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## TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet meets today (**5:30 PM**) under CM **Samrat Choudhary**; decisions briefed at **6:30 PM**.
- Bihar to run cabinet files **100% digitally** via **e-Cabinet**, with **AI** tools.
- From **1 Dec**: drive for voluntary give-up of **125 free units** (covers **1.92 crore** families).
- **Kachchi Dargah–Bidupur** bridge: **9.76 km**, **six-lane**, Patna–Vaishali across **Ganga**.
- PM visits **Vaishali** on **21 Nov**; NDA govt in Bihar turns **one year** on **20 Nov**.
- Paddy MSP: **₹2,441/qtl** (common), **₹2,461** (Grade A); South Bihar buying from **15 Nov**.
- SC: custody beyond **48 hours** = **deemed suspension** of a public servant (Bihar case).
- Chhath: **Nahay-Khay 13 Nov**, Kharna 14, **Sandhya Arghya 15**, Usha Arghya **16 Nov**.
- **COP31**: **Antalya, Türkiye**, **9–20 Nov**; Australia leads negotiations.
- RBI FLA census: **US 16.5%**, Mauritius 14.5%, Singapore 13.7% of FDI; FDI/ODI ratio **4.2x**.

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

### Bihar Cabinet meets today; state moves to a paperless e-Cabinet

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

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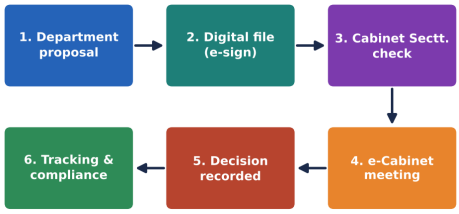
| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **State executive**, e-governance in Bihar \| Prelims: **Art. 163, 164, 166** |
| **Context** | The Council of Ministers meets at **5:30 PM** at the **Main Secretariat, Patna**, chaired by CM **Samrat Choudhary**; decisions will be briefed at **6:30 PM**. On **4 Nov** the CM ordered a quick rollout of the **e-Cabinet** system. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Movement and processing of cabinet files to be **100% digital**.<br>● CM asked officials to use **AI** to simplify complex administrative procedures.<br>● Model presented by the **Cabinet Secretariat Department**; **no go-live date** yet.<br>● Aims: **faster decisions**, clear **accountability** at each stage, **less paper**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Phased rollout with **digital signatures**, cyber-security audit and training of department staff. |
| **Concept** | **Art. 163**: Council of Ministers aids & advises Governor; **Art. 164(2)**: collective responsibility to the Assembly; **Art. 166(3)**: Governor makes **Rules of Business**. |

**Bihar e-Cabinet: how a file will move**




Goal: 100% digital files • AI-assisted • less paper

### SC: custody beyond 48 hours means 'deemed suspension' — restores bail in Samastipur case

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Judiciary**, anti-corruption law, Patna High Court \| Prelims: **PC Act 1988** |
| **Context** | A bench of Justices **J.B. Pardiwala** and **Manmohan** (order of **6 Nov**) set aside a **Patna High Court** order of **1 July 2026** that had cancelled bail of a **Sadar Hospital, Samastipur** administrator. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Alleged bribe of **₹4,000** to clear **₹36,421** pending wages; **Sec. 7, PC Act 1988**.<br>● Judicial custody over **48 hours** ⇒ **deemed suspension**; no separate order needed.<br>● **Bribe amount** is not a relevant factor for cancelling bail.<br>● Court flagged his **reposting to the same post** and asked the state to look into it. |
| **Way Fwd** | States should align **service rules** and vigilance practice with the ruling; avoid reposting accused officers to the same seat. |
| **Concept** | **Deemed suspension** (e.g., **Rule 10(2), CCS (CCA) Rules 1965**). Cancelling granted bail needs stronger grounds than refusing bail. Appeals reach SC via **Art. 136 (SLP)**. |

### Bihar launches 'give-up' drive for 125-unit free electricity from 1 December

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Bihar state finances**, subsidies, energy sector \| Prelims: state schemes |
| **Context** | CM **Samrat Choudhary** said on **8 Nov** that a campaign from **1 December** will urge financially able families to voluntarily give up the free-power benefit, on the lines of the PM's **LPG 'Give It Up'** appeal. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Scheme: **Mukhyamantri Vidyut Upbhokta Sahayata Yojana**, in force from **1 Aug 2025**.<br>● **125 units/month free** to all domestic consumers, regardless of income.<br>● Beneficiaries: **1.92 crore** families; subsidy about **₹10,000/family/year**.<br>● Outlay approved at launch: **₹3,797 crore** for **2025-26**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Pair the appeal with **smart-meter data** to target subsidy; reinvest savings in **rooftop solar** for poor households. |
| **Concept** | **Sec. 65, Electricity Act 2003**: a state granting a subsidy must pay it **in advance** to the discom. **Merit vs non-merit subsidy**; voluntary opt-out = **self-targeting**. |

