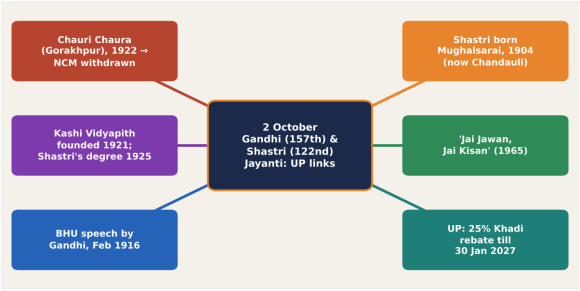
Edition note — Friday, 02 October 2026: Today is Gandhi Jayanti (a gazetted holiday), so fresh state-level announcements are limited. Today's UP items come first; Sections B and C add this week's key developments (15 Sept – 1 Oct 2026).

Section A — Today in UP (2 October 2026)

UP-CULTURE Gandhi (157th) & Shastri (122nd) Jayanti: UP announces 25% Khadi rebate till 30 Jan 2027

On 2 October the CM paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri in Lucknow and urged citizens to make Khadi part of daily life.

- UP government offers a **25% discount on Khadi** products from 2 October 2026 to **30 January 2027** (Gandhi's death anniversary / Martyrs' Day).
- CM linked Gandhi's **Swadeshi and self-reliance** to the goal of a developed India; Tricolour hoisted on all government buildings on Chief Secretary's orders.
- **Lal Bahadur Shastri** was born on 2 Oct 1904 at **Mughalsarai** (now Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar, **Chandauli**); earned the 'Shastri' degree from **Kashi Vidyapith** (1925).
- UP links to Gandhi: **BHU speech (Feb 1916)**, founding of Kashi Vidyapith (1921), and **Chauri Chaura, Gorakhpur (4 Feb 1922)** which led to withdrawal of the Non-Cooperation Movement.



Why it matters: Khadi rebates support UP's large artisan and village-industry base (Khadi & Village Industries Board). Shastri's UP roots and Chauri Chaura are recurring UPPSC Prelims facts.

Syllabus: GS-I (Modern History, personalities) | GS-III (rural industry) | UP-special GS-V (UP's role in the freedom struggle)

UP-GOVERNANCE Special Gram Sabhas across UP's villages launch People's Plan Campaign for GPDP 2027-28

Special Gram Sabhas are being held today in gram panchayats across UP and the country under the campaign 'Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas'.

- Gram Sabhas begin the **People's Plan Campaign 2026-27** to prepare the **Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for 2027-28**.
- Agenda: **VB-G RAM G** (**125 days** of guaranteed wage employment per rural household), Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat (Grameen), SVAMITVA and the **Panchayat Advancement Index**.
- Also on the agenda: e-GramSwaraj & AuditOnline, One Nation One Ration Card, new criminal laws (BNS, BNSS, BSA) and ending child marriage.
- The day doubles as **Swachh Bharat Diwas**; the **Swachhata Hi Seva 2026** fortnight (17 Sept – 17 Oct) has the theme '**Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat**'.



Why it matters: UP has the largest number of gram panchayats in India, so bottom-up planning here shapes rural spending on jobs, water and sanitation. It is a direct application of Article 243A (Gram Sabha) and the 11th Schedule.

Syllabus: GS-II (Panchayati Raj, 73rd Amendment) | GS-III (rural development) | UP-special GS-VI (rural development in UP)

UP-SPORTS Meerut's Parul Chaudhary returns home with two Asian Games 2026 bronze medals

Athlete Parul Chaudhary of Iklota village (Meerut) received a grand welcome today after the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

- Won **bronze in the women's 5000 m** and **bronze in the 3000 m steeplechase** at the **2026 Asian Games (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan)**.
- She is a back-to-back Asian Games medallist: at the 2022 Games (Hangzhou) she won **5000 m gold**.
- India's tally as of 2 October: **70 medals — 12 gold, 24 silver, 34 bronze**.
- Meerut is UP's leading athletics nursery; it also hosts the **Major Dhyan Chand Sports University** project.

