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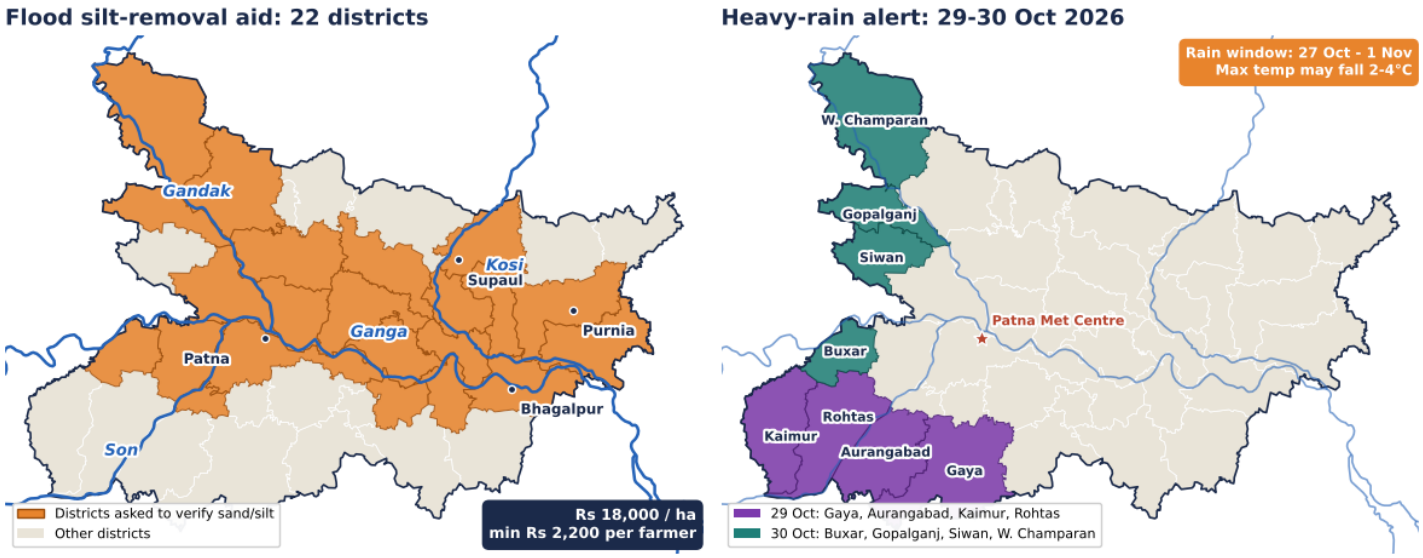
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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Counting held for **8 Bihar MLC seats**; final turnout **55.42%** (graduates) and **82.85%** (teachers).
- Bihar: **₹18,000/ha** aid to clear flood **sand-silt** from farms in **22 districts**.
- Heavy-rain alert for **8 Bihar districts** on **29–30 Oct** (retreating monsoon).
- **Gaya–Bangkok** non-stop flight launched; runs **Monday & Thursday**.
- **BPSC TRE-4.0**: **33,320** teacher posts; last date now **3 Nov**.
- **Nawada** farmers protest land acquisition for **Gangajal Phase-2**.
- **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026** released; replaces the **Dec 2018** doctrine.
- President assents to **FNTA Bill**: **6 districts**, **46 subjects**, **62 members**.
- **Lula** wins 4th term as Brazil's President with **51.79%** votes.
- India's best-ever **114 medals** (**30 gold**) at **Asian Para Games 2026**.

BIHAR: Post-flood land recovery & retreating-monsoon rain alert



BIHAR FOCUS MAP — flood silt-removal aid districts (item 2) and heavy-rain alert districts (item 3)

SECTION A — BIHAR SPECIAL

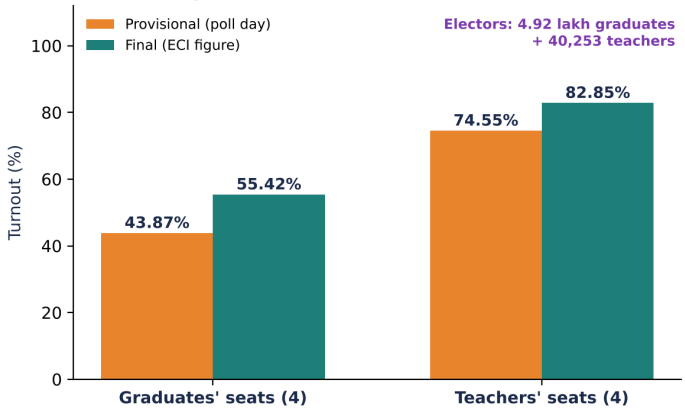
1. Counting held for 8 Bihar Legislative Council seats (4 graduates' + 4 teachers')

