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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

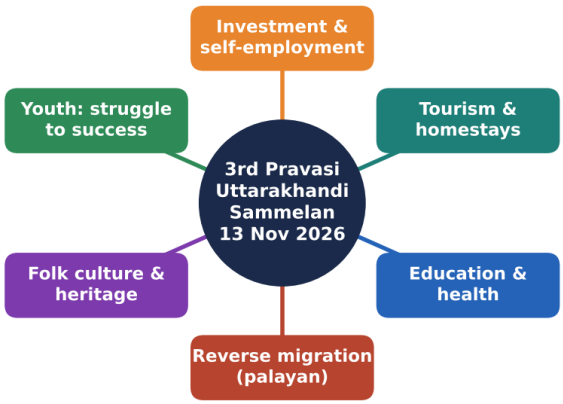
- **3rd Pravasi Uttarakhandi Sammelan** — today at **Doon University, Dehradun**.
- Kedarnath doli installed at **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath** today (13 Nov).
- Kedarnath 2026 footfall: **over 19.2 lakh** — a record; closed **11 Nov**.
- Badrinath portals close **16 Nov, 9:37 PM**; Panch Puja began **12 Nov**.
- **AIIA** proposed at **Khurpiya Farm, Kichha** (US Nagar); IISER also assured.
- Uttarakhand NH length: **2,282 km → 3,670 km** in 12 years.
- **9th Jaunpur Mahotsav** at Thatyur (Tehri): 26 projects worth **₹52.55 crore**.
- CPI inflation Oct 2026: **6.09%** (All-India) vs **5.41%** (Uttarakhand).
- **Stand-Up India** extended to **31 March 2031**; ₹4,111 crore guarantee corpus.
- WHO TB Report 2026: India's TB deaths **down 38%** since 2015.

SECTION A | UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL — Schemes, Policy, Culture, Ecology & State Economy

3rd Pravasi Uttarakhandi Sammelan today: diaspora as partners in a 'Developed Uttarakhand'

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

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand society & economy — **migration (palayan)**, diaspora, hill-area development. Prelims: state bodies like **Pravasi Uttarakhand Parishad**, Migration Commission.
Context	The state government hosts the **3rd Pravasi Uttarakhandi Sammelan** today (**13 Nov 2026**) at **Dr Nityanand Auditorium, Doon University, Dehradun**. CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** reviewed preparations on **7 Nov**, seeking concrete ideas and partnerships, not just a gathering.
Key Facts	• Special session: **'Role of the Diaspora in a Developed Uttarakhand'**; youth session: **'From Struggle to Success'**. • Diaspora roles: **investment, self-employment, tourism, education and health**. • Institutional base: **Uttarakhand Pravasi Parishad** — NRU council announced at the **1st Sammelan (Nov 2024)**. • State claims **reverse migration up 44%** (CM, 12 Nov) — key to the **palayan** debate.
Way Fwd	Create a tracked **diaspora investment desk** and link pledges to village-level reverse-migration and homestay schemes.
Concept	**Palayan**: out-migration from hill districts creating **'ghost villages'**; studied by the **Rural Development & Migration Prevention Commission (2017, HQ Pauri)**. Diaspora engagement = remittances + skills + **'brain gain'**.



Char Dham winter closure: Kedarnath doli reaches Ukhimath today; Badrinath to close on 16 Nov

UTTARAKHAND | UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (History & Culture — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand culture & pilgrimage — **Char Dham, winter seats, temple committees**; crowd management and carrying capacity.
Context	Kedarnath's portals closed on **11 Nov 2026 (Bhai Dooj) at 8:30 AM** after a record season. The **Panchmukhi Utsav Doli** is installed today (**13 Nov**) at **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath** (Rudraprayag). At Badrinath, the five-day **Panch Puja** began on **12 Nov**; portals close on **16 Nov at 9:37 PM**.
Key Facts	• Kedarnath season: opened **22 April**; footfall **over 19.2 lakh** (district administration) — a **record**. • Doli route: **Rampur (11 Nov) → Vishwanath Temple, Guptkashi (12 Nov) → Ukhimath (13 Nov)**. • Under Panch Puja, **Adi Kedareshwar** and **Adi Guru Shankaracharya** shrines close first. • Winter seats: Badrinath → **Pandukeshwar/Jyotirmath**; Gangotri → **Mukhba**; Yamunotri → **Kharsali**.
Way Fwd	Promote a **winter Char Dham circuit** at the winter seats to spread footfall and ease peak-season pressure on fragile slopes.
Concept	**Kedarnath** — one of the **12 Jyotirlingas**, on the **Mandakini** (~**3,583 m**); **Badrinath** on the **Alaknanda**, one of Adi Shankaracharya's four **dhams**. Both managed by the **Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC)**.

