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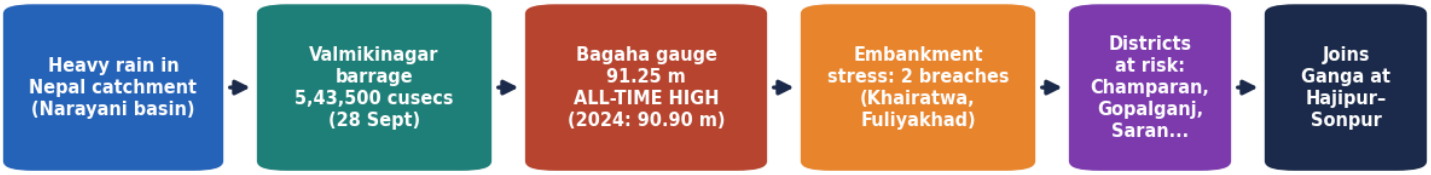
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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Gandak hits all-time high of **91.25 m** at **Bagaha** (2024 record: **90.90 m**)
- **Two breaches** in the **Champaran embankment** at **Khairatwa** & **Fuliyakhad**
- DGP **Vinay Kumar** (1991 IPS) takes VRS; selected as Bihar's **Chief Information Commissioner**
- **Preeta Verma** — Bihar's **first woman acting DGP**
- BPSC **TRE-4** posts raised by **832** to **33,220**
- **Buxar** gets its first **PNG** supply — **498** homes in **Dumraon** first
- Net FDI in **July 2026**: **US$ 7.3 bn** — highest in **5 years**
- **4 mega ports** notified under **Sec 73, Indian Ports Act, 2025**
- **SMFCL** launches India's **first Blue Bond** (**₹600 cr** + **₹500 cr** green shoe)
- India **31st** in WEF **TTDI 2026** (was **39th** in 2024); **Japan** tops

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

GANDAK FLOOD 2026 — FROM NEPAL CATCHMENT TO THE GANGA



Response: 169 seepage/piping points plugged • engineer teams at Bagaha, Bettiah, Motihari, Gopalganj • CM aerial survey

Static: Gandak (Sadanira) enters Bihar at Valmikinagar • Gandak Project: India–Nepal agreement 1959 • ~73% of Bihar flood-prone

Gandak crosses all-time high of 91.25 m; embankments breached as North Bihar floods worsen

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Geography of Bihar — rivers, floods, disaster management. **Prelims**: Gandak origin & confluence, barrages, flood-prone districts, India–Nepal water agreements.
Context	Heavy rain in Nepal's catchment pushed the **Gandak** to its **highest-ever level of 91.25 m** at the **Bagaha** gauge; on **30 Sept** the flood situation in **North Bihar** worsened, with embankments breached at several places.
Key Facts	■ **Valmikinagar barrage** released **5,43,500 cusecs** on **28 Sept** (2024 peak: **5,62,500**), yet the level beat the **2024 record of 90.90 m** by **0.35 m**. ■ **Two breaches** in the **Champaran embankment** (left bank) at **Khairatwa** and **Fuliyakhad**, West Champaran; one breach on the right bank in **Kushinagar (UP)**. ■ **169 seepage/piping points** plugged; engineer teams deployed at **Bagaha, Bettiah, Motihari** and **Gopalganj**. ■ At risk: **West & East Champaran, Gopalganj, Saran, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali**; CM **Samrat Choudhary** made an **aerial survey** on **28 Sept**. ■ Earlier September floods had hit **50.49 lakh** people across **15 districts**.
Way Fwd	Real-time **India–Nepal hydro-data sharing**, pre-monsoon **embankment audits**, flood-plain zoning and village-level early warning.
Concept	**Gandak** (Narayani/Shaligrami; ancient **Sadanira**) rises in the Nepal Himalaya, enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar** and joins the **Ganga at Hajipur–Sonpur**. The **Gandak Project** rests on the **India–Nepal agreement of 1959**. About **73%** of Bihar's area is flood-prone.

