

TOP STORY

Bihar Cabinet's 17 proposals & 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launch lead the day, alongside the Supreme Court's vehicle-repossession ruling and 4.82% retail inflation.

Bihar dominated the day with a 17-item Cabinet (₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor, ₹89.8 cr makhana push), the launch of the month-long 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' delivering 26 schemes on-the-spot, and ₹579 cr flood relief to 8.27 lakh families. Nationally, the Supreme Court ordered lawful vehicle repossession by lenders, retail inflation rose to 4.82% in August, and India ranked 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026.

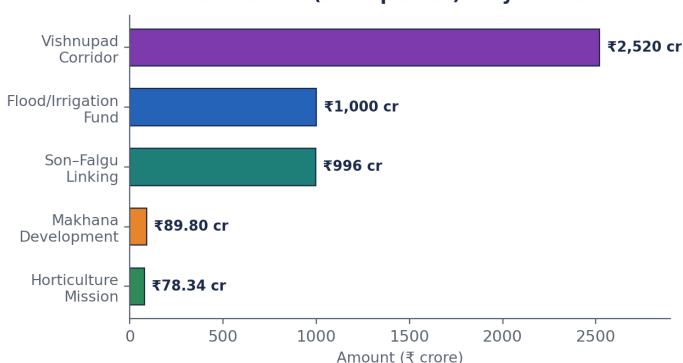
TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet clears **17 proposals**; ₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor.
- 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' starts today — 26 schemes on-the-spot.
- Flood relief: **₹579 cr** to **8.27 lakh** families (₹7,000 each).
- **₹89.8 cr** makhana push; Mithila Makhana holds a **GI tag**.
- Bihar economy grew **14.9%** (2025-26 Economic Survey).
- SC orders **lawful vehicle repossession** by banks & NBFCs.
- Retail inflation up to **4.82%** in August 2026.
- India protests **Pakistan Navy collision** in Arabian Sea.
- India **131st** on Global Gender Gap Index 2026.
- **18th BRICS Summit**, New Delhi — New Delhi Declaration adopted.

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL

Bihar Cabinet clears 17 proposals; ₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor approved**BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Governance)**

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: state schemes & institutions. Mains GS-II: State polity, governance & Bihar economy.
Context	The Samrat Chaudhary -led Bihar Cabinet approved 17 agenda items on 15 Sep 2026 , headlined by a Gaya temple-corridor project built on the Kashi Vishwanath model.
Key Facts	• ₹2,520 crore for the Vishnupad Temple Corridor, Gaya — ghats, elevated pathways, multilevel parking & dormitories. • 366 Assistant Professor posts (contract) across 5 govt medical colleges: Bettiah, Purnia, Madhepura, Chhapra, Samastipur. • One-time brick-kiln dues settlement for FY 2024-25 (interest waived, 3-month window). • Bihar Water Resource Restoration & Silt Management Policy 2026 cleared.
Way Fwd	Corridor-led temple tourism can lift Gaya's economy, while contractual staffing eases Bihar's doctor shortage.
Concept	Cabinet = Council of Ministers under Art. 163-164 ; it aids & advises the Governor , who acts on that advice.

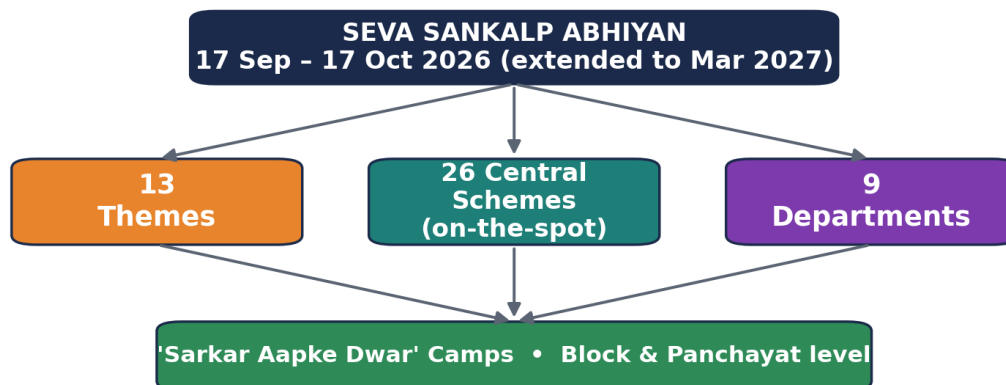
Bihar Cabinet (15 Sep 2026): Key Allocations