CHAR DHAM 2026 — WINTER CLOSURE AT A GLANCE

19.2 lakh+	11 Nov	13 Nov	16 Nov	22 Apr
Kedarnath pilgrims (record season)	Kedarnath portals closed (Bhai Dooj, 8:30 AM)	Doli reaches Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath	Badrinath closes (9:37 PM)	Kedarnath season opened (2026)

Centre assures IISER and an All India Institute of Ayurveda for Uttarakhand

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

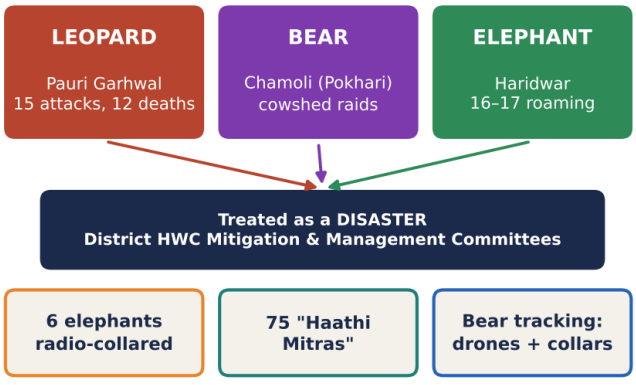
Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand governance — **Centre-state cooperation**, higher education and AYUSH institutions, **National Highways**. Prelims: location of central institutions in the state.
Context	Responding to CM Dhami's proposals (reported **12 Nov**), Union ministries assured that an **IISER** and an **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** at **Khurpiya Farm, Kichha (Udham Singh Nagar)** will be considered.
Key Facts	• **Budget 2026** announced **three new AIIAs**; states were invited to propose sites. • Uttarakhand's **NH length** rose from **2,282 km to 3,670 km** in **12 years**. • **Uttarkashi – Kamad – Ayarkhal – Budhakedar – Ghansali – Tilwara** road proposed as a **National Highway**; to be considered after the new NH-declaration policy. • Existing central institutions: **IIT Roorkee, NIT Srinagar, HNB Garhwal Central University, IIM Kashipur, AIIMS Rishikesh**.
Way Fwd	Fast-track land transfer and position the Kichha AIIA within the state's **AYUSH-wellness tourism** strategy.
Concept	**IISER** — autonomous science institutes under the **Ministry of Education** (first at **Kolkata & Pune, 2006**). **AIIA** — apex Ayurveda institute under the **Ministry of AYUSH** (first: **New Delhi, 2017**).

Human-wildlife conflict to be handled as a disaster: leopard, bear and elephant hotspots

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Environment — Uttarakhand)

Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand environment & disaster management — **human-wildlife conflict**, protected areas, **Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972**.
Context	Amid a spurt in attacks this month, the state has decided to treat **human-wildlife conflict (HWC) as a disaster** and set up **district-level HWC Mitigation & Management Committees**.
Key Facts	• **Pauri Garhwal**: **15 leopard attacks, 12 deaths** in a year near district HQ. • **Chamoli (Pokhari block)**: **bear** raids on cowsheds; drones used to track bears. • **Haridwar**: **16–17 elephants** roaming populated areas (Laldhang, BHEL). • Plan: **radio-collars on 6 elephants**, **75 'Haathi Mitras'**, bear-behaviour study.
Way Fwd	Early-warning systems, time-bound compensation, restoration of the **Rajaji-Corbett corridor** and garbage control near villages.
Concept	Leopard is in **Schedule I, WPA 1972** (as amended **2022**); only the **Chief Wildlife Warden** can declare an animal dangerous/man-eater under **Section 11**. **Rajaji NP** spans **Haridwar, Dehradun, Pauri**.

Human-Wildlife Conflict: Hotspots → Response



9th Jaunpur Mahotsav at Thatyur: Garhwali Ramayana translator honoured, ₹52.55-crore projects launched

UTTARAKHAND UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (History & Culture — Uttarakhand)

