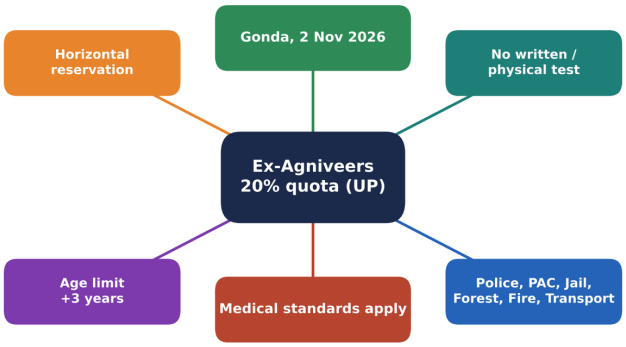
Today's headline: UP gives ex-Agniveers 20% quota, revises pay of 2.72 lakh outsourced staff; paddy procurement opens at 65 LMT target. CM Yogi Adityanath announced a **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in UP direct recruitment at Gonda, while a new order revised pay of about **2.72 lakh outsourced workers** (₹17,646–₹39,000). Paddy procurement for KMS 2026-27 has opened with a **65 lakh tonne** target, and this week's big-ticket items include **four link expressways (₹17,542 crore)** and approval of the **Northern Bullet Train Corridor** through six UP cities.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

[UP-GOVERNANCE] Ex-Agniveers get 20% horizontal reservation in UP direct recruitment

*Announced by CM Yogi Adityanath at Tejpur village (Chhapiya area), **Gonda**, on **2 November 2026**.*

- **20% horizontal reservation** for Agniveers who complete **4 years** of service, in notified direct-recruitment posts.
- **No written or physical test**; medical standards and post eligibility still apply; **3-year relaxation** in upper age limit.
- Posts include **Police constable, PAC, mounted police, Jail warder, Forest, Fire service** and **Transport enforcement constable**.
- At the same event the CM launched/laid foundation of **69 projects worth ₹520.83 crore**.



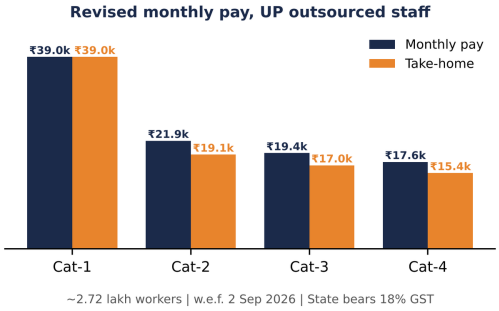
Why it matters: Horizontal reservation cuts across vertical (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) categories — a favourite Prelims distinction; it also links the Centre's Agnipath scheme with state-level resettlement of trained youth.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes, reservation, security forces; GS-V: UP administration & recruitment policy | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)**

[UP-GOVERNANCE] Pay of ~2.72 lakh outsourced workers revised: ₹17,646 to ₹39,000 a month

*The Secretariat Administration Department issued the order on Monday evening (**2 November 2026**), effective from **2 September 2026**.*

- Four categories: **₹39,000 / ₹21,947 / ₹19,446 / ₹17,646** per month.
- Categories 2-4 get up to **1.5 times** earlier pay; nobody already earning more will see a cut.
- State bears the **18% GST**; agency service charge capped at **7%** (UPCOS charge **1%**).
- September arrears to be paid with October salary in **November 2026**.



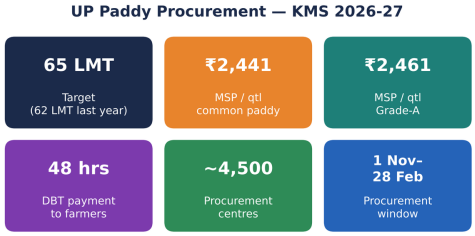
Why it matters: Outsourcing now staffs a large share of state services; fair wages, social security (EPF/ESI) and a regulated corporation model reduce contractor exploitation — a GS-III/GS-VI theme.

