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Chapter 1

Bihar State : Profile

- Bihar is located in the eastern part of the country (between 83°30' to 88°00' longitude). It is an entirely land-locked state, although the outlet to the sea through the port of Kolkata is not too far away. Bihar lies mid-way between the humid West Bengal in the east and the sub humid Uttar Pradesh in the west which provides it with a transitional position in respect of climate, economy and culture.
- It is bounded by Nepal in the north and by Jharkhand in the south. The Bihar plain is divided into two unequal halves by the river Ganga which flows through the middle from west to east.



Bihar : Physical Features

Shape	Triangular
Latitude	24°-20'-10" ~ 27°-31'-15" N
Longitude	83°-19'-50" ~ 88°-17'-40" E
Total Area	94,163.00 sq. kms 36,357 sq. miles (About 2.86% of the total area of India and 12th place in the country)
Rural Area	92,257.51 sq. kms

Urban Area	1,095.49 sq. kms
District with Highest Area	West Champaran (5,228 Km ²)
District with Lowest Area	Sheohar (443 Km ²)
Length	345 Km (North to South)
Width	483 Km (East to West)
Height Above Sea Level	173 Feet (Approx 53 m.)
Average Number of Rainy Days	52.5 Days in a Year
Longtime Average Rainfall (2001-2020)	1012.5 mm

Bihar : Polity	
Formation	22 March, 1912
Bihar Diwas	22 March (Every Year)
Capital	Patna
Largest City	Patna
Governor	Mr. Phagu Chauhan
Chief Minister	Mr. Nitish Kumar
Dy. Chief Minister	Mr. Tejasvi Prasad Yadav
Legislature	Bicameral
	Legislative Council : 75
	Legislative Assembly : 243
Lok Sabha Members	40
Rajya Sabha Members	16
Number of Wards in Patna Municipal Corporation	57
High Court	Patna
Official Language	Hindi

Bihar : Council of Ministers

Shri Nitish Kumar (Chief Minister of Bihar)	General Administration, Home, Cabinet Secretariat, Vigilance, Election and all such departments which are not allotted to anyone
Shri Tejasvi Prasad Yadav (Deputy CM of Bihar)	Health, Road Construction, Urban Development & Housing Department, Rural Work and Tourism
Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary	Finance, Commercial Tax and Parliamentary Affairs
Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav	Energy and Planning & Development
Shri Alok Kumar Mehta	Revenue and Land Reforms Department
Shri Tej Pratap Yadav	Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Md. Afaque Alam	Animal & Fisheries Resources
Shri Ashok Choudhary	Building Construction
Shri Sharvan Kumar	Rural Development
Shri Surendra Prasad Yada	Co-operative
Dr. Ramanand Yadav	Mines & Geology Department
Smt. Leshi Singh	Food and Consumer Protection
Shri Madan Sahani	Social Welfare
Shri Lalit Kumar Yadav	Public Health & Engineering
Shri Santosh Kumar Suman	SC-ST Welfare

Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha	Water Resources and Information & Public Relations
Smt. Sheela Kumari	Transport
Shri Samir Kumar	Industry
Dr. Chandra Shekhar	Education
Shri Sumit Kumar Singh	Science & Technology
Shri Sunil Kumar	Prohibition Excise & Registration Department
Smt. Anita Devi	BC & EBC Welfare
Shri Jitendra Kumar Rai	Art, Culture & Youth
Shri Jayant Raj	Minor Water Resources
Shri Kumar Sarvjeet	Agriculture
Shri Md. Zama Khan	Minority Welfare
Shri Murari Prasad Gautam	Panchayati Raj
Shri Alok Kumar Mehta	Sugarcane Industries
Dr. Shamim Ahmad	Law
Shri Shahnawaz	Disaster Management
Shri Surendra Ram	Labour Resources
Shri Mohammad Israil Mansuri	Information Technology Department

Bihar : Other Facts

Official Language	Hindi (Urdu is the Second Official Language of Bihar)
State Prayer	Meri Raftar pe Suraj ki Kiran Raj Kare....
Official State Song	Mere Bharat Ke Kanth Haar... (It was adopted in the year 2012)
State Animal	Indian Bison (Bionomial Name- Bos Gaurus)
State Bird	House Sparrow (Bionomial Name - Passer domesticus)
State Fish	Walking Catfish (Bionomial Name - Clarias batrachus)
State Fruit	Mango (Bionomial Name - Mangifera Indica)
State Flower	Orchid Tree (Bionomial Name - Bauhinia Veriegata)
State Tree	Sacred Fig (Bionomial Name - Ficus religiosa)
Forest Types	Deciduous Forests

Do You Know?

