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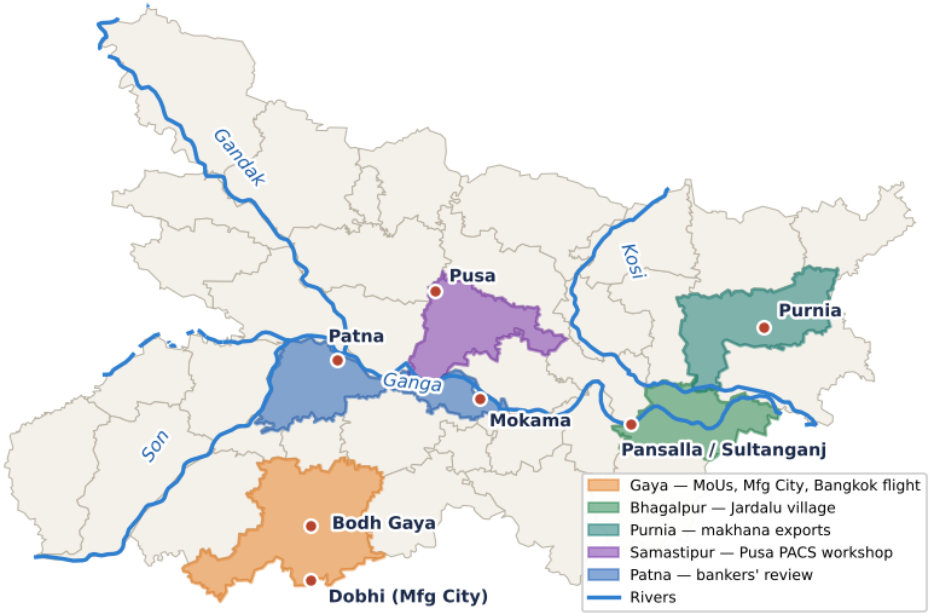
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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Bihar: **12 MoUs**, **₹4,092 crore** signed at **Bodh Gaya** (24 Oct)
- **Gaya Manufacturing City** — **1,670 acres**, **Dobhi block**, on **AKIC**
- **Gaya–Bangkok** direct flight from **26 Oct**, twice weekly (Mon & Thu)
- Bihar **CD ratio 60.17%** (30 Sept 2026); ACP target **₹4.95 lakh crore**
- **PM Surya Ghar**: Bihar adds up to **₹20,000** state top-up till **31 Mar 2027**
- JD(U) expels **Anant Singh** for **6 years**; **Tenth Schedule** plea to Speaker
- **Pansalla** (Bhagalpur) to become **Jardalu Mango Village** (BAU Sabour)
- **139th Mann Ki Baat**: khadi turnover over **₹1.87 lakh crore** (FY26)
- RBI's **₹169-crore** backup **data centre** opens near **Bhubaneswar**
- India: record **114 medals (30 G)**, **4th** at **Asian Para Games 2026**

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

BIHAR IN TODAY'S NEWS — 26 Oct 2026



KEY NUMBERS

₹4,092 cr
12 MoUs at Bodh Gaya

1,670 acres
Gaya Mfg City (AKIC)

1.1 lakh
projected jobs

₹16,500 cr
investment potential

2 / week
Gaya–Bangkok (Mon, Thu)

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Bihar CD ratio (30 Sept)