Today's BPSC Themes at a Glance

**'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launches today; 26 schemes delivered on-the-spot****SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Welfare)**

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: government schemes. Mains GS-II: governance, service delivery & welfare.
Context	Bihar begins a month-long ' Seva Sankalp Abhiyan ' on 17 Sep 2026 , taking welfare delivery to citizens' doorsteps through camps.
Key Facts	• Runs 17 Sep - 17 Oct 2026, with activities extended up to March 2027. • 26 central schemes delivered on-the-spot at block/panchayat 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' camps. • 13 themes across 9 departments (education, health, rural development, PHED, panchayati raj, urban housing, SC/ST & backward-class welfare). • Opens with an 'Aashirwad ka Diya' lamp-lighting on the evening of 17 Sep.
Way Fwd	Camp-mode saturation delivery can cut last-mile exclusion if grievance redress is made time-bound.
Concept	Reflects ' saturation ' governance & JAM-enabled Direct Benefit Transfer for leak-proof welfare.

Bihar 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' — Delivery Framework



₹89.8 cr makhana push; ₹78.3 cr Horticulture Mission for crop diversification

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

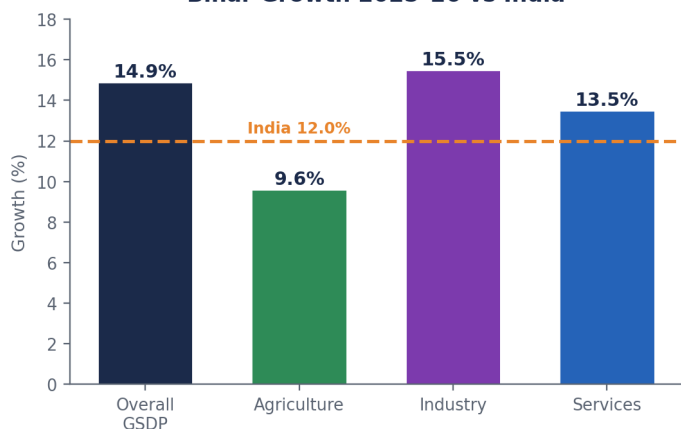
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: GI crops & agri schemes. Mains GS-II: Bihar economy, agriculture & allied sectors.
Context	The Cabinet backed Bihar's signature makhana (fox-nut) value chain and horticulture to raise farm incomes.
Key Facts	• ₹89.80 crore Makhana Development Scheme (FY 2026-27): seeds, processing, branding & market linkage. • Bihar grows ~85-90% of India's makhana; 'Mithila Makhana' holds a GI tag (2022). • ₹78.34 crore Horticulture Development Mission for diversification into fruits, vegetables & spices. • Son-Falgu river-linking (₹996 cr) & a ₹1,000 cr flood/irrigation fund also cleared.
Way Fwd	Processing & cold-chain investment can move makhana from raw export to branded, value-added products.
Concept	A GI tag is intellectual property under the GI of Goods Act, 1999, protecting origin-linked products.

₹579 cr flood relief to 8.27 lakh families as Ganga, Kosi & Gandak swell

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: rivers of Bihar. Mains GS-II: Bihar geography & flood management.
Context	With 47-50 lakh people affected across north & central Bihar, the state transferred emergency relief straight to bank accounts on 15 Sep 2026 .
Key Facts	• ₹579 crore transferred to 8.27 lakh families, ₹7,000 each via DBT. • Rivers in spate: Ganga, Kosi & Gandak (with the Bagmati & Kamla-Balan basins). • The CM ordered left-out names added within a week; a central team is assessing damage. • The Kosi — the 'Sorrow of Bihar' — carries heavy Himalayan silt into the plains.
Way Fwd	Silt management, embankment audits and the Son-Falgu linking aim to blunt recurring floods.
Concept	~73% of Bihar is flood-prone; embankments, early-warning systems & DBT relief form the disaster-management toolkit.

