

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet clears 17 proposals in one sitting
- ₹3,516 cr Gaya Vishnupad Corridor approved
- ₹89.79 cr Makhana Development Scheme (2026-27)
- ₹1,000 cr Sone-river intake well for water security
- Ganga at all-time high; ~40 lakh+ hit by floods
- Patna Metro Blue Line nears full launch
- India CPI 4.82%, WPI 9.92% in August 2026
- 18th BRICS Summit hosted at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi
- SC: RBI can supersede co-op bank boards beyond 6 months
- India rises to 94th in UN SDG Index 2026

SECTION A — BIHAR SPECIAL

Gaya Vishnupad Corridor Cleared at ₹3,516 cr

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-I: Bihar's cultural heritage & pilgrimage; GS-II: state governance & schemes. Prelims: Gaya, Falgu river, Vishnupad Temple.
Context	The state Cabinet approved a ₹3,516.05 crore corridor to redevelop the Vishnupad Temple at Gaya on the model of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor — the largest single approval in a 17-proposal package.
Key Facts	• Corridor cost: ₹3,516.05 crore, the biggest item in the package. • Vishnupad Temple stands on the banks of the Falgu (Phalgu) river at Gaya. • Works: riverfront & ghats, parking, pathways and pilgrim facilities. • Aims to boost the Gaya-Bodh Gaya pilgrimage-tourism circuit.
Way Fwd	Time-bound, heritage-sensitive execution can turn Gaya into a national pilgrimage-tourism hub.
Concept	Vishnupad marks Lord Vishnu's footprint; Gaya is famed for Pind-daan rites. The 'corridor' model decongests and integrates pilgrim infrastructure.

Gaya Vishnupad Corridor — ₹3,516.05 crore

Modelled on the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor • on the Falgu river

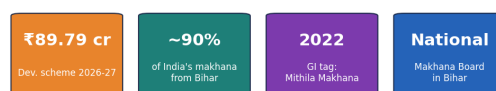


₹89.79 cr Makhana Development Scheme Approved

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar's agrarian economy & agro-processing; Prelims: makhana, GI tags, National Makhana Board.
Context	Alongside the corridor, the Cabinet sanctioned a ₹89.79 crore Makhana Development Scheme for 2026-27 and ₹78.34 crore for integrated horticulture.
Key Facts	• Makhana scheme outlay: ₹89.79 crore for 2026-27. • Bihar grows nearly 90% of India's makhana (fox-nut), mainly the Mithila/Kosi belt. • Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag (2022). • A National Makhana Board is being set up in Bihar for processing & exports. • Horticulture Mission: ₹78.34 crore; oil-palm push under the National Mission on Edible Oils.
Way Fwd	Cold chains, branding and FPO linkages can lift farmer incomes and export value.
Concept	A GI tag is an origin-linked IPR; makhana is a high-protein aquatic crop grown in ponds and wetlands.

Makhana (Fox-nut) — Bihar's Superfood Economy



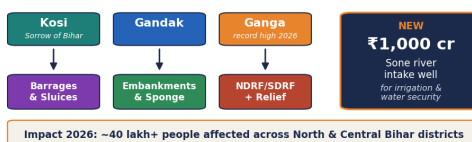
Bihar Floods 2026: Ganga Touches All-Time High

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar rivers, flood geography & disaster management; Prelims: Kosi, Gandak, Ganga, Sone.
Context	The Ganga breached all-time-high water marks in 2026, with the Kosi and Gandak also above danger levels, affecting an estimated 40 lakh-plus people across the state.
Key Facts	• ~40 lakh+ people affected across North & Central Bihar. • The Kosi is the 'Sorrow of Bihar'; it rises in the Tibet/Nepal Himalaya. • Cabinet cleared a ₹1,000 crore intake well on the Sone river for water security. • Response: embankments, barrages and NDRF/SDRF relief deployment.

Way Fwd	Catchment-area treatment, desilting and Indo-Nepal cooperation are key to lasting flood control.
Concept	Bihar is India's most flood-prone state (~73% of area) ; the Kosi shifts course and carries heavy silt.

Bihar Flood Management 2026 — Ganga at all-time high



Patna Metro Blue Line Nears Full Launch

SOCIETY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Infrastructure & Urban Dev.)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar urban infrastructure; Prelims: Patna Metro, PMRCL, DMRC.
Context	The priority (Blue Line) corridor of the Patna Metro is nearing full commissioning, with the last elevated stations and an underground stretch in their final stages.
Key Facts	- Corridor: Patna Junction-New ISBT, about 14 km north-south. - A 7.9 km underground stretch (Patna Jn-Rajendra Nagar) is being finished. - Built by PMRCL with technical support from DMRC. - Final elevated stations: Khemnichak and Malahi Pakri.
Way Fwd	Feeder buses and last-mile links will decide ridership and congestion gains.
Concept	A metro is mass rapid transit that cuts emissions and congestion in growing capital cities.