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Indian Polity – State Legislature (**Art. 168–171**); Prelims: composition of **Bihar Vidhan Parishad**, bicameral States.
Context	Counting of votes for **eight Bihar Legislative Council seats** began on **27 October 2026** (Patna centre: **Bankipur Girls High School**). Polling was held on **23 October**; the sitting members' terms end in **November**. Final results were awaited at the time of compilation.
Key Facts	■ Graduates' seats: **Patna, Darbhanga, Tirhut, Kosi**; teachers' seats: **Patna, Darbhanga, Tirhut, Saran**; about **150 candidates**. ■ Electorate: **4.92 lakh** graduates + **40,253** teachers (about **5.32 lakh** voters). ■ Final turnout **55.42%** (graduates) and **82.85%** (teachers), up from provisional **43.87%** and **74.55%**. ■ Highest turnout: **Saran Teachers 87.16%**; among graduates' seats **Patna 57.56%**. ■ NDA split the seats **BJP 4 : JD(U) 4**; **Jan Suraaj** contested all eight.
Way Fwd	Continuous online enrolment of graduate and teacher voters and cleaner rolls will make the Council's special constituencies more representative.

Concept	**Art. 171(3)**: **1/3** of Council members elected by MLAs, **1/3** by local bodies, **1/12** by **graduates of 3 years' standing**, **1/12** by **teachers** (secondary level and above, 3 years' service), **1/6** nominated by the **Governor**. Bihar's Council has **75** seats; creation/abolition under **Art. 169**.

Bihar MLC polls (23 Oct): turnout



2. ₹18,000/ha aid to clear flood-deposited sand and silt from farms in 22 districts

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Bihar geography (flood-prone plains) and Bihar economy (agriculture); Prelims: **SDRF/NDRF norms**, rivers of Bihar.
Context	On **26 October 2026**, the **Disaster Management Department**, on CM **Samrat Choudhary**'s direction, asked DMs of **22 flood-hit districts** to verify farmland and fish farms buried under **sand, silt and gravel** left by the **Ganga, Son, Gandak and Kosi**. The CM announced aid of **₹18,000 per hectare** (see map on page 1).
Key Facts	■ Aid: **₹18,000/ha**, minimum **₹2,200 per farmer**, paid under **SDRF/NDRF norms** after field verification. ■ Covers both **agricultural land** and **fish farms (matsya prakshetra)**. ■ Districts include **Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Supaul, Saharsa, Purnia, Katihar, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Khagaria** and both **Champarans**. ■ DMs must assess the quantity of deposit on the ground and send proposals; payment follows verification.
Way Fwd	Link desilting aid with **soil-health testing** and **rabi seed support** so restored fields return to cultivation before the sowing window closes.
Concept	**Sand casting** – coarse sand left on fields after floods – is chronic in the **Kosi–Gandak** plains; about **73%** of Bihar's area is flood-prone. Under the **Disaster Management Act, 2005**, **SDRF** is funded **75:25** (Centre:State) for general-category States like Bihar.

3. Retreating-monsoon system: heavy-rain alert for 8 Bihar districts on 29–30 Oct

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Geography – Climate)