● Prominent persons of Bihar honoured with 'Bharat Ratna'

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad (1962)—He was born in Ziradei (Present Day Siwan District)

- Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (1999)—He was born in present day Saran District.
- Ustad Bismillah Khan (2001)—He was born in Dumraon (Present day Buxer District).

Specific Facts : Bihar	
First in the World	
World's First Democratic Republic	'Vajji Sangha', Lichhavi, Vaishali (6 th Century BC)
The first emperor of the world who gave up arms and propagated Buddhism abroad	Emperor Ashoka (272-232 BC)
The oldest luxurious metropolis of the world	Pataliputra (221 BC)
World's first inventor in astronomy and mathematics	Aryabhata ❖ He belonged to the Ancient Kusumpur, Patna
First in India	
The ruler who introduced the first rupee coin in India	Sher Shah Suri ❖ He issued a rupee coin in 1542 AD. ❖ One rupee coin of one tola silver <i>i.e.</i> 180 masha had 175 masha of pure silver. ❖ One Masha equals 0.972 grams.
Mahatma Gandhi's first Satyagraha and imprisonment	'Champaran Satyagraha' (1917 AD) ❖ This was against the Tinkathiya System of Britishers. According to this, Indigo cultivators had to cultivate indigo in 3/20th of their land.
First President of India	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
The first MP of India who was elected repeatedly from the same constituency	Late Jagjivan Ram ❖ He won elections for 8 consecutive times from Sahasram constituency.
India's oldest Stupa	Near Indo-Nepal border in 'Piprachiv' It is 2500 years old and 7 m. in height.
India's biggest fair or cattle fair	Sonepur Cattle Fair ❖ It is situated at the confluence of river Ganga and Gandak.
First state in India to launch agriculture road map	Bihar
First state in India to implement computer system in all jails across the state	
The first state in the country where common people have the legal right to hear their grievances as well as to redress them within a stipulated time frame.	
First state in India to prepare 15-year Disaster Risk Reduction Roadmap (2015-2030) in the context of Sendai Framework Agreement	
The first state in India to set up a full-time SDRF battalion under the administrative control of the Disaster Management Department for quick response and relief in disasters.	
The first state in India to implement the Habitable Land Policy (in 2014) for households without habitable land in urban areas SC/ST	
First State in India to install Prison ERP System in Central Prison, Beur (Patna).	

India's First Fighter Pilot	Bhawna Kant (Darbhanga) ❖ She has been declared as the first combat pilot along with two of her cohort, Mohana Singh, and Avani Chaturvedi.
The first state in India to start agricultural research	Bihar (in 1905)
The first state in the country to establish norms (payment of ex-gratia grant to the families of the deceased in 24 hours) in disaster response	Bihar
World's largest free internet Wi-Fi zone (Within 20 km)	Ashok Rajpath to Danapur
Country's first Timber Mart	Hajipur
Country's first digital government research center	Patna
First state in the country to include Khadi as academic wear	Bihar (By Nalanda International University)
Country's first state to implement reservation system even in outsourcing appointments	Bihar
The first state in the country to provide 35 percent reservation for women in police appointments.	
First state to start e-forest market in the country	
First state in the country to declare a sanctuary for the conservation of Gangetic Dolphins.	
First in Bihar	
The first Bihari ruler to sit on the throne of Delhi	Sher Shah Suri
The first builder of Buddhist temples in Bodh Gaya	Samudragupta
First Governor of Bihar	Jairamdas Daulatram
First Muslim Governor of Bihar	Dr. Zakir Hussain
First Chief Minister of Bihar	Shri Krishna Singh
First Muslim Chief Minister of Bihar	Abdul Ghafoor
First Dalit Chief Minister of Bihar	Bholanath Shastri
First Independent Chief Minister of Bihar	Mahamaya Prasad Sinha
The first politician from Bihar who became the Speaker of the Lok Sabha	Baliram Bhagat ❖ He was the Speaker of Lok Sabha in the 5th Lok Sabha from January 5, 1976 to March 25, 1977.
First Education Minister of Bihar	Sir Ganesh Dutt
The first Bihari to become the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	Late Bhubaneswar Prasad
First Bihari to get Jnanpith Award	Ramdhari Singh Dinkar ❖ He was awarded with Jnanpith Award for the composition 'Urvashi' in 1972.
Bihar's first Hindi daily paper	Sarvahiteshi (1832 AD)
Bihar's first Bhojpuri film	Hey Ganga Maiya Tohe Piyari Chadbo
Bihar's first English daily paper	Searchlight
Bihar's first flood light cricket stadium	Rajvanshi Nagar, Patna
The Year when biggest earthquake in Bihar occurred	1934 AD
Longest road bridge of Bihar	Mahatma Gandhi Setu ❖ It is situated on river Ganga in Patna and is 5.575 km. long.
State's first BPO center	Patna It has been established by TCS Company.
State's first Farmer Business School	Kanjhiya (Nathnagar, Bhagalpur)
State's first steel silo (for grain storage)	Dahria, Katihar

