

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- CM launches **Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana** — free online coaching for **11,000** students.
- IMD flags **flash-flood risk** in **10** Uttarakhand hill districts (2-8 Sep); winds up to **60 kmph**.
- Char Dham Yatra 2026 crosses ~**20 lakh** pilgrims; **Kedarnath** leads with **7.82 lakh**.
- Haridwar **Ardh Kumbh 2027** — CM sets **Oct 2026** deadline; **8,029 MT** extra foodgrain from Centre.
- Uttarakhand deepens **UCC** rollout — the **first** Indian state to implement a Uniform Civil Code.
- PM to dedicate **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor** sections worth over **₹35,000 crore**.
- **Defence Acquisition Council** clears capital buys worth **₹1.10 lakh crore**.
- **18th BRICS Summit** at **Bharat Mandapam**, New Delhi on **12-13 September**.
- **RBI** holds repo at **5.25%**; **Q1 FY27 GDP** grows **7.8%**.
- **Rajnath Singh** visits **Sri Lanka (8-10 Sep)** under India's **Neighbourhood First** policy.

SECTION A • UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL

Dhami launches 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana'

[UTTARAKHAND] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity, Governance & Social Justice — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	State schemes & governance; welfare of youth; role of the state in education.
Context	CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana on 7 September 2026 from Dehradun, giving free competitive-exam coaching to students of government and government-aided colleges.
Key Facts	■ 11,000 students to get free online coaching in the first phase. ■ Targets government, government-aided colleges and state universities. ■ Aimed especially at youth from mountain and remote regions. ■ Over 2.5 lakh students were consulted while designing the scheme. ■ A separate Youth Commission will be set up for employment & aspirations.
Way Fwd	Bridges the coaching-access gap for hill youth; success hinges on quality content and reach.
Concept	Directive Principles (Art. 41) — right to education; state welfare schemes are a recurring UKPSC theme under Governance & Social Justice.

IMD flags flash-flood risk across 10 Uttarakhand hill districts

[ENVIRONMENT] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Disaster Management — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Himalayan geography; monsoon; disaster management; landslides, cloudbursts, GLOF.
Context	The India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of a low-to-moderate flash-flood risk in Uttarakhand for 2-8 September 2026 , keeping the state's disaster machinery on alert during a fragile monsoon spell.
Key Facts	■ 10 districts flagged: Almora, Bageshwar, Chamoli, Champawat, Dehradun, Pauri, Tehri, Nainital, Pithoragarh, Uttarkashi. ■ Widespread to very widespread rainfall forecast during the period. ■ Thunderstorms, lightning and wind gusts up to 60 kmph possible. ■ State disaster teams (USDMA, SDRF) kept on high alert. ■ Follows the Dharali (Uttarkashi) flash-flood disaster of Aug 2025.
Way Fwd	Strengthen early-warning, GLOF monitoring and eco-sensitive-zone rules along pilgrim routes.
Concept	GLOF = Glacial Lake Outburst Flood; Cloudburst = >100 mm rain/hour over a small area — classic UKPSC Himalayan-hazard terms.

Haridwar Ardh Kumbh 2027: October 2026 deadline for major works

[UTTARAKHAND]

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

Syllabus Linkage	State governance; event management; heritage & religious tourism; centre-state finance.
Context	Preparations for the Haridwar Ardh Kumbh 2027 intensified, with CM Dharami reviewing progress and setting an October 2026 deadline for major infrastructure works.
Key Facts	- Infrastructure projects worth about ₹235 crore launched for the mela. - Centre allocated 8,029 MT additional foodgrain (wheat & rice) quota. - Major works deadline set for October 2026, ahead of the 2027 mela. - Focus on crowd management, sanitation, ghats and connectivity.
Way Fwd	Timely, disaster-resilient execution is key given Haridwar's Ganga-plain and pilgrim load.
Concept	Kumbh/Ardh Kumbh at Haridwar is one of four Kumbh sites; recognised in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list (2017).