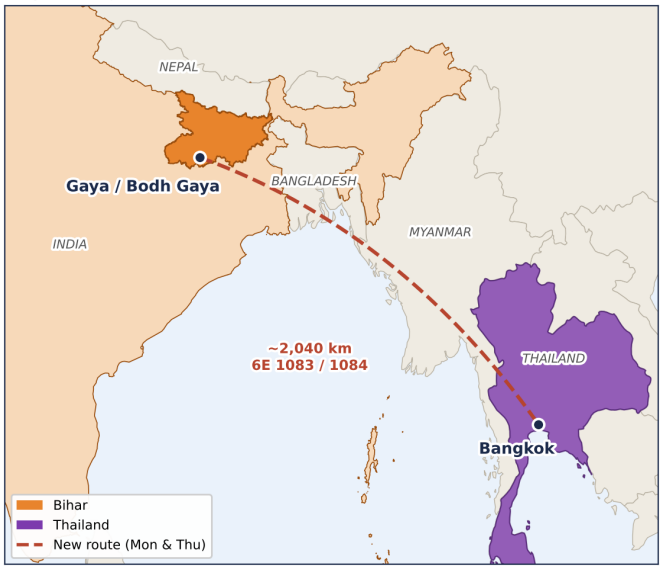
Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Bihar geography – climate & rainfall; Prelims: monsoon withdrawal, **Bay of Bengal** systems, lightning risk.
Context	The **Meteorological Centre, Patna** forecast thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds across Bihar from **27 October to 1 November**, linked to the **withdrawal of the monsoon** and an active **Bay of Bengal** weather system.
Key Facts	■ **29 Oct** heavy-rain alert: **Gaya, Aurangabad, Kaimur (Bhabua), Rohtas**. ■ **30 Oct** heavy-rain alert: **Buxar, Gopalganj, Siwan, West Champaran**. ■ 27 Oct: winds of **30–40 km/h** possible in Patna and south-west/south-central Bihar. ■ Maximum temperature **30–33°C**; may fall by **2–4°C** on rainy days.
Way Fwd	Issue crop advisories for the **paddy harvest** and push lightning alerts through the state's **Indravajra** app and panchayat networks.
Concept	**Retreating monsoon** (Oct–Nov): low-pressure systems from the **Bay of Bengal** can give late rain to Bihar (the '**Hathiya**' rain valued for paddy). Bihar's normal annual rainfall is about **1,200 mm**, over **80%** from the **south-west monsoon**.

4. Gaya–Bangkok non-stop flight launched: Bihar's new international air link

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Bihar economy – tourism, infrastructure; GS-I Bihar's Buddhist heritage; Prelims: airports of Bihar, **Act East Policy**.
Context	CM **Samrat Choudhary** virtually flagged off **IndiGo**'s first non-stop **Gaya–Bangkok** service on **26 October 2026** from Patna, calling it a boost to Bihar's **international connectivity, tourism, trade and investment**.
Key Facts	■ Frequency: **twice weekly – Monday & Thursday**; flights **6E 1083 / 6E 1084**. ■ Gaya to Bangkok departs **13:15**, arrives **17:50** (local time); air distance roughly **2,000 km**. ■ Links **Bodh Gaya** (**Mahabodhi Temple**, UNESCO World Heritage Site since **2002**) with **Thailand**, a major **Theravada Buddhist** market. ■ Bihar cabinet had cut **VAT on ATF to zero** at **RCS–UDAN** airports on **30 Sept 2026**.
Way Fwd	Bundle the route with a **Buddhist-circuit package** (Bodh Gaya–Rajgir–Nalanda–Vaishali–Kesariya) and e-visa facilitation to lengthen foreign tourist stays.
Concept	**Act East Policy (2014)** uses Buddhist soft power for South-East Asia ties. **Gaya** is Bihar's **international airport**; Bihar's Buddhist sites: **Bodh Gaya** (enlightenment), **Rajgir**, **Nalanda**, **Vaishali**, **Kesariya** stupa.

Gaya-Bangkok non-stop: Buddhist-circuit air link



5. BPSC TRE-4.0: 33,320 teacher posts; application deadline extended to 3 Nov

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Education & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Bihar governance – school education, State PSC; Prelims: **Art. 315–323**, **RTE Act** norms.
Context	On 26 October, **BPSC** extended the online application deadline for **School Teacher Recruitment Exam (TRE) 4.0** (Advt. **15/2026**) to **3 November 2026**, with fee payment allowed till **2 November**. The drive was earlier enlarged to **33,320** posts.
Key Facts	■ Vacancies raised from **32,388** to **33,320** (**+932**). ■ Additions: **493** posts for **Classes 9–10** and **439** for **Classes 11–12**. ■ Applications opened on **25 Sept 2026**; the earlier last date was **26 Oct**. ■ Revised basic pay: **₹31,000** (Classes 9–10) and **₹32,000** (Classes 11–12) per month.
Way Fwd	A time-bound exam, result and counselling cycle with transparent subject-wise rosters can close secondary-level **pupil-teacher ratio** gaps.

Concept	**State PSCs: Art. 315–323**; Chairman and members are appointed by the **Governor** but removable only by the **President** (**Art. 317**). The **RTE Act, 2009** prescribes a PTR of **30:1** (primary) and **35:1** (upper primary).

