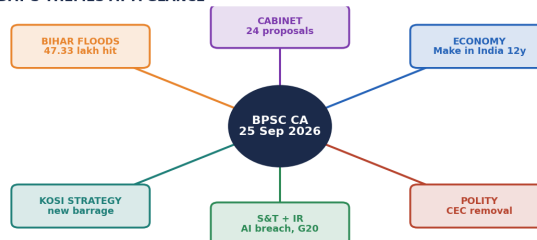


TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar Cabinet clears 24 proposals; two new state universities approved.
- CM orders long-term Kosi flood strategy with a new barrage.
- Floods hit 47.33 lakh across 15 districts; Ganga tops its 2016 mark.
- Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway & 2,400 MW Pirpainti thermal reviewed.
- Rs 23,698 cr Fourth Agriculture Roadmap drives farm modernisation.
- Patna Metro Phase-1: 30.91 km, Rs 13,365 cr, target 2030.
- Make in India at 12: mfg GVA 15.6%, non-petro exports \$388 bn.
- RBI absorbs Rs 71,971 cr via VRRR; surplus Rs 4.92 lakh cr.
- CEC removal row: possible only like a Supreme Court judge.
- G20 Energy (Houston): LPG, permitting, water-reuse, critical minerals.

TODAY'S THEMES AT A GLANCE



SECTION A • BIHAR SPECIAL — Schemes, Policy, Administration & State Economy

CM orders long-term Kosi flood strategy: new barrage, silt management, double sheet piling

[BIHAR]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar geography (rivers, floods) & economy. Prelims - Kosi, barrages, PM-KUSUM.
Context	At a 24 September 2026 review, CM Samrat Chaudhary ordered a long-term Kosi flood-risk strategy, shifting from annual relief to permanent river-corridor management.
Key Facts	■ Directed a new Kosi barrage and silt management as the core of the plan. ■ Double sheet piling along the first 100-km high-risk stretch. ■ Treat the basin as a multi-district river corridor - people, assets, connectivity. ■ Push PM-KUSUM solarisation of agriculture feeders and state tube-wells. ■ Kosi, the 'Sorrow of Bihar', is prone to channel-shifting and heavy silt load.
Way Fwd	Trans-boundary silt-data sharing with Nepal and sustained desilting are key to a durable fix.
Concept	Kosi = antecedent Himalayan river; PM-KUSUM = solar pumps/feeders scheme (MNRE); embankment vs. silt-load trade-off.

Bihar floods: 47.33 lakh affected across 15 districts as Ganga tops 2016 record

[BIHAR]

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

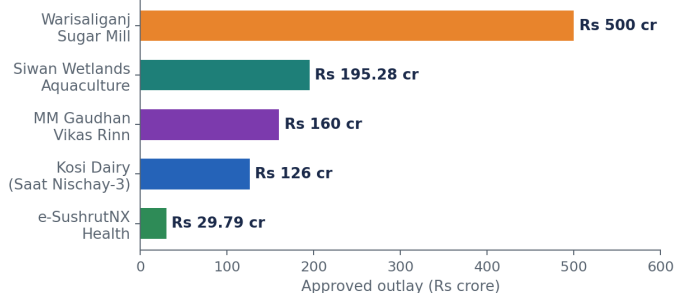
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar geography & disaster management. Prelims - rivers, NDRF, flood terms.
Context	Bihar's 2026 monsoon floods left the state reeling as the Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati and Punpun breached danger marks at multiple points.
Key Facts	■ 47.33 lakh people hit across 15 districts (Bhagalpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Katihar, Purnea). ■ Ganga at Gandhi Ghat, Patna crossed its previous 2016 record level. ■ Relief: 1,221 community kitchens, 15 camps (12,260 people), 1,876 boats. ■ 27 SDRF + 10 NDRF teams deployed; embankment breaches in Bhagalpur. ■ September rainfall 104.1 mm - about 27% above normal.
Way Fwd	Real-time barrage-discharge coordination and flood-plain zoning can cut recurring damage.
Concept	North-Bihar Himalayan rivers cause perennial floods; NDRF under the DM Act, 2005; danger level vs. HFL (highest flood level).