Gross Environment Product (GEP): Uttarakhand's 'green GDP' model

[ENVIRONMENT]

UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment & Economy — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Environmental economics; ecosystem services; green accounting; sustainable development.
Context	Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to measure a Gross Environment Product (GEP) — a 'green GDP' that assigns economic value to nature — reinforcing its identity as an ecology-first Himalayan state.
Key Facts	- GEP values four ecosystem services: air, water, soil and forest. - Concept championed by environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi. - Complements GDP by pricing ecological health, not just output. - Supports payment-for-ecosystem-services and green-bonus demands.
Way Fwd	A template for Himalayan states to demand green finance for conserving ecosystem services.
Concept	Green GDP / GEP internalises ecosystem services into economic accounting — linked to India's Gross Environment Product and SDG goals.

Uttarakhand deepens Uniform Civil Code (UCC) implementation

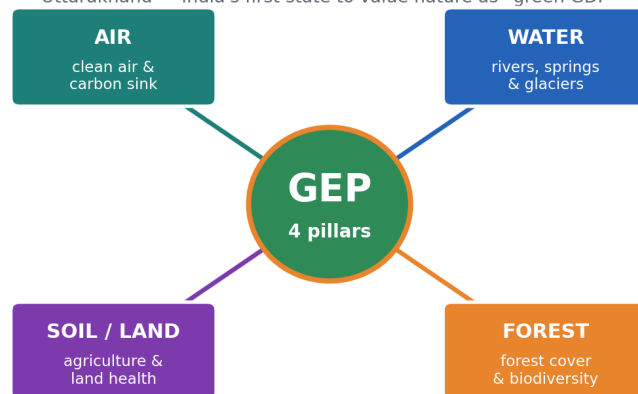
[POLITY]

UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Social Justice — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Article 44; UCC; personal laws; state legislation; gender justice.
Context	Uttarakhand — the first Indian state to implement a Uniform Civil Code (from 27 January 2025) — continued to refine its rollout, including the UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 easing procedures.
Key Facts	- Uttarakhand UCC came into force on 27 January 2025. - Covers marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships. - Mandatory registration of marriages and live-in relationships. - Excludes Scheduled Tribes from its ambit (Art. 342 protection). - Rests on Article 44 (Directive Principle) of the Constitution.
Way Fwd	A test case for UCC nationally; balancing uniformity with tribal and personal-law diversity.
Concept	Article 44 directs the State to secure a Uniform Civil Code ; it is a non-justiciable Directive Principle of State Policy.

GROSS ENVIRONMENT PRODUCT (GEP)

Uttarakhand — India's first state to value nature as "green GDP"



MUKHYAMANTRI YUVA BHAVISHYA NIRMAN YOJANA (launched 7 Sep 2026)

11,000 students in Phase-1 (free online coaching)	2.5 L+ students consulted for the scheme	100% free competitive-exam coaching, online	New Youth Commission to be set up
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HARIDWAR ARDH KUMBH 2027 — Preparation snapshot

₹235 cr infrastructure projects launched	8,029 MT extra foodgrain quota from the Centre	Oct 2026 deadline set for major works	2027 Ardh Kumbh Mela at Haridwar
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UTTARAKHAND DISASTER-MANAGEMENT RESPONSE CHAIN — Monsoon Flash-Flood Alert

IMD warning (2–8 Sep 2026) • flash-flood risk in 10 hill districts • winds up to 60 kmph



Cross-cutting: early-warning systems • GLOF & landslide watch • Char Dham route safety • community drills