Syllabus: GS-III: Labour, employment; GS-VI: UP economy & labour welfare | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

[UP-AGRICULTURE] Paddy procurement for KMS 2026-27 opens with 65 lakh tonne target

*Procurement began on **1 November 2026** in eastern UP and Lucknow divisions and runs till **28 February 2027**.*

- Target **65 LMT**, up from **62 LMT** bought last season.
- MSP **₹2,441/qtl (common)** and **₹2,461/qtl (Grade-A)**; extra **₹20/qtl** for unloading, sorting and cleaning.
- Payment through **DBT within 48 hours**; about **4,500 centres** run by **8 agencies**.
- Registration via the state food & civil supplies portal; toll-free helpline **18001800150**.



Why it matters: Assured MSP buying and quick DBT payments curb distress sales to middlemen in eastern UP, where small holdings dominate.

Syllabus: GS-III: MSP, procurement, food security; GS-VI: UP agriculture | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

Note: Today's UP coverage is led by Section A (2–3 Nov). Section B adds the week's major UP decisions (27 Oct–1 Nov) that are high-priority for the exam.

[UP-URBAN] Gorakhpur gets ₹1,375-crore projects; Goddhoiya Nala Phase-1 dedicated

*CM Yogi Adityanath dedicated and laid foundation of works in **Gorakhpur** on **1 November 2026**.*

- **Goddhoiya Nala Phase-1 (~₹495.24 crore)**: pucca drain, sewer lines and a **38 MLD STP**; benefits **17 wards**.
- Foundation of about **₹880 crore** works incl. **Sewerage Zone A-3 (~₹721.40 crore)**.
- Goddhoiya Nala Phase-2 (~₹92.72 crore) and a road parallel to the nala (~₹65.93 crore).
- Aim: end monsoon waterlogging and stop untreated sewage flow.

Why it matters: Drain-cum-STP projects tackle both urban flooding and river pollution — a model for Tier-2 UP cities under AMRUT 2.0.

Syllabus: GS-III: Urban infrastructure, sanitation; GS-VI: UP urban development | **UPPSC: Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

[UP-INFRA] Cabinet clears four link expressways worth ₹17,542 crore

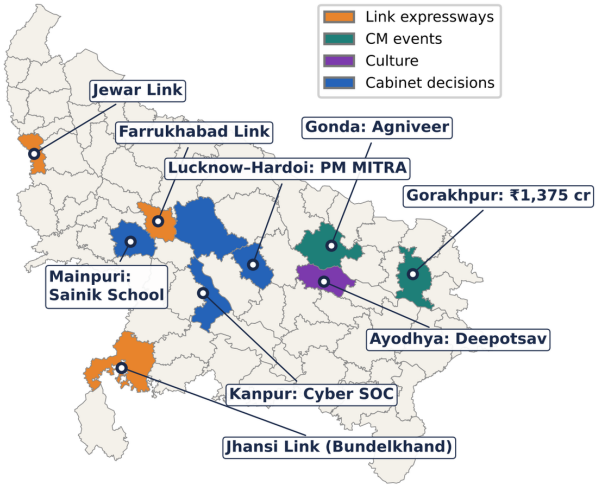
*The UP Cabinet (27 October 2026) approved 22 proposals; the headline decision is about **322 km** of link expressways fully funded by the state.*

- **Farrukhabad Link (~90.9 km)**, **Agra-Lucknow-Purvanchal Link (50.94 km)**, **Jhansi Link (~106 km)** and **Jewar Link (~74 km)**.
- Jhansi Link boosts **Bundelkhand** access; Jewar Link serves the **Noida International Airport** area.
- Executed by **UPEIDA** on **EPC** mode; completion in **3 years**; contractors maintain for **5 years**.
- Same meeting: Cyber Security Operations Centre via IIT Kanpur's C3iHub, PM MITRA park master developer, **UP Inland Vessels Rules, 2026**.

Why it matters: Link roads turn standalone expressways into a grid, bringing industrial corridors and airports within reach of lagging regions such as Bundelkhand.

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure; GS-VI: UP expressways & regional development (Bundelkhand) | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

Uttar Pradesh in Today's News



Schematic; not to scale.

