WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR BPSC · ISSUE 4 · 20 TO 26 NOVEMBER 2026

First e-Cabinet meeting, 1,082 new BPSC posts and the 72nd prelims date

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E-CABINET
Bihar's first paperless cabinet meeting, 25 November; the 12th state to do so

INDUSTRIAL LAND
₹706.51 crore for 1,294.37 acres in Nalanda, Samastipur and Sheikhpura

GRAM KACHAHRI
Annual grant raised from ₹4,000 to ₹24,000, from 1 April 2027

BPSC POSTS
AEDO 935 (Advt 16/2026) and Agriculture 147 (Advt 17 to 21/2026)

72ND PRELIMS
Sunday, 17 January 2027 (BPSC calendar of 20 November)

SONEPUR MELA
Opened on 22 November; runs for 32 days, to 23 December

BPSC this week

New exam calendar: The calendar dated 20 November lists the 72nd Combined Preliminary Examination for 17 January 2027. All dates are on the BPSC exam calendar page.

AEDO advertised afresh: Advertisement No. 16/2026 of 26 November is for 935 posts of Assistant Education Development Officer. Forms run from 1 to 31 December 2026, and the exam now has a prelims and a Mains. See the AEDO 2026 notification page.

Agriculture Department: Advertisement Nos. 17 to 21/2026, also of 26 November, carry 147 posts; forms run from 15 December 2026 to 12 January 2027.

District Statistical Officer: BPSC declared the final result of Advertisement No. 38/2025 on 23 November: 47 candidates were selected.

Bihar: government and policy

First e-Cabinet meeting: On 25 November the cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, met without paper files for the first time, on a platform built by the National Informatics Centre. Bihar is the 12th state to run cabinet business digitally. The meeting cleared 34 proposals.

Gram Kachahris: The yearly administrative grant to each Gram Kachahri goes up six times, from ₹4,000 to ₹24,000, from 1 April 2027.

Bihar Economic Advisory Council: A council of five members, including its chairperson, will advise the government on economic policy.

Coaching for backward classes: The 38 offline pre-examination coaching centres for backward and extremely backward class students will be replaced by one hybrid (online and offline) centre in each district.

Canal Maintenance Policy: The cabinet's approval of the Bihar Canal Maintenance Policy, 2026 was reported on 26 November. Bihar had created irrigation potential of 38.13 lakh hectares by 31 March 2025 but was using 28.92 lakh hectares.

Bihar: economy and infrastructure

Land for industry: ₹706.51 crore was approved to acquire 1,294.37 acres: 564.37 acres in Nalanda, 480 acres in Samastipur and 250 acres in Sheikhpura.

Drinking water: Two projects were cleared: Patna's water supply under AMRUT 2.0 (₹1,794.32 crore; 2,18,585 households) and a Son river water project for Aurangabad, Dehri and Sasaram (₹1,347.32 crore).

Patna to Bettiah highway: A 164-km greenfield highway, NH-139W, was proposed at an estimated ₹5,996 crore.

Waste to energy: A 15 MW plant is planned at Ramchak Bairia in Patna at ₹514.59 crore on the PPP model.

Darbhanga airport: The Chief Minister said on 22 November that the state would propose naming the airport after the poet Vidyapati.

Bihar: culture

Sonepur Mela: The Harihar Kshetra fair at Sonepur in Saran district opened on 22 November and runs for 32 days, to 23 December.

India and the world

Nepal: Prime Minister Balendra Shah of Nepal visited India on 22 and 23 November, his first official visit abroad. A weekly train between Ayodhya and Janakpur was started; it runs about 604 km and crosses the border at Jaynagar in Madhubani district.

Climate index: India was placed 28th in the Climate Change Performance Index 2027, released during COP31, five places lower than a year earlier.

COP32: COP31 ended at Antalya. The next conference, COP32, is to be held at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia in 2027.

SCO forum: The first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum was held at New Delhi from 20 to 22 November.

Test yourself

1. With its first e-Cabinet meeting on 25 November 2026, Bihar became which state in order to run cabinet meetings without paper?
   (A) 12th (B) 15th (C) 18th (D) 20th
2. To what amount was the yearly administrative grant of a Gram Kachahri raised in November 2026?
   (A) ₹8,000 (B) ₹12,000 (C) ₹24,000 (D) ₹40,000
3. Of the 1,294.37 acres approved for new industrial areas on 25 November 2026, the largest part is in which district?
   (A) Nalanda (B) Samastipur (C) Sheikhpura (D) Vaishali
4. For how many days does the Sonepur Mela of 2026 run?
   (A) 21 (B) 32 (C) 40 (D) 45
5. BPSC's Advertisement Nos. 17 to 21/2026, issued on 26 November 2026, are for posts in which department?
   (A) Education (B) Agriculture (C) Health (D) Home (Police)
6. Through which border town of Bihar does the weekly Ayodhya to Janakpur train, started in November 2026, enter Nepal?
   (A) Raxaul (B) Jogbani (C) Jaynagar (D) Bairgania
7. What was India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index 2027?
   (A) 18th (B) 23rd (C) 25th (D) 28th
8. Where is the UN climate conference COP32 to be held in 2027?
   (A) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (B) New Delhi, India (C) Adelaide, Australia (D) Nairobi, Kenya

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