DGP Vinay Kumar selected as Bihar CIC; Preeta Verma first woman acting DGP

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

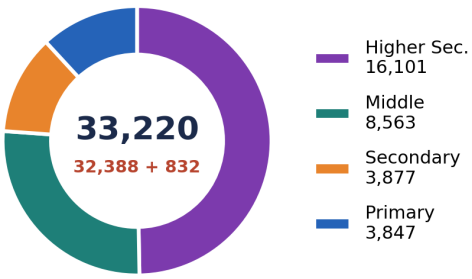
Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian polity — statutory bodies, transparency & accountability; Bihar administration. **Prelims**: RTI Act provisions, DGP appointment norms.
Context	Bihar DGP **Vinay Kumar** (**1991-batch IPS**) opted for **VRS** and has been selected as the state's **Chief Information Commissioner**, a post vacant since **31 July 2026**. **Preeta Verma** (1991 batch) is the **first woman acting DGP** of Bihar.
Key Facts	■ Selection committee headed by **CM Samrat Choudhary**, with **LoP Tejashwi Yadav** and Deputy CM **Vijay Kumar Choudhary**. ■ Previous CIC **Tripurari Sharan** completed his term on **31 July 2026**. ■ Vinay Kumar had been DGP since **13 Dec 2024**; his superannuation was due on **12 Dec 2026**. ■ State Information Commission: **1 SCIC + up to 10 SICs**; term **3 years or till 65**, **no reappointment**. ■ For a regular DGP, the state sends a panel to **UPSC**, which shortlists **3** officers (**Prakash Singh case, 2006**).
Way Fwd	Clear the backlog of **RTI second appeals**, push **suo motu disclosure (Sec 4)**, and appoint a regular DGP on time as per SC norms.
Concept	**RTI Act, 2005**: State Information Commission under **Section 15**; SCIC appointed by the **Governor** on the recommendation of a committee of **CM (chair), LoP and a cabinet minister nominated by the CM**. **Prakash Singh (2006)**: minimum **2-year** tenure for DGP.

BPSC TRE-4 expanded: 832 more posts take teacher vacancies to 33,220

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar governance — social sector, human resources. **Prelims**: RTE norms, constitutional articles on education, state recruitment data.
Context	The Education Department added **832 posts** for **secondary and higher-secondary** schools to BPSC's **Teacher Recruitment Exam-4 (TRE-4)**, lifting total vacancies from **32,388** to **33,220**.
Key Facts	■ Original split: **Primary 3,847**, **Middle 8,563**, **Secondary 3,877**, **Higher Secondary 16,101**. ■ Largest subject pool: **Chemistry 3,695** (HS), then **Physics 1,758** and **English 1,321**. ■ BPSC got **zero applications** for **218 HoD posts** in government **polytechnics** even after reopening the window. ■ **Bihar Board 2026** marksheets & certificates will be available on **DigiLocker**.
Way Fwd	Subject-wise gap mapping (science & maths), a fixed **recruitment calendar**, and better pay/eligibility norms to attract technical faculty.
Concept	**Art. 21A** (86th Amendment, 2002) + **RTE Act, 2009**: **PTR 30:1** (primary), **35:1** (upper primary). Education moved to the **Concurrent List** by the **42nd Amendment (1976)**. **NEP 2020**: **5+3+3+4** structure.

