

# BPSC CCE Syllabus 2026

Bihar Public Service Commission — Bihar Public Service Commission — Combined Competitive Examination

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| Vacancies        | Announced yearly for administrative and allied Group A & B services across the state of Bihar                             |
| Age Limit        | 20–37 years typically (relaxation per Bihar government norms for SC/ST/OBC/EBC/women/PwBD)                                |
| Qualification    | Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised university                                                          |
| Application Fee  | Approximately ₹150–₹200 for General/OBC candidates, with reductions for SC/ST/reserved categories as per the notification |
| Official Website | bpsc.bih.nic.in                                                                                                           |
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## Overview

BPSC CCE is Bihar's principal state civil services examination, recruiting into administrative posts such as Deputy Collector, DSP and Block Development Officer within the Bihar Administrative Service and allied state services. It follows the familiar three-stage structure common to most state PSC exams — a qualifying Preliminary exam, a descriptive Main examination, and a final Interview — with a distinctive feature being that BPSC's Prelims uses only a single General Studies paper (unlike UPSC-style exams with a separate CSAT), and Mains typically includes a compulsory General Studies paper alongside an optional subject chosen by the candidate.

## What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Prelims consists of a single General Studies paper — no separate CSAT paper, unlike UPSC CSE or UPPSC PCS.
- Mains typically combines compulsory General Studies papers with an Optional Subject paper, giving candidates some subject-choice flexibility similar to UPSC CSE.
- Bihar-specific history, culture, geography and current developments carry meaningful weight throughout the syllabus.
- BPSC has periodically revised its exam pattern and normalisation approach across recent cycles — always verify against the latest notification for exact paper structure.

## Exam Pattern

### Preliminary Examination

Mode: Offline, OMR-based objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

| Section                                                                                            | Questions | Marks |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| General Studies (History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Current Affairs, and Bihar-specific content) | 150       | 150   |

**Negative marking:** As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Screening stage only — not counted in the final merit.

## Main Examination

Mode: Offline, descriptive | Duration: 3 hours per paper

| Section                               | Questions | Marks |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| General Hindi (qualifying)            | —         | 100   |
| General Studies I & II                | —         | 600   |
| Optional Subject (candidate's choice) | —         | 300   |

**Negative marking:** Not applicable — descriptive papers | **Nature:** Counted for final merit.

## Interview (Personality Test)

Mode: Board interview | Duration: —

| Section                                                                       | Questions | Marks |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Personality, communication & suitability for Bihar's administrative services— |           | 120   |

**Negative marking:** Not applicable | **Nature:** Counted for final merit.

# BPSC CCE — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

## Prelims — General Studies

*A single comprehensive GS paper — broad, balanced coverage matters more than narrow specialisation.*

- Current events — national & international, with strong Bihar-specific weightage
- Indian & Bihar history
- Indian & Bihar geography
- Indian polity & governance
- Indian economy & Bihar's economic development
- General science & environment

## Mains — General Hindi (Qualifying)

*Don't underprepare just because it's qualifying — clearing the threshold comfortably avoids unnecessary risk.*

- Hindi grammar & comprehension
- Essay/translation-style questions at a qualifying difficulty level

## Mains — General Studies I & II

*Bihar-specific history and current issues carry real weight — build this alongside standard national GS content.*

- Indian history, culture & Bihar's specific historical & cultural heritage
- Indian polity, governance & Constitution
- Indian & Bihar economy, agriculture & rural development
- Science & technology, environment & disaster management
- Current issues of national & Bihar-specific relevance

## Mains — Optional Subject

*Choose based on genuine interest and scoring consistency, similar to UPSC CSE's optional-subject strategy.*

- Chosen from BPSC's list of optional subjects, examined at a postgraduate depth similar to UPSC CSE's optional subject structure

## Selection Process

- 1 Preliminary Examination — General Studies (screening stage).
- 2 Main Examination — General Hindi (qualifying), General Studies I & II, and Optional Subject.
- 3 Interview (Personality Test).
- 4 Final merit list prepared from combined Mains and Interview marks.

## Salary & Job Profile

BPSC CCE officers are placed across various pay levels depending on the specific post — Deputy Collector and DSP-equivalent posts typically start around Pay Level 9 of the state pay matrix, plus Dearness Allowance, HRA and post-specific allowances.

## Best Books for Preparation

- Indian Polity — M. Laxmikanth (for GS foundation)
- NCERT textbooks (Class 6–12) — History, Geography, Polity, Economics
- Bihar-specific GK & current affairs guides
- BPSC CCE Previous Year Solved Papers — various publishers

## Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

BPSC CCE Prelims and final cut-offs vary by category and the specific cycle's vacancy count and paper difficulty. Always check BPSC's official cut-off release for the specific cycle rather than relying on prior-year figures as a fixed target.

## Preparation Tips

- Since Prelims has only a single GS paper (no CSAT), a broad, balanced GS foundation matters more than developing separate aptitude-test skills.
- Build dedicated Bihar-specific knowledge alongside national GS content, since state-specific weightage runs through both Prelims and Mains.
- Choose your Optional Subject early and prepare it with the same depth-and-consistency approach used for UPSC CSE optionals.
- Practise Hindi writing regularly even though it's only qualifying, since a poor Hindi paper can disqualify an otherwise strong overall performance.

## Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID to every stage.
- Only black ballpoint pens are typically permitted for the Prelims OMR sheet — carry spares.
- For Mains, carry your own stationery as permitted, since descriptive papers require substantial writing.
- Arrive well before reporting time for document and biometric verification.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Does BPSC Prelims have a CSAT paper like UPSC?

No, BPSC's Preliminary Examination consists of a single General Studies paper, without a separate CSAT-style aptitude paper.

### Is the Optional Subject paper compulsory in BPSC Mains?

Yes, candidates choose one Optional Subject from BPSC's approved list, examined alongside the compulsory General Studies papers and the qualifying Hindi paper.

### Is General Hindi counted toward the final merit?

No, General Hindi in BPSC Mains is typically a qualifying paper only — candidates must clear a minimum threshold, but the marks aren't added to the final merit calculation.

### What posts can I get through BPSC CCE?

Administrative posts including Deputy Collector, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Block Development Officer, and other allied Bihar state services.