

TODAY AT A GLANCE - 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. National Teachers' Day - Dr S. Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary
2. President confers National Teachers' Awards 2026 on 48 teachers
3. International Day of Charity (5 Sep) marks Mother Teresa's death
4. Uttarakhand transfers ₹147 cr pension to 9.91 lakh people
5. Char Dham Yatra 2026 crosses 15.12 lakh pilgrims
6. UCC: live-in & marriage registration norms tightened
7. India Q1 FY 2026-27 GDP grows 7.8%
8. 26th SCO Summit adopts the Bishkek Declaration
9. RBI holds repo rate at 5.25% (neutral stance)
10. BRICS Summit 2026 to be hosted by India (New Delhi, 12-13 Sep)

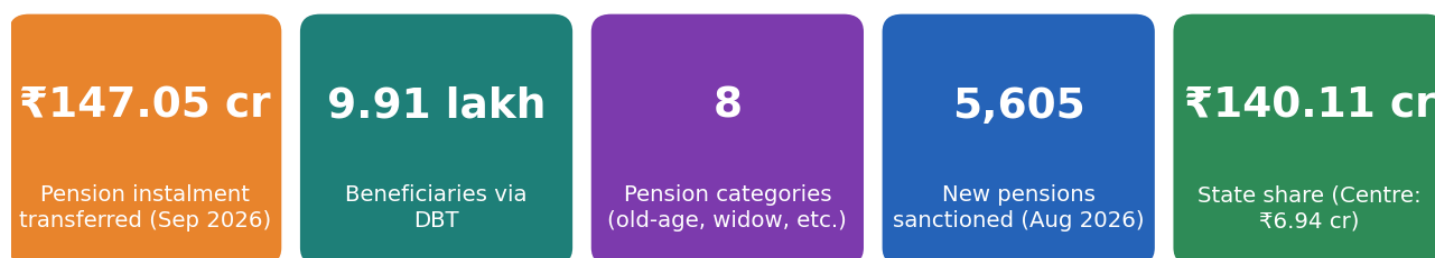
SECTION A — UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL

Uttarakhand transfers ₹147 crore pension to 9.91 lakh people

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Governance & Social Justice)

Syllabus	Uttarakhand GS: state welfare schemes, DBT, social security
Context	The state government released the latest instalment of social-security pensions straight into beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
Key Facts	▶ ₹147.05 crore transferred in one instalment ▶ 9,91,914 (9.91 lakh) beneficiaries covered ▶ 8 categories: old-age, widow, disability, farmer, deserted-women, dwarf, Teelu Rauteli & maintenance allowance ▶ 5,605 new pensions sanctioned in Aug 2026 ▶ State share ₹140.11 cr; Centre ₹6.94 cr (NSAP: 2.14 lakh)
Way Fwd	Aadhaar-seeded DBT plus periodic verification can cut leakages and reach left-out hill households.
Concept	NSAP (1995) is the Centre's umbrella for old-age/widow/disability pensions; DBT routes funds to bank accounts.

Social Security Pension Distribution - Uttarakhand



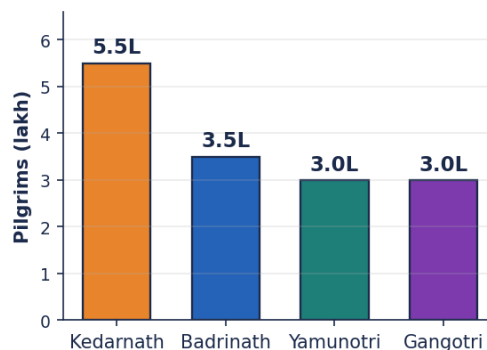
Uttarakhand tightens UCC rules on marriage & live-in registration