BPSC TRE-4.0 (Advt. 15/2026) at a glance

33,320 Total teacher posts	**+932** Posts added	**493** Added: Class 9-10
439 Added: Class 11-12	**3 Nov** New last date	**Rs 31-32k** Basic pay (9-12)

6. Nawada farmers protest land acquisition for Gangajal Supply Scheme Phase-2

BIHAR **BPSC: Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Water Governance)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Bihar economy – water resources, land acquisition; Prelims: **Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan**, south Bihar water stress.
Context	On **26 October 2026**, farmers in **Nawada** marched in a tractor convoy to the district headquarters against land acquisition for the **second phase of the Gangajal (Ganga water lift) project**, citing damage to standing **paddy** and fear of losing land.
Key Facts	■ The scheme lifts **Ganga water at Hathidah (Mokama, Patna)** to water-scarce towns of south Bihar. ■ **Phase-1**: **Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir** (completed **2022**); **Phase-2**: **Nawada**. ■ Pipeline runs via **Sarmera–Barbigha–Giriyak**; Nawada's water is treated at the **Motnaje** plant. ■ Phase-1 cost revised from **₹2,836 crore** to **₹4,174 crore**; part of **Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali**.
Way Fwd	Fair compensation under the **RFCTLARR Act, 2013**, payment for crop loss and scheduling works after harvest can defuse resistance without delaying drinking-water supply.
Concept	**RFCTLARR Act, 2013** requires a **Social Impact Assessment**, consent of **80%** (private) / **70%** (PPP) affected families, and compensation up to **4× market value** in rural areas. South Bihar (**Magadh**) is a groundwater-stressed, rain-shadow belt.

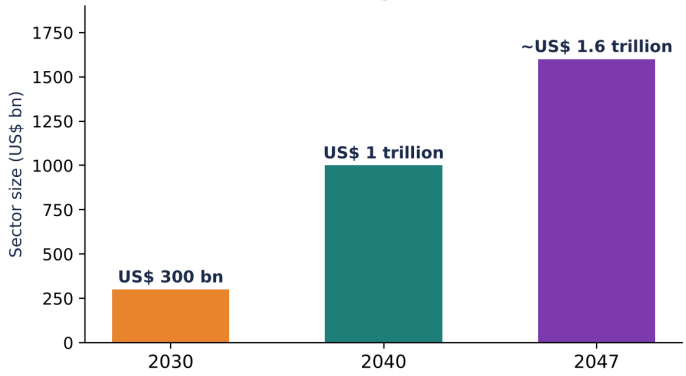
SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

India's chemicals-sector size target (India Chem 2026)

US$ 1 trillion by 2040

The **14th India Chem** (**22–24 Oct 2026**, Mumbai; theme '**Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub**'), organised by the **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals** and inaugurated by Union Minister **J.P. Nadda**, set targets of **US$ 300 bn by 2030**, **US$ 1 trillion by 2040** and about **US$ 1.6 trillion by 2047**.

India's chemicals-sector targets (India Chem 2026)



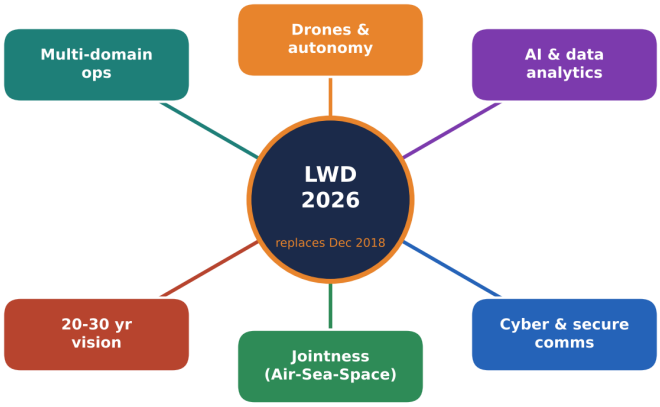
SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

7. Rajnath Singh releases the Army's revised Land Warfare Doctrine 2026

DEFENCE **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Science & Technology in Security)**

