

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

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■ CM Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026: free online coaching for UPSC, SSC, banking, defence

■ Char Dham monsoon watch: SDRF/NDRF on alert as Garhwal rivers swell

■ Udyamshala scheme: 13,000+ entrepreneurs trained, 8,000+ women empowered

■ Uttarakhand's Gross Environment Product (GEP) — India's first green-accounting index

■ One year of the Uniform Civil Code; Amendment Ordinance 2026 in force

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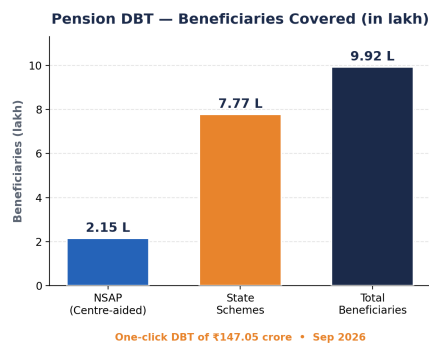
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SECTION A — UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL

Uttarakhand transfers ₹147 crore pension to 9.91 lakh via one-click DBT

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Governance & Social Justice; state welfare schemes, DBT & social security (Prelims: UK schemes and data).
Context	The state government released its latest social-security pension instalment through a single-click Direct Benefit Transfer, reaching nearly ten lakh people across the hill state.
Key Facts	● ₹147.05 crore released via one-click DBT on 4 September 2026 ● 9,91,914 beneficiaries — 2,14,711 under NSAP + 7,77,203 under state schemes ● Funding split: State ₹140.11 crore, Centre ₹6.94 crore ● Covers old-age, widow, disability, farmer, deserted-women, Teelu Rauteli and dwarf pensions ● 5,605 new pensions sanctioned in August 2026
Way Fwd	Aadhaar-seeded DBT curbs leakage and ghost beneficiaries; timely release strengthens the safety net in migration-hit hill districts.
Concept	NSAP (1995) is a Centre-sponsored scheme operationalising Article 41 (Directive Principle — assistance in old age, sickness and disability). Teelu Rauteli honours a Garhwali woman warrior.



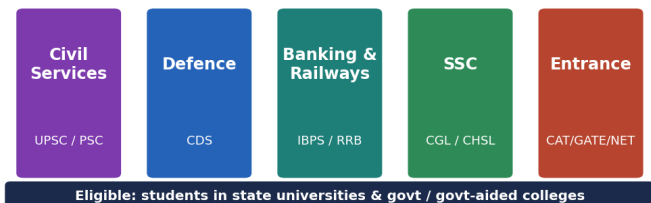
CM Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026: free online coaching for youth

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

Syllabus Linkage	Human resource development, skilling and education; state youth-welfare schemes (Prelims: UK schemes).
Context	The Chief Minister has approved a scheme to give free, digital coaching to youth of the state preparing for competitive examinations, aimed especially at those in remote and hilly areas.
Key Facts	● Free online coaching for UPSC/PSC, CDS, SSC, banking and railways, and entrance tests (CAT, GATE, NET) ● Eligibility: students in state universities and government / government-aided colleges ● Targets economically weaker youth unable to afford private coaching ● Focus on remote and hill districts to bridge the access gap ● Complements the state's new Yuva Aayog (youth commission)
Way Fwd	Digital delivery can widen access, but outcomes will depend on internet connectivity in hill blocks and quality of content and mentoring.
Concept	Aligns with DPSP Article 41 (right to education) and SDG-4 (quality education); mirrors free-coaching models run by several states for weaker sections.

CM Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026

Free online coaching for competitive exams • hill & remote youth



Char Dham monsoon watch: response chain on alert as Garhwal rivers swell**ENVIRONMENT** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Disaster Management — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Disaster management, Himalayan hazards, monsoon and river systems of Uttarakhand (Prelims + Mains GS).
Context	With the south-west monsoon active over the Himalaya, heavy rain has swollen Garhwal's rivers and triggered landslides on pilgrimage routes, keeping the Char Dham disaster-response machinery on alert.
Key Facts	● IMD rain alerts prompt temporary halts to the Char Dham Yatra on affected stretches ● SDRF and NDRF kept on standby; DDMAs coordinate district-level response ● Key hazards: landslides, flash floods, cloudbursts and GLOF risk ● Pilgrims advised to follow official advisories and route status before travel ● Rivers of the Alaknanda-Bhagirathi (Ganga) system swell rapidly in the catchment
Way Fwd	Early-warning systems, carrying-capacity limits and real-time route monitoring are key to reducing yatra-season casualties.
Concept	GLOF = Glacial Lake Outburst Flood. NDMA (2005 Act) sits at the apex; states run SDMA (CM-chaired) and districts run DDMA (DM-chaired).

