

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Uttarakhand launches **Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana** — free online exam coaching.
- **₹147.05 cr** pension sent to **9.9 lakh** Uttarakhand beneficiaries via DBT.
- Uttarakhand HC cleared to shift seat **Nainital → Haldwani**.
- **UCC (Amendment) 2026** enforcement continues — Uttarakhand the first state.
- **Char Dham Yatra 2026** crosses **11 lakh** pilgrims.
- **GEP**: Uttarakhand's green-GDP index back in focus.
- **18th BRICS Summit** in New Delhi on **12-13 September**.
- **Supreme Court**: no teacher appointment without prescribed qualifications.
- **RBI** holds repo at **5.25%**; FY27 GDP raised to **6.7%**.
- **Poshan Maah 2026** launched; **Rajnath Singh** in Sri Lanka.

SECTION A — UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL

Uttarakhand launches Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana for free exam coaching

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand GS — state schemes, education & youth welfare; Prelims: scheme name, launch date, target group.
Context	On 7 September 2026 , CM Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana , giving youth free online coaching and study material for competitive exams.
Key Facts	■ Covers UPSC, State PSCs, CDS, banking, railways, SSC and higher tests (CAT, GATE, NET, CSIR-NET). ■ Beneficiaries: university and government/aided college students, especially in remote and hilly areas. ■ Aim: end the need to travel to big cities for coaching — bridges the rural-urban access gap. ■ Budget 2026-27 earmarked ₹10 crore for the scheme.
Way Fwd	Digital delivery can curb education migration if backed by reliable hill-area internet and mentoring.
Concept	Links to Article 21A (education) and skilling under NEP 2020 and Skill India .

Uttarakhand High Court clears path to shift seat from Nainital to Haldwani

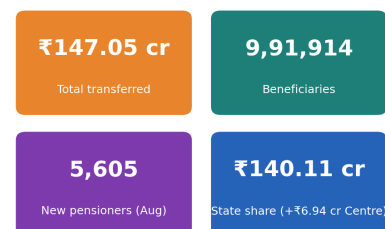
POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Higher judiciary; High Court seat & benches; Constitutional Articles 214-231.
Context	The Uttarakhand High Court dismissed as premature a plea challenging the proposed relocation of its complex from Nainital to Haldwani , after the Supreme Court removed hurdles.
Key Facts	■ New complex planned at Gaulapar, Haldwani citing space limits and ecological load on Nainital. ■ Shifting a High Court seat involves a Presidential process under the Arts. 214-231 framework. ■ Uttarakhand HC was established in 2000 on the state's creation.
Way Fwd	A modern campus can ease pendency; hill-town environmental clearances remain the hurdle.
Concept	High Court seats/benches are decided by the President in consultation with the CJI & Governor .

Dhami government transfers ₹147 crore social-security pension to 9.9 lakh beneficiaries

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

Uttarakhand Social-Security Pension (Aug 2026)



Syllabus Linkage	State economy & welfare administration; NSAP vs state schemes; DBT delivery.
Context	On 4 September 2026 , the state transferred the August 2026 pension installment of ₹147.05 crore to 9,91,914 beneficiaries through DBT .
Key Facts	■ Schemes: old-age, widow, disability, farmer, deserted-women pensions, plus Teelu Rauteli & dwarf pensions. ■ ₹140.11 crore from state funds + ₹6.94 crore central share; 2,14,711 covered under NSAP. ■ 5,605 new pensioners sanctioned in August (3,945 old-age, 1,000 widow).
Way Fwd	Digitised, Aadhaar-verified delivery curbs leakages and keeps pension rolls clean.
Concept	NSAP (1995) is centrally-sponsored, flowing from DPSP Article 41 (assistance in old age & disability).

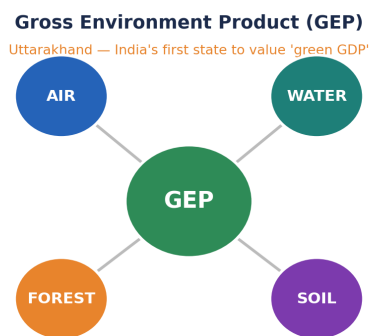
Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code enforcement continues under 2026 amendment

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Social Justice)

Syllabus Linkage	Article 44 (DPSP); UCC; personal laws; marriage & live-in registration.
Context	Uttarakhand — the first state to enforce a UCC (from 27 January 2025) — is implementing the UCC (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 to streamline rules on marriage, divorce, succession and live-in registration.
Key Facts	■ Mandatory registration of marriage, divorce and live-in relationships; equal inheritance rights. ■ The state's Scheduled Tribes are kept outside the UCC's ambit. ■ Rooted in Article 44 directing the State towards a uniform civil code.
Way Fwd	Portal-based registration and awareness will decide compliance; other states are watching.
Concept	Article 44 is a Directive Principle — non-justiciable; a UCC seeks common personal law across religions.