POLITY	UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance - Uttarakhand)
Syllabus	Indian Polity & Uttarakhand governance; UCC & Article 44 (DPSP)
Context	Uttarakhand, the first state to enforce a Uniform Civil Code, revised rules on marriage, divorce and live-in relationships under its 2026 amendment.
Key Facts	▶ Marriage registration compulsory within 60 days ▶ Uniform marriage age: 21 (men) / 18 (women) ▶ Live-in relationships must be registered with the Sub-Registrar ▶ Non-registration: up to ₹25,000 fine and/or 3 months jail ▶ Triple talaq not recognised; equal inheritance for all ▶ Based on the Uttarakhand UCC Act, 2024; portal live since Feb 2025
Way Fwd	Awareness drives and a simpler portal can raise compliance without penalising vulnerable groups.
Concept	Article 44 (DPSP) urges a UCC; Uttarakhand is the first state to operationalise one.

Char Dham Yatra 2026 hits record 15.12 lakh pilgrims; crowd caps enforced

UTTARAKHAND	UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy - Uttarakhand)
Syllabus	Uttarakhand geography, pilgrimage tourism, disaster & crowd management
Context	Pilgrim numbers to the four Himalayan shrines touched an all-time high this season, forcing stricter crowd-control and safety measures.
Key Facts	▶ 15.12 lakh pilgrims in first 30 days (opened 19 Apr 2026) ▶ Kedarnath 5.5L, Badrinath 3.5L, Yamunotri 3L, Gangotri 3L ▶ Peak footfall 70,000-80,000/day ▶ Mandatory registration; mobile ban inside Kedarnath temple ▶ Managed by the BKTC temple committee
Way Fwd	Carrying-capacity studies and staggered slot booking can balance faith tourism with fragile Himalayan ecology.
Concept	Char Dham = Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath - in the eco-sensitive Upper Himalaya.

Char Dham Yatra 2026 - First 30 Days (15.12 lakh total)



Uttarakhand Yatra Crowd & Disaster-Management Chain



Agencies: USDMA • SDRF • District Administration • IMD • Temple Committees (BKTC)

CM hands appointment letters to 101 officers; flags 34,000 jobs in 5 years

UTTARAKHAND

UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Governance & State Economy)

Syllabus	Uttarakhand governance, employment, agriculture & animal husbandry
Context	The state handed appointment letters to newly selected officers and highlighted employment and farmer-welfare initiatives.
Key Facts	▶ 101 officers: 88 Livestock Extension Officers + 13 Sugarcane Supervisors ▶ 34,000+ government jobs in five years (merit-based) ▶ Sugarcane farmers paid ₹5/quintal more than in UP ▶ Schemes: Aanchal Amrit, Ghasyari Kalyan, Rajya Pashudhan Mission ▶ Strict anti-copying law for recruitment
Way Fwd	Timely recruitment plus skill-linked hill enterprises can curb distress out-migration (palayan).
Concept	Palayan = distress out-migration from Uttarakhand hills; tracked by the Palayan Aayog .

Uttarakhand deepens Gross Environment Product to value Himalayan ecology

ENVIRONMENT

UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment & Ecology - Uttarakhand)

Syllabus	Environment & ecology; green accounting; Himalayan conservation
Context	Uttarakhand, the first Indian state to measure a Gross Environment Product (GEP), is expanding the metric to guide green-economy decisions.
Key Facts	▶ GEP = 'Green GDP' valuing air, water, soil & forest services ▶ About 71% of the state is under forest cover ▶ Complements GDP; supports payment for ecosystem services ▶ Aligns with the GEP index and eco-sensitive-zone protection
Way Fwd	Linking GEP to fiscal transfers can reward conservation and fund hill livelihoods.
Concept	GEP quantifies nature's services - a parallel to Green GDP and natural-capital accounting.