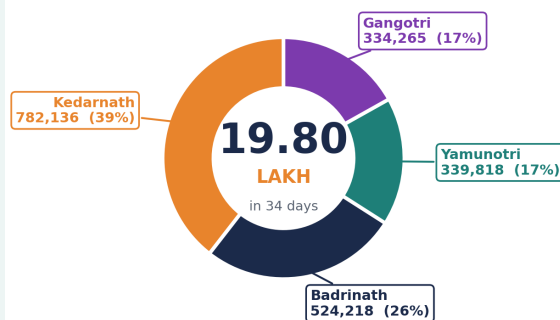
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Char Dham Yatra 2026 — cumulative pilgrim footfall

≈ **19.80 lakh in 34 days**

Kedarnath led with **7,82,136** pilgrims, followed by Badrinath **5,24,218**; a single-day peak of **89,079** devotees underlines rising pilgrim-tourism pressure and the crowd-management challenge in Uttarakhand's fragile hills.

CHAR DHAM YATRA 2026 • Pilgrim footfall by shrine



SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD

PM to dedicate Western Dedicated Freight Corridor sections

[ECONOMY] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy & Infrastructure)

Syllabus Linkage	Infrastructure; logistics; railways; trade competitiveness.
Context	PM Narendra Modi is set to dedicate three sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) worth over ₹35,000 crore in Gujarat and Maharashtra on 8 September 2026 .
Key Facts	- Three WDFC sections worth over ₹35,000 crore dedicated. - DFCs separate freight from passenger rail traffic for efficiency. - Cuts logistics cost & transit time; boosts Make in India exports. - India has Western and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridors.
Way Fwd	Faster, cheaper freight strengthens India's manufacturing and export competitiveness.
Concept	DFC = Dedicated Freight Corridor, executed by DFCCIL ; part of India's logistics push under PM Gati Shakti .

Defence Acquisition Council clears buys worth ₹1.10 lakh crore

[DEFENCE] UKPSC: Prelims (Defence & Security)

Syllabus Linkage	Defence procurement; indigenisation; Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence.
Context	The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) , chaired by the Defence Minister, approved capital acquisition proposals worth about ₹1.10 lakh crore for the Army, Navy and Air Force.
Key Facts	- Clearances worth about ₹1.10 lakh crore across all three services. - Includes CBRN reconnaissance vehicles, radars, advanced light helicopters. - Also marine gas turbines, bridge systems and mechanical mine layers. CBRN = Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear.
Way Fwd	Large indigenous orders can deepen the domestic defence-manufacturing base.
Concept	DAC is the apex body for capital defence procurement under the Ministry of Defence , headed by the Raksha Mantri .

India to host 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 12-13 September

[IR] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	India & global groupings; multilateralism; Global South.
Context	India will host the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 12-13 September 2026 , under the theme of resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability.
Key Facts	■ Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; dates 12-13 September 2026. ■ Theme: Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability. ■ BRICS was founded in 2009 (BRIC); South Africa joined in 2010. ■ Recent expansion added new members, boosting Global South voice.
Way Fwd	Hosting lets India shape a reformed, multipolar order and speak for the Global South.
Concept	BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + new members; a key plurilateral grouping of emerging economies.

