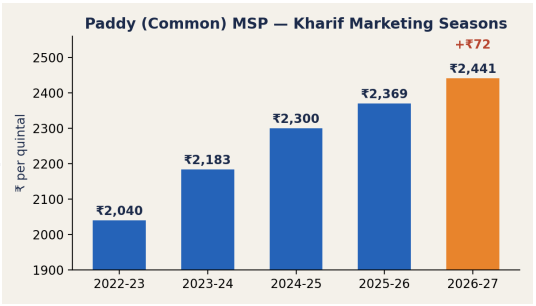
Edition note: Today's (1 Oct) items appear first. As same-day coverage is still thin this early in the day, the digest is supplemented with this week's key UP developments (29–30 Sept) and the 15 Sept cabinet decisions now being rolled out.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

[UP-AGRI] 1. Paddy procurement opens in western UP at new MSP

Government purchase of Kharif paddy (KMS 2026-27) begins today in the western UP divisions; eastern UP follows later in the season, as per established practice.

- MSP for KMS 2026-27: **₹2,441/quintal** (common) and **₹2,461/quintal** (Grade A) — up **₹72** over last season's ₹2,369/₹2,389.
- Procurement starts **1 October** in western UP; eastern UP traditionally from **1 November**.
- Farmers must register on the state Food & Civil Supplies portal or the **UP Kisan Mitra** app.
- Purchases via **e-POP** (Electronic Point of Purchase) devices with **biometric** verification; payment directly to **Aadhaar-linked** bank accounts.



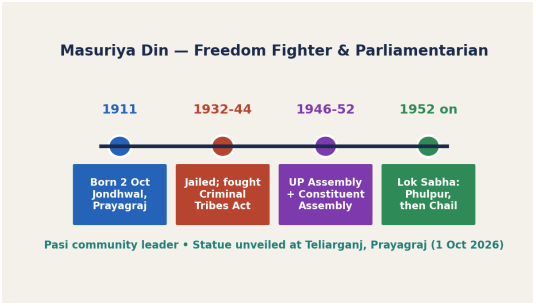
Why it matters: UP is among India's largest rice producers; timely, middleman-free procurement protects small farmers from distress sales and feeds the PDS pipeline.

Syllabus: GS-III: MSP, public procurement, food security | GS-VI: UP agriculture & rural economy | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**
Concept: MSP is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs; Kharif Marketing Season runs October–September.

[UP-CULTURE] 2. CM unveils statue of freedom fighter Masuriya Din in Prayagraj

On 1 October the CM unveils a statue of Masuriya Din at Teliarganj crossing in Prayagraj and inaugurates a school building at a centenary celebration in the city.

- Born **2 October 1911** at Jondhwal, Prayagraj; leader of the **Pasi** community (a major Scheduled Caste group of UP).
- Campaigned against the colonial **Criminal Tribes Act**; jailed several times between **1932 and 1944**.
- Member of the **UP Legislative Assembly (1946-52)**, the **Constituent Assembly** and the Provisional Parliament.
- Elected to the **first four Lok Sabhas** from **Phulpur** and later **Chail**.



Why it matters: Commemorating lesser-known Dalit freedom fighters from UP broadens the narrative of the national movement — a recurring theme in UPPSC GS-V questions on UP's personalities.

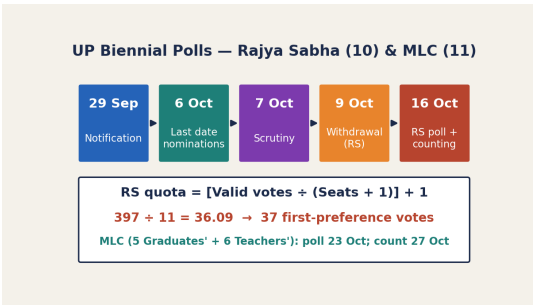
Syllabus: GS-I: Freedom struggle, personalities | GS-V: UP's contribution to national movement | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V)**
Concept: The Criminal Tribes Act, 1871 branded entire communities as 'habitual criminals'; it was repealed in 1949 and the communities were 'denotified' in 1952.

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

[UP-POLITY] 3. UP's 10 Rajya Sabha and 11 MLC seats head to biennial polls

Nominations are open for UP's 10 Rajya Sabha seats and 11 Legislative Council seats (Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies) after the notification of 29 September.

- Rajya Sabha: last date of nomination **6 Oct**, scrutiny **7 Oct**, withdrawal **9 Oct**, poll and counting **16 Oct**.
- Nine members retire on **25 November 2026**; one vacancy arose after **Dinesh Sharma** became **Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar**.
- With effective Assembly strength of **397**, a candidate needs **37** first-preference votes (single transferable vote, open ballot).
- MLC: **5 Graduates' + 6 Teachers'** constituencies; poll **23 Oct**, counting **27 Oct**; current terms end **6 December**.



