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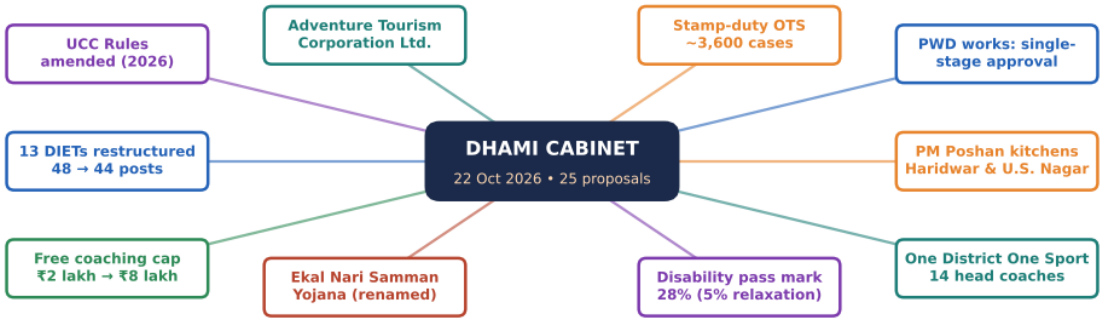
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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR UTTARAKHAND PCS

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Uttarakhand Assembly session (**27–28 Oct**) at **Bhararisain, Gairsain** — **₹7,412 cr** supplementary budget.
- **Sixth State Finance Commission** report tabled — **Art. 243-I & 243-Y**.
- Cabinet notifies **Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, Uttarakhand, 2026**.
- New **Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation Ltd.** approved.
- Rudraprayag bypass: **200 m** Alaknanda bridge + **900.30 m** tunnel, **₹156 cr**.
- **Chakrata rajma** & **turmeric** to reach **Canada, UAE** via **House of Himalayas**.
- **Heval river** (Tehri) revival praised in **139th Mann Ki Baat**.
- **DAC** AoN worth **₹2.12 lakh cr** — **82%** from Indian industry.
- **Cyclone Arnab** (name by **Bangladesh**) — landfall AP–Yanam coast **28 Oct**.
- FM: Centre's debt to ~**50% of GDP** by **2030**.

SECTION A • UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL — State Schemes, Policy, Disaster/Ecology & State Economy



Gairsain Session Opens: ₹7,412-cr Supplementary Budget, 8 Bills

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

Syllabus Linkage	State polity — **State Legislature**, **Art. 205** supplementary grants, **Art. 243-I/243-Y** State Finance Commission; Prelims: Gairsain facts.
Context	A **two-day session** (**27–28 Oct 2026**) of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly opened at **Bhararisain (Gairsain, Chamoli)** — the **third session of 2026**. CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** is to present **supplementary demands for 2026-27** of about **₹7,412 crore**.
Key Facts	■ **8 Bills** listed; ordinances to be laid incl. **Uttarakhand GST (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026** and **Minority Education (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026**. ■ **Sixth State Finance Commission** report tabled with action-taken report (**Art. 243-I & 243-Y**). ■ **State Human Rights Commission** report **2019-22**: **16,388** cases, **15,075** disposed. ■ **445 questions** from **31 MLAs**; House paid tribute to ex-CM **B.C. Khanduri**.
Way Fwd	Hold longer, regular sessions at Gairsain to give substance to the **summer capital** tag; act on SFC devolution to strengthen **PRIs/ULBs**.
Concept	**Supplementary grant (Art. 205)**: sought when the sanctioned amount falls short in the current year. **Gairsain** declared **summer capital** in **March 2020**. Assembly: **unicameral**, **70 seats**.