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II role of S&T (AI, drones) in national security; Prelims: defence doctrines, **Infantry Day**.
Context	Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released the **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026** at the **Army Commanders' Conference**, New Delhi (**23 Oct 2026**), chaired by Army Chief **Gen. Dhiraj Seth**. It replaces the **December 2018** doctrine.
Key Facts	■ Focus: **multi-domain operations**, **drones**, **AI**, autonomous systems, precision warfare, cyber and secure communications. ■ Commanders asked to build a **20–30-year strategic vision**. ■ Defence production hit a record **₹1.78 lakh crore** in **FY 2025-26**; exports about **₹38,000 crore**. ■ **27 Oct = Infantry Day (Shaurya Diwas)**, **80th** observance: **1 Sikh** landed at **Srinagar airfield** in **1947**.
Way Fwd	Translate the doctrine into joint **theatre commands**, indigenous drone/AI supply chains and new training curricula.
Concept	A **military doctrine** sets the principles for employing forces. The **CDS** post was created in **2019**. **Lt Col Dewan Ranjit Rai**, killed near **Baramulla** in 1947, was independent India's first **Maha Vir Chakra** (posthumous) recipient.

Land Warfare Doctrine 2026: key themes

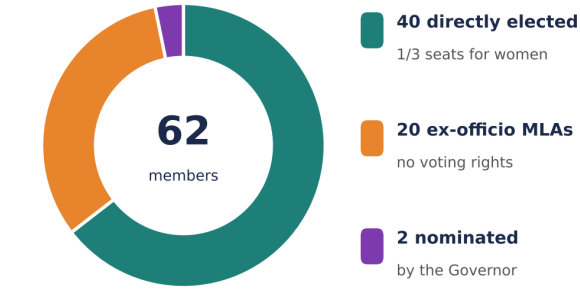


8. President assents to Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill, 2026

POLITY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity – Federalism & Special Provisions)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II Indian Polity – special provisions (**Art. 371A**), autonomous bodies, devolution; Prelims: districts of eastern Nagaland.
Context	**President Droupadi Murmu** assented to the **FNTA Bill, 2026**, passed unanimously by the **Nagaland Assembly** on **3 Sept 2026**. It implements the tripartite agreement of **5 Feb 2026** among the **Centre, Nagaland government and ENPO**.
Key Facts	■ Covers **6 eastern districts**: **Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, Shamator**. ■ Powers over **46 subjects**; a **mini-Secretariat** headed by an Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary. ■ **62 members**: **40 elected** (**1/3** for women), **20 ex-officio MLAs** (no vote), **2 nominated** by the Governor. ■ Executive Council of up to **9**, headed by a **Chief Executive Member**; **Art. 371A** remains unaffected.
Way Fwd	Assured funds (shared by population and area) and capacity building are needed so that devolution delivers development to the long-neglected east.
Concept	**Art. 371A** (**13th Amendment, 1962**) protects Naga religious/social practices, customary law and land ownership; Nagaland became a State on **1 Dec 1963**. Compare **Sixth Schedule** councils in **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram**.

Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority: composition



9. Lula wins a fourth term as Brazil's President

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events – International)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-I current events of international importance; GS-II economy (trade); Prelims: **BRICS**, **IBSA**, Latin America.
Context	**Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** won Brazil's **25 Oct 2026** presidential run-off, defeating **Flávio Bolsonaro** to secure a **fourth, non-consecutive** term.
Key Facts	■ Vote share **51.79%** (over **5.14 crore** votes) vs **48.21%**. ■ First candidate in Brazil's democratic era to win after **trailing in the first round**. ■ To be sworn in on **5 January 2027**; the oldest president to take office since **1989**. ■ Brazil is a founding member of **BRICS** and **IBSA**; it hosted **G20 (2024)** and **COP30 (Belém, 2025)**.
Way Fwd	India can deepen **BRICS/IBSA** coordination, biofuel cooperation through the **Global Biofuels Alliance** and expansion of the **India–MERCOSUR PTA**.
Concept	**India–Brazil Strategic Partnership** dates from **2006**; the **India–MERCOSUR PTA** has been in force since **2009**. Brazil is among India's largest trade partners in **Latin America**.

10. AATAL: world's first atmospheric chemistry & aerosol toxicity lab opens at IITM, New Delhi

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

Syllabus Linkage	GS-II role and impact of S&T; environment – air pollution; Prelims: **Mission Mausam**, **NCAP**, AQI.
Context	Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL)** at the Delhi branch of **IITM (Pune)**, under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**' **Mission Mausam**.
Key Facts	■ Studies pollutants at the **molecular level** to pinpoint sources – **vehicles, industry, crop-residue burning, dust** – in Delhi-NCR. ■ Linked to IITM's **AIRWISE** system: **72-hour** air-quality forecasts at **400 m** resolution. ■ Billed as the **world's first** laboratory of its kind. ■ Assesses the **toxicity** of aerosols, not just their mass (**PM2.5/PM10**).
Way Fwd	Extend source-apportionment studies to Indo-Gangetic cities such as **Patna, Gaya and Muzaffarpur**, which often record poor winter AQI.
Concept	**Mission Mausam** (approved **Sept 2024**, **₹2,000 crore**) aims at a weather-ready, climate-smart Bharat. **NCAP (2019)** now targets up to **40%** PM reduction by **2025-26**. The **AQI** covers **8 pollutants** in **6 categories**.

