

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

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- Seva Sankalp Abhiyan runs Sep 17 to Oct 17
- Himalaya Diwas observed on Sep 9 across Uttarakhand
- Yudh Abhyas 2026 underway at Auli and Bikaner
- 18th BRICS Summit begins in New Delhi (Sep 12-13)
- DILRMP 3.0 and Bhu-Aadhaar launched with Rs 565.50 cr
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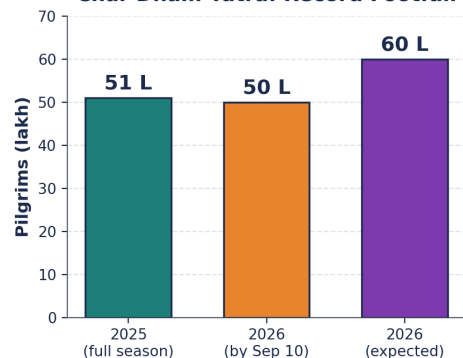
SECTION A • UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL

Char Dham Yatra crosses 50 lakh; second phase from Sep 15

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

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand geography, pilgrimage tourism and economy; disaster-prone Himalayan terrain (Prelims + GS-Economy).
Context	Over 50 lakh pilgrims had visited the four Himalayan shrines by Sep 10, 2026 , and the administration expects the season total to touch 60 lakh as the second phase begins Sep 15 .
Key Facts	- The four dhams are Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. - Gates opened Apr 19 (Gangotri/Yamunotri), Apr 22 (Kedarnath), Apr 23 (Badrinath); yatra runs to November. - Last year 51 lakh pilgrims completed the yatra — 2026 is on course for a record. - Landslide-prone stretches persist near Kameda, Parthadeep, Maithana and Hathi Pahad.
Way Fwd	Strengthen real-time registration, weather alerts and carrying-capacity limits to balance faith and safety.
Concept	Char Dham lies in the Garhwal Himalayas ; the yatra drives the state's tourism economy but strains fragile eco-sensitive zones.

Char Dham Yatra: Record Footfall



Uttarakhand to prepare disaster-management plans for all schools

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography and Disaster Management — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Disaster management, Himalayan hazards, state governance and school safety (GS Geography and Uttarakhand-specific).
Context	The state government has directed every government and private school to prepare a school-level disaster-management plan covering local hazards, led by the Chief Minister and the Disaster Management Department.
Key Facts	- Plans cover earthquakes, landslides, floods, flash floods, cloudbursts, avalanches and fires. - Each school gets risk assessment, evacuation routes, safe assembly points, first-aid and rescue kits. Student-led teams (warning, evacuation, first aid, fire, search-and-rescue) with adult supervision. - A joint committee of the Education Dept and USDMA will oversee implementation.
Way Fwd	Institutionalise regular mock drills and audits so preparedness does not lapse after the first plan.
Concept	USDMA = Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority; the state lies in seismic Zones IV and V , India's highest-risk belt.

Uttarakhand School Disaster-Management Plan — Framework



Led by CM & Disaster Management Dept | separate plans for students with disabilities

'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launched (Sep 17 - Oct 17)

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity and Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	State governance, welfare delivery and citizen participation (GS Polity and Governance).
Context	The Chief Minister launched a month-long 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' running Sep 17 to Oct 17, 2026 , timed to the Prime Minister's birthday, to deepen public service delivery.
Key Facts	● Four pillars: service, public participation, dialogue and innovation. ● Focus on saturation of welfare schemes and grievance redressal at the grassroots. ● Departments to run camps and outreach across districts through the month.
Way Fwd	Convert campaign-mode outreach into a permanent last-mile delivery mechanism for hill districts.
Concept	Saturation approach : delivering a scheme to 100% of eligible beneficiaries in a target area.