Rajnath Singh visits Sri Lanka to deepen maritime security ties

[IR] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

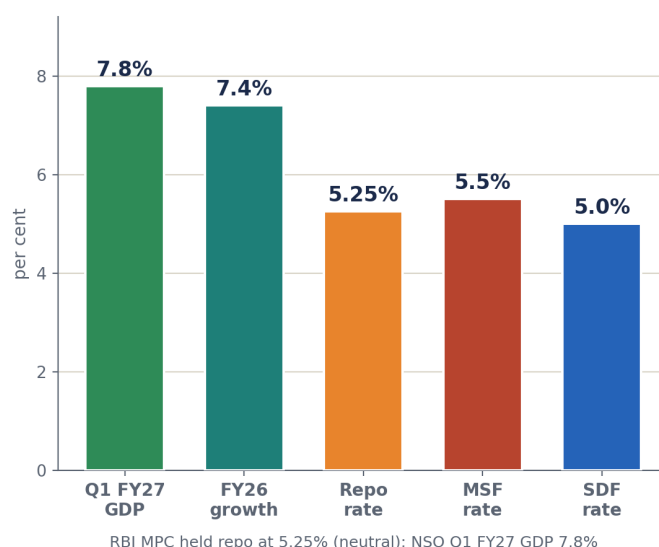
Syllabus Linkage	India's neighbourhood; maritime security; Indian Ocean Region.
Context	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is visiting Sri Lanka from 8-10 September 2026 to strengthen defence, maritime security and people-to-people ties under India's Neighbourhood First policy.
Key Facts	■ Visit dates: 8-10 September 2026. ■ Focus on defence cooperation and maritime security. ■ Reflects Neighbourhood First and SAGAR vision in the IOR. ■ Sri Lanka is a key partner astride vital Indian Ocean sea lanes.
Way Fwd	Closer ties help counter external influence and secure Indian Ocean sea lanes.
Concept	SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region — India's Indian-Ocean maritime doctrine; complements Neighbourhood First .

RBI holds repo at 5.25%; Q1 FY27 GDP grows 7.8%

[ECONOMY] UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Indian Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Monetary policy; RBI; growth; liquidity management.
Context	The RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance, while the NSO pegged Q1 FY27 GDP growth at 7.8% , keeping India the fastest-growing major economy.
Key Facts	■ Repo rate 5.25%; SDF 5.00%; MSF 5.50% — stance neutral. ■ Q1 FY27 GDP growth at 7.8%; FY26 growth projected 7.4%. ■ RBI ran a ₹6 lakh crore VRRR auction to absorb surplus liquidity. ■ MPC is a 6-member body chaired by the RBI Governor.
Way Fwd	A neutral stance balances growth momentum with liquidity and inflation management.
Concept	Repo = rate at which RBI lends to banks; SDF/MSF form the LAF corridor ; VRRR absorbs surplus liquidity.

INDIA MACRO SNAPSHOT • Growth & RBI policy rates



DEFENCE ACQUISITION COUNCIL — Capital acquisition clearances



Boost to indigenous manufacturing & Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. International Literacy Day is observed on **8 September** (UNESCO).

2. ISRO launched earth-observation satellite **EOS-05** via **GSLV** on **4 Sep 2026**.

3. PM-KISAN extended to **2030-31** with a **₹3.15 lakh crore** outlay (₹6,000/yr).

4. Semicon India Programme 2.0 notified with a **₹1.27 lakh crore** outlay.

5. Uttarakhand Cabinet: job security for **7,000+ UPNL** staff; FY **2026-27** budget **₹1.11 lakh crore**.

6. A Japanese agency upgraded India's sovereign rating to **A-** (from BBB+) on **2 Sep 2026**.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Gross Environment Product (GEP), consider the following statements:

1. Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to launch a GEP index.
2. GEP assesses the value of air, water, soil and forest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (c) Uttarakhand is the first state to launch a GEP (green-GDP) index, valuing four ecosystem services — air, water, soil and forest. Both statements are correct.

Q2. Which one of the following is NOT part of Uttarakhand's Char Dham?

- (a) Kedarnath (b) Badrinath (c) Dwarka (d) Gangotri

Ans: (c) Uttarakhand's Char Dham comprises Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. Dwarka (Gujarat) is part of the national char-dham, not Uttarakhand's.

Mains Practice: Uttarakhand's fragile Himalayan geography makes it acutely vulnerable to monsoon disasters. Examine the state's institutional disaster-management framework and suggest measures to reduce risk from cloudbursts, flash floods and GLOF events. (250 words)

Hint: Cover USDMA/SDRF and DDMA roles, early-warning systems, GLOF and landslide zonation, eco-sensitive zones, Char Dham route safety, and community preparedness.

✂ **QUICK REVISION — ONE LINE BEFORE YOU SLEEP**

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