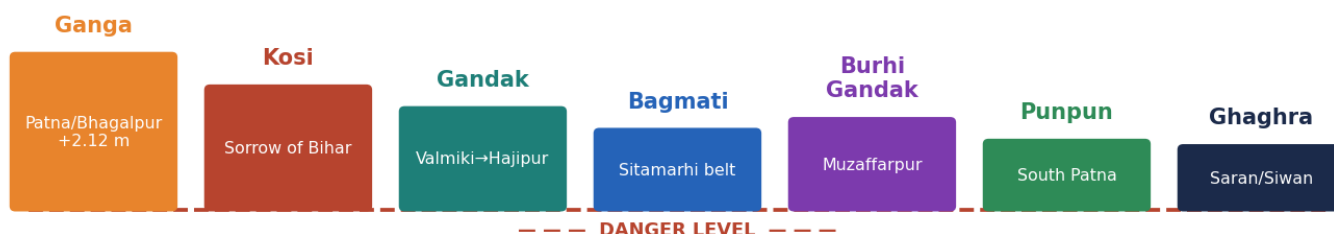


TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar floods: 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts; Ganga, Kosi, Gandak above danger.
- Bihar Legislative Council polls: 4 candidates named for graduate & teacher seats.
- 27 SDRF + 10 NDRF teams, 1,876 boats and 1,221 community kitchens deployed for relief.
- Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY completes 8 years; Rs 5 lakh cover per family.
- Bihar clears Maa Sita Mahila University (Patna) & Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University (Begusarai).
- Moody's raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7%; inflation seen at 4.8%.
- Bihar Sports Policy 2026 approved with a 'Win a Medal, Get a Job' guarantee.
- ISRO-ESA cooperation extended to January 2032; new ISTRAC radar facility in Assam.
- Rs 23,698 crore sanctioned for Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap.
- UN Gender Snapshot 2026: 1 in 3 gender-equality institutions weakened worldwide.

SECTION A BIHAR SPECIAL — Schemes, Polity, Economy & Geography

NORTH & SOUTH BIHAR RIVER SYSTEM — ABOVE DANGER MARK



Kosi & Gandak barrages releasing high discharge • 27 SDRF + 10 NDRF teams deployed

Bihar's swollen river system — seven rivers above the danger mark.

Bihar floods worsen: 47 lakh affected as major rivers breach danger mark

BIHAR	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography & Disaster Mgmt)
Syllabus	Prelims: Bihar rivers & flood-prone zone; NDRF/SDRF. Mains GS-II: Bihar geography, disaster management & state response.
Context	North Bihar's flood crisis has deepened, with the Ganga, Kosi and Gandak flowing above the danger mark and relief operations scaled up across the affected belt.
Key Facts	■ About 47.33 lakh people affected across 15 districts including Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar & Buxar. ■ At Sultanganj (Bhagalpur) the Ganga was 2.12 m above the danger level; Patna's Gandhi Ghat crossed the 2016 record. ■ Relief: 1,221 community kitchens, 15 camps (12,260 people), 1,876 boats, 48,400 dry-ration packets. ■ 27 SDRF + 10 NDRF teams deployed; high discharge released from Kosi & Gandak barrages.
Way Fwd	Sustained embankment monitoring, desilting of the Kosi-Gandak system and long-term river-basin management under the state's flood-management plan.
Concept	Kosi is called the ' Sorrow of Bihar ' for shifting its course & silt load; Bihar is India's most flood-prone state (~ 73% of North Bihar flood-prone).

