

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ganga at record high — 47.33 lakh hit across 15 Bihar districts.
- 18th BRICS Summit opens in New Delhi (Sep 12-13); India's 4th chairship.
- Bihar economy at ₹9.92 lakh crore; growth beats the national average.
- 1,876 boats, 10 NDRF + 27 SDRF teams in Bihar flood relief.
- DILRMP 3.0 launched — 14-digit Bhu-Aadhaar for every land parcel.
- SC: RBI can supersede co-op bank boards beyond six months.
- ISRO hot-tests CE20 cryogenic engine at 220 kN for Gaganyaan.
- Bihar plans 126-km Ganga Marine Drive; ~₹6 lakh crore investment push.
- India-US Yudh Abhyas 2026 (22nd edition) at Bikaner & Auli.
- National Makhana Board drives Bihar's ₹476-crore makhana economy.

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL

Ganga at record high: 47 lakh hit across Bihar

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (Bihar geography, rivers & disaster management); Prelims: Bihar rivers, embankments, NDRF/SDRF.
Context	The Ganga and its tributaries are in spate after heavy rain in Nepal and Jharkhand, breaching danger marks at many points and flooding riverine Bihar.
Key Facts	■ 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts (Sep 12). ■ Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna crossed its 2016 record; at Sultanganj it ran 2.12 m above danger. ■ Seven rivers above danger: Ganga, Gandak, Kosi, Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Bagmati, Ghaghra. ■ 1,876 boats, 10 NDRF + 27 SDRF teams, 1,221 kitchens; 4 embankment breaches in Bhagalpur. ■ September rain 27% above normal (104.1 mm).
Way Fwd	Strengthen embankments, desilt the Ganga and operationalise the Kosi-Mechi link for lasting flood control.
Concept	Kosi = 'Sorrow of Bihar'; flood cushioning via embankments & barrages (Kosi, Farakka); Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Bihar plans 126-km Ganga Marine Drive & big investment push

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (Bihar economy, infrastructure & investment); Prelims: state schemes, township policy.
Context	The state has unveiled a growth blueprint built on riverfront connectivity, townships and industry to lift its 14-crore population.
Key Facts	■ 126-km Marine Drive along the Ganga & Sone (Dighwara-Sherpur). ■ ~₹6 lakh crore investment plan via an expanded township policy. ■ 14,000 acres acquired; 6.5 lakh acres planned for townships. ■ Parallel bridges to JP Setu & Mahatma Gandhi Setu; focus on pharma, IT & MSMEs.
Way Fwd	Time-bound land use, single-window clearances and riverfront ecology safeguards will decide delivery.
Concept	Township policy, ease-of-doing-business, MSME clusters; the Ganga as an economic corridor.

National Makhana Board powers Bihar's superfood economy

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (Bihar agriculture & agro-industry); Prelims: GI tags, Makhana Board.
Context	Institutional backing and a state scheme aim to formalise makhana (fox-nut) farming and raise farmer incomes in the Mithila belt.
Key Facts	■ National Makhana Board (HQ Purnia) drives value-addition & exports. ■ Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag (2022). ■ Makhana Vikas Yojana 2026-27 with a ₹476 crore push. ■ Bihar contributes ~90% of India's makhana output.
Way Fwd	Cold-chains, seed R&D and branding to move from raw to processed exports.
Concept	GI tag = Geographical Indication (GI Act, 1999); agro-processing & FPOs.

Patna Metro gets ₹628.32 crore central boost

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (Bihar infrastructure, urban transport); Prelims: SASCI, metro corridors.
Context	Central capital support will speed two priority corridors of the Patna Metro, easing congestion in the capital region.
Key Facts	■ ₹628.32 crore from central SASCI funds. ■ Funds accelerate Corridor-1 & Corridor-2. ■ Metro also planned for Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Darbhanga & Bhagalpur.
Way Fwd	Integrate the metro with bus & rail feeders and transit-oriented development (TOD).
Concept	SASCI = Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (50-year interest-free loans).

BIHAR FLOOD 2026 — RELIEF AT A GLANCE



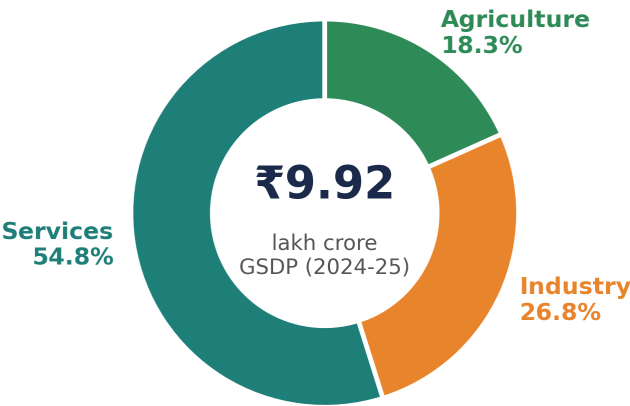
National Makhana Board — boosting Bihar's makhana economy