Himalayan ecology & GEP: Uttarakhand's green-accounting focus**ENVIRONMENT** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment & Ecology — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Himalayan ecology, green accounting, eco-sensitive zones and sustainable development (Prelims + Mains).
Context	Uttarakhand continues to push environmental valuation through its Gross Environment Product framework, tying conservation of forests, water and soil to measurable economic value.
Key Facts	● GEP = value of ecosystem services from air, water, soil and forests ● Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to adopt Gross Environment Product accounting ● Concept associated with environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi ● Complements demands for a Green Bonus for Himalayan states ● Links to eco-sensitive zones, carrying capacity and GLOF-risk management
Way Fwd	Institutionalising GEP alongside GSDP can reward hill states for ecological services and guide low-impact development.
Concept	GEP is a 'green GDP' style measure; it operationalises sustainable development and the polluter-pays / ecosystem-services principles.

UKPSC Theme Map — Himalayan Ecology & Green Economy

**Udyamshala scheme powers rural entrepreneurship; women lead the way****UTTARAKHAND** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	State economy, rural development, women empowerment and MSME/self-employment (Prelims: UK schemes).
Context	The state highlighted the reach of its Udyamshala programme, which trains rural residents to set up small enterprises, with a new marketing centre planned to help them sell produce and products.
Key Facts	● Over 13,000 entrepreneurs trained under Udyamshala ● More than 8,000 women among the beneficiaries ● A dedicated marketing centre planned in Dehradun ● Village-level chaupals used for grassroots outreach ● Aims to curb distress migration ('palayan') by creating local livelihoods
Way Fwd	Linking trainees to markets, credit and GI-tagged local products can turn skilling into durable hill-area incomes.
Concept	Complements central schemes like PM Vishwakarma and DAY-NRLM ; 'palayan' (out-migration) is a core Uttarakhand development challenge addressed by the Palayan Aayog .

Udyamshala Scheme — Rural Entrepreneurship Snapshot

13,000+ Entrepreneurs trained	8,000+ Women empowered	Dehradun New marketing centre planned	Chaupals Village-level outreach
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One year of the Uniform Civil Code; Amendment Ordinance 2026 in force**POLITY** UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Uniform Civil Code, Article 44, personal laws and centre-state law-making (Prelims + Mains GS).
Context	Uttarakhand — the first state to enforce a UCC — has completed a year of implementation, with an Amendment Ordinance in 2026 refining rules on marriage, divorce and live-in relationships.
Key Facts	● Uttarakhand is the first state to implement a Uniform Civil Code (enforced 2024) ● UCC (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 in force from January 2026 ● Covers common rules on marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships ● Mandatory registration of marriages and live-in relationships ● Scheduled Tribes are exempted from the Code
Way Fwd	Smooth implementation, privacy safeguards and awareness will shape whether other states follow Uttarakhand's model.
Concept	Article 44 (DPSP) directs the State to secure a UCC. Personal law falls in the Concurrent List (Entry 5) , enabling state legislation with Presidential assent.

Uttarakhand Disaster Management — Monsoon Response Chain



Triggers monitored: heavy rainfall • landslides • flash floods • GLOF risk • cloudbursts

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Data Point of the Day — Social Security Reach

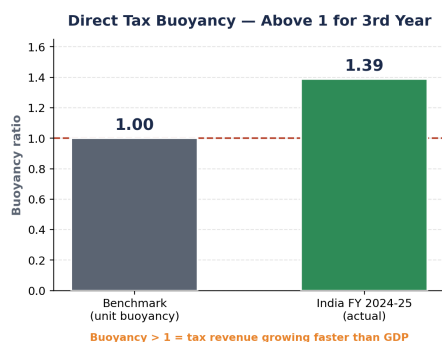
₹147.05 crore / 9,91,914 beneficiaries

Uttarakhand's single-day, one-click DBT pension release (Sep 2026): State share ₹140.11 cr + Centre share ₹6.94 cr, covering NSAP and eight state pension categories.

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

India's direct-tax buoyancy stays above 1 for a third year (1.39)

ECONOMY	UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy)
Syllabus Linkage	Taxation, fiscal policy, public finance and tax buoyancy (Prelims + Mains GS).
Context	Official data show India's direct-tax buoyancy remained above 1 for a third straight year, indicating tax revenue is growing faster than the economy.
Key Facts	- Direct-tax buoyancy at 1.39 for 2024-25 - Buoyancy has stayed above 1 for three consecutive years - Buoyancy > 1 means tax revenue grows faster than GDP - Reflects better compliance, digitisation and formalisation - Direct taxes include income tax and corporate tax
Way Fwd	Sustained buoyancy widens fiscal space for capital spending and welfare without raising rates.
Concept	Tax buoyancy = % change in tax revenue / % change in GDP. Distinct from tax elasticity , which holds tax structure constant.



Eight new High Court Chief Justices notified; new LG for A&N Islands

POLITY	UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)
Syllabus Linkage	Judiciary, appointment of Chief Justices, collegium, and Union Territories administration (Prelims + Mains).
Context	The Centre notified the appointment of eight High Court Chief Justices with Presidential approval, while a new Lieutenant Governor was named for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
Key Facts	Eight new High Court Chief Justices appointed, approved by President Droupadi Murmu Sanjay K. Agrawal is the 44th Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court Dinesh Sharma appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands - HC Chief Justices are appointed under Article 217 on collegium recommendation - The Collegium is headed by the Chief Justice of India
Way Fwd	Timely filling of top judicial posts helps reduce pendency; UT administration continues under the President via the LG.
Concept	Article 217: HC judges appointed by the President in consultation with the CJI and Governor. LG of a UT is the President's administrator under Article 239 .

