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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Nitish Setu**: 6-lane Ganga bridge, **Kachchi Dargah (Patna)–Bidupur (Vaishali)**, inaugurated **21 Nov 2026**.
- Bihar got investment proposals of **₹2.25 lakh crore**; energy share **₹1,72,885 crore**.
- Nuclear MoUs: **NTPC at Banka**, **NPCIL at Siwan** — **₹70,000 crore** each.
- BIADA: **~100 acres** to **73 units**, investment **₹1,380.80 crore**, **~10,000 jobs**.
- Heliports planned in **13 districts** — **9 in Phase-1**, **4 in Phase-2**.
- **8 new MLCs** (4 graduates + 4 teachers seats) took oath under **Article 188**.
- PHED: **AI-based complaint system** for **Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal**.
- **Mashaal-2026**: sports talent hunt in **~37,000 schools**, **U-14 & U-16**.
- Nepal PM **Balendra Shah** in India (**22-23 Nov**); **Saryu-Kamala Express** flag-off.
- **COP31** (Antalya, Türkiye) ended **without a cover decision**; **COP32 – Addis Ababa**.

SECTION A — BIHAR SPECIAL: schemes, policy, administration & state economy

₹2.25 lakh cr	₹1,72,885 cr	₹70,000 cr x 2	6,000 MW	73 units	~10,000
Total investment MoUs (20 Nov)	Energy MoUs (6 projects)	Nuclear MoUs: Banka & Siwan	Pumped storage (3 districts)	BIADA: ~100 acres ₹1,380.80 cr	Direct jobs from BIADA units

1. Nitish Setu: Bihar's six-lane Ganga bridge links Patna and Vaishali

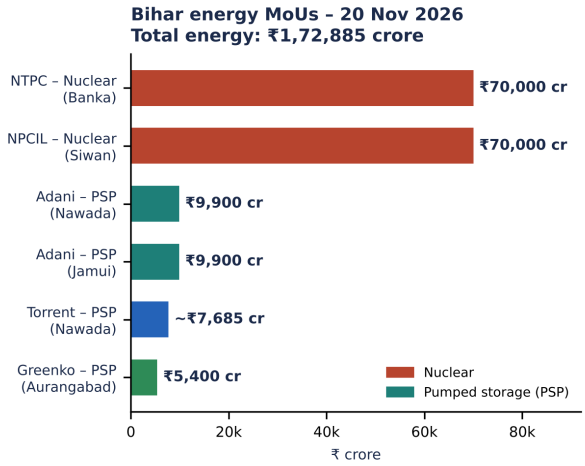
BIHAR — **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Geography)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Infrastructure of Bihar**, **Ganga river system**; Prelims: bridges of Bihar, districts on the Ganga.
Context	The **Kachchi Dargah–Bidupur bridge**, renamed **Nitish Setu** after former CM **Nitish Kumar**, was inaugurated by **PM Narendra Modi** on **21 Nov 2026**; it remained in the news on **23 Nov** over a political row on the naming.
Key Facts	■ Connects **Kachchi Dargah (Patna district)** with **Bidupur (Vaishali district)** across the **Ganga**, via **Raghopur diara**. ■ **Six-lane extradosed bridge**; main bridge **~9.76 km**, total **~19.76 km** with approach roads; **32 m** wide. ■ Built by an **L&T–Daewoo** joint venture; foundation stone **August 2015**; Phase-1 (Kachchi Dargah–Raghopur) opened **23 June 2025**. ■ Expected to ease load on **Mahatma Gandhi Setu** and improve **North–South Bihar** connectivity.
Way Fwd	Integrate the bridge with **NH and ring-road plans**, develop **Raghopur diara** with flood-safe planning, and ensure regular **structural health monitoring**.
Concept	**Extradosed bridge**: a hybrid of a **girder bridge** and a **cable-stayed bridge** with short pylons and flatter stay cables. **Mahatma Gandhi Setu** (Patna–Hajipur) was opened in **1982**. The Ganga enters Bihar near **Chausa (Buxar)**.