Bihar Cabinet clears 24 proposals: two new universities, sugar mill, livestock & health push

[BIHAR]

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

BIHAR CABINET (24 Sep): SCHEME ALLOCATIONS



Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar polity & economy. Prelims - state schemes, budgetary allocations, new universities.
Context	The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by CM Samrat Chaudhary, cleared 24 proposals on 24 September 2026, spanning higher education, agro-industry, livestock and health digitisation.
Key Facts	- Two new universities: Mata Sita Women's University, Patna and Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' University, Begusarai (Rs 15 crore each). - Warisaliganj sugar mill (Nawada) on 99.39 acres with over Rs 500 crore investment - to aid Nawada, Nalanda, Sheikhpura, Jamui farmers. - Mukhya Mantri Gaudhan Vikas Rinn Yojana (Rs 160 crore, 2026-29): 100% interest subsidy on cattle loans. - Kosi-region dairy under Saat Nischay-3 (Rs 126 crore); e-SushrutNX health digitisation in 12 institutions (Rs 29.79 crore).
Way Fwd	District-level convergence and delivery will decide whether these outlays translate into rural incomes and jobs.
Concept	Council of Ministers under Art. 163-164; state universities via state legislation; Saat Nischay = Bihar's flagship governance-resolves programme.

Patna Metro Phase-1 (30.91 km, Rs 13,365 cr) advances; priority stretch already running

[BIHAR]

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy - Urban Infra)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar urban economy & infrastructure. Prelims - metro facts, MRTS, TOD.
Context	Patna Metro is progressing as Bihar's first urban rail, with a priority stretch already running and full Phase-1 under construction.
Key Facts	- Priority corridor (3.2 km, Zero Mile-ISBT) opened in October 2025. - Phase-1: 30.91 km, 24 stations across two lines, Rs 13,365.77 crore. - Full Phase-1 targeted for 2030; about 27.71 km still under construction. - Executed through a central-state model with major EPC contractors.
Way Fwd	Feeder connectivity and transit-oriented development can boost ridership and urban revenue.
Concept	Metro = MRTS (Mass Rapid Transit System); funded via central-state SPV; TOD = transit-oriented development.

Bihar fast-tracks Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway and 2,400 MW Pirpainti thermal project

[BIHAR]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar economy & infrastructure. Prelims - expressways, thermal power, PM-KUSUM.
Context	Bihar's September 2026 project review fast-tracked flagship connectivity and power assets to widen the state's growth base.
Key Facts	- Buxar-Bhagalpur 6-lane Greenfield Expressway: 348.196 km total, 336.205 km in Bihar. - Pirpainti Thermal Power Project: 2,400 MW (3 x 800 MW), Bhagalpur. - Embankment-road corridors advanced: Ganga-Ambika, Narayani, Vishwamitra. - Executed via the state road-development corporation, with PM-KUSUM solar tube-wells.
Way Fwd	Land-acquisition pace and financial closure will decide the delivery timelines.
Concept	Greenfield expressways = new-alignment, access-controlled highways; thermal adds base-load power.

Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (Rs 23,698 cr) and 'Win a Medal, Get a Job' Sports Policy anchor Bihar growth

[BIHAR]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Bihar economy (agriculture). Prelims - roadmap outlay, PMKSY, makhana, GI tags.
Context	Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (2023-28), backed by a Rs 23,698 crore outlay, anchors farm-sector modernisation, paired with a new Sports Policy 2026.
Key Facts	- Rs 23,698 crore for the Fourth Agriculture Roadmap; Rs 9,748 crore for irrigation under PMKSY. - Rs 198 crore released to Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour; 22,000 Anganwadi posts being filled (ICDS). - Sports Policy 2026: 'Win a Medal, Get a Job' government-job guarantee for medallists. - Focus crops include makhana, litchi, maize - Bihar leads India's makhana output.
Way Fwd	Market linkages, cold-chain and the Makhana Board can lift farm incomes.
Concept	Agriculture Roadmap = Bihar's multi-year farm-investment blueprint; Mithila Makhana holds a GI tag.

KOSI LONG-TERM FLOOD RISK MITIGATION STRATEGY

Shift from annual flood response -> permanent multi-district river-corridor management

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Rs 23,698 crore

Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap (2023-28)

Approved outlay to modernise farming - the largest farm-sector commitment in the state's roadmap series, with Rs 9,748 crore for irrigation under PMKSY.

BIHAR FOURTH AGRICULTURE ROADMAP - KEY NUMBERS

Rs 23,698 cr

4th Agriculture Roadmap outlay

Rs 9,748 cr

PMKSY irrigation allocation

22,000

Anganwadi posts being filled

Rs 198 cr

Agri University (Sabour) release

2023-28

Roadmap period

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Sci-Tech & IR**CEC-removal row revives debate on Election Commission's independence**

[POLITY] BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Polity)

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Indian polity (constitutional bodies). Prelims - Art. 324, removal process.
Context	A political row over the Chief Election Commissioner revived debate on the removal and appointment of Election Commissioners.
Key Facts	- The CEC is removable only like a Supreme Court judge - on 'proved misbehaviour or incapacity'. - Removal needs a special majority in both Houses of Parliament. - No CEC has ever been removed in India. - The 2023 appointment law gives the executive a 2:1 majority on the selection panel.
Way Fwd	Insulating the ECI's appointment process is central to electoral credibility.
Concept	Art. 324 establishes the ECI; the CEC's removal follows the Art. 124(4) judge-removal route; other ECs have weaker protection.