BPSC TRE-4 vacancies by school level



Samrat Cabinet meets today; scheme watch from the 23 Sept meeting

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy — agriculture & allied, industry, state welfare schemes. **Prelims**: scheme names, outlays, locations.
Context	CM **Samrat Choudhary** chairs a cabinet meeting at **5 PM on 30 Sept**. The previous meeting on **23 Sept** cleared **24 agendas** — the key scheme decisions for BPSC are below.
Key Facts	■ A **Women's University in Patna** named after **Goddess Sita**; **Ramdhari Singh Dinkar University**, **Begusarai** (**₹15 crore** approval). ■ **CM Godhan Vikas Loan Scheme**: **100% interest subsidy** on bank loans to livestock farmers (outlay **₹1,600+ crore**). ■ New **sugar mill** at **Warisaliganj (Nawada)** — **₹500+ crore**; **Kosi-region dairy**: **8 projects**, **500** new cooperative societies (**₹126.07 crore**). ■ **50 drones** for Bihar Police (**₹24.5 crore**); a **Bihar Water Resources Development Corporation** to be formed. ■ Early release of eligible prisoners on **Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct)**.
Way Fwd	Time-bound rollout with outcome dashboards; link new dairy societies to milk-processing and cold-chain capacity in the Kosi belt.
Concept	State Council of Ministers: **Art. 163–164**; remission by the state executive under **BNSS Sec 473** vs Governor's pardon under **Art. 161**. **Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'** (Simaria, Begusarai) — **Rashtrakavi**, **Jnanpith 1972** for *Urvashi*.

Buxar gets its first piped natural gas supply; PNG network now in 28 districts

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

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Bihar economy — infrastructure & energy. **Prelims**: city gas distribution, regulator, pipeline projects in Bihar.
Context	**Buxar** district will get **PNG** from next week — meters for **498 households** in **Dumraon** block are being activated first, with a target of **1,000 connections** in **2–3 months**.
Key Facts	■ Bihar's **PNG** distribution network now covers **28 districts**. ■ Earlier launches include **Bettiah** (West Champaran) and **Saharsa**. ■ City gas licences are awarded by **PNGRB** under the **PNGRB Act, 2006**. ■ Trunk supply comes from the **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga** (Jagdishpur–Haldia–Bokaro–Dhamra) pipeline built by **GAIL**.
Way Fwd	Extend **CNG** for transport and **industrial gas** to MSME clusters; fast-track road-cutting and right-of-way approvals.
Concept	**Natural gas** is mostly **methane (CH_4)**; India aims to raise gas in its energy mix to **15% by 2030**. PNG is cheaper and cleaner than LPG and gives **24×7** supply.

Rajgir rolls out single-ticket integrated parking at four heritage-tourism spots

BIHAR BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Culture & Heritage of Bihar)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-I**: Indian culture & Bihar's role — Magadha, Buddhism, Jainism. **Prelims**: Rajgir sites, Buddhist councils, UNESCO sites of Bihar.
Context	**Rajgir** (Nalanda district) launched an **integrated parking system** at **Zoo Safari, JP Park, Venuvan** and **Son Bhandar** — one **8-hour ticket** is valid at all four; fee **₹10–₹300** by vehicle type.
Key Facts	■ **Venuvan** — bamboo grove gifted to the **Buddha** by King **Bimbisara**. ■ **Son Bhandar** — twin **rock-cut caves** with **Jain** associations (c. **3rd–4th century CE**). ■ **Rajagriha** (Rajgir) was the first capital of **Magadha** under the **Haryanka** dynasty. ■ **First Buddhist Council (c. 483 BCE)** at **Saptaparni cave**, under **Ajatashatru**, presided by **Mahakassapa**.
Way Fwd	Integrate with the **Buddhist Circuit** (Bodh Gaya–Rajgir–Nalanda–Vaishali), e-ticketing, EV shuttles and carrying-capacity limits.
Concept	Bihar's **UNESCO World Heritage** sites: **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya (2002)** and **Nalanda Mahavihara (2016)**. Rajgir also hosts the **Vishwa Shanti Stupa** (Ratnagiri hill).

