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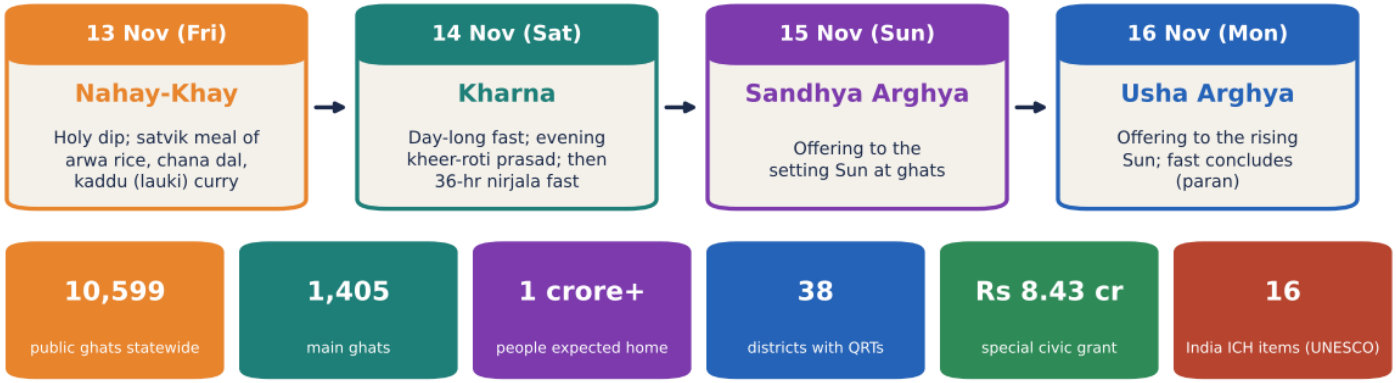
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Chhath Mahaparv: **Nahay-Khay** today (13 Nov); **Usha Arghya** on **16 Nov**
- Bihar: Chhath at **10,599** public ghats; **1 crore+** people expected home
- Doorstep PDS ration for Bihar citizens aged **75+** from next year
- Bihar: **2.09 crore** ration cards cover **8.46 crore** people
- Paddy MSP KMS 2026-27: **Rs 2,441/qtl** (common), **Rs 2,461** (Grade A)
- Bihar Building Bye-laws 2026: **deemed approval** in **30 days**
- Bihar DA raised **60% → 63%** (7th CPC) ahead of Chhath
- October CPI: **6.09%** — first breach of **6%** band in two years
- WHO: India's TB deaths down **38%** since 2015 (global **35%**)
- PLI: only **18.51%** of Rs **1,91,049 crore** disbursed (NITI Aayog)

SECTION A — BIHAR SPECIAL: State Schemes • Policy • Administration • State Economy

