

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Ganga at Patna's Gandhi Ghat crosses its 2016 peak
- 18th BRICS Summit ends in Delhi; Declaration adopted
- 47.33 lakh flood-affected across 15 Bihar districts
- India's retail (CPI) inflation rises to 4.82% (Aug)
- Kharif MSP: paddy up ₹72 to ₹2,441/quintal (2026-27)
- Unemployment rate eases to 5.0% in August 2026
- Bihar unveils a dedicated AI Policy 2026 for IT hubs
- Four Bihar-linked names in 72nd National Film Awards
- Pitripaksh Mela begins 25 Sept in Gaya (QR bands)
- Dryland Congress adopts 'Delhi Declaration on Drylands'

SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL

Bihar Floods 2026: Ganga at Patna crosses 2016 record

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography & Disaster Mgmt)
Syllabus	Bihar geography, rivers & flood management (GS-II); disaster management & governance. Prelims: north-Bihar rivers, embankments, NDRF/SDRF.
Context	A severe flood spell has swollen the Ganga and its north-Bihar tributaries. The Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna has crossed its previous maximum recorded level of 2016 , straining embankments across the state.
Key Facts	- About 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts. - Rivers above danger mark: Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Punpun, Ghaghra. 10 NDRF and 27 SDRF teams deployed; 1,876 boats in service. 1,221 community kitchens, 15 relief camps (12,260 people), 3.13 lakh polythene sheets. - September rainfall about 27% above normal (104.1 mm).
Way Fwd	Complete the Kosi-Mechi link and desilting works, strengthen embankment monitoring and real-time flood forecasting.
Concept	North Bihar's Kosi ('Sorrow of Bihar'), Gandak and Bagmati originate in Nepal; flat gradient + heavy silt cause recurrent floods.

BIHAR FLOOD 2026 — RIVER & DISASTER MANAGEMENT Sept 2026

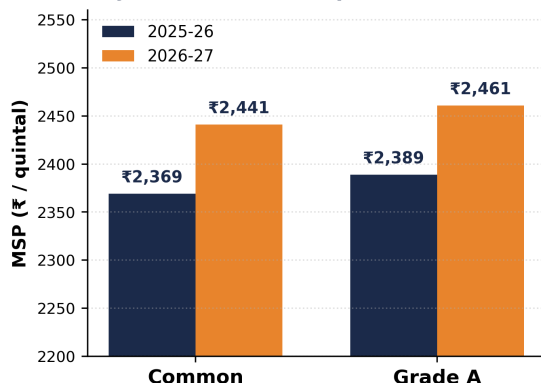
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Rivers above danger mark: Ganga Kosi Gandak Bagmati Burhi Gandak Punpun Ghaghra			
Relief measures: 1,221 Community kitchens 3.13 lakh Polythene sheets 48,400 Dry-ration packets +27% Sept rainfall vs normal			

Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna crossed its previous 2016 maximum level.

Bihar opens 2026-27 paddy procurement at raised MSP

ECONOMY	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Agriculture)
Syllabus	Bihar economy & agriculture; MSP, PACS, food security (GS-II). Prelims: MSP, CACP, procurement machinery.
Context	With the Cabinet's Kharif MSP hike, Bihar's Dhan Adhiprapti (paddy procurement) drive for 2026-27 opens through PACS and trade bodies, with payment routed via PFMS.
Key Facts	- Paddy (common) MSP raised ₹72 to ₹2,441/quintal; Grade-A ₹2,461/quintal. - Centre cleared higher MSP for 14 Kharif crops (2026-27), a ₹2.6 lakh crore outgo. - Bihar payment target: within 48 hours of purchase, into farmers' accounts. - Procurement via PACS and vyapar mandals; registration of raiyat/non-raiyat farmers live.
Way Fwd	Widen PACS coverage, curb distress sales below MSP, and speed up milling and storage.
Concept	MSP is recommended by the CACP and announced by the Union Cabinet before sowing to assure farmers a floor price.