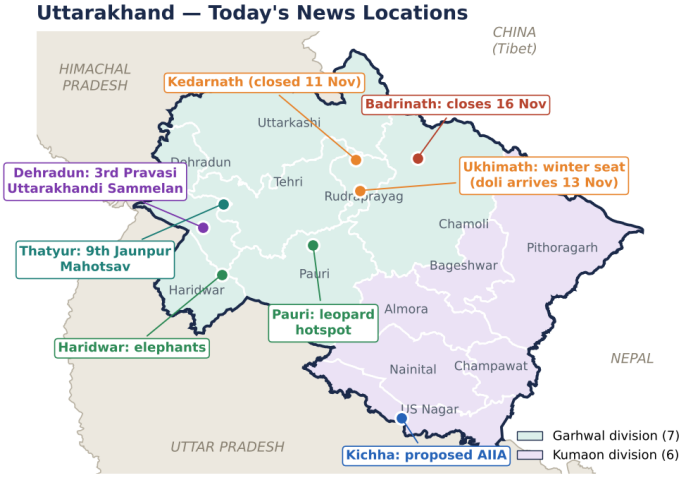
Syllabus Linkage	Uttarakhand culture — **fairs & festivals, Garhwali literature**, folk traditions; hill agriculture and rural tourism.
Context	CM Dhami inaugurated the **9th Jaunpur Mahotsav** at **Thatyur (Dhanaulti, Tehri Garhwal)** on **12 Nov**, launching **26 projects worth ₹52.55 crore** — 11 inaugurated (**₹30.50 cr**) and 15 foundation stones (**₹22.05 cr**).
Key Facts	• **'Jaunpur Ratna'** to writer **Devendra Prasad Chamoli** for translating the **Ramayana and Mahabharata into Garhwali**. • **Tehri Lake tourism zone** (~**₹1,300 crore**, with ring road) under way. • **Thatyur CHC** to become a **Sub-District Hospital**; **Dhanaulti-Moriyana-Nagtibba** road approved. • State brand **'House of Himalayas'** sales cross **₹6 crore**; local farmer praised for **apple, kiwi, ginger, saffron**.
Way Fwd	Use fairs as market platforms for **GI-tagged** hill produce and homestay-led rural tourism.
Concept	**Jaunpur** (Tehri) has a distinct culture akin to **Jaunsar-Bawar**; famed for the **Mauna Mela** — a community fish-catching fair in the **Aglar river** using **timru** bark powder.

Silver-jubilee year: welfare announcements and Uttarakhand's economy snapshot

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

Syllabus Linkage	Economy of Uttarakhand — **GSDP, budget, SDG performance**, welfare of frontline workers; Prelims: state formation facts.
Context	Following **13 announcements** on the **26th Foundation Day (9 Nov)**, the CM's letter to the PM (reported **12 Nov**) listed the state's growth figures and pending central projects.
Key Facts	• Honorarium hike for **Anganwadi workers, ASHAs and Bhojan Matas** from **1 Dec 2026**. • **Two digital libraries** per district; **Lakhpati Didis** to get incentive in **two instalments**. • **GSDP** est. **~₹4.28 lakh crore (2026-27)**; state budget above **₹1 lakh crore**. • Ranked **1st** in **SDG India Index 2023-24**; **35,000+** youth given government jobs.
Way Fwd	Link growth to hill districts via **district-level GDP** tracking and reverse-migration jobs.
Concept	Uttarakhand formed on **9 Nov 2000** as the **27th state** under the **UP Reorganisation Act, 2000**; renamed from Uttaranchal on **1 Jan 2007**; **Gairsain (Bhararisain)** declared summer capital in **2020**.

Uttarakhand — Today's News Locations



Schematic map - not to scale; locations indicative

SECTION B | DATA POINT OF THE DAY

5.41% vs 6.09%

CPI inflation, October 2026 — Uttarakhand vs All-India

Uttarakhand's retail inflation (**rural 5.84%, urban 4.66%**) stayed **within** the 2–6% band even as the national rate crossed **6%** on the new **2024=100** base; food inflation nationally was **8.94%**.

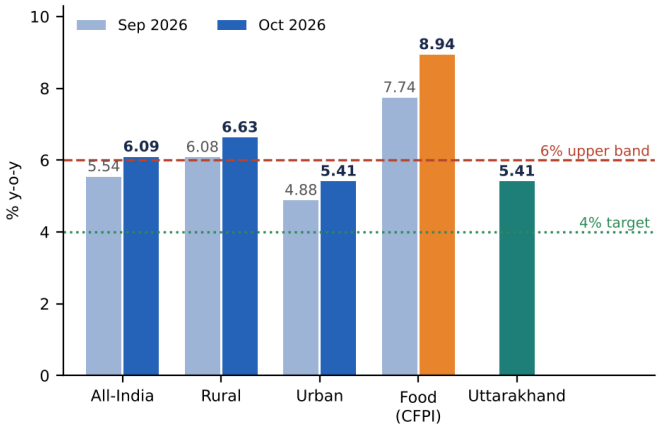
SECTION C | NATIONAL & WORLD — Economy, Polity, Health & IR

