

## TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

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- PM distributes 51,000+ jobs at the 20th Rozgar Mela.
- Makhana Development Scheme gets ₹89.79 cr for 2026-27.
- RBI holds the repo rate at 5.50% with a neutral stance.
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- GST 2.0 process reforms to be taken up on 7 October.
- Ganga at Patna's Gandhi Ghat crosses its 2016 record level.
- India sends its 9th IAF relief flight (11 t) to flood-hit Nepal.
- India hosts the 18th BRICS Summit; New Delhi Declaration adopted.
- PM Modi: India's per-capita emissions under half the world average.

## SECTION A · BIHAR SPECIAL

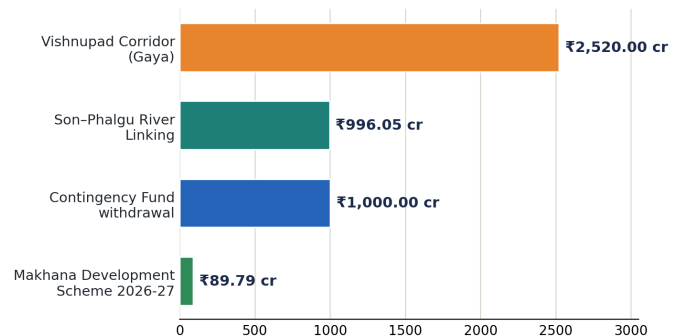
State schemes · policy · economy

### Bihar Cabinet clears ₹2,520 cr Vishnupad Corridor in Gaya

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – Indian polity & governance (Bihar); Prelims – state schemes, temple-corridor projects, Contingency Fund.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Context</b>   | The State Cabinet cleared 17 agendas on 15 September 2026, headlined by a Kashi-Vishwanath-style corridor around the Vishnupad temple in Gaya.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vishnupad Temple Corridor, Gaya: ₹2,520 crore, built on the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor model.</li> <li>■ To be executed by the Bihar State Road Development Corporation; includes ghats, multi-level parking, elevated pathways &amp; dormitories.</li> <li>■ ₹1,000 crore withdrawal sanctioned from the State Contingency Fund.</li> <li>■ Boosts the Gaya-Bodh Gaya faith-tourism circuit.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Faith-tourism corridors can deepen Bihar's pilgrimage economy and create local jobs and hospitality demand.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Concept</b>   | Contingency Fund of a State – Article 267(2); the temple-corridor model was pioneered at Kashi Vishwanath, Varanasi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

Bihar Cabinet (15 Sep) — Key Financial Approvals (₹ crore)



### Makhana scheme & Son-Phalgu river-linking approved

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – Bihar economy, agriculture & geography; Prelims – GI crops, river-linking, budgets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Context</b>   | The same Cabinet meeting cleared a fresh Makhana Development Scheme outlay and a river-linking project drawing water from the Indrapuri Barrage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Makhana Development Scheme 2026-27: ₹89.79 crore outlay.</li> <li>■ Son-Phalgu river-linking: ₹996.05 crore, with an 11-km pipeline from the Indrapuri Barrage intake well.</li> <li>■ National Mission on Edible Oil (Oil Palm): ₹2.10 crore for 2026-27.</li> <li>■ Bihar grows the bulk of India's makhana; Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag (2022).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Value-addition, a dedicated Makhana Board and GI branding can raise farmer incomes and push exports of the superfood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Concept</b>   | GI Tag – Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999; makhana (fox-nut/Euryale ferox) is grown in the Mithila region's ponds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### Makhana Scheme 2026-27 (₹89.79 cr) Bihar Value Chain