Gross Environment Product (GEP): Uttarakhand's green-GDP measure in focus

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



Syllabus Linkage	Green accounting; ecosystem services; GEP vs GDP.
Context	Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to value its natural wealth through Gross Environment Product (GEP) , quantifying the health of air, water, forest and soil .
Key Facts	■ GEP measures ecosystem services — a 'green GDP' complementing economic output. ■ Four components assessed: air, water, soil and forest. ■ Strengthens the state's claim for a larger green bonus / ecological compensation.
Way Fwd	Annual GEP indexing can guide payment for ecosystem services and central devolution debates.
Concept	GEP extends green/natural-capital accounting , aligning with the UN SEEA framework.

Char Dham Yatra 2026 crosses 11 lakh pilgrims; crowd management under strain

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy — Uttarakhand)

Char Dham Yatra 2026 — Crowd Snapshot

11 lakh+ Pilgrims in 23 days	~50,000 Daily footfall
4.5 lakh Kedarnath (most visited)	Apr 22 Portals opened (2026)

Syllabus Linkage	Pilgrimage tourism; carrying capacity; Himalayan geography; disaster preparedness.
Context	The 2026 Char Dham Yatra (portals opened 22 April 2026) crossed 11 lakh pilgrims within weeks, with ~50,000 daily footfall exposing traffic and safety gaps.
Key Facts	■ Kedarnath most-visited — 4.5 lakh darshan in 20 days; Sonprayag saw major jams. ■ Four shrines: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath. ■ Biometric registration and weather alerts used for crowd regulation.
Way Fwd	Carrying-capacity caps, slot registration and better parking can balance faith with safety.
Concept	The shrines lie in the fragile Higher Himalaya ; pilgrim load ties to eco-sensitive zone carrying capacity.

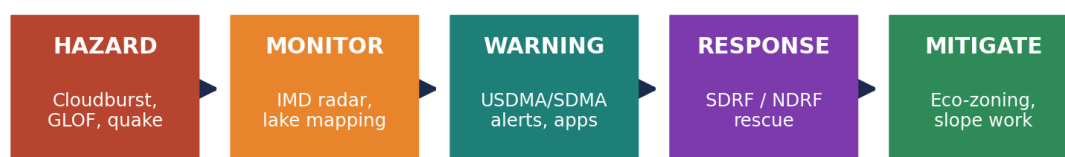
Himalayan disaster management in focus as GLOF risk window is flagged

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment & Disaster Management — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Disaster management; GLOF; NDMA-SDMA-DDMA tiers; Himalayan hazards.
Context	Agencies have flagged a 2027-30 GLOF risk window for the Himalayas, keeping cloudburst, landslide, glacial-lake outburst and earthquake preparedness central to Uttarakhand governance.
Key Facts	■ State agency USDMA coordinates warning; SDRF leads hill rescue. ■ Uttarakhand lies largely in high seismic zones IV-V. ■ Glacial-lake mapping and Doppler radar are strengthening early warning.
Way Fwd	Eco-sensitive zoning, slope stabilisation and audited pilgrim/hydropower loads reduce disaster risk.
Concept	GLOF = sudden release of water from a glacial lake; managed under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 .

Himalayan Disaster-Management Chain — Uttarakhand

GLOF • Cloudburst • Landslide • Earthquake (2027–30 GLOF risk window flagged)