BIHAR CABINET, 23 SEPT 2026 — SCHEME WATCH

24	₹1,600+ cr	₹500+ cr	500	50	₹15 cr
agendas approved	Godhan Vikas loan subsidy	Warisaliganj sugar mill	new dairy societies (Kosi)	drones for Bihar Police	Dinkar Univ., Begusarai

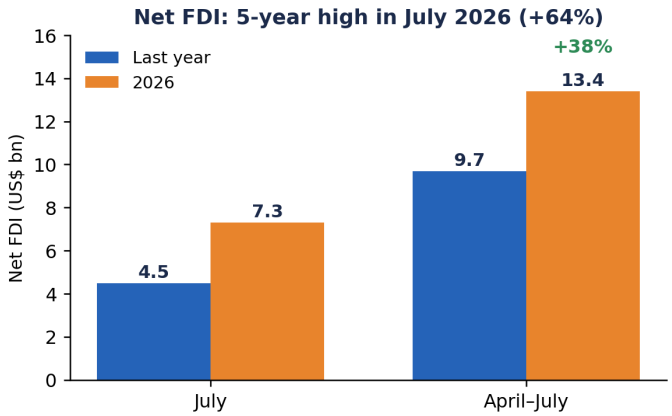
SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

NET FDI INFLOW INTO INDIA, JULY 2026

US$ 7.3 billion

Highest monthly net FDI in **5 years**, up **64%** from **US$ 4.5 bn** in July 2025. Gross inflows: **US$ 14.6 bn**. April–July 2026 net FDI: **US$ 13.4 bn** (+**38%**). **Mauritius, UAE** and **US** gave ~**70%** of equity inflows.

Why it matters: Strong FDI eases the **current account** funding, supports the **rupee** and signals investor confidence. **Static:** FDI is a **non-debt, long-term** capital flow; FPI is short-term and volatile; the **automatic route** needs no prior government approval.



SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD: Polity, Economy, Environment & Reports

Kandla, JNPA, Paradip and Mundra notified as India's first 'mega ports'

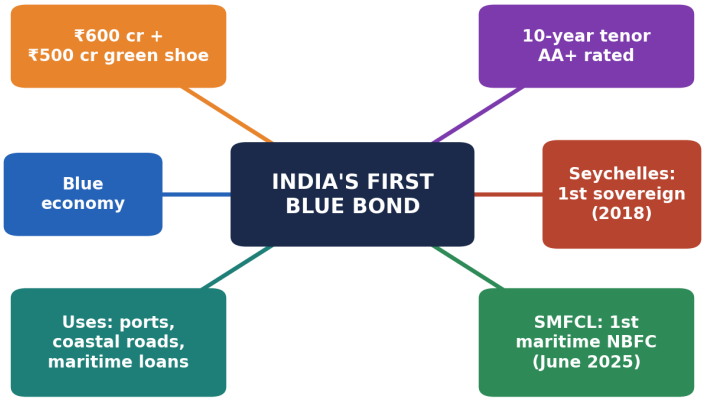
ECONOMY | **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy – Infrastructure)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian economy — infrastructure, trade logistics. **Prelims**: ports & their states, constitutional lists, new maritime laws.
Context	The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** notified **four mega ports** under **Section 73** of the **Indian Ports Act, 2025**, effective **25 Sept 2026**.
Key Facts	■ **Deendayal (Kandla, Gujarat)**, **JNPA (Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra)**, **Paradip (Odisha)**, **Mundra (Gujarat)**. ■ **Mundra** is the only **non-major, privately operated** port in the list; **Paradip** is the only one on the **east coast**. ■ Criteria (issued **30 July 2026**) are based on **annual cargo volume**, not ownership; status valid for **5 years**. ■ India has **12 major ports** and **200+ non-major ports**.
Way Fwd	Deep-draft berths, rail-port connectivity and **NW-1 (Ganga)** linkage via **Haldia/Kolkata** can cut logistics costs for landlocked Bihar.
Concept	**Major ports**: **Union List, Entry 27**; other ports: **Concurrent List, Entry 31**. The **2025 Act** replaced the **Indian Ports Act, 1908**. **Sagarmala** programme: **2015**.