India backs UN 'Correct the Map'; Nov 27 named Child Marriage Elimination Day**IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations & Society)**

Syllabus Linkage	India and the UN, international resolutions, social issues and cartography (Prelims + Mains GS).
Context	India voted in favour of a UN resolution to correct cartographic distortions in world maps, while the UN General Assembly designated an annual day to end child marriage.
Key Facts	- India voted for the 'Correct the Map' resolution on map distortions - Common projections (e.g. Mercator) exaggerate high-latitude landmasses UNGA designated 27 November as the day to eliminate child marriage - Resolution adopted on 4 September 2026 - India also announced it will host the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum in New Delhi
Way Fwd	Accurate maps and global focus on child marriage support equity in representation and in child rights.
Concept	The Mercator projection preserves angles but distorts area; alternatives like Gall-Peters show truer relative sizes.

Assam's Ahom-era Rangpur-Sivasagar ensemble enters UNESCO tentative list**SOCIETY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Art, Culture & Heritage)**

Syllabus Linkage	Indian heritage, UNESCO World Heritage process and medieval history (Prelims + Mains GS).
Context	A historical ensemble linked to the Ahom dynasty's capital region was added to UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List, spotlighting north-east India's medieval built heritage.
Key Facts	Rangpur-Sivasagar Historical Ensemble (Assam) added to UNESCO's Tentative List - Linked to the Ahom dynasty, which ruled Assam for about 600 years - Follows the earlier inscription of the Moidams (Ahom burial mounds) as a World Heritage Site - Highlights Tai-Ahom architecture and statecraft - The Tentative List is a mandatory first step toward World Heritage nomination
Way Fwd	Heritage recognition can boost conservation and cultural tourism in the north-east.
Concept	UNESCO World Heritage listing requires prior entry on a country's Tentative List; sites are judged on 'Outstanding Universal Value'.

Adani Defence signs five-year AK-203 ammunition supply deal**DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Defence & Security)**

Syllabus Linkage	Defence indigenisation, Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence and small-arms manufacturing (Prelims + Mains).
Context	In a push for self-reliant defence manufacturing, an Indian firm signed a multi-year agreement to supply indigenous ammunition for the AK-203 assault rifles used by the armed forces.
Key Facts	Five-year deal to supply 7.62x39 mm ammunition for AK-203 rifles - Partner: Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd (IRRPL), the AK-203 joint venture - AK-203 rifles are made at the Korwa (Amethi), Uttar Pradesh plant - Supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat and defence-export goals - Reduces import dependence for small-arms ammunition
Way Fwd	Deepening the domestic ammunition base secures supply chains and builds an export-ready ecosystem.
Concept	IRRPL is an India-Russia joint venture for AK-203 production; part of the wider defence indigenisation drive under 'Make in India'.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

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| 1. Teelu Rauteli — legendary Garhwali woman warrior commemorated by a state pension/award. | 4. Article 44 (DPSP) directs the State to secure a Uniform Civil Code . |
| 2. GLOF stands for Glacial Lake Outburst Flood , a key Himalayan hazard. | 5. Tax buoyancy > 1 means tax revenue grows faster than GDP . |
| 3. GEP (Gross Environment Product) — Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to adopt it. | 6. AK-203 rifles are manufactured at Korwa, Amethi (UP) by the India-Russia JV IRRPL . |

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER**Q1.** With reference to the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), consider the following statements:

- It is a fully state-funded scheme.
 - It gives concrete shape to Article 41 of the Constitution.
 - It includes old-age, widow and disability pension components.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B. NSAP is a Centre-sponsored scheme (not fully state-funded), so statement 1 is wrong. It operationalises Article 41 (DPSP) and includes old-age, widow and disability pensions, so 2 and 3 are correct.

Q2. Consider the following with reference to disaster management in Uttarakhand:

1. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) is chaired by the Chief Minister.
2. GLOF refers to flooding caused by the sudden release of water from a glacial lake.
3. The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) is headed by the District Magistrate.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: D. Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the SDMA is chaired by the CM and the DDMA by the DM/Collector; GLOF is a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood. All three statements are correct.

Mains Practice: Direct benefit transfer (DBT) has transformed the delivery of social-security pensions in hill states like Uttarakhand. Discuss its benefits and the challenges that remain in ensuring last-mile delivery. (250 words)

Hint: Cover benefits (leakage reduction, Aadhaar seeding, timeliness, transparency) and challenges (banking access and connectivity in hills, exclusion errors, digital literacy, dormant accounts). Link to Article 41 and JAM trinity; suggest way forward.

★ **QUICK REVISION:** Remember today: ₹147.05 cr pension DBT to 9.91 lakh (Uttarakhand) • Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana (free coaching) • GEP = first state • UCC Amendment Ordinance 2026 • Direct-tax buoyancy 1.39 • 8 new HC Chief Justices • UN 'Correct the Map'.

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