

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet extends Student Credit Card Scheme to 2030-31; loan cap ₹4 lakh.
- ₹305.6 cr Niji Nalkoop Yojana: 11,000 borewells to irrigate 2.3 lakh ha.
- 336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur six-lane greenfield expressway cleared on PPP/DBFOT.
- Ganga in spate; family of five drowns in Bhagalpur — flood management in focus.
- CM Samrat Choudhary govt pushes 100 fast-track courts, Pink Policing.
- Delhi court frames charges vs Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi in IRCTC case.
- India's GDP grows 7.8% in Q1 FY27, beats RBI's 7% estimate.
- Home Ministry proposes Article 371(K) special provisions for Ladakh.
- India crosses 21.76 million ha land restored at UNCCD COP17, Ulaanbaatar.
- ISRO hot-tests CE20 cryogenic engine at 220 kN; Veer Guardian-2026 with Japan begins.

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL

Bihar Cabinet extends Student Credit Card & urban schemes to 2030-31

[BIHAR]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: Bihar economy & governance; Prelims: state schemes & nodal bodies.
Context	The Bihar Cabinet , under CM Samrat Choudhary , cleared several welfare proposals, extending flagship student and urban schemes.
Key Facts	• Student Credit Card Scheme extended to 2030-31; loans up to ₹4 lakh via the State Education Finance Corporation. • Mukhyamantri Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana (urban) also extended to 2030-31. • New Bihar State Goat Rearing Cooperative Federation set up with ₹14.795 crore. • ₹40 crore for Bihar & Patna Museum upkeep; ₹39.80 crore for Nehru Path widening.
Way Fwd	Scheme funding must pair with better loan recovery and outcome tracking to widen higher-education access.
Concept	Student Credit Card (since 2016) is part of Bihar's Saat Nishchay vision. Prelims: link each scheme to its launch year.

BIHAR CABINET — KEY NODS

₹4 lakh Student Credit Card cap; scheme to 2030-31

₹14.795 cr Goat Rearing Co-op Federation set up

₹40 cr Bihar & Patna Museum upkeep

2030-31 Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana extended

336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur expressway & 11,000-borewell irrigation push cleared

[BIHAR]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: Bihar geography, economy & infrastructure; Prelims: PPP models, district/river mapping.
Context	The state cleared a 336-km six-lane greenfield expressway and a large micro-irrigation programme — an infrastructure-led growth push.
Key Facts	• Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway: 336 km, access-controlled, on PPP (DBFOT) via the BSRDCL. • Alignment crosses Arwal, Jehanabad, Nalanda, Jamui and other districts. • Mukhyamantri Niji Nalkoop Yojana: 11,000 private borewells at ₹305.6 crore (FY 2026-27). • Targets irrigation of ~2.3 lakh hectares, over 35,000 earlier-surveyed borewells.
Way Fwd	Expressways plus assured irrigation can cut logistics costs and stabilise kharif output if groundwater use is managed sustainably.
Concept	Greenfield expressway = new alignment; DBFOT = Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer PPP. Bihar farming is largely flood-plain, monsoon-dependent .

BIHAR CONNECTIVITY & IRRIGATION

336 km Buxar-Bhagalpur 6-lane greenfield expressway

PPP DBFOT model via BSRDCL

11,000 New borewells (Niji Nalkoop Yojana)

₹305.6 cr Scheme outlay, FY 2026-27

2.3 L ha Farmland to be irrigated

Samrat Choudhary govt drives law-and-order & judicial reforms

[POLITY]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: Indian & Bihar polity, governance; Prelims: constitutional offices, Articles 163-164.
Context	Bihar is under its first BJP CM, Samrat Choudhary (since April 2026), after Nitish Kumar moved to the Rajya Sabha .
Key Facts	- CM holds Home & General Administration; focus on crime crackdowns and anti-liquor drives. 100 fast-track courts planned for speedy disposal of pending cases. - Women's safety via Pink Policing & Police Didi; urban satellite townships proposed. - Education reforms include private school fee regulation.
Way Fwd	Reform credibility rests on filling judicial vacancies, transparent policing metrics and time-bound delivery.
Concept	The CM heads the State Council of Ministers (Arts 163-164); the Governor appoints the CM.