Chhath Mahaparv 2026 — 4-Day Ritual Flow & State Arrangements



Chhath Mahaparv begins with Nahay-Khay; 10,599 ghats readied across Bihar

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

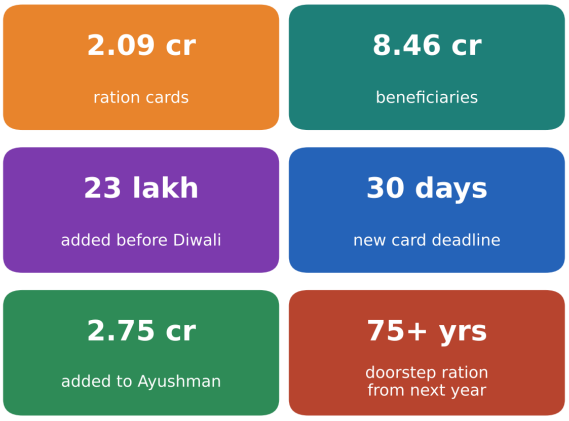
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-I:** Indian culture with Bihar's role — folk festivals; **Prelims:** Bihar art & culture, festivals
Context	The four-day **Chhath Mahaparv** began on **13 November 2026** with **Nahay-Khay**, as devotees took holy dips at Ganga ghats in **Patna**, **Begusarai** and elsewhere. The state has prepared **10,599** public ghats with layered safety arrangements.
Key Facts	■ Schedule: **Kharna** on **14 Nov**, **Sandhya Arghya** on **15 Nov**, **Usha Arghya** on **16 Nov**; **36-hour nirjala** fast ■ Ghats: **1,405** main + **9,194** other; **552** temporary toilets, **171** watchtowers, **7,500** extra lights ■ Special civic grant of **Rs 8.43 crore** for **18** municipal corporations and **157** municipal councils ■ **NDRF** boat patrols, **double-layer barricading** in water; quick response teams in all **38** districts ■ Over **1 crore** migrants expected to return; Chhath **UNESCO ICH** nomination dossier awaits decision
Way Fwd	Make **red-zone ghat** mapping and crowd analytics permanent; push Chhath's **UNESCO** inscription as Bihar's cultural brand.
Concept	**Chhath** worships **Surya** and **Chhathi Maiya**; main day is **Kartik Shukla Shashthi**. Spread abroad by **Girmitiya** (indentured) migrants, **1834–1920** — to Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname.

Doorstep PDS ration for citizens above 75 from next year

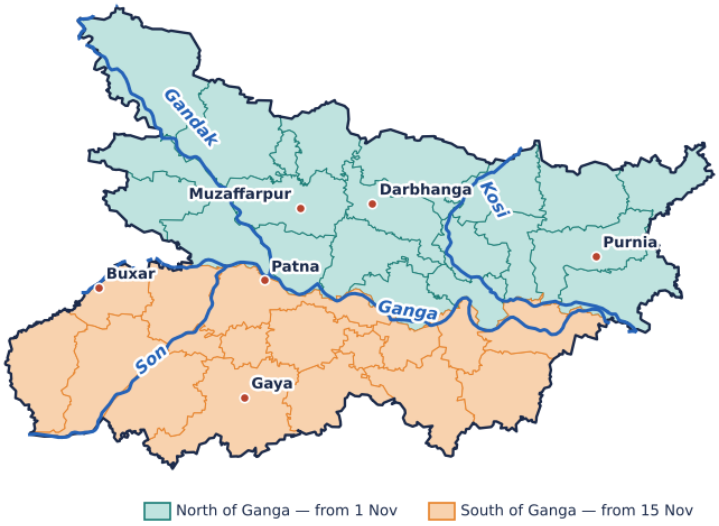
BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

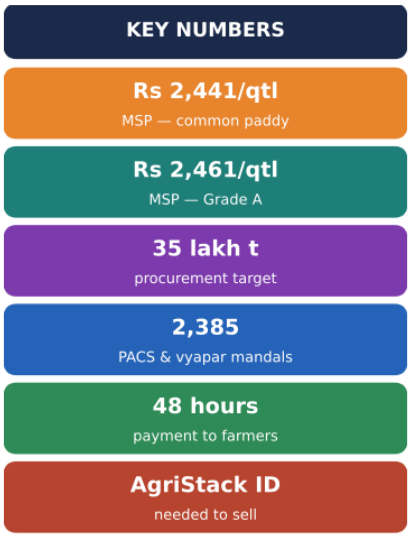
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Bihar economy & welfare schemes, food security; **Prelims:** NFSA, PDS, state schemes
Context	At a programme at **Gyan Bhawan, Patna** on **12 November**, CM **Samrat Choudhary** announced that PDS foodgrains will be delivered to the **doorstep of people above 75** from next year, while distributing new ration cards and PDS shop licences.
Key Facts	■ Bihar has issued **2.09 crore** ration cards covering about **8.46 crore** people ■ **23 lakh** beneficiaries added before Diwali; new applicants to get cards within **30 days** ■ All ration-card holders linked to **Ayushman Bharat**, adding about **2.75 crore** people ■ **Seva Sankalp aur Kayakalp Abhiyan**: about **Rs 22,000 crore** on roads, schools, Anganwadis, Chhath ghats by **31 March** ■ **Panchayat Vikas Diwas** on the **last Sunday** of every month to review panchayat projects
Way Fwd	Use **ePoS-Aadhaar** authentication with proxy/OTP options so doorstep delivery does not exclude the frail elderly.
Concept	**NFSA 2013** covers up to **75% rural** and **50% urban** population; **One Nation One Ration Card** enables portability. **PM-JAY** gives **Rs 5 lakh** health cover per family per year.

