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Mineral auctions in Jamui and Banka, a research park at IIT Patna and the 71st DV dates

MINERAL BLOCKS
E-auction of magnetite blocks at Majos and Bhanta (Jamui) and a copper-lead-zinc block at Pindara (Banka)

IIT PATNA
Research Park approved at ₹305 crore (cabinet, 18 November)

EXPRESSWAY
Buxar to Bhagalpur six-lane greenfield expressway through 13 districts; ₹66.58 crore for the project report

FINANCE COMMISSION
Term of the Seventh State Finance Commission extended to 31 March 2027

71ST BPSC
Document verification from 1 to 28 December 2026 (programme of 18 November)

CRICKET
Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, 15 years 232 days, youngest captain in men's T20 cricket (14 November)

BPSC this week

71st document verification: On 18 November BPSC published the document verification programme for the 3,392 candidates who cleared the 71st Mains. It runs on 23 working days from 1 to 28 December 2026 at the Commission office in Patna, in two shifts. The list of documents is on the 71st BPSC interview page.

Prosecution Officer: The preliminary result for Advertisement No. 13/2026 (300 posts) came on 19 November: 3,175 of 23,218 candidates qualified for the Mains, and the unreserved cut-off was 169.5.

Research Officer: The preliminary result for Advertisement No. 08/2026 (Revenue Department, 3 posts) was also published on 19 November; 33 candidates qualified for the Mains.

Auditor: Applications for the Mains of Advertisement No. 09/2026 (Panchayati Raj Department, 102 posts) closed on 16 November.

Bihar: government and policy

Mineral auctions: The cabinet, meeting on 18 November, cleared e-auctions of two magnetite (iron ore) blocks at Majos and Bhanta in Jamui district and a copper-lead-zinc block at Pindara in Banka district. The estimated value of the resources is ₹4,327 crore in Jamui and ₹726 crore in Banka.

State Finance Commission: The term of the Seventh State Finance Commission was extended to 31 March 2027.

Solar power in panchayats: On-grid solar panels of 5 kW will go up at the drinking water schemes of gram panchayat wards and of 10 kW on Panchayat Sarkar Bhawans.

Bihar: economy and infrastructure

IIT Patna Research Park: A research park at IIT Patna was approved at ₹305 crore. The research park of IIT Madras is the consultant.

Buxar to Bhagalpur expressway: ₹66.58 crore was approved for the detailed project report of a six-lane greenfield expressway. It will pass through 13 districts and link the Purvanchal Expressway in the west with the Raxaul to Haldia Expressway in the east.

Pirpainti power: Adani Energy Solutions was selected to build the transmission system for three proposed 800 MW units at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district.

Bihar: sport

Youngest T20 captain: On 14 November Vaibhav Sooryavanshi of Samastipur led Bihar against Saurashtra at the age of 15 years and 232 days, the youngest captain in men's T20 cricket.

Archery: Bihar's teams won two bronze medals at the senior national archery championships held at Shillong from 11 to 18 November.

India and the world

Summits at Manila: The ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit were held at Manila in the Philippines on 17 November, and the Prime Minister attended. India offered to host an East Asia Summit university conclave at Nalanda in 2027.

Under-19 Asia Cup: India beat Pakistan by one wicket in the final in Oman on 14 November and won the title for the ninth time.

Indira Gandhi Prize: The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2025 was presented to Graça Machel of Mozambique in New Delhi on 19 November.

National Sports Board: Devesh Chaturvedi took charge as chairman of the National Sports Board, set up under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.

Test yourself

1. The magnetite blocks at Majos and Bhanta, cleared for e-auction by the Bihar cabinet in November 2026, are in which district?
   (A) Jamui (B) Banka (C) Gaya (D) Rohtas
2. The Pindara block in Banka district, also cleared for auction, holds which minerals?
   (A) Bauxite and mica (B) Gold and silver (C) Copper, lead and zinc (D) Limestone and dolomite
3. Up to which date was the term of the Seventh State Finance Commission of Bihar extended?
   (A) 31 December 2026 (B) 31 March 2027 (C) 30 June 2027 (D) 31 March 2028
4. The proposed Buxar to Bhagalpur expressway will link the Purvanchal Expressway with which expressway?
   (A) Ganga Expressway (B) Gorakhpur to Siliguri Expressway (C) Amas to Darbhanga Expressway (D) Raxaul to Haldia Expressway
5. A research park costing ₹305 crore was approved in November 2026 at which institution?
   (A) NIT Patna (B) IIT Patna (C) Nalanda University (D) Aryabhatta Knowledge University
6. BPSC's document verification for the 71st Combined Competitive Examination is scheduled for
   (A) 18 to 30 November 2026 (B) 1 to 15 January 2027 (C) 1 to 28 December 2026 (D) 17 to 31 January 2027
7. In which city were the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit held on 17 November 2026?
   (A) Manila (B) Jakarta (C) Kuala Lumpur (D) Vientiane
8. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2025 was presented in November 2026 to
   (A) Michelle Bachelet (B) Daniel Barenboim (C) Graça Machel (D) David Attenborough

Answers: 1 A · 2 C · 3 B · 4 D · 5 B · 6 C · 7 A · 8 C