Feedback loop: post-disaster audit → stricter zoning & preparedness

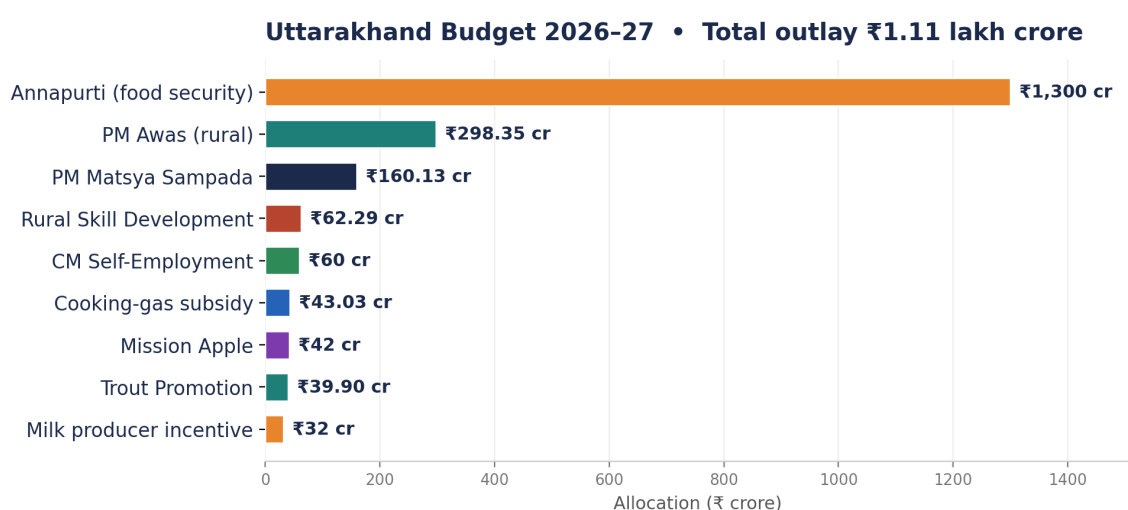
Flowchart: Hazard to Monitor to Warning to Response to Mitigate for Himalayan disasters.

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹1.11 lakh crore

Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27 size

Presented on **10 March 2026** by CM Dharam Singh on the 'GYAN' model (Garib-Yuva-Annadata-Nari). Key heads: **Annapurthi** food security ₹1,300 crore, **PM Matsya Sampada** ₹160.13 crore, **PM Awas (rural)** ₹298.35 crore, **Mission Apple** ₹42 crore.

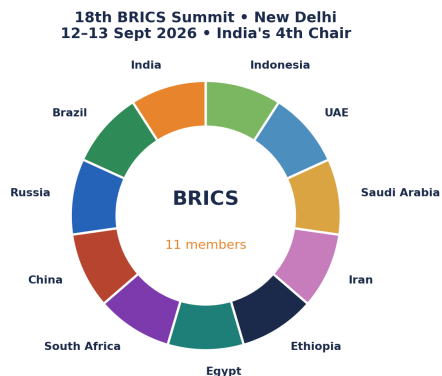


Horizontal bar chart of Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27 scheme allocations in rupees crore.

SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

New Delhi to host the 18th BRICS Summit on 12-13 September 2026

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)



Syllabus Linkage	India & multilateral groupings; BRICS expansion; IR paper.
Context	As 2026 BRICS Chair , India will host the 18th BRICS Leaders' Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 12-13 September 2026 , themed ' Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability '.
Key Facts	■ 11-member BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa + Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Indonesia. ■ India's 4th chairship (2012, 2016, 2021, 2026); the grouping marks its 20th anniversary. ■ 350+ meetings across 25+ cities held during the chairship year.
Way Fwd	India pushes a 'Humanity First' agenda, reform of global bodies and local-currency trade .
Concept	BRICS is a plurilateral bloc; its 2024 expansion sharply raised its share of world GDP and population.

Rajnath Singh's Sri Lanka visit boosts maritime-security ties in the IOR

DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (IR & Defence)

Syllabus Linkage	India's neighbourhood; Indian Ocean Region; defence diplomacy.
Context	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is on a three-day (8-10 September 2026) official visit to Sri Lanka , focused on defence and maritime-security cooperation.
Key Facts	■ Advances 'Neighbourhood First' and the SAGAR vision in the Indian Ocean Region. ■ The same week saw the first commander-level India-China flag meeting (6-7 Sept) on the eastern LAC.
Way Fwd	Deeper naval exercises and HADR cooperation counter external influence in the IOR.
Concept	SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region — India's maritime doctrine (2015).