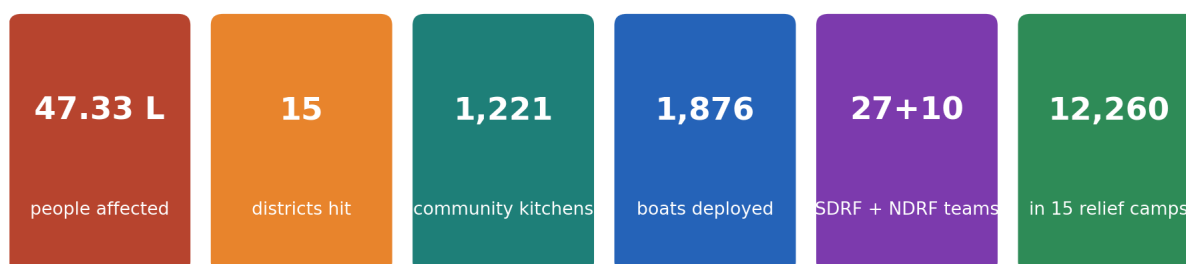


## Bihar floods: 47.33 lakh hit as Ganga breaks 2016 record

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – Bihar geography, rivers & flood management; Prelims – rivers, barrages, NDRF/SDRF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Context</b>   | A severe September deluge has left over 47 lakh people affected across 15 districts, with the Ganga and its tributaries breaching danger levels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea, Begusarai, Buxar).</li> <li>■ Ganga at Patna's Gandhi Ghat crossed its 2016 record; Gandak, Kosi, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak &amp; Punpun above the danger mark.</li> <li>■ Relief: 1,221 community kitchens, 15 camps (12,260 people), 1,876 boats, 3.13 lakh polythene sheets, 48,400 dry-ration packets.</li> <li>■ 27 SDRF and 10 NDRF teams deployed.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Embankment maintenance, silt management and Indo-Nepal coordination on the Kosi are central to durable flood control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Concept</b>   | The Kosi is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar'; the NDRF works under the NDMA (Disaster Management Act, 2005).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Bihar Floods 2026 — Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati above danger mark (Ganga at Patna past 2016 record)**



## Bihar's 125-day job guarantee & new welfare push

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – governance & welfare schemes in Bihar; Prelims – flagship state schemes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Context</b>   | The state is widening employment and citizen-service schemes under CM Samrat Choudhary, Bihar's first BJP Chief Minister.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 'Viksit Bihar' employment guarantee: 125 days of unskilled work a year across 38 districts.</li> <li>■ Welfare schemes: 'Police Didi' for women's safety, digital property registration for senior citizens, satellite townships &amp; heli-tourism.</li> <li>■ Samrat Choudhary has been Chief Minister since 15 April 2026 (BJP).</li> <li>■ A water-resource policy for silt management in rivers &amp; reservoirs was also cleared.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Convergence with MGNREGA and skilling programmes can widen rural livelihoods and curb distress migration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Concept</b>   | MGNREGA, 2005 guarantees 100 days of wage employment; states may add extra days from their own funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## UDAN, brick-kiln settlement & prison-land fuel pumps cleared

**BIHAR** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Administration & State Economy)

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – state administration & economy; Prelims – aviation & administrative schemes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Context</b>   | Beyond the big-ticket items, the Cabinet approved a basket of administrative and economic measures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Implementation of the modified UDAN regional-connectivity aviation scheme in the state.</li> <li>■ A one-time settlement scheme for brick-kiln operators' outstanding dues.</li> <li>■ Petrol-pump operations permitted on prison lands at 4 locations.</li> <li>■ New mining-sector regulations approved.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Better regional air links (UDAN) and small-industry relief can spur balanced regional growth in Bihar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Concept</b>   | UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) – launched 2016 under the Regional Connectivity Scheme to make flying affordable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## 366 medical faculty posts cleared to fix doctor gaps

**BIHAR** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health & Education)

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Mains GS-II – health & education governance in Bihar; Prelims – institutions & recruitment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Context</b>   | To strengthen medical education, the Cabinet approved a large faculty-recruitment drive across state colleges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>366 assistant-professor posts across 5 government medical colleges (contract basis).</li> <li>Faculty recruitment for professor and lecturer roles in dental colleges.</li> <li>4 instructor and 2 clerical posts at the Patna Paravet School (Veterinary Sciences).</li> <li>Aims to improve teaching capacity and healthcare delivery.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Filling faculty vacancies is vital for MBBS seat expansion and better public-health outcomes in Bihar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Concept</b>   | Medical education is regulated by the National Medical Commission (NMC), which replaced the MCI in 2020.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## SECTION B · DATA POINT OF THE DAY