India's First Gross Environment Product (Green GDP) - Himalayan Ecology

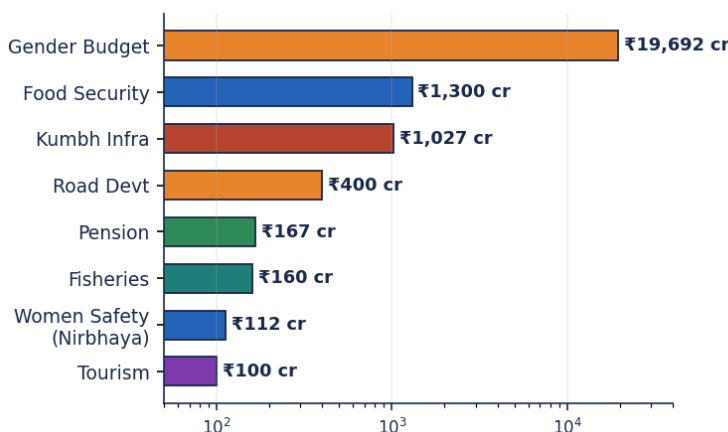


SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹1.11 lakh cr

Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27
(GYAN model)

Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27: ₹1.11 lakh cr (GYAN model)



Theme **GYAN** = Garib, Yuva, Annadata, Nari. Gender budget ₹19,692 cr; Kumbh infra ₹1,027 cr; food security ₹1,300 cr; road development ₹400 cr; tourism ₹100 cr.

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

26th SCO Summit in Bishkek adopts declaration; bloc marks 25 years

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

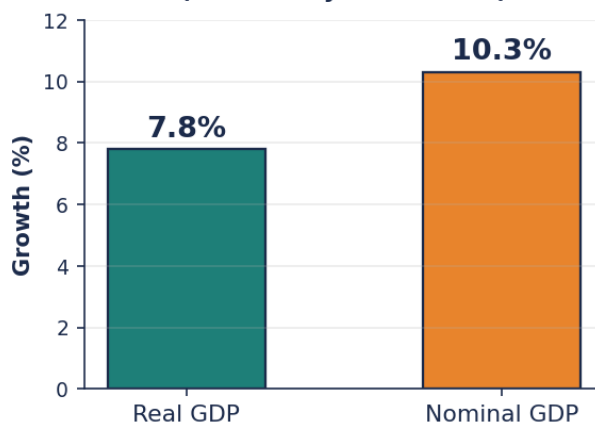
Syllabus	India & the world; regional groupings (SCO)
Context	Leaders met at Bishkek for the SCO summit and adopted the Bishkek Declaration on the bloc's 25th anniversary.
Key Facts	▶ 10 full members; ~25% of global GDP, ~40% of world population ▶ English added as a 3rd official language (with Russian, Chinese) ▶ 'SCO Plus' dialogue format launched ▶ India stressed 'zero double standards on terrorism' ▶ Pakistan to chair SCO for 2026-27
Way Fwd	India can use the SCO for Central-Asian connectivity (INSTC, Chabahar) while guarding on terrorism.
Concept	SCO founded 2001; HQ Beijing ; India a full member since 2017 .

SCO after 26th Summit (Bishkek)
10 members • ~25% global GDP

India's Q1 GDP grows 7.8% on revised 2022-23 base year

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Indian Economy)

Syllabus	National income, GDP, base-year revision
Context	Official data showed strong first-quarter growth for FY 2026-27, the first estimate computed on the new base year.
Key Facts	▶ Real GDP +7.8%; nominal GDP +10.3% (Apr-Jun) ▶ Base year revised 2011-12 -> 2022-23 (from 27 Feb 2026) ▶ Debate over the manufacturing GVA gap flagged
Way Fwd	Base-year updates improve accuracy; sustained capex and consumption are key to momentum.
Concept	GDP at constant prices = real GDP ; GVA + net taxes = GDP .