[UP-INFRA] Northern Bullet Train Corridor approved; Varanasi–New Delhi Vande Bharat Sleeper launched

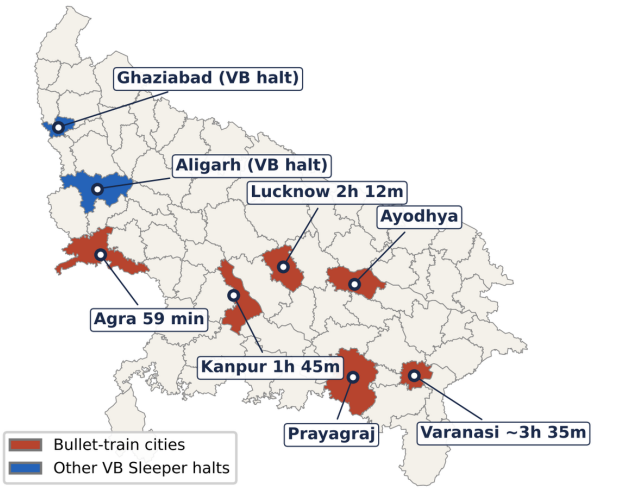
*On **31 October 2026** at Varanasi, the Union Railway Minister announced PM's approval of the corridor as he and CM Yogi flagged off the sleeper train.*

- Corridor names **Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Prayagraj** in UP — the state's **first bullet-train** link.
- Proposed times from Delhi: **Agra 59 min**, **Kanpur 1h 45m**, **Lucknow 2h 12m**, **Varanasi ~3.5 h**.
- Vande Bharat Sleeper **27421/27422**: **16 coaches, 823 berths**; halts Prayagraj, Kanpur Central, Aligarh, Ghaziabad.
- Regular service from **2 November 2026**; departs Varanasi 20:50, reaches New Delhi 06:10.

Why it matters: High-speed rail can knit UP's religious-tourism circuit (Ayodhya–Varanasi–Prayagraj) to the NCR economy and ease pressure on air and road routes.

Syllabus: GS-III: Railways & transport infrastructure; GS-VI: UP connectivity | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

Northern Bullet Train Corridor: UP cities (times from Delhi, proposed)



Schematic; not to scale. No route alignment drawn.

[UP-SCHEME] ₹1,725-crore Sardar Patel Skill Training & Employment Zone Scheme launched

*Launched on **31 October 2026**, Sardar Patel's **151st birth anniversary** (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas).*

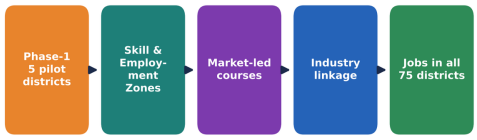
- Outlay **₹1,725 crore**; aim to cover **all 75 districts**.
- Skill training and **employment zones** offering market-driven, employability-focused courses near home.
- **Phased rollout**: begins in **5 pilot districts** before statewide expansion.
- Training institutes to be linked with industry for placement.

Why it matters: UP has India's largest youth population; converting it into a demographic dividend needs skills matched to industry demand, not just certificates.

Syllabus: GS-III: Skill development, employment; GS-VI: UP human resource development | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-V/GS-VI)**

Sardar Patel Skill Training & Employment Zone Scheme

Outlay ₹1,725 crore | Launched 31 Oct 2026

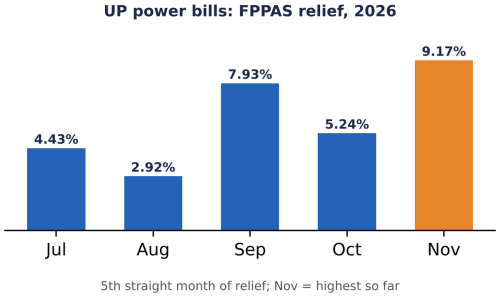


Employability over certificates • training close to home

[UP-ECONOMY] Record 9.17% FPPAS relief on November electricity bills

UPPCL will cut November 2026 bills of domestic, commercial and other consumers as fuel and power-purchase costs came in below tariff assumptions.

