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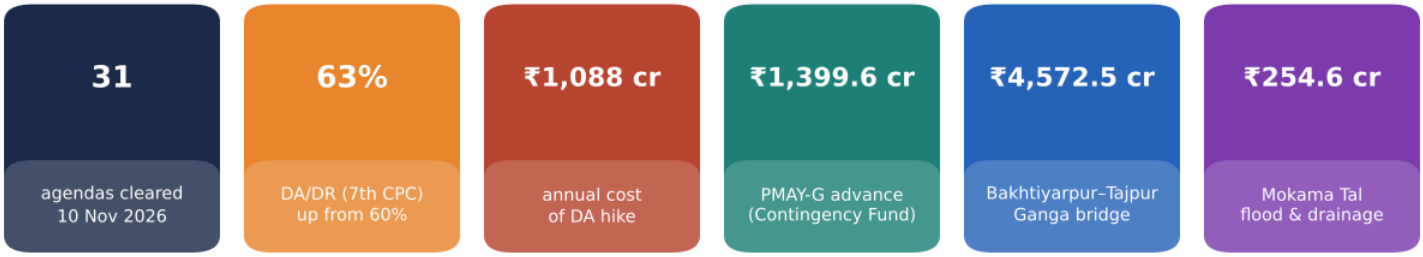
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar DA/DR raised **60% → 63%** (7th CPC) from **1 July 2026**; cost **₹1,088.33 cr**
- **SDRF + SDMF** for **2026-31**; Centre:State **75:25** (16th FC)
- **Mokama Tal** flood control & drainage: **₹254.57 cr** sanctioned
- **Bakhtiyarpur–Tajpur** bridge: revised **₹4,572.53 cr**
- **PM SETU** ITI hubs in **Rohtas, Munger, Patna, Purnia, Madhubani**
- **Bihar Ki Beti Startup Challenge**: **₹88.20 cr**, **2,100** students
- NPPA: **137** cancer drugs, savings **₹3,502.31 cr/yr**
- **COP31**: Antalya, Türkiye, **9–20 Nov**; leaders meet **11–12 Nov**
- **Haj 2027**: India's quota **1,75,025** pilgrims (Jeddah pact)
- Ex **RAHAT MITRA** (India–Myanmar) + **Naseem Al Bahr** (India–Oman)

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

BIHAR CABINET, 10 NOVEMBER 2026: KEY NUMBERS



Bihar Cabinet clears 31 agendas: DA/DR to 63%, ₹1,399.60 cr advance for PMAY-G

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Bihar economy, state finances, welfare schemes. Prelims: **state schemes**, **Contingency Fund (Art. 267)**, Pay Commissions.
Context	The cabinet chaired by CM **Samrat Choudhary** met on **10 Nov 2026** ahead of **Chhath** and approved **31 proposals**, led by a **3-point DA hike** for employees and pensioners and a large advance for rural housing.
Key Facts	• DA/DR (**7th CPC**) **60% → 63%**, effective **1 July 2026**; 6th CPC **262% → 269%**; 5th CPC **483% → 497%**. • Annual burden of the hike: **₹1,088.33 crore**. • **₹1,399.60 crore** advance from the **Bihar Contingency Fund** for **PMAY-Gramin** (2026-27) pucca houses. • Also cleared: **Bihar Building Rules 2026**, **Bihar Canal Maintenance Policy 2026**, **Ayush Mishrak Rules 2026**, **342** new posts in Land Acquisition Directorate. • **159 calling kiosks** in **59 jails** via **BSNL** (OPEX, 5 yrs, **₹8.25 cr**); **Hajipur bus stand ₹44.52 cr**.
Way Fwd	Fund the higher DA bill through better **own-tax revenue** and expenditure discipline; replenish the **Contingency Fund** via timely **supplementary demands**.
Concept	**DA** compensates for inflation and is linked to **AICPI-IW** (Labour Bureau). **Art. 267(2)**: a state's **Contingency Fund** is created by state law and placed at the **Governor's** disposal for unforeseen expenditure, recouped later with legislative approval.

