensure transparent STV counting and awareness of preference voting.
Concept	**Art. 169**: Parliament creates/abolishes a Council on an Assembly resolution by **special majority**. **Art. 171**: size ≤ **1/3** of Assembly, min **40**; **1/3** MLAs, **1/3** local bodies, **1/12** graduates (3 yrs), **1/12** teachers, **1/6** nominated by **Governor**. Election by **STV**.

Bihar Legislative Council — Composition



Darbhanga's Sqn Ldr Bhawana Kanth becomes India's first woman Fighter Combat Leader

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims (Bihar Personalities) + Mains GS-II (Women & Defence)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: Bihar personalities, defence | Mains GS-II: women empowerment, role of S&T in defence
Context	Sqn Ldr **Bhawana Kanth** completed the ~**20-week Fighter Combat Leader (FCL)** course at **TACDE, Gwalior** — the first Indian woman fighter pilot to do so (reported **7 Oct**, on the eve of **IAF Day**).
Key Facts	■ Native of **Baur village, Ghanshyampur block, Darbhanga**; born **1 Dec 1992** at **Barauni (Begusarai)**. ■ Commissioned in **2016** in the first batch of women fighter pilots; **2019**: first woman qualified for **combat missions**. ■ **IAF Day, 8 Oct 2026**: **94th** anniversary (est. **1932**); theme "Infallible, Impervious and Precise". ■ Air Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit** named **29th Chief of the Air Staff** from **31 Oct 2026**.
Way Fwd	Use such role models to boost girls' STEM and NCC participation in Bihar's schools and colleges.

Concept	**TACDE** (Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment) is the IAF's elite tactics school — the 'Top Gun' equivalent. Women's induction into the **fighter stream** began as an experiment in **2015** and was made **permanent** in **2022**.

Vishwarang Nalanda 2026: Nalanda University hosts North-East–South-East Asia cultural dialogue

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Bihar Culture & Heritage)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-I: Indian culture & Bihar's role; Prelims: Nalanda, Act East, heritage sites
Context	A two-day programme on language, literature and arts linking **North-East India** and **South-East Asia** was held at **Nalanda University, Rajgir** on **7–8 Oct 2026**.
Key Facts	■ Organised by **Vishwarang Foundation** & **Rabindranath Tagore University** (Bhopal) with **Nalanda University**. ■ Chief guest **Katikithala Srinivas** (Secretary, **DoNER**) linked it to the **Act East Policy**. ■ VC Prof. **Sachin Chaturvedi**: real-time translation of Hindi addresses with **Bhashini**; Centre for South-East Asian Studies highlighted. ■ Tagore photo-literature exhibition and **Rabindra Sangeet** evening held.
Way Fwd	Position Nalanda–Rajgir–Bodh Gaya as a soft-power and Buddhist-circuit hub for ASEAN outreach.
Concept	Ancient **Nalanda Mahavihara** founded by **Kumaragupta I** (5th c. CE); destroyed by **Bakhtiyar Khalji** (c. **1193**); **UNESCO World Heritage** site (**2016**). New university under **Nalanda University Act, 2010**; new campus opened **19 June 2024**. **Act East** (2014) upgraded **Look East** (1991).

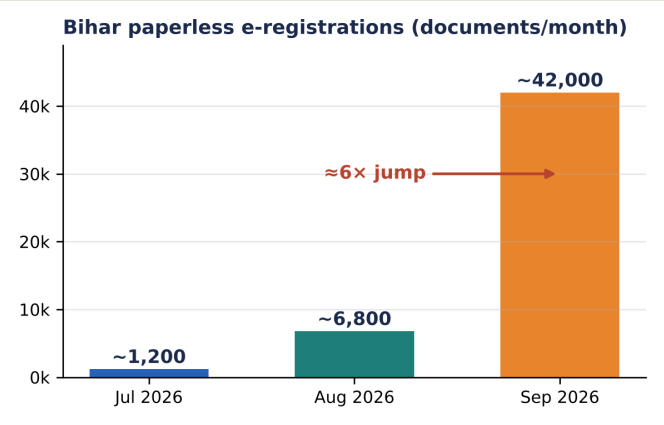
SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Bihar paperless e-registrations, September 2026

≈42,000 documents (≈6× August)

Jul **~1,200** → Aug **~6,800** → Sep **~42,000**; **55,495** since launch; **~2,500/day** now; Sept revenue **₹397+ crore**; e-vaulting target **9 Oct 2026**.

