

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar floods: **47.33 lakh** hit across **15 districts**
- Ganga at Patna tops its **2016** record level
- Cabinet extends **Student Credit Card** to **2030-31**
- **Makhana Board**: ₹476 cr push for **9 districts**
- Patna HC awards **₹1 lakh** for Article 21 breach
- Bihar GSDP grows **14.9%**, beats national rate
- **Jan Aushadhi** basket now **2,110** medicines
- **Kishau dam** pact by **6 states** on Tons river
- **US Fed** hikes rate to **3.75-4.00%**
- Asian Games open; **Suchika Tariyal** gets India's 1st medal

SECTION A BIHAR SPECIAL — schemes, policy & administration

Bihar floods: 47 lakh+ hit as Ganga, Kosi, Gandak breach danger mark

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

Syllabus	GS-II Bihar geography & river systems; disaster management. Prelims : north-Bihar rivers, danger levels, NDRF/SDRF.
Context	After 27% above-normal September rainfall, major north-Bihar rivers crossed danger levels, submerging swathes of the Gangetic plain and triggering large-scale relief.
Key Facts	■ 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea, Buxar). ■ Ganga at Sultanganj ran 2.12 m above danger; Gandhi Ghat, Patna topped its 2016 record. ■ 10 NDRF + 27 SDRF teams, 1,876 boats, 1,221 community kitchens, 15 relief camps deployed. ■ Also above danger: Kosi, Gandak, Burhi Gandak, Bagmati, Punpun, Ghaghra.
Way Fwd	Fast-track the Kosi-Mechi link and embankment strengthening; adopt real-time flood forecasting and desilting.
Concept	Bihar is India's most flood-prone state (~73% of area flood-labile); most rivers rise in Nepal , making it a trans-boundary issue.

Bihar Cabinet clears 27 proposals; Student Credit Card extended to 2030-31

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

Syllabus	GS-II Bihar governance & state schemes; human-resource development. Prelims : flagship Bihar youth/education schemes.
Context	The state cabinet approved a welfare-and-administration package, headlined by continuation of the flagship higher-education loan scheme and a shift to e-Cabinet .
Key Facts	■ Student Credit Card Scheme extended up to 2030-31 with a ~₹950 crore outlay. ■ Kaushal Yuva Program (skill training) also extended. ■ e-Cabinet approved for paperless governance. ■ Support cleared for B.Ed college upgrades / multidisciplinary colleges.
Way Fwd	Link credit-card graduates to placement & entrepreneurship to curb out-migration.
Concept	The Student Credit Card (since 2016 , under 7 Nishchay) offers up to ₹4 lakh education loan — a key Bihar HR tool.

Patna HC quashes arbitrary externment, awards ₹1 lakh for Article 21 breach

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity, Rights & Judiciary)

Syllabus	GS-II fundamental rights, judiciary, executive accountability. Prelims : Article 21, writs, High Court powers.
Context	In <i>Girdhari Yadav v. State of Bihar</i> , the High Court struck down an externment order issued under the Bihar Crime Control Act, 2024 and penalised the erring officer.
Key Facts	■ Bench of Justices Rajeev Ranjan Prasad & S.D. Mishra (order dated 11 Sep 2026). ■ The order forced daily police attendance 40 km away, 10 AM-5 PM — held arbitrary. ■ ₹1,00,000 compensation + ₹10,000 costs, recoverable from the erring DM (Banka). ■ Held to violate Article 21 (protection of life & personal liberty).
Way Fwd	Reaffirms that preventive/police powers must meet tests of reasonableness & due process .
Concept	Article 21 guarantees life & personal liberty; courts can grant compensation as a public-law remedy for its breach.

National Makhana Board drives ₹476 cr push in Bihar's Mithilanchal

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

Syllabus	GS-II Bihar economy, agriculture & allied, food processing. Prelims : makhana geography, GI, institutions.
Context	The National Makhana Board (headquartered in Bihar) anchors a six-year mission to lift productivity and value-addition in fox-nut farming, concentrated in north Bihar.
Key Facts	■ Outlay ₹476.03 crore (2025-26 to 2030-31) for seed supply & post-harvest processing. ■ Covers 9 districts: Madhubani, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnea, Supaul, Kishanganj, Araria. ■ India ~80% of global makhana output; NRC Makhana anchor at Darbhanga. ■ Certified seed from Univ. Sabour & CAU Samastipur; Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag.
Way Fwd	Boost popping mechanisation, cold chains and export branding to raise farmer income.
Concept	Makhana (fox-nut, <i>Euryale ferox</i>) is a wetland cash crop; a GI tag protects Mithila Makhana's origin identity.

Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana anchors Bihar women's livelihoods drive

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Social Justice)

Syllabus	GS-II women empowerment, employment, Bihar economy. Prelims: state women-centric schemes.
Context	Bihar's flagship women-employment scheme provides seed capital so women can start micro-enterprises and self-employment ventures.
Key Facts	- First tranche of ₹10,000 each transferred to about 21 lakh women. - Further support up to ₹2 lakh for viable enterprises after training. - Aims to raise female labour-force participation and rural incomes. - Delivered via the Jeevika (SHG) network for last-mile reach.
Way Fwd	Tie grants to markets, credit and skilling to make ventures durable.
Concept	Builds on Bihar's Jeevika self-help-group model; complements national goals on women-led development .

BIHAR FLOOD 2026 — IMPACT & RELIEF SNAPSHOT

47.33 lakh

people affected

15

districts hit

10 + 27

NDRF + SDRF teams

1,876

boats deployed

1,221

community kitchens

Major rivers above danger level (m above mark)

Ganga (Sultanganj)	+2.12 m
Kosi (Baltara)	+1.35 m
Gandak (Dumariaghat)	+1.10 m
Bagmati (Benibad)	+0.85 m

NATIONAL MAKHANA BOARD — ₹476.03 cr MISSION (2025-26 → 2030-31)



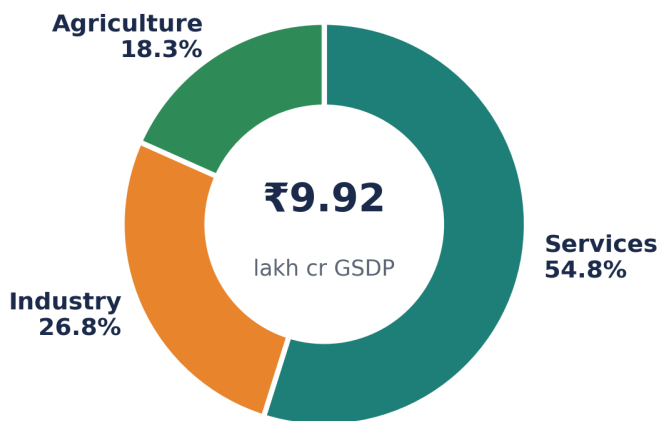
SECTION B DATA POINT OF THE DAY

BIHAR'S ECONOMY GROWS FASTER THAN THE NATION

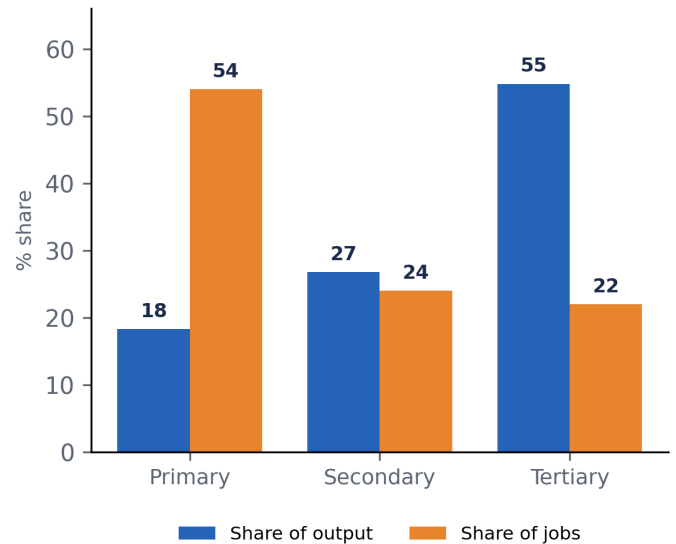
14.9% vs 12.0%

Bihar's GSDP grew **14.9%** at current prices in **2025-26** against India's ~**12.0%**, crossing **₹9.92 lakh crore**. Yet per-capita income (**₹76,490**) stays well below the national average, and agriculture still holds **54%** of jobs for only **18%** of output — a growth-with-gaps story.