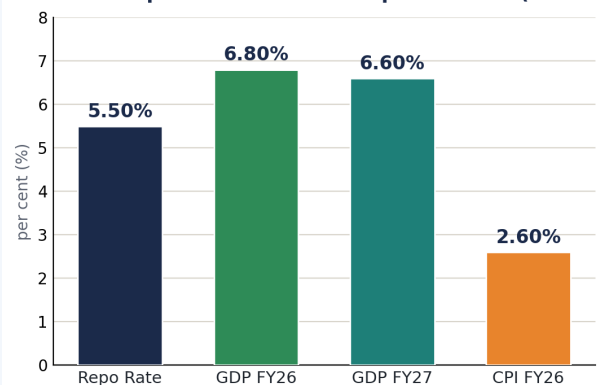
Key statistic

### RBI REPO RATE (HELD)

# 5.50%

The RBI has kept the policy repo rate at 5.50% with a neutral stance. Real GDP is projected at 6.8% (FY26) and 6.6% (FY27), with CPI inflation around 2.6% (FY26). GST 2.0 process reforms head to the Council on 7 October 2026.

Macro Snapshot — RBI holds Repo at 5.50% (neutral)



## SECTION C · NATIONAL & WORLD

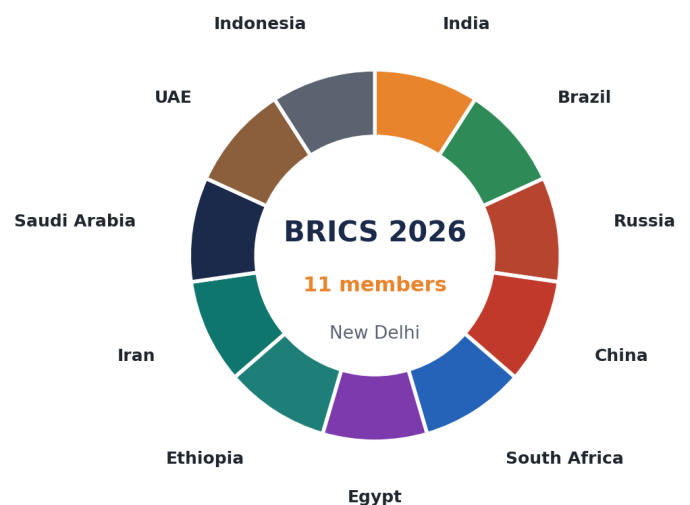
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## India hosts 18th BRICS Summit; New Delhi Declaration adopted

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Prelims – international summits & groupings; Mains GS-II – India's foreign relations & economic diplomacy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Context</b>   | India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (12–13 September 2026), under its 2026 chairship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'.</li> <li>11 members: India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE &amp; Indonesia.</li> <li>Adopted the New Delhi Declaration – a 140-paragraph consensus on global-governance &amp; WTO reform and local-currency trade (no common currency).</li> <li>PM Modi held bilaterals with Russia's Putin and China's Xi Jinping.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | BRICS gives India a platform to push a multipolar order and reformed multilateralism while balancing ties across blocs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Concept</b>   | BRIC coined 2001; BRICS from 2010; New Development Bank is HQ'd at Shanghai; India held the chair in 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### 18th BRICS Summit — New Delhi Declaration



## PM distributes 51,000+ jobs at the 20th Rozgar Mela

POLITY

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance &amp; Employment)

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Prelims – flagship central schemes & constitutional posts; Mains GS-II – governance & employment generation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Context</b>   | PM Modi handed out over 51,000 appointment letters through video conferencing at the 20th Rozgar Mela on 19 September 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>51,000+ appointment letters distributed at the 20th Rozgar Mela.</li> <li>Rural Development Ministry to train about 34,000 rural youth under DDU-GKY 2.0 next month.</li> <li>President Droupadi Murmu appointed 14 judicial officers as judges across 5 High Courts.</li> <li>The Agnipath scheme was highlighted for skilling youth alongside military service.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Sustained public recruitment plus skilling (DDU-GKY, Agnipath) can help tackle the youth-employment challenge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Concept</b>   | DDU-GKY – a placement-linked skilling scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development; HC judges appointed under Article 217.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## India sends 9th IAF relief flight to flood-hit Nepal

IR

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Neighbourhood &amp; Disaster Diplomacy)

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Prelims – India-Nepal relations; Mains GS-II – neighbourhood-first policy & HADR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Context</b>   | India dispatched its ninth Air Force relief plane to flood-affected Nepal on 19 September 2026, reinforcing 'Neighbourhood First'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 9th IAF relief flight carried 11 tonnes of medicines, tents &amp; hygiene kits.</li> <li>Part of India's Humanitarian Assistance &amp; Disaster Relief (HADR) outreach.</li> <li>The same Himalayan river system feeds both Nepal's floods and Bihar's (Kosi/Gandak).</li> <li>Reflects the 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Joint Indo-Nepal river and flood management could turn shared vulnerability into lasting cooperation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Concept</b>   | HADR is a key pillar of India's soft power; the IAF is the lead agency for aerial relief operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Jobs & Skilling — National + Bihar Employment Push

51,000+

appointment letters  
20th Rozgar Mela

34,000

rural youth trained  
DDU-GKY 2.0

125 days

work / yr - Viksit  
Bihar (38 dist.)