Cabinet Amends UCC Rules; Clears Adventure Tourism Corporation

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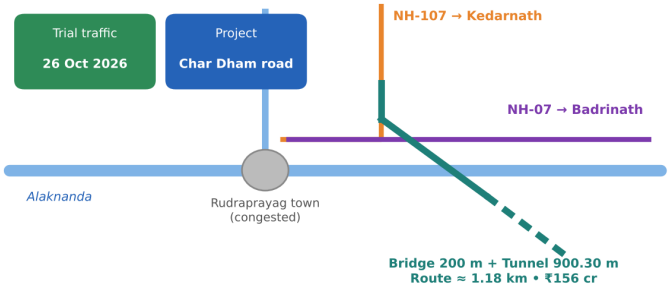
Syllabus Linkage	State governance & policies; **Uniform Civil Code (Art. 44, DPSP)**; tourism policy; revenue administration.
Context	The Dhami cabinet (meeting of **22 Oct 2026**) cleared **25 proposals** before the Gairsain session, incl. the **Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, Uttarakhand, 2026** to implement the **UCC, Uttarakhand (Amendment) Act, 2026**.
Key Facts	■ UCC rules amended to remove **implementation difficulties** and **clerical errors**. ■ New **Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation Ltd.** for adventure & eco-tourism. ■ **Stamp-duty One-Time Settlement** scheme for ~**3,600** pending cases. ■ PWD second-phase works (slope cutting, retaining walls, culverts) now approved in a **single stage**. ■ All **13 DIETs** restructured — posts per institute cut from **48 to 44**.
Way Fwd	Publicise UCC registration rules in local languages; make the new corporation the single window for **safety standards** in rafting, paragliding and trekking.
Concept	Uttarakhand: **first state** to implement a UCC after Independence — **UCC Act 2024**, in force from **27 Jan 2025** (draft panel: **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**). **Goa** follows the Portuguese Civil Code of **1867**.

Rudraprayag Bypass: Bridge + Tunnel Link Kedarnath & Badrinath Highways

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

Syllabus Linkage	Infrastructure in hill areas; **Char Dham Yatra** management; disaster-resilient roads.
Context	On **26 Oct 2026**, CM Dhami inspected a new **bridge-tunnel bypass** in **Rudraprayag**; **trial traffic** has begun. Pilgrims can now skip congested **Rudraprayag town**.
Key Facts	■ **200 m** bridge over the **Alaknanda** + **900.30 m** tunnel; route ~**1.18 km**. ■ Cost ~**₹156 crore**, built under the **Char Dham road project**. ■ Directly links **NH-107** (Kedarnath route) with **NH-07** (Badrinath route). ■ CM also reviewed **slope stabilisation** on the **Rudraprayag–Gaurikund** highway.
Way Fwd	Pair new tunnels with **slope monitoring and early warning**; use the bypass for emergency evacuation in monsoon.
Concept	**Rudraprayag** = confluence of **Alaknanda + Mandakini**, one of the **Panch Prayag** (Vishnu-, Nand-, Karn-, Rudra-, Dev-prayag). **Char Dham all-weather road** (~**889 km**) launched **Dec 2016**.