**Bihar free electricity: scheme in numbers**

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| **125** units/month free | **1.92 cr** families covered | **~₹10,000** subsidy/family/yr |
| **₹3,797 cr** outlay 2025-26 | **1 Aug 2025** scheme start | **1 Dec 2026** give-up drive |

## PM to open 9.76 km Kachchi Dargah–Bidupur six-lane Ganga bridge on 21 Nov

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

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Bihar geography**, Ganga & North–South connectivity, infrastructure \| Prelims: bridges of Bihar |
| **Context** | PM **Narendra Modi** visits **Vaishali** on **21 Nov** as the NDA government in Bihar completes **one year (20 Nov)**; the main event is at **Raja Pakar** block. He will inaugurate the Ganga bridge and launch other projects. |
| **Key Facts** | ● **9.76 km**, **six-lane extradosed** bridge — the first of its kind in Bihar; cost about **₹4,988 crore**.<br>● Links **Kachchi Dargah (Patna, NH-31)** with **Bidupur (Vaishali, NH-122B)** via **Raghopur Diara**.<br>● Phase-1 (Kachchi Dargah–Raghopur) opened in **June 2025**; eases load on **Mahatma Gandhi Setu**.<br>● A **1,243-acre industrial park** is planned in Vaishali; land already acquired. |
| **Way Fwd** | Link the bridge to the **industrial park** and **Patna–Purnia corridor**; protect Diara farmland from unplanned sprawl. |
| **Concept** | **Extradosed bridge**: hybrid of girder and cable-stayed — **short pylons**, flatter cables. **Diara** = sandy riverine islands of the Ganga floodplain. |

**Kachchi Dargah–Bidupur Ganga bridge**




## Paddy procurement: MSP ₹2,441; South Bihar purchase begins 15 Nov

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

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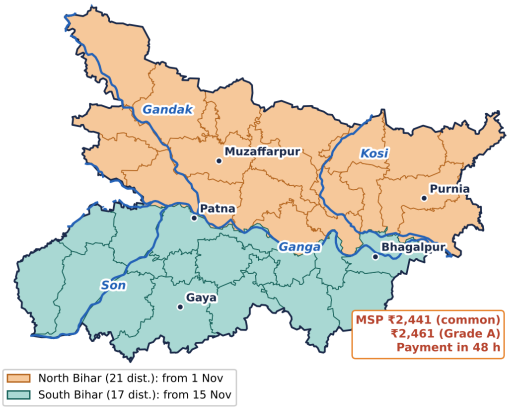
| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Agriculture in Bihar**, MSP, cooperatives (PACS) \| Prelims: CACP, DCP |
| **Context** | Kharif marketing season **2026-27** procurement began in **North Bihar on 1 Nov** and opens in **South Bihar on 15 Nov**. Cooperation Minister **Ram Kripal Yadav** directed full transparency. |
| **Key Facts** | ● MSP: **₹2,441/quintal** (common) and **₹2,461/quintal** (**Grade A**).<br>● Payment to farmers within **48 hours** of purchase.<br>● Farmers need an **AgriStack Farmer ID**; registration on the state cooperative portal.<br>● Buying through **PACS** and **Vyapar Mandals** (decentralised procurement). |
| **Way Fwd** | More **drying/milling capacity** at PACS level and timely CMR delivery to avoid distress sales. |
| **Concept** | **MSP** is recommended by **CACP** and approved by the **CCEA**. Bihar is a **Decentralised Procurement (DCP)** state — it buys, stores and distributes grain itself. |

**Paddy procurement 2026-27: start dates**




## Chhath Mahaparv from 13 Nov: Bihar readies ghats as post-Diwali air worsens

**BIHAR** **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Indian Culture – Bihar)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-I: **Culture & festivals of Bihar** \| Prelims: Sun temples of Bihar, urban air quality |
| **Context** | The four-day festival of **Surya** and **Chhathi Maiya** runs **13–16 Nov**. Railways have added special arrangements for the rush, while seven Bihar cities saw worse air after Diwali, with **Hajipur** worst at **AQI 335**. |
| **Key Facts** | ● **13 Nov** Nahay-Khay; **14 Nov** Kharna; **15 Nov** Sandhya Arghya (**Kartika Shukla Shashthi**).<br>● **16 Nov** Usha Arghya and parana; Patna sunset **5:01 PM** (15th), sunrise **6:07 AM** (16th).<br>● Famous Sun shrines: **Deo (Aurangabad)**, **Ulaar (Patna)**, **Baragaon (Nalanda)**.<br>● AQI **301–400** = 'very poor' under the **National AQI** (launched **2014**). |
| **Way Fwd** | **Crowd management** at ghats, clean river banks and curbs on waste burning before the arghya days. |
| **Concept** | Chhath is a **Vedic-era sun worship** with no idol; rites by **vratins** at rivers/ponds. Links: **Magadh** tradition, **Saur (solar) cult**. |

## SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

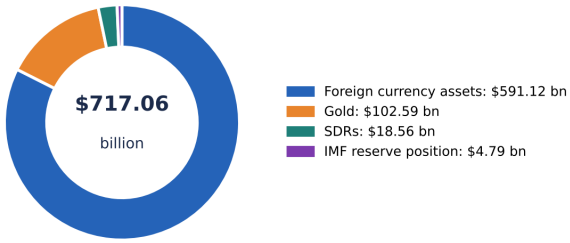
### India's foreign exchange reserves (week ended 30 Oct 2026)

# $717.06 bn

Foreign currency assets **$591.12 bn**, gold **$102.59 bn**, SDRs **$18.56 bn** and IMF reserve position **$4.79 bn**. Reserves are managed by the **RBI** under the **RBI Act, 1934**.

**Exam angle:** Forex reserves = **FCA + gold + SDRs + Reserve Tranche Position** at the IMF; they cushion the **rupee** against capital-flow shocks. FCA is the largest component.

**Forex reserves, 30 Oct 2026**




## SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Environment, Health, Defence

### COP31 opens in Antalya; India presses for public climate finance

**ENVIRONMENT** **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events – India & World)**

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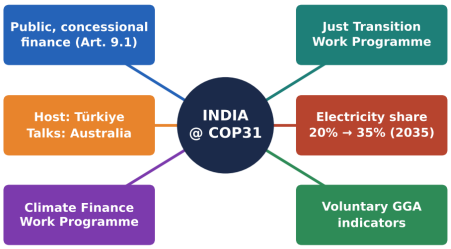
| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-I: **International events**; GS-II: S&T & environment \| Prelims: **UNFCCC**, Paris Agreement |
| **Context** | The **31st UN Climate Change Conference** runs **9–20 Nov** in **Antalya, Türkiye**. Under a special arrangement, **Türkiye** holds the presidency while **Australia** leads the negotiations. |
| **Key Facts** | ● India seeks **predictable, public, concessional** finance under **Art. 9.1, Paris Agreement**.<br>● India backs continuing the **Just Transition Work Programme** and a **Climate Finance Work Programme**.<br>● India wants **voluntary** indicators for the **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)**.<br>● Türkiye aims to lift electricity's share of energy demand from **~20% to 35% by 2035**. |
| **Way Fwd** | India should link finance asks to its **NDC** and **adaptation** needs of flood-prone states like **Bihar**. |
| **Concept** | **UNFCCC** adopted at **Rio 1992**; principle of **CBDR-RC**. **NCQG**: **$300 bn/yr by 2035** (COP29, Baku). COP30 was at **Belém**. |

**COP31 (Antalya, 9–20 Nov): India's asks**




### RBI FLA census 2025-26: US top FDI source; overseas investment up 40.8%

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

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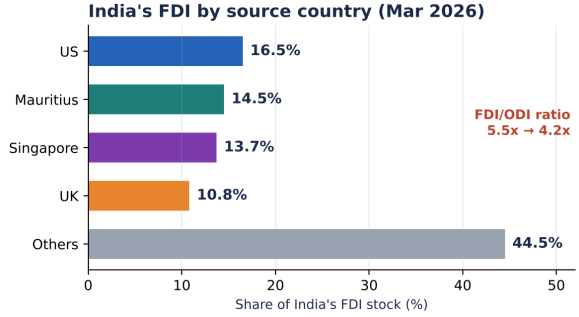
| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **External sector**, FDI policy \| Prelims: **FDI vs FPI**, ODI, RBI surveys |
| **Context** | The RBI's annual **Census of Foreign Liabilities and Assets** (as of **March 2026**) covered **43,123** entities; **97%** of them were unlisted. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Inward FDI stock **₹70.72 lakh crore ($747.13 bn)**; outward ODI **₹16.71 lakh crore**.<br>● Sources: **US 16.5%**, **Mauritius 14.5%**, **Singapore 13.7%**, **UK 10.8%**.<br>● ODI rose **40.8%**; FDI-to-ODI ratio fell to **4.2x** from **5.5x**.<br>● **Manufacturing 50.1%** of FDI equity; **services 45%**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Bihar should use its **industrial policy** and land banks (e.g., Vaishali park) to draw a larger share of FDI. |
| **Concept** | **FDI** = **10% or more** equity stake (lasting interest); below that it is **FPI**. **ODI** = Indian firms investing abroad. Data feeds India's **IIP (International Investment Position)**. |