Bihar signs ₹4,092-crore MoUs; Gaya Manufacturing City launched on AKIC

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: Bihar economy — **industrial policy**, investment, employment. Prelims: **industrial corridors**, Gaya district facts.
Context	At an investors' meet in **Bodh Gaya** on **24 Oct**, CM **Samrat Choudhary** announced **12 MoUs** worth **₹4,092 crore** and launched **Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Ltd (BIMCGL)** with its web portal, as a curtain-raiser to **Bihar Business Connect 2027** (**17–18 Feb 2027**).
Key Facts	■ Largest MoU: **Mint Life Sciences ₹1,500 crore**; then **ABIS Group ₹600 crore**, **Bioheal Energy ₹510 crore**. ■ Sectors: **energy, textiles, food processing, biotech, aluminium, automobiles, jewellery**. ■ Gaya city: **~1,670 acres** in **Dobhi block**; potential **₹16,500 crore** investment, **~1.1 lakh jobs** (projected). ■ **~13,500 acres** under acquisition, completion expected by **January**; **PPP model** encouraged. ■ Proposed air links **Gaya–Dubai** and **Gaya–Kathmandu**; diaspora outreach via **Bihar Foundation** (**55 countries**).
Way Fwd	Convert MoUs into **ground-breakings** with time-bound land, power and single-window clearances; link the city to **skilling** for local youth.
Concept	**AKIC** (Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor) runs along the **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor**; **Gaya** was among **12 industrial smart cities** approved under the **NICDP** (Aug 2024).

Gaya–Bangkok direct flight begins today, boosting Buddhist circuit

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Culture) & GS-II

Syllabus Linkage	GS-I: Bihar's **Buddhist heritage** (Bodh Gaya). GS-II: tourism & **air connectivity**. Prelims: Bihar airports, **Act East** links.
Context	The first **direct international link from Gaya to Bangkok (Thailand)** starts on **26 Oct 2026**, cutting a **10–12 hour** route via Delhi/Kolkata and saving travellers up to **₹20,000**.
Key Facts	■ Frequency: **twice weekly — Mondays and Thursdays**. ■ Gaya→Bangkok dep. **1:15 pm**, arr. **4:35 pm**; return dep. **10:15 am**, arr. **12:15 pm**. ■ Targets pilgrims to **Mahabodhi Temple** (UNESCO WHS, **2002**) from **Thailand** and SE Asia. ■ Thailand, Laos and Japan representatives attended the **Bodh Gaya** investors' meet.
Way Fwd	Package flights with a **Bodh Gaya–Rajgir–Nalanda–Vaishali** circuit, e-visa facilitation and better last-mile roads.
Concept	**Buddhist Circuit**: Bodh Gaya (**enlightenment**), Sarnath (**first sermon**), Kushinagar (**Mahaparinirvana**), Lumbini (**birth**); **Act East Policy** (2014) succeeded **Look East** (1991).

Gaya → Bangkok: first direct flight



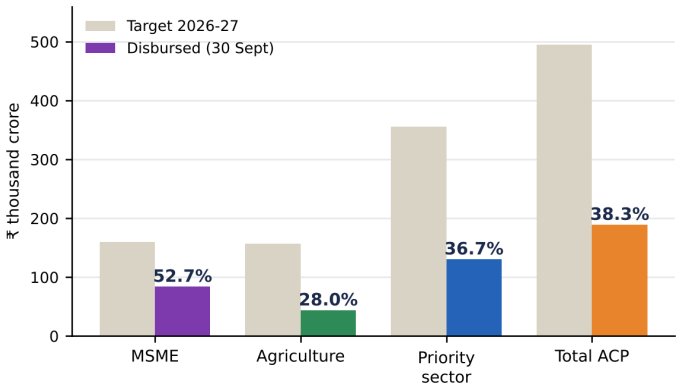
Bihar ranks banks on 100-point index; credit plan only 38% achieved

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **banking & financial inclusion** in Bihar; priority sector lending. Prelims: **SLBC**, KCC, PM SVANidhi.
Context	A high-level committee chaired by Development Commissioner **Mihir Kumar Singh** (Patna, **23 Oct**) graded banks into **Green (≥50)**, **Yellow (40–49)** and **Red (<40)** zones and asked them to work in **mission mode**.
Key Facts	■ Top: **IDFC First Bank (74)**; **SBI (32)** and **Canara (27)** in **Red Zone**. ■ ACP 2026-27 target **₹4,95,000 crore**; disbursed **₹1,89,343.52 crore** (**38.25%**) by 30 Sept. ■ **MSME 52.68%**, **Agriculture 28%**, **Priority sector 36.74%** of target achieved. ■ **KCC**: ₹8,344.70 crore in **7.38 lakh** accounts; **PM SVANidhi**: ₹2,099.59 crore.
Way Fwd	Tie district-level **CD-ratio targets** to bank performance; use **JEEViKA** and **PACS** as credit-delivery channels for farm loans.
Concept	**Annual Credit Plan (ACP)** is prepared under the **Lead Bank Scheme** (1969) and monitored by the **State Level Bankers' Committee**; **PSL** target for domestic banks is **40% of ANBC**.