Rudraprayag Bypass — Fact-Sheet Schematic



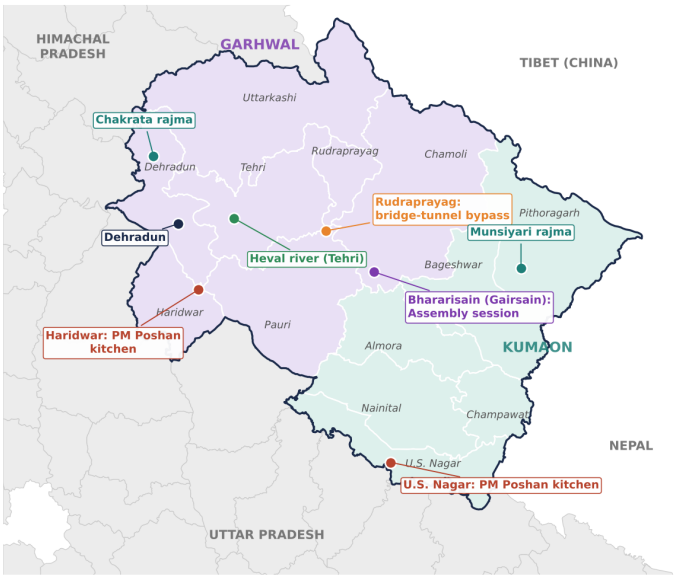
Schematic - not to scale

Pahadi Produce Goes Global: Chakrata Rajma, Turmeric to Canada & UAE

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

Syllabus Linkage	Hill agriculture, **rural livelihoods**, reverse **palayan**; GI products of Uttarakhand.
Context	The state's hill-product brand **House of Himalayas** is in final talks with global e-commerce platforms to sell **Chakrata rajma** and **turmeric** in **Canada** and the **UAE** by **end-Nov 2026**; Europe to follow.
Key Facts	■ Also in demand: **Munsiyari rajma**, **red rice**, pahadi dals, handloom. ■ House of Himalayas has sold **₹6 crore+** of local products so far. ■ Led by the **Rural Development Department**; gains to **farmers & women SHGs**. ■ **Chakrata** lies in the **Jaunsar-Bawar** region of **Dehradun** district.
Way Fwd	Secure **GI tags**, organic certification and cold-chain aggregation so that export gains reach small growers.
Concept	**House of Himalayas**: umbrella brand for Uttarakhand products launched in **Dec 2023** at the **Global Investors Summit, Dehradun**. **Munsiyari rajma** is **GI-tagged**.

Uttarakhand — Places in News (27 Oct 2026)



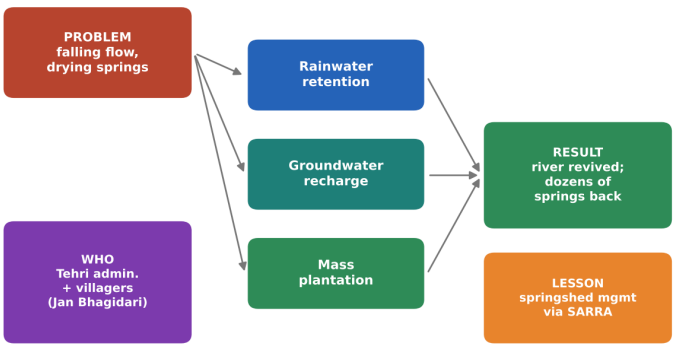
Schematic map - not to scale; locations indicative

Mann Ki Baat Hails Revival of Tehri's Heval River

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

Syllabus Linkage	Himalayan ecology, **springshed management**, water conservation & community participation.
Context	In the **139th Mann Ki Baat** (**25 Oct 2026**), the PM praised villagers and the administration of **Tehri Garhwal** for reviving the drying **Heval (Henval) river** through rainwater retention and plantation.
Key Facts	■ Falling flows had dried nearby **naulas/dharas** (natural springs). ■ Methods: **rainwater retention**, **groundwater recharge**, mass **plantation**. ■ Outcome: a 'new lease of life' for the river; **dozens of springs** revived. ■ Joint campaign of **administration + villagers** — a **Jan Bhagidari** model.
Way Fwd	Scale up through **SARRA**-led springshed mapping; protect recharge zones from roads and construction.
Concept	**Heval** is a **Ganga tributary** joining near **Shivpuri (Rishikesh)**; the **Henval valley (Jardhargaon)** gave birth to the **Beej Bachao Andolan** (1980s). Uttarakhand set up **SARRA** (Spring & River Rejuvenation Authority) in **2023**.