Why it matters: faster, fraud-resistant land & property registration boosts **ease of doing business** and state **stamp-duty revenue** — a key own-tax source for Bihar.

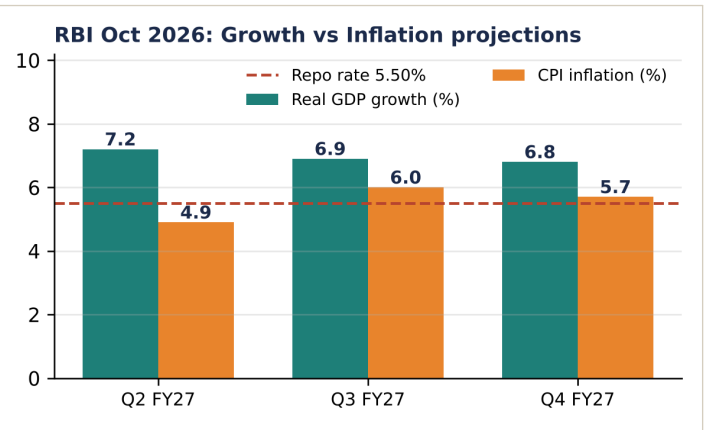


SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

RBI hikes repo rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; stance shifts to 'calibrated tightening'

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Indian economy — monetary policy, inflation, growth | Prelims: MPC, LAF corridor, policy rates
Context	The **63rd MPC** meeting (**5–7 Oct 2026**) under Governor **Sanjay Malhotra** unanimously raised the repo rate from **5.25%** to **5.50%**; near-term rate cuts are 'off the table'.
Key Facts	■ **SDF 5.25%**; **MSF & Bank Rate 5.75%**. Two members (**Nagesh Kumar, Ram Singh**) preferred a neutral stance. ■ FY27 projections: **GDP 7.1%**, **CPI 5.2%** (Q3 CPI **6.0%**); core inflation **4.4%**. ■ CPI rose to **4.8%** in **Aug 2026** (July **4.5%**). Risks: high **crude**, weak **monsoon**, **El Niño**. ■ **World Bank** (6 Oct) also raised India's FY27 growth forecast to **7.1%** (from 6.6%). Next MPC: **2–4 Dec 2026**.
Way Fwd	Fiscal-monetary coordination on food & fuel supply; protect MSME and farm credit flow in states like Bihar.
Concept	**MPC** under **Sec. 45ZB, RBI Act 1934** (amended **2016**): **6** members, Governor has casting vote. **Flexible inflation targeting**: CPI **4% ± 2%**. **Repo** = rate at which RBI lends to banks; **SDF** (floor, since **2022**) and **MSF** (ceiling) form the **LAF corridor**.



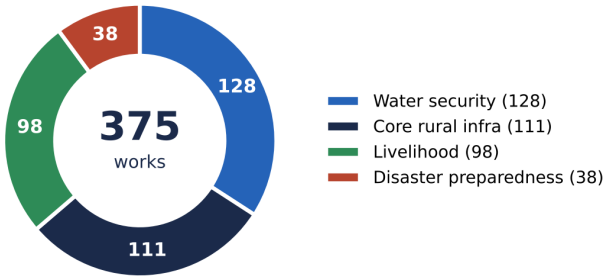
Cabinet clears Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority and ₹10,000-crore SME Growth Fund

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Government policies, infrastructure, rural employment | Prelims: new bodies, schemes, VB–G RAM G
Context	The **Union Cabinet** (**6 Oct 2026**) approved an apex **Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)** and a **₹10,000-crore SME Growth Fund** offering **direct equity** to scalable SMEs.
Key Facts	■ ITLA: integrated transport & freight **planning, research, appraisal, monitoring, data analytics**. ■ Will prepare a **National Transport Master Plan** (**10+ years**) across road, rail, ports, aviation, inland waterways, urban transport.

	■ Technical appraisal of central infra projects of **₹500 crore+**. ■ Rural Development Ministry notified **375** permissible works under the **VB-G RAM G Act, 2025** (up **41%** from **266**).
Way Fwd	Align ITLA with PM GatiShakti and state logistics plans; Bihar can map its Ganga-waterway and rail freight gaps.
Concept	**PM GatiShakti NMP** launched **13 Oct 2021**; **National Logistics Policy** on **17 Sept 2022**. **VB-G RAM G Act, 2025** replaced **MGNREGA** with a **125-day** rural work guarantee.