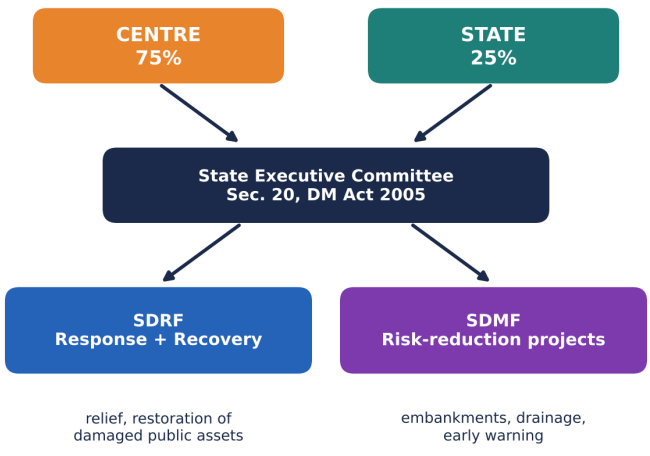
Bihar sets up SDRF & SDMF for 2026-31 on 16th Finance Commission pattern

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Disaster Management)**

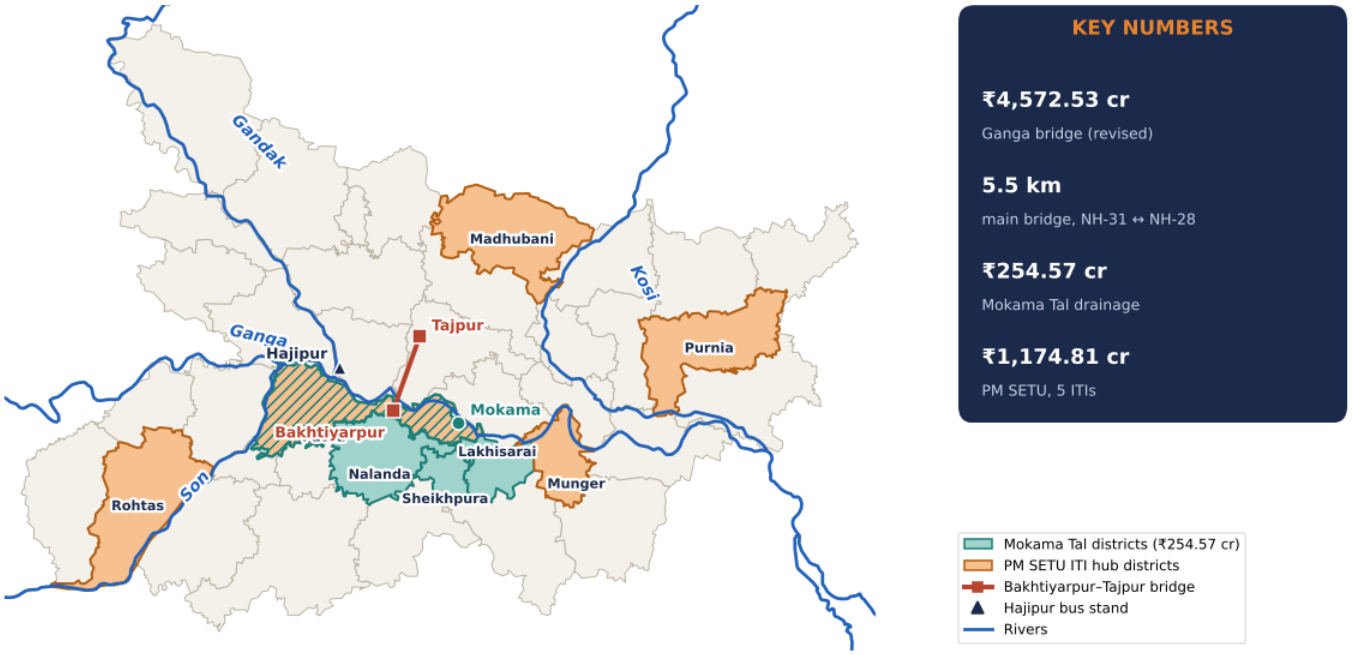
Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Bihar geography — floods & disaster management; fiscal federalism. Prelims: **DM Act 2005**, **Finance Commission**.
Context	With the **16th Finance Commission** award period beginning **2026-27**, the cabinet created a **State Disaster Response Fund** and a **State Disaster Mitigation Fund** for the five years to **2030-31**.
Key Facts	• Contribution ratio **Centre : State = 75 : 25** for both funds. • **SDRF**: immediate relief plus **recovery, reconstruction** of damaged public infrastructure (MHA norms). • **SDMF**: projects that **reduce risk** of natural disasters and localised calamities. • Managed by the **State Executive Committee** under **Sec. 20(1)–(2), DM Act 2005**; Disaster Management Dept. as secretariat.
Way Fwd	Shift spending from post-flood relief to **mitigation** — embankment upkeep, drainage of **tal/chaur** lands and early warning in the **Kosi-Gandak** basins.
Concept	**SDRF** is constituted under **Sec. 48(1)(a), DM Act 2005**; the **15th FC** first created separate **mitigation funds (NDMF/SDMF)**. The **State Executive Committee** is headed by the **Chief Secretary**. Bihar: about **73%** of its area is flood-prone.

