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Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

The **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26** presents a comprehensive and data-driven assessment of the state's economic performance, fiscal position, and development trajectory. It highlights Bihar's strong growth momentum, sectoral transformation, and policy focus on infrastructure, human development, and inclusive growth.

From rapid GSDP expansion and rising per capita income to major improvements in agriculture, power, e-governance, and social sectors which offers a clear macro-to-micro picture of Bihar's economy.

Chapter I – Bihar Economy: An Overview: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- As per the latest quick estimates for 2024-25, the Bihar's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at **constant (2011-12)** prices increased by **8.6 percent**, while at current prices it expanded by **13.1 percent**, reaching Rs. **5,31,372 crore** and **Rs. 9,91,997 crores**, respectively.
- Over the past three years, Bihar's economic growth has consistently outpaced India's GDP growth, both at current and constant prices. Bihar's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rates reached **17.9 percent in 2022-23** and **14.9 percent in 2023-24**, compared to India's 14.0 percent and 12.0 percent, respectively, at current prices. As per the quick estimates for 2024-25, Bihar's GSDP (current prices) growth is estimated at 13.1 percent and India's GDP growth at 9.8 percent. At constant (2011-12) prices, Bihar's economy is estimated to have achieved 8.6 percent growth in 2024-25, exceeding India's 6.5 percent. These figures place Bihar among the fastest-growing states in India.
- As per Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26, The quick estimates for 2024-25 indicate that the **secondary sector's** Gross State Value Added (GSVA) in Bihar grew by **11.1 percent** at constant (2011-12) prices and 15.5 percent at current prices. The **tertiary sector** followed with growth rates of **8.9 percent at constant (2011-12)** prices and 13.5 percent at current prices, while the primary sector recorded increases of 4.1 percent at constant (2011-12) and 9.6 percent at current prices in 2024-25.
- Between 2020-21 and 2024-25, the secondary sector's share of Bihar's GSVA at constant (2011-12) prices increased substantially from 21.1 percent to 26.8 percent, primarily due to growth in construction and manufacturing sectors. In contrast, the primary sector's share declined from 21.9 percent to 18.3 percent, and the tertiary sector's share decreased from 57.0 percent to 54.8 percent. These shifts reflect increasing diversification in the state's economic activities.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, Bihar's **per capita GSDP** at current prices rose from Rs. 46,412 in 2020-21 to **Rs. 76,490** in 2024-25, indicating a consistent upward trend. At constant (2011-12) prices, the state's per capita GSDP has increased from Rs. 30,159 in 2020-21 to Rs. 40,973 in 2024-25.

- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, Within Bihar, the **Patna district** recorded the highest per capita Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) followed by Begusarai and Munger. The per capita GDDP at **current prices was Rs. 2,41,220 for Patna**, Rs. 1,05,600 for Begusarai and Rs. 93,921 for Munger.
- Overall, the Bihar Economic Survey 2025-26 provides an optimistic, forward-looking evaluation, concluding that the state is progressing along a high-growth trajectory, supported by macroeconomic stability, sectoral diversification, increased investment, and a sustained focus on human capital development, employment generation, and infrastructure enhancement.

Chapter II – State Finances: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, Bihar's fiscal trajectory demonstrates disciplined financial management, as total expenditure by the State government increased from Rs. 1.66 lakh crore in 2020-21 to **Rs. 2.82 lakh crore in 2024-25**. The State government has consistently prioritised developmental outlays in sectors such as education, health, energy, transport, irrigation, and agriculture, while maintaining fiscal prudence through moderate borrowing and effective debt servicing.
- The proportion of capital expenditure in total expenditure by the State government rose significantly from 15.8 percent in 2020-21 to 22.3 percent in 2024-25, while the share of revenue expenditure declined from 84.2 percent to 77.7 percent. This structural change underscores the government's focus on long-term investment, infrastructure development, and asset creation.
- Receipts by the State government in its revenue account increased from Rs. 1.28 lakh crore in 2020-21 to **Rs. 2.18 lakh crore in 2024-25**, with tax revenue emerging as the major source. The share of tax receipts in the revenue account rose from 70 percent to 84 percent, while non-tax revenue decreased from five percent to two percent, and the share of grants-in-aid declined from 25 percent to 14 percent.
- The composition of revenue expenditure has remained largely stable over the past five years, with Social Services sector constituting the largest share at 46 percent. The share of Economic Services sector increased slightly from 21 percent in 2020-21 to 22 percent in 2024-25, while that of General Services declined marginally from 33 percent in 2020-21 to 32 percent in 2024-25. This distribution demonstrates the State government's commitment to both welfare enhancement and strengthening productive sectors.
- The share of scheme expenditure in the total State government expenditure has increased from 38.3 percent in 2020-21 to 39.9 percent in 2024-25, while the proportion of Establishment and Committed Expenditure has declined slightly from 61.7 percent to 60.1 percent. This trend reflects a gradual shift toward welfare initiatives and policy-driven development priorities.

- Developmental spending by the State government has consistently comprised approximately two-third of the budget, reaching 67.4 percent of the total expenditure in 2024-25. Developmental expenditure by the State government has increased from Rs. 1,12,122 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 1,89,892 crore in 2024-25, indicating an increased focus on growth-oriented and welfare-related spending.
- Receipts from the Central government has increased from Rs. 91,625 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 1,59,298 crore in 2024-25, primarily due to increase in the transfer from the divisible tax pool, which rose from Rs. 59,861 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 1,29,435 crore in 2024-25. Grants-in-aid from the Central government amounted to Rs. 29,863 crore in 2024-25. Concurrently, the State's own revenue has also increased from Rs. 36,543 crore in 2020-21 to Rs. 59,360 crore in 2024-25, with tax revenue as the main contributor.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, As of March 31, 2025, the State government's outstanding **debt stood at Rs. 3,74,134 crore**, representing **37.7 percent** of the State's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The share of public debt within the total outstanding debt was 84.6 percent at the end of 2024-25. Of the total public debt, 83.8 percent originated from internal sources, while 16.2 percent was attributed to loans and advances from the Central government. Market loans and loans from financial institutions are the primary components of internal debt.
- 25, the scheme developed 510.0 hectares of chaur land, at an expenditure of Rs. 24.67 crore, underscoring the state government's commitment to fish farmers' welfare.
- The Mukhyamantri Talab Matsyiki Vikas Yojana focuses on maximising the sustainable utilisation of ponds, tanks, and other water resources to increase fish seed production, fish production, and the overall productivity. For various components of the scheme, the State government spent Rs. 40.95 crore in 2024-25. The major share of this expenditure, Rs. 30.35 crore, was allocated for extending the advance input supply scheme for fish farming in ponds.
- The Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd. has been providing seeds of rice, wheat, sorghum, millet, and ragi and others at subsidised rates. For rice varieties (with less than 10 years' duration), 50,163 quintals of seeds were distributed among farmers, and for rice varieties with a duration of more than 10 years 10,478.67 quintals were distributed in 2024-25. For wheat production, 3,57,552 quintals of seeds, covering both varieties, were distributed among farmers in 2024-25.
- As a new initiative, the Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd. has arranged for paid home delivery of seeds to farmers across all districts. Bihar is the first state in the country to provide home delivery of seeds. In total, 1,17,064.55 quintals of seeds were delivered to 4,73,618 farmers in 2024-25.
- Under the State Agricultural Mechanisation Scheme, farmers are being provided with subsidies ranging from 40 percent to 80 percent on a total of 75 types of agricultural equipment. The State government has approved Rs. 82.25 crore in 2024-25. Under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM) in 2024-25, Rs. 104.17 crore has been allocated (Central share: Rs. 62.50 crore; State share: Rs. 41.67 crore).
- The share of power consumption in agriculture has increased significantly from **5.3 percent in 2020-21 to 14.9 percent in 2024-25**. The State government provided 3,47,310 electricity connections for agriculture during 2020-21 to 2024-25, with 85.0 percent issued in the last two years. Electricity subsidy for agriculture rose by 99.3 percent between 2022-23 and 2024-25, reaching Rs. 4,056.99 crore.
- In 2024-25, the number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders increased by 16.3 percent compared to 2023-24. The total amount of loans disbursed increased from Rs. 7,080.07 crore in 2023-24 to Rs. 9,399.24 crore in 2024-25, registering an increase of 32.8 percent.
- In 2024-25, the total expenditure on irrigation was Rs. 2,729.83 crore, of which 74.3 percent was capital expenditure. Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, the total expenditure on irrigation increased by 63.1 percent. This rise in public expenditure is reflected in the substantial expansion of major, medium, and minor irrigation projects.
- Under the Saat Nishchay Phase-2 initiative, the "Har Khet Tak Sichai ka Paani" programme is designed to increase the extent of irrigated land substantially within a fixed timeframe. In approximately six months, 29,952 schemes were identified,

Chapter III – Agriculture and Allied Sectors

- According to the provisional estimates for 2023-24, released by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, agriculture, forestry, and fishing together accounted for **23.1 percent of the Gross State Value Added (GSVA)**. Within this sector, crop production contributed 11.5 percent to GSVA, followed by livestock which accounted for 8.1 percent.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2023-24, the production of rice, wheat and maize together contributed 99.9 percent of the total cereal production in Bihar. In 2024-25, of the total cereal production, **rice accounted for 40.7 percent, wheat for 32.1 percent, and maize for 27.1 percent**. Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, rice production increased by 4.3 percent, wheat production rose by 7.1 percent, and maize production grew by 12.6 percent.
- The State is among India's leading producers of fruits and vegetables and is a major producer of litchi, makhana and mushrooms. Total horticulture production in the state is estimated at around 230 lakh tonnes in 2023-24, up from about 206 lakh tonnes in 2019-20, with fruits and vegetables accounting for the bulk of the output.
- Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, milk production rose, egg production increased by 10.0 percent, and fish production by 9.9 percent.
- The Mukhyamantri Samekit Chaur Vikas Yojana is a transformative initiative aimed at modernising aquaculture-based integrated farming in Bihar's chaur areas. In 2024-

with an estimated investment of Rs. 6,504 crore projected to provide irrigation facilities in 7,79,201 hectares.

- For the **Jaivik Corridor Yojana**, the State government has sanctioned Rs. 104.36 crore for implementing the scheme. Under this scheme, farmers receive Rs. 24,500 per acre, divided into three instalments: first of Rs. 11,500, and second and third instalment of Rs. 6,500 each. This subsidy is provided for a maximum of 2.5 acres of land per farmer.
- In the wake of erratic monsoon and below-normal rainfall during kharif 2024, Rs. 150.00 crore was approved under the Diesel Subsidy Scheme. Farmers of all 38 districts benefited from the scheme. This subsidy was payable for the irrigation of up to eight acres per farmer. Under the scheme in 2024-25, Rs. 61.21 crore was transferred to the accounts of 3.28 lakh farmers.
- In the 2024-25 agricultural year, farmers experienced both flooding during the kharif season and hailstorms and/or unseasonal rainfall during the rabi season. During the 2024-25 kharif season floods, 2.62 lakh farmers received compensation totalling Rs. 169.98 crore, while 0.12 lakh farmers affected by rabi crop losses received Rs. 5.28 crore. In the 2025-26 kharif season, 2.41 lakh farmers affected by floods received Rs. 113.50 crore in compensation.
- In Bihar, **30 districts have been selected for the Climate-Resilient Agriculture Programme (CRA-2)**. The implementation period spans 2020-21 to 2024-25, with the State government allocating Rs. 238.49 crore for the scheme.

Chapter IV – Enterprises Sector: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- Bihar's secondary sector has fluctuated over the past five years. After a sharp contraction in 2020-21 due to the pandemic, it rebounded in 2021-22 and grew strongly in 2022-23, led by mining, utilities, and construction. Mining declined in 2023-24, but other subsectors kept the sector growing by 12 percent. Quick estimates for 2024-25 indicate moderate growth of 8.6 percent, driven mainly by utilities and construction, with manufacturing expanding only marginally.
- Between 2019-20 and 2023-24, Bihar's industrial capital intensity and productivity rose sharply. Fixed capital per person doubled to Rs. 25.9 lakh, while labour productivity reached Rs. 10 lakh, 93.5 percent of the national level in 2023-24.
- In 2024-25, COMFED strengthened its market footprint by expanding retail outlets from 31,529 to 34,795, a 10.3 percent increase. Under its "Local to Global" initiative, COMFED achieved a major milestone by exporting its first international consignment to the USA and Canada. The shipment included 5 MT of cow ghee valued at Rs. 36,50,714 and 0.5 MT of foxnut (makhana) valued at Rs. 8,30,000 to the USA, and about 5 MT of gulab jamun tins valued at Rs. 8,23,669 to Canada.
- On the investment front, the State received 4,353 investment proposals, of which 3,539 secured Stage-1 clearance between 2016-17 to 2025-26 (up to September 2025). The total proposed investment amounted to Rs. 1.11 lakh crore, with significant

inflows between 2016-23 and 2024-25. Of these proposals, 1,187 advanced to the stage of financial incentive clearance involving an investment amount of Rs. 13,693.4 crore.

- Furthermore, 956 industrial units became operational under the Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion Policy 2016, representing an investment of Rs. 10,635.90 crore and generating employment for 42,999 people. To support investors, the State government released grants of Rs. 994.55 crore between April 2024 and September 2025. The food processing sector leads with the highest number of operational units, reflecting strong investor interest and faster project execution.
- Under the Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana and the Bihar Laghu Udyami Yojana, the total number of applications received jumped from 4,64,453 to 7,74,567 between 2023-24 and 2024-25. Under the caste and demography-specific Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana components, for instance, the applications from young entrepreneurs increased from 71,924 to 1,51,384, while the number of beneficiaries only rose from 1,532 to 2,169.
- Under the Bihar Startup Policy 2022, by the end of 2024-25, 1,239 startups were certified and the state government disbursed Rs. 32.18 crore as seed funding. This acceleration is reflected in a significant increase in both the number of applications received and the number of startups certified during 2024-25.
- In 2023-24, Bihar experienced a significant growth in the number of foreign tourists. The number of foreign tourists increased from 5.47 lakh in 2023 to **7.37 lakh in 2024**. In 2024-25, the approved budget for the tourism sector was Rs. 841.95 crore, 2.5 times the allocation for 2023-24. For 2025-26, the budget increased further to Rs. 1,097.25 crore, reflecting a 30.3 percent rise over 2024-25. During 2024-25, the actual expenditure stood at Rs. 778.02 crore, indicating a high utilisation rate of 92.7 percent.
- Across **28 eco-tourism sites**, the total tourist footfall reached 37.8 lakh in 2024-25, 24.0 percent higher than the previous year. In 2024-25, the total outlay for eco-tourism and park development was Rs. 100.00 crore.

Chapter V – Labour, Employment and Skill: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey, in Bihar, **61.2 percent of male workers were self-employed**, of whom 50.3 percent were own-account workers. Casual labourers constituted the second largest group of male workers, with 28.5 percent engaged in wage employment.
- To provide social security to the registered construction workers, the State government has provided a grant of Rs. 63.73 crore for 15,145 claims in the last five years. Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of claims increased fourfold, while the grant amount rose by 2.5 times.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2024-25, the number of registered construction workers was 508.5 thousand, and the number of beneficiaries was 100.54 thousand. In the same

year, the total Cess collection amounted to Rs. 768.63 crore, of which the Board used Rs. 536.82 crore, reflecting a utilisation rate of 70 percent.

- The Bihar Building and Other Construction Worker Welfare Board administered 16 welfare schemes for registered construction workers. For the Annual Clothing Assistance Scheme, the State government allocated Rs. 802.47 crore, of which Rs. 734.40 crore had been disbursed to 14,68,792 workers by September 2025.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, The Bihar Public Service Commission has advertised 4,94,249 posts in the last four and a half years. Of these, 4,29,015 posts were advertised in the year 2023-24, accounting for 87 percent of all posts advertised during this period. However, the selection process for the posts advertised in 2023-24 extended over two years, 2023-24 and 2024-25. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of selected candidates was 2,23,153 and 1,12,173, respectively.
- In 2023-24, the Bihar Staff Selection Commission issued an advertisement for 11,330 posts. In 2025-26 (by September 30, 2025), 6,722 posts had been advertised for recruitment. Over the last four and a half years (from 2021-22 to September 2025), the Commission advertised 20,499 posts and selected candidates for 18,249 of them.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2025-26 (up to September 2025), the Central Selection Board of Constable advertised 45,590 posts, of which the recruitment process was completed for 21,391 posts. Among the 21,391 selected candidates, 52 percent were female, and eight persons were transgender.
- The Bihar Technical Service Commission conducts the recruitment process for technical services. In 2024-25, 8,215 candidates were selected, while in 2025-26 (up to September 2025), 8,673 candidates were selected for various technical services in Bihar.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2024-25, RSETIs organised their largest training programme in recent years. During this period, 1,323 training programmes were conducted for a total of 41,901 individuals. Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of training programmes increased by 36.0 percent, while the number of trainees rose by 37.7 percent. Among the trained, 76.7 percent secured employment in 2024-25.
- Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya – Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, 84,558 candidates have been trained in various trades and 46,196 candidates have secured placements in different institutions under the DDU-GKY and Roshni projects, as of September 2025. In 2024-25, the total expenditure on conducting skill training programmes amounted to Rs. 45.27 crore.
- Over the last five years, out of 1,782.99 thousand applicants, approximately 1,585.02 thousand successfully obtained their passports. Three districts alone (Siwan, Gopalganj and Patna) accounted for 31 percent of all passport applications and issuances in 2024-25. From 2021-22 to 2024-25, **passport**

applications in Bihar increased by 39.6 percent, while passport issuances over the same period rose by 38.6 percent.