State's first and country's second green city	Bhabhua
Bihar's first Maithili film	Kanyadaan
Bihar's first Wi-Fi village	Veldarichak (Patna)
Bihar's first free prison (since May, 2012)	Buxar
State's first dry port	Bihta, Patna
Film City	Valmikinagar and Rajgir (both proposed)
State's first fully automatic dairy and first tetrapack plant	Bihar Sharif
State's first open jail	Buxar
State's first women's jail	Bhagalpur

Important Questions

1. Match List-I with List-II.

- | List I | List II |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| A. Largest city | I. Sheohar |
| B. District with the least area | II. West Champaran |
| C. District with largest area | III. Hajipur |
| D. Country's first Timber Mart | IV. Patna |

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) a-IV, b-II, c-I, d-III
 (B) a-I, b-IV, c-II, d-III
 (C) a-IV, b-I, c-II, d-III
 (D) a-III, b-I, c-II, d-IV

2. Which of the following is not correctly matched?

- I. Dr. Rajendra Prasad received the Bharat Ratna : 1962
 II. Jayaprakash Narayan received Bharat Ratna : 1999
 III. Bismillah Khan received Bharat Ratna : 1975

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) I only
 (B) III only
 (C) II only
 (D) All of the above

3. Consider the following statements.

- I. The world's first university was established at Nalanda University.
 II. The world's first democratic republic was the 'Vajji republic' in the 6th century BC.
 III. Emperor Ashoka (272-232 BC) was the first emperor of the world to propagate Buddhism abroad by renouncing weapons.

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) I and III only
 (B) I and II only

(C) II and III only

(D) All of the above

4. Consider the following statements.

- I. The first open jail in Bihar has been established in Buxar.
 II. Bihar's first fully automatic dairy and first tetra pack plant has been established at Biharsharif.
 III. It has been proposed to establish Film City in Valmiki Nagar and Patna in Bihar.

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) I and III only
 (B) I and II only
 (C) II and III only
 (D) All of the above

5. Match List-I with List-II.

- | List-I | List-II |
|---|-------------------------------|
| A. First Governor | I. Dr. Zakir Hussain of Bihar |
| B. First Muslim Governor of Bihar | II. Shri Krishna Singh |
| C. First Chief Minister of Bihar | III. Jairamdas Daulatram |
| D. First Muslim Chief Minister of Bihar | IV. Abdul Ghafoor |

Select the correct answer from the options given below :

- (A) a-IV, b-II, c-I, d-III
 (B) a-I, b-IV, c-II, d-III
 (C) a-IV, b-I, c-II, d-III
 (D) a-III, b-I, c-II, d-IV

6. Which of the following is not correctly matched?

- I. India's first woman fighter pilot from the state of Bihar : Avani Chaturvedi
 II. India's first solar village : Dharnai village
 III. India's Biggest Cattle Fair: Sonepur Cattle Fair

Select the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) I only
 (B) II only
 (C) III only
 (D) All of the above

7. Consider the following statements.

- I. Bihar is the first state in the country to implement the reservation system even in outsourcing appointments.
 II. Bihar is the first state in the country to give 35 percent reservation to women in police appointments.
 III. Bihar is the first state to start e-One market in the country.
 IV. Bihar is the first state in the country to announce the establishment of a sanctuary for the conservation of rhinoceros.

Select the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) I, II and III
 (B) I, III and IV
 (C) I, II and IV
 (D) All of the above

8. 'Rajendra Setu' is located on which river?

- (A) Ganga (B) Baghmata
 (C) Kosi (D) Mahananda

9. Which one of the following districts of Bihar is easternmost on the map of Bihar?

- (A) Bhagalpur (B) Katihar
 (C) Purnia (D) Kishanganj

10. Which of the following is located in South Bihar ?

- (A) Purnia (B) Ara
 (C) Rajgir (D) Gaya

Answers

1. (C) 2. (B) 3. (D) 4. (B) 5. (D)
 6. (A) 7. (A) 8. (A) 9. (D) 10. (D)