2. ₹2.25 lakh crore investment MoUs: nuclear plants in Banka and Siwan

BIHAR — **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy – Energy & Industry)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Industrial & energy policy of Bihar**, investment climate; Prelims: power projects and their districts.
Context	At an **investment dialogue in Patna** on **20 Nov 2026**, organised by the **Industries and Energy departments**, MoUs worth about **₹2.25 lakh crore** were exchanged in the presence of **CM Samrat Choudhary**; details were reported on **21-22 Nov**.
Key Facts	■ Energy: **₹1,72,885 crore** across **six projects** — **2 nuclear** + **4 pumped storage**. ■ **NTPC** in **Banka** and **NPCIL** in **Siwan**: **₹70,000 crore** each. ■ Pumped storage in **Nawada, Jamui and Aurangabad** — combined **6,000 MW**. ■ CM: proposals to be decided in **30 days**; if no decision, **deemed approved on day 31**.
Way Fwd	Convert MoUs into projects through **time-bound land, water and environmental clearances**, a strong **single-window** system and **nuclear-safety** public outreach.
Concept	**Pumped storage**: water is pumped uphill when power is surplus and released through turbines at peak demand — grid-scale **'water battery'** that balances **solar** power. **NPCIL** is a PSU under the **Department of Atomic Energy**.

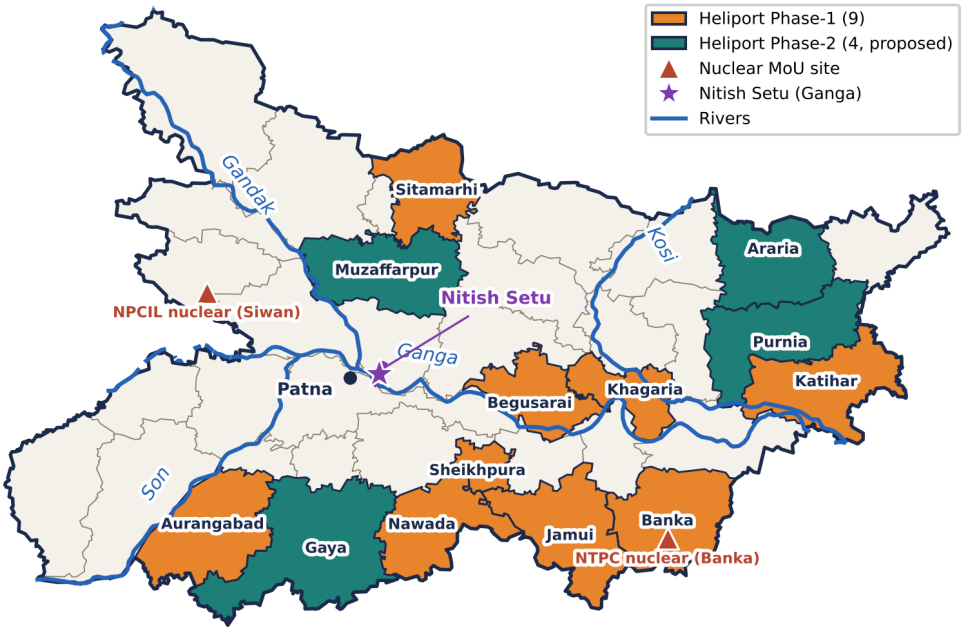


3. BIADA clears land for 73 industrial units worth ₹1,380.80 crore

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy – Industry)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Industrialisation of Bihar**, MSMEs, employment; Prelims: BIADA and state industrial bodies.
Context	The **Project Clearance Committee (PCC)** of the **Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA)** approved land allotment for **73 units**; the statement was issued on **22 Nov** and reported on **23 Nov 2026**.
Key Facts	■ About **100 acres** allotted to **73 units**; proposed investment **₹1,380.80 crore**. ■ Expected **~10,000 direct jobs**. ■ Sectors: **food processing, textiles & garments, UPVC pipes, PU foam, bags** and general manufacturing. ■ Some plots drew **multiple applications**, showing rising demand for industrial land.
Way Fwd	Speed up **plug-and-play industrial sheds**, ensure **power and road access** to industrial areas and track **actual production start** against allotments.
Concept	**BIADA** was set up under the **Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority Act, 1974**; it develops and allots land in **industrial areas** of the state. Food processing suits Bihar's farm base (**makhana, litchi, maize**).