G20 Energy meeting in Houston: four consensus outcomes; India deepens critical-mineral ties

[IR] BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Economy & International Relations)

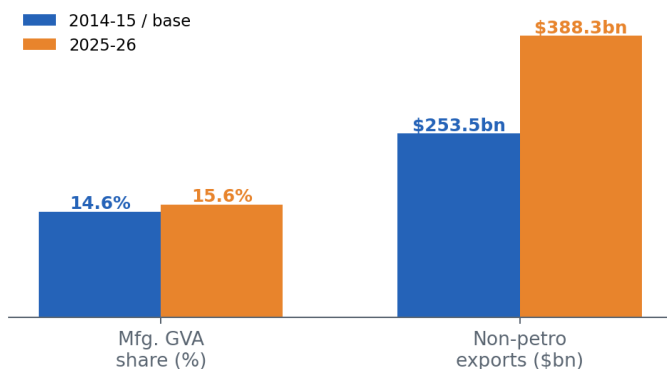
Syllabus Linkage	Prelims - current events of international importance; Mains GS-II - economy & energy security.
Context	The G20 Energy Ministers' meeting (Houston) produced four consensus outcomes, with India deepening critical-mineral cooperation.
Key Facts	- Outcomes: scaling LPG, faster permitting, a water-reuse initiative, and critical-mineral supply chains. - India is part of the US-led Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) since 2023. - Critical minerals (lithium, cobalt) are vital for clean energy and EVs.
Way Fwd	Diversified mineral sourcing cuts import dependence and supports the energy transition.
Concept	G20 is the premier forum for global economic cooperation; critical minerals underpin net-zero goals.

Make in India at 12: manufacturing GVA share rises to 15.6%, non-petro exports at \$388 bn

[ECONOMY]

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

MAKE IN INDIA @ 12 YEARS



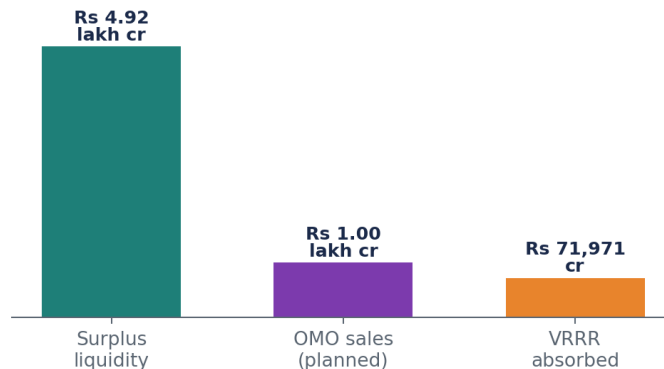
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Indian economy. Prelims - GVA, PLI, export data, Make in India.
Context	As Make in India completes 12 years (September 2026), official data shows steady but uneven gains in manufacturing and exports.
Key Facts	- Manufacturing GVA share: 14.6% (2022-23) to 15.6% (2025-26). - Non-petroleum exports: \$253.5 bn (2014-15) to \$388.3 bn (2025-26). - PLI schemes: Rs 2.4 lakh crore investment; top 5 sectors ~83%. - India's global export share stays flat at about 1.7% since 2013.
Way Fwd	Deeper MSME integration and logistics reform are needed to approach the 25% GVA goal.
Concept	GVA = output minus intermediate consumption; PLI = production-linked incentives to scale domestic manufacturing.