Seven rivers above danger: mapping Bihar's swollen river system

GEOGRAPHY	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography — Rivers)
Syllabus	Prelims: North vs South Bihar rivers, their origins. Mains GS-II: Bihar drainage & flood geography.
Context	Alongside the Ganga, several Himalayan (north-bank) and peninsular (south-bank) tributaries are in spate, underlining Bihar's unique drainage vulnerability.
Key Facts	■ Above danger: Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Punpun & Ghaghra. ■ North-bank (Himalayan) rivers: Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra — snow-fed, silt-heavy. ■ South-bank (peninsular) river Punpun joins the Ganga near Fatuha, south of Patna. ■ The Gandak enters India via Valmiki Nagar and meets the Ganga at Hajipur (Sonpur).
Way Fwd	Basin-wide flood forecasting, Indo-Nepal cooperation on the Kosi high dam , and afforestation in catchment areas.
Concept	North-bank rivers rise in Nepal/Himalayas (perennial, flood-prone); south-bank rivers rise in the Chotanagpur plateau (seasonal). Sonpur hosts the world-famous cattle fair at the Gandak-Ganga confluence.

Two new state universities cleared for Patna and Begusarai

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Bihar's role — Education & Culture)

Syllabus	Prelims: Bihar education institutions; namesakes. Mains GS-I: Bihar's cultural icons; higher-education expansion.
Context	The state cabinet approved two new universities, expanding women's and regional higher education with an initial outlay of about Rs 15 crore .
Key Facts	■ Maa Sita Mahila University to come up in Patna (women's university). ■ Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University approved for Begusarai. ■ Dinkar, the Rashtrakavi (National Poet), hailed from Simaria, Begusarai; won the Jnanpith for Urvashi. ■ Part of a larger cabinet package clearing 24 agendas.
Way Fwd	Faster faculty recruitment and NEP-2020-aligned curricula to lift Bihar's Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education.
Concept	Naming a women's university after Sita (linked to Sitamarhi/Punaura Dham , her birthplace in tradition) ties higher education to Bihar's cultural heritage.

Bihar Legislative Council polls: candidates named for graduate & teacher seats

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

Syllabus	Prelims: Vidhan Parishad composition (Art. 171). Mains GS-II: bicameralism; role of a second chamber.
Context	Candidates were announced for upcoming Bihar Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad) elections from graduate and teacher constituencies.
Key Facts	■ Seats include Patna & Tirhut graduate and Saran & Darbhanga teacher constituencies. ■ Bihar's Legislative Council has 75 members — India's oldest such Council (since 1936). ■ Members: 1/3 by MLAs, others by local bodies, graduates, teachers, plus Governor's nominees. ■ MLC term is 6 years; the House is permanent (1/3 retire every 2 years).
Way Fwd	Councils allow experts & local voices in law-making; debate continues on their utility versus cost.
Concept	Only 6 states have a Legislative Council. It can be created/abolished under Article 169 by Parliament on a state assembly's special-majority resolution.

Bihar Sports Policy 2026 approved with 'Win a Medal, Get a Job'

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

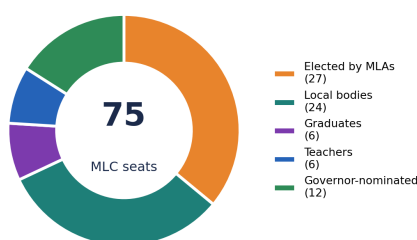
Syllabus	Prelims: State sports schemes. Mains GS-II: Governance, youth welfare & incentive design.
Context	The cabinet cleared a new Sports Policy 2026 that guarantees government jobs to medal-winning athletes, aiming to build a sporting culture in the state.
Key Facts	■ 'Win a Medal, Get a Job' provision for medal winners at recognised events. ■ Complements Bihar's investment in the Rajgir Sports Complex/Academy. ■ Bihar hosted the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey) at Rajgir in 2024. ■ Seeks to stem migration of Bihar's sporting talent to other states.
Way Fwd	Transparent job-linkage rules, district sports infrastructure and grassroots talent scouting.
Concept	Job-for-medal schemes exist in several states; they are direct incentives distinct from cash awards, aiming at long-term athlete security.