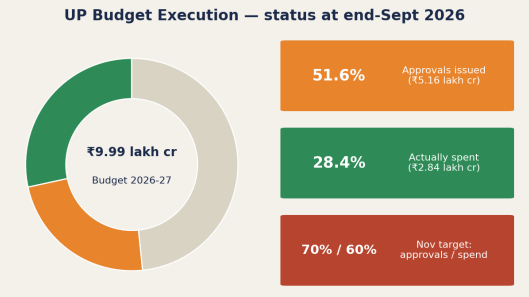
Why it matters: UP sends the largest contingent (31) to the Rajya Sabha; these polls shape the Upper House balance and test the bicameral design of the UP legislature.

Syllabus: GS-II: Parliament, State Legislature, elections | GS-V: UP polity & legislature | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)**
Concept: Under Article 171, one-twelfth of a Legislative Council is elected by graduates and one-twelfth by teachers; UP's Council has 100 members.

[UP-GOVERNANCE] 4. CM sets November target: 70% budget approvals, 60% spending

At a review on 29 September, the CM directed departments to speed up release and use of funds from the 2026-27 state budget.

- Budget 2026-27 size: **₹9,99,056.48 crore**, of which development outlay **₹5,01,957.09 crore**.
- Approvals issued: **₹5,15,918.44 crore (51.6%)**; actual spending **₹2,83,870.11 crore (~28.4%)**.
- Target: **70% approvals** and at least **60% expenditure** by November.
- Also ordered: mapping eligible farmers for **Kisan Credit Card**, a **Rural Credit Conclave**, and marketing of **GI-tagged** products.



Why it matters: Back-loaded spending (the 'March rush') lowers the quality of public expenditure; front-loading capex helps UP's push towards a USD 1 trillion economy.

Syllabus: GS-III: Government budgeting | GS-VI: UP budget, fiscal management | **UPPSC: Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**
Concept: Budget utilisation is tracked through financial sanctions (approvals) and actual expenditure; low first-half spending is a common state-finance concern.

[UP-ECONOMY] 5. UP International Trade Show 4.0 closes with record global reach

The fourth edition of UPITS was held from 25 to 29 September at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.

- Inaugurated by **Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah** on 25 Sept, with the CM present.
- **2,400+ exhibitors**; **600+ international buyers** from **90 countries** (vs 550 from 72 last year).
- Partner countries: **Austria, Japan, Russia, Singapore, Belarus and Vietnam**.
- Showcased **ODOP** (One District One Product) and the newer **ODOC** (One District One Cuisine).



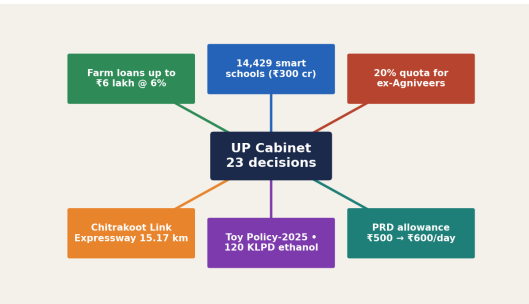
Why it matters: UPITS links artisans and MSMEs to global buyers, supporting UP's export-led growth and the ODOP model now emulated by other states.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industry, exports, MSMEs | GS-VI: UP industrial policy, ODOP | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**
Concept: ODOP was launched by UP in January 2018 to promote one signature product in each of the state's 75 districts.

[UP-SCHEME] 6. Yogi cabinet's 23 decisions: farm credit, smart schools, Agniveer quota

Key decisions of the 15 September cabinet meeting that are now being rolled out across departments.

- **Mukhyamantri Krishak Samriddhi Yojana**: long-term loans up to **₹6 lakh at 6%** for small and marginal farmers.
- **20% horizontal reservation** for former **Agniveers** in Jail Warder and Transport Enforcement Constable posts, with age relaxation.
- **14,429** primary schools to become smart schools (**₹300 crore**); **Chitrakoot Link Expressway** — **15.172 km**, six-lane, **₹1,008.67 crore**.
- **Toy Manufacturing Policy-2025**; **120 KLPD** ethanol plant at Chhata (Mathura); PRD duty allowance **₹500 → ₹600/day**; NSG regional hub in **Ayodhya**.



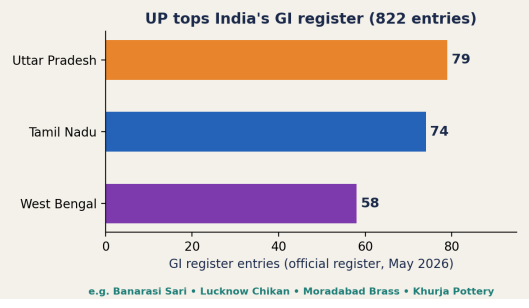
Why it matters: The package blends farm credit, school quality, ex-servicemen rehabilitation and Bundelkhand connectivity — typical multi-sector content for UPPSC scheme questions.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes | GS-III: Agri credit, infrastructure | GS-V/VI: UP schemes | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/III (UP-special GS-V/VI)**
Concept: Horizontal reservation cuts across vertical (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) categories — e.g., for women, ex-servicemen or ex-Agniveers within each category.