Bihar PDS at a Glance (Nov 2026)



Bihar Paddy Procurement KMS 2026-27: Two-Phase Start





Paddy procurement opens in south Bihar from 15 November at MSP

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Bihar's agriculture & geography; **Prelims:** MSP, PACS, Bihar's agro-climatic zones
Context	After north Bihar districts started on **1 November**, procurement of paddy for **KMS 2026-27** extends to south Bihar districts from **15 November** through **PACS** and vyapar mandals, with a state target of **35 lakh tonnes**.
Key Facts	■ MSP: **Rs 2,441/quintal** (common), **Rs 2,461/quintal** (Grade A) ■ About **2,385** PACS and vyapar mandals selected as purchase centres ■ Payment to farmers within **48 hours**; registration on the cooperative department's **e-Sahkari** portal ■ **AgriStack (Farmer ID)** data to be used; registration deadline **31 March 2027** ■ Staggered start reflects later **harvest in south Bihar** (Magadh–Shahabad) belt
Way Fwd	Expand **moisture-testing** and storage at PACS; strengthen milling capacity to avoid distress sales below MSP.
Concept	**MSP** is announced by the **CCEA** on **CACP** recommendations. Bihar follows **Decentralised Procurement (DCP)** — the state procures and distributes grain itself. **Shahabad** (Rohtas–Kaimur) is called Bihar's '**rice bowl**'.

Bihar Cabinet clears 31 proposals: DA hike, 'Bihar Ki Beti' Startup Challenge

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** State government schemes, Bihar economy; **Prelims:** Bihar cabinet decisions
Context	The state Cabinet chaired by CM **Samrat Choudhary** on **10 November** approved **31 proposals**, including a dearness allowance hike for employees and pensioners ahead of Chhath.
Key Facts	■ DA: **60% → 63%** (7th CPC); **262% → 269%** (6th CPC); **483% → 497%** (5th CPC) ■ **Bihar Ki Beti Startup Challenge**: **2,100** girl students, **2026-27 to 2029-30**, **Rs 88.20 crore** ■ **PMAY-G**: **Rs 1,399.60 crore** sanctioned for 2026-27 ■ **159** BSNL calling kiosks in **59** jails (Rs **8.25 crore**, OPEX model, 5 years) ■ **Rs 44.52 crore** for land for a new **Hajipur** bus stand
Way Fwd	Link the startup challenge with **Bihar Startup Policy** incubators and seed funds to convert ideas into firms.
Concept	**Dearness Allowance** offsets inflation and is revised twice a year on the basis of **CPI-IW** (Labour Bureau). **PMAY-G** (2016) targets pucca houses for rural homeless families.

Bihar Building Bye-laws 2026: deemed approval in 30 days

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Bihar urbanisation, ease of doing business, local bodies; **Prelims:** 74th Amendment
Context	The Cabinet approved the **Bihar Building Bye-laws/Code 2026**, replacing the **2014** bye-laws with a **risk-based**, time-bound approval system for construction.

Key Facts	■ Height tiers: **up to 10 m** self-declaration; **10–24 m** architect approval; **above 24 m** municipal approval ■ **Deemed approval** if no decision within **30 days** of submission ■ Uniform base **FAR 3.0**; premium FAR purchasable; fixed height cap removed ■ Green-building bonus FAR **+5% / +10% / +15%** (3/4/5-star GRIHA, IGBC, ECBC) ■ Permit valid **5 years**; **Fire NOC** merged into building permit
Way Fwd	Pair self-certification with **random third-party audits** and seismic checks — Bihar lies in **zones IV-V**.
Concept	**FAR (Floor Area Ratio)** = total built-up area ÷ plot area. Building regulation is in the **12th Schedule** (**74th Amendment, 1992**) as a function of **urban local bodies**.