**India's FDI by source country (Mar 2026)**




### Revised MRPs of 137 anti-cancer drugs take effect after 30% trade-margin cap

**HEALTH** **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Economy – Health)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Health policy**, drug pricing \| Prelims: **NPPA**, **DPCO 2013** |
| **Context** | The **NPPA** capped trade margins at **30%** on **137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs**; the revised MRPs notified on **5 Nov** came into force on **9 Nov 2026**. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Price cuts of **up to ~70%** expected across brands and pack sizes.<br>● Notified under the **Essential Commodities Act 1955** and **DPCO 2013**.<br>● Earlier **Trade Margin Rationalisation** for **42** anti-cancer drugs was done in **2019**.<br>● Complaint helpline (**Pharma Jan Samadhan**): **1800-111-255**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Strict **MRP compliance** checks and wider **Jan Aushadhi** reach in Bihar's district hospitals. |
| **Concept** | **NPPA** (est. **1997**) works under the **Department of Pharmaceuticals**; it fixes ceiling prices of scheduled drugs listed in the **NLEM**. |

## INS Surat in Muscat for 15th Naseem Al Bahr; India–Myanmar hold first 'Rahat Mitra'

**DEFENCE** **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events – India & World)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-I: **India's foreign relations** \| Prelims: military exercises, **MAHASAGAR** vision |
| **Context** | Destroyer **INS Surat** reached **Muscat** on **8 Nov** for the **15th Naseem Al Bahr** exercise with the **Royal Navy of Oman**, to be followed by a coordinated patrol (**CORPAT**). |
| **Key Facts** | ● Linked to India's **MAHASAGAR** vision for the Indian Ocean Region.<br>● **Rahat Mitra**: first India–Myanmar **tri-services HADR** exercise, **Chennai, 5–6 Nov**.<br>● **INS Chilka** passing-out parade on **13 Nov**: **3,300+** Agniveer trainees — largest batch.<br>● Oman is India's key partner at the mouth of the **Strait of Hormuz**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Deepen **maritime domain awareness** and HADR cooperation with Gulf and BIMSTEC partners. |
| **Concept** | **MAHASAGAR** = Mutual And Holistic Advancement for Security And Growth Across Regions (**2025**), successor to **SAGAR (2015)**. |

## Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards on 11 Nov; 4,751+ cities assessed

**REPORT** **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance – Urban Development)**

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| **Syllabus Linkage** | GS-II: **Urban local bodies**, sanitation schemes \| Prelims: **SBM-Urban 2.0** |
| **Context** | President **Droupadi Murmu** will present the **10th edition** awards at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** on **11 Nov** to cities and urban local bodies. |
| **Key Facts** | ● Coverage: **4,751+ cities**, **10 assessment areas**.<br>● **Swachh Shehar Jodi**: **70 mentor** cities paired with **191 mentee** cities.<br>● Conducted by **MoHUA** under **Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0** (launched **Oct 2021**).<br>● First survey in **2016** covered only **73 cities**. |
| **Way Fwd** | Bihar's ULBs (Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur) need **source segregation** and **legacy-waste** clearance to climb rankings. |
| **Concept** | **74th Amendment (1992)** gave ULBs constitutional status; **12th Schedule** lists **18** functions incl. **public health & sanitation**. |

## SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

**1.** **Anuj Shrivatri** became India's **100th Grandmaster** (first from **Madhya Pradesh**); India's first GM: **Viswanathan Anand (1988)**.

**2.** **Hajipur** (AQI **335**) was the most polluted of **seven** Bihar cities after Diwali.

**3.** **National Legal Services Day** (**9 Nov**) marks the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** coming into force in **1995**.

**4.** Buddha relics exposition at **Tawang** ended on **7 Nov** (~**31,000** visitors); included the **1898 Piprahwa** relics exhibition.

**5.** India and the **EU** reviewed their **Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda** on trade, technology and security.

**6.** **Niveditha Veloor Nair** won **bronze** in women's **25m standard pistol** at the ISSF World Championship, **Doha**.

## SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER — BPSC Pattern

**Q1.** Consider the following statements about the Kachchi Dargah–Bidupur bridge:
1. It connects Patna and Vaishali districts across the Ganga.
2. It is a suspension bridge.
3. Its total length is about 9.76 km.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
**(a)** 1 and 2 only **(b)** 1 and 3 only **(c)** 2 and 3 only **(d)** 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: (b)** — It is a **six-lane extradosed** bridge (not suspension), **9.76 km** long, linking **Kachchi Dargah (Patna)** with **Bidupur (Vaishali)**.

**Q2.** The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC in November 2026 is being held at:
**(a)** Belém, Brazil **(b)** Baku, Azerbaijan **(c)** Antalya, Türkiye **(d)** Bonn, Germany

**Answer: (c)** — **COP31** runs **9–20 Nov 2026** in **Antalya**; **Türkiye** holds the presidency and **Australia** leads negotiations. COP30 was at **Belém**, COP29 at **Baku**.

**Mains Practice (GS-II):** Universal free-electricity schemes can strain state finances. Examine Bihar's 125-unit free power scheme and the proposed voluntary give-up campaign in the light of fiscal sustainability and better targeting of subsidies. (BPSC Mains GS-II, 38 marks)

**Hint:** Intro: scheme facts (**1.92 crore** families, **₹3,797 crore**). Body: welfare gains vs **discom finances**, **Sec. 65** subsidy, opportunity cost for capex; LPG **Give It Up** lessons; smart meters, rooftop solar. Conclude with **targeted, time-bound** support.

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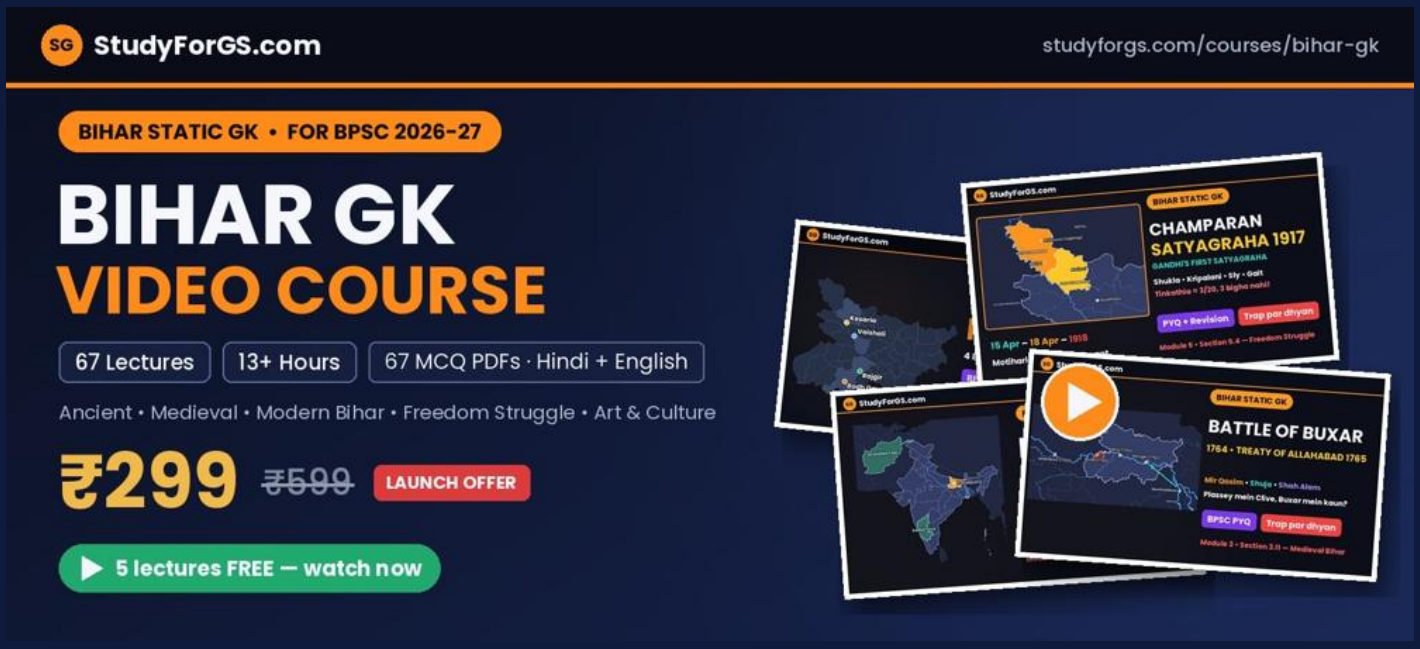


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