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TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

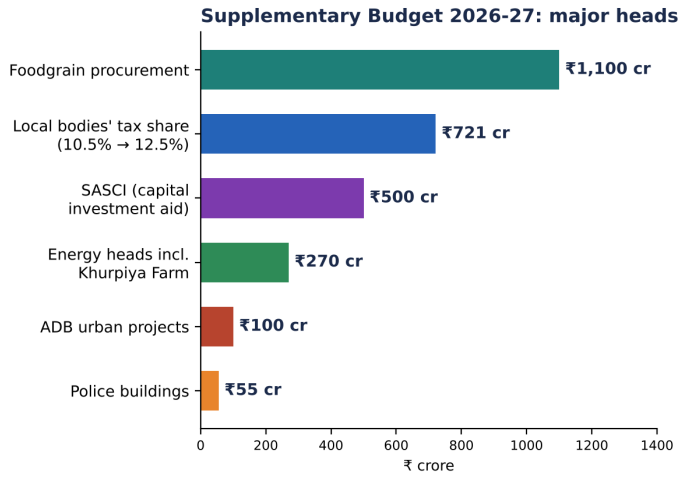
- **₹7,844.18 cr** supplementary budget passed at **Gairsain** on **28 Oct**
- FY27 state budget now **₹1,19,547.39 cr**; capex share of supplementary **53.1%**
- **10 Bills** passed incl. **Fire & Emergency Services** and **Civil Law (Amdt.)**
- Local bodies' share in state taxes raised **10.5% → 12.5%**
- **Orange alert** (30 Oct): Nainital, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Chamoli
- **Kedarnath** closes **11 Nov 8:30 AM**; **Badrinath 16 Nov 9:37 PM**
- **Lekhak Gaon** festival (Thano) — **two literary villages** planned
- Union Cabinet: **DA/DR 60% → 63%** from **1 July 2026**
- **CMPS ₹10,000 cr**: containers **70,000 → 7.5 lakh TEU**
- **Cyclone Arnab** (name by **Bangladesh**) crossed the **Andhra coast** on 28 Oct

SECTION A — UTTARAKHAND SPECIAL: Assembly, Budget, Disaster & Culture

Gairsain session passes ₹7,844.18 cr supplementary budget — capex takes 53%

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

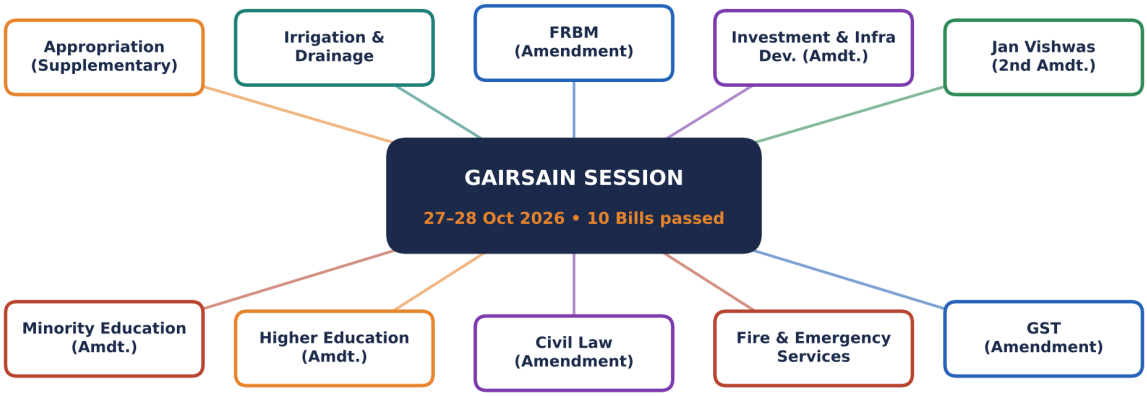
Syllabus Linkage	Economy of Uttarakhand — state budget, public finance, local-body finance. Prelims: **supplementary grants**, **Art. 205**, **Gairsain** as summer capital.
Context	CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** tabled the supplementary demands on **27 Oct** at **Bhararisain (Gairsain, Chamoli)**. The Assembly passed them by voice vote on **28 Oct** and was **adjourned sine die**.
Key Facts	■ Total **₹7,844.18 cr**: **capital ₹4,164.32 cr (53.1%)** + **revenue ₹3,679.86 cr**. ■ FY 2026-27 budget rises from **₹1,11,703.21 cr** to **₹1,19,547.39 cr**. ■ Big heads: **foodgrain procurement ₹1,100 cr**, **local bodies ₹721 cr** (tax share **10.5% → 12.5%**), **SASCI ₹500 cr**. ■ Priorities named: **Kumbh 2027**, the **Gairsain drinking-water dam**, **Ayushman**, pensions, **digital learning**, medical & nursing colleges, a **sports university**.
Way Fwd	Keep capex quality high: finish projects on time, track outcomes, and stay within **FRBM** limits.
Concept	**Supplementary grant (Art. 205)**: extra money sought when the budget amount proves insufficient; it is authorised through an **Appropriation Act (Art. 204)**. **SASCI** = Centre's **50-year interest-free capex loans** to states.



