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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Computer education** to be **mandatory** in all Bihar govt schools from **2027** session
- **17 north Bihar districts** on high flood alert; Gandak at **4.24 lakh cusecs** (Valmikinagar)
- **354.37-km four-lane** road planned on both **Kosi embankments** (Birpur–Kursela/Koparia)
- New **double-line Mokama rail bridge** over Ganga to open **5 Oct**; speed up to **90 km/h**
- **Rajgir** moves closer to hosting **2030 FIH Women's Hockey World Cup**
- Bihar DGP **Vinay Kumar** takes VRS, named **Chief Information Commissioner**
- Forex reserves fall **$14.88 bn** to **$765.90 bn** (week ended **18 Sept**)
- **Russia** backs **India & Brazil** for permanent UNSC seats; opposes Germany, Japan
- **UNGA** declaration (**24 Sept**): sea-level rise will not end **statehood**
- India at **20th Asian Games**: **37 medals** (4G-16S-17B), **12th** place

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

Bihar makes computer education mandatory in all government schools

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

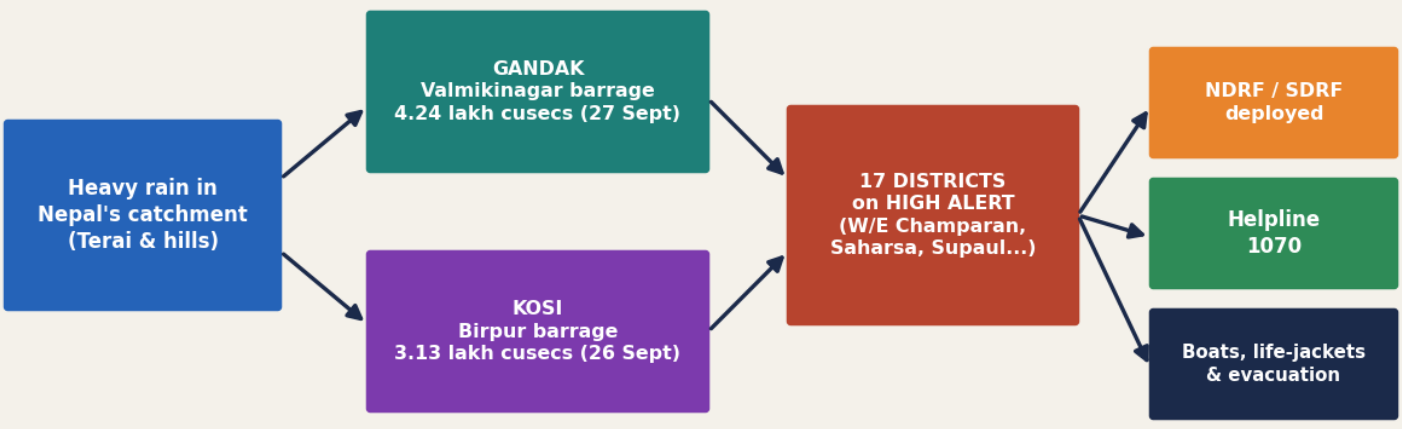
Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: Bihar's social sector & education policy; role of S&T. **Prelims**: Bihar schemes, NEP 2020, NIPUN Bharat.
Context	On **27 Sept 2026**, CM **Samrat Choudhary**, attending a **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)** at the Government Middle School, **Ramjichak (Danapur, Patna)**, announced that computer education will be **compulsory** in all govt schools.
Key Facts	■ Rollout from the **next academic year (2027)** across **all government schools**. ■ Staffing model: **one computer instructor** for a **cluster of 2-3 schools**. ■ Announced at a PTM focused on **NIPUN** goals — foundational **reading, writing & numeracy**. ■ CM's message: children must be connected with **modern technology** now.
Way Fwd	Ensure **electricity, internet & ICT labs** in rural schools, train teachers, and link the curriculum to **coding & AI basics** under NEP.
Concept	**NEP 2020** recommends **coding from Class 6**. **NIPUN Bharat** (July 2021) targets **FLN by Grade 3**. Education moved to the **Concurrent List** by the **42nd Amendment (1976)**; **Art. 21A** + **RTE Act 2009** guarantee free education for **6-14 yrs**.