Bihar to Add 366 Assistant Professors in Medical Colleges

HEALTH

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health & Human Resources)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: Bihar health infrastructure & human resources; Prelims: government medical colleges, NMC.
Context	To ease faculty shortages, the Cabinet cleared 366 contractual Assistant Professor posts across five government medical colleges, pending regular recruitment.
Key Facts	366 Assistant Professors on contract across 5 medical colleges. - Contractual posts also cleared for dental colleges. - Aims to sustain MBBS/PG teaching and clinical services. - Complements Bihar's push to raise MBBS seats and district hospitals.
Way Fwd	Regular recruitment and retention incentives are needed to fix chronic faculty gaps.
Concept	Faculty-student ratio norms are set by the National Medical Commission (NMC) .

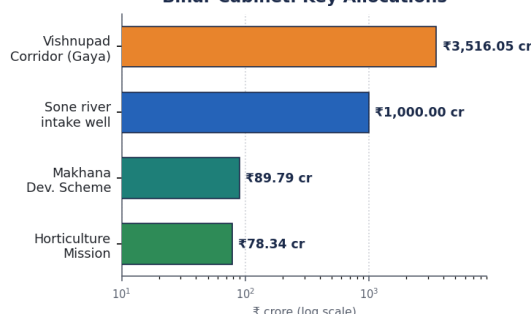
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BIHAR

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: state governance, budgeting & schemes; Prelims: recent Bihar Cabinet decisions.
Context	In a single meeting the Cabinet approved 17 proposals spanning heritage, agriculture, water resources and medical education.
Key Facts	17 proposals cleared in one sitting. ₹1,000 cr Sone-river intake well; ₹3,516 cr Vishnupad Corridor. ₹89.79 cr Makhana + ₹78.34 cr horticulture (2026-27/27-28). - Brick-kiln dues relief of ₹266 cr; new posts in the Animal Sciences University.
Way Fwd	Timely fund release and monitoring will decide on-ground delivery before the fiscal year closes.
Concept	The Cabinet is the Council of Ministers headed by the CM — collective executive decision-making (Art. 163-164).

Bihar Cabinet: Key Allocations



SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

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4.82%

India Retail Inflation (CPI) — August 2026

Up from 4.44% in July; food inflation at 5.95%. Still within the RBI's 4% ($\pm 2\%$) tolerance band, even as wholesale (WPI) inflation ran far higher at 9.92%.

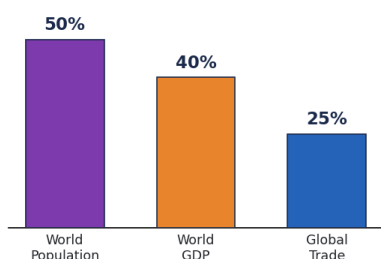
SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

India Hosts the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations & Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains: India & the world, plurilateral groupings; Prelims: BRICS members, expansion, New Development Bank.
Context	India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with leaders from member and partner states attending.
Key Facts	• 18th Summit; venue Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. • BRICS = ~50% of world population, ~40% of GDP, >25% of trade. • Focus: local-currency trade, payment systems, cross-border investment. • India-Russia talks covered trade, defence, energy and critical minerals.
Way Fwd	Deeper de-dollarised trade and a stronger New Development Bank could reshape global finance.
Concept	BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (plus newer members); the NDB is headquartered at Shanghai.

BRICS Global Footprint (2026)



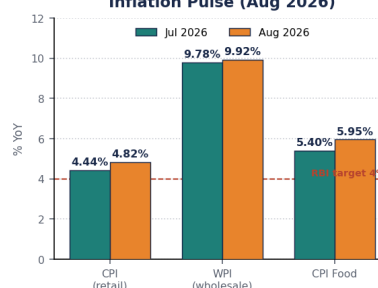
18th Summit • New Delhi • Bharat Mandapam

Wholesale Inflation (WPI) Climbs to 9.92% in August

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: inflation & price indices; Prelims: WPI vs CPI, base years, regulators.
Context	WPI inflation rose to 9.92% in August 2026 (from 9.78% in July) on higher fuel, food and manufactured-goods prices, even as retail (CPI) stayed at 4.82%.
Key Facts	• WPI: 9.92% (Aug) vs 9.78% (Jul). • CPI (retail): 4.82%; food inflation 5.95%. • WPI base year 2011-12; released by the Office of Economic Adviser (DPIIT). • CPI compiled by NSO/MoSPI; RBI targets CPI at 4% (±2%).
Way Fwd	A persistent WPI-CPI divergence may squeeze margins and shape future rate decisions.
Concept	WPI tracks wholesale/producer prices (no services); CPI tracks retail prices including services.