Chapter VI – Physical Infrastructure

- Building on a foundational road network designed to drive high economic growth, the state is now advancing a dual-track strategy focused on modernization and social equity. This roadmap prioritizes the development of next-generation expressways and dedicated corridors in partnership with the central government, while simultaneously ensuring an inclusive and sustainable development through an intensive rural road network. By investing Rs. 70,560 crore during 2014-2026 to connect every hamlet, the state has successfully linked village products to broader markets and improved access to essential amenities, thus bridging the gap between local production and regional economic centres.
- Among other means of transport, road transport is easy, convenient, accessible, affordable and provides doorstep connectivity. The road transport sector is one of the main growth drivers of the state's economy. It recorded a high growth of 13.4 percent annually during the last one and a half decade.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, Bihar ranks fifth among the major states of India on account of highest registration of transport motor vehicles, while the state is on the seventh position in terms of non-transport motor vehicles during the calendar year 2024. A total of 13.95 lakh motor vehicles has been registered in Bihar, constituting 5.3 percent of the country's registered motor vehicles during 2024.
- The Airways sector of GSVA increased by 15 times from Rs. 31 crore to Rs. 453 crore during 2011-12 to 2024-25. The state government is committed to increase air connectivity in the state across the major towns of Bihar. **Four airports (Patna, Gaya, Darbhanga and Purnia) are functional. Apart from these, 13 additional airports are in different phases of development.**
- The water transport sector of GSVA grew by 13.4 percent annually during the same period. Key achievements under the Jal Marg Vikas Project include the construction of an **intermodal terminal at Kalughat in Bihar, 21 Community Jetties** and a Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism. **A transformative element of the future plan is the Urban Water Metro Project in Patna, estimated at Rs. 1200 crore.**
- Between 2020 and 2025, the Bihar State Road Development Corporation Limited maintained a steady financial performance, recording an average annual turnover of Rs. 55.35 crore and a net profit of Rs. 17 crore. Additionally, the Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited has significantly expanded the state's infrastructure over the last decade, completing 882 bridges with a total capital investment of Rs. 15,583 crore. The Bihar State Road Transport Corporation has maintained its commitment to providing affordable, welfare-oriented public service, which demonstrated strong operational reach by serving 10.07 crore passengers and generating Rs. 514.52 crore in revenue over the past five years.

- The Bihar State Building Construction Corporation has completed a total of 2556 projects representing an investment of Rs. 7396 crore. Its remaining assignments are in various stages of completion. The Bihar Police Building Construction Corporation Limited has consistently generated operational profits, reflecting its robust technical and financial management. This success is driven by strong in-house expertise in architectural design, structural engineering, and quality control, which ensures timely project completion while minimizing reliance on external outsourcing.

Chapter VII – e-Governance: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- The Information Technology (IT) sector has emerged as a crucial driver of development in Bihar, with the State government actively working to build a robust infrastructure and enhance digital technology proficiencies. Currently, two members in a family own mobile phone and one member has the internet access. Additionally, the State has made significant progress in bringing all Gram Panchayats on board for digital access, a vital step toward ensuring widespread access to e-governance programmes and services.
- The State government has adopted '**Bihar AI Mission**' in **November 2025**, which is a new initiative of the Department of IT to promote the use of Artificial Intelligence for digital transformation, skill development, and governance. The mission aims to position Bihar as a leader in AI adoption by fostering AI-based services, training the workforce, and encouraging industries to adopt AI technologies.
- To tackle rising cybercrime incidents and other administrative issues, the state has developed several e-governance programmes. Bihar's performance in adopting and utilizing the CCTNS platform has been noteworthy. On the progress dashboard published by the NCRB in May, 2025, Bihar ranked highly, with a score of 87.99 percent. This score reflects the state's successful execution across various operational parameters of the CCTNS project, confirming the effective transition of its police force toward a modern, data-driven system for tracking crime and criminals.
- Emergency Response Support System, Dial 112, is Bihar's integrated solution for immediate public assistance that currently integrates 1833 Emergency Response Vehicles, 1556 ambulances, 784 fire service vehicles, and 61 highway patrolling vehicles. This unified network ensures that, regardless of the nature of the emergency—police, medical, or fire—the nearest and most appropriate assistance is dispatched swiftly to the spot of distress using the precise location.
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) spearheads the national efforts to secure Indian cyberspace. As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, As of June 2025, the state has reported 7,637 cybercrime cases, resulting in the arrest of 1,237 accused individuals. The Cyber Police Stations actively run a special contemporary campaign called 'Cyber Prahar' under the direction of the Superintendent of Police (Cyber).

- The Government of Bihar has launched the "e-Court" initiative to digitise the Gram Kachahari. The main objective of this initiative is to settle disputes at the village level in a quick, transparent and effective manner.
- Taking significant steps toward the effective disposal, monitoring, and control of land disputes, the Home Department has developed the Bhoo-Samadhan Portal. The portal has demonstrated significant success in case resolution: out of a total of 87,203 applications received, final disposal has been achieved for 69,958 cases, and preliminary disposal for 6,764 cases. The pending cases are being actively processed for resolution.
- The State government introduced CFMS 2.0 in January 2025. This upgraded version incorporates modern API-based architecture, supporting and enhancing existing processes while introducing new functionalities in Budget Management, e-Billing, Treasury Management, Accounts Management, and more. CFMS 2.0 also integrates with the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) and RBI's e-Kuber system, facilitating just-in-time bill processing through SNA SPARSH.

Chapter VIII – Power Sector

- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, The per capita energy consumption in Bihar has risen significantly from **134 kWh in 2011-12 to 374 kWh in 2024-25**, highlighting expanding access and demand. The power sector has undergone a strong financial and operational revival, with AT&C losses sharply reduced from **42.99 percent in 2013-14 to 15.54 percent in 2024-25**, outperforming the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme benchmarks. Reflecting this progress, the Discoms of the state have shifted to registering sustained profitability, with earnings climbing from Rs. 215 crore in 2022-23 to Rs. 1959 crore by 2024-25, indicating strengthened fiscal stability and sectoral resilience.
- Bihar's sustained investment in power infrastructure underscores its commitment to providing reliable and sustainable electricity supply. Grid substations have grown from 45 in 2005 to 175 by 2025, with 16 more underway, while the transmission network has expanded from 5,000 ckm to 21,165 ckm over the same period, alongside an additional 2,369 ckm under construction.
- Domestic consumers are projected to drive nearly half of the total power demand, which is 47.78 percent as estimated. Agriculture is expected to consume about 16.79 percent, while the remaining 35.43 percent is shared by non-domestic users such as industrial, commercial, and other sectors.
- The commissioned power capacity of **Bihar stands at 11,764 MW**, comprising primarily the **thermal energy (7,743 MW)**. **Next, solar power is the largest renewable source, contributing 1,922 MW, followed by hydro at 1,356 MW and wind at 699 MW**. Bagasse and biomass add a modest 44 MW to the energy mix. Thermal generation remains the backbone of supply, though renewables are steadily expanding their share. Overall, the Power portfolio of the state reflects a balanced progression toward diversified and sustainable energy sources.

- To address the rising power demand, Bihar is strengthening its transmission network through capacity expansion and system upgrades to ensure reliable interstate and intrastate power flow. The number of grid substations has more than doubled from 80 in 2012-13 to 175 in 2025-26, reflecting an annual growth rate of 6.3 percent. Transformation capacity has similarly expanded 2.5 times, growing from 15,170 MVA to 37,090 MVA over the same period, with a CAGR of 7.5 percent, underscoring sustained investment in transmission infrastructure.
- DISCOMs of the state have expanded and modernized the distribution network through new substations, upgraded High Tension/Low Tension lines, and IT-enabled operational improvements. Electricity connections grew nearly 5.5 fold from 3.8 million in 2011-12 to over 21 million in 2024-25, averaging 17 percent annual growth. Domestic consumers still dominate at 88.5 percent, though rising commercial and industrial connections signal expanding economic activity. Additionally, Agricultural connections increased by 289 percent since 2018-19, driven by the Mukhyamantri Krishi Vidyut Sambandh Yojana.
- The power availability purchases expanded significantly, rising from 32,071 MU in 2020-21 to 51,192 MU in 2024-25—an increase of 19,121 MU over four years. Higher consumption has driven stronger revenue realization, improving the sector's financial position. The cost coverage has risen from 88.1 percent in 2020-21 to 106 percent in 2024-25, marking a shift toward full cost recovery and fiscal sustainability

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- In 2024-25, 175.1 lakh job cards were issued, which was 4.8 percent more than that in 2022-23. In Bihar, the share of Scheduled Caste households among those with job cards was 19.9 percent in 2024-25, compared with 17.9 percent in 2023-23.
- Under MGNREGS, the number of rural connectivity works increased by 9.07 percent, the number of micro-irrigation works increased by 8.02 percent, and the number of water conservation and water harvesting works increased by 6.43 percent in 2024-25.
- The State government introduced the **Abhiyan Basera-2** campaign to provide homestead land to the landless families. A fresh survey identified 1,23,346 landless families in eligible categories, of which 39,405 have received homestead land allocations. The government allocated Rs. 20 crore for homestead land distribution in 2024-25, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive development and addressing rural homelessness comprehensively.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2025, the State operated **49,434 Public Distribution System (PDS)** outlets, representing a slight increase from 2023. Foodgrain allocation and lifting have shown a modest growth over the years; total

allocation of wheat and rice increased from 5,411.9 thousand tonnes in 2020-21 to 5,434.3 thousand tonnes in 2024-25.

- The expenditure of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) increased substantially from **Rs. 7,251.2 crore in 2021-22 to Rs. 8,391.48 crore in 2024-25**, a 15.9 percent rise. This growth trajectory demonstrates enhanced resource allocation and strengthened financial management across different tiers of PRIs.
- The State government continuously invests in strengthening Gram Kachaharis. Between 2021-22 and 2024-25, out of 1,30,868 civil cases, 1,22,612 were successfully resolved, and 1,02,377 out of 1,09,118 criminal cases were disposed of, reflecting an impressive completion rate of 93.7 percent and 93.8 percent, respectively, in 2024-25. Rs. 161.03 crore was allocated for honorarium to Secretaries and Nyaya Mitras; further, Rs. 201.70 crore has been allocated for Secretaries and Nyaya Mitras in 2025-26.
- In Bihar, **8,053 Gram Panchayats** have received approval for constructing Panchayat Sarkar Bhawans, of which 2,339 have been completed. For 2025-26, Rs. 763.55 crore was allocated based on the recommendations of the Sixth State Finance Commission, with Rs. 599.13 crore provided under the State Plan.

Chapter X – Urban Development: Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26

- Stormwater drainage schemes have been implemented in 30 towns. Under the Stormwater Drainage Scheme, the total allocation was Rs. 2,923.77 crore, of which Rs. 171.75 crore was released by 2024-25. Similarly, under the 'Nala Nirman' head, the total approved amount was Rs. 3,618.53 crore between 2017 and 2024. The implementation of this scheme is expected to relieve 15,73,160 people living in low-lying areas across 260 municipal bodies in Bihar from the problem of waterlogging.
- In the first phase of the 'Vridha Shanti Grih Yojana' under Saat Nishchay-2/Atmanirbhar Bihar, permission was granted to construct 'vridha grihs' in 31 districts at major river ghats or district headquarters (excluding Patna). The project's estimated cost was Rs. 388.97 crore as of September 2025.
- Under the Mukhyamantri Samagra Shahari Vikas Yojana, work has been undertaken to construct and renovate wide, durable, high-quality roads with proper drainage as well as to build parks, ghats, crematoriums and other infrastructure. In 2024-25, to 2025-26, the State government approved 1,012 schemes worth Rs. 1,201.83 crore. For 2025-26, the State government has allocated Rs. 830.01 crore to implement 1,587 schemes.
- Under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), the State government provided piped tap water to 24.98 lakh households. Under the Mukhyamantri Shahari Peyjal Nishchay Yojana, the State government has approved Rs. 66.00 crore to implement 125 water supply schemes across various municipal bodies in the year for 2025-26.
- The Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – Urban has five components: Community-Led Institution Development (CLID),

Financial Inclusion and Enterprise Development (FIED), Social Infrastructure, Convergence and Innovation, and Special Projects (SISP). The Central government has chosen Patna for a pilot and Rs. 100.00 crore has been allocated for 2025-26.

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, houses for 2,64,604 families have been approved in Bihar. To date, 1,82,630 houses have been constructed for 1,82,630 families, with the remaining houses targeted for completion by December 2025. The total project cost is Rs. 7,292.08 crore, including a Central share of Rs. 3,969.00 crore and a State share of Rs. 1,323.00 crore.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 2.0, as of September 2025, 3,89,226 applications were received, and 1,53,790 houses approved. The total cost of the approved projects is Rs. 3,844.75 crore, of which the Central share is Rs. 2,306.85 crore and the State share is Rs. 1,537.90 crore.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2024-25, the National Mission for Clean Ganga primarily provided financial support for sewerage networks and the integrated and efficient drainage systems, including sewage treatment plants (STPs). The sanctioned amount for these projects was Rs. 1,210.00 crore.
- In the first phase of the Patna Metro Rail Project, a total amount of Rs. 13,925.50 crore has been approved for the completion of work on two corridors: the East-West Corridor (Danapur to Mithapur via Patna Railway Station) and the North-South Corridor (Patna Railway Station to Patliputra Bus Terminal via Gandhi Maidan and PMCH/Patna Medical College and Hospital). The total track length is 32.50 km, comprising 13.91 km of elevated and 18.59 km of underground sections, with a total of 24 proposed stations.
- In 2024-25, the total budget allocation for the Department of Urban Development and Housing was Rs. 8,274.10 crore, and the total expenditure was Rs. 1,411.82 crore, resulting in a utilization rate of 68.5 percent.
- Over the years, property tax collection has been increasing. In 2020-21, the total property tax collected was Rs. 191.10 crore, registering an annual growth rate of 11.4 percent. By 2024-25, property tax collection had increased to Rs. 407.54 crore, reflecting an annual growth rate of 17.2 percent.

Chapter XI – Financial Institutions

- Financial institutions in Bihar have undergone significant modernisation, marked by expansion of physical infrastructure and rapid adoption of digital technologies. This shift allows the banks to reach a wider population, including those even in the remote villages of Bihar, while keeping operational costs low.
- While the Bank branches have continued to grow at a steady pace, strengthening the state's foundational banking network, the Customer Service Points (CSPs) have expanded rapidly, signalling deeper financial inclusion across rural and previously underserved areas.
- Customer Service Points (CSPs) have emerged as the foundation of last-mile connectivity in banking services in the state,

providing low-cost, high-reach services in rural and semi-urban areas. The number of CSPs in Bihar has increased from 31,095 in 2021 to 53,041 in 2025, and the number of point-of-sale (POS) terminals grew by 261 percent during this period. These trends indicate a significant shift toward digital payments and enhanced financial inclusion. Commercial banks have played a leading role in driving this transformation in the state.

- Although the Bihar's banking network remains rural-oriented, with **3,747 rural branches as of March 31, 2025**, its share has declined from 48.6 percent as of March 31, 2021, to 45.1 percent as of March 31, 2025, reflecting balanced expansion across geographies and growing demand in semi-urban and urban centres. The number of Semi-urban branches grew from 2,327 as of March 31, 2021, to 2,716 as of March 31, 2025, while the number of urban branches rose from 1,615 to 1,841 during this period.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, As of March 31, 2025, banks in Bihar reported **deposits totalling Rs. 5.69 lakh crore** and credit amounting to Rs. 3.04 lakh crore, resulting in a **credit-deposit (CD) ratio of 53.5 percent**. The Credit-GSDP ratio in Bihar has increased steadily over the past five years, rising from 30.9 percent in 2020-21 to 37.9 percent in 2024-25. This upward trend indicates that credit availability has grown faster than the state economy.
- The percentage of Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of banks in Bihar has declined significantly over the past five years, from **11.8 percent in 2020-21 to 7.6 percent in 2024-25**. During the last five years, Commercial banks have improved their NPAs from 10.2 percent in 2020–21 to 6.0 percent in 2024–25. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the state have also made progress, with NPAs falling from 28.1 percent to 21.4 percent.

Chapter XII – Human Development

- The state has made substantial progress in the social sector, underscoring inclusive economic growth. Over the past 19 years, expenditure on social services increased steadily, rising more than fivefold in the first decade and over fifteenfold between 2005–06 and 2024–25. Spending on health and education also grew significantly, by 14.8 times and 13.2 times respectively. Overall, per capita expenditure on social services and per capita development expenditure increased more than ninefold during this period.
- The Life Expectancy at Birth in Bihar for **2019-23 was 68.9 and 69.7 years for males and females, respectively**. The increase in life expectancy has been 1.6 years for males and 1.7 years for females over 2009-2013. The life expectancy in 2019-2023 has increased by 1.6 years in rural areas and 1.3 years in urban areas compared to 2009-2013. It should also be noted that between 2017 and 2023, the IMR in Bihar reduced by 12 points from 35 to 23.
- To improve service delivery, the State has recently undertaken several operational reforms across government hospitals. The average monthly visits in hospitals increased from 9517 in 2019 to 11900 in 2024, marking a 25 percent rise. Similarly,

outpatient visits have shown a modest improvement, rising 1.2 times from 312 visits per day in 2019–20 to 388 in 2024–25.

- Bihar has shown notable progress in MMR which declined from **312 deaths per lakh live births in 2004–06 to 104 in 2021–23—a reduction of 208 points**. Between 2020–21 and 2024–25, the number of institutional deliveries in Bihar under Janani Suraksha Yojana increased from 15.77 lakh to 16.17 lakh, registering a growth of 2.54 percent.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, In 2024–25, the total enrolment at the elementary level schools is 159.22 lakh, of which 80.87 lakh are boys and 78.35 lakh are girls. The total enrolment at secondary and higher secondary levels stands at 27.54 lakh and 20.33 lakh, respectively. The enrolment of SC and ST students also shows positive trends. The remarkable factor is the decline in the gender gap in all categories of students. On the other hand, the drop-out rate at the secondary level has fallen sharply by 13.56 percentage points between 2021–22 and 2024–25. Notably, during this period, the decline in drop-out rates among girls has been even greater than that among boys.
- The **Pink Bus initiative** of the state provides safe, reliable and women-only public transport across six districts—Patna, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Purnia and Gaya. A fleet of **100 CNG-powered pink buses** offer secure and affordable travel for female passengers, especially students and working women.