Paddy MSP Hike (+₹72/qtl) — Kharif 2026-27



Bihar rolls out a dedicated AI Policy 2026**SCI-TECH** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Technology in Bihar)

Syllabus	Role & impact of science and technology; e-governance in Bihar (GS-II). Prelims: AI, data centres, IT policy.
Context	The state government has unveiled a dedicated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy 2026 to seed AI/IT hubs, skill youth and embed AI in citizen services, seeking private and diaspora investment.
Key Facts	- Focus pillars: AI/IT hubs, skilling & jobs, e-governance and investment. - Aims to attract data centres and Global Capability Centres (GCCs). - AI to be used in citizen-facing services and governance analytics. - Positions Bihar within India's wider push on an AI mission and IT hub development.
Way Fwd	Build data infrastructure, AI curricula in universities/ITIs and clear data-governance rules.
Concept	Artificial Intelligence enables machines to perform tasks needing human-like reasoning; states are framing AI policies to draw IT investment.

Four Bihar-linked names in 72nd National Film Awards**BIHAR** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Bihar's role in Culture)

Syllabus	Personalities & culture with Bihar's role (GS-I); awards. Prelims: National Film Awards, Swarna Kamal.
Context	The 72nd National Film Awards feature four Bihar-connected winners; the ceremony is set for 22 September 2026 , with the President conferring the Swarna Kamal .
Key Facts	Sanjay Mishra — Best Supporting Actor (for Bhakshak). Kamlesh Kumar Mishra & Meenati Mishra (Gopalganj) — for the film Kakori. Sanjeev Srivastava (Muzaffarpur) — Best Film Critic. Kartik Aaryan and Mammootty shared Best Actor (Leading Role).
Way Fwd	Boost Bihar's film ecosystem via a state film policy, studios and shooting incentives.
Concept	National Film Awards, instituted 1954 , are administered by the NFDC/DFP ; top honour is the Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) .

BIHAR AI POLICY 2026**IT / AI Hubs**

Data centres, GCC push

Skilling & Jobs

AI training for youth

e-Governance

AI in citizen services

Investment

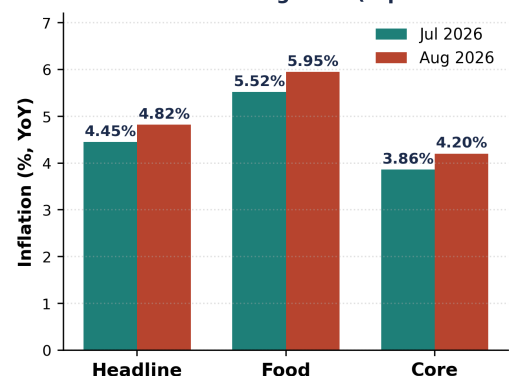
Diaspora & private capital

Pitripaksh Mela 2026 to begin in Gaya on 25 September**SOCIETY** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Bihar Culture & Heritage)

Syllabus	Bihar's cultural heritage, fairs and pilgrimage (GS-I). Prelims: Gaya, Falgu river, Vishnupad temple.
Context	Preparations are on for the annual Pitripaksh Mela in Gaya , beginning 25 September 2026 , when pilgrims perform pind-daan (ancestral rites) on the banks of the Falgu.
Key Facts	- Pilgrims perform pind-daan / shraddh for ancestors during Pitru Paksha. - Rites centre on the Falgu river and the Vishnupad Temple. - Child-safety step: QR-coded bands linked to parents' contact details. - One of Bihar's largest religious congregations, drawing pilgrims from across India and abroad.
Way Fwd	Strengthen crowd management, sanitation and the Falgu's water flow (rubber-dam supported).
Concept	Gaya is a key node of the Buddhist Circuit (Bodh Gaya nearby) and a major Hindu pilgrimage for ancestral rites.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY**4.82%****India CPI (retail) inflation — August 2026**

Up from 4.45% in July; food inflation at 5.95% and core near 4.2%. The RBI held the repo rate at 5.25% (neutral stance); next MPC review is due in October 2026.