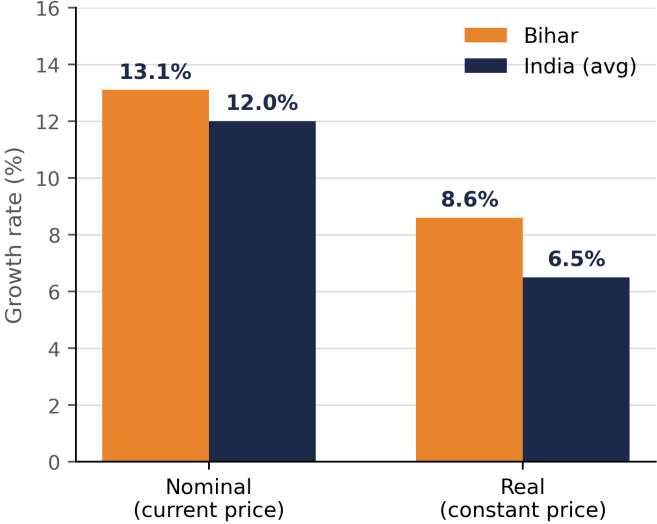
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Bihar GSDP (2024-25)
DATA POINT
₹9.92 lakh crore
Real growth 8.6% and nominal 13.1% — outpacing the national average; services are 54.8% of GSDP and per-capita income is ₹40,973 (constant prices).

Bihar economy — sector share of GSDP



Bihar growth vs national average



SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

18th BRICS Summit opens in New Delhi

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (India & the world, multilateral groupings); Prelims: BRICS members & summits.
Context	India hosts the 18th BRICS Summit, steering the expanded bloc's agenda on resilience, technology and Global-South cooperation.
Key Facts	- Held in New Delhi, 12–13 September 2026; India's 4th chairship. - Theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability'. 11 full members + 10 partner countries. - The STI track adopted the Chennai Declaration (BRICS GRIN, AI, quantum).
Way Fwd	Reform of global institutions, local-currency trade and tech-sharing for the Global South.
Concept	BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Indonesia; NDB HQ Shanghai.

DILRMP 3.0 launched for digital land records

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (governance, land reforms, e-governance); Prelims: ULPIN, DILRMP, Bhu-Aadhaar.
Context	The Centre has extended land-records modernisation into a new phase to cut property fraud and ease farm credit.
Key Facts	- DILRMP 3.0 (2026–2031), central-sector, outlay ~₹565.5 crore. - Bhu-Aadhaar: a 14-digit ULPIN for every land parcel. - Registration Seva Kendras, Revenue Court CMS & NAKSHA urban mapping. 100% central funding with performance-linked release.
Way Fwd	Interlink with courts, banks & DigiLocker toward a single conclusive land-title system.
Concept	ULPIN = Unique Land Parcel Identification Number; conclusive vs presumptive titling.

SC upholds RBI power over co-operative bank boards

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (polity, regulatory institutions); Prelims: RBI, co-operative banks, Banking Regulation Act.
Context	The Supreme Court held that the RBI may supersede a multi-state co-operative bank's board beyond the earlier six-month reading, strengthening depositor protection.
Key Facts	- RBI may supersede boards beyond six months (within statutory limits). - Flows from the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020. - Aims to curb governance failures in co-operative banks.
Way Fwd	Uniform prudential norms and faster resolution for co-operative banks.
Concept	RBI's dual control over co-op banks; Art. 141 (SC law binding); DICGC deposit insurance up to ₹5 lakh.

ISRO tests uprated CE20 cryogenic engine

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

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (science & technology, space); Prelims: cryogenic engines, LVM3, Gaganyaan.
Context	A hot test of the CE20 engine advances India's heavy-lift and human-spaceflight capability.
Key Facts	- CE20 tested at 220 kN thrust. - Uses liquid oxygen + liquid hydrogen (cryogenic). - Powers the LVM3 upper stage; key for Gaganyaan.
Way Fwd	Higher payloads and reusability for commercial launches.
Concept	Cryogenic stage; specific impulse; LVM3 = GSLV Mk-III heavy-lift vehicle.

India-US 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' exercise underway

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Defence & Security)

Syllabus	Mains GS-II (security, India-US ties); Prelims: bilateral military exercises.
Context	The armies of India and the United States hold their annual joint exercise to boost interoperability.
Key Facts	22nd edition; began 9 September 2026. - Held at Bikaner (Rajasthan) & Auli (Uttarakhand). - Focus on high-altitude & counter-terror drills under a UN mandate.
Way Fwd	Deeper defence-technology and logistics cooperation (COMCASA/BECA).
Concept	Key India-US drills: Yudh Abhyas (army), Malabar (navy, +Japan/Australia), Cope India (air).