Nepal rain swells Gandak & Kosi; 17 north Bihar districts on high flood alert

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: Bihar geography — rivers, floods, drainage. **Prelims**: barrages, Indo-Nepal river agreements, flood-prone districts.
Context	Heavy rainfall in **Nepal's catchment** pushed both rivers to **seasonal highs**. Chief Secretary **Pratyaya Amrit** reviewed preparedness with DMs; villages **between the Kosi embankments** in **Saharsa** are already inundated.
Key Facts	■ **Gandak** at **Valmikinagar barrage**: **4.24 lakh cusecs** (27 Sept, 11 am), expected near **5 lakh**. ■ **Kosi** at **Birpur barrage**: **3.13 lakh cusecs** on **26 Sept** — season's highest. ■ **17 districts** incl. **W & E Champaran, Gopalganj, Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Darbhanga, Khagaria**. ■ **NDRF/SDRF** deployed; boats & life-jackets stocked; disaster helpline **1070**.
Way Fwd	Shift from embankment-only defence to **basin-level planning with Nepal**, real-time **flood forecasting**, and **'living with floods'** livelihood models.
Concept	**Kosi** = **'Sorrow of Bihar'**; barrage at **Bhimnagar (near Birpur)** under the **Kosi Agreement 1954**. **Gandak barrage (Valmikinagar)** under the **Gandak Agreement 1959**. About **73%** of Bihar's area is **flood-prone**; **2008 Kusaha breach** changed the Kosi's course.

North Bihar Flood Alert — How Nepal Rain Reaches Bihar (26-27 Sept 2026)



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354-km four-lane road planned along both Kosi embankments

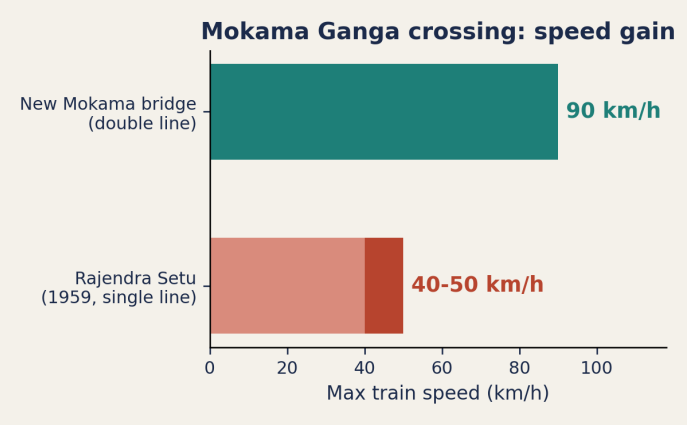
BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Bihar Economy & Infrastructure)

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: Bihar infrastructure & regional development of Kosi-Seemanchal. **Prelims**: NH numbers, Kosi-belt towns, expressways.
Context	The state is planning a **354.37-km four-lane corridor** on **both Kosi embankments** to give flood-prone north Bihar an **all-weather alternative route** during the monsoon.
Key Facts	■ **Eastern embankment ~124 km**: **Birpur (Supaul) → Koparia (Saharsa)** via Nauhatta, Mahishi, Simri Bakhtiyarpur. ■ **Western embankment ~230 km**: **Birpur → Kursela (Katihar)** via Madhepur, Kiratpur, Alauli, Naugachhia. ■ Links **5 NHs** — **NH-27, NH-31, NH-131, NH-231, NH-527A** — and the **Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway**. ■ Benefits **8 districts**; land need about **94,200 acres** (**34,700 E + 59,500 W**).
Way Fwd	Design must **strengthen, not weaken, embankments**; adopt **flood-resilient road engineering** and fair **R&R** for families living inside the embankments.
Concept	**Kosi embankments** were built after the **Kosi Project (1955)**; many villages still live **between** them. Related Bihar corridors: **Loknayak Ganga Path (Patna)**, **Patna Outer Ring Road**, **Gandak & Ganga river-side four-lanes** (planned).