Heval River Revival — How It Worked



Social-Sector Push: Free Coaching Income Cap Raised to ₹8 Lakh

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

Syllabus Linkage	Welfare schemes for **SC/ST**, women, persons with disabilities; sports policy of Uttarakhand.
Context	The same cabinet widened welfare schemes, raising the **family income limit** for the Social Welfare Department's **free competitive-exam coaching** from **₹2 lakh to ₹8 lakh** a year.
Key Facts	■ Maintenance grant scheme renamed **Mukhyamantri Ekal Nari Samman Yojana**. ■ Students with disabilities in **UBSE** exams pass at **28%** (**5% relaxation**). ■ **One District, One Sport**: **14 head coaches**, 3-year contract, **₹1.45 lakh/month**. ■ Free **roadways bus travel** for award-winning athletes; land for **PM Poshan** kitchens in **Haridwar & Udham Singh Nagar**.
Way Fwd	Track outcomes (selections, pass rates), not just enrolments; ensure barrier-free exam centres.
Concept	**RPwD Act, 2016** — **21** disabilities recognised; **4%** reservation in govt jobs. **PM Poshan** (2021) replaced the **Mid-Day Meal** scheme.

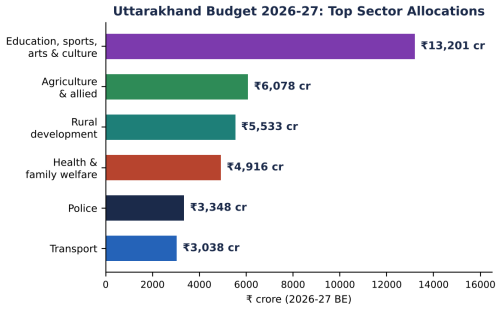
SECTION B • DATA POINT OF THE DAY — Uttarakhand Public Finance

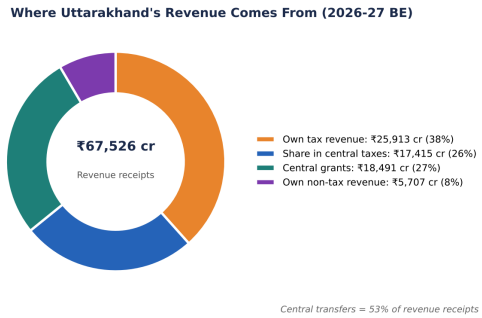
DATA POINT OF THE DAY

₹7,412 crore

Uttarakhand supplementary demands, 2026-27

≈ **6.6%** of the **₹1,11,703-crore** State Budget 2026-27. Budget basics: revenue receipts **₹67,526 cr** (central transfers **53%**), own tax revenue **₹25,913 cr**, fiscal deficit **3.7% of GSDP**, GSDP **₹4.28 lakh cr**, liabilities **28.5% of GSDP**.





SECTION C • NATIONAL & WORLD — Polity, Economy, Defence, IR, Environment & Health

DAC Clears ₹2.12-Lakh-Crore Proposals; 82% from Indian Industry

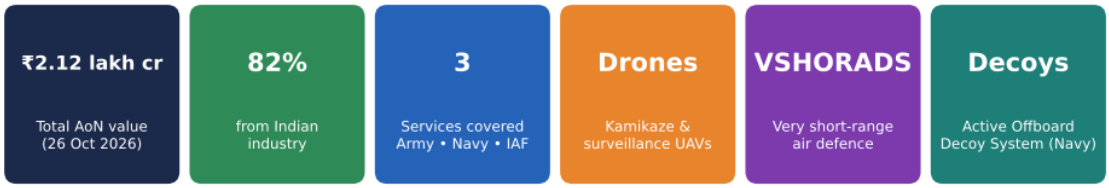
DEFENCE UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech, Security & Defence)

Syllabus Linkage	Defence & internal security; **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in defence; **DAP 2020** categories.
Context	On **26 Oct 2026**, the **Defence Acquisition Council**, chaired by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**, granted **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** to proposals worth ~**₹2.12 lakh crore** for all three services.
Key Facts	■ Army: **self-propelled tracked guns**, **VSHORADS**, **long-range kamikaze drones**, counter-drone systems for tanks. ■ Navy: **Active Offboard Decoy System** against anti-ship missiles. ■ IAF: utility & **Light Multi-Role Helicopters**, air defence, **mobile X-band Doppler weather radars**. ■ ~**82%** of value to come from **Indian industry**.
Way Fwd	Convert AoNs into contracts quickly with firm delivery timelines; deepen drone and counter-drone R&D.
Concept	**AoN** = first, in-principle step of capital procurement — not a contract. **DAC** set up in **2001** after the post-**Kargil** GoM report. **Buy (Indian-IDDM)** is the top category under **DAP 2020**.