Bihar credit plan: target vs disbursed

% = achievement by 30 Sept 2026 (half-year)



Chief Secretary reviews PM Surya Ghar rooftop-solar drive in Bihar

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Energy, S&T)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: Bihar **energy** sector & role of **S&T** (renewables). Prelims: **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana** features.
Context	Chief Secretary **Pratyaya Amrit** reviewed rooftop-solar progress under the **Unified Load Aggregation model**; Bihar offers eligible households up to **₹20,000** extra over central aid, valid till **31 March 2027**.
Key Facts	■ Installed (23 Oct): **1,43,793 solar structures**, **1,09,781 panels**, **31,349 inverters**. ■ Bank support: **13,911 loans** approved, **₹284.51 crore** disbursed. ■ Scheme launched **Feb 2024**: **1 crore households**, up to **300 units** free power per month. ■ Central subsidy up to **₹78,000** for a **3 kW** system.
Way Fwd	Close the gap between **structures and inverters**, strengthen **net-metering** by DISCOMs and train local **solar technicians**.
Concept	**Rooftop solar** = decentralised **photovoltaic (PV)** generation; **net metering** credits surplus power exported to the grid. Bihar's DISCOMs: **NBPDCL** and **SBPDCL**.

PM Surya Ghar in Bihar (as of 23 Oct)

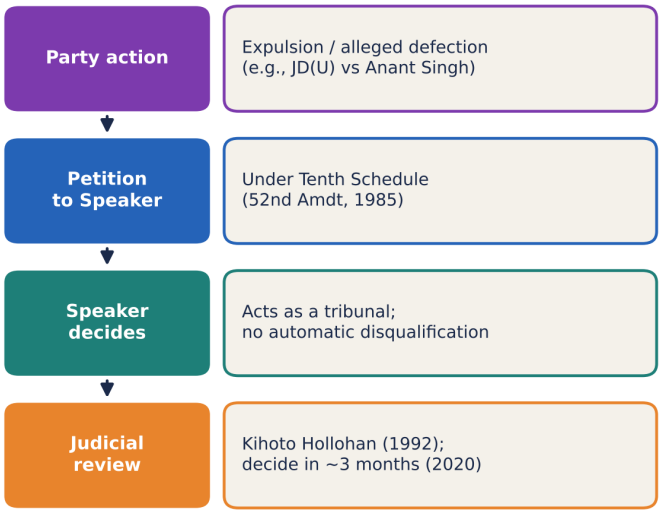
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JD(U) expels Mokama MLA Anant Singh; seeks Tenth Schedule action

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **State Legislature**, **anti-defection law**, role of **Speaker**. Prelims: **52nd/91st Amendments**, key judgments.
Context	On **24 Oct**, JD(U) state president **Umesh Singh Kushwaha** expelled **Anant Singh** and former MLA **Neelam Devi** for **six years** for alleged anti-party activity in the **Legislative Council** election, and asked Speaker **Dr Prem Kumar** to act under the **Tenth Schedule**.
Key Facts	■ Expulsion by a party does **not automatically disqualify** a legislator. ■ Final decision rests with the **Speaker** of the **Bihar Legislative Assembly**. ■ **Tenth Schedule** added by the **52nd Amendment, 1985**; **91st Amendment (2003)** removed the 'split' exemption. ■ **Kihoto Hollohan (1992)**: Speaker's decision is subject to **judicial review**.
Way Fwd	Time-bound disposal of petitions (SC in **Keisham Meghachandra, 2020**: ideally **3 months**) or an independent tribunal would curb delays.
Concept	**G. Viswanathan (1996)**: an **expelled member** continues to belong to his party for Tenth Schedule purposes; disqualification grounds include **voluntarily giving up membership** (Para 2(1)(a)).

