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Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to present this comprehensive study guide for the **71st BPSC Exam**, specifically designed for **Bihar Special topics, 12 months of Bihar Current Affairs**, and **Bihar PYQs**. This book is meticulously crafted to provide the most up-to-date and relevant content to help you excel in the BPSC exam and achieve your dreams of serving Bihar as a civil servant.

As we all know, **Bihar** has a unique cultural, historical, and geographical significance, and understanding these aspects is crucial for success in the BPSC. The book is structured in a simple, explicit, and lucid manner to ensure that all topics are clearly explained. I have incorporated **tables, bullet points, flowcharts**, and **information capsules** to break down the content and make learning more efficient and engaging. The aim is to not only cover the entire syllabus but also provide deep insights into the most important and dynamic issues that are likely to appear in the exam.

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BIHAR : AN OVERVIEW



INTRODUCTION

Bihar [ancient times, known as Magadha] is an entirely landlocked state located in the eastern part of India, precisely between $83^{\circ}19'50''$ E to $88^{\circ}17'40''$ E longitude and $24^{\circ}20'10''$ N to $27^{\circ}31'15''$ N latitude. Its geographical location gives it a transitional position concerning its climate, economy, and culture, as it lies mid-way between the humid West Bengal to its east and the sub-humid Uttar Pradesh to its west.

The Ganga River flows through the middle of Bihar from west to east, dividing the plain into two unequal parts, North Bihar and South Bihar—

Bihar remains a key agricultural state in India, with around 77% of its population engaged in agriculture, well above the national average. The state ranks 3rd in India for vegetable production, contributing approximately 17.9 million metric tonnes annually, with key crops like potatoes, onions, and cauliflower. Bihar is also the largest producer of litchis, accounting for 71% of India's total litchi production, and it contributes significantly to the production of fruits like mangoes, bananas, and guavas.

Beyond agriculture, food processing, dairy, sugar, manufacturing, and healthcare are identified as some of Bihar's fastest growing industries. The state has also planned initiatives for the development of other sectors like education and tourism and offers incentives for information technology and renewable energy.

Bihar's industrial sector is growing, supported by favorable policies like the Industrial Policy 2020. The state's FDI inflows saw an increase, reaching US\$ 215.76 million in 2025, reflecting the success of initiatives to boost manufacturing, IT, and renewable energy sectors. Bihar's new IT Policy 2024 and the Bihar Startup Policy 2022 aim to attract further investments, with over ₹200 crore already committed to the IT sector. Infrastructure developments like the Bihta Dry Port and Danapur-Bihta Elevated Road are enhancing logistics and connectivity. These efforts, along with initiatives such as Bihar Ideas Yatra, position Bihar as an emerging industrial hub in India.

Bihar : At a Glance

Origin	Bihar word derived from Vihar which means Buddhist monasteries. The region corresponds to Magadha and Anga of Mahajanapada era.
Statehood Day	22 March, 1912
State Formation	Bihar and Orissa (Odisha) came into existence jointly as a province on 1 st April, 1912, after been carved out of Bengal Presidency. Bihar and Orissa came into existence as separate states on 1 st April, 1936.
Capital	Patna (Ancient name: Pataliputra, Pushppur, Kusumpur & Azimabad).
Spoken languages	Hindi, Bhojpur, Maithili and Angika
State Language	Official language: Hindi Second Official language: Urdu (Bihar replaced Urdu with Hindi in 1881, becoming the first state to do so).
State Anthem	Mere Bharat ke kanth har, Tum ko Shat-Shat Vandan Bihar.
State Prayer	Meri raftaar pe suraj ki kiran naaz kare.
State High Court	Patna High Court (inaugurated 3 rd February, 1916).

In terms of its Boundaries

National and International Boundaries	
East: Northern part of West Bengal	
West : Uttar Pradesh	
North : Nepal (International)	
South : Jharkhand	

Government (As of July, 2025)

Governor	Chief Minister	Deputy Chief - Minister
Arif Mohammad Khan	Nitish Kumar	1. Samrat Choudhary 2. Vijay Kumar Sinha
Justice Vipul M. Pancholi is the Hon'ble Chief Justice (45th) of Patna High Court since 21st July, 2025.		