Ten Bills cleared: fire services law, Jan Vishwas, civil-law and GST amendments

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

Syllabus Linkage	State legislature, law-making, governance reforms. Prelims: **Gairsain/Bhararisain**, **UCC Act 2024**, **Jan Vishwas** (decriminalisation).
Context	All **10 Bills** were passed by **voice vote** amid opposition protests. **Question Hour** and debates under **Rules 58 and 310** could not be held, said Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Subodh Uniyal**.
Key Facts	■ Bills: **Appropriation (Supplementary)**, **Irrigation & Drainage**, **FRBM (Amdt.)**, **Investment & Infrastructure Dev. (Amdt.)**, **Jan Vishwas (2nd Amdt.)**. ■ Also: **Minority Education (Amdt.)**, **Higher Education (Amdt.)**, **Civil Law (Amdt.)**, **Fire & Emergency Services**, **GST (Amdt.)**. ■ The **GST (Amdt.) Bill** replaces an ordinance promulgated on **3 Sept 2026**. ■ On **22 Oct** the Cabinet had notified the **Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, Uttarakhand, 2026** under the amended UCC.
Way Fwd	Use committees and longer sittings so Bills get real debate; draft simple rules quickly so the new laws work on the ground.
Concept	**Gairsain (Bhararisain)** was declared the **summer capital** in **March 2020**. Uttarakhand's **UCC Act 2024** took effect on **27 Jan 2025** — the first in independent India. **Jan Vishwas** laws turn minor offences into civil penalties.



Snow at Kedarnath & Gangotri, orange alert in 5 districts before Char Dham closing

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

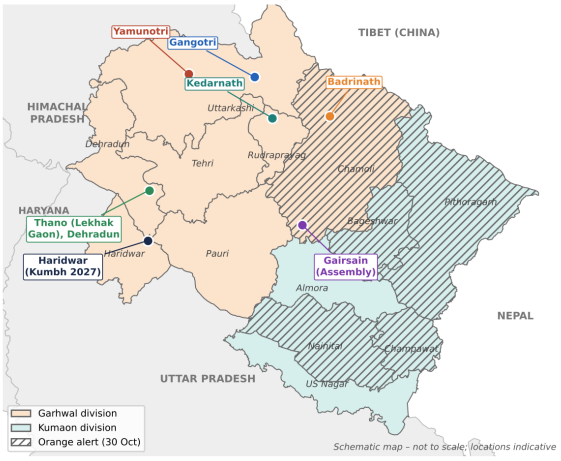
Syllabus Linkage	Geography of Uttarakhand, disaster management, pilgrimage management. Prelims: **winter seats** of the Char Dham, **IMD colour codes**.
Context	**Kedarnath** got its **second snowfall in a week** (0.4 cm, sub-zero), and **Gangotri** had its **first heavy snowfall** of the season. The weather office issued an **orange alert** for **30 Oct**, and **Rudraprayag Police** issued a cold-weather advisory for pilgrims.
Key Facts	■ Orange alert: **Nainital, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Chamoli** (thunderstorm/hail). ■ Closing: **Kedarnath 11 Nov 8:30 AM** and **Yamunotri 11 Nov 10:28 AM** (Bhai Dooj); **Badrinath 16 Nov 9:37 PM**. ■ Record season: about **56.9 lakh** pilgrims by **7 Oct** (incl. Hemkund Sahib), above the **2023 record of 56.13 lakh**. ■ Emergency helpline: **112**.
Way Fwd	Real-time weather alerts on yatra routes, a **carrying-capacity** cap on peak days and medical posts for altitude illness.
Concept	**Winter seats**: Badrinath → **Narsingh Temple, Jyotirmath**; Kedarnath → **Omkareshwar, Ukhimath**; Gangotri → **Mukhba**; Yamunotri → **Kharsali**. **Western Disturbances** bring winter rain and snow to the state.