Rs 23,698 crore sanctioned for Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap

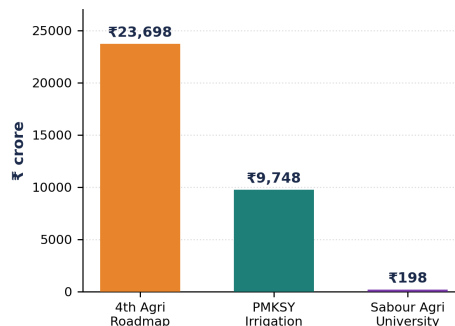
ECONOMY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy — Agriculture)

Syllabus	Prelims: Bihar Agriculture Roadmaps; makhana, PMKSY. Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy): farm growth & diversification.
Context	The cabinet approved a large outlay for the state's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (Krishi Road Map) , a flagship multi-year strategy for the farm sector.
Key Facts	■ Rs 23,698 crore for the Fourth Agriculture Roadmap. ■ Rs 9,748 crore under PMKSY for irrigation infrastructure. ■ Over Rs 198 crore to Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour (salaries/pension). ■ Focus on crop diversification — makhana, maize, litchi, vegetables & dairy.
Way Fwd	Timely fund release, better value chains for GI crops (makhana, litchi) and expansion of micro-irrigation.
Concept	Bihar's Agriculture Roadmap began in 2008 ; it earlier won global praise. Bihar leads India in makhana (~85%+) and litchi production; a National Makhana Board (HQ Bihar) was announced in the Union Budget.

Bihar Legislative Council — Composition



Bihar Cabinet — Key Farm-Sector Allocations



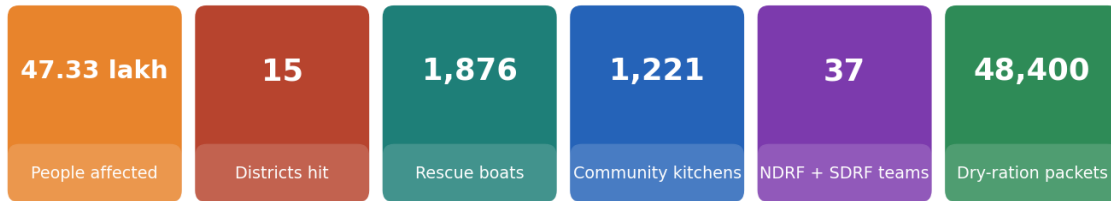
SECTION B DATA POINT OF THE DAY

BIHAR FLOOD IMPACT

47.33 lakh people

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BIHAR FLOOD 2026 — RELIEF & IMPACT SNAPSHOT



Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Punpun & Ghaghra flowing above danger mark

Bihar flood 2026 — relief and impact snapshot.

SECTION C NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, IR & Sci-Tech

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY completes eight years

HEALTH	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health Governance & Schemes)
Syllabus	Prelims: PM-JAY features, launch year. Mains GS-II: health-sector welfare & governance.
Context	The world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY , marked eight years since its launch on 23 September 2018 .
Key Facts	- Provides Rs 5 lakh cover per family per year for secondary & tertiary hospitalisation. World's largest government-funded health assurance scheme. - Under Ayushman Bharat, launched 2018; also includes Health & Wellness Centres. AB PM-JAY Vay Vandana extends cover to all citizens aged 70+.
Way Fwd	Deeper hospital empanelment, curbing fraud, and better portability for migrant workers.
Concept	Ayushman Bharat has two pillars: Health & Wellness Centres (Ayushman Arogya Mandir) and PM-JAY . It advances Universal Health Coverage (SDG-3) .

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

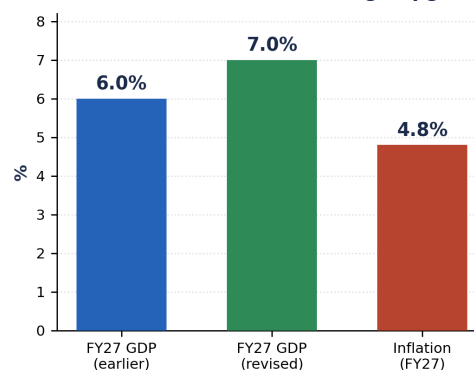
8 Years (2018 → 2026)



Moody's lifts India's FY27 growth forecast to 7%; GIFT City rises in global index