Supreme Court: no teacher appointment without prescribed qualifications

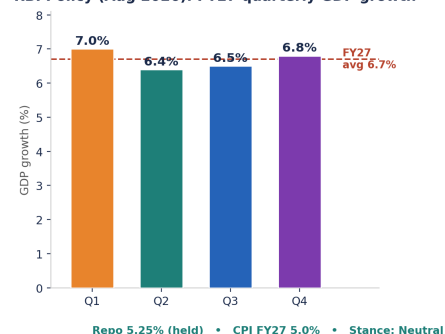
POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Fundamental rights; Right to Education; education federalism.
Context	On 9 September 2026 , a Supreme Court bench led by CJI Surya Kant held (interim) that teachers cannot be appointed without qualifications prescribed under the RTE, NCTE and UGC Acts.
Key Facts	■ The issue arose in a PIL on provincialisation of schools. ■ The bench invoked Articles 14, 16, 21A and 254. ■ Reinforces quality norms underpinning the Right to Education.
Way Fwd	States must align recruitment rules with central norms to withstand legal challenge.
Concept	Article 21A makes education (6-14 yrs) a fundamental right ; Article 254 governs Centre-State repugnancy.

RBI holds repo rate at 5.25%, raises FY27 growth forecast to 6.7%

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy)

RBI Policy (Aug 2026): FY27 quarterly GDP growth



Syllabus Linkage	Monetary policy; MPC; repo rate; flexible inflation targeting.
Context	In its August 2026 policy the RBI kept the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance, revised FY27 GDP growth up to 6.7% and trimmed the CPI forecast to 5.0% .
Key Facts	■ The MPC voted unanimously to pause, citing global and geopolitical uncertainty. ■ Quarterly GDP path: Q1 7.0%, Q2 6.4%, Q3 6.5%, Q4 6.8%. ■ Inflation target band: 4% (+/-2%) under flexible inflation targeting.
Way Fwd	A steady rate supports growth; the rupee and crude prices remain key risks to watch.
Concept	Repo rate = rate at which RBI lends to banks; the MPC (6 members) flows from the RBI Act, 1934 (2016 amendment).

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 launched to strengthen Anganwadi nutrition

SOCIETY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Social Justice & Schemes)

Syllabus Linkage	Nutrition; ICDS/Poshan Abhiyaan; women & child welfare.
Context	The Rashtriya Poshan Maah (nutrition month) was launched on 9 September 2026 from Varanasi by WCD Minister Annapurna Devi , themed ' Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari '.
Key Facts	- Month-long drive to strengthen Anganwadi centres and community nutrition. - Anchored in Poshan Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission). - Targets malnutrition, anaemia and early-childhood care.
Way Fwd	Convergence of health, ICDS and clean-water schemes is key to measurable gains.
Concept	Poshan Abhiyaan (2018) uses tech + convergence to cut stunting/wasting; supports SDG-2 (Zero Hunger) .

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27 size? ₹1.11 lakh crore (GYAN model).	2. First state to enforce a UCC? Uttarakhand (27 Jan 2025).
3. GEP values which four domains? Air, water, soil and forest.	4. Venue of the 18th BRICS Summit? Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
5. RBI repo rate (Aug 2026)? 5.25% , neutral stance.	6. Poshan Maah 2026 theme? ' Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari '.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Prelims MCQ 1. With reference to the Gross Environment Product (GEP), consider the following statements: (1) Uttarakhand is the first Indian state to launch a GEP index. (2) GEP assesses the health of air, water, soil and forest. Which of the statements is/are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (C) — Uttarakhand launched India's first **GEP**, valuing **air, water, soil and forest** — a green-GDP measure. Both statements are correct.

Prelims MCQ 2. Consider the following about BRICS in 2026: (1) India holds the BRICS chair and hosts the 18th Summit. (2) BRICS currently has 11 member countries. Which is/are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (C) — India **chairs BRICS in 2026** and hosts the **18th Summit** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; BRICS has **11 members** after the 2024 expansion. Both are correct.

Mains Practice. The 2026 Char Dham Yatra has again exposed the tension between pilgrimage tourism and Himalayan ecological fragility in Uttarakhand. Discuss the challenges of crowd and disaster management, and suggest a carrying-capacity based framework. (250 words)

Hint: Use pilgrim-surge data (11 lakh, ~50,000/day), eco-sensitive zones, GLOF/cloudburst risk, SDRF/NDRF response, slot registration, and link to PES/GEP.

◆ **QUICK REVISION:** GEP green-GDP • Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana • UCC Amendment 2026 • ₹1.11 lakh crore Budget • 18th BRICS Summit, New Delhi • RBI repo 5.25%.

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