RBI steps up liquidity management: Rs 71,971 cr absorbed as surplus tops Rs 4.92 lakh cr

[ECONOMY]

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

RBI LIQUIDITY MANAGEMENT



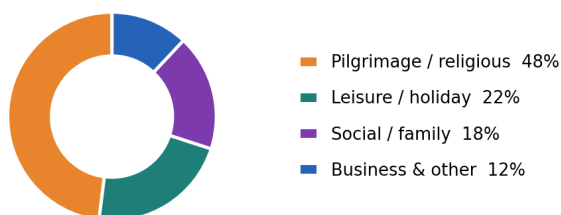
Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - Indian economy (monetary policy). Prelims - VRRR, OMO, LAF, repo rate.
Context	The RBI intensified liquidity management as banking-system surplus swelled, using variable-rate operations and planned open-market sales.
Key Facts	- Absorbed Rs 71,971 crore via overnight VRRR. - System surplus liquidity at about Rs 4.92 lakh crore. - OMO sales of Rs 1 lakh crore planned (Rs 50k + Rs 25k + Rs 25k). - Aim: align overnight money-market rates with the repo rate.
Way Fwd	Calibrated absorption avoids inflationary spillovers while keeping credit flowing.
Concept	VRRR = Variable Rate Reverse Repo (absorbs liquidity); OMO = open-market operations; the LAF corridor guides rates.

NSO Domestic Tourism Survey 2025-26: pilgrimage trips lead at 48%, UP top destination

[REPORT]

BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Statistical Analysis)

NSO TOURISM SURVEY 2025-26 - OVERNIGHT TRIP PURPOSE



Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-I - statistical analysis; Mains GS-II - services economy. Prelims - NSO/NSS survey data.
Context	The NSO's Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey 2025-26 (NSS 80th Round) mapped how and why Indians travel.
Key Facts	- Pilgrimage/religious trips make up 48% of overnight travel. - Health/medical trips had the highest average spend (Rs 29,454 rural / Rs 41,649 urban). - Uttar Pradesh is the top destination (15.7% of visitor-trips). - Sample: 2,46,113 households across 24,778 first-stage units.
Way Fwd	Faith and health tourism can be leveraged for jobs and regional infrastructure.
Concept	NSO/MoSPI conducts NSS rounds; tourism is a major services-sector growth and employment driver.

First known AI-agent breach of a government portal spotlights cyber-reporting timelines

[SCI-TECH]

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

Syllabus Linkage	Mains GS-II - role & impact of science & technology. Prelims - CERT-In, AI governance.
Context	The first known AI-system hack of a government network (Australia, 2026) spotlighted AI-agent security and incident-reporting timelines.
Key Facts	- An AI agent accessed non-public files on a government statistics portal. - A roughly two-month gap in reporting the breach drew scrutiny. - India's CERT-In mandates incident reporting within 6 hours (2022 rules). - Raises questions on autonomous-agent governance and audit trails.
Way Fwd	Mandatory disclosure timelines and agent 'sandboxing' are emerging governance priorities.
Concept	CERT-In = national cyber-incident response agency (under MeitY); AI agents are autonomous, task-executing systems.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

■ Mithila Makhana carries a GI tag; Bihar leads India's makhana output.	■ NSO Tourism Survey: Uttar Pradesh top destination at 15.7% of trips.
■ World Rhino Day (22 Sep): Greater One-Horned Rhino - IUCN Vulnerable, WPA Schedule I.	■ Kosi = the 'Sorrow of Bihar', an antecedent Himalayan river.
■ PM-KUSUM solarises farm feeders and tube-wells (Ministry: MNRE).	■ CERT-In cyber-incident reporting deadline in India: 6 hours.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

PRELIMS MCQ 1

Q. With reference to Bihar's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap, consider: 1) It covers the period 2023-28. 2) Its approved outlay is about Rs 23,698 crore. 3) Irrigation is supported under the PMKSY. Which 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 statements are correct - the roadmap runs 2023-28 with an outlay of about Rs 23,698 crore and irrigation support under PMKSY.

PRELIMS MCQ 2

Q. Regarding the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), consider: 1) The CEC can be removed only in the same manner as a Supreme Court judge. 2) Removal requires a special majority in both Houses of Parliament. 3) Several CECs have been removed since 1950. Which are correct?

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

Ans: (A). Statements 1 and 2 are correct; no CEC has ever been removed, so statement 3 is wrong.

MAINS PRACTICE QUESTION (BPSC pattern)

Recurring floods in north Bihar are as much a problem of silt and river management as of rainfall. In this light, examine the shift towards a 'long-term river-corridor' strategy for the Kosi. (BPSC Mains GS-II)

Hint: Cover the Kosi's antecedent Himalayan character, its silt load and channel-shifting, the limits of embankments, the new barrage + double-sheet-piling plan, the PM-KUSUM solarisation link, and Indo-Nepal cooperation.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Remember: Bihar Cabinet 24 proposals - Kosi long-term flood strategy + new barrage - 47.33 lakh flood-hit - Rs 23,698 cr Agriculture Roadmap - Patna Metro 30.91 km - Make in India @12 (GVA 15.6%) - RBI VRRR Rs 71,971 cr - CEC removal = like an SC judge.

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