Chapter XIII – Child Development

- Bihar started preparing child budget since 2013–14. There has been a steady rise in child budget allocations over the past seven years. From 2017–18 to 2023–24, the expenditure on children grew at a compound annual rate of 17.5 percent. During this period, the per capita spending also increased significantly, rising 2.7 times from Rs. 3,437 in 2017–18 to Rs. 9,271 in 2023–24.
- Bihar has consistently increased investments in Anganwadi services, recognising their importance for child and maternal nutrition. The Anganwadi Services budget rose from Rs. 1,735.7 crore in 2019–20 to Rs. 2,648.47 crore in 2024–25, reflecting an annual increase of about 9.3 percent. The nutrition-specific allocations under Anganwadi Services have increased from Rs. 1,791.89 crore to Rs. 2,756.13 crore, growing at 6.2 percent per year.
- Bihar is constructing one playground each in its **8,053 Gram Panchayats under MGNREGS**, to expand sports access for rural youth, including girls. Three types of grounds—large, medium, and small—will be built based on land availability, with construction costs ranging from Rs. 8.28 lakh to Rs. 9.94 lakh and facilities for multiple sports.
- Bihar’s Mukhyamantri School Safety Programme strengthens disaster-resilient learning environments through annual “Safe Saturday” activities, safety-focused School Development Plans, and integration of Disaster Management in textbooks and training modules. In 2025, safety orientation was provided

to 4,363 school teachers and 1,005 Madrasa teachers, with training costs of Rs. 2.62 crore and Rs. 0.45 crore, respectively.

Chapter XIV – Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management

- The Ganges bisects the fertile plains, fed by over a dozen domestic and international rivers. In spite of boasting a rich loamy soil, Bihar’s geography makes it highly vulnerable to floods, droughts, and seismic activity. **Between 2011 and 2025, the state’s mean annual rainfall was 992.4 mm, while the annual average temperature was 23.6°C**. Climate change disproportionately impacts the poor and the agricultural sector, leading the state to prioritize adaptation through its advanced State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC). Consequently, dedicated sustainability efforts are successfully expanding the state’s green cover to mitigate these environmental risks.
- As per **Bihar Economic Survey 2025–26**, The forestry and logging sector provides livelihood for a significant portion of the state’s population, especially SC and ST communities. Between 2011–12 and 2024–25, Bihar’s forestry and logging sector achieved a notable 10.6 percent CAGR at current prices. Total value rose from Rs. 4187 crore to Rs. 15,139 crore during this period. By 2024–25, the sector accounted for approximately 7.0 percent of the agricultural GSVA and nearly 2 percent of the state’s total GSVA.
- As a national leader in climate financing, Bihar has institutionalized its commitment to achieving environmental sustainability through its Green Budgeting initiative. The expenditures dedicated to climate adaptation and mitigation have surged more than fourfold, from Rs. 3308 crore in 2020–21 to Rs. 16,880 crore in the 2023–24.
- Since 2011, Bihar has seen a consistent expansion of its ecological footprint. The total area under forest and tree cover grew from **9214 sq. km to 9903 sq. km by 2023, reflecting a net gain of 689 sq. km**. The state has maintained a steady upward trajectory in reaching its highest recorded green cover over a decade. The state’s total forest area expanded from 6,845 sq. km to 7532 sq. km during this period. Notably, Very Dense Forest (VDF)—the highest quality canopy—saw a significant proportional increase, rising from 231 sq. km to 387 sq. km, indicating successful conservation within the core protected areas.
- Under the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan, leveraging agro-forestry initiatives and partnerships with Jeevika Didis and local farmers, the state has established a robust network of 246 nurseries that are capable of producing nearly 10 crore plants annually.
- The Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) monitors ambient air quality through **35 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) located across 23 districts. Patna hosts 6 stations, Muzaffarpur and Gaya 3 each, and Bhagalpur 2**. All stations are integrated with the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network through the CPCB server and are accessible on the BSPCB website, enhancing transparency. BSPCB also plans to extend its real-time monitoring facility to the remaining 15 districts.

- The BSPCB conducts fortnightly monitoring of the Ganga at 34 locations and monthly assessments of its tributaries and ponds at 70 sites. The Board also monitors industrial effluents and sewage from Sewage Treatment Plants. A total of 2937 water, effluent and sewage samples from different sources was collected by the Board during 2024-25.
- Situated in the Gangetic Plains, the state is nourished by major rivers such as the Ganga, Gandak, Kosi, and Sone, along with the Phalgu, Punpun, Sakari, and Chanan. As of 2024–25, Bihar’s surface water infrastructure includes 968 canals, 14,927 tubewells, 654 tanks (including ahars-pyne systems, ponds, and check dams), and 26 reservoirs, reflecting a substantial foundation for water management and utilisation. Of the 604 schemes targeted by the Water Resources Department, 597 have been completed, restoring irrigation potential over 118,578 hectares. Additionally, 774 more schemes were sanctioned, of which 745 have been completed, creating or restoring irrigation potential across 4.99 lakh hectares.
- Nearly all districts face risk from major disasters such as floods, earthquakes, cyclones, droughts, and fires, with some regions experiencing multiple hazards simultaneously, reflecting the state’s true multi-hazard profile. During 2024-25, Rs. 1530.48 crore was allocated for disaster management, supported by dedicated disaster risk reduction and risk management guidelines.

Bihar budget 2026-27

The Bihar Budget for the financial year 2026-27, presented on February 3, 2026, by Finance Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav, is a landmark document in the state’s economic history. With a total outlay of ₹3,47,589.76 crore, it represents a significant increase of approximately ₹30,694 crore (nearly 10%) over the previous year.

Theme: Nav-Nirman through Digital Empowerment and Industrial Resurgence

Total Outlay: ₹3,47,589.76 Crore

Fiscal Goal: 14.9% GSDP Growth

Chapter 1

The first chapter of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled the “**Macro-Economic Overview and Fiscal Strategy**,” serves as the foundational roadmap for the state’s transition into a high-growth economy. Presented by Finance Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav, this chapter outlines a bold fiscal architecture designed to support the “**Saat Nischay-3**” (Seven Resolves-3) vision, aiming to double per-capita income by 2030.

1. **Economic Growth and GSDP Projections:** The cornerstone of Chapter 1 is the state’s remarkable economic resilience. For the 2026-27 fiscal year, Bihar’s **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** is projected to reach **₹13.1 lakh crore** at current prices.
 - **Growth Rate:** The state anticipates a growth rate of **15%**, significantly outperforming the national average growth projection of **10%**.
 - **Economic Drivers:** This growth is fueled by a strategic “triple-thrust” on public investment, domestic manufacturing, and agricultural modernization.

2. **Budgetary Outlay and Structure:** The total budget size is a record-breaking **₹3,47,589.76 crore**, an increase of approximately **₹30,694 crore** over the previous year. The expenditure is strategically split to balance ongoing commitments with future assets:

- **Revenue Expenditure:** Estimated at **₹2,84,133.92 crore** (roughly 81.7% of the budget), covering salaries (₹96,128.50 crore), pensions, and interest payments.
 - **Capital Expenditure:** Targeted at **₹63,455.84 crore** (18.26% of the budget), the highest in the state’s history, focusing on building long-term assets like roads, bridges, and hospitals.
- **Scheme vs. Establishment:** Development-oriented “Scheme Expenditure” stands at **₹1,22,155.42 crore**.

3. **Fiscal Health and FRBM Compliance:** Chapter 1 emphasizes a return to fiscal prudence after the volatile previous fiscal year.

- **Fiscal Deficit:** The deficit is targeted at **2.99% to 3.0% of GSDP** (₹39,112 crore), strictly adhering to the 3% limit mandated by the FRBM Act.
- **Revenue Surplus:** The state expects to maintain a surplus of **₹1,143.19 crore** (0.1% of GSDP), signaling that revenue receipts will fully cover revenue expenses without the need to borrow for daily operations.
- **Outstanding Debt:** While the debt-to-GSDP ratio remains a concern at **34%**, the government’s strategy focuses on “debt-led development” where borrowings are channeled exclusively into capital-forming projects.

4. **Revenue Receipt Dynamics:** The funding of this massive outlay relies on a mix of central support and improving internal efficiency:

- **Central Transfers:** Bihar remains heavily reliant on the Centre, with **₹2,10,074.12 crore** (74% of revenue) coming from central taxes and grants.
- **State’s Own Revenue:** The state aims to raise **₹75,203 crore** through its own tax and non-tax resources, marking a steady improvement in local tax administration and GST collection.

5. **The “Saat Nischay-3” Vision:** Finally, the chapter introduces the **Saat Nischay-3 (2025–2030)** framework as the guiding philosophy for all financial decisions. The primary goals identified for this fiscal cycle include:

1. **Job Creation:** Creating **1 crore employment opportunities** by 2030.
2. **Productivity:** Transforming potential into performance through structural reforms!
3. **Inclusivity:** Ensuring every region and community has access to resources through decentralized budgeting.

Chapter 2

Chapter 2 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27 is titled “**Saat Nischay-3: The Blueprint for a Developed Bihar (2025–2030)**”. This chapter is the political and developmental heart of the budget, outlining the seven core resolves that dictate how the **₹3,47,589.76 crore**

outlay will be utilized to transform the state's socio-economic fabric by 2030.

1. **Vision: The "Triple Target":** The chapter opens by establishing three overarching goals for the next five years:
 - **Creating 1 Crore Jobs:** Generating ten million employment and self-employment opportunities.
 - **Doubling Per-Capita Income:** Raising the average income from the 2024-25 level of ₹76,490 to significantly higher levels through industrialization.
 - **Women's Economic Independence:** Direct financial interventions for 1.56 crore women.
2. **The Seven Core Resolves:** Each resolve functions as a sub-chapter with specific departmental mandates and funding:
 - **Resolve 1: Double Employment–Double Income**
 - The government has established a new **Youth Employment and Skill Development Department** to spearhead this mission. A "Hub-and-Spoke" model for skill centers will be implemented in all 534 blocks, ensuring youth are trained for modern industry needs.
 - **Resolve 2: Prosperous Industry–Strong Bihar**
 - This resolve shifts Bihar from an agrarian focus to an industrial one. Key initiatives include:
 - **Industrial Clusters:** Phase-2 development of the **Gaya Industrial Manufacturing Cluster (IMC)**.
 - **Specialized Parks:** Establishment of a Defence Corridor, a Pharmaceutical Park, and a Fintech City in Patna.
 - **Revival:** A dedicated mission to revive closed sugar mills to create local manufacturing hubs.
 - **Resolve 3: Progress in Agriculture**
 - To boost rural wealth, the budget introduces the **Jananayak Karpoori Thakur Kisan Samman Nidhi**, providing ₹3,000/year per farmer. Combined with central aid, Bihar's farmers will receive a total of ₹9,000 annually. The focus is on "Income over Yield," promoting high-value crops and climate-resilient farming.
 - **Resolve 4: Advanced Education–Bright Future**
 - With a massive ₹68,216 crore allocation, this resolve focuses on quality over quantity. It mandates:
 - **Model Schools:** Establishing one high-tech "Model School" in every Panchayat.
 - **Higher Education:** Creating a separate **Higher Education Department** to manage the burgeoning college network.
 - **Resolve 5: Accessible Healthcare–Secure Life**
 - Healthcare is being decentralized. District hospitals are being upgraded to **super-specialty centers**, and Community Health Centers (CHCs) will now offer specialized services. The budget also includes provisions for expanding medical college seats and oxygen plant maintenance.
 - **Resolve 6: Strong Foundation–Modern Expansion**
 - This resolve focuses on physical connectivity and "New Age Economy" infrastructure:
 - **Expressways:** Funding for **five new expressways** to crisscross the state.

- **Digital Bihar:** Expanding fiber-to-the-home and installing solar panels on government and private rooftops.
 - **Resolve 7: Ease of Living & Respect for All**
 - The final resolve targets social dignity. It includes building **2,666 new Gram Panchayat buildings** that include residences for local officials to ensure government presence at the doorstep. It also allocates ₹7,724 crore specifically for the welfare of women, children, and the elderly.
3. **Financial Mechanics of Chapter 2:** To ensure these resolves are not just paper promises, the budget allocates ₹1,22,155 crore (approx. 35% of the total budget) specifically as "Scheme Expenditure" to fund these seven pillars. This is supported by an **Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF)**, ensuring every rupee spent is tracked against measurable targets like the number of youth trained or kilometers of expressway built.

Chapter 3

Chapter 3 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled "**Education and Human Capital Development**," marks the largest sectoral investment in the state's history. With an unprecedented allocation of ₹68,216 crore, accounting for nearly 19.63% of the total budget, this chapter outlines a roadmap to transform Bihar into a knowledge-based economy under the **Saat Nischay-3** vision.

1. **Structural Reorganization and Financial Outlay:** The budget introduces a dual-department structure to address the specific needs of different learning stages:
 - **School Education Department:** Receives the majority share of ₹60,204 crore (17.32% of total budget) to strengthen foundational and secondary schooling.
 - **Higher Education Department:** Allocated ₹8,012 crore (2.31%) to enhance university infrastructure and research capabilities.
2. **Primary Pillar: The "Model School" Initiative:** The centerpiece of Chapter 3 is the establishment of a **Model School in every Panchayat** across the state. These schools are designed to bridge the urban-rural quality gap by providing:
 - Standardized high-tech infrastructure, including smart classrooms and modern science laboratories.
 - A "Center of Excellence" approach for existing reputed institutions, upgrading them to act as benchmarks for other schools in their respective districts.
3. **Higher Education Expansion: "A Degree College for Every Block":** To increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and prevent student migration for basic degrees, the budget mandates the opening of a **Degree College in every block** that currently lacks one. This is complemented by:
 - The establishment of "University Townships" in industrial and logistic corridors to align academic research with industrial needs.
 - One girls' hostel in every district to ensure safety and access for female students from remote areas.

4. **Skill Development: The Hub-and-Spoke Model:** Chapter 3 shifts the focus from traditional degrees to “employment-ready” skills through a **Hub-and-Spoke model**.
 - **Skill Hubs:** Large-scale training centers at the district level equipped with advanced technology.
 - Spokes: Smaller training units at the block level that provide basic vocational training and feed into the district hubs.
 - The curriculum is being modernized to include **AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics) content creator labs** in secondary schools and colleges to prepare students for the digital economy.
5. **Teacher Support and Quality Assurance:** A significant portion of the education budget is reserved for **human resource development**:
 - **Recruitment and Retention:** Sustained funding for the massive teacher recruitment drives initiated in previous years to maintain optimal pupil-teacher ratios.
 - **Digital Training:** Mandatory digital literacy programs for teachers to ensure they can effectively use the new smart classroom infrastructure.
6. **Social Equity in Learning:** To ensure “Education for All,” the budget provides:
 - **Scholarship Continuity:** Enhanced funding for the Cycle Yojana and Poshak Yojana (uniform scheme) to prevent dropouts at the secondary level.
 - **Support for Special Groups:** Provisions for 1,000 accredited clinical trial centers and specialized training for Allied Health Professionals within educational institutions.

Summary of Key Chapter 3 Stats

Component	Allocation	Goal
Total Education Budget	₹68,216 crore	19.63% of total budget
School Education	₹60,204 crore	Model schools in every Panchayat
Higher Education	₹8,012 crore	Degree colleges in every block
Skill Goal	Part of 1 Crore Jobs	Hub-and-Spoke training centers

Chapter 4

Chapter 4 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled “**Agriculture, Rural Prosperity, and Farmer Welfare,**” focuses on shifting the state’s agricultural paradigm from “subsistence” to “surplus and profit”. As a core pillar of the **Saat Nischay-3** vision, this chapter details the financial mechanisms and schemes intended to modernize rural Bihar and significantly boost agrarian income.

1. **Direct Income Support: The New Farmer Grant:** The most significant announcement in Chapter 4 is the launch of the **Jananayak Karpoori Thakur Kisan Samman Nidhi**.
 - **State Contribution:** The Bihar government will provide **₹3,000 per year** to all eligible farmers in the state.

- **Integrated Support:** This grant acts as a supplement to the central PM-Kisan scheme (₹6,000/year), bringing the total annual direct benefit for Bihar’s farmers to **₹9,000**.
 - **Objective:** This move is designed to provide immediate liquidity for purchasing seeds and fertilizers, reducing the reliance on high-interest informal loans.
2. **Diversification and High-Value Agriculture:** Chapter 4 outlines a strategic shift toward **crop diversification** to hedge against climate risks and market volatility.
 - **Horticulture and Floriculture:** Special subsidies are allocated for the cultivation of makhana, lychee, and aromatic oils, where Bihar holds a global or national competitive advantage.
 - **Organic Corridors:** Expansion of organic farming clusters along both banks of the Ganges, supported by dedicated branding and certification centers to help farmers access premium national markets.
 - **Sugar Industry Revival:** A major mission to revive closed sugar mills was announced, aiming to integrate sugarcane farming with industrial ethanol production.
 3. **Irrigation and Water Management:** To ensure “water for every farm,” the budget provides significant outlays for the **Water Resources Department**.
 - **Minor Irrigation:** Prioritization of check-dams and solar-powered tube wells to reduce the cost of irrigation.
 - **Flood Mitigation:** Integration of agriculture with flood-management infrastructure, ensuring that low-lying areas (Tal lands) remain productive through better drainage and silt management.
 4. **Rural Infrastructure and Cooperative Strength:** The chapter emphasizes the “Ease of Living” in rural areas through decentralized governance.
 - **Panchayat Bhawans:** Funding to complete **2,666 new Gram Panchayat buildings**, designed as integrated service hubs where farmers can access government schemes and technical advice.
 - **Cooperative Marketing:** Strengthening Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to include modern storage facilities and cold chains, preventing distress sales by small-scale farmers.
 5. **Allied Sectors: Animal Husbandry and Fisheries:** Recognizing that livestock is a vital safety net, the budget includes:
 - **Dairy Expansion:** Subsidies for setting up small-scale dairy units and improving the cattle breed through advanced artificial insemination programs.
 - **Fisheries:** Promoting “Blue Revolution” initiatives in the state’s vast wetlands (Chauras) to make Bihar a major exporter of freshwater fish.