ISRO CE20 Cryogenic Engine

220 kN

Upated thrust level

LOX + LH2

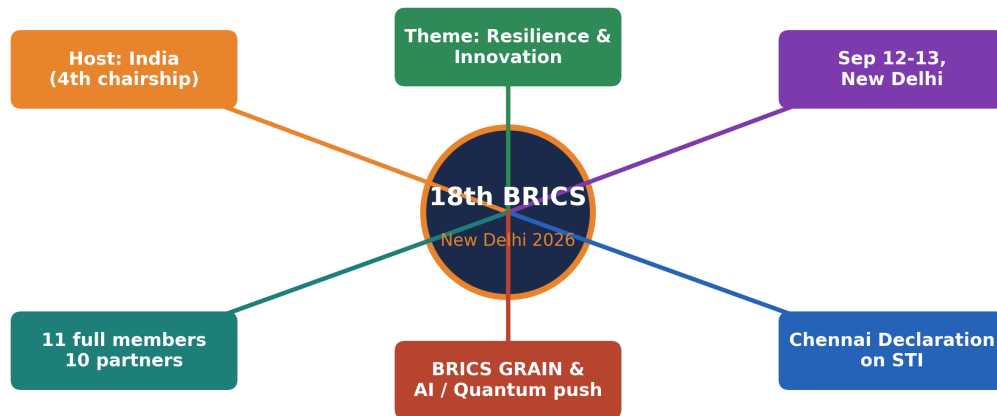
Cryogenic propellants

LVM3

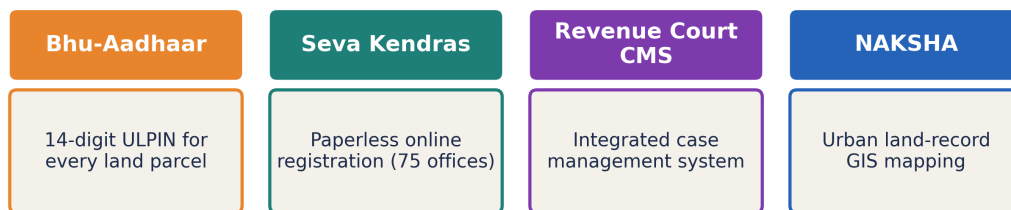
Powers upper stage

Gaganyaan

Human-spaceflight ready

18th BRICS Summit 2026 — India in the chair**DILRMP 3.0 (2026-2031) — Digital Land Records**

Central Sector Scheme • Outlay ~₹565.5 crore • 100% central funding

**SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE**

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| 1. Mithila Makhana got its GI tag in 2022; the Board's HQ is at Purnia. | 4. BRICS' New Development Bank (NDB) is headquartered in Shanghai. |
| 2. The Kosi is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar'; it rises in Nepal/Tibet. | 5. SASCI gives states 50-year interest-free capital-investment loans. |
| 3. ULPIN under Bhu-Aadhaar is a 14-digit land-parcel ID. | 6. The LVM3 cryogenic upper stage is powered by the CE20 engine. |

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the recent Bihar floods, consider the statements: (1) The Ganga at Patna crossed its previous record level. (2) The Kosi rises in the Nepal/Tibet Himalaya. (3) The NDRF alone carries out all rescue in the state. Which are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
 B. 2 and 3 only
 C. 1 and 3 only
 D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: A. Both SDRF and NDRF operate in Bihar, so (3) is wrong. The Ganga crossed its 2016 record and the Kosi rises in the Nepal/Tibet Himalaya — (1) and (2) are correct.

Q2. 'Bhu-Aadhaar', recently in the news, refers to:

- A. A crop-insurance ID
 B. A 14-digit Unique Land Parcel Number (ULPIN)
 C. A rural job card
 D. A soil-health card

Ans: B. Under DILRMP 3.0, Bhu-Aadhaar assigns a 14-digit ULPIN to each land parcel for geo-referenced records.

Mains Practice: Recurrent floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of river management as of geography. Discuss with reference to the Kosi and the recent embankment breaches. (BPSC Mains GS-II)

Hint: Cover the Himalayan silt load, rainfall in Nepal, the limits of embankments, the Kosi-Mechi link, and disaster-management reforms.

REVISION IN ONE LINE — TODAY: Ganga floods hit 47.33 lakh across 15 Bihar districts • Bihar GSDP ₹9.92 lakh cr • 18th BRICS in New Delhi • DILRMP 3.0 & Bhu-Aadhaar • ISRO CE20 at 220 kN.

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