

Capital: Patna

Formation / statehood: 26 January 1950 (Bihar province; Jharkhand separated on 15 November 2000)

Official language(s): Hindi (Urdu as second official language)

Public Service Commission: BPSC

Flagship exam: BPSC Combined Competitive Examination (CCE)

OVERVIEW

Bihar lies in the Gangetic plain of eastern India and was a centre of ancient learning at Nalanda and Vikramshila. Patna, on the Ganga, is the capital, and the state has strong Maurya and Gupta historical associations.

FOCUS TOPICS

- Magadha and ancient Indian history
- Buddhist and Jain heritage sites
- Ganga basin agriculture
- BPSC CCE structure
- Post-2000 boundary with Jharkhand

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the capital of Bihar?

Answer: Patna

2. Which ancient university ruins are located in Bihar?

Answer: Nalanda

3. Which river flows through Patna?

Answer: Ganga (Ganges)

4. Which empire had its heartland in ancient Magadha (modern Bihar)?

Answer: Maurya Empire

5. Which Public Service Commission conducts Bihar Civil Services exams?

Answer: Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC)

6. Which state was carved out of Bihar in 2000?

Answer: Jharkhand

7. Which town in Bihar is associated with the birth of Guru Gobind Singh?

Answer: Patna Sahib (Patna)

8. Which language is the official language of Bihar?

Answer: Hindi

9. Which town in Bihar marks the place of Buddha enlightenment?

Answer: Bodh Gaya

10. Which ancient stone pillar with Mauryan inscriptions stands at Vaishali in Bihar?

Answer: Ashoka Pillar at Vaishali

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