Bihar Building Bye-laws 2026

Risk-based approval by building height

Up to 10 m	Self-declaration — fast track
10 m – 24 m	Architect-level technical approval
Above 24 m	Municipal body / authority approval

Deemed approval if no decision in 30 days

Base FAR 3.0 • Permit valid 5 yrs • Fire NOC merged
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Patna gets Ganga Water Metro; Rs 1,200 crore expansion planned

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Bihar infrastructure & transport; **Prelims:** National Waterways, IWAI
Context	CM **Samrat Choudhary** launched Patna's **Water Metro** on the Ganga (**Digha Ghat–Gandhi Ghat**) ahead of Chhath; the Union Ports & Waterways ministry plans a **Rs 1,200 crore** three-phase expansion by **2029**.
Key Facts	■ **50-seater hybrid-electric catamaran**; AC, wheelchair access; fare **Rs 50** (adults) ■ Fast/shore **charging stations** at Digha and Gandhi Ghat; extension to **Kangan Ghat** planned ■ Two international-standard terminals at **Kangan Ghat** and **Pahalwan Ghat** (~**Rs 200 crore**) ■ Aims to decongest **Ashok Rajpath**; developed with **IWAI** support
Way Fwd	Integrate water metro with **Patna Metro** and city buses via common ticketing; plan for low-water lean season navigation.
Concept	**NW-1** (Ganga–Bhagirathi–Hooghly, **Prayagraj–Haldia**, **~1,620 km**) declared in **1986**, the year **IWAI** was set up. India's first water metro: **Kochi** (2023).

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

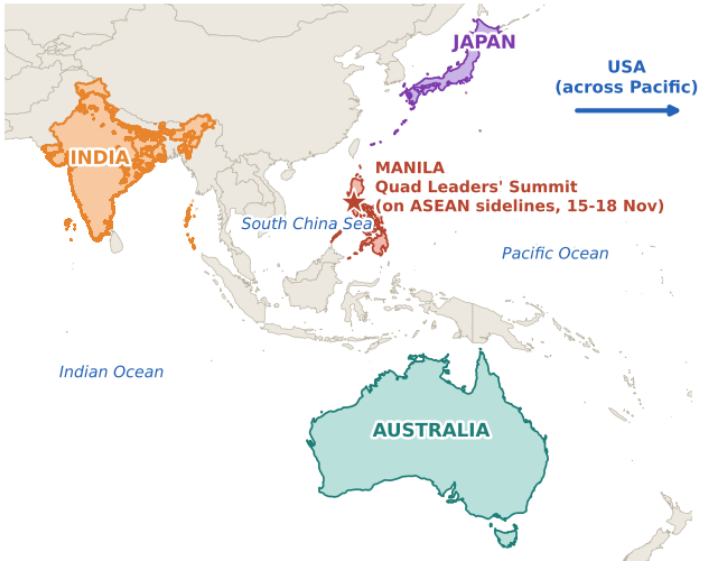
6.09%

India's CPI (retail) inflation, October 2026

Up from **5.54%** in September; first breach of RBI's **6%** upper tolerance limit in two years. Food & beverages **8.51%**; rural **6.63%** vs urban **5.41%** — rural-heavy Bihar feels the pinch more.