Bihar: Heliport districts, nuclear MoU sites & Nitish Setu



KEY NUMBERS

13
heliport districts (9 + 4)

~19.76 km
Nitish Setu incl. approaches (6-lane)

₹70,000 cr x 2
nuclear MoUs: Banka, Siwan

6,000 MW
pumped storage MoUs

4. Heliports for 13 districts: Bihar's regional air-connectivity push

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy – Infrastructure)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Transport infrastructure of Bihar**; Prelims: airports of Bihar, **UDAN** scheme, district locations.
Context	Bihar plans **heliports in 13 districts** in two phases; a **Centre–State agreement** with the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** and **Airports Authority of India** is expected in **December 2026** (reported **22 Nov**).
Key Facts	■ Phase-1 (**9**, cabinet approval **12 Oct 2026**): **Aurangabad, Banka, Begusarai, Jamui, Katihar, Khagaria, Nawada, Sheikhpura, Sitamarhi**. ■ Phase-2 (**4**, proposed): **Araria, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Purnia**. ■ Airport work under way at **Patahi (Muzaffarpur)** and **Forbesganj (Araria)**; **Gaya** and **Purnia** already have airports. ■ State also considering **helicopter links to hill tourist spots**.
Way Fwd	Link heliports to **disaster relief (floods in Kosi-Seemanchal)**, **medical evacuation** and **tourism circuits**, with viability-gap support for operators.
Concept	**UDAN** (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is the **Regional Connectivity Scheme** of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**, launched in **2016**. Bihar's operational airports include **Patna (Jay Prakash Narayan)**, **Gaya**, **Darbhanga** and **Purnia**.

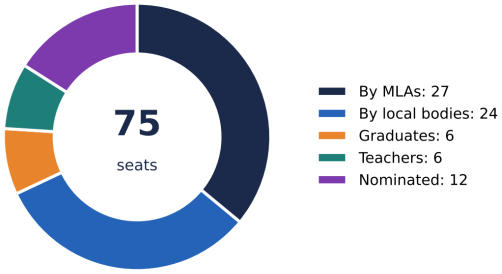
5. Eight newly elected MLCs take oath in Bihar Legislative Council

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Polity – State Legislature)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **State Legislature (Arts 168-212)**, bicameralism; Prelims: composition of Bihar Vidhan Parishad.
Context	On **23 Nov 2026**, **8 MLCs** elected from **4 graduates' and 4 teachers' constituencies** (poll **23 Oct**, results **28 Oct**) took oath in Patna; the oath was administered by **Prof. Ram Vachan Rai** in the presence of **CM Samrat Choudhary**.
Key Facts	■ Graduates' seats: **Patna, Darbhanga, Tirhut, Kosi**; Teachers' seats: **Patna, Darbhanga, Tirhut, Saran**. ■ **Jan Suraaj Party** opened its account in the Council — **Suresh Prasad Rai** won **Darbhanga Teachers**. ■ Oath under **Article 188**; members serve **6 years**, **one-third retire every 2 years**. ■ Bihar Vidhan Parishad strength: **75** (**63 elected + 12 nominated**).

Way Fwd	Use the Council as a forum of **expertise (graduates, teachers)** for detailed scrutiny of bills; strengthen **committee work** and attendance.
Concept	**Art 169**: Parliament creates/abolishes a Council on an Assembly resolution (special majority). **Art 171**: strength **not more than 1/3 of the Assembly**, minimum **40**; **1/3 by MLAs, 1/3 by local bodies, 1/12 graduates, 1/12 teachers, 1/6 nominated** by the Governor.

Bihar Legislative Council (Art 171)

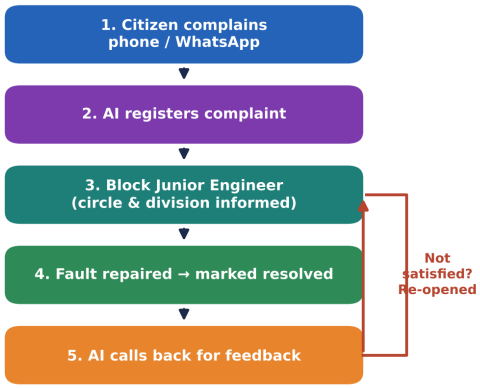


6. AI-based complaint system for Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Role of S&T)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Role of science & technology** in governance, **Saat Nischay**; Prelims: Bihar's flagship schemes.
Context	The **Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)** introduced an **AI-based grievance system** for tap-water complaints under **Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal** (reported **23 Nov 2026**).
Key Facts	■ Complaints by **phone or WhatsApp**; AI registers and forwards them to the block **Junior Engineer**. ■ After resolution, the AI **calls back the complainant**; if not satisfied, the complaint is **reopened**. ■ Toll-free: **1800 123 1121**, **155367**, **1800 345 1121**; WhatsApp **8544429024**.
Way Fwd	Publish **block-wise resolution dashboards**, add **water-quality testing** feedback and train **ward-level operators** for faster repairs.
Concept	**Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal** is one of Bihar's **Saat Nischay (seven resolves)** launched in **2016**. The national counterpart is the **Jal Jeevan Mission (2019)** under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal – AI complaint loop