ANCIENT & CULTURE PYQ

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INTRODUCTION

Bihar, historically known as **Magadha** (In Ancient Times), has a rich legacy of power, knowledge, and culture. Its history is deeply rooted in the Vedas, Puranas, and Epics. The name "Bihar" comes from "Viharas," referring to Buddhist monks' resting places, first used by Muslim rulers in the 12th century. Geographically, Bihar is situated on the banks of the Ganges River, with Patna as its capital. The state is divided into three distinct regions: Magadh, Mithila, and Bhojpur, each with its own unique history and culture.

History of Bihar (Time Period)

Ancient Period of Bihar
 (6000 BC - 650 AD)

- ✓ Beginning of Iron Age
- ✓ Indus Valley Civilization
- ✓ Roman Empire
- ✓ Gupta Empire

Medieval Period of Bihar
 (500 AD - 1500 AD)

- ✓ Dark Ages
- ✓ Byzantine Empire
- ✓ Invention of Gunpowder
- ✓ Rise of Major Religions

Modern Period of Bihar
 (500 AD - Present Day)

- ✓ Renaissance
- ✓ Age of Exploration
- ✓ World War 1 & 2
- ✓ Globalization

Historical Significance of Bihar

- It has been the main center of learning for thousands of years.
- The heartland of many influential kingdoms.
- The land that gave rise to the first republic in history and the first democracy.
- The rise of Magadh marks the beginning of the history of ancient Bihar, which lasted until the middle of the eighth century.
- In Indian history, Bihar, the land of Buddha, has seen its share of splendour
- It served as the administrative capital of a powerful kingdom and a major cultural hub under the protection of strong kingdoms for a very long time.

Economically, Bihar was known for its abundant production of resources such as **cotton, textiles, saltpetre, and indigo**. These valuable resources made Europeans utilize India's trade routes to their fullest advantage from ancient to medieval times.

Bihar's reputation was diminished during the medieval period due to foreign invasions and ruling dynasties. It lost its status as a political and cultural center, with the Mughal period marked by weak provincial administration. **Sher Shah**, an Afghan ruler, was the exception, known for his administrative reforms and military achievements.

In modern history, following the **British victory at the Battle of Buxar in 1764**, Bihar came under British control and was administered as part of the Bengal Presidency, leading to significant Bengali influence. **Bihar became a separate province on March 22, 1912**, with Patna as its capital, regaining some of its importance as a trade and learning hub under British rule.



- It is the **birthplace of Buddhism**, where Gautama Buddha achieved enlightenment, preached his first sermon, and declared his "Parinirvana".
- It played an **important role in the development of Jainism**, being the home of Vardhman Mahavira (the 24th Tirthankara) and the place where Lord Mahavira attained Moksha.

2.1 ANCIENT HISTORY OF BIHAR

INTRODUCTION

Bihar's ancient history dates back to the dawn of human civilization and is associated with the emergence of the **first myths and legends of Sanatana Dharma**. For **thousands of years, it was the center of a powerful kingdom**, learning as a cultural center under the patronage of able kingdoms.

The state's history is one of the most diverse in India, consisting of three distinct regions, each with its unique culture and heritage. **Bihar played a significant role as an administrative capital of a mighty kingdom and as a major cultural center throughout its ancient history.**

☛ Stone Age Sites

Age	Site Discovered In	District/State	Time Period	Features
Paleolithic [Old Stone Age]	Munger, Nalanda	Bihar	2 Million-10,000 BC	Early stone tools, cave settlements
Mesolithic sites [Middle Stone Age]	Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Singhbhum, Santhal Pargana	Jharkhand	12,000 BC - 6,000 BC	Microlith tools, nomadic culture
Neolithic [New Stone Age]	Chirand, Chechar	Saran, Vaishali	2500–1500 BC	Polished tools, early agriculture
Chalcolithic	Taradih, Chirand, Vaishali	Gaya, Saran	1500–700 BC	Use of copper, settled village life

The Arrival of Aryans in Bihar

- During the later **Vedic era (1000-600 BCE)**, the Aryans migrated towards Eastern India
- Satapatha Brahmana talked about the migration and dispersion of the Aryans.
- The *Varah Puran* references Gaya, Punpun, and Rajgir as auspicious places, while Kikat is noted as an inauspicious location.