Anti-defection: how it works



Bihar PACS to diversify into non-farm businesses

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Rural Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: Bihar **cooperatives**, rural livelihoods. Prelims: **PACS**, **Jan Aushadhi Kendras**, PM-KUSUM, PMFME.
Context	The **Cooperation Department** is training **PACS** to run new enterprises, with workshops at **Pusa (Samastipur)** on **24 Oct** and in **Patna** on **26 Oct**.
Key Facts	■ Businesses: **leaf plates**, **slippers**, **tailoring**, **solar LED bulb** assembly & sale. ■ PACS can open **PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras** and **PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras**. ■ Linked schemes: **CGTMSE**, **PMFME**, **PM-KUSUM**, **JEEViKA** livelihoods.
Way Fwd	Computerise PACS fully, adopt **model bye-laws** and give working-capital lines so multi-service PACS stay viable.
Concept	**PACS** = village-level tier of the **three-tier short-term cooperative credit** structure (PACS → DCCB → StCB); cooperatives got constitutional status via the **97th Amendment (2011)**, Part **IX-B**.

Pansalla to be 'Jardalu Mango Village'; Purnia makhana in Mann Ki Baat

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: Bihar **agriculture & horticulture**, **GI tags**, agri-exports. Prelims: GI products of Bihar and their districts.
Context	**BAU Sabour** adopted **Pansalla** (Sultanganj block, **Bhagalpur**) to develop it as a **Jardalu Mango Village**; separately, PM highlighted **makhana exports from Purnia** in the **139th Mann Ki Baat** (**25 Oct**).
Key Facts	■ **100 mango plants** distributed; Jardalu saplings planted under **village adoption**. ■ **Jardalu mango** (Bhagalpur) received a **GI tag in 2018**. ■ **Mithila Makhana** received a **GI tag in 2022**; Bihar grows the bulk of India's makhana. ■ CM thanked PM, saying the mention boosts **Seemanchal** farmers and processors.
Way Fwd	Build **cold chains**, pack-houses and export certification so GI produce earns a price premium for growers.
Concept	**GI tag** is granted under the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999** (in force **2003**) by the **GI Registry, Chennai**; other Bihar GIs: **Shahi Litchi**, **Katarni rice**, **Magahi paan**.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

60.17%

Bihar's Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio — 30 September 2026

Deposits **₹6,49,225 crore** vs outstanding credit **₹3,90,655 crore**; ratio slipped from **60.21%** at end of FY 2025-26. Banks with CD ratio **below 50%** flagged; ACP 2026-27 only **38.25%** achieved by mid-year.

Concept: CD ratio = credit ÷ deposits × 100 — shows how much of a state's savings is lent back locally; a low ratio signals **capital outflow** from Bihar. (Chart: see bankers' review item in Section A.)

SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Sci-Tech, Defence, Environment

139th Mann Ki Baat: khadi turnover crosses ₹1.87 lakh crore

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **MSME & village industries**, employment. GS-I: **Khadi** & the national movement. Prelims: **KVIC**.
Context	In the **139th episode** (**25 Oct 2026**), marking **12 years** of the programme, PM **Narendra Modi** hailed rising **Swadeshi** khadi sales, **e-Sanjeevani** and organic farming, and paid tribute to **Sardar Patel** and fibre-optics pioneer **Narinder Singh Kapany**.
Key Facts	■ Khadi & village industries turnover **over ₹1.87 lakh crore** in **FY 2025-26**. ■ Employment to **over 2.04 crore** people; turnover target **₹2.51 lakh crore**. ■ Gandhi Jayanti **2026** single-day sales **over ₹28 crore**. ■ PM also urged **cleanliness** and **vocal for local** during **Diwali–Chhath**.
Way Fwd	Scale **design, e-commerce and export** linkages so artisans in states like Bihar capture more value.
Concept	**KVIC** is a statutory body under the **KVIC Act, 1956** (Ministry of **MSME**); Gandhi popularised khadi through the **Swadeshi** and **Non-Cooperation** movements.