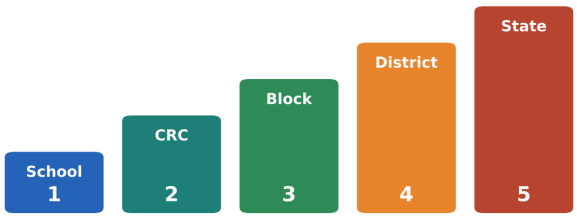


7. Mashaal-2026: talent hunt across 37,000 schools

BIHAR **BPSC: Prelims (Bihar – Sports & Education)**

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: **Bihar sports initiatives**; GS-II: human resource development in Bihar.
Context	Bihar launched **Mashaal-2026**, the 2026 edition of its school-level **sports talent search**, run jointly by the **Sports Department, Education Department** and **Bihar State Sports Authority** (reported **23 Nov 2026**).
Key Facts	■ Covers **~37,000 middle and high schools**; age groups **Under-14** and **Under-16** (boys and girls). ■ **Five disciplines**: **athletics, kabaddi, football, volleyball, cycling**. ■ **Five stages**: **School → CRC → Block → District → State**. ■ Talent may train at **Eklavya residential centres**, **District Centres of Excellence** and **Khelo India** centres.
Way Fwd	Track selected children over years with a **digital athlete database**, ensure **coaches and equipment** at block level and link to **scholarships**.
Concept	**Khelo India** is the Union **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** scheme for grassroots sports. **Kabaddi** — an Indian-origin sport — is among Mashaal's five disciplines. **CRC** = Cluster Resource Centre.

Mashaal-2026: 5-stage selection



Athletics • Kabaddi • Football • Volleyball • Cycling

~37,000 schools | Under-14 & Under-16 | boys & girls

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹2.25 lakh crore **Bihar investment MoUs (20 Nov 2026)**	**Energy** projects account for **₹1,72,885 crore** (about **77%**) — **2 nuclear** (Banka, Siwan; **₹70,000 crore** each) and **4 pumped storage** (**6,000 MW**); the rest is **industry** (aviation, data centres, semiconductors, metallurgy, chemicals).

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

8. Nepal PM Balendra Shah's state visit; Saryu-Kamala Express via Bihar

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (India's Foreign Relations – Bihar link)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **India–Nepal relations**, cross-border connectivity of **Bihar**; Prelims: border districts, rail links.
Context	Nepal PM **Balendra Shah** made a **state visit (22-23 Nov 2026)** — his first to India since taking office in **March 2026** — and held talks with **PM Modi** at **Hyderabad House** on **23 Nov**.
Key Facts	■ **Saryu-Kamala Express** (weekly): **Ayodhya Cantt–Janakpur Dham**, **~604 km**; virtual flag-off by both PMs scheduled on **23 Nov**. ■ Bihar stops include **Narkatiaganj, Raxaul, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Jaynagar**. ■ On the agenda: **post-flood reconstruction aid**, **energy trade**, **air routes**, and a Joint Vision Document '**Samriddha Nepal, Samunnat Bharat**'. ■ Joint virtual inauguration of the **Charchum motor bridge over the Kali river** (Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand) was also planned.
Way Fwd	Build on **Ramayana circuit** links (Ayodhya–Sitamarhi–Janakpur), fast-track **ICPs** and rail links at **Raxaul–Birgunj** and **Jaynagar–Bardibas**, and joint **flood forecasting** for Kosi–Gandak.
Concept	**India–Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1950**. Nepal borders **5 Indian states** (Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim). Bihar's **7 border districts**: **West & East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Supaul, Araria, Kishanganj**. **Kosi Agreement 1954**, **Gandak Agreement 1959**.