366

asst. professor posts  
5 Bihar med colleges

## GST 2.0: process reforms head to Council on 7 October

ECONOMY

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

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Prelims – GST & indirect taxes; Mains GS-II – Indian economy & fiscal federalism.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Context</b>   | The Union Finance Minister said the GST Council will meet on 7 October 2026 to take up process reforms under 'GST 2.0'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus: expanding e-invoicing (including composition dealers) and rationalising input-tax-credit (ITC) rules.</li> <li>Follows the rate-rationalisation phase; described as still within GST 2.0, not 3.0.</li> <li>GST was introduced on 1 July 2017 via the 101st Constitutional Amendment.</li> <li>The GST Council is a constitutional body under Article 279A.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Simpler compliance and fewer slabs can widen the tax base and ease costs for small businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Concept</b>   | In the GST Council, the Centre holds 1/3 and States 2/3 of votes; decisions need a 3/4th weighted majority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## ISRO gears up for first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission

SCI-TECH

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science &amp; Technology)

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| <b>Syllabus</b>  | Prelims – space missions & agencies; Mains GS-II – role & impact of science & technology.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Context</b>   | ISRO is preparing the first uncrewed Gaganyaan (G1) test flight, targeted for late 2026, its chief has confirmed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Key Facts</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaganyaan is India's first human-spaceflight programme.</li> <li>The uncrewed G1 flight will carry the humanoid robot 'Vyommitra'.</li> <li>The crewed mission is expected around 2027; ISRO chief is V. Narayanan.</li> <li>It will fly on the human-rated LVM3 from Sriharikota (SDSC SHAR).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Way Fwd</b>   | Success would make India the 4th nation to independently send humans to space, boosting the space economy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Concept</b>   | ISRO was founded in 1969; LVM3 = Launch Vehicle Mark-3, India's heaviest operational rocket.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Today's Current Affairs — Theme Map (Bihar + National)



## SECTION D · PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Quick facts

- ▶ The Kosi river is called the 'Sorrow of Bihar'.
- ▶ Global Gender Gap Index 2026: India ranked 131st; Iceland tops the list.
- ▶ Gaganyaan's uncrewed flight will carry the humanoid 'Vyommitra'.
- ▶ Mithila Makhana received its GI tag in 2022.
- ▶ BRICS now has 11 members after its recent expansion.
- ▶ The GST Council is a constitutional body under Article 279A.

## SECTION E · PRACTICE CORNER

MCQs + Mains

**Q1.** The Vishnupad Temple Corridor, recently approved by the Bihar Cabinet, is located in which district?

(A) Nalanda (B) Gaya (C) Rohtas (D) Bhagalpur

**Ans: B.** The ₹2,520-crore corridor, modelled on the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, will develop the Vishnupad temple in Gaya.

**Q2.** Consider the following about the 18th BRICS Summit (2026): 1) It was hosted by India at New Delhi. 2) Members adopted the New Delhi Declaration. 3) A common BRICS currency was launched. 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.** India hosted the summit and members adopted the New Delhi Declaration; no common currency was launched – the focus was on local-currency trade.

**Mains Q.** "Bihar's recurring floods are as much a problem of water management as of geography." Discuss with reference to the Kosi-Gandak river system and suggest measures.

**Hint:** Cover the Himalayan-origin high sediment load, embankment breaches, Indo-Nepal barrage coordination, silt management, wetland/drainage revival and the 2026 flood data (47.33 lakh affected).

**REVISION:** Revise: Vishnupad Corridor (Gaya, ₹2,520 cr) · Makhana Scheme (₹89.79 cr) · Bihar floods (47.33 lakh) · BRICS New Delhi Declaration · RBI repo 5.50% · GST 2.0 (7 Oct).

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