New double-line Mokama rail bridge over Ganga to open on 5 October

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: transport infrastructure & Bihar economy. **Prelims**: Ganga bridges of Bihar, railway zones.
Context	A new **double-line rail bridge** built **parallel to Rajendra Setu** at Mokama will start train operations on **5 Oct 2026** after **CRS inspection (3-4 Oct)**; a **mega block** runs **20 Sept–4 Oct**.
Key Facts	■ Bridge length about **1.86 km**; total project about **14 km**; cost about **₹1,700 crore**. ■ Train speed up to **90 km/h** vs **40-50 km/h** on the ageing single-line **Rajendra Setu**. ■ Serves **Hathidah, Rampur Dumra, Simaria, Barauni**; eases the **Howrah–Delhi** corridor. ■ Executed by **East Central Railway** (HQ **Hajipur**).
Way Fwd	Use the capacity gain for more **freight & MEMU services** linking **Begusarai–Barauni industrial belt** with Patna.
Concept	**Rajendra Setu** (opened **1959**) was **Bihar's first rail-cum-road bridge over the Ganga**, named after **Dr Rajendra Prasad**. Other Ganga links: **Digha–Sonpur (J.P. Setu)**, **Munger (Shri Krishna Setu)**, **Aunta–Simaria six-lane** road bridge.



Kosi Embankment Four-Lane Corridor — Key Numbers

354.37 km	~124 km	~230 km	8	5 NHs	~94,200
Total length	East: Birpur–Koparia	West: Birpur–Kursela	Districts benefit	+ Gorakhpur–Siliguri Exp.	Acres of land

Rajgir moves closer to hosting the 2030 FIH Women's Hockey World Cup

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Current Events)

Syllabus Linkage	**Prelims**: sports events & venues in Bihar. **Mains GS-I**: current events of national importance; **GS-II**: sports infrastructure in Bihar.
Context	Bihar Sports Minister **Shreyasi Singh** said the state's proposal to host the **2030 FIH Women's Hockey World Cup** at **Rajgir** has been accepted (as per state officials), after talks at the **20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)**.
Key Facts	■ Talks involved Sports Secretary **Deepak Anand** and Hockey India Secretary-General **Bhola Nath Singh**. ■ Rajgir hosted the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024** and the **Men's Asia Cup 2025**. ■ Venue: **Rajgir Sports Complex** (Nalanda district), home to **Bihar Sports University**. ■ Slogan: **'The world's daughters should come to Bihar'**.
Way Fwd	Await **formal FIH confirmation**; upgrade **hotels, air connectivity (Gaya/Patna)** and grassroots **women's hockey** programmes.
Concept	**FIH** (founded **1924**, HQ **Lausanne**) governs hockey. **Women's Hockey World Cup** began in **1974**; the **2026** edition was co-hosted by **Belgium & Netherlands**. **Rajgir** — ancient **Rajagriha**, first capital of **Magadha**, site of the **First Buddhist Council**.