Bihar Growth 2025-26 vs India



Bihar Floods 2026 — Relief Snapshot

47-50 lakh

People affected

₹579 cr

Relief transferred

8.27 lakh

Families paid

₹7,000

Per family

3 Rivers

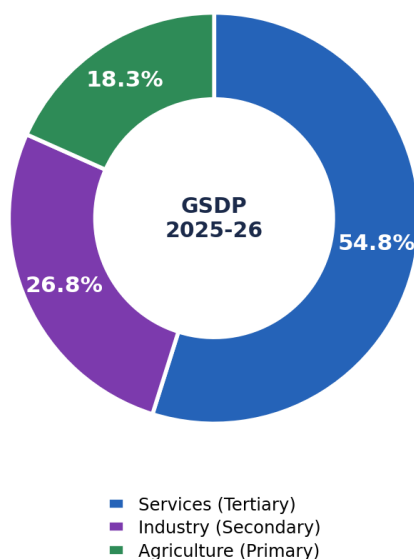
Ganga-Kosi-Gandak

Bihar signs Modified UDAN MoU; heliports planned for aspirational districts

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: UDAN/RCS scheme. Mains GS-II: infrastructure & governance.
Context	An MoU among the Centre, the Airports Authority of India and Bihar will expand regional air links and build heliports in aspirational districts.
Key Facts	- Part of the Cabinet's 17 approvals on 15 Sep 2026. UDAN = Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik regional-connectivity scheme (launched 2016). - New para-veterinary posts created at Bihar Animal Sciences University. - Aims to link smaller cities and boost tourism & medical access.
Way Fwd	Heliports can cut disaster-response and medical-evacuation time in flood-hit districts.
Concept	UDAN/RCS caps airfares on select routes through Viability Gap Funding to airlines.

Bihar Economy 2025-26: Sectoral Share of GSDP



Economic Survey: Bihar's economy grows 14.9%, ahead of the national average

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: Bihar economy data. Mains GS-II: Bihar economy & statistical analysis.
Context	Bihar's latest Economic Survey (2025-26) shows the state outpacing India's growth, though per-capita income stays low.
Key Facts	- GSDP grew 14.9% (current prices) versus India's 12.0%. - GSDP (2024-25) at ₹9.92 lakh crore; per-capita income ₹76,490. - Sector shares: Services 54.8%, Industry 26.8%, Agriculture 18.3%. - Per-capita NSDP is still only ~31.7% of the all-India average.
Way Fwd	Strong industry (15.5%) & services growth must now translate into higher per-capita incomes.
Concept	GSDP is the money value of goods/services produced in a state in a year; per-capita NSDP gauges living standards.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

14.9%

DATA POINT

Bihar's economic growth (2025-26 Economic Survey)

GSDP growth at current prices — ahead of India's 12.0%. State GSDP ₹9.92 lakh crore; per-capita income ₹76,490 (still ~31.7% of the national average).

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

Supreme Court tells RBI to ensure lawful repossession of financed vehicles

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

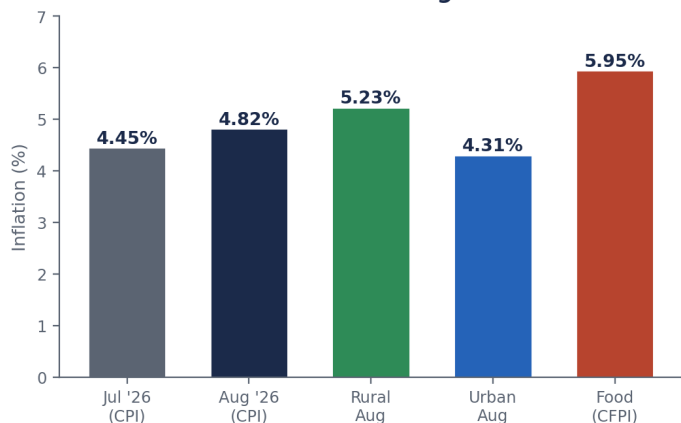
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: SC & RBI. Mains GS-II: polity, regulation & consumer protection.
Context	On 16 Sep 2026 , the Supreme Court directed the RBI to frame and enforce rules so banks & NBFCs seize hypothecated vehicles only through due legal process.
Key Facts	- The Court barred forcible / musclemen repossession; recovery must follow law and fair procedure. - An NBFC (Cholamandalam) was penalised for a coercive seizure. - The RBI must ensure lenders follow its Fair Practices Code. - The ruling upholds borrower dignity under Article 21.
Way Fwd	Clear repossession norms balance credit recovery with consumer-rights protection.
Concept	The RBI is the banking regulator under the RBI Act, 1934 ; NBFCs are also regulated by it.