India CPI Inflation — Aug 2026 (repo held 5.25%)**SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD**

18th BRICS Summit concludes in New Delhi**IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)**

Syllabus	India & the world; groupings (GS-II). Prelims: BRICS members, chairmanship, declarations.
Context	India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi , concluding its 4th chairmanship , with the New Delhi Declaration adopted and cooperation launched in space, health and agriculture.
Key Facts	- Theme: Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, Sustainability. - India's earlier BRICS chair years: 2012, 2016, 2021; this is the 4th. NIMHANS, Bengaluru named coordinating centre for a mental-health training hub. - New initiatives in space, health and agriculture announced.
Way Fwd	Operationalise BRICS payment, health and agri initiatives; balance expansion with cohesion.
Concept	BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + newer members) is a plurilateral bloc of major emerging economies.

INDIA LABOUR SNAPSHOT — AUGUST 2026

PLFS survey

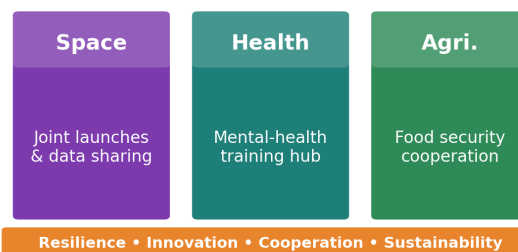
▼ from 5.1%	▲	▲	Aug 2026
5.0%	55.6%	52.8%	3.70 L
Unemployment rate	Labour Force Part. Rate	Worker-Population Ratio	Persons surveyed

Dryland Congress 2026 adopts 'Delhi Declaration on Drylands'**ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Environment & Agriculture)**

Syllabus	Environment, dryland agriculture, institutions (GS-II). Prelims: ICAR, ICRISAT, drylands.
Context	An international Dryland Congress 2026 in New Delhi marked 50 years of the ICAR-ICRISAT partnership and adopted the Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D) .
Key Facts	- Organised by ICAR and ICRISAT. - Adopted the Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D). - Inaugural ISSCA Global Awards 2026: 170 nominations from 34 countries. - Focus: resilient dryland farming, soil & water conservation.
Way Fwd	Scale climate-resilient crops and micro-irrigation for rain-fed regions.
Concept	Drylands (arid/semi-arid, rain-fed) cover much of India's cropped area; ICRISAT is HQ'd at Patancheru, Hyderabad.

India lift record 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup title**SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Sports & Current Affairs)**

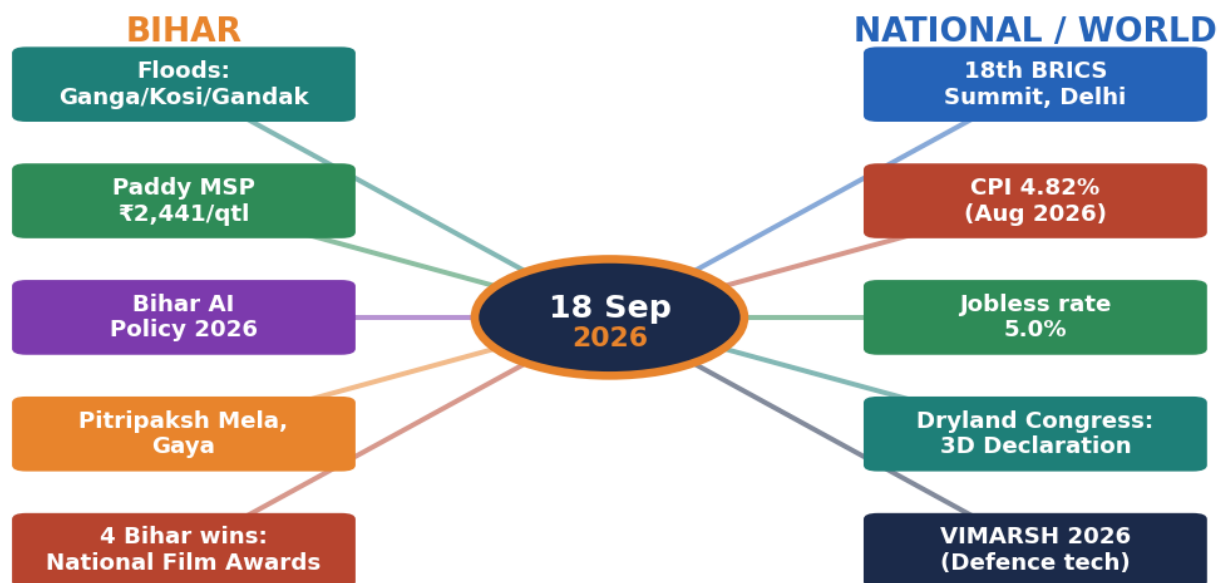
Syllabus	Sports awareness, current affairs (GS-I). Prelims: Asia Cup, teams, records.
Context	India's women won a record 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup , defeating Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final.
Key Facts	- India's 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup title — a record. - Beat Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final. - Reinforces India's dominance in Asian women's cricket.
Way Fwd	Sustain investment in women's domestic cricket and grassroots pathways.
Concept	The Women's Asia Cup is organised under the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) .

