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Why is the South-West monsoon called 'Purvaiya' (easterly) in Bhojpur Region? How has this directional seasonal wind system influenced the cultural ethos of the region?

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Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

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Bhojpur region

Western Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh around Bhojpur, Buxar, Ara, Ballia, and Ghazipur.

Bay of Bengal branch

South-west monsoon current that strikes eastern India and turns up the **Ganga plain**.

Purvaiya

Local name for the moist easterly that brings kharif rain to this belt.

Ganga-Ghaghara-Son

Rivers whose flood and silt pulse is tied to the same monsoon season.

Kajri and malhar

Bhojpuri and north Indian rain songs that treat the easterly wet wind as a social event.

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