Bihar Disaster Funds 2026-31

16th Finance Commission pattern



BIHAR CABINET DECISIONS ON THE MAP — 10 NOV 2026



₹254.57 crore for flood control and drainage of Mokama Tal

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Bihar geography — drainage, wetlands, agriculture. Prelims: **tal/chaur** lands, **Harohar** river, pulse belt.
Context	The cabinet gave administrative and expenditure sanction of **₹254,57,38,000** for **flood control and drainage** works in the **Mokama Tal** area, Bihar's lowland **'pulse bowl'** south of the Ganga.
Key Facts	● Sanction: **₹254.57 crore** (Water Resources Dept.). ● Tal spreads over parts of **Patna, Nalanda, Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura** districts. ● Waterlogged in monsoon by the **Harohar** system; sown with **rabi pulses** (gram, lentil) after water recedes. ● Same cabinet approved the **Bihar Canal Maintenance Policy 2026**.
Way Fwd	Time drainage so fields are free by **October–November sowing**; link with **pulse procurement at MSP** and seed support for tal farmers.
Concept	**Tal** = saucer-shaped backswamp between the Ganga levee and the southern uplands (Mokama, Barahiya, Fatuha tals); **chaur** = depression in north Bihar. Both are **seasonal wetlands** important for groundwater recharge.

Bakhtiyarpur–Tajpur Ganga bridge: revised estimate of ₹4,572.53 crore approved

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Bihar economy — infrastructure & connectivity. Prelims: **Ganga bridges**, NH links, **PPP** model.
Context	The cabinet approved a revised expenditure of **₹4,572.53 crore** for the under-construction **Bakhtiyarpur (Patna) – Tajpur (Samastipur)** Ganga bridge project, earlier approved at **₹3,923 crore**.
Key Facts	● Main bridge over Ganga: **5.5 km**; total project **45.74 km** incl. approach roads. ● Links **NH-31** at Bakhtiyarpur with **NH-28** at Tajpur. ● Built on **PPP** mode; target completion **June 2027**. ● Cost escalation of about **₹650 crore** over the earlier approval.
Way Fwd	Tighten **project monitoring** to avoid further cost/time overrun; integrate with the **Ganga Path** and north–south freight corridors.
Concept	Major Ganga bridges in Bihar: **Mahatma Gandhi Setu** (Patna–Hajipur, opened **1982**), **Rajendra Setu** (Mokama, rail-road, **1959**), **Vikramshila Setu** (Bhagalpur), **Digha–Sonepur** rail-road bridge. Bridges unlock **north Bihar–south Bihar** integration.