Sagarmala Finance opens India's first blue bond for maritime projects

ENVIRONMENT | **BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Economy & Environment)**

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian economy — financial markets, sustainable finance. **Prelims**: green/blue bonds, blue economy terms, NBFCs.
Context	**Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd (SMFCL)** opened bidding on **28 Sept 2026** for **India's first blue bond** — base **₹600 crore** plus a **₹500 crore** green-shoe option.
Key Facts	■ Tenor **10 years**; rated **AA+**. ■ SMFCL — India's **first maritime-focused NBFC**, set up in **June 2025**. ■ Use of funds: **maritime lending**, **greenfield ports** and **coastal roads**. ■ Borrowing plan: **₹25,000 crore** overall, **₹8,000 crore** in the first year.
Way Fwd	A clear **blue taxonomy** and third-party impact reporting will be needed to avoid 'blue-washing' and draw long-term investors.
Concept	**Blue bond**: debt raised to fund **ocean/marine** projects (a subset of green finance). World's first **sovereign blue bond**: **Seychelles (2018)**. India's first **sovereign green bonds**: **Jan 2023**.



Supreme Court flags 10-fold markup on cancer drug as 'broad daylight dacoity'

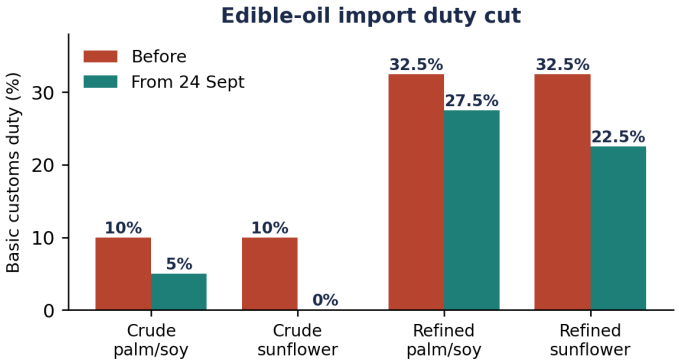
HEALTH BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity – Health & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian polity — judiciary, right to health, regulatory bodies. **Prelims**: NPPA, DPCO, NLEM, Articles 21 & 47.
Context	A bench of **Justices Vikram Nath** and **Sandeep Mehta** noted a cancer medicine with a retailer price of **₹2,700** but an **MRP of ₹27,000** — a **10-fold** markup — and sought responses from the **Centre** and industry.
Key Facts	■ About **82%** of medicines are **non-scheduled** — outside the **DPCO** price ceiling. ■ DPCO caps ~**1,000** scheduled medicines, against **60,000+** brands in the market. ■ Non-scheduled drug prices can rise at most **10% a year**, but launch prices are free. ■ PILs: **Kishan Chand Jain (2023)** and a **2026** petition on trade margins.
Way Fwd	Extend **trade margin rationalisation** (done for **42 cancer drugs** in **2019**, 30% cap), expand **Jan Aushadhi** and tighten Ayushman claim audits.
Concept	**NPPA (1997)** under the Dept of Pharmaceuticals enforces **DPCO 2013**, issued under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**. **NLEM 2022**: **384** drugs. Right to health: **Art. 21**; **Art. 47** (DPSP).

Edible oil import duties slashed ahead of festive season

ECONOMY BPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Indian Economy – Agriculture & Trade)