'Lekhak Gaon' International Festival ends; two literary villages planned

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

Syllabus Linkage	Culture & literature of Uttarakhand, tourism policy. Prelims: **literary figures**, **Thano (Dehradun)**.
Context	At the closing of the **Lekhak Gaon International Festival-2026** at **Thano, Dehradun** on **29 Oct**, CM **Dhami** said the state aims to become a **literary-tourism hub**.
Key Facts	■ **Two 'Sahitya Grams'** planned, with homes, **modern libraries**, seminar halls and study spaces for writers. ■ Released: the magazine **'Dharti ka Swarg Uttarakhand'** and the booklet **'Devbhoomi ka Kavya Pushp'**. ■ Union MoS **Ajay Tamta** attended; the CM recalled **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, under whom the state was formed.
Way Fwd	Link the literary villages with **homestays** and **Kumaoni-Garhwali** language archives so they also help **reverse migration**.
Concept	**Sumitranandan Pant** (Kausani, Bageshwar) was the first **Hindi Jnanpith** winner (**1968**, 'Chidambara'). **Gumani Pant** is called the **first Kumaoni poet**. Uttarakhand was formed on **9 Nov 2000**.

Uttarakhand: today's news locations



CHAR DHAM YATRA 2026 — footfall (till 7 Oct) & winter closing

BADRINATH	KEDARNATH	GANGOTRI	YAMUNOTRI
19.14 lakh	**16.79 lakh**	**9.10 lakh**	**8.10 lakh**
Closes 16 Nov, 9:37 PM	**Closes 11 Nov, 8:30 AM**	**Closes on Annakut (Diwali week)**	**Closes 11 Nov, 10:28 AM**
Winter seat: Narsingh Temple, Jyotirmath	Winter seat: Omkareshwar, Ukhimath	Winter seat: Mukhba village	Winter seat: Kharsali village

State Cabinet: UCC rules amended, free-coaching income limit raised to ₹8 lakh

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

Syllabus Linkage	State schemes, social justice, tourism policy. Prelims: **scheme names**, **UCC rules**, **Adventure Tourism Corporation**.
Context	The **22 Oct** Cabinet in Dehradun cleared **25 proposals** before the Gairsain session. These decisions now move into implementation.
Key Facts	■ **Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, 2026** fix practical and clerical issues in **UCC** implementation. ■ Free coaching for **SC/ST** students: income limit raised from **₹2 lakh to ₹8 lakh**. ■ New **Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation Ltd.**; maintenance-grant scheme renamed **'Mukhyamantri Ekal Nari Samman Yojana'**. ■ **One District, One Sport**: **14 head coaches**; **OTS** for about **3,600** stamp cases.
Way Fwd	Publish clear guidelines and a single online window for each scheme, and run social audits to check who benefits.
Concept	**Art. 44 (DPSP)** asks the State to try to secure a **Uniform Civil Code**. Under **Art. 162**, a state's executive power covers subjects on which its legislature can make laws.

Virasat Abhiyan: 10,404 inheritance-mutation cases registered, 4,943 resolved

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

Syllabus Linkage	Land administration and e-governance in Uttarakhand. Prelims: **mutation (dakhil-kharij)**, **service delivery**.
Context	Figures released on **29 Oct** (from **Mutation Day**, 17 Oct) show progress of the CM-directed **Virasat Abhiyan**. It aims at **simple, time-bound** transfer of **undisputed inherited land**.
Key Facts	■ Total **10,404** cases; **4,943** resolved (about **47.5%**). ■ **Section 34**: **9,244** registered, **3,835** resolved. ■ **Section 33A**: **1,160** registered, **1,108** resolved. ■ CM ordered **regular reviews** so people don't need repeated office visits.
Way Fwd	Link mutation to death registration and **DILRMP** digital records so inheritance updates happen automatically.
Concept	**Mutation** updates the revenue record (khatauni) after a transfer; it is **not proof of title**. **Land** is a **State List** subject (**Entry 18**).