BIHAR FLOOD & RIVER MANAGEMENT

Kosi

Gandak

Ganga

Himalayan / Nepal-fed rivers in spate

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Embankments & afflux bunds
- Barrages & sluice gates
- Desilting + river linking
- Flood forecasting & alerts

GOAL

Safer floodplains, protected kharif (paddy) crop & relief logistics

BIHAR GOVERNANCE PRIORITIES 2026

Sushasan • Good Governance

Law & Order Anti-crime & anti-liquor drives

Judicial Reform 100 fast-track courts

Women Safety Pink Policing, Police Didi

Urban Dev. Satellite townships

Education Private school fee regulation

Ganga in spate: floods spotlight Bihar's river-management challenge

[ENVIRONMENT]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: Bihar geography; Prelims: rivers & disaster management; Mains GS-I: flood statistics.
Context	With the Ganga and its tributaries in spate, north and east Bihar faced flooding; a family of five drowned in Bhagalpur .
Key Facts	- By official assessments, ~76% of north Bihar's population lives under recurring flood threat. - Key rivers: Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar'), Gandak, Bagmati, Ganga — many Himalayan, Nepal-fed. - Management mix: embankments, barrages, desilting, flood forecasting, relief. - Rising Ganga caused waterlogging and road submergence in riverine belts.
Way Fwd	A shift from embankment-centric control to catchment treatment, floodplain zoning and India-Nepal cooperation is needed.
Concept	The Kosi shifts course due to heavy silt load ; embankments raise the riverbed. Structural vs non-structural measures form the framework.

Delhi court frames charges against Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi in IRCTC case

[POLITY]

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

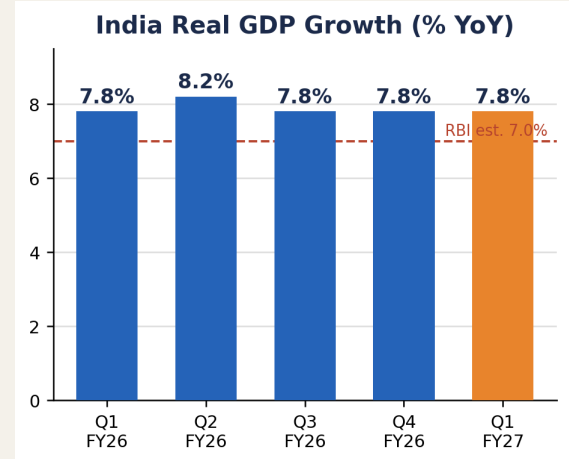
Syllabus	GS-II: polity, judiciary & statutory bodies; Prelims: PMLA, ED, IRCTC.
Context	A Delhi special court framed charges in the IRCTC hotels money-laundering case , naming senior RJD leaders.
Key Facts	- Court framed charges against Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi & Tejashwi Yadav. Seven other accused were discharged in the case. - Relates to alleged irregularities in IRCTC hotel contracts during 2004-09. - Probed under the PMLA, 2002 by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
Way Fwd	Framing of charges moves the case to trial; timely disposal builds trust in anti-corruption processes.
Concept	PMLA, 2002 lets the ED attach 'proceeds of crime'; framing precedes trial. IRCTC is a Railways PSU.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

7.8%

India Real GDP growth — Q1 FY27 (Apr-Jun 2026)

Up from 6.9% a year earlier and above the RBI's ~7.0% estimate; led by manufacturing and services, on the new 2022-23 base-year series.



SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

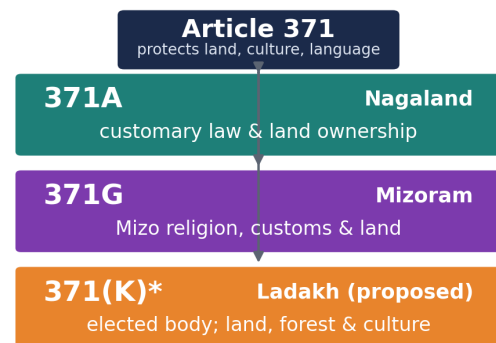
Home Ministry proposes Article 371(K) special provisions for Ladakh

[POLITY]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: Indian polity, federalism, special provisions; Prelims: Articles 371 series, Sixth Schedule.
Context	The Union Home Ministry proposed a new Article 371(K) to give Ladakh an elected body and safeguards, addressing demands since the 2019 UT bifurcation.
Key Facts	- Proposed Article 371(K) would create a directly elected body for the UT of Ladakh. - Seeks safeguards over land, culture, language, forests and environment. - Mirrors special provisions like 371A (Nagaland) and 371G (Mizoram). - Follows demands for statehood / Sixth Schedule protection in Ladakh.
Way Fwd	Any provision must balance local autonomy , Himalayan ecological fragility, and border security.
Concept	Art. 371 (371A-J) confer special provisions for regions; the Sixth Schedule protects tribal areas. Amendment needs Art. 368 .

SPECIAL PROVISIONS — ART. 371 FAMILY



*proposed for Ladakh UT

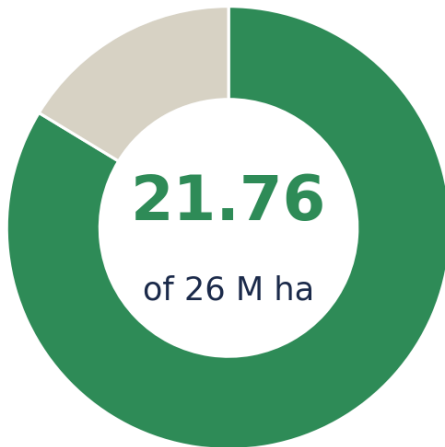
India reports 21.76 million ha restored at UNCCD COP17

[ENVIRONMENT]

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Environment & Conventions)

Syllabus	GS-II: environment & international conventions; Prelims: UNCCD, Rio Conventions, LDN, SDG-15.
Context	At UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) , India showcased land restoration as nations pledged fresh finance against desertification.
Key Facts	- India has restored 21.76 million hectares, toward its 26 million ha by 2030 target. - Theme: 'Restoring Land, Restoring Hope'; ~40% of world's land is degraded. - Summit secured \$1.3 billion new finance; binding drought treaty deferred to COP18. - India cited Mission Amrit Sarovar, PMKSY watershed and Rajasthan's Orans.
Way Fwd	The 2030 target needs convergence of watershed, afforestation and livelihood schemes with community governance.
Concept	UNCCD is a Rio Convention (with UNFCCC & CBD), 1994. Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) aligns with SDG 15.3 .

India Land Restored toward 2030 Target



UNCCD COP17 • ~84% achieved

Deep Ocean Mission advances with ORV 'Sagar Manthan'

[SCI-TECH]

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Tech / Blue Economy)

Syllabus	GS-II: science & technology, blue economy; Prelims: Deep Ocean Mission, Samudrayaan.
Context	India advanced its Deep Ocean Mission with the Ocean Research Vessel (ORV) Sagar Manthan for seabed exploration.
Key Facts	• ORV Sagar Manthan: ₹840 crore, 30-year life, built by GRSE, Kolkata. • Part of Deep Ocean Mission - Vertical 4 (ocean survey & exploration). • Carries ROV/AUV systems, multibeam bathymetry and seismic gear. • Supports deep-sea mineral exploration and tsunami/climate forecasting.
Way Fwd	A blue-economy push needs trained personnel and strong environmental safeguards for deep-sea activity.
Concept	Deep Ocean Mission (2021) targets the Blue Economy ; Samudrayaan aims for 6,000 m depth via Matsya-6000 .