Bihar GSDP by sector (2024-25)



Bihar: output vs jobs by sector



SECTION C NATIONAL & WORLD — polity, economy, sci-tech & IR

Jan Aushadhi (PMBJP) widens basket to 2,110 affordable medicines

HEALTH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health & Governance)

Syllabus	GS-II health governance, affordable medicine, welfare schemes. Prelims: PMBJP facts & figures.
Context	The affordable-generic-medicine programme has expanded its range and outreach, adding new infant-care and elderly-care baskets.
Key Facts	2,110 medicines + 315 surgicals/devices; 20,000+ Jan Aushadhi Kendras. - Cumulative sales ₹7,873.85 cr (2021-22 to 2025-26); citizen savings ~₹37,200 cr. - New baskets: Janaushadhi Bachpan (infant care) & Jan Aushadhi Swabhiman (adult diapers). - Generics priced 50-90% below branded equivalents.
Way Fwd	Expand rural Kendras and doctor-side generic prescribing for deeper savings.
Concept	PMBJP (Dept. of Pharmaceuticals) sells unbranded generic medicines at low cost through Kendras.

Jan Aushadhi (PMBJP) at a glance

20,000+

Kendras nationwide

2,110

medicines + 315 devices

₹7,874 cr

cumulative sales

₹37,200 cr

citizen savings

Kishau Multipurpose Project

6-state pact on Tons river (Yamuna basin)

232.6 m

concrete gravity dam

1,562 MCM

storage capacity

97,000 ha

irrigation

₹15,624 cr

project cost

Six states sign Kishau multipurpose dam pact on Tons river

ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Geography, Water & Federalism)

Syllabus	GS-II river systems, water resources, inter-state cooperation. Prelims: Yamuna basin, dam facts.
Context	Six northern states agreed to jointly build one of India's tallest dams for storage, irrigation and hydropower, reviving a long-pending project.
Key Facts	- Pact signed 15 Sep 2026 by UP, Uttarakhand, HP, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana. 232.6 m concrete gravity dam on the Tons river (Yamuna sub-basin); storage 1,562 MCM. - Irrigation 97,000 ha; hydropower 1,476 MU; cost ~₹15,624 cr. - Concerns flagged on seismic risk and displacement (~2,950 ha submergence).
Way Fwd	Balance water security with rigorous EIA, resettlement and seismic safeguards.
Concept	The Tons is the largest tributary of the Yamuna ; inter-state river projects rest on cooperative federalism.

US Fed's first hike since 2023 lifts rate to 3.75-4.00%**ECONOMY** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Economy & International Relations)

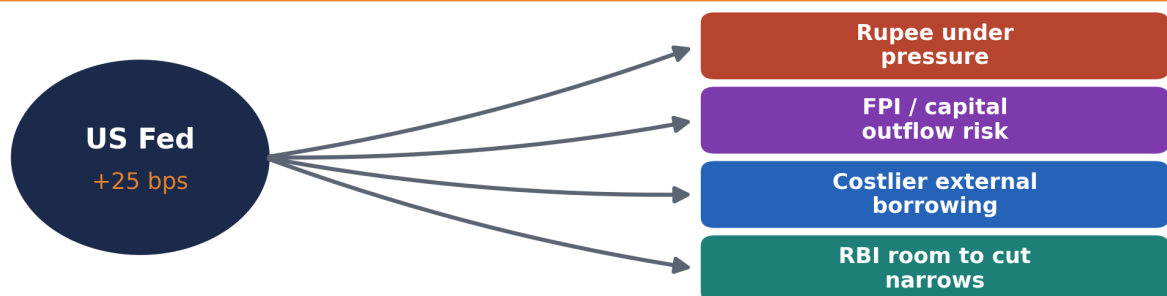
Syllabus	GS-II economy, monetary policy, global linkages. Prelims: Fed, repo rate, capital flows.
Context	The US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark rate to tame sticky inflation — its first increase in three years — with implications for emerging markets like India.
Key Facts	- Fed funds rate up 25 bps to 3.75-4.00% (decided 16 Sep 2026), a unanimous vote. - Fed Chair Kevin Warsh; no rate cuts signalled through 2027. 2026 US inflation projected ~3.7%; the 2% target seen only by 2029. - For India: risks of rupee pressure, FPI outflows and costlier external borrowing.
Way Fwd	RBI likely to defend the rupee via reserves and calibrated liquidity, not knee-jerk rate moves.
Concept	Higher US rates narrow the interest-rate differential , pressuring EM currencies and capital flows.