Bihar DGP Vinay Kumar takes VRS, appointed State Chief Information Commissioner

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

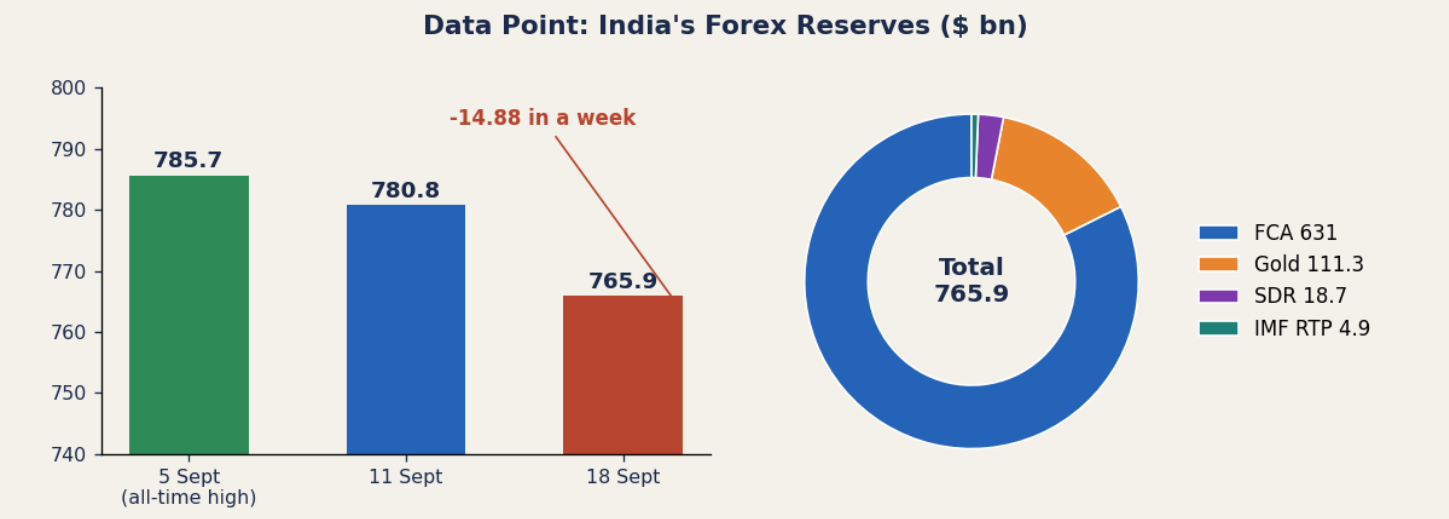
Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: statutory bodies, transparency & police reforms. **Prelims**: RTI Act 2005, State Information Commission.
Context	The state approved the **voluntary retirement** of DGP **Vinay Kumar** (**1991-batch IPS**) on **25 Sept 2026**, relaxing the **3-month notice**, months before his **December** superannuation; he is to head the **Bihar State Information Commission**.
Key Facts	■ Appointed **Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)** of Bihar. ■ **Preeta Verma** (**1991 batch**) continues as **Acting DGP**. ■ Kumar had been on **medical leave** earlier in September.
Way Fwd	Appoint a **regular DGP** via **UPSC empanelment** (Prakash Singh norms) and clear **RTI appeal backlogs** at the Commission.
Concept	**RTI Act 2005, Sec. 15**: State CIC is appointed by the **Governor** on the recommendation of a committee of **CM, Leader of Opposition & a Cabinet Minister** nominated by the CM. **RTI (Amendment) Act 2019** lets the **Centre** fix tenure & salary. **Prakash Singh (2006)**: **minimum 2-year** tenure for DGP.

SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

India's foreign exchange reserves (week ended 18 Sept 2026)

$765.90 bn

Down **$14.88 bn** in one week — the **sharpest weekly fall since Nov 2024** — from **$780.8 bn**; all-time high **$785.7 bn** (5 Sept). Foreign currency assets **$631 bn**, gold **$111.3 bn**, SDRs **$18.7 bn**, IMF reserve position **$4.9 bn**. Cause: **RBI dollar sales** to steady the **rupee** as crude crossed **$105/barrel** and US yields rose above **5%**.



SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, IR, Environment

Russia backs India & Brazil for permanent UNSC seats, rejects Germany & Japan

IR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (International Affairs)

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-I**: current events of international importance; India & UN. **Prelims**: UN Charter, UNSC composition, G4.
Context	At the **UN General Assembly** debate (**26 Sept 2026**), Russian FM **Sergey Lavrov** reaffirmed support for **India and Brazil** as permanent members and said reform cannot add seats for **Western countries, especially Germany and Japan**.
Key Facts	■ **Mauritius** backed the **G4 & L.69** positions and India's candidature. ■ **Portugal** supported permanent representation for **Africa, Brazil & India**. ■ **China** has not endorsed India's bid — any **P5 member** can block reform. ■ UNSC last expanded in **1965** (**11 → 15** members).
Way Fwd	Push **text-based negotiations** in the **IGN** process and build a **Global South coalition** with the **African Union**.
Concept	Charter amendment (**Arts. 108-109**) needs **2/3 of UNGA** + ratification by **2/3 of members incl. all P5**. Blocs: **G4** (India, Brazil, Germany, Japan), **Uniting for Consensus** (Italy, Pakistan...), **Ezulwini Consensus** (AU: 2 permanent + 5 non-permanent). India has been a non-permanent member **8 times** (last **2021-22**).