India–Nepal: Ayodhya–Janakpur rail link via Bihar



9. COP31 in Antalya ends without a climate pact

ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims (Environment) + Mains GS-II (S&T – Climate)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: **UNFCCC, COPs, Paris Agreement**; GS-II: climate change and its impact on Bihar (floods, heat).
Context	The **31st UN climate conference (COP31)** at **Antalya, Türkiye** closed on **22 Nov 2026** after **two days of overtime**, with **no cover decision adopted** due to disputes over **fossil-fuel language**.
Key Facts	■ COP31 President: **Murat Kurum** (Türkiye); **Australia's Chris Bowen** led negotiations. ■ The **EU objected** to a text with **no reference to fossil fuels**; UN Secretary-General **Guterres** called it a '**deeply disappointing**' **setback**. ■ UN reports it became the **longest-running UN climate summit** on record. ■ Next: **COP32 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.
Way Fwd	India should keep pushing **climate finance** and **CBDR-RC**, while Bihar strengthens its **climate-resilient agriculture** and **heat-action plans**.
Concept	**UNFCCC** adopted in **1992** (Rio Earth Summit); **Paris Agreement 2015** aims to keep warming **well below 2°C**, pursuing **1.5°C**. **COP30** was held in **Belém, Brazil (2025)**. **CBDR-RC** = Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities.

10. NDRF 12th Battalion campus inaugurated in Itanagar

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance – Disaster Management)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Disaster management** framework; relevance for **flood-prone Bihar** (SDRF capacity).
Context	Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated the **12th Battalion campus of the NDRF** at **Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh** on **22 Nov 2026**.
Key Facts	■ Campus is **earthquake-resistant**; it will train **SDRFs of all 8 North-Eastern states**. ■ Shah: NDRF has done **11,000+ operations** and saved **over 1.61 lakh lives**. ■ India is moving from **reactive response** to a '**zero casualty**' **approach**.
Way Fwd	Replicate **regional training hubs** for flood-prone states like Bihar and integrate **early-warning systems** with community volunteers (**Aapda Mitra**).
Concept	**NDRF** is constituted under **Section 44** of the **Disaster Management Act, 2005**; it functions under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. **NDMA** is chaired by the **Prime Minister**; **SDMA** by the **Chief Minister**.

11. NCS ONE portal and e-Shram livelihood module launched

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **Employment & labour reforms**, unorganised workers (relevant to Bihar's **migrant workforce**).
Context	At the **Labour & Employment Ministers' Chintan Shivir** in **Gandhinagar (21-22 Nov 2026)**, Union Minister **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** launched new digital tools for jobs and social security.
Key Facts	■ **NCS ONE** (Open Network for Employment) portal with **Voice Bot, Chat Bot** and the **Occupational Shortage Index**. ■ **e-Shram Livelihood Profile Module** for unorganised workers. ■ **8 NCS Career Lounges** launched virtually (incl. **Varanasi, Kanpur, Guwahati**); **200** planned. ■ Released an **Addendum to NCO-2015** and a compilation of **green occupations**.
Way Fwd	Bihar should onboard its **migrant and gig workers** on e-Shram and NCS, and open **Career Lounges** in cities like **Patna, Gaya, Muzaffarpur**.
Concept	**National Career Service (NCS)** portal was launched in **2015** by the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**. **e-Shram** (2021) is the national database of **unorganised workers**, seeded with **Aadhaar**.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. **Nitish Setu** Phase-1 (**Kachchi Dargah–Raghopur**) opened on **23 June 2025**; foundation stone **August 2015**.	4. **COP32** host: **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**; **COP31** President: **Murat Kurum**.
2. Bihar's **7 Nepal-border districts**: **West Champaran, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Supaul, Araria, Kishanganj**.	5. **NCS ONE** = **Open Network for Employment**; **8 Career Lounges** launched, **200** planned.
3. **Saryu-Kamala Express**: weekly, **~604 km**, **Ayodhya Cantt–Janakpur Dham**.	6. NDRF set up under **Section 44, DM Act 2005**; 12th Bn campus at **Itanagar**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the investment MoUs signed by Bihar on 20 November 2026, the two proposed nuclear power projects are located in which districts?
(a) Banka and Siwan
(b) Banka and Nawada
(c) Siwan and Jamui
(d) Aurangabad and Nawada

Answer: (a) — **NTPC** in **Banka** and **NPCIL** in **Siwan**, **₹70,000 crore** each. Nawada, Jamui and Aurangabad host the **pumped storage** projects.