Why it matters: UP sportspersons and their districts are a standard UPPSC Prelims area; Meerut's athletics culture also ties into the state's sports-infrastructure push.

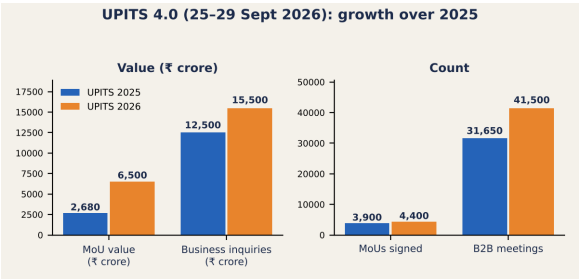
Syllabus: GS-I/Prelims (sports & awards) | UP-special GS-V (sports in UP)

Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-ECONOMY UPITS 4.0 ends with record 4,400 MoUs worth ₹6,500 crore

The fourth UP International Trade Show (25–29 Sept 2026, India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida) closed with the state government reporting record business numbers.

- **4,400 MoUs worth about ₹6,500 crore** (up **142.5%** in value over 2025) and potential business of **₹15,500 crore**.
- **41,500 B2B meetings** (+31%) and nearly **6 lakh visitors**, including about 1.75 lakh business buyers.
- **6 partner countries**: Russia, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Belarus and Vietnam (just 1 in 2025); 2,400 exhibitors. Theme: 'Ultimate Sourcing Begins Here'.
- Showcased **ODOP** products from all 75 districts along with the new '**One District, One Cuisine (ODOC)**' initiative.



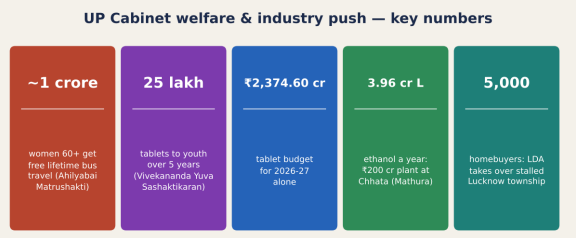
Why it matters: UPITS is the export window for UP's MSMEs and ODOP clusters and supports the state's US$1 trillion economy target.

Syllabus: GS-III (MSMEs, exports, investment) | UP-special GS-VI (UP economy, ODOP)

UP-SCHEME Yogi Cabinet: free lifetime bus travel for women 60+ and 25 lakh tablets for youth

The UP Cabinet (15 Sept 2026) cleared a large package of proposals on social security, youth, transport and industry.

- **Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana**: free lifetime travel in state buses for **women aged 60+**, which could benefit about **1 crore** women.
- **Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana**: **25 lakh tablets** over five years, with **₹2,374.60 crore** set aside for 2026-27.
- **Ganga Expressway** to be extended towards **Haridwar** (Uttarakhand), adding to the 594 km Meerut–Prayagraj corridor opened in April 2026.
- **₹200 crore ethanol plant** at **Chhata (Mathura)** with **3.96 crore litres/year** capacity, reviving a sugar mill shut for 19 years; a new **Toy Manufacturing Incentive Policy** also cleared.



Why it matters: The package combines welfare for women and the elderly, digital access for youth and investment-led jobs, the main levers of UP's development model.

Syllabus: GS-II (welfare schemes, vulnerable sections) | GS-III (infrastructure, biofuels) | UP-special GS-VI (UP schemes)

UP-GOVERNANCE Police modernisation: 87 interceptor vehicles, gallantry medals and the book 'Sangharsh'

At a Lucknow event on 1 October 2026 the CM flagged off new police vehicles, presented gallantry medals and released a book on police reform.