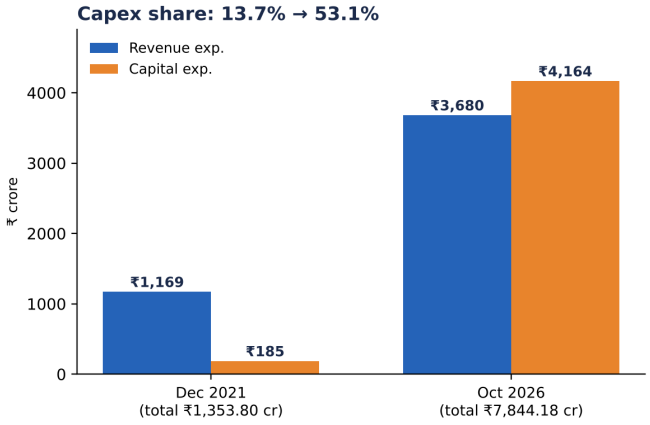
SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY

Capital-expenditure share of Uttarakhand's supplementary budget

53.1%

₹4,164.32 cr of **₹7,844.18 cr** (Oct 2026), up from **13.7%** (**₹184.88 cr** of **₹1,353.80 cr**) in **Dec 2021**. The supplementary size grew about **5.8 times** and capex about **22.5 times** in five years.

Why it matters: capital spending builds roads, water and health assets and has a higher **multiplier** than revenue spending — key for a hill state with tough terrain and **palayan** (out-migration).



SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD

Very Severe Cyclone 'Arnab' crosses Andhra coast; 1.8 lakh evacuated

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

Syllabus Linkage	Physical geography and disaster management. Prelims: **cyclone naming**, **IMD categories**, **Bay of Bengal**.
Context	Cyclone **Arnab** moved fully over land along the **Andhra Pradesh–Yanam** coast on **28 Oct**. Its remnant is bringing rain to several states, including the north.
Key Facts	■ At landfall: **Very Severe Cyclonic Storm**, **125–135 km/h**, gusts **150 km/h**. ■ Name given by **Bangladesh** (from the **2020 WMO/ESCAP** list). ■ **1.8 lakh+** evacuated; **Visakhapatnam 315 mm** rain; **Koraput (Odisha) 188 mm**.
Way Fwd	Extend the 'zero-casualty' model with **impact-based forecasts**, cyclone shelters and quick restoration of power and crops.
Concept	**WMO/ESCAP Panel** (13 members) adopted a list of **169 names** in **2020**. IMD: **VSCS = 118–166 km/h**. October–December is the **post-monsoon** cyclone season in the Bay of Bengal.

India and Mexico launch Preferential Trade Agreement talks

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

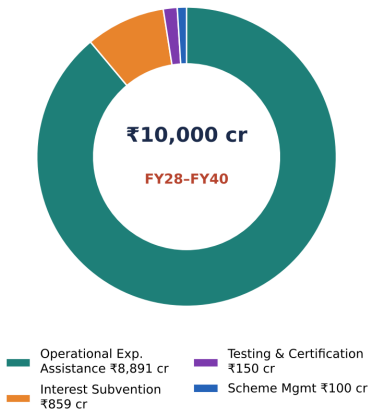
Syllabus Linkage	International relations — India and Latin America, trade policy. Prelims: **PTA vs FTA vs CEPA**.
Context	Commerce Secretary **Rajesh Agrawal** signed the **Terms of Reference** in **Mexico City** (**28 Oct**), following a **Modi–Sheinbaum** understanding at the **G7 (2025)**.
Key Facts	■ FY26 trade **$7.83 bn**: exports **$5.73 bn**, imports **$2.11 bn**; India's surplus about **$3.62 bn**. ■ Top items: **automobiles (~$1.92 bn)** from India; **crude oil** from Mexico. ■ Talks cover **market access**, **rules of origin**, **SPS/TBT**, **trade remedies** and **dispute settlement**.
Way Fwd	Secure tariff relief for autos and pharma, and use Mexico as a gateway to **North American** value chains.
Concept	A **PTA** cuts tariffs on a **limited list** of goods; an **FTA** removes most tariffs; a **CEPA** also covers **services and investment**. India–MERCOSUR is an earlier **PTA**.