Summary of Chapter 4 Highlights

Initiative	Feature	Impact Goal
Kisan Samman Nidhi	₹3,000 extra per year	Total ₹9,000/year per farmer

Initiative	Feature	Impact Goal
Industrial Linkage	Sugar mill revival	Creating local manufacturing jobs
Skill Hubs	Agri-Entrepreneurship	Creating “Agri-Entrepreneurs”
Rural Dev. Focus	2,666 Panchayat Bhawans	Last-mile service delivery

Chapter 5

Chapter 5 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled “**Healthcare and Medical Excellence**,” represents a fundamental shift from basic provisioning to advanced, accessible healthcare under the **Saat Nischay-3** mandate. With a total sectoral allocation exceeding **₹21,000 crore** (including departmental and capital outlays), the chapter focuses on building a “Secure Life” for every citizen through a decentralized super-specialty network.

1. Decentralization: Super-Specialty at the District Level:

The core strategy of Chapter 5 is to reduce the burden on Patna-based hospitals like PMCH and IGIMS by decentralizing specialized care.

- **District Hospital Upgrades:** The government has mandated the conversion of district hospitals into **Super-Specialty Centers**. This includes the establishment of dedicated wings for cardiology, nephrology (dialysis), and oncology in every district.
 - **PMCH Redevelopment:** The budget provides continued funding for the world-class redevelopment of **Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH)**, aiming to make it the largest hospital in the world by bed capacity.
- ### 2. The “Biopharma SHAKTI” Initiative:
- A standout feature of this chapter is the launch of the **Biopharma SHAKTI (Systems for Health and Knowledge-driven Technical Innovation)** initiative.
- **Clinical Trial Centers:** The budget allocates funds for **1,000 accredited clinical trial centers** across the state, aiming to position Bihar as a hub for medical research and pharmaceutical development.
 - **Pharma Parks:** In coordination with the Industry Department, Chapter 5 outlines the creation of a specialized **Pharmaceutical Park** to encourage local manufacturing of generic medicines and medical equipment.
- ### 3. Expansion of Medical Education:
- To address the shortage of healthcare professionals, the budget accelerates the “One Medical College in Every District” plan.
- **New Institutions:** Funding has been cleared for the commencement of academic sessions in four new medical colleges and the completion of civil works for six others.
 - **Allied Health Professionals:** A new emphasis is placed on training **Allied Health Professionals** (paramedics, lab technicians, and radiologists) through specialized institutes, ensuring that modern diagnostic equipment does not remain idle due to lack of staff.

4. Maternal and Child Health (MCH):

The budget strengthens the safety net for women and children:

- **MCH Wings:** Construction of dedicated 100-bed Maternal and Child Health wings in all subdivision hospitals.
- **Immunization and Nutrition:** Integration of healthcare with the Anganwadi network to ensure 100% immunization coverage and digital tracking of high-risk pregnancies through a revamped health portal.

5. Digital Health and Emergency Services

- **Health Digital Stack:** The implementation of electronic health records (EHR) for all citizens, allowing for seamless referrals between primary centers and super-specialty hospitals.
- **Dial 102 Expansion:** Increasing the fleet of “Advanced Life Support” (ALS) ambulances to ensure that emergency care is available within 20 minutes of a call in both rural and urban areas.

Summary of Chapter 5 Highlights

Initiative	Feature	Goal
Super-Specialty Centers	District-level specialized wings	Decongesting Patna hospitals
Biopharma SHAKTI	1,000 Clinical Trial Centers	Boosting medical research
Medical Colleges	10+ new projects in pipeline	“One College, One District”
Digital Health Stack	Electronic Health Records	Seamless patient tracking

Chapter 6

Chapter 6 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled “**Infrastructure, Industry, and Urban Transformation**,” acts as the physical engine for the **Saat Nischay-3** vision. With a significant push toward modernization, this chapter outlines how the state will utilize its **₹39,377 crore capital outlay** to build a competitive industrial base and more liveable cities.

1. The Industrial Renaissance:

A core objective of Chapter 6 is to shift Bihar from an agrarian economy to an industrial hub, aiming to contribute significantly to the goal of creating **1 crore jobs** by 2030.

- **Industrial Manufacturing Clusters (IMC):** The budget fast-tracks **Phase-2 of the Gaya IMC**, a major node on the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor designed to attract heavy manufacturing and logistics firms.
- **Sector-Specific Parks:** Provisions are made for the establishment of a **Pharma Park** and a **Fintech City** near Patna to attract high-value services and specialized manufacturing.
- **Sugar Mill Revival:** A dedicated mission is funded to revive closed sugar mills, integrating them with ethanol production to create a sustainable industrial ecosystem in rural North Bihar.

2. **Connectivity: The Expressway Era:** To facilitate the movement of goods and people, the budget announces a massive leap in road infrastructure.
 - **New Expressways:** The government has committed to building **five new expressways**. These are designed to slash travel times between major economic zones and provide the backbone for the state’s logistical network.
 - **Rural-Urban Linkages:** Continued investment in the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** ensures that the industrial corridors are accessible from the remotest villages, integrating rural labor with the industrial economy.
3. **Urbanization and “Ease of Living”:** Recognizing that Bihar’s urban population is growing rapidly, the **Urban Development and Housing Department (UDHD)** received a substantial allocation of **₹15,237 crore**.
 - **Developing Future Cities:** The budget focuses on 19 municipal corporations, 89 councils, and 156 nagar panchayats. It emphasizes making these areas economically productive through the **City Economic Regions** mapping.
 - **Drainage and Sanitation:** To combat chronic waterlogging, **38 major storm-water drainage projects** costing ₹3,560 crore were approved. Additionally, solid waste management systems now cover all 261 urban local bodies.
 - **Smart Cities:** The budget reports the completion of 101 out of 122 sanctioned projects in Patna, Biharsharif, Bhagalpur, and Muzaffarpur, including integrated traffic management and digital service platforms.
4. **Energy and Green Infrastructure**
 - **Sustainable Mobility:** A major shift toward green energy involves converting public buses to **CNG and electric** power.
 - **EV Infrastructure:** The budget allocates funds to establish more than **2,000 public charging stations** across the state to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles.
 - **Power Sector:** With an allocation of **₹18,737 crore**, the focus is on providing 24x7 quality power to industrial clusters while expanding solar rooftop installations.

Summary of Chapter 6 Highlights

Sector	Key Project/ Allocation	Goal
Industry	Gaya IMC Phase-2	Creating manufacturing jobs
Transport	5 New Expressways	State-wide rapid connectivity
Urbanization	₹15,237 crore for UDHD	Liveable cities and drainage
Energy	2,000+ EV Charging Stations	Transition to green mobility

Chapter 7

Chapter 7 of the Bihar Budget 2026-27 is titled **“Respect for All– Easy Life: Social Inclusion and Environmental Sustainability”**. This chapter covers the final pillar of the **Saat Nischay-3** roadmap

(2025–2030), focusing on the “Ease of Living” through social dignity, disaster resilience, and climate-positive growth. It ensures that the state’s economic progress is shared by the most vulnerable segments of society.

1. **Social Welfare and Human Dignity:** The primary focus of this chapter is the **Social Welfare Department**, which received an allocation of **₹8,379.07 crore**.
 - **Pension Schemes:** The budget ensures the seamless delivery of the Mukhyamantri Vriddhajan Pension Yojana and other social security pensions for over 90 lakh beneficiaries.
 - **Disability Inclusion:** A significant portion of the outlay is dedicated to the **“Dignity Mission,”** which provides specialized aids, assistive devices, and vocational training for the Divyangjan (specially-abled) to foster economic independence.
 - **Transgender Welfare:** Building on previous initiatives, Chapter 7 allocates specific funds for the **“Garima Greh”** (dignity homes) to provide shelter and skill training for the transgender community.
2. **Women-Led Growth and Empowerment:** Continuing the state’s flagship focus, this chapter integrates women’s welfare into “Easy Living”.
 - **Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana:** This scheme, launched in late 2025, receives sustained funding to provide an initial grant of **₹10,000** to 1.56 crore women from self-help groups, facilitating small-scale livelihoods.
 - **Women’s Safety:** Funds are earmarked for the installation of smart street lighting and the expansion of the **“Women Help Desks”** in all 1,000+ police stations across Bihar to improve public safety and ease of movement.
3. **Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change:** For the first time, Chapter 7 elevates environmental protection as a core component of **“Respect for All,”** recognizing that the poor are most affected by climate change.
 - **Green Bihar Mission:** The **Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department** received **₹1,075.40 crore**. The budget targets the planting of 5 crore saplings to increase the state’s green cover.
 - **Renewable Energy:** To promote an **“Easy Life”** with lower utility costs, the budget encourages solar rooftop installations through subsidized **“Solar Loans”** for low-income households.
4. **Disaster Management and Resilience:** Given Bihar’s vulnerability to annual floods and heatwaves, the budget prioritizes safety as a prerequisite for a dignified life.
 - **Disaster Management Allocation:** **₹479.27 crore** has been set aside for early warning systems and community-based disaster response teams.
 - **Heatwave Mitigation:** Funds are allocated for the creation of **“Cool Roof”** initiatives in urban slums and the expansion of drinking water kiosks (Piau) in public places during peak summer.

- 5. Minority Welfare and Inclusion:** Chapter 7 also addresses the socio-economic upliftment of minority communities through targeted educational and infrastructure support.
- **Hostels and Skill Centers:** Completion of minority residential schools and hostels in all 38 districts.
 - **Waqf Property Development:** Funding for the construction of multi-purpose community centers and marriage halls on Waqf land to serve as public utility spaces.

Summary of Chapter 7 Highlights

Sector	Allocation/Target	Core Objective
Social Welfare	₹8,379.07 crore	Social dignity and security pensions
Environment	₹1,075.40 crore	5 crore saplings & green cover
Women Aid	1.56 Crore beneficiaries	Self-employment via SHGs
Disaster Mgmt.	₹479.27 crore	Resilience against floods/heatwaves

Chapter 8

The final chapter of the Bihar Budget 2026-27, titled “**Good Governance and Police Modernization,**” focuses on strengthening the rule of law and improving the efficiency of public service delivery. With an allocation exceeding **₹20,000 crore** for the Home Department and internal security, this chapter emphasizes that a “Safe Bihar” is the prerequisite for a “Prosperous Bihar” under the **Saat Nischay-3** vision.

- 1. Police Modernization and Specialized Wings:** The government has prioritized the technical and structural upgrading of the state police force.
- **District Policing:** Over **₹9,455 crore** is specifically allocated for district police operations, focusing on increasing the presence of personnel at the local level.
 - **Specialized Units:** Significant funding is directed toward strengthening the **Anti-Cyber Crime** units and the **Special Task Force (STF)** to handle emerging digital threats and organized crime.
 - **Women in Force:** Continuing its push for gender inclusion, the budget provides for the creation of dedicated barracks and facilities for women police officers, aiming to maintain Bihar’s lead in the percentage of women in the police force.
- 2. “Digital Bihar” and e-Governance:** Chapter 8 outlines a massive expansion of the “Digital Bihar” initiative to eliminate corruption and ensure transparency in government transactions.
- **Data Integration:** The government will integrate the **Digital Agriculture Directorate** with general administration data to ensure that benefits like the Kisan Samman Nidhi are delivered via Aadhaar-enabled seamless transfers.
 - **RTPS Expansion:** The Right to Public Services (RTPS) portal is being upgraded to include more than 100 new digital

services, reducing the need for citizens to visit government offices physically.

- 3. Judicial Infrastructure and Prison Reform:** To speed up the delivery of justice, the budget allocates funds for the construction of modern court complexes and residential buildings for judicial officers.
- **Prison Modernization:** Funds are earmarked for the installation of high-resolution CCTV surveillance and AI-based monitoring systems in all central and district jails.
 - **Skill Training for Inmates:** A new initiative provides vocational training within prisons to ensure the successful social reintegration of inmates after their release.
- 4. Administrative Efficiency: The “Residence-at-Work” Model:** A unique feature of this chapter is the plan to decentralize administration by making officials more accessible to the public.
- **Integrated Panchayat Bhawans:** The completion of **2,666 new Gram Panchayat buildings** will include residential quarters for Panchayat-level workers (Revenue Officers, Panchayat Secretaries). This ensures that government services are available locally, 24/7.

5. Transparency and Fiscal Monitoring

Chapter 8 introduces an advanced **Outcome Budgeting** framework.

- **Real-time Tracking:** Every department must now report progress on a centralized dashboard. This allows the Finance Department to monitor whether the **₹1,22,155 crore** scheme expenditure is translating into actual ground-level impact, such as the number of youth trained or kilometers of roads built.

Summary of Chapter 8 Highlights

Pillar	Focus Area	Key Allocation/Goal
Police	Home Department	₹20,000+ crore for security
Digitization	e-Governance	AI-based mechanization and data integration
Justice	Fast-track courts	Modernized judicial infrastructure
Governance	Local Presence	Residential quarters in 2,666 Panchayat Bhawans

New Policies/Bills of the Bihar Government

Policy/Bill	Key Features
Bihar Semiconductor Policy, 2026	The policy aims to promote the semiconductor and electronics manufacturing industry in Bihar, attract investments, and generate high-tech employment opportunities in the state.
Bihar Biofuel Production Promotion (Amendment) Policy, 2025	75% of industrial land managed by BIADA will be made available for CBG (Compressed Bio-Gas) projects. The approval period for CBG units has been extended until 31 March 2027 , while the secondary industrial limit has been extended until 31 March 2028 .

Policy/Bill	Key Features
New and Renewable Energy Policy, 2025	The policy seeks to promote clean energy generation and develop 23,968 MW of renewable energy capacity along with 6,100 MWh of energy storage capacity by 2029–30.
Bihar Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2025	The bill allows the formation of a special authority to curb corruption, prevent delays in elections, and check embezzlement in cooperative societies. Strict action will be taken against those involved in financial irregularities, thereby promoting transparency and women's empowerment.
Pump Storage Policy, 2025	Designed to develop modern energy storage systems and ensure better utilization of renewable energy resources.
Bihar Information Technology Policy, 2024	Aims to promote Information Technology (IT), Electronic System Design, and Manufacturing (ESDM) in the state
Bihar Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024	The main objective is to prevent paper leaks, cheating, and other malpractices in government recruitment and competitive examinations. Offenders may face 5 to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹1 crore .
Bihar Prohibition Policy, 2024	Intended to strengthen the implementation and enforcement of prohibition in Bihar.
Bihar Tourism and Market Policy, 2024	The policy aims to promote tourism in the state and develop cultural, historical, and natural tourist destinations.
Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2024	The bill clarifies the definition of Input Tax Credit (ITC) and simplifies tax-related regulations.
Bihar State University Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024	The bill retains the existing number of commission members to bring greater clarity and consistency in appointments.
Bihar Sports Policy, 2024	Youths of the state participating in various sports will be eligible for scholarships of up to ₹10 lakh .
Bihar Industrial Investment Promotion (Textile and Leather) Policy, 2024 (Amendment)	New production units will be provided a capital subsidy of up to ₹10 crore .
Bihar Biomass Promotion Policy, 2023	The Bihar Government will provide a 15% subsidy on project costs to new investors setting up biomass production plants, subject to a maximum limit of ₹5 crore .
Bihar Electric Vehicle Policy, 2023	Encourages the establishment of charging stations and promotes the adoption of electric vehicles.

Policy/Bill	Key Features
Bihar Logistics Policy, 2022	Launched by the then Industries Minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain to strengthen logistics infrastructure and improve supply chain efficiency in the state.

Apps/Portals Launched by the Bihar Government

App/portal	Issuing Authority	Purpose
e-Vidhan App (NeVA)	Parliamentary Affairs Department & State Legislature	To digitize all State Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils.
e-Marg App	Road Construction Department	To monitor road conditions and track maintenance and repair records
HRMS App	Government of Bihar	To digitize the service records (service books) of Bihar government employees.
e-Rostrum SEC BIHR App	Bihar State Election Commission	To manage elections and ensure their secure and smooth conduct.
Pravasi Kamgar App	Labour Resources Department	To register migrant workers employed outside the state.
Paridarshan Portal	Revenue and Land Reforms Department	To enable landowners to verify their land-related documents.
e-DAR Portal	Transport Department (State & Central)	To digitize the compensation process for road accident victims.
Sanjani Portal	Education Department	To provide information related to university admissions, examination results, and other academic records.
NITISH App	Disaster Management Authority	To provide lightning alerts approximately 30 minutes in advance.
The Village App	Disaster Management Department	To support students of Classes 10 and 12 in their education.
Suvidha Vahini Portal	Bihar Police	To facilitate the internal functioning and administration of the police department.
e-Shiksha Kosh App/Portal	Education Department	To record teachers' attendance and provide information about educational schemes.
e-Mapi Portal	Revenue and Land Reforms Department	To digitize and streamline land measurement-related services.
e-Amrit App	Health Department	To facilitate free treatment arrangements for patients suffering from serious diseases.

App/portal	Issuing Authority	Purpose
e-Satya App	Bihar Police	To accelerate the investigation of criminal cases through quick and accurate data processing.
Mausam Bihar App	Planning and Development Department	To provide 24x7 weather-related information and forecasts.
BSEB Mobile App	Bihar School Examination Board	To provide students with study materials and examination-related information.
BEFQR App	Water Resources Department	To reduce the impact of floods and droughts in Bihar.
BIP Portal	Health Department	To enable real-time monitoring of 33 different diseases.
Heritage Tree App	Bihar State Biodiversity Board	To create a database of heritage trees and ensure their conservation.
Filmo Portal	Education Department	To provide free educational content to students of Classes 9 to 12.
FUNDA App	Health Department	To provide care, monitoring, and medical advice to pregnant women.
WAMIS App	Bihar Water Management Department	To monitor all construction and infrastructure projects in the state.
Shrota Samvad App	Builders and Buyers Forum	To help small workers find employment opportunities and address job-related issues.
Hiring App	Cooperation Department	To provide agricultural machinery on rent to small and marginal farmers.
Grih Darshan App	Home Department, Bihar	To improve law and order management in the state.
e-Nishchay Portal	Panchayati Raj Department	To register complaints related to the Har Ghar Nal Jal Scheme.
Chakra Mobile App	Bihar Police	To provide a comprehensive database of criminals in Bihar.
Ashwini App	Health Department	To help ASHA workers record and manage their daily activities.
Indravajra App	Disaster Management Department	To warn people in advance about lightning strikes.
Vidyavahini App	Education Department	To make textbooks from Classes 1 to 12 available online to students.
Seva Samadhan Portal	Bihar Administrative Reforms Mission	To address service-related matters and retirement issues of regular government employees.