Himalaya Diwas observed to protect the mountain ecology

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Environment and Ecology — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Himalayan ecology, eco-sensitive zones and sustainable development (GS Environment; Uttarakhand-specific).
Context	Himalaya Diwas was observed on Sep 9 , with the state reaffirming a balance between development and conservation of the fragile Himalayan ecosystem.
Key Facts	● Himalaya Diwas is marked every year on September 9. ● The theme underlines conservation of glaciers, forests and springs. ● Uttarakhand ties it to its Gross Environment Product (GEP) green-accounting push.
Way Fwd	Scale up spring-shed revival and community forestry to arrest hill-water stress and erosion.
Concept	Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) act as shock-absorber buffers around protected areas under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Gross Environment Product (GEP) — Uttarakhand's Green Metric



India's FIRST state to launch GEP (2024) — links ecology to economy

UCC implementation deepens with 2026 amendment

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

Syllabus Linkage	Uniform Civil Code, personal law reform and state legislation (GS Polity and Social Justice; Uttarakhand-specific).
Context	Uttarakhand, the first Indian state to implement a Uniform Civil Code (from Jan 27, 2026), has been streamlining rules through the UCC Amendment 2026 on marriage, divorce and live-in registration.
Key Facts	- UCC applies uniform rules on marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships (tribal communities exempt). - Registration is done through the official UCC portal for residents. - The amendment eased and clarified registration procedures and timelines.
Way Fwd	Widen awareness and portal access so compliance does not burden rural and hill residents.
Concept	Article 44 (Directive Principles) urges the State to secure a Uniform Civil Code for citizens.

Yudh Abhyas 2026: India-US drill at Auli and Bikaner

DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Defence and International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	India's defence exercises and strategic partnerships (GS IR and Security; Uttarakhand link — Auli).
Context	The 22nd edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas , the India-US joint military drill, is under way from Sep 9 to Sep 28 , with high-altitude training at Auli in Uttarakhand and at Bikaner, Rajasthan .
Key Facts	Yudh Abhyas is the annual India-United States army exercise. - It is conducted under the 'Operation Pathways' framework. Auli (Chamoli district) offers ideal high-altitude, mountain-warfare terrain.
Way Fwd	Leverage Uttarakhand's terrain for interoperability while safeguarding its eco-sensitive high-altitude zones.
Concept	High-altitude joint drills build interoperability — the ability of two armies to operate together seamlessly.

SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Uttarakhand Budget FY 2026-27 ₹1.11 lakh crore

The State Cabinet cleared a budget of about Rs 1.11 lakh crore for 2026-27, approving 28 proposals with a green-growth focus.

Uttarakhand Budget FY 2026-27 (State Cabinet)

₹1.11 L cr Total budget outlay	28 Proposals cleared	2026-27 Financial year	Green Growth priority focus
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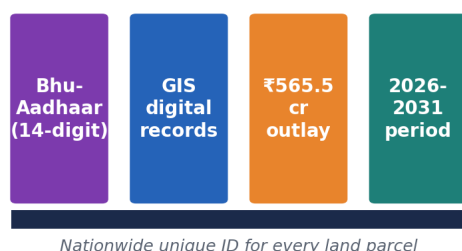
SECTION C • NATIONAL and WORLD

18th BRICS Summit opens in New Delhi under India's chair

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	India and multilateral groupings; Global South diplomacy (GS International Relations).
Context	India hosts the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on Sep 12-13, 2026 under its chairmanship, with the theme built around resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability.
Key Facts	- BRICS has expanded to 11 member economies after recent enlargement. - Original members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa. - The first BRICS summit was held in 2009 at Yekaterinburg, Russia. - India's priorities centre on the Global South and reform of multilateral institutions.
Way Fwd	Use the chair to push development finance and a reformed, multipolar global order.
Concept	BRICS is an intergovernmental grouping of major emerging economies; it runs the New Development Bank (NDB) .

DILRMP 3.0 — Digital Land Records



ISRO clears CE20 cryogenic engine test at 220 kN

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

Syllabus Linkage	India's space programme and propulsion technology (GS Science and Technology).
Context	ISRO successfully conducted the flight-acceptance test of the indigenous CE20 cryogenic engine at 220 kN thrust for the LVM3 launcher.
Key Facts	- The CE20 is a home-grown cryogenic upper-stage engine. - It powers the LVM3 (formerly GSLV Mk III) rocket. - Test held at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri (Tamil Nadu).
Way Fwd	Higher-thrust cryo stages boost payload capacity for Gaganyaan and commercial launches.
Concept	Cryogenic engines burn liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen at very low temperatures for high efficiency.