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD: Polity • Economy • Health • IR

Quad (India–USA–Japan–Australia) Returns to Summit Level in Manila



KEY FACTS

- **2007** — Quad first formed
- **2017** — revived at officials' level
- **2024** — last leaders' summit
- **2026** — Philippines chairs ASEAN
- **3rd** — FMs' meet of 2026: Atlanta
- **4 pillars** — minerals, tech, maritime, supply chains

Quad leaders to meet in Manila — first summit since 2024

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

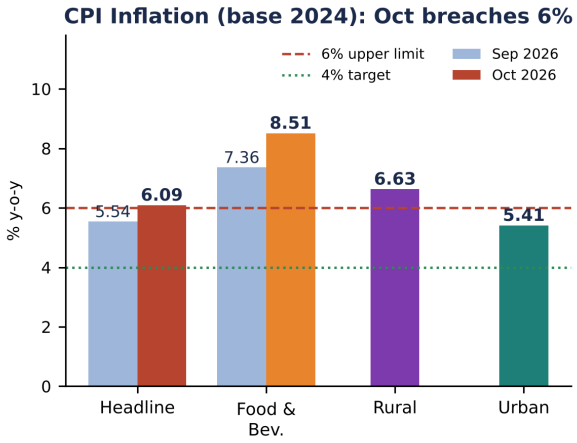
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** India & world, groupings; **Prelims:** Quad, ASEAN, summits & venues
Context	The **Quad Leaders' Summit** (India, USA, Japan, Australia) is expected in **Manila** next week on the sidelines of the **ASEAN** meetings (**15–18 November**), hosted by the **Philippines** as ASEAN chair.

Key Facts	■ First Quad leaders' summit since **2024** (Wilmington) ■ Foreign ministers last met in **Atlanta** on **31 October** — third Quad FMs' meet of 2026 ■ Focus: **critical minerals**, next-gen tech, **maritime security**, resilient supply chains ■ Venue: **Philippine International Convention Center**, Pasay — host of the **49th ASEAN Summit**
Way Fwd	India should push **IPMDA** maritime awareness and **critical-mineral** supply deals while keeping ASEAN centrality.
Concept	Quad began as the **2004 tsunami** core group; formalised **2007**; revived at officials' level in **Manila, November 2017**. **ASEAN** (1967, Bangkok Declaration) has **11** members after **Timor-Leste** joined in 2025.

October CPI inflation at 6.09% breaches RBI's upper tolerance band

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Indian economy — inflation, monetary policy; **Prelims:** CPI, MPC, repo rate
Context	Data released on **12 November** show retail inflation rose to **6.09%** in **October 2026** from **5.54%** in September — the first breach of the **6%** ceiling in two years, driven by food prices.
Key Facts	■ Food & beverages: **8.51%** (Sep **7.36%**); **rural 6.63%**, **urban 5.41%** ■ Spikes: **onion +116%**, garlic **+61%**, ginger **+48%** ■ **11 of 12** CPI categories saw rising inflation; new series **base year 2024** ■ Repo rate **5.50%** after a **25 bps hike** in October; next MPC: **2–4 December**
Way Fwd	Use **buffer-stock** releases (onion/pulses) and import facilitation; rural inflation hurts Bihar's consumption-led economy most.
Concept	**Flexible Inflation Targeting**: **4% ± 2%** CPI target under **Sec 45ZA, RBI Act** (2016). If inflation stays outside the band for **three consecutive quarters**, RBI must report reasons to the Centre. CPI is released by **MoSPI (NSO)**.



WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB deaths down 38% since 2015

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

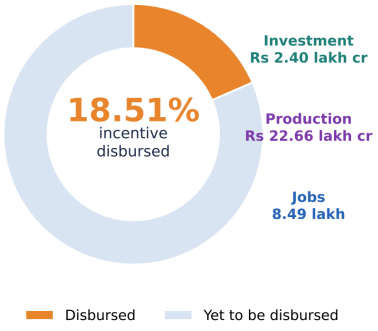
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Role of S&T in health; **Prelims:** diseases, WHO reports, health schemes
Context	The **WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026** (released **12 November**) shows India's TB mortality fell **38%** between **2015 and 2025**, faster than the **35%** global decline.
Key Facts	■ Mortality rate fell from **28** to **18 per lakh** population ■ India still has about **25%** of global TB cases (2025) — highest; then Indonesia **10%** ■ Treatment success rate **94%** for drug-susceptible TB ■ **TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan**: **25 crore+** screened, **11 crore+** X-rays, **48.64 lakh** cases found (**14.97 lakh** asymptomatic) ■ **96%** of programme funding is domestic
Way Fwd	Scale **AI chest X-ray** screening and **Ni-kshay Poshan** nutrition support in high-burden, migrant-heavy states like Bihar.
Concept	TB is caused by bacterium **Mycobacterium tuberculosis**. WHO **End TB Strategy** targets a **95%** cut in deaths by **2035**; **SDG 3.3** aims to end TB by **2030**. **NAAT** = molecular test (e.g., TrueNat, CBNAAT).