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- **Very Dense Forest (VDF): 387 sq km**
 - Defined as forests with a **canopy density of 70% or more**.
 - VDF covers **0.41%** of Bihar's geographical area.
- **Moderately Dense Forest (MDF): 3,284.21 sq km**
 - Defined as forests with a **canopy density between 40% and 70%**.
 - MDF accounts for **3.49%** of the state's geographical area.
- **Open Forest (OF): 3,861.24 sq km**
 - Defined as forests with a **canopy density between 10% and 40%**.
 - OF covers **4.10%** of Bihar's geographical area.
- **Total Geographical Area: 94,163 sq km**
- **Total Forest Cover: 7,532.45 sq km**
 - An increase of **129.19 sq km** over the previous assessment.
- **Tree Cover: 2,370.21 sq km (2.51%)**
 - A decrease of **123.98 sq km** compared to the previous assessment.
- **Total Forest and Tree Cover: 9,902.66 sq km (10.52%)**
- **Scrub Area: 260.80 sq km (0.28%)**

District-wise Forest Cover

- **Kaimur has the largest forest area** in Bihar in terms of geographical coverage.
 1. Out of its **3,362 sq km** geographical area, **1,026.68 sq km** is under forest cover.
 2. This constitutes **30.51%** of the district's total area.
- **Top Three Districts by Forest Cover:**
 1. **Kaimur** – 1,026.68 sq km
 2. **West Champaran** – 908.23 sq km
 3. **Jamui** – 670.84 sq km
- **Sheikhpura has the lowest forest cover** in the state.
 1. Out of its **689 sq km** geographical area, only **0.82 sq km** is under forest cover.
 2. This represents **0.12%** of the district's area.
- **Bottom Three Districts by Forest Cover:**
 1. **Sheikhpura** – 0.82 sq km
 2. **Arwal** – 4.02 sq km
 3. **Buxar** – 6.01 sq km

Change in Forest Cover

- **Highest Positive Change:**
 - **Bhagalpur:** +33.82 sq km
 - **Madhubani:** +25.71 sq km
- **Highest Negative Change:**
 - **Kaimur:** –35.35 sq km
 - **Nawada:** –9.76 sq km
- **Overall Increase in Forest Cover in Bihar: 129.19 sq km**

Bamboo Resources in Bihar

- Bihar's **bamboo stock is increasing**.

Bamboo-bearing area within RFA/Green Wash:

- 2023: 1,109 sq km
- 2021: 1,103 sq km

Top Forested Districts of Bihar

- **Kaimur** – Highest forest cover (~1,026 sq km; ~30.5% of district area)
- **West Champaran** – Second highest (home to the **Valmiki Tiger Reserve**)
- **Jamui** – Third highest (~670.84 sq km; ~21.65% of district area)
- **Nawada, Rohtas, and Munger** are also important forest-rich districts of Bihar.

Project / Campaign	Launched	Target / Achievement	Key Features
Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Campaign	2019	More than 21.25 crore saplings planted over seven years	Bihar’s largest environmental campaign. Focuses on water conservation and afforestation . Over 4.06 crore saplings were planted in 2024–25 and 3.38 crore+ in 2025–26.
Harit Jeevika, Harit Bihar	2019–20	More than 4 crore saplings planted by Jeevika Didis	Women from Jeevika Self-Help Groups (SHGs) play a leading role. Includes nursery management and livelihood generation.
CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority)	Ongoing	Millions of saplings planted annually	Undertakes compensatory afforestation to offset forest land diverted for non-forest purposes.
Agroforestry Scheme	—	40.68 lakh saplings targeted in 2025–26	Promotes tree plantation on farmers’ private lands, providing both environmental and economic benefits.
Annual Plantation Drive 2025–26	Monsoon 2025	5 crore saplings across 66 species	Launched on World Environment Day (5 June) . Bhagalpur has the highest plantation target of 1.30 crore saplings .

Carbon Stock of Bihar According to ISFR 2023

- **Total Carbon Stock: 58,451 thousand tonnes** (approximately 58.45 million tonnes).

- **Increase Compared to 2021:** Approximately **1,570 thousand tonnes (1.57 million tonnes)**.
- This estimate includes carbon stored in **forest cover, tree cover, and Trees Outside Forests (TOF)** across Bihar.

CCEA approves several proposals in Bihar

Why in the News?

- Recently, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the doubling of the Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat rail line, a ₹3,169 crore project spanning 177 km in Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.
- Approval was also given for a new Mokama-Munger greenfield access-controlled corridor, an 82 km, ₹4,447 crore project on the Buxar-Bhagalpur High-Speed Corridor.

PM Launches National Makhana Board In Bihar

Why in the News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Makhana Board in Purnea, Bihar as part of the Union Budget 2025 initiative.
- The government has approved a Rs 475 crore development package to support these efforts.

24th Foundation Day of the Bihar State Women’s Commission

Why in the news,

- Recently, The Bihar State Women’s Commission is celebrating its 24th Foundation Day today.
- The Bihar State Women’s Commission was established on September 19, 2001.
- National Commission for Women Chairperson Vijay Rahatkar, and State Women’s Commission Chairperson Apsara Mishra were also present at the event.

Jitwarpur Village in Madhubani is set to become Bihar’s first craft village.

Why in the news,

- Jitwarpur Village in Madhubani is set to become Bihar’s first craft village.
- Jitwarpur Village in Madhubani district, which preserves the living tradition of Mithila painting, is now on the threshold of a new history. The colors etched on its walls will no longer be merely a heritage of art, but will also transform the entire village into a ‘craft village’.
- This village of approximately 400 households has given the country three Padma Shri artists. Jagadamba Devi (1975), Sita Devi (1980), and Baua Devi (2017) have received this honor for Mithila painting.

- A total of ₹9 crore 2 thousand 470 has been approved for the Craft Village project. Of this, 80 percent, or ₹7.20 crore, will be provided by the Ministry of Textiles, while the remaining ₹1.80 crore will be borne by the Bihar Museum.
- To give Bihar's rich cultural heritage international recognition, **Ranti (Madhubani), Raiyam (Darbhanga), Bhusra (Muzaffarpur), and Tharkatti (Gaya)** will be developed as new **Craft Villages (Shilpgrams)**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Purnia airport

Why in the news,

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the much-awaited Purnia Airport on September 15.

Minimum wages of workers increased in Bihar

Why in the news,

- Recently, the Bihar government has increased the minimum wage for all workers.
- The minimum wage has been set at Rs. 428 per day for unskilled workers, Rs. 444 per day for semi-skilled workers, Rs. 541 per day for skilled workers, and Rs. 660 per day for highly skilled workers.

Bihar gets two new Ramsar sites.

Why in the News?

- Recently, two wetlands in Bihar – the Gokul Reservoir in Buxar and the Udaipur Lake in West Champaran – received Ramsar status.
- Bihar's first Ramsar site is Kanwar Lake (also known as Kabartal Lake) in Begusarai district.
- Bihar's second and third Ramsar sites are the Nagi and Nakati Bird Sanctuaries in Jamui district.

About Gokul Reservoir

- Location: Located in Buxar, Bihar.
- It is an oxbow lake located on the southern bank of the Ganges River.

About Udaipur Lake

- It is located in West Champaran, Bihar.
- It is also an oxbow lake, bordered to the north and west by the dense forest of the Udaipur Wildlife Sanctuary.

About the Ramsar Convention

- The Ramsar Convention, officially called the Wetlands Convention, was signed on February 2, 1971, in Ramsar, Iran.

- The Ramsar List is the world's largest network of protected areas, with over 2,500 Ramsar sites spread across 173 Contracting Parties, covering an area of over 2.5 million square kilometers.

The First Ramsar Site

- The first Ramsar site was the Coburg Peninsula in Australia, designated in 1974.
- Chilka Lake in Odisha and Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan were recognized as the first Ramsar sites in India.

Bihar's Shailesh Kumar wins India's first gold medal

Why in the News?

- Recently, High jumper Shailesh Kumar from Jamui district in Bihar won India's first gold medal at the World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi.

Operation Aahat

Why in the News?

- Recently, In a major anti-human trafficking operation, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) rescued many children from child labour at sensitive stations like Samastipur, Danapur and Patna.

Election Commission announces final voter list in Bihar

Why in the news?

- The final voter list for Bihar, published on September 30, 2025, has 74.2 million voters, a decrease of about 6% from the 78.9 million voters recorded on June 24, 2025. On June 24, 2025, the Election Commission of India announced a three-month Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the state.

Key Points

- Deletions and additions: 6.5 million names were removed from the draft list, with death, migration and duplication being the major categories.
- An additional 36.6 million names were removed in the final phase following claims and objections.
- The number of non-citizens or foreigners was negligible.
- 21.53 million new voters were added to the final list.
- The number of voters increased by 1.79 million compared to the draft list (72 million) published on August 1, 2025.
- Gender representation: The percentage of women voters declined slightly to 47.15% from 47.75% in January after the SIR was completed.

NIELIT Digital University Centre in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Why in news?

- Recently, Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launched NIELIT Digital University, a platform designed to democratize access to high-quality digital education, from New Delhi.
- In which he virtually inaugurated five new NIELIT centres at Muzaffarpur (Bihar), Balasore (Odisha), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Lunglei (Mizoram) and Daman in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (DNHDD).

18th Bihar Legislative Assembly Election

Why in news?

- The Model Code of Conduct came into force in Bihar as soon as the Election Commission of India announced the date of Bihar Legislative Assembly elections on 6 October 2025.
- The elections will be held in two phases: the first on November 6 and the second on November 11, with the vote count taking place on November 14.

Bihar Assembly Election 2025 Phase 1 Schedule

- Total Seats: 121

Bihar Assembly Election 2025 Phase 2 Schedule

- Total Seats: 122

Makhana Festival 2025 in Patna, Bihar

Why in news?

- Recently, Bihar Horticulture Directorate organised a two-day Makhana Festival at Gyan Bhawan, Patna between October 4 and 5.
- Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan also participated in the 'Makhana Mahotsav 2025'.
- On this occasion, he released a report titled 'Makhana: From Culture to Prosperity'.
- Bihar accounts for over 90% of global makhana production, where its cultivation has increased from about 3,000 hectares to 35,000–40,000 hectares, and exports are now reaching markets in Europe, America and East Asia.

Bihar wins 10 gold medals in National Swat Championship

Why in the news?

- Recently, at the 8th National Swat Championship held in Chandigarh, boxers from Bihar won 24 medals, including 10 gold, six silver, and eight bronze. Bihar finished third overall.

"Choti Chiraiya" becomes Bihar's election icon

Why in the news?

- Recently, with the aim of increasing awareness about the electoral process in the state and motivating the general public to exercise their democratic rights, it was decided to make Chhoti Chiraiya the electoral identity of Bihar.
- For this purpose, a state-level mascot competition was organised, in which "Chhoti Chiraiya" created by Rahul Kumar of Nalanda district was selected for the first prize, while "Matraj" created by Kripa Nath Jha of Madhubani district got the second prize.

PM to launch 'Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot' campaign:

Why in news

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections on October 15 by interacting with booth-level party workers under the 'Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot' campaign.

Every year 8,873 people die in road accidents in the state.

Why in news?

- According to the new report of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), "Road Accidents in India 2023", a total of 8,873 people died in road accidents in Bihar in 2023.
- According to this government data, more than 24 people die every day.

Night blood survey begins for filariasis eradication

Why in news?

- The Health Department is organizing various programs for the eradication of leprosy.
- Night blood survey campaign is being conducted in the panchayats of various blocks of Bihar from 13th to 25th October.
- Blood samples are being collected at night at selected locations.
- To identify potential filariasis patients in all areas, the health department starts blood sampling at 8:30 pm and continues till midnight.

Ms. Vidya, an international table tennis player from Bihar

Why in news?

- National and international table tennis player Vidya Kumari has brought laurels to Bihar with her sporting talent.

- Ms. Vidya is an international table tennis player from Bihar who has won a total of 20 medals including 2 gold, 2 bronze and 16 silver medals in national and international competitions.
- Ms. Vidya is from Samastipur district in Bihar. She is a resident of Singhia Bujurg North Panchayat in Vibhutipur block.

Archery coach Jai Prakash to receive Bihar State Sports Award

Why in news?

- Gaya district's archery coach Jai Prakash will receive the Bihar State Sports Award.
- The district's famous archery coach Jai Prakash has been announced to receive the Bihar State Sports Award this year.

32% candidates in Bihar have criminal charges against them

Why in news?

- According to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Bihar Election Watch (BEW), the number of candidates with criminal and financially influential backgrounds is quite high in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections.

Key Points

- Subject: This analysis by ADR and BEW is based on self-sworn affidavits of 1,303 out of 1,314 candidates contesting for 121 assembly seats in the first phase of Bihar elections to be held on November 6, 2025.
- These findings shed light on both the criminal cases and economic background of the candidates.

Criminal background:

- 423 candidates (32%) have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- 354 candidates (27%) have serious criminal charges against them, including murder and crimes against women.
- 33 candidates have declared murder charges, while 86 candidates have cases of attempt to murder registered against them.
- 42 candidates have declared cases related to crimes against women, including 2 rape cases.
- Financial background: 519 candidates (40%) are crorepatris (declared assets ₹1 crore or more).

Bihar's first Manuscript Cluster Centre

Why in news

- Recently, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, a deemed university located in Nalanda, has been declared as the first manuscript cluster centre of Bihar by the Union Ministry of Culture.

- This achievement has been achieved under the "Gyan Bharatam" initiative.

Patna Municipal Corporation's 'Pink Innovation' gets international recognition

Why in news?

- Recently, Patna Municipal Corporation has achieved a remarkable feat through its commitment towards cleanliness.
- The Corporation's innovative initiative, "Pink Innovation", has been selected for the international conference "Resilient Systems 2026" to be held in Delft, Netherlands in March 2026.
- Patna Municipal Corporation will represent India at this conference. The Organizing Committee of this International Conference has formally accepted the presentation titled "Pink Innovation: Sustaining WASH Facilities and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 2026" submitted by Patna Municipal Corporation, Bihar (India).

Four products of Bihar included in the National Digital Market (e-NAM)

Why in news?

- Recently, four GI-tagged products from Bihar have been included in the national digital market (e-NAM), including Jardalu mango of Bhagalpur, Katarni rice, Shahi litchi of Muzaffarpur and Magahi paan.
- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Government of India has approved the inclusion of these products on the e-NAM platform.
- Water chestnut, baby corn and dragon fruit from Kishanganj will also be included in this market soon, which will give a new impetus to organic farming and digital commerce in the state.

Gogabeel Lake: India's New (94th) Ramsar Site

India has added Gogabeel Lake, located in Katihar district of Bihar, to the Ramsar list.

With this, it has become India's 94th wetland of international importance.

This step reflects India's growing commitment toward wetland conservation and sustainable ecological management.

About Gogabeel Lake

- It is an oxbow lake situated between the Ganga and Mahananda rivers.
- It is Bihar's first Community Reserve.
- During the monsoon season, it naturally connects with both rivers and functions as a floodplain wetland.
- It has now become Bihar's 6th Ramsar site (others include: Gokul Reservoir, Udaypur Lake, etc.).

Etection of Uranium in Breast Milk

The identification of uranium in the breast milk of mothers from six districts in Bihar is alarming. Key details include:

Major Findings of the Study

- **Prevalence:** Uranium (U-238) was found in the breast milk samples of all 40 participating mothers from Bhojpur, Samastipur, Begusarai, Khagaria, Katihar, and Nalanda.

Bihar Ranks First in Free Medicine Distribution in India

Bihar is ranked **number one** in the country for providing free medicines to patients. According to the Health Department:

Highlights

- Bihar scored **81.35 points** in October 2023, retaining first place.
- Rajasthan (77.77) ranked second, Punjab (71.80) third.
- Bihar has held the top rank for a full year.

Bihar Assembly Elections 2025

- **Polling dates:** Two phases – **6 November** and **11 November 2025**
- **Results:** Announced for all 243 seats on **14 November**
- **Voters:** A total of **7.43 crore** registered voters
 - 3.92 crore men
 - 3.50 crore women
 - 1,725 transgender voters

Seat Distribution

- Total seats: **243**
 - **203 General**
 - **38 Scheduled Castes (SC)**
 - **2 Scheduled Tribes (ST)**

Reference: Previous Election (2020)

- **Winning alliance:** National Democratic Alliance (NDA)
 - Seats won: **125** (clear majority)
 - Key parties: BJP and JD(U)
- **Single largest party:** Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) with **75 seats**

NOTA in Bihar Assembly Elections 2025

In the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, the NOTA (None of the Above) option received **1.81%** of the total valid votes — a slight increase from 1.68% in 2020, but still lower than the 2.48% recorded in 2015.

- **Total NOTA votes:** 6,65,870
- The slight rise indicates some degree of voter dissatisfaction, although the NDA secured a clear mandate with victory on nearly **200 seats**.

NOTA was introduced following the Supreme Court’s 2013 judgment, allowing voters the right to reject all candidates while maintaining secrecy.

However, even if NOTA receives the highest votes, the election is **not** cancelled.

Bihar Elections 2025: Voting Statistics

Phase	Total Voting (%)	Male Voting (%)	Female Voting (%)
Phase 1	65.08%	61.2%	70.4%
Phase 2	68.76%	64.4%	72.8%
Overall	66.91%	62.8%	71.6%

Key Highlights

1. **Women’s turnout (71.6%)** was significantly higher than men’s turnout (62.8%).
2. **Overall turnout increased by more than 9% compared to 2020.**

Bihar Elections 2025: Major Political Alliances

Alliance Name	Major Parties	Alliance Leader
National Democratic Alliance (NDA)	JDU, BJP, LJP (Ram Vilas), RLJD, HAM	Nitish Kumar (JDU)
Mahagathbandhan / INDIA Alliance	RJD, INC, CPI (ML) Liberation, VIP, other Left parties	Tejashwi Yadav (RJD)
New / Independent Parties	Jan Suraj Party (led by Prashant Kishor), others	Prashant Kishor

Final Seat Count: NDA Dominates

- **BJP:** 89 seats
- **JDU:** 85 seats
- **LJP (Ram Vilas):** 19 seats
- **RJD:** 25 seats
- **Congress:** 6 seats
- **AIMIM:** 5 seats
- **HAM(S):** 5 seats
- **Rashtra Lok Morcha (RLSHTKM):** 4 seats
- **CPI (ML) Liberation:** 2 seats
- **CPI(M):** 1 seat
- **Indian Inclusive Party:** 1 seat
- **BSP:** 1 seat

Women Leaders’ Participation: Women secured a **historic 29 seats** in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections:

- **26 from the NDA**
- **3 from the Mahagathbandhan**

Biggest victories by women:

- **Rama Nishad (BJP) – Aurai:** Won by over 57,000 votes.
- **Leshi Singh (JDU) – Dhamdaha:** Won by over 55,000 votes.