Syllabus Linkage	**GS-II**: Indian economy — inflation management, agricultural trade, food security. **Prelims**: customs duty, oilseed missions, import sources.
Context	From **24 Sept 2026** the Centre cut basic customs duty on crude and refined edible oils; vegetable oil prices had risen nearly **20%** in a year.
Key Facts	■ Crude **palm & soybean**: **10% → 5%**; crude **sunflower**: **10% → 0%**. ■ Refined palm & soybean: **32.5% → 27.5%**; refined sunflower: **32.5% → 22.5%**. ■ Effective duty (with cess): crude palm/soy **16.5% → 11%**; crude sunflower **16.5% → 5.5%**. ■ India imports about **two-thirds** of its edible oil — from **Indonesia, Malaysia** and **Argentina**, among others.
Way Fwd	Balance consumer relief with farmer prices — push **NMEO-Oilseeds** (**₹10,103 crore**, 2024-25 to 2030-31) and **NMEO-Oil Palm** (2021).
Concept	**Yellow Revolution** = oilseeds. Bihar grows **rapeseed-mustard** in rabi. Customs duty is levied under the **Customs Act, 1962**; cutting it lowers **imported inflation**.



India climbs to 31st in WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026

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

Syllabus Linkage	**Prelims**: international reports & ranks. **GS-II**: tourism as a growth sector for India and Bihar.
Context	The **World Economic Forum**'s **TTDI 2026** (released **25 Sept**) ranks India **31st** of **110** economies, up from **39th** in **2024**.
Key Facts	■ Top 5: **Japan, USA, Spain, Australia, France**. ■ **92%** of economies (**101 of 110**) improved their scores since 2024. ■ India's strengths: **price competitiveness**, **cultural resources** (top-10), business travel. ■ Gaps: tourist services, general infrastructure, **sustainability** and workforce skills.
Way Fwd	Bihar can leverage the **Buddhist Circuit** and **Swadesh Darshan 2.0** with better last-mile connectivity and hospitality skilling.
Concept	**TTDI** is the **biennial** successor to the **Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI)**. It measures conditions for **sustainable and resilient** tourism, not just arrivals.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE (Bihar + National)

1. CJI **Surya Kant** opened India's **first Victim Rights Centre** at **BSLSA, Patna** on **26 Sept** — a **12-month pilot**.	**2.** Forest officials at **Sasaram (Rohtas)** seized ~**10 kg** of **Indian pangolin** scales — a **Schedule I** species (WPA, 1972).
3. Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya): India won **kabaddi gold** in both men's (**40–34**) and women's (**37–34**) finals vs **Iran**.	**4. Paradip** is the only **mega port** on India's **east coast**; **Mundra** the only private one.
5. World's first **sovereign blue bond**: **Seychelles, 2018**.	**6.** Bihar's two **UNESCO** sites: **Mahabodhi Temple (2002)** and **Nalanda Mahavihara (2016)**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Prelims MCQs (BPSC pattern)

Q1. With reference to the Gandak river, consider the following statements: 1. It enters Bihar at Valmikinagar. 2. It joins the Ganga near Hajipur–Sonpur. 3. The Gandak Project was executed under an India–Bhutan agreement. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (B) — The Gandak enters Bihar at **Valmikinagar** and meets the **Ganga at Hajipur–Sonpur**. The Gandak Project rests on an **India–Nepal** agreement (**1959**), not India–Bhutan.

Q2. Under the RTI Act, 2005, which of the following statements about the State Chief Information Commissioner is/are correct? 1. Appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Minister. 2. The Leader of Opposition in the Assembly is a member of the selection committee. 3. The appointee is eligible for reappointment.

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

Answer: (A) — **Section 15(3)**: the **Governor** appoints on the recommendation of the **CM (chair)**, **LoP** and a **cabinet minister**. The SCIC is **not eligible for reappointment**.

Mains Practice Question

"Floods in North Bihar are as much man-made as natural." Examine this statement in the light of the record Gandak floods of September 2026 and suggest an integrated flood-management strategy for Bihar.

Hint: Natural: Himalayan rivers from **Nepal**, heavy sediment, flat terrain. Man-made: **embankment breaches**, silted channels, encroached flood plains. Use data (**91.25 m** record, **5.43 lakh cusecs**, **50.49 lakh** affected earlier). Way out: **India–Nepal** data sharing and storage dams, embankment audits, flood-plain zoning, early warning, **SDRF/NDRF** preparedness, crop insurance.

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