PM opens RBI's ₹169-crore data centre & cyber training institute in Odisha

SCI-TECH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Economy, S&T)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: role of **S&T** in the financial system, **cybersecurity**. Prelims: **RBI** functions, payment systems.
Context	On **25 Oct**, PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated RBI's **greenfield data centre** and **Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute** at **Info Valley-II, Khordha** (near Bhubaneswar), warning of rising **cyberthreats** to finance.
Key Facts	■ Cost **₹169 crore**; campus **18.55 acres**. ■ Acts as **backup/disaster-recovery** site to RBI's primary centre at **Kharghar, Navi Mumbai**. ■ Supports **currency management**, **payment & settlement** and regulatory data. ■ Institute focuses on **research, capacity building and skilling** in cybersecurity.
Way Fwd	Pair infrastructure with **CERT-In** coordination, zero-trust architecture and mandatory cyber drills for banks.
Concept	**RBI** was set up on **1 April 1935** under the **RBI Act, 1934** (Hilton Young Commission) and **nationalised in 1949**; a **DR site** keeps critical systems running if the primary site fails.

Swavlamban 2026: Navy's 5th innovation & indigenisation seminar

DEFENCE BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (S&T, Defence)

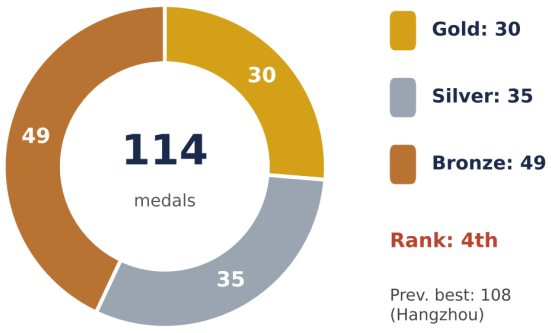
Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **S&T** in defence, **Atmanirbhar Bharat**. Prelims: **iDEX**, indigenous systems.
Context	The **5th edition** of **Swavlamban** is held on **26–27 Oct** at the **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**, with Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** releasing the **Swavlamban 5.0** document.
Key Facts	■ Theme: '**Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation**'. ■ Focus: **counter-UAS**, **quantum**, **AI**, **autonomous underwater vehicles**, **ramjet engines**. ■ **iDEX**: **4,000+** proposals; AoN for **₹3,500+ crore**, contracts **₹1,900+ crore**. ■ Navy: **42 platforms** on order; AoN for **78 more** and **120 Fast Interceptor Craft**.
Way Fwd	Speed up trials-to-induction and protect **IP** of start-ups to sustain the indigenisation pipeline.
Concept	**iDEX** (launched **2018**) is run by the **Defence Innovation Organisation**; **AoN** (Acceptance of Necessity) is the first step of capital procurement under **DAP 2020**.

India's best-ever Asian Para Games: 114 medals, 4th place

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims (Sports & Awards)

Syllabus Linkage	Prelims: **sports events, venues, records**. GS-II (social): **disability inclusion** — RPwD Act.
Context	The **5th Asian Para Games** (**18–24 Oct 2026**, **Aichi–Nagoya, Japan**) ended with India's **168-member** squad winning a record **114 medals** — **30 gold, 35 silver, 49 bronze**.
Key Facts	■ Previous best: **Hangzhou** edition (held **2023**) — **108 medals**. ■ Athletics alone gave **65 medals**; **9 golds** on the final day. ■ **Sumit Antil** won javelin (**72.46 m**); **Mona Agarwal** world record in **50m rifle 3P SH1**. ■ **Sandeep** world record in men's **400m T64** (**52.28 s**).
Way Fwd	Build accessible **para-sport infrastructure** at district level, including in Bihar, and widen **TOPS/Khelo India** support.
Concept	**RPwD Act, 2016** recognises **21 disabilities** and gives **4%** reservation in government jobs; **Article 41** (DPSP) covers public assistance in case of disablement.