Young achievers:

- **Maithili Thakur (BJP), age 25:** Youngest woman MLA.
- **Chhoti Kumari (age 28)** and **Komal Singh (JDU)** also secured impressive wins.

Closest Contest Winners

Constituency	Winner (Party)	Runner-up (Party)	Margin
Sandesh (Bhojpur)	Radha Charan Sah (JDU)	Deepu Singh (RJD)	27 votes
Agiaon (Bhojpur)	Mahesh Paswan (BJP)	CPI-ML candidate	95 votes

Largest Victory Margins

Rank	Constituency	Winner	Party	Margin
1	Rupauli	Kaladhar Prasad Mandal	JDU	73,572
2	Sugouli	Rajesh Kumar (Bablu Gupta)	LJP (RV)	58,191
3	Digha	Sanjeev Chaurasia	BJP	59,079

Election Commission of India (ECI)

The ECI is a **permanent, independent, and constitutional body** responsible for conducting free and fair elections in India.

Relevant Constitutional Provisions

- **Article 324:** Superintendence, direction, and control of elections lies with ECI.
- **Article 325:** No person can be disqualified from voter lists on the basis of religion, race, caste, or gender.
- **Article 326:** Elections to be based on adult suffrage.
- **Article 327:** Parliament can make laws regarding elections.
- **Article 328:** State legislatures can make laws related to their own elections.
- **Article 329:** Courts cannot interfere in the electoral process while it is underway.

Three New Rail Corridors in Bihar

To improve daily travel convenience, **three major rail corridors** will be developed and linked to the Patna Ring Rail Network.

Corridors

1. **East–West Corridor:** Buxar to Kiul
2. **Northern Corridor:** Fatuha–Patna–Chhapra–Sonepur–Hajipur–Muzaffarpur
3. **Central Corridor:** Patna–Fatuha–Bakhtiyarpur–Bihar Sharif–Tilaiya–Gaya–Jehanabad

Key Infrastructure

- **Total new tracks:** 260 km
- **Major bridge:**
 - A **10 km-long rail bridge over the Ganga** between Didarganj and Fatuha
 - Parallel to the six-lane Kacchi Dargah–Bidupur bridge
- **Estimated cost:** ₹9,000 crore
- **Survey approval:** ₹30 crore sanctioned by Railway Board

Dr. Prem Kumar

Senior BJP MLA **Dr. Prem Kumar** has been **unanimously elected as the Speaker** of the Bihar Legislative Assembly.

He is a veteran politician and has been elected as an MLA **nine times**.

18th Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly

Dr. Prem Kumar, BJP MLA from **Gaya Urban**, has been chosen as the **18th Speaker** of the Assembly.

History of the Bihar Legislative Assembly

Pre-Independence History

- **First Speaker:** Ram Dayalu Singh (a resident of Gangwa village, Muzaffarpur, and a leader of the farmers' movement) was elected the first Speaker after the **1937 elections**.
- **Building History:** The present Legislative building was built in **1920** as the Secretariat of the **Province of Bihar and Orissa**.

The first meeting was held in **1921**, presided over by **Sir Walter Maude**, and addressed by Governor **Lord S.P. Sinha**.

Structural Changes

- Under the **Government of India Act, 1935**, Bihar and Orissa became separate provinces.
- A **bicameral legislature** was formed with the Bihar Legislative Council as the upper house.

The Council's first meeting was held on **22 July 1936**.

- Member strength increased to **152** in the 1937 elections, and the first responsible government was formed under **Dr. Sri Krishna Singh**.
- On **22 July 1937**, during the first joint session of both houses, **Ram Dayalu Singh** was elected Speaker.

Political Developments

- In **1939**, Dr. Sri Krishna Singh's government resigned in protest against India's involvement in the Second World War, and the Assembly was dissolved.
- After the **1945 elections**, the government under Dr. Sri Krishna Singh was re-established.

Post-Independence

- In **1946**, **Bindeshwari Prasad Verma** became the first Speaker after independence.
- Due to population growth, the number of members changed several times (e.g., **330 in 1952**, **325 in 1977** including one nominated).

Dr. Rajendra Prasad

President **Droupadi Murmu** paid floral tributes to **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**, India's first President, on his birth anniversary on **3 December 2025** at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Early Life

- Born: **3 December 1884**, Ziradei, Siwan, Bihar
- Died: **28 February 1963**, Patna

Role in Freedom Movement

- In **1920**, he left his successful legal career to join the freedom struggle.
- Imprisoned for participating in the **Salt Satyagraha (1931)** and **Quit India Movement (1942)**.
- President of the **Bombay Session of Congress (1934)**.

- Became Congress President again in **1939** after Subhas Chandra Bose resigned.

Role in Constitution Making

- Elected **President of the Constituent Assembly (1946)**.
- Led several key committees:
 - National Flag Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Staff & Procedures Committee

Books Written

- Satyagraha in Champaran (1922)
- India Divided (1946)
- Autobiography (1946)
- Babu Ke Kadmon Mein (1954)

Awards

- Awarded **Bharat Ratna (1962)**.

As President of India

- Became **India's first President in 1950**.
- Served for **more than 12 years**, the longest tenure in Indian history.
- Only President to be **unanimously re-elected twice** (1952 & 1957).

Bihar Government's Major Initiative for Youth

Goal: 1 Crore Jobs by 2030

The government aims to provide **1 crore employment opportunities** to youth by **2030**.

Formation of Three New Departments

1. Youth, Employment & Skill Development
2. Higher Education
3. Civil Aviation

Nitish Kumar Enters the World Book of Records, London

Bihar Chief Minister and JDU National President **Nitish Kumar** has been officially recorded in the **World Book of Records, London**.

Reason for the Recognition:

The World Book of Records officially recognized Nitish Kumar for his exceptional contribution to politics, strengthening democratic values, and a rare achievement in India's political history—taking oath as Chief Minister **for the 10th time**.

Nitish Kumar took oath as Chief Minister for the 10th time on **20 November 2025**, following the NDA's victory in the Bihar Assembly elections. He first assumed the position on **3 March 2000** and has served a total of over **19 years and 3 months**, making him the longest-serving Chief Minister of Bihar.

Civil Defence District

- In a cabinet meeting, **Gaya** and **Munger** districts were declared **Civil Defence Districts**, bringing the total in the state to 30.

Gaya:

- A major religious and tourism hub.
- Hosts pilgrims year-round due to Buddhist sites, Pitru Paksha fairs, and Buddhist festivals.
- Special preparedness is required for crowd management and potential disasters (natural or man-made).

Munger:

- Industrially significant, home to **Jamalpur Rail Factory**, historic British Gun Factory, and ITC.
- Special focus on security and disaster management is needed due to potential threats.

About Civil Defence:

- Civil Defence is an organizational structure formed to protect, rescue, and assist citizens during disasters, war, or any emergency.
- Its goal is to ensure citizen safety, raise awareness, and provide relief when necessary.
- In India, Civil Defence is established under the **Civil Defence Act, 1968**, and is operated by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

Other Key Approvals from the Cabinet Meeting

1. Youth Skill Development:

- MoU with **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** to run student skill programs focusing on financial literacy and investment knowledge.

2. Infrastructure Development:

- Collaboration with **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** to provide financial assistance for state infrastructure projects.

3. Wildlife Conservation:

- **Valmiki Tiger Reserve Foundation** to be established with a **₹15 crore corpus fund**.
- Formation of a society for management and development of **Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna**.

4. Rashmi Rani:

- Recognized for active contribution to the social sector and positive impact on social media.
- Awarded the prestigious **Indian Icon Award** by **Gyan Uday Foundation**, selected in the Best Influencer category.

5. Energy Museum (Power Museum):

- A modern energy museum will be developed on approximately **3 acres** of land of the defunct thermal power plant at Karbigahia, Patna.
- **Operator:** Bihar State Power Holding Company.
- **Significance:** India's first and the world's fourth dedicated energy museum.

63rd National Roller Skating Championship 2025

- **Piyush Dayal** from Patna won the **bronze medal** in the Under-18 Men's Inline Freestyle Classic category.

National Makhana Board

- In its meeting, the **Central Makhana Development Scheme** and implementation of the **National Makhana Board** were formally launched.
- Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, and other research institutions were entrusted with ensuring supply of quality makhana seeds for the current and upcoming year.

National Makhana Research Centre (NRC), Darbhanga:

- Formed as per the Union Budget 2025-26.
- Formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister on **15 September 2025** in Bihar.
- Government approved a **Central Sector Scheme** for Makhana development from **2025-26 to 2030-31** with a total outlay of **₹476.03 crore**.

Bihar Board Receives Three International ISO Certifications

Patna: The Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) has received **three international ISO certifications simultaneously** in the field of education administration. With this achievement, the Bihar Board has become the **first state board in India** to receive all three certifications together.

ISO Certifications Awarded to BSEB:

- **ISO 9001:2015** – Quality Management System
- **ISO/IEC 27001:2022** – Information Security Management System
- **ISO 15489-1:2016** – Records Management System

Kagyü Monlam Chenmo

A **seven-day prayer ceremony of Kagyü Monlam Chenmo** will begin under the **Bodhi Tree at the Mahabodhi Temple**, with prayers for world peace.

- The event will be led by **17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje**, the spiritual head of the Kagyü sect.

Seven Resolves – 3 (Saat Nishchay-3)

After forming the government on **24 November 2005**, Bihar moved decisively from disorder and backwardness toward development, following the policy of **“Development with Justice.”**

After successful implementation of:

- **Saat Nishchay (2015–2020)** and
- **Saat Nishchay-2 (2020–2025)**,

the government has decided to implement **Saat Nishchay-3** to make Bihar one of the **most developed states in India**.

Seven Commitments under Saat Nishchay-3:

1. Double Employment – Double Income

- Aim to **double per capita income** and generate large-scale employment.
- Under the **Chief Minister Women Employment Scheme**:
 - » ₹10,000 for self-employment
 - » Up to ₹2 lakh for business expansion

- **94 lakh poor families** identified through caste-based and socio-economic surveys will be linked to employment schemes.

- Target to provide **jobs/employment to 1 crore youth** in the next five years.

- Formation of **Youth, Employment and Skill Development Department**.

2. Prosperous Industry – Empowered Bihar

- Make Bihar **industrially strong** and develop it as **Eastern India’s Tech Hub**.

- High-level committees under the Chief Secretary for industry and investment.

- Industrial areas in all districts.

- Target of **₹50 lakh crore private investment** in five years.

- Revival of **9 closed sugar mills** and establishment of **25 new sugar mills**.

3. Agricultural Progress – State Prosperity

- Implementation of the **4th Agriculture Roadmap (2024–2029)**.

- Promotion of **Makhana Roadmap** for production, processing, and export.

- Dairy and fisheries promotion with **Sudha milk outlets in every panchayat**.

- Strengthening irrigation facilities.

4. Advanced Education – Bright Future

- Development of old institutions as **Centers of Excellence**.

- Establishment of a modern **Education City**.

5. Accessible Healthcare – Secure Life

- Block-level CHCs to be developed as **specialty hospitals**.

- District hospitals to be upgraded to **super-specialty hospitals**.

- Special incentives for doctors in rural areas.

6. Strong Foundation – Modern Expansion

- Focus on infrastructure, urban expansion, expressways, and solar energy.

- Tourism development initiatives.

- Establishment of **Film City, Sports City, and Centers of Excellence for Sports**.

7. Dignity for All – Easy Living

- Focus on **good governance** and humane administration.

- Simplification of services through **technology and innovation**.

Sports Development Scheme

Under its ambitious sports policy, the **Bihar Government has launched 12 new Eklavya State Residential Sports Training Centers**.

Sports-wise Centers:

- **Buxar:** Kabaddi (Boys)
- **Sitamarhi:** Kabaddi (Girls)

- **Munger:** Football (Boys)
- **Nalanda:** Shooting (Boys), Hockey (Girls)
- **Patna:** Wrestling (Boys)
- **Siwan:** Handball (Girls)
- **Kaimur:** Volleyball, Wrestling, Athletics (Boys)
- **Begusarai:** Taekwondo (Boys)

Operation “Bhoomi Dakhal Dehani”

The Bihar Government has launched **Operation Bhoomi Dakhal Dehani** to ensure speedy resolution of land-related cases, especially for **SC/ST families**.

Key Features:

- Zero tolerance for illegal occupation of land belonging to weaker sections.
- Ensuring rightful possession of land to eligible SC/ST beneficiaries.
- Strict legal action against negligence by district officials.

Youth National Games

- **Bihar will host the Youth National Games 2028 for the first time.**
- Approval granted by **P. T. Usha**, President of the Indian Olympic Association.

Weather Radar Project in Purnia

- **Second modern weather radar** in Bihar being installed at **Purnia Meteorological Centre**.
- **Total cost:** ₹57 crore

Integrated Disease Surveillance

Under the **Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP):**

- **Jehanabad district** secured **3rd rank nationally** among **783 districts** with **99.37 marks** (Jan–Oct 2025).
- **1st rank at state level.**

Top Districts:

1. Ahmedabad (Gujarat) – 99.9
2. Nayagarh (Odisha) – 99.48
3. Jehanabad – 99.37
4. Kandhamal (Odisha) – 99.11
5. Anand (Gujarat) – 99.04

Bihar @2047 Vision Conclave

The Bihar government is organizing the “**Bihar @2047 Vision Conclave**” in Bengaluru to promote an investor-friendly environment, attract investments, and ensure long-term economic growth.

- Proposal to establish the **Bihar Industrial Security Force (BISF)** on the lines of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to ensure security of industrial units and investors.

- Plans to organize “**Bihar Development Summit 2026**” in Hyderabad and New Delhi to attract domestic and global investors.
- Under the long-term **Bihar Vision 2047**, focus on industrial development, entrepreneurship, and job creation to reduce migration from the state.

47th Annual Conference of Darshan Parishad Concluded

- The **47th Annual Conference of the Bihar Darshan Parishad** was held at Nalanda Open University (NOU), Patna
- The **48th Annual Conference** will be organized at **Magadh University, Bodh Gaya**, bringing together philosophers in the sacred land of Gaya

Anukul Roy

The **Chief Secretary of Bihar** recently honored **Anukul Roy** for his outstanding performance in the **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2025–26**.

- **Individual Achievement:** Anukul Roy was declared the **Player of the Tournament** for his excellent all-round performance
- **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2025–26:** India’s premier domestic T20 cricket tournament

Tournament Results

- **Winner:** Jharkhand
- **Runner-up:** Haryana
- **Bihar’s Performance:** Reached the quarter-finals
- **Player of the Tournament:** Anukul Roy

State Tourism Department

- With the aim of taking tourism in Bihar to new heights, the **state tourism department** will launch a **tourism map, tourism mobile app, and a dedicated digital platform**.
- Special training will be provided to **tourist guides** to improve the experience of domestic and international tourists. Currently, there are about **200 tourist guides** in the state.
- In **2024**, Bihar recorded a total of **6.6 crore tourists**, including **98.9% domestic tourists** and about **7.37 lakh foreign tourists**.

Appointment of New Judges in Patna High Court

- **Ritesh Kumar** and **Praveen Kumar** have been appointed as judges of the **Patna High Court** by **President Droupadi Murmu**.
- **Appointing authority:** The President of India appoints High Court judges after consultation with the **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** and the **Governor of the concerned state**.
- **Constitutional basis:** Appointment made under **Article 217 of the Indian Constitution**.
- **Collegium system:** Appointments based on the recommendations of the **Supreme Court Collegium**.
- **Total strength:** With these appointments, the total number of judges in the Patna High Court has increased to **36**.

Facts Related to Patna High Court

- **Established:** 3 February 1916
- **Legal basis:** Government of India Act, 1915
- **First Chief Justice:** Sir Edward Maynard Des Champs
- **Current Chief Justice:** Justice Sangam Kumar Sahoo

Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary Declared Tiger Reserve (Bihar)

- The **Bihar government** has granted administrative approval to develop the **Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary** as the state's **second tiger reserve**.

Key Points

- **State Cabinet approval:** The proposal has been approved by the Bihar Cabinet.
- **Final approval:** Approval from the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** is now awaited.
- **Bihar's first tiger reserve:** **Valmiki Tiger Reserve**, located in West Champaran district near the India–Nepal border.

Seismic Observatories in Six Districts

- To strengthen the nation's **earthquake detection and monitoring capability**, **100 new seismic observatories** will be established, **six of which are proposed in Bihar**. This initiative is being undertaken by the **National Center for Seismology**.

Proposed Districts in Bihar

- Patna, Purnia, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Rohtas, Aurangabad

Bihar's Seismic Situation

- Bihar is located **near the Himalayas** and tectonic plate junctions, making it **highly earthquake-prone**.
- About **80% of the state** falls under **Seismic Zones 4 and 5 (high risk)**.
- According to new classification, districts like **Madhubani and Darbhanga** are now in **Seismic Zone 6 (very high risk)**.
- **Key Zone-5 districts:** Kishanganj, Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Araria, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Bhagalpur, Banka, Jamui, Munger, Katihar, and Purnia.

Solar-Plus-Battery Storage Project

- Bihar has started the **first phase** of a **301 MW solar-plus-battery storage project** in Kajra, Lakhisarai district.

Justice Sangam Kumar Sahu

- **Justice Sangam Kumar Sahu** took oath as the **47th Chief Justice of Patna High Court**.