11. India's best-ever haul of 114 medals at the Asian Para Games 2026

SOCIETY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events – Sports)

Syllabus Linkage	GS-I current events of national importance; social justice – persons with disabilities; Prelims: sports events & hosts.
Context	The **5th Asian Para Games** in **Aichi–Nagoya, Japan** (**18–24 Oct 2026**) ended with India **4th** on the medal table, its **best-ever** performance.
Key Facts	■ India: **114 medals** – **30 gold, 35 silver, 49 bronze**. ■ A **168-athlete** contingent competed in **11 disciplines**. ■ **China** topped with **435** medals (**207 gold**); **Japan 186**, **Uzbekistan 145**. ■ Next edition: **Doha, Qatar (2030)**.
Way Fwd	Expand **Khelo India** para-sport centres, classification facilities and accessible stadiums in States such as Bihar.
Concept	The Asian Para Games are run by the **Asian Paralympic Committee** and held after the **Asian Games** in the same host city. The **RPwD Act, 2016** recognises **21** disabilities and provides **4%** reservation in government jobs.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick fact
Award	**Ashoke Sen** (ICTS Bengaluru) – **first Indian** to receive the **Oskar Klein Medal** (instituted **1988**) for **string theory**.
Chess	**Bodhana Sivanandan** (age **11**) – **youngest female International Master** in chess, breaking **Judit Polgar**'s 1988 record.
Sports	**Ahmedabad** will host the **2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships** – India's first.
Bihar Energy	Bihar **Green Hydrogen Policy 2026**: **1 lakh tonnes/year by 2031**; nodal agency **BREDA**; about **₹16,000 crore** investment.
Bihar Cabinet	Bihar Cabinet meets on **28 Oct** under CM **Samrat Choudhary**, with focus on **youth-employment** proposals.
Agri	**AgriStack**: **11 crore Farmer IDs** generated (**23 Oct 2026**) under the **Digital Agriculture Mission**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Bihar's Gangajal Apurti (Ganga water lift) Scheme, whose Phase-2 serves Nawada, lifts Ganga water at which place?

(a) Hathidah (Mokama) **(b)** Sultanganj (Bhagalpur) **(c)** Kahalgaon (Bhagalpur) **(d)** Buxar

Answer: (a) — Water is lifted at **Hathidah near Mokama (Patna district)** and piped via Sarmera–Barbigha–Giriyak to **Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir** (Phase-1) and **Nawada** (Phase-2).

Q2. With reference to a State Legislative Council, consider: 1. One-twelfth of members are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing. 2. One-twelfth are elected by teachers of at least three years' service in institutions not lower than secondary school. 3. One-sixth are nominated by the Governor. Which of the statements are correct?

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

Answer: (d) — All three follow **Art. 171(3)**. Bihar's **75-member** Council has **6** graduates' and **6** teachers' constituencies; **8** of these seats were polled on **23 Oct 2026**.

MAINS PRACTICE (GS-II)

Floods in north Bihar not only destroy standing crops but also leave behind sand casting that keeps land barren for seasons. Discuss the problem and suggest measures for post-flood agricultural recovery in Bihar.

Hint: Intro: **~73%** of Bihar flood-prone; **Kosi–Gandak** sediment load. Body: impact on soil, fisheries and incomes; **₹18,000/ha** desilting aid in **22 districts** under **SDRF/NDRF** norms; add soil testing, rabi seed kits, crop insurance, embankment upkeep, **Kosi–Mechi link**. Conclude with a resilient-agriculture approach.

ONE-LINE REVISION: MLC = **Art. 171** (1/12 graduates + 1/12 teachers) | Silt aid **₹18,000/ha** in **22 districts** | **Gaya–Bangkok** Mon & Thu | TRE-4.0 **33,320** posts, last date **3 Nov** | FNTA: **6 districts, 46 subjects** | LWD 2026 replaces **2018**.

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