Union Cabinet: DA to 63%, ₹10,000 cr container scheme, ₹1,856.67 cr sports-goods scheme

ECONOMY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Economy of India)

Syllabus Linkage	Indian economy — manufacturing, logistics, government schemes. Prelims: **TEU**, **AICPI-IW**, **outlays**.
Context	On **28 Oct** the Union Cabinet cleared a **DA/DR hike** and two **Budget 2026-27** manufacturing schemes aimed at **import substitution**.
Key Facts	■ **DA/DR 60% → 63%** from **1 July 2026**: **48.54 lakh** employees and **68.71 lakh** pensioners; cost **₹10,016.10 cr/yr**. ■ **CMPS ₹10,000 cr** (FY28–FY40): capacity **70,000 → 7.5 lakh TEU**; **3% interest subvention**; domestic content **70% → 90%**. ■ CMPS nodal ministry: **Ports, Shipping & Waterways**; about **3,000 direct** and **50,000+ indirect** jobs. ■ **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme ₹1,856.67 cr** (FY27–FY34): up to **4 zones** of **300+ acres**; **20% anchor capex** support.
Way Fwd	Speed up land allotment at ports, fix testing standards and link the schemes with **PM Gati Shakti** logistics plans.
Concept	**TEU** (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) is the standard container measure. **DA** is revised twice a year using **AICPI-IW** under **7th CPC** norms. **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** sets the long-term shipping goals.

Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme

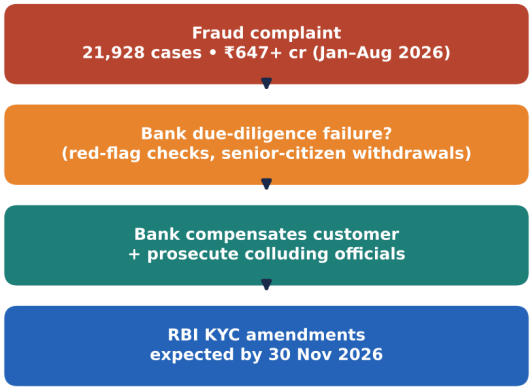


Supreme Court: banks must compensate digital-arrest fraud victims if due diligence fails

POLITY UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Polity & Governance)

Syllabus Linkage	Polity & governance — judiciary, consumer rights, internal security (cyber crime). Prelims: **I4C**, **1930 helpline**, **RBI KYC**.
Context	On **29 Oct** a bench led by **CJI Surya Kant** heard the **suo motu** digital-arrest case and stressed **bank accountability** where fraud passes through weak checks.
Key Facts	■ **21,928** digital-arrest complaints involving **₹647+ cr** in **Jan–Aug 2026** (government data). ■ Banks should **compensate** customers for losses caused by **due-diligence failures**; **colluding officials** to be prosecuted. ■ Court will examine **RBI KYC amendments**, expected by **30 Nov 2026**. ■ Stronger checks on **large withdrawals by senior citizens**; the compensation framework is **not final yet**.
Way Fwd	Real-time **mule-account** detection, cooling-off periods for unusual transfers and mass awareness that **no agency arrests anyone online**.
Concept	RBI's **2017 limited-liability** rules give customers **zero liability** for third-party fraud reported within **3 working days**. **I4C** (under MHA) runs the **1930** cyber-fraud helpline.