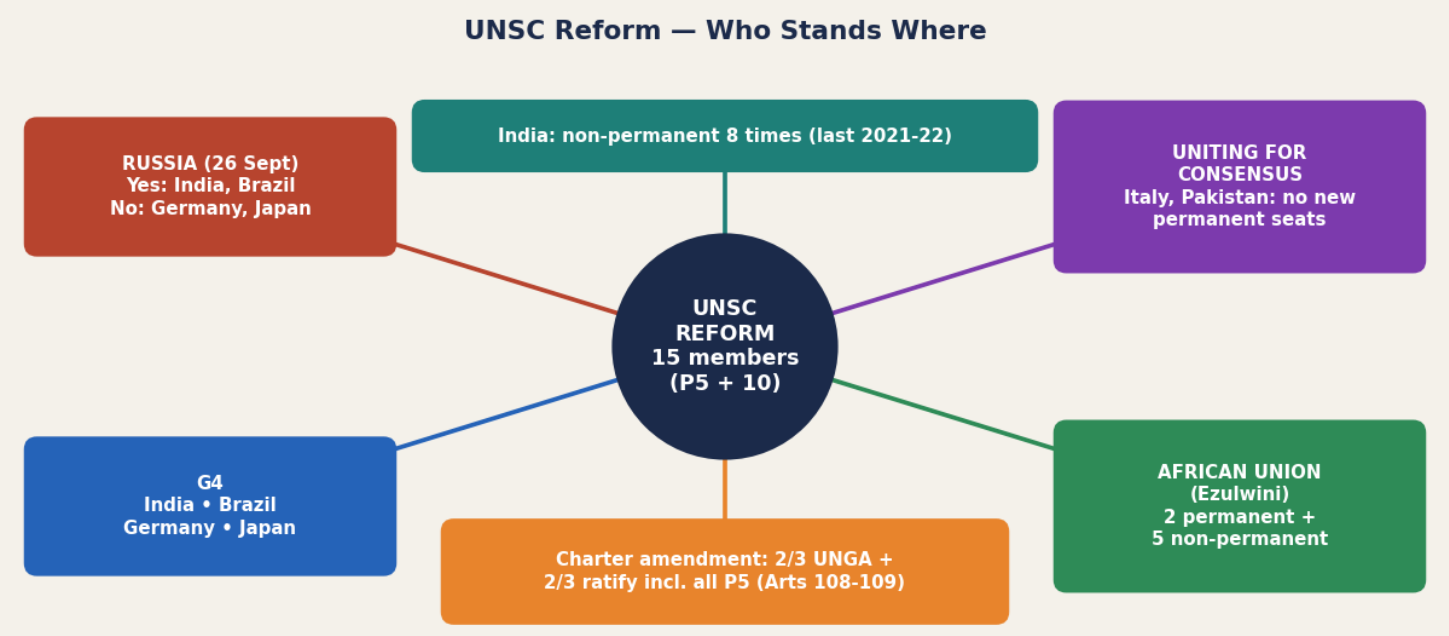
UNGA declaration: rising seas will not erase statehood or maritime zones

ENVIRONMENT BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (International Affairs)

Syllabus Linkage	**Prelims**: UNCLOS zones, climate diplomacy. **Mains GS-I**: international events; **GS-II**: role of S&T in climate adaptation.
Context	On **24 Sept 2026** the **UN General Assembly** adopted **by consensus** a declaration that low-lying states keep their **statehood, UN membership and maritime zones** even if rising seas submerge territory.
Key Facts	■ **Baselines stay fixed** even if coastlines retreat. ■ Protects **Tuvalu, Fiji, Vanuatu** and other small island states. ■ It is **non-binding**; no new **adaptation finance** or relocation plan. ■ India link: **Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar, Sundarbans** and a large **EEZ**.

Way Fwd	Back it with **loss-and-damage finance** at **COP31 (Antalya, Nov 2026)** and codify it in a **binding instrument**.

