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DA at 63 per cent, Bihar's first municipal bond and the 71st Mains result

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DEARNESS ALLOWANCE
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MUNICIPAL BOND
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71ST MAINS RESULT
6 November: 3,392 candidates called for the interview for 1,298 posts

RANIVAS MOUND
At Kesariya, East Champaran; declared a site of national importance

BIHAR KI BETI
Startup Challenge for up to 2,100 women students, ₹88.20 crore, 2026-27 to 2029-30

BOOKER PRIZE 2026
M. John Harrison for The End of Everything

BPSC this week

71st Mains result: On 6 November BPSC declared the result of the 71st Combined Main (Written) Examination. It called 3,392 candidates for the interview: 3,185 for the Combined Competitive Examination posts and 207 for Financial Administrative Officer, against 1,298 posts. What comes next is on the 71st BPSC interview page.

Bihar: government and policy

Dearness allowance: The cabinet met on 10 November under Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary. It raised dearness allowance and dearness relief from 60 to 63 per cent for employees and pensioners on the seventh pay scale, from 262 to 269 per cent on the sixth and from 483 to 497 per cent on the fifth, all from 1 July 2026. The effect on pay is worked out on the BPSC teacher salary page.

Bihar Ki Beti Startup Challenge: The scheme will support up to 2,100 women students in higher education between 2026-27 and 2029-30, at ₹88.20 crore. The cabinet also approved the Mukhyamantri Balika PhD Fellowship for the same years.

Bihar Artificial Intelligence Mission: A five-month certificate course in AI is planned for 7,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students over five years.

Rural housing: ₹1,399.60 crore was approved for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) in 2026-27.

Phone calls from jails: BSNL will run 159 calling kiosks in 59 jails for five years under the Prison Calling Solution.

Building rules: New building bye-laws were approved. As reported, they place buildings in three classes by height: up to 10 metres, above 10 and up to 24 metres, and above 24 metres.

Bihar: economy and infrastructure

First municipal bond: Patna Municipal Corporation, rated AA, raised ₹199.99 crore for city infrastructure through Bihar's first municipal bond. It was listed on the National Stock Exchange on 10 November.

Hajipur bus stand: ₹44.52 crore was approved to acquire 9 acres 73 decimals of land for a bus stand at Hajipur in Vaishali district.

Adventure parks: Three eco-tourism projects were cleared on the PPP model: a water sports and adventure park at the Durgawati (Karamchat) dam and an adventure park at Mundeshwari, both in Kaimur, and one at Ghora Katora in Rajgir.

Darbhanga airport: The airport received no-objection certificates from the Ministry of Defence and Air Headquarters for a commercial pilot training centre.

Bihar: culture and heritage

Ranivas mound: The Ministry of Culture declared the Ranivas mound at Kesariya in East Champaran, near the Kesariya stupa, an archaeological site of national importance.

Pawapuri Mahotsav: The two-day state festival began on 7 November at Pawapuri in Nalanda district to mark the 2,552nd nirvana anniversary of Mahavira. Governor Syed Ata Hasnain attended.

Diyari in Tharuhat: The Tharu communities of West Champaran observe Diwali as Diyari, with lamps made from river clay, and follow it with Sohrai.

India and the world

COP31: The 31st UN climate conference opened on 9 November at Antalya in Türkiye. Türkiye holds the presidency and Australia leads the negotiations.

Booker Prize 2026: M. John Harrison won for The End of Everything; the award was announced in London on 9 November.

Swachh Survekshan 2025-26: The President gave away the awards of the tenth survey on 11 November in New Delhi. Navi Mumbai was ranked first.

Inflation: Retail (CPI) inflation rose to 6.09 per cent in October 2026, above the upper limit of the Reserve Bank's band of 2 to 6 per cent.

Test yourself

1. How many candidates did BPSC call for the interview in the 71st Mains result of 6 November 2026?
   (A) 1,298 (B) 3,185 (C) 3,392 (D) 4,037
2. From which date does the dearness allowance of 63 per cent, approved by the Bihar cabinet on 10 November 2026, take effect?
   (A) 1 January 2026 (B) 1 July 2026 (C) 1 November 2026 (D) 1 January 2027
3. The Bihar Ki Beti Startup Challenge will support up to how many women students?
   (A) 2,100 (B) 5,000 (C) 7,000 (D) 10,000
4. On which exchange was Bihar's first municipal bond listed on 10 November 2026?
   (A) Bombay Stock Exchange (B) Multi Commodity Exchange (C) India International Exchange, GIFT City (D) National Stock Exchange
5. The Pawapuri Mahotsav in Nalanda district marks the nirvana of
   (A) Gautama Buddha (B) Mahavira (C) Guru Gobind Singh (D) Parshvanatha
6. Diyari is the name by which Diwali is observed by which community of West Champaran?
   (A) Santhal (B) Oraon (C) Tharu (D) Kharwar
7. Where did the UN climate conference COP31 open on 9 November 2026?
   (A) Antalya, Türkiye (B) Adelaide, Australia (C) Bonn, Germany (D) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
8. Who won the Booker Prize for 2026?
   (A) Kiran Desai (B) Samantha Harvey (C) David Szalay (D) M. John Harrison

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