Centre to Bring Public Debt Down to 50% of GDP by 2030: FM

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Indian Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	Public finance — **fiscal deficit**, **debt sustainability**, **FRBM** framework.
Context	At **Tiruchirappalli** on **26 Oct 2026**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** reaffirmed fiscal discipline, saying national debt will be limited to about **50% of GDP by 2030**.
Key Facts	■ Debt-to-GDP replaced fiscal deficit as the **primary fiscal anchor** from **Budget 2025-26**. ■ Target: Central debt at **50 ± 1%** of GDP by **31 March 2031**. ■ A **group of ministers** has worked on **price stability** since 2014. ■ Lower debt frees space now taken by **interest payments** — the Centre's largest spending item.
Way Fwd	Combine consolidation with quality **capex**; states too need credible debt paths.
Concept	**FRBM Act, 2003**; **N.K. Singh Committee (2017)** suggested **60%** general-government debt (**40%** Centre + **20%** States). Uttarakhand's liabilities: ~**28.5% of GSDP** (2026-27 BE).



Very Severe Cyclone 'Arnab' to Hit Andhra Coast on 28 Oct

ENVIRONMENT UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Geography & Disaster Management)

Syllabus Linkage	Physical geography — **tropical cyclones**; disaster management (key for Uttarakhand's **multi-hazard** profile).
Context	**Cyclone Arnab**, a **very severe cyclonic storm** over the west-central **Bay of Bengal**, is forecast to cross the **Andhra Pradesh–Yanam** coast between **Bapatla and Visakhapatnam** by the forenoon of **28 Oct 2026**.
Key Facts	■ Winds **115–125 km/h**, gusting **140 km/h**; storm surge **1.0–1.5 m**. ■ **NCMC**, chaired by the **Cabinet Secretary**, reviewed preparedness on **26 Oct**. ■ **NDRF/SDRF** on standby; fishing ban; rain in **Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh**. ■ Name **'Arnab'** (meaning 'ocean') was contributed by **Bangladesh**.
Way Fwd	Follow the **zero-casualty** model: early evacuation, cyclone shelters, last-mile warnings.
Concept	Names come from the **WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones** list — **13 members**, **169 names** (2020). **IMD New Delhi** is the **RSMC** for the North Indian Ocean. VSCS = **64–89 knots**.

India-US Trade Pact Being 'Fine-Tuned', Most Talks Over: Goyal

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations & Economy)

Syllabus Linkage	India–US relations; **bilateral trade agreements**; WTO & trade policy.
Context	Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal**, visiting the **Netherlands** (**26 Oct 2026**), said most talks on the **first tranche** of the **India–US Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)** are over and both sides are **fine-tuning** it.
Key Facts	■ Framework for the **first phase** was announced in **February 2026**. ■ **Mission 500**: bilateral trade of **US$ 500 billion by 2030**. ■ The **US** is among India's **largest trading partners** and top **export market**. ■ India seeks to protect sensitive sectors such as **agriculture & dairy**.
Way Fwd	Lock in tariff relief for labour-intensive exports (textiles, gems, leather) while keeping farm safeguards.
Concept	**BTA vs FTA**: a BTA can be phased in 'tranches'; an **FTA** covers 'substantially all trade' (**GATT Art. XXIV**). Recent pacts: **UAE CEPA (2022)**, **Australia ECTA (2022)**, **EFTA TEPA (2024)**, **UK CETA (2025)**.