ECONOMY	BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy)
Syllabus	Prelims: GDP forecasts, GFCI, GIFT City. Mains GS-II: growth outlook & financial centres.
Context	A global ratings agency raised India's growth outlook, while GIFT City climbed in the Global Financial Centres Index, signalling investor confidence.
Key Facts	- India's FY27 GDP growth forecast raised to 7% (from 6%). - Inflation projected around 4.8% for the year. GIFT City climbed to 37th in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI). RBI kept the repo rate at 5.5% with a neutral stance in its latest review.
Way Fwd	Sustaining capex, boosting private investment and keeping inflation within the 2-6% band.
Concept	GIFT City (Gandhinagar) is India's first IFSC , regulated by IFSCA . GFCI is published twice a year and ranks financial centres worldwide.

India Macro Outlook — Ratings Upgrade



India-US hold talks on trade, tariffs and Russian crude

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

Syllabus	Prelims: India-US bodies, sanctions terms. Mains GS-II: India's strategic autonomy & energy security.
Context	EAM S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio discussed trade and the implications of US sanctions legislation affecting buyers of Russian crude.
Key Facts	■ Talks touched the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act enabling tariffs on Russian-crude buyers. ■ India defends energy security and diversified crude sourcing. ■ Bilateral ties span trade, defence (Yudh Abhyas 2026) and technology. ■ India stresses strategic autonomy in its foreign policy.
Way Fwd	Balancing energy needs and partnership with the US while safeguarding trade interests.
Concept	Strategic autonomy lets India engage multiple powers without alignment. Russia remains a major crude supplier after 2022; the US is India's top trade partner.

ISRO-ESA pact extended to 2032; new radar facility for Assam

SCI-TECH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Technology)

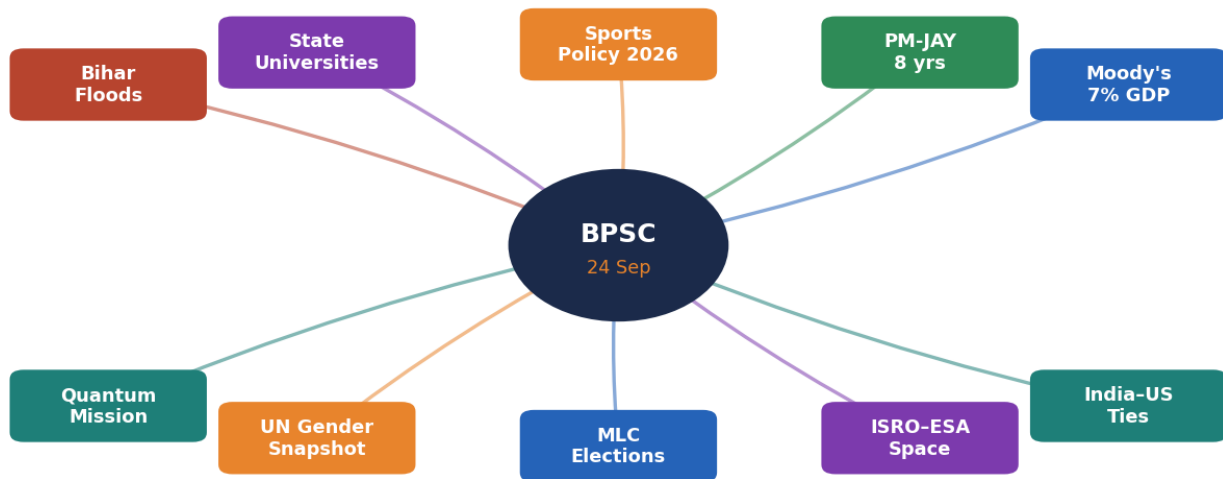
Syllabus	Prelims: ISRO-ESA cooperation, ISTRAC. Mains GS-II: space diplomacy & self-reliance.
Context	India deepened space cooperation as ISRO extended its agreement with the European Space Agency (ESA) and advanced new tracking infrastructure.
Key Facts	■ ISRO-ESA cooperation extended to 8 January 2032; original pact from 2002. ■ New areas: space weather, human & robotic exploration. ■ ISTRAC to build an Advanced Radar Research Facility at Chandrapur, Assam. ■ Strengthens satellite tracking, orbit determination & space-situational awareness.
Way Fwd	Leveraging partnerships for Gaganyaan , deep-space missions and a self-reliant space economy.
Concept	ISTRAC (HQ Bengaluru) handles ISRO's tracking & telemetry. ESA is a 22-member European space body. Space diplomacy supports Atmanirbhar Bharat .