FAO 'Forests for Food' report flags 50,000+ wild species in diets**REPORT** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Environment & Reports)

Syllabus	GS-II environment-ecology, food security, key reports. Prelims: FAO, forest-food data.
Context	A new FAO report underscores forests' role in nutrition and rural incomes — highly relevant to India's large forest-dependent population.
Key Facts	- Released 15 Sep 2026 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). - Over 50,000 wild species are used globally for food and medicine. - Forests can supply up to 20% of rural incomes in some areas. - India's tools: Forest Rights Act 2006, MSP for Minor Forest Produce, Van Dhan Kendras.
Way Fwd	Scale Van Dhan value-chains and community forestry for nutrition and livelihoods.
Concept	Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and FRA 2006 underpin forest-based food security for tribal communities.

Asian Games 2026 open in Aichi-Nagoya; India opens medal account**SOCIETY** BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Sports & Current Events)

Syllabus	GS-I / Prelims sports current affairs, host nations, Indian achievements.
Context	The 20th Asian Games opened in Japan with a large Indian contingent; India's medal account opened on Day 1.
Key Facts	20th Asian Games opened 19 Sep 2026 at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Suchika Tariyal assured India's first-ever MMA medal with a semifinal berth. - India began Day 1 with early silver medals; the contingent is led by stars like Neeraj Chopra. Cricket retained; MMA debuts at these Games.
Way Fwd	Sustained grassroots funding (Khelo India, TOPS) to convert potential into podium finishes.
Concept	The Asian Games is Asia's largest multi-sport event, held under the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) .

US FED HIKE (↑ to 3.75-4.00%) — TRANSMISSION TO INDIA**SECTION D PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE**

PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE — QUICK REVISION

- 1 **Cheetah** count in India rises to **56 (36 born in India)**; **Kuno NP**, Madhya Pradesh is the hub.
- 2 PM handed out **51,000+** appointment letters at the **20th Rozgar Mela**.
- 3 Marathi film '**Gondhal**' is India's official entry for the **Oscars 2027** (Best International Feature).
- 4 **HAL** delivered **2 LCA (Tejas) twin-seat trainers** to the IAF; **Dhruv NG** choppers inducted.
- 5 **Bihar** ranks **1st** in India for **litchi, makhana & bottle-gourd** output.
- 6 **Himalayan Monal** (Uttarakhand's state bird) alters its calls under tourism noise — study at **Kedarnath WLS**.

SECTION E PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the National Makhana Board, consider the following:

1. Its outlay is ₹476.03 crore for 2025-26 to 2030-31.
2. It covers nine districts of north Bihar.
3. India accounts for about 80% of global makhana output.

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: D. All three are correct — the six-year **₹476.03 cr** mission covers **9 north-Bihar districts**, and India produces **~80%** of the world's makhana.

Q2. The Kishau Multipurpose Project, recently in the news, is being built on which river?

- (A) Betwa (B) Tons (Yamuna sub-basin)
(C) Ken (D) Sharda

Ans: B. The dam is on the **Tons river**, the largest tributary of the **Yamuna**; a six-state pact was signed on 15 Sep 2026.

Mains Practice: Bihar records higher headline GSDP growth than the national average yet lags sharply on per-capita income. Examine the structural reasons and suggest measures for inclusive, employment-rich growth. (GS-II, Bihar Economy)

Hint: Use the **output-vs-jobs mismatch** (agriculture: 54% of jobs, 18% of output), low industrialisation and out-migration; suggest agro-processing (makhana), MSMEs, skilling and urban infrastructure.

ONE-LINE REVISION: ₹476 cr Makhana Board (9 districts) • Bihar GSDP 14.9% > India 12% • Kishau dam on Tons river • US Fed 3.75-4.00% (Warsh) • Patna HC upholds Article 21.

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