ISRO hot-tests indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine at 220 kN

[SCI-TECH]

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

Syllabus	GS-II: role & impact of science & technology; Prelims: ISRO launch vehicles, cryogenic tech.
Context	ISRO carried out a flight-acceptance hot test of its indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine , a step toward upcoming LVM3 missions.
Key Facts	• The CE20 cryogenic engine was hot-tested at the 220 kN thrust level. • CE20 powers the cryogenic upper stage (C25) of the LVM3. • Uses the high-efficiency LOX-LH2 (liquid oxygen-hydrogen) propellant. • The test validates engine performance for operational flights.
Way Fwd	Upgraded cryogenic engines are central to India's heavy-lift, human-spaceflight and commercial-launch goals.
Concept	Cryogenic engines burn super-cooled LOX+LH2 for high specific impulse — mastered by few nations. LVM3 is ISRO's heaviest rocket.

India-Japan air exercise 'Veer Guardian-2026' begins at Jodhpur

[DEFENCE]

BPSC: Prelims (Defence & Security / IR)

Syllabus	GS-II: international relations & defence diplomacy; Prelims: bilateral exercises, Quad.
Context	India and Japan began the air-combat exercise Veer Guardian-2026 at Jodhpur , deepening Indo-Pacific ties.
Key Facts	• Veer Guardian-2026: India-Japan air exercise at AFS Jodhpur (from 9 Sept). • IAF fields LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI, Rafale; JASDF deploys F-2A fighters. • First-time deployment of Japanese fighters at an Indian air base. • Focus: tactical interoperability and joint aerial operations.
Way Fwd	Regular joint exercises build interoperability and signal a rules-based Indo-Pacific posture.
Concept	India-Japan share a Special Strategic & Global Partnership and are Quad members. Air drills complement Malabar & JIMEX .

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. **Mithila Makhana** (fox nut, *Euryale ferox*) of Bihar carries a **GI tag** (granted 2022).

3. Proposed **Article 371(K)** for **Ladakh** mirrors **371A (Nagaland)** and **371G (Mizoram)**.

5. **UNCCD COP17** was hosted by **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** — theme 'Restoring Land, Restoring Hope'.

2. The **Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway (336 km)** crosses **Arwal, Jehanabad, Nalanda** and **Jamui**.

4. India's **Q1 FY27 GDP** grew **7.8%**, computed on the new **2022-23** base-year series.

6. **CE20** is ISRO's **cryogenic** upper-stage engine for **LVM3**, hot-tested at **220 kN**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. The proposed Article 371(K), recently in the news, seeks special constitutional provisions for which Union Territory?

- (A) Jammu & Kashmir
- (B) Ladakh
- (C) Puducherry
- (D) Lakshadweep

Ans: B. The Union Home Ministry proposed Article 371(K) to give Ladakh a directly elected body and safeguards over land, culture and environment, mirroring 371A and 371G.

Q2. Mithila Makhana, which holds a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is a product of which crop?

- (A) Water chestnut (Singhara)
- (B) Fox nut (Euryale ferox)
- (C) Lotus stem
- (D) Barley

Ans: B. Makhana is the fox nut (Euryale ferox), cultivated in Bihar's Mithila region; 'Mithila Makhana' received a GI tag in 2022.

Mains Practice: Bihar's recurring floods are as much a problem of river and catchment management as of relief. Examine the structural and non-structural measures needed for sustainable flood management in north Bihar. (250 words)

Hint: Cover Kosi/Gandak/Bagmati silt and Nepal-origin flows; embankments vs desilting; floodplain zoning; flood forecasting; India-Nepal cooperation; and community preparedness.

★ ONE-LINE REVISION

11 Sep 2026: Bihar clears the 336-km Buxar-Bhagalpur expressway and extends the Student Credit Card scheme to 2030-31; India's GDP grows 7.8% in Q1 FY27; Article 371(K) is proposed for Ladakh; India crosses 21.76 mn ha of land restored at UNCCD COP17.

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