Key Points

- **Oath:** Administered by **Governor Arif Mohammad Khan** under **Article 219 of the Indian Constitution**.

- **Constitutional basis:** Appointed by the **President of India under Article 217**.
- **Appointment process:** Based on recommendation of the **Supreme Court Collegium**.
- **Predecessor:** Succeeded **Justice Pawan Kumar Bhimappa Bajanthari**, 46th Chief Justice (until October 2025).
- **Acting Chief Justice:** Justice Sudhir Singh (until 6 January 2026).
- **Previous posting:** Served as a judge in **Odisha High Court**.

Maharani Kamsundari Devi

- **Maharani Kamsundari Devi**, the last living queen of **Darbhanga Raj**, passed away at the age of **93**.
- She was the widow of the last Maharaja, **Maharajadhiraj Sir Kameshwar Singh**, considered the **wealthiest landlord in British India**.

QR Code Monitoring for Rural Roads

- Bihar has introduced a **QR code and AI-based system** for monitoring rural roads under the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**.

Queen Chao Khun Phra Sinanatha Bilasaklyani

- **Queen Chao Khun Phra Sinanatha Bilasaklyani** of Thailand performed **puja, worship, and meditation** at Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya.

Shreyas B. Chandra

- Young scientist from **Aurangabad, Bihar**, won **Gold Medal** at the **Invention, Innovation & Technology Exposition–2026 in Bangkok, Thailand**.
- Developed a **special database management system based on QR technology**.
- Previous achievements:
 - April 2022: Developed a **women's safety device**.
 - October 2022: Discovered **two asteroids** recognized by NASA.

Kathi Script

- Bihar launched a **five-day residential training program** for **31 experts on Kathi script**.
- Kathi script: **Ancient and important script** used in **North India (Bihar, UP, Awadh, Mithila)** since the 16th century for **legal, administrative, and private documents**.

Scholarships for SC/ST Students Abroad

- Under the **National Overseas Scheme**, **SC/ST students** from Bihar pursuing **higher education abroad** will receive scholarships.
- Proposal to allocate **₹3.5–4 lakh per student** from the central government.

Bihar: Samridhi Yatra

- Launched by **Nitish Kumar** from **West Champaran (Bettiah) district**.
- **Phase I:** 16–24 January 2026; covers **9 districts**, concluding in **Vaishali district**.
- **Inaugurations:** CM laid the foundation for **125 projects costing ₹153 crore** and inaugurated **36 projects costing ₹29 crore** in **Kumrabad industrial area**.
- Projects mainly focused on **infrastructure development and industrial expansion**.

Multimodal Terminal

- **Balughata, Sonpur** to have a **multimodal terminal** with capacity for **21.56 crore tons of cargo** and **77,000 containers annually**.

22 Police Officers Awarded Police Medals

- On the occasion of **Republic Day**, the **Ministry of Home Affairs** announced the award of **police medals to 22 police officers and personnel of Bihar** in various categories.
- Among them, **three personnel** will be awarded the **Gallantry Medal**. Recipients include **DG Kundan Krishnan, retired DSP Arjun Lal, and Constable Jitendra Singh**.

Tyagarajan SM

- During the **National Voters' Day** ceremony in New Delhi, **District Magistrate Dr. Tyagarajan SM** was awarded the **Best Electoral District Award** for notable innovations under the voter awareness campaign for the **Bihar Assembly elections**.
- On the same occasion, the **CEO office media team** was chosen for the **National Voters' Day 2026 – Best Social Media Team Award**.

Arthshila, Patna

- 'Arthshila' is a **vertical auditorium** located in the **Gola Road area of Patna, Bihar**.
- The building is visible approximately **60 feet above ground**, while its main attraction is located **about 40 feet below ground**.
- It is **Bihar's first auditorium with underground staging facility**.

Designed by Architect Saurabh Gupta

- The architecture of **Arthshila** is inspired by the **concept of Greek theatre**, ensuring a deep connection between **stage and audience**.

Grain ATM

- A significant step has been taken in Bihar to make the **public ration distribution system fully technology-based**.
- Initially, it will be implemented as a **pilot project in urban Patna**, with **three locations proposed** for Grain ATMs.

- The **World Food Programme (WFP)** will handle the **purchase, installation, one-year warranty, and one-year maintenance** of Grain ATMs.
- Bihar will become the **fourth state** to start ration distribution through Grain ATMs, after **Odisha, Rajasthan, and Haryana**.

Middle School Ufrail

- On the occasion of **Republic Day**, the **Co-incharge Minister of Bihar, Shri Shravan Kumar**, honored **Principal Archana of Middle School Ufrail** with a **certificate of appreciation** for outstanding performance.
- This recognition was for achieving **first position at district and state level in Green and Clean School rating** and for **nomination for national-level awards**.
- Previously, the school also **won first place in the Bihar State Cleanliness Award** consecutively for **2021–22 and 2022–23 sessions**.

Bihar Semiconductor Policy

Bihar has approved the **Bihar Semiconductor Policy** with the objective of making the semiconductor sector a new engine of the state's industrial future.

Under this policy, a target has been set to increase the **share of the semiconductor sector to 5% of the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** over the next five years.

This policy is an important part of the Chief Minister's vision '**Saat Nishchay-3: Prosperous Industry, Empowered Bihar**'.

In addition to the semiconductor and electronic component manufacturing subsidies provided by the Central Government, the **Bihar Government will provide an additional 20% incentive**.

General Budget of the Bihar Legislative Assembly

Today, in the Bihar Legislative Assembly, **Finance Minister Vijendra Yadav** presented the **General Budget for the year 2026–27**.

This time, Bihar's total budget has been set at **over ₹3.47 lakh crore, the largest budget so far**.

India is among the world's fastest-growing economies, and Bihar is also developing faster than many other states.

He stated that the **state's growth rate is estimated at 14.9%**.

Direct Financial Assistance to Farmers' Bank Accounts

On the lines of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**, the Bihar Government has decided to launch the '**Jan Nayak Karpooori Thakur Kisan Samman Nidhi**'.

Under this scheme, farmers of the state will be provided **additional assistance of ₹3,000 per year**.

This amount will be **in addition to the assistance provided by the Central Government**.

The money will be transferred directly to farmers' bank accounts through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.

Number One in Makhana–Litchi, Now Focus on Rice–Wheat

1. Bihar has set a new milestone in food grain production. In the financial year **2024–25**, a **record production of 326.62 lakh metric tonnes** was recorded.
2. Bihar ranks **first in the country in makhana and litchi production**.
3. About **85% of the world's makhana** is produced in Bihar.
4. Due to this, the Central Government has approved the formation of the '**National Makhana Board**'.
5. The state ranks **second in maize production** and has emerged among the **leading states in rice and wheat production**.
6. In **mushroom production**, Bihar has reached the **top position in the country**.

1.1 kW Capacity Solar Power Plant

In the **Budget 2026–27**, the Bihar Government announced that **1.1 kW capacity solar power plants** will be installed on the rooftops of **58 lakh electricity consumers** belonging to the **economically weaker Kutir Jyoti (BPL) category**, with **100% subsidy**.

In the **first phase**, solar plants will be installed on **10 lakh houses**.

Bihar State Power Transmission Company Limited

Bihar State Power Transmission Company Limited (BSPTCL) is set to become the **first government-owned power transmission company in the country to be listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE)**.

Efforts for Sports

In **Budget 2026**, the Bihar Government presented a **clear and long-term vision for the sports sector**.

Approval has been given for the formation of **sports clubs in 8,053 Gram Panchayats and 154 Nagar Panchayats**.

With the aim of providing sports facilities to youth in their own villages, **5,341 playgrounds** have been selected, of which **4,849 playgrounds have been completed**.

A **grand sports hub** will be developed on **100 acres of land in the Punpun area of Patna**, for which **₹574.33 crore** has been allocated.

Ultra-modern **sports complexes** are being developed in **13 districts** announced during the Progress Yatra, at a cost of **₹477.80 crore**.

Proposed Sports Events

- **2026:** Hosting of the **FIH Hockey Pro League**
- **2028:** Hosting of the **National Youth Games**
- **2030:** Target to host the **Hockey World Cup and Commonwealth Games**
- **2034:** Bihar has proposed hosting the grand **National Games** in 2034

Dinosaur Park

The state's first Dinosaur Park will be built in Rajgir, Bihar. This park will be developed entirely with modern technology.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi

Zyodus Wellness' leading nutrition drink brand Complian has appointed rising Indian cricket star and youngest centurion Vaibhav Suryavanshi as its new brand ambassador. Along with this, the company has also launched its new national campaign "Thoda Plan, Thoda Complian."

Sonpur Greenfield Airport

- In Sonpur, Eastern India's first and the country's fifth largest greenfield airport is set to be developed.
- The state government has approved **₹1,302 crore** for the project.

"Sukanya District" Initiative – Samastipur

An initiative has been launched to develop Samastipur district as a "Sukanya District."

- The goal is to extend the scheme to every girl child below five years of age.

Doppler Weather Radar

To tackle natural disasters in Bihar, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will install advanced Doppler Weather Radars in Champaran and Bhagalpur districts.

Bihar Declared Free from Naxalism

Bihar has been officially declared free from Naxalite activities after the surrender of the last armed Maoist, Suresh Koda, in Munger.

Background

- In 2012, 23 districts of Bihar were affected by Naxalite activities.
- During the 1970s, Naxalite influence was particularly strong in central Bihar.
- Due to sustained efforts by the central and state governments, not a single Naxalite incident was recorded in 2025.
- In 2025, 220 Naxalites were arrested, marking a significant achievement toward peace and development in the state

State's First Nuclear Power Plant

A plan is underway to establish Bihar's **first nuclear power plant** in **Rajouli (Nawada)**, with an estimated cost of **₹20,000 crore**.

19th All India Police Shooting Sports Championship

Seema Yadav delivered an outstanding performance at the **19th All India Police Shooting Sports Championship**, held from **24 February to 1 March 2026** in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, winning a total of **four medals (3 gold and 1 bronze)**.

Seema Yadav is a resident of **Lalpur village in the Khaira police station area of Jamui district**.

Major achievements:

- **300 Meter Rifle Prone (Individual)** – Gold Medal
- **300 Meter Rifle Prone (Team)** – Gold Medal
- **300 Meter Three-Position (Individual)** – Bronze Medal
- **300 Meter Three-Position (Team)** – Gold Medal

International Food Village

To give a new direction to tourism in the sacred city of Bodh Gaya, an **International Food Village** will be developed.

The **“Node-1” area of Bodh Gaya** will be redeveloped and this Food Village will be established over approximately **4.2 acres**.

“Son of Siwan, Pride of Bihar”

On the death anniversary of India’s first President Rajendra Prasad, during a ceremony held in Ziradei, former President of Mauritius Prithvirajsing Roopun honored **105-year-old folk singer and freedom fighter** Jung Bahadur Singh with the title **“Son of Siwan, Pride of Bihar.”**

During the freedom movement, Jung Bahadur Singh created public awareness through **patriotic songs** and also endured **persecution from British rule**.

Syed Ata Hasnain

Former military officer **Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain** has been appointed as the **new Governor of Bihar**.

He will replace the current Governor **Arif Mohammad Khan**.

General Hasnain is regarded as an **expert in strategic affairs**.

New Governor of Nagaland

Senior **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** leader and former **Speaker of the Bihar Legislative Assembly**, **Nand Kishore Yadav**, has been appointed as the **Governor of Nagaland**.

He has been elected **multiple times as an MLA from Patna Sahib** and has had a **long political career in Bihar**.

Industrial Development**Paroo Region**

After **Bela and Motipur**, the **Paroo region** in **Muzaffarpur district, Bihar** is being developed as the **new industrial hub of the district**.

Land from **five major villages** has been identified for this project:

- Chandpur Chiutahan
- Chaturpatti
- Bhojpatti
- Harpur Kaparfoda
- Vishunpur Saraiya

Iqbal Hasan Rishu

For his contribution to **maintaining peace and communal harmony in Bihar**, **Dr. Iqbal Hasan ‘Rishu’ from Darbhanga** was honored by **Nitish Kumar**.

He was awarded a **certificate of appreciation and ₹10,000**, recognizing him as a **“Peace Ambassador.”**

Pankhuri Soni

Pankhuri Soni, an emerging **fashion professional** from **Patna City**, has been honored with the **prestigious “Young Women Achiever Award.”**

Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Windrow Plant

In **Daudnagar Nagar Parishad area of Aurangabad district**, a **Material Recovery Facility (MRF)** and a **Windrow plant** are being constructed to **promote environmental protection and cleanliness**.

Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

An **MRF** is a specialized facility where **waste collected from the city is segregated into different categories**.

With the help of machines, **dry waste such as plastic, paper, metal, and glass** will be separated here.

Windrow Plant

The **Windrow plant** will mainly manage **wet waste scientifically**. In this process, waste is **spread in a specific manner and naturally decomposed and dried**, which helps in producing **organic compost (fertilizer)**.

Bihar Ranks First in Free Medicine Availability

Bihar secured the **first position in India** in providing **free medicines to patients in February 2026**.

“Jeevika Didi Ki Awaaz Kendra”

Under an agreement between **JEEViKA** and the **Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership**, a **“Jeevika Didi Ki Awaaz Kendra”** will be established in **Patna**.

The center will be set up within the campus of **Chanakya National Law University**.

Fiscal Health Index 2026

The **NITI Aayog** has released the **second annual edition of the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026**, which evaluates the **fiscal performance and financial stability of Indian states**.

Expanded Coverage in FHI 2026

- The **first edition assessed 18 major states**.
- The **new edition also includes 10 North-Eastern and Himalayan states**.
- For **fair comparison**, these states have been **evaluated and ranked separately** because their **economic and geographical conditions differ significantly** from major states.

Five Pillars of the Fiscal Health Index

The index evaluates the financial condition of states based on **five major pillars**:

- Quality of Expenditure** – Assesses how efficiently states spend public funds.
- Revenue Mobilization** – Measures the ability of states to generate revenue through **taxes and other sources**.
- Fiscal Prudence** – Evaluates how responsibly states manage **deficits and expenditures**.
- Debt Index** – Tracks the **level and structure of state government debt**.
- Debt Sustainability** – Assesses the **ability of states to manage and repay debt over time**.

Key Highlights of Fiscal Health Index 2026 (Major States)

Category	States	Key Features
Achievers	Odisha, Goa, Jharkhand	Odisha is the top-performing state , showing strong fiscal discipline and efficient financial management .
Front Runners	Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka	These states show stable fiscal performance , though their scores are slightly lower than Achiever states.
Performers	Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan	These states maintain relatively balanced fiscal structures , but face challenges such as moderate deficits and limited fiscal flexibility .
Aspirants	West Bengal, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab	These states face persistent fiscal pressure due to high deficits, rising debt levels, and lower developmental expenditure .

Balirajgarh Fort of Bihar

The ruins of Balirajgarh Fort located in Madhubani district have recently received permission for new excavation at the site.

This site is officially listed as “Remains of Ancient Fort of Garh,” while local people call it “**Raja Bali ka Garh.**” The site was first identified in 1884 by British officer and scholar George Abraham Grierson, who was then the SDM of Madhubani.

Dr. Mahendra Jha

Senior litterateur Dr. Mahendra Jha has been honored with the prestigious **Sahitya Akademi Award 2025** for his timeless work “**Dhatri Paat San Gaam.**”

About the work:

- Nature: Not fictional, but based on real-life experiences of the author
- Theme: Depicts the **essence of village life, social fabric, and Mithila culture**

He served as a **Maithili professor at Saharsa College from 1971 to 2004**.

He was also **Head of Department (HOD)** and **Dean of Humanities** at the PG Centre of Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University.

Even after retirement in 2009, he continues writing.

Other works: Dikpal, Pathantar

Siddhant Sarang

A significant case study on Bihar’s major folk festival **Chhath Puja** has been published at the prestigious London School of Economics.

This case study has been written by young scholar Siddhant Sarang. He was also honored with the prestigious **International Diana Award in 2019**.

Artificial Intelligence-based Weather Forecasting

In Bihar, Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is being introduced for weather forecasting and disaster management in collaboration between the Space Applications Centre (SAC-ISRO) and Bihar Meteorological Service Center (BMSKC).

114th Foundation Day of Bihar

On March 22, 2026, Bihar celebrated its 114th Foundation Day with state-level programs and national greetings.

- On March 22, 1912, Bihar was separated from the Bengal Presidency and given the status of an independent state. On the same day, Orissa (present-day Odisha) was also formed, which later became a separate state on April 1, 1936.
- Theme: “**Unnat Bihar, Ujjwal Bihar**” (Developed Bihar, Bright Bihar).

100 New Airports Plan – 4 in Bihar

The central government has approved a plan to develop 100 new airports across the country, including four cities in Bihar: Gopalganj, Begusarai, Bhagalpur, and Chhapra.

- Currently, Patna and Darbhanga are major aviation hubs, while limited services are available in Gaya and Purnia.
- Construction of a civil terminal in Purnia and revival of Muzaffarpur’s Patahi airstrip are in final stages.
- Approval has also been given for a new airport in Sonpur (Saran district).

Resignation of Nitish Kumar

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has officially resigned from the membership of the Bihar Legislative Council. After being elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha on 16 March 2026, he decided to move to the Upper House.

Political Career

- 1985: Began political career as an MLA from the Harnaut Assembly seat of Nalanda
- 1989: Became a member of the 9th Lok Sabha for the first time
- From 2006: Continuously led the state as a member of the Bihar Legislative Council
- 2026: Took oath as a Rajya Sabha member

As Chief Minister of Bihar, several of his decisions became role models for other states in the country:

- Prohibition (liquor ban)
- Bicycle scheme for girl students
- 50% reservation for women in Panchayati Raj institutions

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Education

Students from classes 8 to 12 will be taught Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Educational Framework and Digital Platform:

This AI program will be based on the model prepared by NCERT. Teaching will be conducted through the digital learning platform DIKSHA.

This platform includes modern features like video search and read-aloud tools, making it easier for students to understand subjects and improving their digital learning.

According to the Education Department, the scope of Artificial Intelligence is rapidly expanding. Keeping this in mind, the “Skilling for AI Readiness” program is being launched. Under this, students from classes 6 to 12 will be provided essential knowledge related to AI.