[UP-CULTURE] 7. UP tops India's GI register; CM pushes marketing of GI products

The CM's 29 September review called for stronger marketing of GI-tagged goods; UP already leads the official state-wise GI register.

- UP has **79** entries in the official GI register (May 2026), ahead of **Tamil Nadu (74)** and **West Bengal (58)**.
- The register lists **822** GI entries nationally.
- Iconic UP GIs: **Banarasi Sari**, **Lucknow Chikan**, **Agra Petha**, **Moradabad Brass**, **Khurja Pottery**.
- GIs are registered under the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999**; registry at **Chennai**.



Why it matters: GI tags add price premium and protect artisans from imitation; linking them with ODOP and trade shows converts heritage into export income.

Syllabus: GS-III: IPR, handicrafts economy | GS-V: UP art & crafts | GS-VI: UP exports | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-V/VI)**
Concept: A GI identifies goods originating from a specific territory whose quality or reputation is attributable to that origin; registration is valid for 10 years and renewable.

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

[NATIONAL] 8. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 comes into force

The new law takes effect from 1 October 2026, replacing a colonial-era statute.

- Replaces the **Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891**.
- Creates a **technology-neutral** framework — physical, electronic and digital bank records admissible as evidence.
- Permits **digital/electronic signatures** for certification; bank officers compelled to testify only on a court order showing **special cause**.

Why it matters: Aligns evidence law with digital banking and the new criminal laws, cutting delays in fraud and recovery cases.

Syllabus: GS-II: Legal reforms | GS-III: Banking sector, digitisation | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/III**
Concept: Part of the wider repeal of colonial laws, alongside the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 which replaced the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

[ECONOMY] 9. Net FDI inflows touch a five-year high in July 2026

Central bank data show a sharp rebound in net foreign direct investment.

- Net FDI of about **$7.3 billion** in **July 2026** — highest since **May 2021**.
- Communication and financial services drew the bulk (~**60%**) of equity inflows.
- Net FDI = gross inflows minus repatriation/disinvestment and outward FDI by Indian firms.

Why it matters: Stable FDI helps finance the current account deficit; states like UP compete for this capital through investment summits and land banks.

Syllabus: GS-III: External sector, investment | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III**

[POLITY] 10. AFSPA extended for six months in parts of the North-East

The Union Home Ministry has extended 'disturbed area' notifications from 1 October 2026.

- Extended for **6 months** in notified areas of **Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Section 3 of **AFSPA, 1958** lets the Centre or Governor declare an area 'disturbed'.
- Prosecution of armed forces personnel requires **prior sanction of the Centre**.

Why it matters: Balancing security needs with civil liberties remains central to the AFSPA debate (Jeevan Reddy Committee, 2005 recommended repeal).

Syllabus: GS-II: Centre-state relations | GS-III: Internal security | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/III**

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Appointment	**Dinesh Sharma** (former UP Deputy CM, ex-Lucknow Mayor) — **15th Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar**.
UP Legislature	UP Legislative Council polls: **11 seats** (5 Graduates' + 6 Teachers'), voting **23 Oct**.
Branding	**ODOC** — One District One Cuisine — UP's food-branding twin of ODOP, highlighted at UPITS 2026.
Security	**NSG regional hub** approved on land in **Ayodhya**.
Infrastructure	**Chitrakoot Link Expressway**: **15.172 km**, six-lane, **₹1,008.67 crore** (Bundelkhand connectivity).
Polity	UP Rajya Sabha strength: **31** seats — largest of any state; **10** up for election on **16 Oct**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. In the 2026 biennial Rajya Sabha election in Uttar Pradesh for 10 seats, with an effective Assembly strength of 397, how many first-preference votes does a candidate need to win?
(a) 36 (b) 37 (c) 40 (d) 41
Answer: (b) — Quota = [397 ÷ (10 + 1)] + 1 = 36.09 + 1; ignoring the fraction, **37** votes are required.

Q2. Consider the following statements about Masuriya Din: 1. He was a member of the Constituent Assembly. 2. He belonged to the Pasi community. 3. He campaigned against the Criminal Tribes Act. 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: (d) — All three are correct: born in Prayagraj (1911), he was a **Constituent Assembly** member, a **Pasi** leader and fought the **Criminal Tribes Act**.

Mains Q. "Back-loaded public spending weakens outcomes." Examine this statement in the context of Uttar Pradesh's 2026-27 budget execution and suggest reforms. (UPPSC GS-VI, 125 words)
Hint: Data: **51.6%** approvals, **28.4%** spent by end-Sept; target **70%/60%** by Nov → issues: March rush, idle funds, capex delays → reforms: quarterly release calendars, outcome budgeting, PFMS-based tracking, departmental accountability.

⚡ **One-line revision:** Paddy MSP **₹2,441** (from 1 Oct, west UP) • RS poll **16 Oct**, quota **37** • Budget **₹9.99 lakh cr**, **28.4%** spent • UPITS **90 countries** • UP GI **79/822**.

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