- **9.17%** reduction — the **highest so far** under FPPAS.
- **Fifth consecutive month** of negative surcharge: Jul **4.43%**, Aug **2.92%**, Sep **7.93%**, Oct **5.24%**.
- Mechanism: **Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Surcharge (FPPAS)** passes cost changes to consumers monthly.
- Relief is automatic in the bill; no application needed.



Why it matters: Automatic cost pass-through keeps DISCOM finances healthy and avoids tariff shocks — a key reform under the Electricity (Amendment) Rules.

Syllabus: GS-III: Energy sector, power tariffs; GS-VI: UP energy | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)**

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

[NATIONAL] Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 notified under VB-G RAM G Act

*Ministry of Rural Development notified the rules on **2 November 2026** for the rural job law that replaced MGNREGA.*

- Complaints via Grievance Redressal Officer, Speed Post, digital platform or **helpline**; registration number issued.
- Inquiry within **7 days**; unresolved cases escalated after **15 days**.
- Dropped from the May 2026 draft: mandatory **FIR** for financial irregularities and a weekly grievance day.

Why it matters: Time-bound redressal is central to rights-based welfare; UP, with one of the largest rural workforces, will implement it at scale.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes, accountability, rural development | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II**

[NATIONAL] ₹53,866.50-crore contracts for eight Next Generation Corvettes

*Ministry of Defence signed the contracts in New Delhi on **2 November 2026**.*

- **GRSE (Kolkata) builds 5**, **Goa Shipyard builds 3** corvettes.
- Roles: anti-surface and **anti-submarine warfare**, coastal security, surveillance.
- First warship buy that is **Navy-designed** and awarded to DPSUs via competitive selection; ~**72 lakh** shipyard person-days.

Why it matters: Indigenous design-to-build strengthens maritime security in the Indian Ocean and supports MSMEs — including UP's growing defence-corridor supply base.

Syllabus: GS-III: Defence, indigenisation (Aatmanirbhar Bharat) | **UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III**

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Area	Quick fact
Culture	**Ayodhya Deepotsav** on **7 November 2026** — CM terms it a boost for potters, labourers and small traders.
Security	**Cyber Security Operations Centre** for UP to be set up through **IIT Kanpur's C3iHub** (Cabinet, 27 Oct).
Industry	Master developer approved for **PM MITRA Mega Textile Park** on **1,000 acres** in **Lucknow–Hardoi**.
Defence/Education	**9.524 hectares** transferred free for a **Sainik School in Mainpuri**.
Transport	**UP Inland Vessels Rules, 2026** promulgated for river navigation.
Judiciary/Housing	**845 residential units** approved for High Court officials in **Prayagraj**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the recent Uttar Pradesh decision on ex-Agniveers, consider the following statements:
1. It provides a 20% horizontal reservation in certain direct-recruitment posts.
2. Selected candidates are exempt from the written and physical tests.
3. It gives a 5-year relaxation in the upper age limit.
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: (a) — The quota is 20% horizontal with exemption from written/physical tests; the age relaxation is **3 years**, not 5.

Q2. Which of the following link expressways approved by the UP Cabinet is intended mainly to improve connectivity of the Bundelkhand region?
(a) Farrukhabad Link Expressway (b) Jewar Link Expressway (c) Jhansi Link Expressway (d) Agra-Lucknow–Purvanchal Link
Answer: (c) — The ~106 km **Jhansi Link Expressway** targets Bundelkhand; Jewar Link serves the Noida International Airport area.

Mains Practice (GS-III / UP-special GS-VI): Uttar Pradesh is building a dense expressway grid alongside high-speed rail plans. Discuss how such connectivity can reduce regional disparities between western UP, Purvanchal and Bundelkhand. (125 words)
Hint: Intro: four link expressways (₹17,542 crore) + bullet-train corridor. Body: market access, industrial corridors and nodes, tourism circuits, airport links (Jewar); limits — land acquisition, need for skills (₹1,725 crore scheme) and last-mile roads. Conclude with balanced regional growth.

One-line revision: UP today: **20% ex-Agniveer quota** • outsourced pay **₹17,646–₹39,000** • paddy target **65 LMT** • **4 link expressways ₹17,542 cr** • **bullet train via 6 UP cities** • skill scheme **₹1,725 cr** • FPPAS relief **9.17%**.

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