India at Asian Para Games 2026



Siang Upper project protests: Centre rushes RAF to Pasighat

ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Geography, IR)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II: **India–China** water issues, river systems, **displacement**. Prelims: **Brahmaputra** system, mega dams.
Context	The Centre is sending **two RAF companies (~250 personnel)** to **Pasighat** after violence followed a **12-hour bandh** against the proposed **11,200-MW Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP)** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
Key Facts	■ Planned live storage **~9.2 billion cubic metres**; still at **pre-feasibility** stage. ■ Needs **SIA**, **EIA** and **DPR** before construction; implementing agency **NHPC**. ■ Seen as a buffer against China's mega-dam on the **Yarlung Tsangpo** (Medog). ■ Local **Adi** communities fear **displacement** and loss of land.
Way Fwd	Free, prior and informed **consent**, transparent impact studies and fair **R&R** are essential before any dam decision.

Concept	The **Siang** is the **Brahmaputra**'s name in Arunachal (Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet, **Jamuna** in Bangladesh); India–China share data under **expert-level mechanism (2006)**.

Siang Upper project: one river, three names



SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick fact
CVC	**Vigilance Awareness Week**: **26 Oct–1 Nov 2026**, theme **'Probity for Prosperity'**; CVC set up **1964** (**Santhanam Committee**).
J&K	**26 Oct 1947**: **Maharaja Hari Singh** signed the **Instrument of Accession**; observed as **Accession Day**.
Weather	Bay of Bengal system to become a **cyclonic storm**; IMD Patna warns of rain/thunderstorms in Bihar **27 Oct–1 Nov**.
Culture	**Rajgir Mahotsav 2026** on **26–28 Nov**; Saran readies **500 toilets** for **Sonpur Mela**.
Patna	Patna's **New Market** to be redeveloped at **₹498.40 crore**; **53 ghats** & **5 ponds** for **Chhath**.
Investment	**Bihar Business Connect 2027** global investors' summit fixed for **17–18 Feb 2027**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER — BPSC Pattern

Q1. Gaya Manufacturing City, launched by the Bihar government on 24 October 2026, is being developed under which industrial corridor?

(a) Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor
(b) Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor
(c) Chennai–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor
(d) East Coast Economic Corridor

Answer: (b) — The **~1,670-acre** city in **Dobhi block, Gaya** is part of the **Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)**, aligned with the **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor**.

Q2. Consider the following statements about the Tenth Schedule: 1. It was added by the 52nd Amendment Act, 1985. 2. The Speaker's decision on disqualification is final and immune from judicial review. 3. A member expelled by his party continues to belong to that party for the purposes of the Tenth Schedule. Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — Statement 2 is wrong: **Kihoto Hollohan (1992)** held the Speaker acts as a tribunal and is subject to **judicial review**. Statement 3 follows **G. Viswanathan (1996)**.

Mains Practice (GS-II): Bihar's credit-deposit ratio has hovered around 60%, while banks achieved only 28% of the farm-credit target by mid-2026-27. Examine the causes of low credit absorption in Bihar and suggest measures to channel deposits into productive investment. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~250 words)

Hint: Causes: **small landholdings**, weak land records, low **industrialisation**, risk aversion, branch density. Measures: **CD-ratio targets** under Lead Bank Scheme, **PACS/JEEViKA** channels, credit guarantees (**CGTMSE**), **Gaya Manufacturing City/AKIC** for industrial demand, digital land records.

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