PM SETU: ₹1,174.81 crore for ITI innovation hubs in five districts with Tata Technologies

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

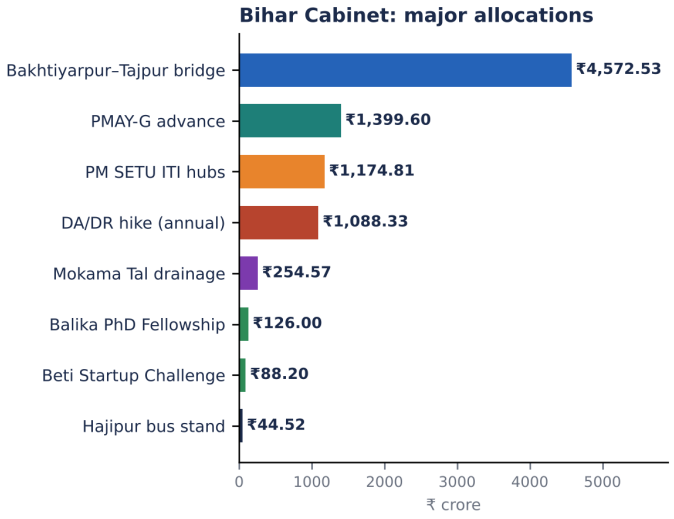
Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Bihar economy — human resources, employment, industry. Prelims: **PM SETU**, ITIs, **hub-and-spoke** model.
Context	Under the central **PM SETU** scheme, the cabinet approved **innovation, incubation and training centres** in government ITIs of **Rohtas, Munger, Patna, Purnia and Madhubani** in partnership with **Tata Technologies Ltd.**
Key Facts	● Outlay: **₹1,174.81 crore**; **5** district ITIs. ● **PM SETU** = PM Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs. ● National plan: **1,000** govt ITIs in **hub-and-spoke** mode (**200** hubs, **800** spokes); outlay **₹60,000 cr**. ● Industry partner brings modern labs in **EV, CNC, robotics, design**.
Way Fwd	Tie courses to **local clusters** (Purnia–makhana/agri-processing, Munger–engineering) and track **placement outcomes**.
Concept	Bihar has India's **youngest** population profile and high labour **out-migration**; skilling + local industry is key to the **demographic dividend**. Munger is historically known for its **gun factory** and **ITC** cigarette unit.

Girls' Startup Challenge, Balika PhD Fellowship and AI Mission partner approved

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Education & Sci-Tech)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: role of **science & technology**, Bihar human development; women empowerment. Prelims: new **state schemes**.
Context	Two schemes for women in higher education were cleared, and **Singapore-based GFTN** was selected as the partner for the **Bihar Artificial Intelligence Mission** approved in **May 2026**.

Key Facts	● **Bihar Ki Beti Startup Challenge**: **₹88.20 cr**, up to **2,100** students, **2026-27 to 2029-30**. ● **Mukhyamantri Balika PhD Fellowship**: **₹126 cr**, **4-year** research support for women. ● **AI Mission**: **7,000** UG/PG students in **5 years**; **5-month** AI certification. ● **Aryabhata Technology Observatory**: AI + quantum **digital sandbox** for **100+** startups.
Way Fwd	Pair fellowships with **mentoring and seed funds** in district incubators; build Hindi-first **AI content** for wider reach.
Concept	**Aryabhata** (b. **476 CE**) worked at **Kusumapura (Pataliputra)**; wrote **Aryabhatiya (499 CE)**, gave place-value system and Earth's rotation. **Aryabhatta Knowledge University**, Patna, was set up in **2008**.



SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

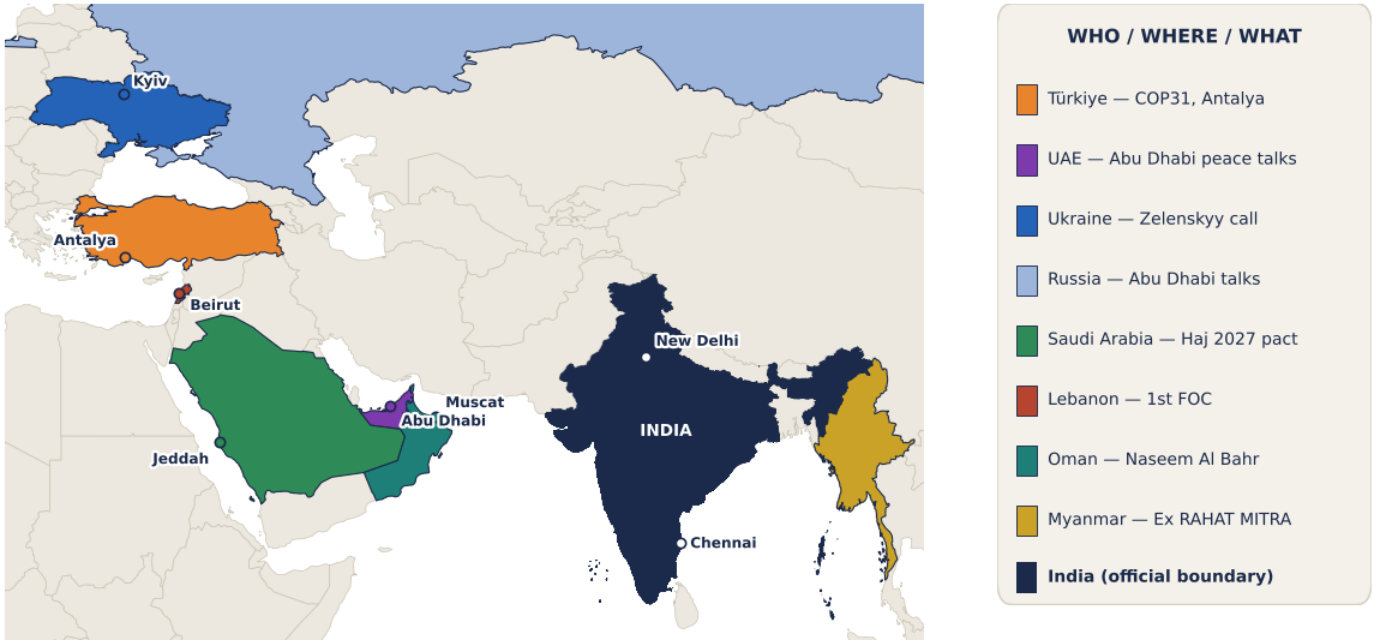
₹1,088.33 crore

Bihar DA/DR hike — annual cost to the state exchequer

Cost of raising DA/DR from **60% to 63%** (7th CPC) for state employees and pensioners, effective **1 July 2026** — roughly the same as the **₹1,174.81 crore** approved for PM SETU ITI hubs in the same meeting.

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD: Polity, Economy, Environment, IR & Defence

INDIA'S DIPLOMATIC & CLIMATE MAP — 9 TO 11 NOVEMBER 2026



NPPA caps trade margins: prices of 137 anti-cancer drugs fall from 9 November

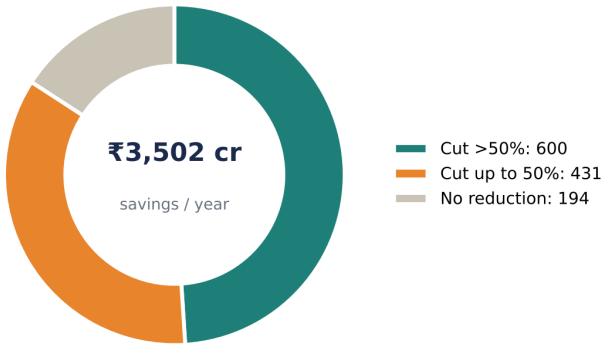
HEALTH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health Policy & S&T)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: government policies — health, affordable medicines. Prelims: **NPPA**, **DPCO 2013**, Trade Margin Rationalisation.
Context	On the advice of a **DGHS** expert committee, the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** capped trade margins on **137** non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs; revised MRPs came into force on **9 Nov 2026**.

Key Facts	● Revised MRP reported for **1,225 formulations** of **121 drugs** by **76 companies**. ● **1,031** formulations cheaper; **600** brands cut by **over 50%**; highest cut **96.45%**. ● Estimated consumer savings: **₹3,502.31 crore per year**. ● **10–15** drugs not yet launched in India will come under TMR on launch.
Way Fwd	Ensure **pharmacy-level compliance** and stock availability; expand **Jan Aushadhi** and district **day-care cancer centres** (big need in Bihar).