18th BRICS SUMMIT — New Delhi**New Delhi Declaration • India's 4th chairmanship****Jobless rate eases to 5.0% in August 2026****ECONOMY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy)**

Syllabus	Employment, PLFS indicators (GS-II). Prelims: unemployment rate, LFPR, WPR, PLFS.
Context	The latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) shows the all-India unemployment rate easing in August 2026 , with participation and worker ratios inching up.
Key Facts	- Unemployment rate: 5.0% (August) vs 5.1% (July). - Labour Force Participation Rate: 55.6%. - Worker-Population Ratio: 52.8%. - Survey coverage: about 3.70 lakh persons nationally.
Way Fwd	Sustain formal job creation, female participation and skilling to hold gains.
Concept	LFPR = labour force as % of population; WPR = employed as % of population; UR = unemployed as % of labour force.

Defence Ministry launches VIMARSH 2026 with tech transfers**DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Tech / Defence)**

Syllabus	Defence indigenisation, science & technology (GS-II). Prelims: DRDO, ToT, Atmanirbhar defence.
Context	The Defence Minister launched VIMARSH 2026 , signing 9 Technology Transfer Licensing Agreements to deepen indigenous defence manufacturing.
Key Facts	9 Technology Transfer Licensing Agreements (TTLAs) signed. - Aim: strengthen Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence. - Encourages private industry participation in defence R&D. - Part of a wider push on defence indigenisation and exports.
Way Fwd	Convert technology transfers into scaled production and exports.
Concept	Transfer of Technology (ToT) lets domestic firms manufacture systems developed by DRDO/labs, cutting import dependence.



SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

■ Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag; a Makhana Board is being set up to boost farmers' income in Bihar.	■ Patna Metro's first (priority) section on the Blue Line is operational, a milestone in the city's urban transport.
■ World Ozone Day is observed on 16 September (2026 theme focuses on global action for a cooler planet).	■ International Day of Democracy falls on 15 September.
■ Kosi is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar'; the Kosi-Mechi link aims at flood relief and irrigation.	■ India's repo rate stands at 5.25%; the next RBI MPC meeting is scheduled for October 2026.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif 2026-27, consider the following:

1. The MSP for paddy (common) was raised by ₹72 to ₹2,441 per quintal.
2. MSP is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

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. Paddy (common) MSP rose ₹72 to ₹2,441/quintal for 2026-27, and MSP is recommended by the CACP before Cabinet approval. Both are correct.

Q2. Consider the following rivers that were flowing above the danger mark during the 2026 Bihar floods:

1. Bagmati
2. Gandak
3. Ghaghra

Which of these are tributaries linked to the Ganga system in Bihar?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: D. Bagmati, Gandak and Ghaghra are all part of the Ganga river system in Bihar and were above the danger mark during the 2026 floods.

Mains Q. North Bihar faces recurrent, high-magnitude floods almost every monsoon. Examine the geographical causes and suggest a sustainable, basin-level flood-management strategy for the state. (BPSC Mains GS-II)

Hint: Cover Himalayan/Nepal-origin rivers (Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati), high silt load & flat gradient, embankment limits; suggest desilting, Kosi-Mechi link, forecasting, floodplain zoning and Indo-Nepal cooperation.

★ **QUICK REVISION:** Remember today: Ganga tops 2016 record at Patna • 47.33 lakh flood-affected in 15 districts • CPI 4.82% (Aug) • Paddy MSP ₹2,441 • 18th BRICS = New Delhi Declaration • Jobless rate 5.0%.

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