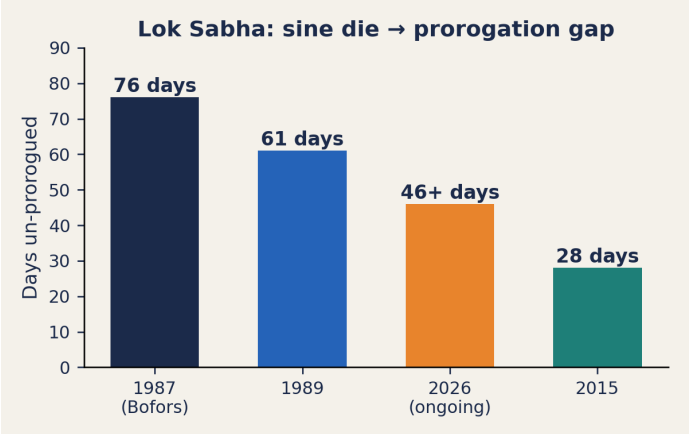
Concept	**UNCLOS 1982**: **Territorial sea 12 nm**, **Contiguous zone 24 nm**, **EEZ 200 nm**. **Australia–Tuvalu Falepili Union (2023)** offers climate mobility. India's net-zero target: **2070**; **500 GW** non-fossil capacity by **2030**.



Lok Sabha crosses 46 days after sine die adjournment without prorogation

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: Parliament — sessions, procedure, ordinances. **Prelims**: Arts. 85 & 123, adjournment vs prorogation.
Context	The **Monsoon Session** was adjourned **sine die on 13 Aug 2026**, but the Lok Sabha remains **un-prorogued** as of **28 Sept** — **46+ days**, the **third-longest** such gap since Independence.
Key Facts	■ Longer gaps only in the **Bofors** years: **76 days (1987)** and **61 days (1989)**. ■ Previous high since 2014: **28 days (2015)**. ■ An un-prorogued House can be **recalled by the Speaker** without fresh summons. ■ Reports suggest a possible **October sitting** for amendments on **delimitation & women's reservation**.
Way Fwd	Codify a **minimum number of sitting days** and clear conventions on prorogation to protect **parliamentary accountability**.
Concept	**Art. 85**: President **summons & prorogues**; gap between sessions **≤ 6 months**. **Sine die** adjournment is by the **Speaker/Chair**; **prorogation** ends the session. **Art. 123**: ordinances only when **both Houses are not in session** — govts usually prorogue first.



Voter deletions via ECINet revive debate: is the right to vote statutory or fundamental?

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Mains GS-II**: Election Commission, electoral reforms, rights. **Prelims**: Art. 326, RPA 1950/1951, landmark cases.
Context	In **Goa**, **97 eligible voters** were dropped as the centralised **ECINet** software did not let **EROs** correct errors; Election Commissioners reportedly recorded **14 dissent notes** in **10 months**. In **Patna**, opposition parties protested alleged **voter-list irregularities** on **28 Sept**.
Key Facts	■ **Kuldip Nayar v. UoI (2006)**: voting is a **statutory right**. ■ **Rajbala v. Haryana (2015)**: called it a **constitutional right**. ■ **Anoop Baranwal (2023)**: Justice **Ajay Rastogi** linked it to **Arts. 19(1)(a) & 21**. ■ Deletion also hit welfare — Goa's **Mediclaim scheme** uses the roll for eligibility.
Way Fwd	Keep a **'human in the loop'** — ERO **override with audit trail**, prior **notice & hearing** (**audi alteram partem**) before any deletion.
Concept	**Art. 326**: **universal adult suffrage** (age **18** since the **61st Amendment, 1988**). **Art. 324**: Election Commission. **RPA 1950** governs **electoral rolls**; **RPA 1951** governs **conduct of elections**.

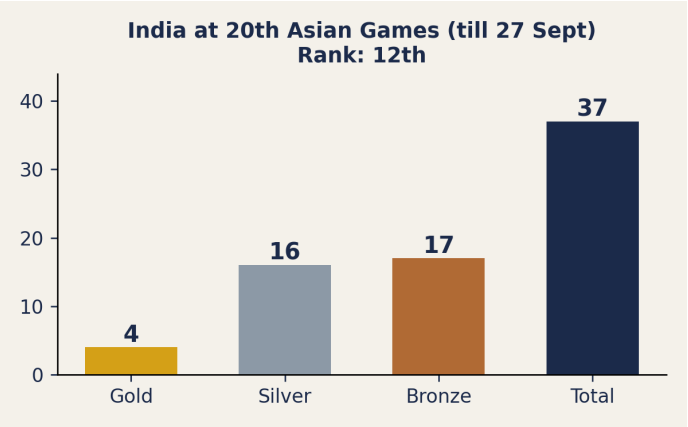
20th Asian Games: India's tally reaches 37 medals after athletics & squash haul

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Prelims**: sports — venues, medal winners, records. **Mains GS-I**: current events of national importance.
Context	On **27 Sept 2026** India won **7 medals** (4 silver, 3 bronze) at the **20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)**, taking the tally to **37 (4 G, 16 S, 17 B)**; India is **12th**.