Concept	**NPPA** (est. **1997**) under the **Dept. of Pharmaceuticals**, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, enforces the **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013** framed under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**. Scheduled drugs = those in **NLEM**.

1,225 anti-cancer formulations re-priced



COP31 in Antalya: India presses for finance under Article 9.1 as leaders meet

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: role of S&T, climate change & India's global role. Prelims: **UNFCCC**, **Paris Agreement**, **COP** venues, **NCQG**.
Context	**COP31** (**9–20 Nov 2026**) is under way at **Antalya, Türkiye**; the **World Leaders' Summit** is on **11–12 Nov**. India seeks a formal **Climate Finance Work Programme**.
Key Facts	● COP President: **Murat Kurum** (Türkiye); **Chris Bowen** (Australia) is **President of Negotiations**. ● **197** countries + EU; **Pre-COP** held in **Fiji** (5–8 Oct). ● India: finance is a developed-country duty under **Art. 9.1**; **GGA** indicators must stay **voluntary**. ● **UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2026**: need **$305 bn/yr by 2035** vs **$28.2–31.7 bn** flows (2024). ● India works with **G77+China, LMDC, BASIC**.
Way Fwd	Push for **grant-based adaptation finance** and technology transfer; at home, scale **heat- and flood-resilient agriculture** (Bihar's twin risks).
Concept	**CBDR-RC** = Common But Differentiated Responsibilities & Respective Capabilities. **NCQG** (COP29, Baku): **$300 bn/yr by 2035**. COP30 was at **Belém, Brazil (2025)**.

Diplomacy week: Modi–Zelenskyy call, first India–Lebanon FOC, Haj 2027 pact

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (India & the World)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: India's foreign policy (BPSC asks India's role in global peace). Prelims: **bilateral agreements**, summit venues.
Context	On **9 Nov**, President **Zelenskyy** called PM **Modi** before the **Russia–Ukraine–US** talks in **Abu Dhabi (10–11 Nov)**; the same day India held its **first Foreign Office Consultations** with Lebanon and signed the **Haj 2027** agreement.
Key Facts	● India reiterated **dialogue and diplomacy**; ready to help on **food corridors / Black Sea grain** routes. ● **India–Lebanon FOC** (New Delhi): trade, investment, **DPI**, pharma. ● **Haj 2027**: quota **1,75,025** pilgrims; signed in **Jeddah** by **Kiren Rijiju** and Saudi Haj Minister **Tawfiq Al-Rabiah**.
Way Fwd	Use India's **strategic autonomy** to back a ceasefire and **food security** for the Global South while protecting energy ties.

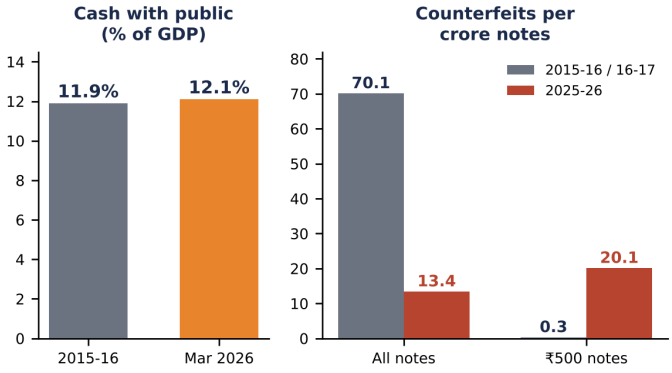
Concept	**Foreign Office Consultations** = regular secretary-level review of ties. **Black Sea Grain Initiative** (2022, UN–Türkiye brokered) lapsed in **July 2023**. Haj quotas are fixed by Saudi Arabia (approx. **1 per 1,000 Muslims**).