☛ Bihar in the Vedic Period

- Bihar finds a reference in **Atharvaveda** and **Panchvish Brahmana**. The areas around **modern Rajgriha** and **Gaya** have been mentioned in **Atharvaveda**.
- Aryans entered the **Mithila region** of Bihar in the **Later Vedic period**.
- From the **later Vedic period**, this region of Bihar became a part of ancient history.
- Atharvaveda** and **Panchvish brahmanas** mention that **Vratyas** lived in **Magadha**. As per **Rigveda**, the earliest inhabitants of Magadha were **Kshatriyas**, who were looked down upon by the Aryans, because they did not practiced Vedic sacrifice.
- The story of **Videha Madhava** is found in the **Shatapatha Brahmana**.
- The medicine to **cure leprosy** was invented by the **first female doctor named Asuramayarup** who lived in Magadha.

☛ The Mahajanapadas (600 - 300 BC)

According to Buddhist and Jaina literature, India in the sixth century was ruled by several small kingdoms or city-states, with Magadha being the most prominent. By 500 BC, a group of sixteen monarchies and republics, known as the Mahajanapadas, emerged across the Indo-Gangetic plains.

Three Mahajanapadas were located in Bihar: Magadha, Anga, and Vajji.

S.No.	Mahajanapada	Region	Capital	Important Facts
1	Anga	Sahibgunj and Godda (Jharkhand), Khagaria, Bhagalpur and Munger (Bihar)	Champa , also known as Malinipuri , was established by Ma-hagovind . Hiuen Tsang referred to it as Chenanpo . In modern times, it is known as Bhagalpur and Munger districts in Bihar.	First King - Titikshu, last king - Karna, (who was killed in Mahabharata war). Mention 01st time in Atharvaveda , Known for its trade, was often in conflict with Magadha, It was located in the Magadha Empire's northeast Last 3 Kings of independent Anga - Dadhivahana, Bradha varman, Brahmadatta.
2	Avanti	Malwa (Ujjayini and Mahishmati)	Ujjayini, Mahishmati	A powerful kingdom, later split into two parts: Ujjayini and Mahishmati . Known for its strategic location.
3	Ashmaka	Between the Narmada and Godavari rivers	Patali	Located on important trade routes, it played a key role in facilitating commerce and cultural exchange.
4	Chedi	Bundelkhand (Modern -day Madhya Pradesh)	Shuktimati	Known for its significant military power, it was involved in numerous regional conflicts.
5	Kashi	Varanasi (Current Banaras)	Varanasi	A religious and cultural hub, Kashi was one of the oldest cities of India , significant in Hinduism.
6	Kosala	Faizabad, Gonda, Bahraich (U.P.)	Shravasti	Famous for its association with Lord Buddha and King Prasenjit, who supported Buddhism . (Present day - Ayodhya)
7	Kuru	Haryana, Delhi (West of Yamuna River)	Indraprastha	The Kuru dynasty is associated with the Mahabharata epic , with Delhi being a central location in the narrative.
8	Kamboja	District in Pakistan, associated with Modern Hazara	Pooncha	Located on the north-western frontiers of India, known for its warrior class and trade with Central Asia.
9	Gandhara	Eastern Afghanistan and western Pakistan	Taxila, Pushkalvati	A center of Buddhist learning, Gandhara was an important cultural and trade hub, known for its Greco-Buddhist art.
10	Magadha	Patna, Gaya (Bihar) and Nalanda	Rajagriha (Girivraj)- (King Bimbisara), Patliputra (King udayan), Vaishali (shishunaga)	Magadha was first mentioned in the Atharvaveda . Played a significant role in the development of Buddhism and Jainism . The kingdom stretched from the Ganga in the north to the Vindhyas in the south, and from Champa in the east to the river Sone in the west. Its capital, Girivraja (Rajgir) , was surrounded by five hills. Later, Patliputra became the new capital. Magadha was the birthplace of two major empires: the Maurya and Gupta dynasties. Koshal, Vatsa, and Avanti were part of the Magadha Kingdom. One of the most powerful Mahajanapadas , home to rulers like Bimbisara and Ashoka
11	Malla	Eastern Uttar Pradesh (Deoria, Basti, Gorakhpur, Siddharth Nagar)	Kusinara, Pawa (kushinagar)	Known for its confederation of republican clans, Malla was a prominent player in early Buddhist history.