NITI Aayog's PLI impact study: 70% segments on track, only 18.51% disbursed

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Industrial policy, manufacturing; **Prelims:** PLI, Make in India, reports
Context	**NITI Aayog** released its **Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes** on **12 November**, covering **14 sectors** with data up to **March 2026**.
Key Facts	■ Investment **Rs 2,40,138 crore**; production **Rs 22,66,412 crore**; jobs **8,49,069** ■ Incentives paid **Rs 35,354 crore** = **18.51%** of **Rs 1,91,049 crore** allocated ■ Best performers: **electronics (mobiles)**, **telecom**, **pharma**; ACC batteries still early-stage ■ Real manufacturing GVA: **Rs 34.82 → 47.47 lakh crore** (FY23–FY26), CAGR **10.88%**
Way Fwd	Re-tune weak sectors; Bihar can bid for **food processing** and **textile** PLI units to use its agri-surplus and labour.
Concept	**PLI** (2020) pays an incentive on **incremental sales** of domestically made goods over a base year — part of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**. **GVA = GDP − net product taxes**.

PLI: Rs 35,354 cr paid of Rs 1,91,049 cr (14 sectors, till Mar 2026)



Cabinet approves Rs 62,370 crore NBS subsidy for Rabi 2026-27

ECONOMY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Agriculture)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II:** Agriculture & subsidies in Indian/Bihar economy; **Prelims:** fertiliser policy
Context	The Union Cabinet on **11 November** approved **Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS)** rates on **P&K fertilisers** for **Rabi 2026-27** (**1 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027**).
Key Facts	■ Outlay about **Rs 62,370.02 crore** — up **~64%** from **Rs 37,952.29 crore** in Rabi 2025-26 ■ Covers **DAP** and **28 grades** of P&K fertilisers incl. NPKS ■ Rise reflects higher global prices of **DAP, MOP, sulphur** ■ Timely supply vital for Bihar's **wheat, maize, lentil** sowing season
Way Fwd	Promote **soil-health-card** based balanced use and **nano-DAP** to cut import dependence and correct N:P:K skew.
Concept	**NBS** since **1 April 2010** fixes subsidy per kg of **N, P, K, S** for decontrolled P&K fertilisers; **urea** remains under a separate fixed-MRP regime. Ideal **N:P:K = 4:2:1**.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Area	Quick Fact
BIHAR	Main day of Chhath falls on **Kartik Shukla Shashthi**
BIHAR	Bihar has **38** districts and **9** divisions
BIHAR	**NW-1** (Prayagraj–Haldia, ~**1,620 km**) passes through **Patna**
NATIONAL	India's first water metro: **Kochi** (2023)
NATIONAL	**NBS** scheme for P&K fertilisers in force since **1 April 2010**
IR	The Quad was revived in **Manila** in **November 2017**

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, consider the following statements: 1. It covers urea. 2. It has been in force since 2010. 3. The Rabi 2026-27 outlay is about Rs 62,370 crore. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — NBS (from **1 April 2010**) covers decontrolled **P&K** fertilisers, not **urea**. Rabi 2026-27 outlay is about **Rs 62,370 crore**.

Q2. Patna's newly launched Water Metro between Digha Ghat and Gandhi Ghat runs on which National Waterway?