Retail inflation breaches RBI's upper band: CPI at 6.09% in October

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy of India)

Syllabus Linkage	Indian economy — **inflation, monetary policy, MPC**; Prelims: CPI base year, inflation-targeting band.
Context	Official data released on **12 Nov** show CPI inflation (**new base 2024=100**) rose to **6.09%** in **October 2026** from **5.54%** in September — above the **6% upper tolerance** limit.
Key Facts	● Rural **6.63%**, Urban **5.41%**; **food inflation (CFPI) 8.94%** (Sept: 7.74%). ● **Uttarakhand: 5.41%** (rural 5.84%, urban 4.66%) — below the national rate. ● Next CPI release (Nov data): **14 Dec 2026**.
Way Fwd	Supply-side food management; if the band is breached for **three consecutive quarters**, RBI must report reasons to the Government.
Concept	**Flexible Inflation Targeting**: **4% ± 2%** CPI under **Sec 45ZA, RBI Act 1934** (amended 2016); 6-member **MPC**; CPI compiled by **NSO (MoSPI)**.

CPI Inflation (base 2024=100): Sep vs Oct 2026

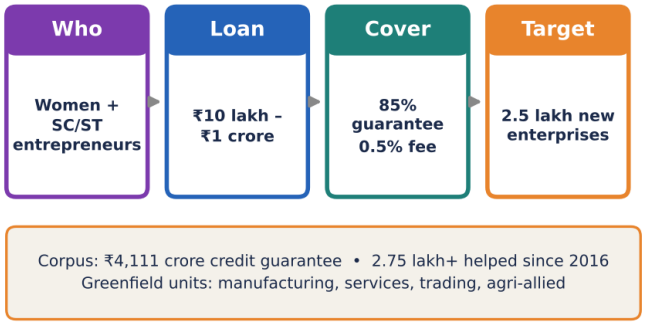


Stand-Up India extended to 2031 with ₹4,111-crore guarantee corpus

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

Syllabus Linkage	Social justice & inclusive growth — schemes for **SC/ST and women entrepreneurs**, credit guarantee; Prelims: scheme features.
Context	The Union Cabinet (**11 Nov**) extended **Stand-Up India** for five years to **31 March 2031**, approving a **₹4,111 crore** credit-guarantee corpus to support **at least 2.5 lakh** more entrepreneurs.
Key Facts	● Loans **above ₹10 lakh up to ₹1 crore** for **greenfield** units (manufacturing, services, trading, agri-allied). ● Guarantee cover **85%**, uniform fee **0.5%**; **2.75 lakh+** beneficiaries since **April 2016**. ● Target: **two loans per bank branch** — one **woman**, one **SC/ST** entrepreneur. ● Cabinet also continued **CGFMU** (Mudra loans) with a **₹5,000 crore** corpus.
Way Fwd	Handholding, market linkage and faster sanction in **hill districts** where branch density is low.
Concept	Launched **5 April 2016**; nodal agency **SIDBI**; guarantees via **NCGTC**. Linked to **Art. 46** (DPSP — promote economic interests of SCs/STs).

Stand-Up India 2.0 (to 31 Mar 2031)



Cabinet approves ₹62,370-crore NBS subsidy for Rabi 2026-27 — up 64%

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Economy of India)

Syllabus Linkage	Agriculture — **input subsidies, fertiliser policy**, food security; relevant to the **Terai rabi (wheat) belt** of Uttarakhand.
Context	On **11 Nov**, the Cabinet approved **Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS)** rates for P&K fertilisers for **Rabi 2026-27** with a tentative outlay of **₹62,370.02 crore**, citing high global prices of DAP, MOP and sulphur.
Key Facts	● Rabi 2025-26 outlay: **₹37,952.29 crore** → increase of about **₹24,418 crore (+64%)**. ● Valid **1 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027**; covers **28 grades** of P&K fertilisers incl. **DAP**. ● Nutrients subsidised: **N, P, K, S**; Kharif 2026 outlay was **₹41,534 crore**.
Way Fwd	Promote balanced nutrient use, **soil-health cards**, nano-fertilisers and natural farming to cut import dependence.
Concept	**NBS** in force since **1 April 2010** — fixed per-kg subsidy on nutrients; **urea is outside NBS** (statutory MRP).

WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB deaths down 38% since 2015

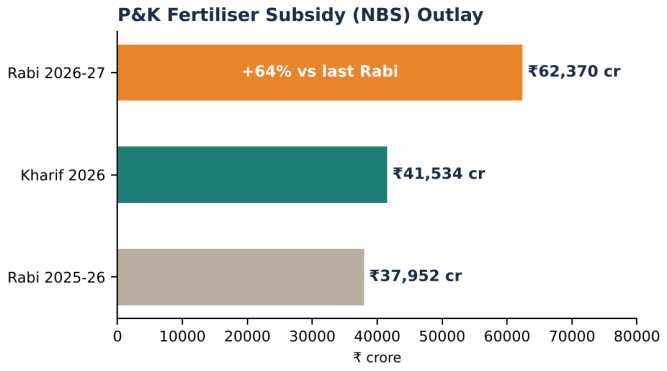
HEALTH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Social Sector)

Syllabus Linkage	Health & social sector — **communicable diseases, TB elimination**, international reports.
Context	The WHO's **Global Tuberculosis Report 2026**, released on **12 Nov**, says India's TB mortality fell **38% since 2015**, faster than the global decline.
Key Facts	● TB mortality rate: **28 → 18 per lakh** population (2015–2025). ● Global mortality decline over the period: **35%**. ● Treatment success (drug-susceptible TB): **94%**; India still has **~25%** of global cases.
Way Fwd	Scale up active case-finding, nutrition support and **drug-resistant TB** care in remote hill areas.
Concept	**WHO End TB Strategy** (2015 baseline): **90% fewer deaths** and **80% lower incidence by 2030**; **SDG 3.3**. India's **Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana** gives **₹1,000/month** nutrition support.

PM to visit Philippines (16–18 Nov) for ASEAN-India Summit; Quad leaders' meet likely in Manila

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & IR)

Syllabus Linkage	International relations — **Act East Policy, ASEAN, Quad**, Indo-Pacific maritime security.



Context	PM Modi is scheduled to visit the **Philippines (16–18 Nov)** for the **ASEAN-India Summit**; a **Quad Leaders' Summit** is likely in **Manila** on the margins of the ASEAN meetings.
Key Facts	• **Philippines** holds the **ASEAN chair in 2026**. • Quad = **India, US, Japan, Australia**; Manila meet would be the first leaders' summit since **2024**. • Quad foreign ministers met thrice in 2026 — focus on **supply chains & maritime security**.
Way Fwd	Deepen the **India–ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** via trade-pact review, connectivity and defence ties.
Concept	**Act East Policy (2014)** succeeded Look East (1991); India–ASEAN **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2022)**; **Quad** revived in **2017**.

SECTION D | PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. **Kedarnath** winter seat: **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath** (Rudraprayag).

2. **House of Himalayas** — Uttarakhand's umbrella brand for local products.

3. **INS Betwa** refit & re-powering: **₹498.58 crore** contract with **Cochin Shipyard** (11 Nov).

4. **1st BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting** — **Colombo**, 11 Nov; Secretariat: **Dhaka**.

5. **Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum** in **North & South Block**: **₹3,230 crore** approved.

6. **Niraj Kumar** — bronze, 50m rifle 3P, **ISSF World Championship (Doha)**; LA 2028 quota.

SECTION E | PRACTICE CORNER — UKPSC Pattern

Q1. Consider the following pairs of Char Dham shrines and their winter seats:
1. Kedarnath – Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath
2. Gangotri – Mukhba
3. Yamunotri – Kharsali.
Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) — All three are correct: Kedarnath's deity winters at **Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath**, Gangotri's at **Mukhba** and Yamunotri's at **Kharsali**.

Q2. With reference to India's flexible inflation targeting framework, consider the following statements:
1. The target is 4% CPI inflation with a tolerance band of ±2%.
2. Failure is when average inflation stays outside the band for three consecutive quarters.
3. The current CPI series uses 2012 as its base year.
Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) — Statements 1 and 2 are correct (**Sec 45ZA/45ZN, RBI Act**). Statement 3 is wrong — the new CPI series uses base **2024=100**.

MAINS PRACTICE: Human–wildlife conflict in Uttarakhand is increasingly being treated as a disaster. Examine its causes and suggest a strategy for coexistence. (125 words, 8 marks)

Hint: Causes: **habitat fragmentation**, abandoned farmland due to **palayan**, garbage, corridor blockage (Rajaji–Corbett). Data: **Pauri leopard deaths**, Chamoli bears, Haridwar elephants. Strategy: disaster framing + **district HWC committees**, radio-collaring, Haathi Mitras, early warning, quick compensation, community participation.

Revise today: **Pravasi Sammelan @ Doon University** • Kedarnath → **Ukhimath**, Badrinath closes **16 Nov** • AIIA @ **Kichha** • CPI **6.09%** (UK **5.41%**) • Stand-Up India → **2031** • NBS Rabi **₹62,370 cr** • TB deaths **−38%**.

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