SC on Digital-Arrest Fraud: Accountability Chain



'Punah Bharan' app launched to map groundwater recharge zones

SCI-TECH UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (Science-Tech & Environment)

Syllabus Linkage	Science-tech & environment — water resources, geospatial technology. Prelims: **National Water Mission**, **BISAG-N**.
Context	Jal Shakti Minister **C. R. Patil** launched the app on **28 Oct**. It shows users suitable **recharge zones within a 3 km radius**.
Key Facts	■ Developed by **BISAG-N (Gandhinagar)** with the **National Water Mission**. ■ Over-exploited groundwater units: **Punjab 75.16%**, **Haryana 61.54%**, **Delhi 41.18%**. ■ Supports **Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain** and village-level recharge planning.
Way Fwd	Add **spring-shed** layers for the Himalaya, where about half of springs are drying, and link the app with gram panchayat plans.
Concept	**National Water Mission (2011)** is one of **8 missions** under the **NAPCC (2008)**; it aims to raise **water-use efficiency by 20%**. In Uttarakhand, hill **naula-dhara** springs are the main recharge concern.

12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi adopts Joint Declaration

IR UKPSC: Prelims + Mains (International Relations)

Syllabus Linkage	International relations — multilateral groupings. Prelims: **BRICS chairs**, **members**, **themes**.
Context	The forum met in **New Delhi** on **26–27 Oct**, chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**, as part of **India's BRICS chairship in 2026**.
Key Facts	■ Theme: **'Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development'**. ■ **China** chairs BRICS in **2027** and will host the **13th** forum. ■ The **11th** forum was held in **Brasília** (June 2025).
Way Fwd	Use parliamentary diplomacy to push **Global South** issues like climate finance and reform of global institutions.
Concept	**BRIC** began in **2006**; **South Africa** joined in **2010**. From **2024** the group expanded (Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE; Indonesia in 2025). The **New Development Bank** is in **Shanghai**.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. Badrinath winter worship moves to **Narsingh Temple, Jyotirmath** (Chamoli).	**2. Mukhyamantri Ekal Nari Samman Yojana** is the new name of Uttarakhand's maintenance-grant scheme.
3. Ophiorrhiza shidiensis and **O. pemae** — new plant species (family **Rubiaceae**) from **Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh**.	**4. Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0** — a **60-day** health ministry drive in higher-education institutions.
5. Kolamarka (Gadchiroli) to be a wildlife sanctuary — home of the **Asiatic wild water buffalo**.	**6. National Unity Day (31 Oct)** marks the **151st** birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

PRELIMS MCQs (UKPSC pattern)

Q1. Match the Char Dham shrine with its winter seat and choose the correct option: 1. Badrinath – Jyotirmath; 2. Kedarnath – Ukhimath; 3. Yamunotri – Mukhba; 4. Gangotri – Kharsali.

(a) 1 and 2 only **(b)** 1, 2 and 3 only **(c)** 3 and 4 only **(d)** 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: (a) — **Badrinath → Narsingh Temple, Jyotirmath** and **Kedarnath → Omkareshwar, Ukhimath** are correct. Yamunotri's winter seat is **Kharsali** and Gangotri's is **Mukhba**, so pairs 3 and 4 are swapped.

Q2. Consider these statements about the supplementary budget passed by the Uttarakhand Assembly in October 2026: 1. Its total was ₹7,844.18 crore. 2. Revenue expenditure was larger than capital expenditure. 3. It was passed at Bhararisain (Gairsain). Which are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — The total was **₹7,844.18 cr** and it was passed at **Bhararisain (Gairsain)** on **28 Oct**. **Capital expenditure (₹4,164.32 cr)** was larger than revenue (₹3,679.86 cr), so statement 2 is wrong.

MAINS PRACTICE (GS)

Q. Record Char Dham footfall brings income to the hills but also puts stress on fragile Himalayan slopes. Discuss how Uttarakhand can balance pilgrimage tourism with disaster safety. (125 words)

Hint: Intro with **56.9 lakh** pilgrims (2026 record). Body: benefits (jobs, **homestays**, less **palayan**); risks (landslides, snowfall, crowding, waste); steps — **carrying capacity**, registration, IMD-based alerts, winter (off-season) yatra, eco-sensitive zones. Conclude with **sustainable tourism**.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Gairsain: **₹7,844.18 cr** supplementary (**53% capex**) + **10 Bills** • Kedarnath/Yamunotri close **11 Nov**, Badrinath **16 Nov** • DA **63%** • CMPS **₹10,000 cr** • Arnab named by **Bangladesh**.

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