VB-G RAM G: permissible works (up from 266)



IMC 2026: PM inaugurates 10th India Mobile Congress; Bharat 6G Alliance crosses 7,700 patents

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: role & impact of S&T — telecom, digital inclusion | Prelims: 5G/6G, events
Context	PM **Narendra Modi** opened the **10th India Mobile Congress** at **Yashobhoomi, New Delhi** on **8 Oct 2026**, built on four pillars — **Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt, Suraksha**.
Key Facts	■ Expected **1.5 lakh+** attendees from **100+** countries; **500+** exhibitors, **600+** startups. ■ Mobile data cost fell from ~**₹268/GB** (**2014**) to ~**₹8/GB** — among the cheapest globally. ■ **Bharat 6G Alliance**: **90** institutions, **7,700** patents (**4,400** international). ■ Focus: **5G/6G**, AI networks, **semiconductors**, non-terrestrial networks, **quantum communication**.
Way Fwd	Convert patents into global standards & domestic manufacturing; close the rural tele-density gap in states like Bihar.
Concept	**Bharat 6G Vision** (March **2023**) targets global leadership by **2030**; **Bharat 6G Alliance** launched **July 2023**. IMC is organised by **DoT** and **COAI**. **Tele-density** = telephone connections per 100 people.

Nobel Prizes 2026: optogenetics, IceCube neutrinos, asymmetric autocatalysis and Anne Carson

REPORT BPSC: Prelims (Awards) + Mains GS-II (Science & Technology)

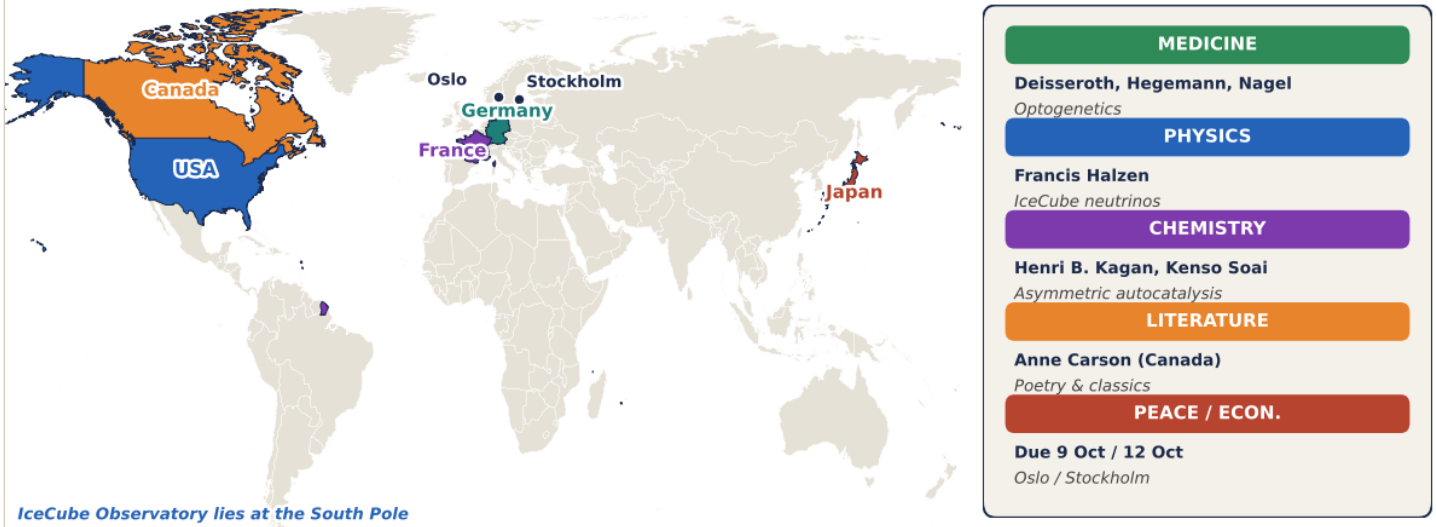
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: awards & honours, basic science | Mains GS-II: role of S&T (neuroscience, astroparticle physics)
Context	Prizes in Medicine, Physics, Chemistry and Literature were announced on **5–8 Oct 2026**; the **Peace Prize** is due in **Oslo** on **9 Oct** and **Economics** on **12 Oct**.
Key Facts	■ **Medicine**: **Karl Deisseroth** (USA), **Peter Hegemann** & **Georg Nagel** (Germany) — light-gated ion channels & **optogenetics**. ■ **Physics**: **Francis Halzen** (USA) — **IceCube Neutrino Observatory**, high-energy astrophysical neutrinos. ■ **Chemistry**: **Henri B. Kagan** (France) & **Kenso Soai** (Japan) — non-linear effects & **autocatalysis** in asymmetric synthesis. ■ **Literature**: **Anne Carson** (Canada) — poet-classicist reworking the classical tradition.
Way Fwd	Boost India's basic-science funding and big-science projects such as the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO).
Concept	Nobel Prizes per **Alfred Nobel**'s will (**1895**), first awarded **1901**; Economics prize since **1969**. Peace Prize given in **Oslo**, others in **Stockholm**. **Optogenetics** = controlling neurons with light. **IceCube** is at the **South Pole**; **INO** is planned at **Theni (TN)**.