18th BRICS Summit — New Delhi



India in the Chair | Sep 12-13, 2026

DILRMP 3.0 launched with 14-digit 'Bhu-Aadhaar'

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Governance and Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	e-governance, land reforms and digital public infrastructure (GS Governance and Economy).
Context	The Union government launched DILRMP 3.0 to modernise land records, assigning a 14-digit unique identifier (Bhu-Aadhaar / ULPIN) to every land parcel.
Key Facts	DILRMP = Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme. - Budget of Rs 565.50 crore for the period 2026-2031. - Creates GIS-based integrated digital land records across states. Bhu-Aadhaar = ULPIN, a unique land parcel identification number.
Way Fwd	Link land records with courts and registration to cut title disputes and fraud.
Concept	ULPIN geo-tags each parcel, aiming at conclusive titling and easier credit against land.

Supreme Court pushes FSSAI on front-of-pack warning labels

HEALTH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity and Health Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Judiciary, food safety regulation and public health (GS Polity and Governance).
Context	The Supreme Court directed the FSSAI to give a justified timeline within ten days for the second phase of Front-of-Pack Labelling (FoPL) with clear warnings.
Key Facts	FoPL would put red 'hexagon' warnings on high salt, sugar and fat foods. FSSAI = Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. - Aim: help consumers make informed, healthier choices against lifestyle disease.
Way Fwd	Adopt an evidence-based warning-label design and enforce it against ultra-processed foods.
Concept	FSSAI is a statutory body under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 .

NSO releases first-ever district-level ASUSE data

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy and Reports)

Syllabus Linkage	Economic surveys, informal sector and data governance (GS Economy).
Context	The National Statistical Office (NSO) released the first district-level estimates of the unincorporated (informal) sector from ASUSE 2025 , covering 757 districts .
Key Facts	● ASUSE = Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises. ● Women made up at least one-third of the workforce in 237 districts. ● Top districts concentrate enterprises in Gujarat, Telangana, UP and West Bengal.
Way Fwd	Use granular data to target credit and skilling for informal micro-enterprises.
Concept	The unincorporated sector covers unregistered proprietary and partnership firms — the bulk of informal employment.

National Snapshot — Science, Tech & Economy

220 kN

ISRO CE20 cryo test

80 L+

HPV shots (age 14)

\$78.4B

Photonics mkt 2025

757

Districts in ASUSE

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Q1. Char Dham Yatra second phase begins **Sep 15, 2026**.

Q2. Himalaya Diwas is observed every year on **September 9**.

Q3. Bhu-Aadhaar is a **14-digit** unique land parcel ID (ULPIN).

Q4. ISRO's CE20 cryogenic engine was tested at **220 kN** thrust for **LVM3**.

Q5. The first BRICS Summit was held in **2009** at **Yekaterinburg, Russia**.

Q6. Uttarakhand was the **first state** to launch a **Gross Environment Product (GEP)** index (2024).

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Uttarakhand became the first Indian state to launch a Gross Environment Product (GEP) index. It primarily assesses the health of which of the following?

(A) Air, Water, Soil and Forest (B) GDP, GNP, NNP and Per-capita income (C) Roads, Rail, Power and Telecom (D) Wheat, Rice, Pulses and Millets

Ans: (A) GEP is a green-accounting metric that measures the ecological value of four natural resources — air, water, soil and forest. Uttarakhand launched it in 2024.

Q2. With reference to the Char Dham Yatra of Uttarakhand, consider the four dhams. Which one is NOT part of the Char Dham circuit?

(A) Kedarnath (B) Badrinath (C) Hemkund Sahib (D) Gangotri

Ans: (C) The Char Dham are Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. Hemkund Sahib is a revered Sikh shrine but is not one of the four dhams.

Mains Practice: Uttarakhand's Himalayan geography exposes it to recurring disasters such as cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides. Examine the state's disaster-management preparedness with reference to recent initiatives.

Hint: Cover seismic Zones IV-V and cloudburst risk, USDMA, the new school disaster-management plans, early-warning and Char Dham crowd safety, and eco-sensitive-zone regulation.

QUICK REVISION: Remember today: Char Dham crosses 50 lakh (2nd phase Sep 15); Uttarakhand schools to get disaster plans; 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi; DILRMP 3.0 brings 14-digit Bhu-Aadhaar; ISRO CE20 tested at 220 kN.

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