(a) NW-1 (b) NW-2
(c) NW-3 (d) NW-5

Answer: (a) — Patna lies on **NW-1** (Ganga–Bhagirathi–Hooghly, **Prayagraj–Haldia**). NW-2 is the Brahmaputra, NW-3 the West Coast Canal (Kerala).

MAINS PRACTICE (GS-II)

Assured MSP procurement through PACS and an efficient PDS are two sides of Bihar's food-security architecture. Examine their role in raising farm incomes and protecting vulnerable groups in Bihar, and suggest reforms.

Hint: Intro: **Rs 2,441/qtl** MSP, **35 lakh t** target, **2.09 crore** ration cards. Body: DCP & PACS, **48-hour payment**, AgriStack; doorstep PDS for **75+**, ONORC for migrants; issues — storage, milling, leakages. Way forward: warehousing, digital tracking, crop diversification.

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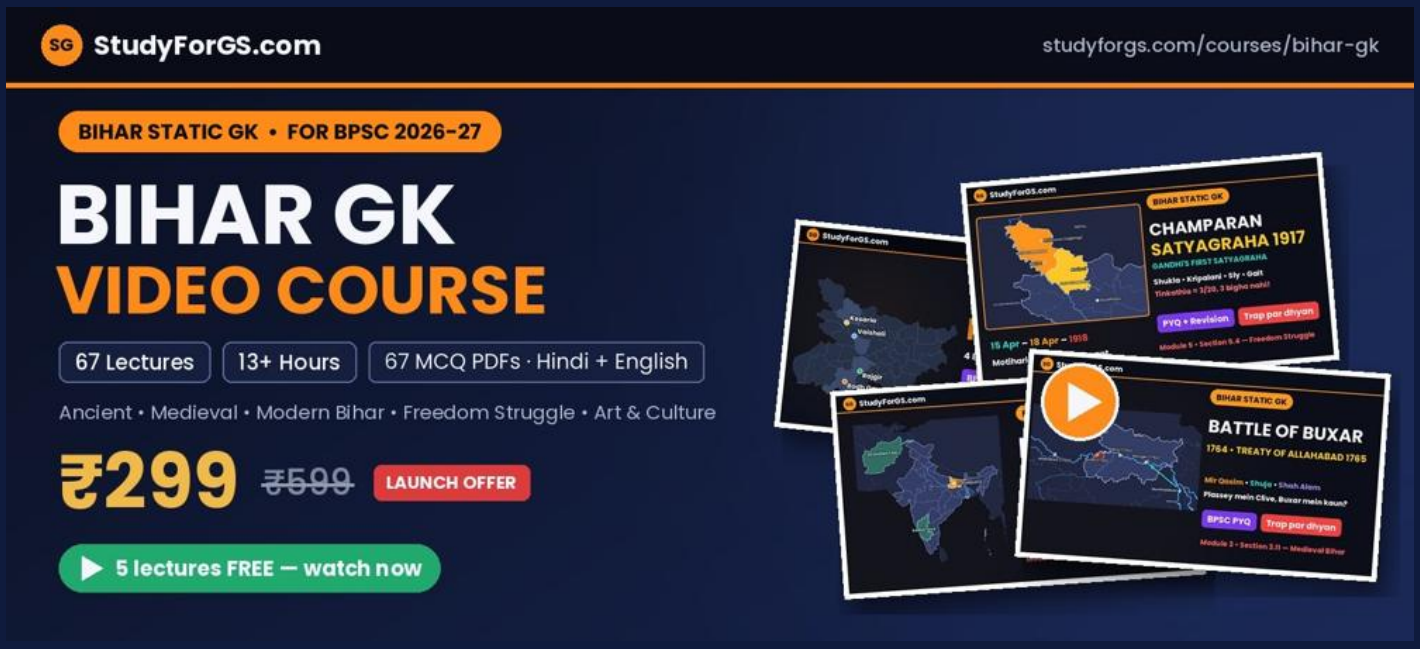

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