Ten years of demonetisation: digital boom, but cash still near 12% of GDP

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains **GS-II**: Indian economy — money, banking, digital payments; **GS-I** statistics. Prelims: **RBI**, currency management, **UPI**, **e-Rupee**.
Context	**8 Nov 2026** marked **10 years** since **₹500 and ₹1,000** notes (about **86%** of currency by value) were demonetised. RBI data show cash use has rebounded even as UPI has exploded.
Key Facts	● **₹15.31 lakh cr** of **₹15.42 lakh cr** withdrawn notes (**99.3%**) returned to banks. ● Currency with public: **11.9%** of GDP (2015-16) vs **12.1%** (31 Mar 2026). ● UPI value rose from nil to about **91% of GDP** (2025-26). ● Counterfeits per crore notes: **70.1 → 13.4**; but fake **₹500**: **0.3 → 20.1**.
Way Fwd	Deepen **rural digital inclusion** (Bihar's JEEViKA SHGs), promote the **e-Rupee** and digital wage payments to formalise the informal sector.
Concept	Demonetisation used the **Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Act, 2017**. Earlier: **1946** and **1978** (Janata govt). RBI issues notes under **Sec. 22, RBI Act 1934**; ₹1 note/coins by GoI.

10 years of demonetisation



HADR diplomacy at sea: Ex RAHAT MITRA with Myanmar, Naseem Al Bahr with Oman

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims (Defence & Security)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: **military exercises** & partner countries (frequently asked). Mains **GS-II**: India's neighbourhood & maritime policy.
Context	India concluded the **inaugural** tri-services **HADR** exercise **RAHAT MITRA** with **Myanmar** in **Chennai**, while **INS Surat** reached **Muscat** for the **15th Naseem Al Bahr** with the Royal Navy of Oman.
Key Facts	● RAHAT MITRA: cyclone table-top drill, bridge-laying, ship-borne HADR on **INS Sukanya** & **INS Bitra**, **ALH** medevac. ● Naseem Al Bahr: harbour phase + sea phase, then **coordinated patrol** in the Arabian Sea. ● Next: multi-agency **Joint HADR Exercise** at **AFS Jamnagar** from **17 Nov**.
Way Fwd	Institutionalise HADR drills with **BIMSTEC** neighbours; Bihar's **SDRF** can draw on armed-forces flood-rescue SOPs.

Concept	**HADR** = Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief. India's ocean vision **SAGAR** (2015) was expanded to **MAHASAGAR** (2025). **Operation Brahma** (2025) was India's quake relief to Myanmar.

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

1. **Booker Prize 2026**: **M. John Harrison** for **The End of Everything**; at **81**, the oldest winner (**£50,000**).	4. **Census 2027**: population enumeration **25 Jan–28 Feb 2027**; reference date **1 March 2027**.
2. **National Education Day (11 Nov)**: birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, India's first Education Minister.	5. **Hajipur** (Vaishali HQ) gets a new bus stand on **9 acres 73 decimals** — **₹44.52 crore**.
3. **Anantpur (Nalanda)** was declared Bihar's **'Mushroom Village'** in **2012**; driven by **JEEViKA** SHG women.	6. **Chitragupta Puja & Bhai Dooj** fall on **11 Nov**; **Chhath** (Kartik Shukla Shashthi) follows this week.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER (BPSC Pattern)

Q1. With reference to the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), consider the following statements: 1. It is constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. 2. For Bihar, the Centre and the State contribute in the ratio 75:25. 3. It is administered by a State Executive Committee headed by the Chief Minister. 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) — SDRF is set up under **Sec. 48, DM Act 2005** and Bihar's new SDRF/SDMF follow a **75:25** Centre–State ratio. The **State Executive Committee** is headed by the **Chief Secretary**, not the CM — so statement 3 is wrong.

Q2. The under-construction Bakhtiyarpur–Tajpur Ganga bridge, whose revised estimate of ₹4,572.53 crore was approved on 10 November 2026, connects which pair of districts?

(a) Patna and Vaishali **(b)** Patna and Samastipur
(c) Begusarai and Lakhisarai **(d)** Bhagalpur and Katihar

Answer: (b) — **Bakhtiyarpur** is in **Patna** district and **Tajpur** in **Samastipur**; the project links **NH-31** with **NH-28** via a **5.5 km** main bridge.