Uttarakhand becomes India's 6th fully literate state under ULLAS

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Statistics) & GS-II (Education)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: social sector — education & human development in Bihar | Prelims: literacy data, schemes
Context	**Uttarakhand** has been declared **fully literate** — the **6th** state after **Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh** and **Sikkim**; CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** said focus now shifts to digital, financial and health literacy.
Key Facts	■ Declared under **ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**; 'fully literate' benchmark ≈ **95%** literacy. ■ **Bihar** (Census **2011**): literacy **61.8%** — lowest among states; female **51.5%** vs national **74.04%**. ■ Literacy is assessed through the **FLNAT** (Foundational Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Test).
Way Fwd	Bihar can scale ULLAS through **JEEViKA** SHG networks and school volunteers, prioritising women.
Concept	**ULLAS** (**2022–27**): centrally sponsored adult-education scheme aligned to **NEP 2020** for non-literates aged **15+**, based on volunteerism ('**Kartavya Bodh**'). Ladakh was the first **UT** declared fully literate (**2024**).

Nobel Prizes 2026 — Laureates' Countries (as of 8 Oct)



SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE (Bihar + National)

1. Bihar State Commission for Upper Castes (Chair **Mahachandra Prasad Singh**) begins district-wise survey of **landless** upper-caste families for **vasgeet parcha**.	**2.** Bihar expects ~**20,000** Durga Puja pandals (Patna **1,500** registered); **Shardiya Navratri** begins **11 Oct**.
3. **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve** (MP) — first tiger reserve to get African cheetahs (**Vyom & Neera** from Botswana).	**4.** **SAREX-2026**: **12th** National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise by the **Indian Coast Guard** off **Paradip, Odisha**.
5. **MoSPI** released strategy for **Environmental-Economic Accounts 2026–2030** (forests, water, soil, carbon, biodiversity).	**6.** **Smriti Mandhana** named full-time captain of India's women's white-ball cricket teams.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER (BPSC Pattern)

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Bihar Legislative Council: 1. One-twelfth of its members are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing. 2. Its members are elected by proportional representation through the single transferable vote. 3. The State Assembly can abolish it by a resolution, without any law of Parliament. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — Statements 1 and 2 follow **Art. 171**. Statement 3 is wrong: under **Art. 169**, **Parliament** abolishes or creates a Council by law after the Assembly passes a resolution by **special majority**.

Q2. After the RBI's October 2026 policy raised the repo rate to 5.50%, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rates stand respectively at:

(a) 5.25% and 5.75% **(b)** 5.00% and 6.00% **(c)** 5.25% and 6.00% **(d)** 5.50% and 5.75%

Answer: (a) — The **LAF corridor** is repo **± 25 bps**: **SDF 5.25%** (floor) and **MSF/Bank Rate 5.75%** (ceiling).

MAINS PRACTICE: "Bihar must turn job seekers into job creators." In the light of the Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana and the proposed MSME Policy 2026, examine the prospects and challenges of entrepreneurship-led employment in Bihar. (BPSC Mains GS-II, 38 marks)

Hint: Intro: Bihar's low industrial base & migration. Body: scheme design (**₹10 lakh**, grant + loan, SC/ST/EBC/women focus), **1 crore** jobs target, local procurement; challenges — credit, power, logistics, market access, enterprise survival. Way forward: clusters (makhana, litchi, textiles), ODOP, skilling, single-window. Conclude with inclusive growth.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Udyami Yojana → **₹10 lakh** (5 grant + 5 loan) | Repo **5.50%**, SDF **5.25%**, MSF **5.75%** | MLC polls **23 Oct** (Art. **169/171**) | Digha–Koilwar Ganga Path **₹5,544 cr** on **HAM**.

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