Key Facts	■ Silver: **Abhay Singh** & **Anahat Singh** (squash), **Sarvesh Kushare** (high jump), **Ancy Sojan** (long jump). ■ Bronze: **Tejaswin Shankar** (decathlon), **Harita Bhadra**, **Parul Chaudhary** (3000m steeplechase — **national record 9:08.67**). ■ Golds so far include **men's & women's kabaddi** and **women's cricket**. ■ Top of table: **China** (205 medals), **Japan**, **South Korea**.
Way Fwd	Convert **silvers into golds** via **TOPS**-style targeted support and **Khelo India** talent pipelines.

Concept	Asian Games are run by the **Olympic Council of Asia** (HQ **Kuwait**); the **1st** edition was held in **New Delhi (1951)**. India's best haul: **107 medals** at **Hangzhou 2022** (held in 2023).



SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. **Vishnupad Temple Corridor (Gaya)** — Bihar cabinet gave **₹2,520 crore** approval on **15 Sept**, modelled on **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor**.	**4.** **Incendiamoeba cascadensis** — amoeba replicating at **63°C**, a **record for eukaryotes**.
2. **Son–Falgu river-linking** project sanctioned **₹996.05 crore**; **Makhana Development Scheme 2026-27**: **₹89.79 crore**.	**5.** **Mann Ki Baat (138th episode, 27 Sept)** — hailed **pygmy hog** recovery (~**190**) in Assam & **Modhera** solar village.
3. **Poompuhar (Mayiladuthurai, TN)** — undersea finds incl. a **West Asian 'torpedo jar'**; port of the **early Cholas** (Sangam age).	**6.** **COP31** — **Antalya, Türkiye (Nov 2026)**, with **Australia** leading negotiations.

SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER — BPSC Pattern

Q1. Consider the following statements about the proposed Kosi four-lane corridor in Bihar: 1. It will run along both Kosi embankments for about 354 km. 2. Its western section runs from Birpur to Kursela. 3. It will connect with the Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway. Which of the statements given above is/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 are correct: **354.37 km** on both embankments; west **Birpur → Kursela (~230 km)**, east **Birpur → Koparia (~124 km)**; it links **5 NHs** and the **Gorakhpur–Siliguri Expressway**.

Q2. Under the RTI Act, 2005, the State Chief Information Commissioner is appointed by:

(a) The Chief Minister (b) The Governor on the recommendation of a committee (c) The President of India (d) The Chief Justice of the High Court

Answer: (b) — **Sec. 15(3)**: the **Governor** appoints on the recommendation of a committee of the **CM**, **Leader of Opposition** and a **Cabinet Minister** nominated by the CM.

Mains Practice: "Floods in north Bihar are as much a governance challenge as a geographical one." Discuss with reference to the Kosi and Gandak basins and suggest a long-term strategy. (BPSC Mains GS-II, ~250 words)

Hint: Intro: **~73% flood-prone area**, Himalayan rivers from **Nepal**. Body: geography (**high sediment, shifting channels, flat plains**) + governance (**embankment dependence, 2008 Kusaha breach, delayed Indo-Nepal cooperation, weak forecasting**). Way forward: **basin-level treaty mechanism**, **real-time forecasting**, **flood-plain zoning**, **resilient roads (Kosi four-lane)**, **makhana & fisheries livelihoods**. Conclude: from **flood control to flood management**.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Kosi = Birpur barrage (1954 pact) • Gandak = Valmikinagar (1959 pact) • Rajendra Setu 1959 • State CIC: Governor appoints (RTI Sec. 15) • Forex $765.9 bn • UNSC last expanded 1965

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