India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity, Governance & International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	India and multilateral groupings; **parliamentary diplomacy**; **BRICS** under India's 2026 chairship.
Context	The **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** (**26–27 Oct 2026**) is being held at the **Parliament House complex, New Delhi**, hosted by Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**; PM **Narendra Modi** met the delegations.
Key Facts	■ Four themes: **Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, Sustainability**; incl. **legislative oversight of AI**. ■ With **China**: shared responsibility for **peace and tranquillity along the border**. ■ With **Iran**: **Chabahar Port** cooperation; with **UAE**: **Digital Sansad**, AI. ■ India holds the **BRICS chair in 2026**.
Way Fwd	Use parliamentary channels to build **Global South** consensus on reform of multilateral bodies and AI governance.
Concept	**BRICS**: BRIC first summit **2009**; South Africa joined **2010**; **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE** joined **2024**, **Indonesia 2025**. **New Development Bank** HQ: **Shanghai**. Parliamentary Forum began **2015**.

NMC Withdraws 2023 Medical-Education Standards Regulations

HEALTH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Governance & Social Justice — Health)

Syllabus Linkage	Health-sector governance; regulatory bodies; medical education.
Context	The **National Medical Commission** has de-notified the **Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations (MSMER), 2023**, effective from Gazette publication on **17 Oct 2026**; the **Annual Disclosure Report** stays.
Key Facts	■ Withdrawn rules had penalties up to **₹1 crore** for institutions, **₹5 lakh** for false declarations. ■ NMC: **minimum standards** and **statutory enforcement** remain in force. ■ Critics see weaker deterrence; NMC says it removes **overlapping procedures**.
Way Fwd	Replace with one clear code on inspections and penalties so colleges know the rules.
Concept	**NMC Act, 2019** — NMC replaced the **MCI** on **25 Sep 2020**; four autonomous boards: **UGMEB, PGMEB, MARB, EMRB**.

SECTION D • PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick Fact
Free-coaching income cap (Uttarakhand)	**₹2 lakh → ₹8 lakh**
UBSE pass mark, students with disabilities	**28%** (5% relaxation)
12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum	**New Delhi**, **26-27 Oct 2026**
NMC replaced MCI on	**25 Sep 2020**
Uttarakhand Budget 2026-27	**₹1,11,703 cr**; FD **3.7% of GSDP**
India-US BTA first-phase framework	**Feb 2026**; Mission **$500 bn** by **2030**

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER — UKPSC Pattern

Q1. With reference to Gairsain, consider the following statements: 1. It was declared the summer capital of Uttarakhand in 2020. 2. It lies in Chamoli district. 3. The Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly is bicameral. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — Gairsain (Bhararisain) in **Chamoli** was declared **summer capital** in **March 2020**. The Uttarakhand legislature is **unicameral** (**70** seats), so statement 3 is wrong.

Q2. With reference to Cyclone 'Arnab', consider the following statements: 1. The name was contributed by Bangladesh. 2. Names for North Indian Ocean cyclones are drawn from a list of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones. 3. IMD New Delhi is the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre for the region. 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) — All three are correct: '**Arnab**' (ocean) is **Bangladesh's** name; the list (**169 names**, 2020) is kept by the **WMO/ESCAP PTC**; **IMD New Delhi** is the **RSMC**.

MAINS PRACTICE (GS — Uttarakhand Polity & Geography)
Gairsain has been declared Uttarakhand's summer capital, yet Assembly sessions there remain short. Examine its significance for balanced hill-area development and suggest measures to make it a functional administrative centre. (150 words)

Hint: Intro: statehood-movement demand, **summer capital (2020)**. Body: symbol of hill identity, check on **palayan**, gaps in housing/connectivity/winter access, cost of dual capitals. Measures: secretariat wings, longer sessions, all-weather roads, disaster-safe planning. Conclude: decentralised growth.

★ **ONE-LINE REVISION:** Gairsain session → **₹7,412-cr** supplementary budget | UCC rules amended | Rudraprayag bypass links **NH-107 & NH-07** | DAC **₹2.12 lakh cr** (**82%** Indian) | Cyclone Arnab → AP coast **28 Oct**.

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