- **87 tech-equipped interceptor vehicles** (four- and two-wheelers) inducted to strengthen highway and city patrolling.
- **Gallantry medals** for **26 personnel** (16 announced on Republic Day 2025, 10 on Republic Day 2026), from constables to IPS officers.
- Widow of STF Inspector **Sunil Kumar** (posthumous **Kirti Chakra**, 2026; killed in the Jhinjhana, Shamli encounter) honoured.
- CM released '**Sangharsh**', a book on police reform by former UP DGP **Prakash Singh**, the petitioner in the landmark 2006 Supreme Court case.



Why it matters: Implementing the Prakash Singh directives (tenure security, independent complaints bodies) is central to professional, accountable policing, a frequent Mains theme.

Syllabus: GS-II (police reforms, governance) | GS-IV (integrity in public service) | UP-special GS-V (law & order in UP)

UP-INFRA Ayodhya begins preparations for Deepotsav 2026; Ram ki Paidi works to be finished first

The Ayodhya divisional administration has started coordination meetings for the November 2026 Deepotsav on the banks of the Saryu.

- Priorities: finishing works at the **ghats and Ram ki Paidi**, city-wide cleanliness, crowd and traffic management.
- Preparations for the **14-Kosi and 5-Kosi Parikrama** are being reviewed along with Deepotsav.
- Ayodhya Deepotsav (started in **2017**) has set successive **world records** for the largest display of oil lamps.

Why it matters: Deepotsav anchors UP's religious-tourism economy (Ayodhya–Kashi–Prayagraj circuit) and boosts local crafts such as terracotta diyas.

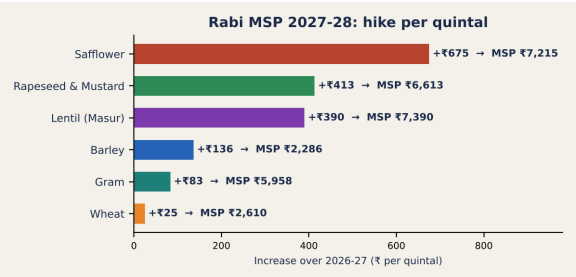
Syllabus: GS-I (culture, festivals) | GS-III (tourism economy) | UP-special GS-V (fairs & festivals of UP)

Section C — National News relevant for UPPSC

NATIONAL Rabi MSP 2027-28: wheat ₹2,610/quintal; safflower gets highest hike (₹675)

On 30 September 2026 the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs raised MSPs for all six mandated rabi crops.

- **Wheat ₹2,610** (+₹25), **mustard ₹6,613** (+₹413), **lentil ₹7,390** (+₹390), **gram ₹5,958** (+₹83), **barley ₹2,286** (+₹136), **safflower ₹7,215** (+₹675).
- Expected margin over all-India weighted cost: **wheat 106%** (highest), mustard 96%, lentil 92%.
- MSP is fixed at **at least 1.5× the cost of production**, based on **CACP** recommendations and approved by the **CCEA**.



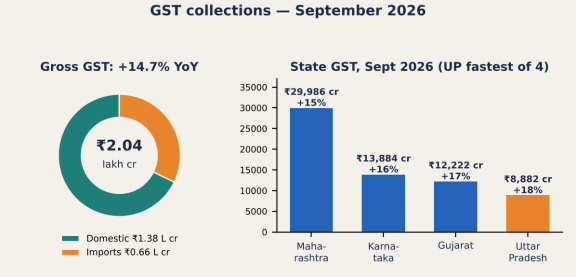
Why it matters: UP is India's largest wheat producer, so MSP and procurement directly shape farm incomes across the state.

Syllabus: GS-III (agricultural pricing, MSP) | UP-special GS-VI (agriculture in UP)

NATIONAL September GST collections up 14.7% to ₹2.04 lakh crore; UP's growth fastest among big states

GST data released on 1 October 2026 showed strong year-on-year growth, driven mainly by imports.