MAINS PRACTICE: Bihar's disaster spending has traditionally focused on post-flood relief. Discuss how the State Disaster Mitigation Fund under the 16th Finance Commission, along with projects such as Mokama Tal drainage, can shift the state towards risk reduction. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~300 words)

Hint: Intro: **73%** area flood-prone, Kosi/Gandak. Body: SDRF vs **SDMF (75:25)**; mitigation examples — **tal drainage**, embankment audit, canal policy, early warning, **flood-plain zoning**. Challenges: silt, Nepal coordination, fund utilisation. Conclude: relief-centric → **resilience-centric**.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Bihar today = **DA 63%** + **SDRF/SDMF 75:25** + **Mokama Tal ₹254.57 cr** + **Ganga bridge ₹4,572.53 cr** + **PM SETU in 5 districts**; India = **NPPA cancer-drug cuts**, **COP31 Antalya**, **Haj quota 1,75,025**.

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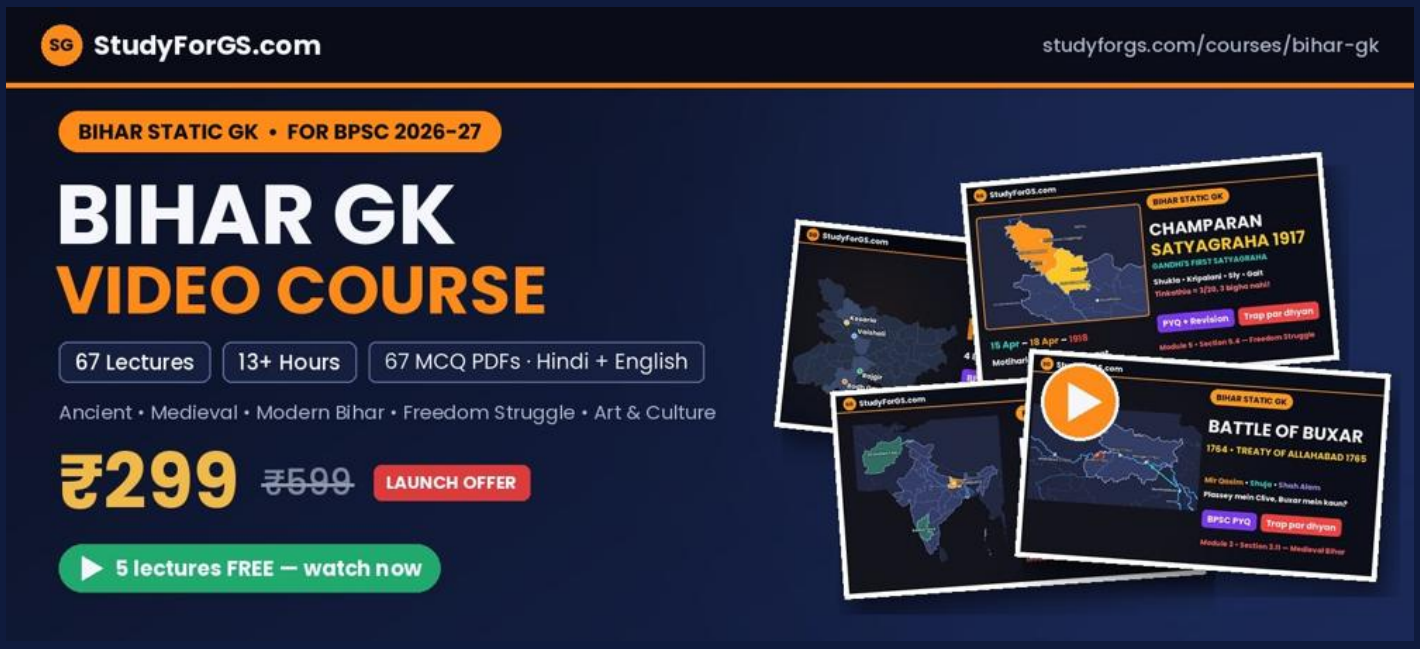

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