India Q1 FY 2026-27 GDP Growth
(new base year 2022-23)

Supreme Court: Bar Council cannot discipline law students

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Judiciary)

Syllabus	Judiciary; fundamental rights (Article 19)
Context	The apex court clarified the disciplinary reach of the Bar Council of India (BCI) over students.
Key Facts	▶ BCI power under the Advocates Act, 1961 is limited to enrolled advocates ▶ Students' Article 19 free-speech rights protected (NALSAR case) ▶ Universities remain the disciplinary authority for students
Way Fwd	Clear demarcation protects student rights while preserving professional regulation.
Concept	The Advocates Act, 1961 governs the legal profession; the BCI is the apex bar body.

India releases first 10-year defence-diplomacy framework 'RAKSHA'

DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Security & IR)

Syllabus	Defence, security & international relations
Context	The Defence Ministry unveiled India's first structured defence-diplomacy document.
Key Facts	▶ Released by the Defence Minister on 3 Sep 2026 ▶ India's first 10-year defence-diplomacy framework ▶ Four pillars: Strategic Partnerships, Capacity Building, Indigenous Exports, Maritime Security
Way Fwd	Aligns rising defence exports with strategic outreach in the Indo-Pacific.
Concept	Defence diplomacy = using military cooperation to build strategic ties.

Government launches 'BIO-NIVESH' to fund biotech start-ups

SCI-TECH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science & Technology)

Syllabus	Science & technology; biotechnology; economy
Context	A new platform aims to channel private capital into biotech scale-ups crossing the funding 'valley of death'.
Key Facts	▶ Launched by the Dept of Biotechnology via BIRAC ▶ Inaugural edition: 20 start-ups, ~50 investors ▶ Supports the ₹20 lakh crore bioeconomy target by 2030
Way Fwd	Blended finance can de-risk deep-tech and boost indigenous biomanufacturing (BioE3).
Concept	BIRAC is the biotech industry-funding PSU; the BioE3 policy backs bio-manufacturing.

Panel flags 40 crore Indians in health-cover 'missing middle'

HEALTH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Society & Health)

Syllabus	Health; social justice; government reports
Context	A parliamentary panel report highlighted a large population left without health-insurance protection.
Key Facts	▶ ~40 crore Indians (>25%) lack coverage - out of PM-JAY, too poor for private ▶ Private sector: 60%+ inpatient, 70%+ outpatient care ▶ Public health spend 1.43% of GDP (target 2.5%) ▶ Private childbirth ₹37,630 vs public ₹2,299
Way Fwd	Expanding PM-JAY to the missing middle and raising public health spend can close the gap.
Concept	Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY gives ₹5 lakh/family health cover to the poor.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. First state to implement a UCC -> Uttarakhand (Act 2024)	2. SCO's newest official language -> English
3. RBI repo rate -> 5.25% ; Governor -> Sanjay Malhotra	4. India's first Gross Environment Product (Green GDP) -> Uttarakhand
5. New GDP base year -> 2022-23 (from 2011-12)	6. Teachers' Day honours -> Dr S. Radhakrishnan (Bharat Ratna 1954)

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Which one of the following is NOT one of the four shrines of the Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand?

- (A) Badrinath (B) Kedarnath
(C) Vaishno Devi (D) Gangotri

Ans: C. The Char Dham of Uttarakhand comprises Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. Vaishno Devi is in Jammu & Kashmir.

Q2. With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), consider: (1) India became a full member in 2017. (2) English was recently added as an official language. (3) Its headquarters is in Moscow. Which are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: A. India joined as a full member in 2017 and English was added as an official language; however, the SCO headquarters (Secretariat) is in Beijing, not Moscow.

Mains Practice: Record pilgrim footfall on the Char Dham route poses growing challenges for disaster management and Himalayan ecology in Uttarakhand. Examine and suggest a sustainable pilgrimage-tourism framework. (250 words)

Hint: Link carrying capacity, GLOF/landslide/cloudburst risk, eco-sensitive zones and slot-based crowd control; cite registration caps and the GEP approach.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Uttarakhand = first UCC state + first GEP state; Char Dham 2026 crosses 15.12 lakh; India Q1 GDP 7.8%; 26th SCO Summit -> Bishkek Declaration.

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