Retail inflation rises to 4.82% in August 2026; food prices firm up

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

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: CPI & inflation. Mains GS-II: economy & monetary policy.
Context	CPI retail inflation climbed to 4.82% in August 2026 from 4.45% in July, driven mainly by food.
Key Facts	- Food inflation (CFPI) at 5.95%; rural 5.23%, urban 4.31%. - Still within the RBI's 4% (±2%) target band. - New CPI base year is 2024=100. - The RBI's MPC targets 4% medium-term inflation.
Way Fwd	Firming food prices bear watching ahead of the next monetary-policy review.
Concept	CPI tracks retail prices; the RBI-MPC sets the repo rate to anchor inflation.

Retail Inflation — August 2026



India protests Pakistan Navy vessel's collision with warship in Arabian Sea

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: MEA & maritime terms. Mains GS-II: IR, neighbourhood & security.
Context	India lodged a formal protest after a Pakistan Navy ship collided with an Indian Navy warship in the North Arabian Sea (~120-130 nm off Oman) on 15 Sep 2026 .
Key Facts	- India cited unsafe, unprofessional high-speed manoeuvring. - The MEA summoned Pakistan's Chargé d'Affaires on 16 Sep. - India invoked the 1991 India-Pakistan military-exercises agreement & COLREGs. - The Indian Navy keeps 3-4 ships escorting merchant vessels in the region.
Way Fwd	Maritime confidence-building measures and hotline use can prevent escalation at sea.
Concept	COLREGs are international collision-prevention rules; the MEA handles diplomatic protests.

India ranks 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026

REPORT BPSC: Prelims + Mains (Reports & Society)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: global indices. Mains GS-II: society, women & development.
Context	India was placed 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026 , with a parity score of 64.5% .
Key Facts	- Top three: Iceland, Finland, Norway. - The index measures four pillars: economy, education, health & political empowerment. - It is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF). - Global gaps persist most in economic participation.
Way Fwd	Closing workforce and political-representation gaps is key to lifting India's parity ranking.
Concept	The Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender-based gaps, not a country's absolute development level.

18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi adopts the 'New Delhi Declaration'

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: BRICS & groupings. Mains GS-II: IR & multilateral forums.
Context	India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit (12-13 Sep 2026) at Bharat Mandapam — its 4th presidency — adopting the New Delhi Declaration .
Key Facts	- Launched BRICS-AGRIN, a farmer-centric agriculture framework. - New: an Integrated Early-Warning System for infectious diseases, plus logistics & MSME initiatives. NIMHANS Bengaluru named the mental-health training coordinating centre. - Theme: 'Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation & Sustainability'.
Way Fwd	BRICS expansion tests cohesion; India pushes development and Global-South priorities.
Concept	BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (plus new members); a consensus-based bloc.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. **17 September — World Patient Safety Day** (WHO); India also marks **Vishwakarma Puja**.

2. The **Kosi** river is called the '**Sorrow of Bihar**'; it originates in Nepal/the Himalayas.

3. **Mithila Makhana** received its **GI tag** in **2022**.

4. India's **CPI base year** has been revised to **2024=100**.

5. **BRICS** was founded in **2009** (South Africa joined 2010); this is India's **4th** presidency.

6. The **Vishnupad Temple**, Gaya, stands on the banks of the **Falgu** river.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Consider the following about the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launched in Bihar (Sep 2026): 1. It delivers 26 central schemes on-the-spot. 2. It is coordinated across 9 departments. 3. It runs for exactly one week. Which of the above are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: A. The campaign runs 17 Sep-17 Oct 2026 (extended to Mar 2027), not one week; 26 schemes across 9 departments are correct, so statements 1 and 2 hold.

Q2. 'Mithila Makhana', seen in the news, is associated with which state and form of IP protection?

(A) Assam – Patent

(B) Bihar – Geographical Indication

(C) Odisha – Trademark

(D) West Bengal – Copyright

Ans: B. Mithila Makhana of Bihar received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2022.

Mains: Recurring floods in the Kosi-Gandak plains remain Bihar's biggest developmental challenge. Discuss the causes and evaluate recent state measures for flood management. (250 words)

Hint: Cover Himalayan silt load & embankment failure, river-linking (Son-Falgu), the Silt-Management Policy 2026, DBT relief and early-warning systems.

★ QUICK REVISION: 17 Sep 2026 — Bihar: 17-item Cabinet (Vishnupad Corridor ₹2,520 cr, makhana ₹89.8 cr), 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launch, ₹579 cr flood relief; National: SC on lawful vehicle repossession, CPI 4.82% (Aug), India 131st on the Global Gender Gap Index 2026.

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