UN Gender Snapshot 2026 flags weakening of equality institutions

REPORT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Reports & Society)

Syllabus	Prelims: UN Women, SDG-5. Mains GS-II: gender equality & institutional capacity.
Context	A UN report on progress toward gender equality under the 2030 Agenda warned that many institutions supporting women's rights have been weakened.
Key Facts	■ Released by UN Women and UN DESA. ■ Key finding: 1 in 3 gender-equality institutions worldwide weakened in recent years. ■ Tracks progress on SDG-5 (Gender Equality) of the 2030 Agenda. ■ Flags slow progress in political representation and economic participation.
Way Fwd	Stronger funding and legal backing for women-focused institutions and gender-responsive budgeting.
Concept	SDG-5 targets gender equality by 2030. India's steps include the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (women's reservation) and schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao .

TODAY'S CURRENT-AFFAIRS THEME MAP



Theme map of today's key BPSC current-affairs topics — Bihar & national.

SECTION D PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE — Quick Facts

- Kosi** — called the '**Sorrow of Bihar**' — is a north-bank Himalayan river prone to shifting course.
- Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** was launched on **23 September 2018**; cover of **Rs 5 lakh** per family/year.
- Bihar has **75** Legislative Council seats — the **oldest** state Council in India (**1936**).
- GIFT City**, India's first **IFSC**, is regulated by the **IFSCA** at **Gandhinagar**.
- Bihar produces about **85%+** of India's **makhana**; a **National Makhana Board** was announced for the state.
- ISTRAC**, ISRO's tracking network, is headquartered in **Bengaluru**; **ESA** has **22** member states.

SECTION E PRACTICE CORNER — MCQs & Mains

Q1. With reference to the Bihar Legislative Council, consider the following statements:

- It is the oldest State Legislative Council in India.
 - One-third of its members are nominated by the Governor.
 - A State Legislative Council can be created or abolished under Article 169.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (b) The Bihar Legislative Council (since 1936) is India's oldest such Council (1 correct). Under Art. 171, about 1/12 of members are Governor-nominated, not 1/3 (2 wrong). Art. 169 lets Parliament create/abolish a Council on a state assembly's special-majority resolution (3 correct).

Q2. Consider the following pairs of rivers and their features in Bihar:

- Kosi — north-bank Himalayan river
 - Punpun — south-bank peninsular river
 - Gandak — enters India via Valmiki Nagar
- How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

Ans: (c) All three are correct. The Kosi is a Himalayan north-bank tributary; the Punpun rises in the Chhotanagpur plateau and joins the Ganga south of Patna; the Gandak enters India at Valmiki Nagar and meets the Ganga at Hajipur (Sonpur).

Mains Practice: Bihar is India's most flood-prone state. Discuss the geographical factors behind its recurring floods and evaluate the effectiveness of the state's flood-management measures.

Hint: Cover Himalayan north-bank rivers (Kosi, Gandak) with high silt & shifting courses, Nepal-origin catchments, flat Gangetic plains and heavy monsoon; then assess embankments, barrages, NDRF/SDRF response, relief logistics and the case for basin-wide, Indo-Nepal cooperation.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Remember today: Bihar floods — 47.33 lakh / 15 districts (Ganga-Kosi-Gandak); PM-JAY 8 yrs (Rs 5 lakh); Bihar Agri Roadmap Rs 23,698 cr; Moody's India FY27 7%; ISRO-ESA to 2032.

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