- Gross GST: **₹2.04 lakh crore** (+**14.7%**); net after refunds **₹1.77 lakh crore** (+18.1%).
- Import GST up **25.9%** (₹65,525 crore) vs domestic GST up **10.1%** (₹1.38 lakh crore).
- **Uttar Pradesh: ₹8,882 crore (+18%)**, the highest growth among the top four states (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, UP).
- Apr–Sept FY27 gross GST: **₹12.46 lakh crore** (+11.6%).



Why it matters: Buoyant GST strengthens UP's own revenue and its share of the divisible pool, creating fiscal room for schemes.

Syllabus: GS-III (indirect taxes, fiscal federalism) | UP-special GS-VI (UP finances)

NATIONAL Cabinet clears Green Energy Corridor Phase-III with battery storage

The Union Cabinet on 30 September 2026 approved GEC-III to strengthen intra-state transmission.

- Outlay of **₹1,86,405 crore** to strengthen **intra-state transmission** and deploy **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)**.
- Will help evacuate up to **135 GW** of renewable energy capacity.
- Also cleared: a ₹1,789.52 crore **Intelligent Traffic Management System** for Delhi (42 corridors).

Why it matters: Grid and storage gaps are the main barrier to UP's solar ambitions (Bundelkhand solar parks, rooftop solar); GEC-III funding can unlock them.

Syllabus: GS-III (energy, infrastructure) | UP-special GS-VI (energy in UP)

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Fact	Answer
UPITS 2026 partner countries	6: Russia, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Belarus, Vietnam
New UP food-branding initiative	One District, One Cuisine (ODOC), alongside ODOP
UP Startup Policy 2026	New UP Startup Mission; ₹1,000 crore Startup Fund
Kirti Chakra (posthumous), 2026	STF Inspector Sunil Kumar (Shamli encounter)
Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 theme	Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
Shastri's birthplace (UP)	Mughalsarai (Pt. DDU Nagar), Chandauli; born 2 Oct 1904

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. Consider the following statements about events linked to Uttar Pradesh:
1. The Chauri Chaura incident took place in Gorakhpur district in 1922.
2. Lal Bahadur Shastri was born in Mughalsarai, now in Chandauli district.
3. Kashi Vidyapith was founded after the Non-Cooperation Movement was withdrawn.
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) — Chauri Chaura (Gorakhpur) took place on 4 Feb 1922 and Shastri was born at Mughalsarai (Chandauli) on 2 Oct 1904. Kashi Vidyapith was founded on 10 Feb 1921, during the movement, a year before it was withdrawn, so statement 3 is wrong.

Q2. With reference to the Minimum Support Prices for Rabi Marketing Season 2027-28, which crop received the highest absolute increase?
(a) Wheat (b) Rapeseed & Mustard (c) Lentil (Masur) (d) Safflower
Answer: (d) — Safflower rose by ₹675 to ₹7,215 per quintal; mustard (+₹413) and lentil (+₹390) followed, while wheat rose only ₹25 to ₹2,610.

Mains Practice (GS-II): "Police reform in India remains a story of judicial directives awaiting full implementation." Examine this with reference to the Prakash Singh judgment and recent modernisation steps in Uttar Pradesh. (200 words)
Hint: Intro: the 2006 case and its 7 directives. Body: status of the State Security Commission, DGP tenure and Police Complaints Authority; UP steps such as interceptor fleets, UP-112, technology and the 20% quota for ex-Agniveers; gaps such as vacancies, investigation–law-order split and political interference. Conclude: a Model Police Act approach and community policing.

⚡ **One-line revision:** UPITS 4.0: 4,400 MoUs / ₹6,500 cr | Khadi 25% rebate till 30 Jan 2027 | Rabi MSP: wheat ₹2,610, safflower +₹675 | UP GST ₹8,882 cr (+18%) | Prakash Singh (2006): 7 directives.

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