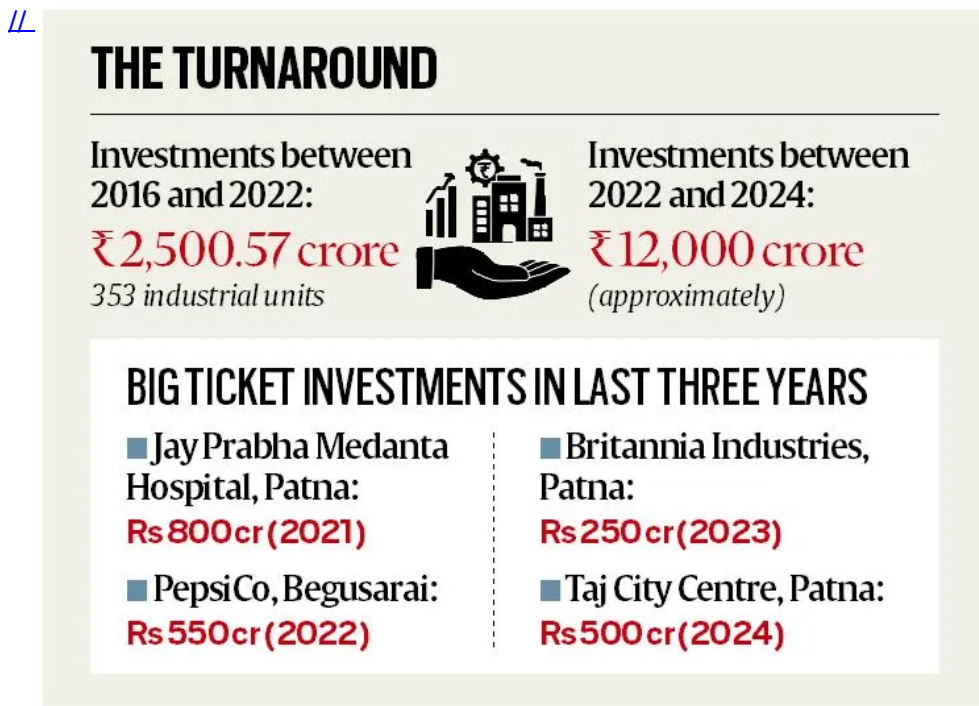




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Recently, Bihar received **Rs 12,000 crore** in investment proposals between **2022 and 2024**, a significant rise from the Rs 2,500 crore received between 2016 and 2022.



Key Points

- **Investors:** Major players like Britannia, PepsiCo, Tata Group, and Medanta are investing in the state.
- **Sectoral Focus:** Investments are primarily in textile, leather, [food processing](#), and cement industries.
 - Key projects include **Ambuja Cements' Rs 1,600-crore unit**, Tata Group's Taj hotel, and Medanta's hospital.
 - The entry of private players has significantly improved healthcare, reducing the load on government hospitals.
 - Bihar's strength in food processing, supported by abundant raw materials, is **recognised as a key area for future investment growth**.
- **Government Initiatives for Industry:** The state has created a **land bank of 5,000 acres** and leased out 7,592 acres in the last two years.
 - New industrial areas are being developed in **31 districts, with [SEZs \(Special Economic Zones\)](#) planned in West Champaran and Buxar**.
- **Challenges:** Despite progress, investors face issues with **land availability, infrastructure, [ease of doing business](#), and concerns about labor unrest**.
 - The government emphasized the importance of enhancing **single-window systems** and

extending government incentives.

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Recently, the Bihar government laid the foundation for a Rs 1,347 crore project to supply [Sone river water](#) for drinking in **Aurangabad, Dehri, and Sasaram**.

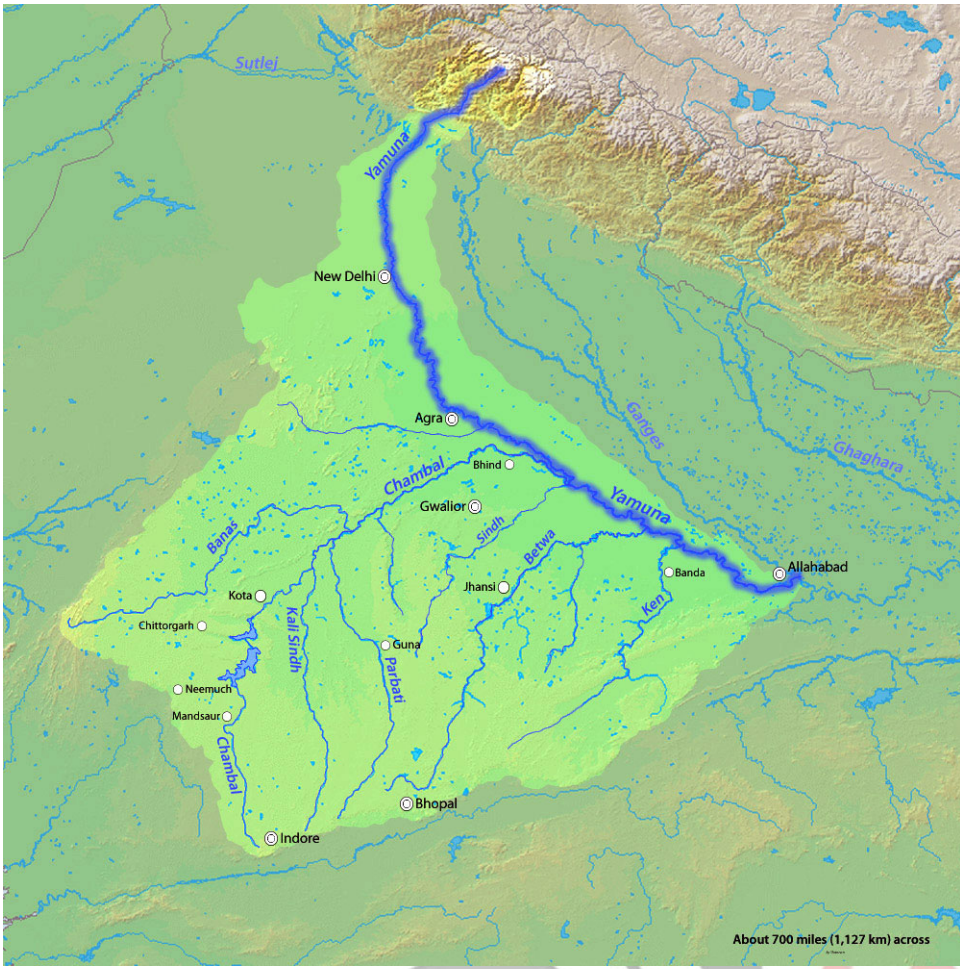
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- **Additional Initiatives:** Inaugurated and laid foundations for a state industrial training institute, tech labs, street lights, and [Anganwadi centers](#) in Dehri, Rohtas district.
 - Distributed a cheque of Rs 74.17 crore to **1,864 self-help groups** under the **Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), known as JEEVIKA**.
- **JEEViKA:** Funded by the [World Bank](#), it is a rural social and economic empowerment programme that comes under Bihar's rural development department.

Sone River

- The Son River, also known as the Sone River, is a perennial river that flows through central India.
- The Son River is the 2nd-largest southern (right bank) tributary of the [Ganges](#) after the [Yamuna River](#).





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