2.2 MEDIEVAL HISTORY OF BIHAR



During the Gupta Period, which began in the middle of the 7th or 8th century A.D., Bihar enjoyed a great history that lasted until nearly all northern India was conquered by invaders from the middle east.

- ♦ At that point, the Gupta dynasty also perished.
- ♦ The medieval History of Bihar is commemorated by the foreign invasion and dynasty that ruined the glory of Bihar.
- ♦ In medieval times Bihar lost its prestige as the political and cultural centre of India.
- ♦ The Mughal period was a period of unremarkable provincial administration from Delhi.
- ♦ The only remarkable person of these times in Bihar was Sher Shah, or Sher Khan Sur (an Afghan).

☛ Muslim Invasions and the Delhi Sultanate (12th-16th Century)

- ♦ In the 12th century, Bihar was attacked by Muhammad Ghori and later became part of the Delhi Sultanate under Qutb-ud-din Aibak.
- ♦ Bihar was frequently under the control of various Turkish and Afghan rulers, contributing to the establishment of Islamic rule in the region.
- ♦ The region witnessed the rise of local rulers, such as the Sultanate of Bengal.
- ♦ Sher Shah Suri, who hailed from Bihar, became a prominent figure in the Suri Empire and is particularly known for his administrative reforms.

☛ Slave Dynasty (1206-1290 CE)

- ♦ Mamluk Dynasty, also known as the Slave Dynasty
- ♦ The Slave Dynasty was founded by Qutb-ud-din Aibak, one of Muhammad Ghori's generals. He laid the foundation of Muslim rule in northern India, including Bihar.
- ♦ The dynasty was called the Slave Dynasty because the rulers were originally slaves or military captives who rose to power.
- ♦ Iltutmish and Razia Sultana, successors of Aibak, further consolidated control over Bihar and neighboring regions during the early 13th century.

☛ Khilji Dynasty (1290-1320 CE)

The Khilji Dynasty ruled over the Delhi Sultanate and extended its influence over Bihar.

- ♦ **Jalaluddin Khilji** became the Sultan of Delhi in **1290 AD**, marking the start of the Khilji dynasty.
- ♦ **Ala-ud-Din Khilji**, the most notable ruler, ascended the throne in **1296 AD**. He implemented military reforms, centralized control, and introduced market regulations. He demanded **half of the crops** as revenue after land measurement.
- ♦ In **1301 AD**, **Shamsuddin Firozshah** declared himself the ruler of **Bengal** and appointed his son **Firozshah** as the **Governor of Bihar** (1309–1321).
- ♦ **Sheikh Mohammad Ismail**, sent to **Darbhangha** by **Ala-ud-Din Khilji**, was defeated by **Raja Sakra Singh**.
- ♦ Khilji coins found in **Bhojpur** and **Lakhisarai** suggest **limited control** over Bihar during their rule

☛ The Tughlaq Dynasty (1320–1414 CE)

The **Tughlaq Dynasty**, ruling from **1320 to 1414 CE**, was significant for Bihar due to its direct influence on the region's **political stability**, **administrative reforms**, and **economic development**.

Aspect	Details
♦ Period of Rule	1320–1414 CE
♦ Founder	Ghiyas-ud-Din Tughlaq (1320)
♦ Important Rulers	Muhammad bin Tughlaq (1325–1351): Known for the shift of capital to Daulatabad and introduction of token currency . Firoz Shah Tughlaq (1351–1388): Known for administrative reforms and public welfare .



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