Inflation Pulse (Aug 2026)



SC: RBI Can Supersede Co-op Bank Boards Beyond 6 Months

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II: federalism & regulation of co-operatives; Prelims: Art. 243ZL, 97th Amendment, Banking Regulation Act.
Context	The Supreme Court held that the RBI can supersede multi-state co-operative bank boards beyond the six-month cap, stressing depositor protection and banking stability.
Key Facts	• The third proviso to Art. 243ZL(1) is read as an independent substantive provision. • Anchored in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Sec. 36AAA) and the 97th Amendment (2011). • A five-year statutory limit is the outer safeguard for board elections. • The consultation proviso applies only to state-registered co-op banks.
Way Fwd	Clear RBI-state coordination will balance depositor safety with co-operative autonomy.
Concept	Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT) , added by the 97th Amendment , governs co-operative societies.

India to Add Two New Missile-Testing Ranges

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science & Tech / Defence)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains: role & impact of science & technology; Prelims: DRDO, missile ranges, ballistic-missile defence.
Context	India is building two DRDO missile-testing complexes — at Nagayalanka (Andhra Pradesh) and Junput (West Bengal) — to expand testing capacity.
Key Facts	• Nagayalanka (AP) range: about ₹1,460 crore; radars, telemetry, EO tracking. • Junput (WB) coastal range: an extension of the Chandipur test range. • Supports ballistic & cruise missiles, air-defence and BMD Phase-II. • Projects overseen by the DRDO.
Way Fwd	More ranges reduce testing bottlenecks and speed up indigenous defence timelines.
Concept	BMD = Ballistic Missile Defence; Chandipur (Odisha) hosts India's main Integrated Test Range.

India Climbs to 94th in the UN SDG Index 2026

REPORT

BPSC: Prelims + Mains (Reports & Indices / Development)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains: SDGs & sustainable development; Prelims: SDG Index, SDSN, India's rank.
Context	In the UN Sustainable Development Report 2026, India reached its best-ever rank of 94 out of 167 with a score of 68.3.
Key Facts	- Rank 94/167; score 68.3/100 (best ever). - Up 18 places since 2015 (from 112th). - Published by the UN SDSN; Finland ranked 1st. - Weak spots: SDG-2 (Zero Hunger); only about 33% of targets on track for 2030.
Way Fwd	Faster gains on hunger, nutrition and climate action are needed to meet the 2030 goals.
Concept	The 17 SDGs (2015-2030) were adopted by the UN; India's NITI Aayog runs the national SDG Index.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Q1. Vishnupad Temple stands on the Falgu river at Gaya .	Q2. Mithila Makhana received its GI tag in 2022 .
Q3. The Kosi is called the ' Sorrow of Bihar '.	Q4. RBI's inflation target: 4% (±2%) , measured on CPI .
Q5. 18th BRICS Summit venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi .	Q6. Art. 243ZL (Part IX-B) deals with co-operative societies .

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Vishnupad Temple:

1. It is located in Gaya on the banks of the Falgu river.
2. The approved corridor is modelled on the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.

Which of the statements is/are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: C — Both are correct — the Vishnupad Temple is at Gaya on the Falgu river, and the ₹3,516-cr corridor follows the Kashi Vishwanath model.

Q2. Which constitutional part, inserted by the 97th Amendment, deals with co-operative societies?

(A) Part IX (Art. 243-243O)
(B) Part IX-A (Art. 243P-243ZG)
(C) Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT)
(D) Part VIII (Art. 239-242)

Ans: C — Part IX-B (Art. 243ZH-243ZT), added by the 97th Amendment (2011), governs co-operatives; Art. 243ZL was central to the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Mains Practice: "Bihar's recurring floods are as much a challenge of river management and Indo-Nepal cooperation as of relief." Discuss with reference to the Kosi and the recent measures announced. (15 marks, 250 words)

Hint: Cover the Kosi's silt load and course-shifting, the limits of embankments, the 2026 Ganga high, the new ₹1,000-cr Sone intake well, and the need for catchment treatment plus transboundary cooperation.

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