Solar Power Plant on Western Son Canal

The state government has approved a plan to install a 10 MW large solar power plant on the embankment of the Western Son Canal.

Asha Model' for Irrigation

The ‘Asha Model’ developed by the state government is a technique that combines traditional and modern irrigation methods. Under this, old water sources like ahar-pyne are renovated and connected with a solar power system.

The first implementation of this scheme is being carried out in Paliganj block of Patna district. Here, a 7-acre ahar has been renovated, and a solar power plant is being installed on 1 acre nearby.

Rugby Competition

- In the All India Inter-University Men’s and Women’s Rugby Competition held at KISS Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, both teams of TMBU performed excellently and started their campaign with victories.

‘Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award-2026’

- The Directorate has been awarded the prestigious ‘Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award-2026’ for innovation in the makhana value chain.
- This award is given by the Institute of Directors (IOD), and the selection was made by a high-level jury chaired by former Chief Justice of India, Justice Uday U. Lalit.
- Around 85% of the country’s total makhana production comes from Bihar alone.
- Makhana is now strengthening its position in national and international markets as “Brand Bihar.”

National Fisheries Development Board

- The National Fisheries Development Board has decided to open its regional office in Nandalal Chapra, Patna. About 5.68 acres of land has already been selected.

BiharVan

- The Bihar government has awarded a contract worth ₹87 crore to Corporate Infotech Private Limited to implement the ‘BiharVan’ digital governance platform.
- BiharVan is an integrated digital platform designed to provide multiple government services through a single online interface.

‘Joor Sheetal’ Festival

- The Joor Sheetal festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm on **15 April** by the Maithili-speaking community.
- It symbolizes **coolness, health, and family blessings**.
- On this day, people take bath with stored (stale) water and worship Goddess Sheetala.
- Traditionally, it is celebrated the day after **Satuani (Satuaan)**.

Samrat Choudhary became the 21st Chief Minister of Bihar

- Senior BJP leader Samrat Choudhary took oath as the **21st Chief Minister of Bihar**.
- The ceremony was held at Raj Bhavan in Patna.
- He was administered the oath by Governor **Syed Ata Hasnain**.
- Nitish Kumar resigned on **14 April 2026** after nearly two decades of political dominance in Bihar.
- Samrat Choudhary had previously served as **Deputy Chief Minister** and also held important portfolios like the **Home Department**.

Chief Ministers of Bihar (1946–2026)

- Sri Krishna Singh – 1946 to 1961 (Longest tenure)
- Deep Narayan Singh – 1961 (Very short tenure)
- Binodanand Jha – 1961 to 1963
- Krishna Ballabh Sahay – 1963 to 1967
- Mahamaya Prasad Sinha – 1967 to 1968

- Satish Prasad Singh – 1968 (Very short tenure)
- Bindeshwari Prasad Mandal – 1968
- Bhola Paswan Shastri – Multiple terms (1968–1971)
- Harihar Singh – 1969
- Daroga Prasad Rai – 1970
- Karpoori Thakur – Twice (1970–71, 1977–79)
- Kedar Pandey – 1972 to 1973
- Abdul Ghafoor – 1973 to 1975
- Jagannath Mishra – Three times (1975–77, 1980–83, 1989–90)
- Ram Sundar Das – 1979 to 1980
- Chandrashekhar Singh – 1983 to 1985
- Bindeshwari Dubey – 1985 to 1988
- Bhagwat Jha Azad – 1988 to 1989
- Satyendra Narayan Sinha – 1989
- Lalu Prasad Yadav – 1990 to 1997
- Rabri Devi – Three terms (1997–2005)
- Nitish Kumar – Multiple terms (2000, 2005–2014, 2015–2026)
– Took oath 10 times (record)
- Jitan Ram Manjhi – 2014 to 2015

Key Facts

- Longest tenure – Sri Krishna Singh (1946–1961)
- Most oath-taking – Nitish Kumar (10 times)
- First woman CM – Rabri Devi
- Shortest tenure – Deep Narayan Singh, Satish Prasad Singh
- Two-time CM – Karpoori Thakur
- Three-time CM – Jagannath Mishra, Rabri Devi, Nitish Kumar
- **Chief Minister in 2026 – Samrat Choudhary (First BJP CM, 24th CM)**

Mithila Painting – Women Gave It International Recognition

At a time when traditional arts are gradually disappearing, women artists of Bihar, through their hard work, dedication, and creativity, have given **Mithila Painting** international recognition.

Key Facts:

- So far, **9 artists** in Mithila painting have received the Padma Shri award – **8 of them are women**.
- In Bihar's folk arts, **16 artists** have received Padma Shri – **12 of them are women**.

Major Padma Shri Award-Winning Women Artists of Mithila Painting

1. **Jagdamba Devi (Madhubani)**
 - Considered the first major artist of Mithila painting
 - Played a key role in giving the art national and international recognition
 - Award: Padma Shri (1975)
2. **Sita Devi (Supaul)**
 - Learned painting from her mother and grandmother

- In the 1960s, brought wall paintings onto paper, giving a new dimension to the art
- Her paintings were in demand in Delhi, USA, Japan, France, and Germany
- Award: Padma Shri (1981)

3. Ganga Devi (Madhubani)

- Continued her artistic journey despite poverty and family struggles
- Her **Kachni style** paintings gained international recognition
- Exhibited Mithila paintings in Japan, USA, and France
- Award: Padma Shri (1984)

4. Mahasundari Devi

- Expanded Mithila painting beyond paper
- Created art on sarees, wood, and plyboard
- Gave global recognition to traditional **Aripan art**
- Award: Padma Shri (2011)

5. Baua Devi (Madhubani)

- Famous for the **Bharni style**
- Included modern themes along with mythological subjects
- Exhibitions held in Paris, Japan, and Germany
- Award: Padma Shri (2019)

6. Godavari Dutt (Darbhanga)

- Made art her life despite difficult family conditions
- Known for works like Samudra Manthan, Ardhanarishvara, and Trishul
- Connected thousands of women to this art form
- Award: Padma Shri (2019)

7. Dulari Devi (Madhubani)

- Spent childhood in poverty
- Learned painting while working in others' homes
- Her paintings are now exhibited in galleries across India and abroad
- Award: Padma Shri (2021)

8. Shanti Devi (Madhubani)

- Transformed traditional **Godna style** into paper and canvas art
- Included folk heroes and social themes in her work
- Award: Padma Shri (2024)

Global Model Education City

The Bihar government is moving forward with a plan to establish a **Global Model Education City** near Patna. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has already been prepared.

Key Features:

- **Location & Area:** To be developed on more than **250 acres** near Patna
- **Objective:** To develop it as a major center of higher education and research in Bihar
- **Budget:** Estimated initial cost of about **₹547 crore**

16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men's National Championship 2026

The championship was held in Rajgir, Bihar.

Key Points:

- **Venue:** Rajgir Sports Complex
- **Organizer:** Hockey India
- **Participation:** Around **30 teams** from across India

Winners:

- **Gold Medal:** Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Madhya Pradesh 5–2
- **Silver Medal:** Madhya Pradesh
- **Bronze Medal:** Punjab defeated Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

High-Security Jail in Kaimur Hills

The Bihar government plans to establish a **high-security jail** in the Kaimur hilly region.

Key Points:

- **Objective:** To keep notorious criminals under strict surveillance and prevent them from operating criminal networks from inside jail
- **Location:** Sarodag village in Kaimur district, about **76 km from Bhabhua**, surrounded by dense forests and hills

Danapur–Bihta Elevated Corridor

Nitish Kumar inspected the construction of the **Danapur–Bihta Elevated Corridor** and Bihta Airport project near Patna.

Elevated Corridor – Key Features:

- **Length:** About **25 km**
- **Part of:** Patna–Buxar four-lane road project
- **Specialty:** Expected to become the **longest elevated road in Eastern India**
- **Connectivity:** Will directly connect to the upcoming Bihta Airport

Bihta Airport Project

- Being developed as the **second airport of Patna**
- First airport: Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport (established in 1973)

Nationwide Nutrition Awareness Campaign (Bihar)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development organized **Poshan Pakhwada activities** in Bihar in April 2026 under the nationwide nutrition awareness campaign. These activities were conducted in **Begusarai district**.

Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS)

- To reduce road accidents in Bihar, an **Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS)** will be installed at **700 to 800 accident-prone locations**.

- ITMS will use **modern AI-based technology**. It will be capable of automatically detecting traffic rule violations and issuing e-challans.

Bihar State Highway Four Project

- Under the **Bihar State Highway Four Project**, roads of approximately **266.168 kilometers** length will be further improved.
- Approximately **₹3,743 crore 65 lakh 50 thousand** will be spent on this.

Details of five road projects:

- **Project 1:** Madhubani-Rajnagar-Babubarhi-Khutauna Path
 - Length: **38.872 km**
 - Cost: **₹632 crore 72 lakh**
- **Project 2:** SH-52 Sitamarhi-Pupri-Benipatti Path
 - Length: **51.261 km**
 - Cost: **₹435 crore 37 lakh**
- **Project 3:** SH-97 Vishanpur-Atarbel (NH-57) Jale Ghogharachatti (SH-52) Path
 - Length: **47.875 km**
 - Cost: **₹990 crore 3 lakh 50 thousand**
- **Project 4:** SH-92 Ganpatganj-Parwaha Path
 - Length: **47.432 km**
 - Cost: **₹703 crore 95 lakh**
- **Project 5:** Brahamapur-Kornasaray-Itadhi-Saranja-Itadhi Buxar and Ujjiyarpur-Kukarah-Jamuaon-Indaur-Samda Path
 - Length: **80.728 km**
 - Cost: **₹982 crore 58 lakh**
- In addition to road projects, **₹102.98 crore** has been released for the **Kosi Irrigation Scheme** and **flood protection projects**.

Canals in **Madhubani** will be modernized, and irrigation benefits will be provided to approximately **89 thousand hectares** of farmland.

Inauguration of MSME Technology Centre in Bihta (Patna)

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Jitan Ram Manjhi and Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary jointly inaugurated a state-of-the-art MSME Technology Centre at Sikandarpur in Patna's Bihta.

On this occasion, extension centres established in Muzaffarpur, Rohtas, Darbhanga and Munger were also inaugurated.

This Technology Centre at Bihta has been established by the MSME Ministry at a cost of ₹171 crore.

During the programme, the Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Programme under the National SC/ST Hub Scheme was also launched.

Lychee Sting Bug – Formation of Task Force

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, taking seriously the problems faced by lychee farmers in Bihar, directed the formation of an expert task force in view of crop damage caused by the Lychee Sting Bug.

Sting bug is a type of insect whose attack affects the quality of lychee fruits — the fruits begin to shrink, fall prematurely, and the leaves start drying.

Bihar is a major lychee-producing state, where the lychee of Muzaffarpur has received international recognition.

Bihar Cabinet Expansion 2026

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary expanded his cabinet, in which Governor Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasnain administered the oath of office and secrecy to thirty-two (32) newly appointed ministers at a grand ceremony held at Gandhi Maidan in Patna.

Party-wise Distribution of Ministers

- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – 15 ministers (being the largest party with 89 MLAs in the 243-member Assembly)
- Janata Dal (United) – JDU – 13 ministers (out of a total of 15 ministers, 13 took oath today)
- Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) – LJP – 2 ministers
- Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) – 1 minister
- Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RALOMO) – 1 minister

According to Article 163 of the Constitution of India, a Council of Ministers is formed to aid and advise the Chief Minister.

According to Article 164, ministers are appointed by the Governor on the advice of the Chief Minister.

The maximum number of ministers can be 15% of the total strength of the Legislative Assembly.

Malbhog Banana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the famous Malbhog banana of Hajipur (Vaishali district) as a special gift to To Lam during his state visit to India.

Malbhog banana, also known as the “Pride of Bihar” and called Champa Banana in Assam, is an excellent variety belonging to the Silk (AAB) group of bananas.

It is famous for its unique taste, aroma, texture, and nutritional value.

It is an excellent source of Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, potassium, and dietary fibre

72-Foot Tall Statue of Lord Mahavir Swami

A grand and historic Jain pilgrimage site is being constructed at the sacred Kamaldah Ji area located in Gulzarbagh, Patna, the capital of Bihar. This site is associated with the meditation place of the great Jain Acharya Stulibhadra Swami and the holy land of Shreshthi Sudarshan Swami.

- This massive complex will spread across approximately 1,00,000 square feet (about 5.04 acres) and will be constructed entirely of white marble.
- The complex will feature a 72-foot-high statue of Mahavir Swami, which will be installed on a 36-foot-high lotus pedestal.
- Thus, the total height of the structure will become 108 feet.

About Acharya Stulibhadra Swami

- Acharya Stulibhadra Swami (around 297 BCE) was a prominent Acharya of the Shwetambar tradition of Jainism.
- He was the son of Shakatal, minister of King Dhanananda.
- Renouncing his early household life, he became a disciple of Acharya Sambhutvijaya.

First World Yogasana Sports Championship 2026

Five talented Yogasana players from Bihar have been selected to represent the Indian national team in the First World Yogasana Sports Championship 2026.

Selected Players and Their Specializations

1. Sudhanshu Shekhar – Backward Bend
2. Dilip Kumar – Forward Bend
3. Saransh Kumar – Rhythmic Pair
4. Soni Kumari – Leg Balance
5. Sakshi Kumari – Backward Bend

- This championship will be organized in June 2026 at TransStadia, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- It is being organized by World Yogasana and hosted by Yogasana Bharat.

Dr. Jaya Bharti

Dr. Jaya Bharti from Dhanrua block of Bihar received the “Best Research Award 2026” in the category of “Natural Science and Engineering” at a grand ceremony held in the Brandenburg state of Germany.

- Currently, Dr. Jaya is working as a research scientist at the University of Potsdam.
- Her research focuses on green energy storage materials.

Bihar Urban Transformation Program

Under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, the Bihar State Cabinet has approved a loan proposal of 500 million US dollars (approximately ₹4,750 crore) from the World Bank for the Bihar Urban Transformation Program aimed at transforming the urban landscape of the state.

- This amount will be used to strengthen urban governance, upgrade civic infrastructure, improve water supply and sanitation projects, and promote planned urban expansion.

Ganga Pathway (Marine Drive) Project

The ambitious Ganga Pathway (Marine Drive) project is being constructed along the banks of the Ganga River in Munger, Bihar. It is the first road project in the state to be developed under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).

The project will be approximately 83 kilometers long.

Construction in Two Phases:

- **First Phase:** Construction of about 42 kilometers of road from Safiyabad Herudiyara to Sultanganj via Bariarpur and Ghorghat.
- **Second Phase:** A marine drive of about 40.80 kilometers will be developed from Sultanganj to Bhagalpur and Sabour.

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)

The Bihar Government has approved the establishment of the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) at Hajipur in Vaishali district to promote industrial development and agriculture-based entrepreneurship in the state.

In the cabinet meeting, in-principle approval was granted to provide 100 acres of land free of cost to the Government of India for this institution.

Strategic Importance and Impact of the Project:

- **Establishment as a Food Processing Hub:** The institute, to be established in the developing industrial region of Hajipur, will help Bihar emerge as one of the leading food processing states in the country.
- **Empowerment of Farmers and Youth:** Through this institute, local farmers will receive better value for their produce and access to modern technology, while youth will gain new opportunities for skill development and employment in food processing, entrepreneurship, research, and technical education.

Bihar Electric Vehicle Policy 2026

The Bihar Government, in a state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, approved the Bihar Electric Vehicle Policy 2026.

The objective of this policy is to reduce pollution, protect the environment, and encourage the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) by providing direct financial assistance to various sections of society.

Major Financial Incentives and Benefits under the Policy:

- **E-Car (Special Focus on Women Empowerment):** Women purchasing electric cars in their own name will receive direct financial assistance of up to ₹1 lakh from the government.

- **E-Two Wheelers:**
 - Subsidy of up to ₹10,000 for the general category.
 - Subsidy of up to ₹12,000 for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) categories.
- **E-Three Wheelers (Goods Carriers):**
 - Assistance of up to ₹50,000 for the general category.
 - Assistance of up to ₹60,000 for SC/ST categories.
- **Tax Incentives:** A rebate of up to 50% in motor vehicle tax will be provided on all electric vehicles registered in the state.

Infrastructure Development and Employment Generation:

- **Charging Network:** To promote EV adoption, a widespread network of charging stations will be established at malls, hotels, petrol pumps, and large buildings.
- **Transport Employment Scheme:** A new transport employment scheme will be launched to connect youth with self-employment opportunities.

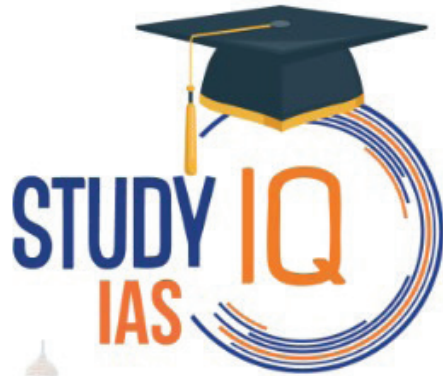
Expected Outcomes and Long-Term Goals of the Policy:

- **Fuel Savings:** Through this policy, the state aims to reduce annual consumption of petrol and diesel by approximately 10 crore liters by 2030.
- **EV Penetration Target:** The government has set a target that by 2030, at least 30 out of every 100 new vehicles sold in the state should be electric vehicles.

Pirpainti Thermal Power Project

The Bihar Government has provided decisive financial relief for the proposed thermal power project at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district. The state government has completely waived (100%) the stamp duty and registration fees applicable on the lease documents of the land acquired for this project.

For this ambitious project, a total of 1,020.60 acres of land has been identified, which is being transferred on lease for a period of 33 years.



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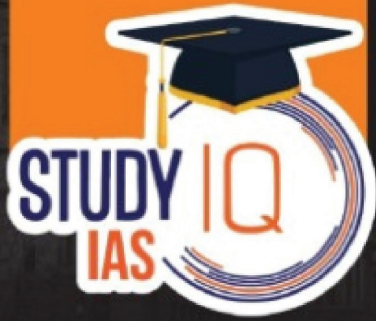


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