Q2. Members of a State Legislative Council make and subscribe the oath or affirmation under which Article of the Constitution of India?
(a) Article 169
(b) Article 171
(c) Article 188
(d) Article 191

Answer: (c) — **Article 188** — oath by members of the State Legislature. Art 169 deals with creation/abolition of Councils, Art 171 with their composition, and Art 191 with disqualifications.

Mains Practice: New Ganga bridges, regional heliports and large energy MoUs signal a fresh infrastructure push in Bihar. Examine how these can change the state's growth path, and the challenges in converting MoUs into ground-level investment. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~250 words)

Hint: Intro: **Nitish Setu**, **₹2.25 lakh crore** MoUs, **13-district heliports**. Body: North–South connectivity, energy security (**nuclear + 6,000 MW pumped storage**), jobs (BIADA **73 units**); challenges — land, floods, finance, **MoU-to-project gap**; **30-day deemed approval**. Conclude with time-bound monitoring.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Remember: **Nitish Setu** = Patna–Vaishali over **Ganga** (21 Nov) | Nuclear MoUs = **Banka (NTPC) & Siwan (NPCIL)** | MLC oath = **Art 188** | **COP32 → Addis Ababa**.

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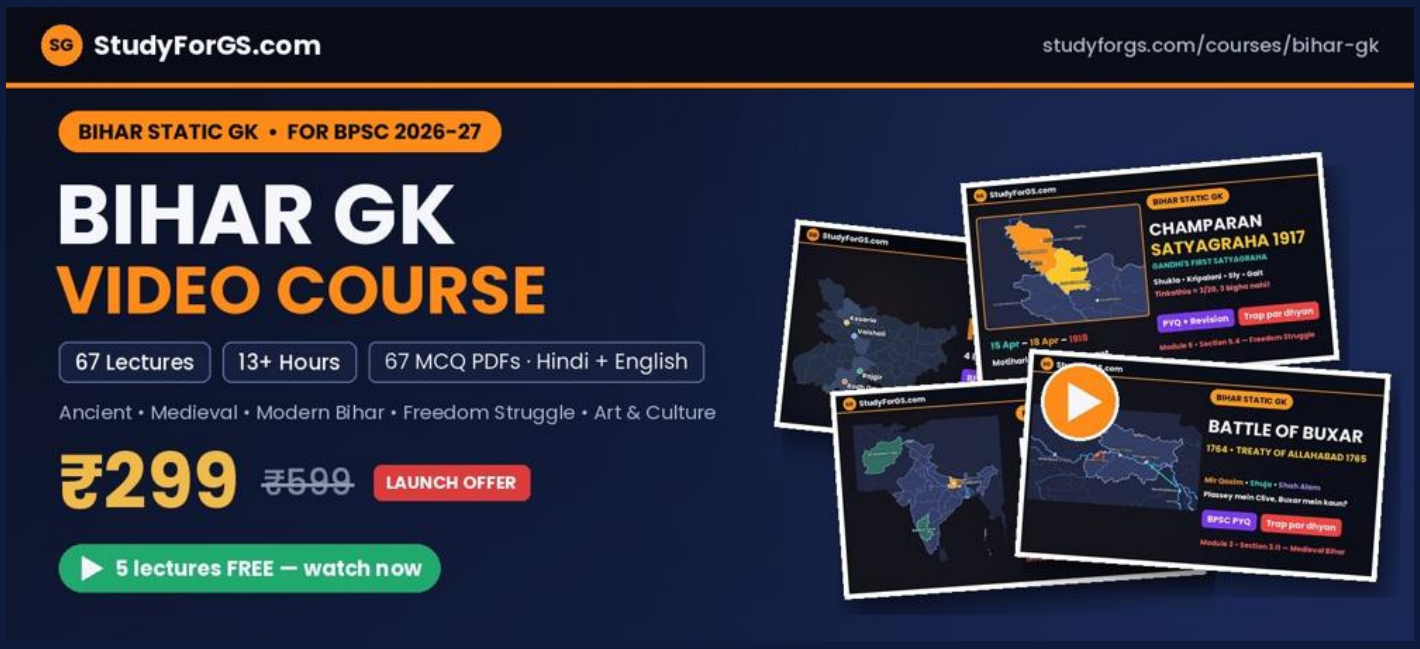

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