Note: this is an early-morning (IST) edition. Today's UP coverage was thin, so items from 29 Sep–4 Oct 2026 are included; the latest (4 Oct) items come first.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

UP-ECONOMY

50th India Carpet Expo opens at Bhadohi; UP now India's 5th-largest exporter

On 4 Oct 2026 the CM inaugurated the golden-jubilee edition of Asia's largest handmade-carpet trade fair at the Carpet Expo Mart, Bhadohi.

- **50th India Carpet Expo** (4 days) is organised by the **Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC)**; expected business about **₹500 crore**.
- About **430 foreign buyers from 65 countries** and **223 Indian exporters**; the **USA** sends the most buyers (~40) and **106 buyers** come from BRICS nations.
- CM: UP's exports have grown **2.27 times in a decade** to over **₹2 lakh crore**, making UP the **5th-largest exporting state**.
- Bhadohi's handmade carpets — a **GI-tagged** craft and the district's ODOP — are a leading contributor; Bhadohi–Mirzapur form India's **'Carpet City'** belt.

Concept: GI tag (Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999) links a product's quality to its place of origin; ODOP (launched by UP on 24 Jan 2018) picks one signature product per district.

Why it matters: Handicraft clusters like Bhadohi show how ODOP + GI + global buyer-seller fairs can turn artisan skills into export earnings — vital as UP targets a $1-trillion economy.

Syllabus: GS-III: Exports, MSME & handicrafts | GS-VI: Industrial & export policy of UP, ODOP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: UP economy, industry)



UP-INFRA

112 projects worth ₹1,340 crore for Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

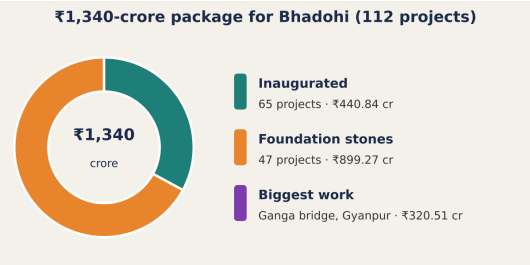
Along with the Expo, the CM inaugurated or laid foundation stones for projects across the Bhadohi, Aurai and Gyanpur assembly segments.

- **65 projects (₹440.84 crore) inaugurated**; foundation stones for **47 projects (₹899.27 crore)**.
- Largest work: a **Ganga bridge at Gyanpur (₹320.51 crore)**; also a new **574-capacity district jail** and 35 PWD works.
- The district is being renamed **'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'** — announced on Guru Purnima (29 Jul 2026) in the **650th birth-anniversary year of Sant Ravidas**.
- Bhadohi was carved out of Varanasi on **30 June 1994**; named 'Sant Ravidas Nagar' under the Mayawati government, it reverted to Bhadohi in **Dec 2014**.

Concept: Under the UP Revenue Code, 2006 the State Government creates, alters or renames districts by notification; renaming a village, town or railway station needs the Union Home Ministry's NOC.

Why it matters: Bridges and district infrastructure cut logistics costs for an export-oriented cluster; renamings are frequent UPPSC one-liners — note the old and new names.

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure | GS-V: Districts of UP, regional development (Purvanchal) | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-V: UP administration & districts)



SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-AGRICULTURE

Paddy procurement 2026-27: new MSP ₹2,441/quintal, 48-hour payment promise

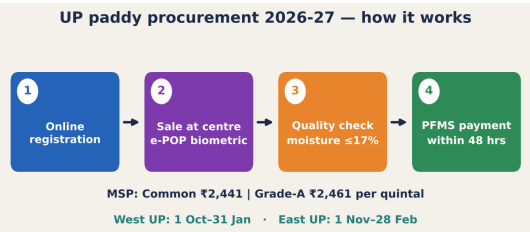
Kharif paddy purchase has opened in western UP at the new MSP; eastern UP follows from 1 November.

- MSP: **₹2,441/quintal (Common)** and **₹2,461 (Grade-A)** — **₹72 more** than 2025-26.
- Windows: **western UP 1 Oct–31 Jan**; **eastern UP 1 Nov–28 Feb**.
- Online registration is mandatory; sale is verified by **e-POP biometric** at the centre; moisture limit **17%**.
- Payment via **PFMS directly to Aadhaar-linked accounts within 48 hours**; reports say rain-delayed harvests pushed some farmers to sell below MSP.

Concept: MSP is announced by the Centre on CACP's recommendation; States procure under decentralised procurement (DCP) for the central pool.

Why it matters: UP is among India's top rice producers; timely, transparent procurement protects small farmers from distress sales and feeds the PDS.

Syllabus: GS-III: MSP, procurement & PDS | GS-VI: Agricultural marketing in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: UP agriculture)

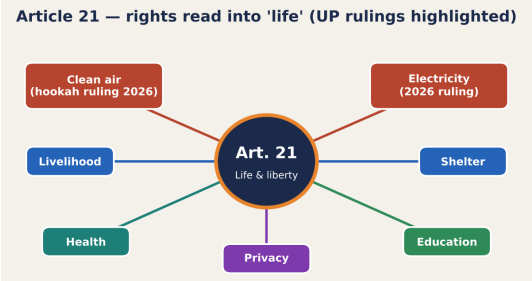


UP-JUDICIARY Allahabad HC: no hookah service even in designated smoking areas; electricity part of Article 21

Key rulings of the Allahabad High Court in the week of 28 Sep–4 Oct 2026.

- **Lucknow Bench (29 Sep)**: restaurants in UP **cannot serve hookah even in Designated Smoking Areas** — under **COTPA, 2003** rules, the 2017 amendment to **Rule 4(3)** bars 'any service' there.
- Court held the **right to clean air (Art. 21)** prevails over the right to trade **(Art. 19(1)(g))**; also cited the State's duty under **Art. 47**.
- Separate ruling: **electricity is an indispensable need** and part of the **right to life under Article 21**.
- Another bench: reserved-category candidates scoring above the general cut-off must be adjusted at the **screening stage itself**.

Concept: Allahabad HC (est. 1866 at Agra, shifted to Allahabad in 1869) has its Lucknow Bench since 1948; COTPA 2003 regulates tobacco advertising, sale and smoking in public places.



Why it matters: Shows the steady expansion of Article 21 and the balancing of Fundamental Rights against public health — classic Mains material with UP-specific examples.

Syllabus: GS-II: Fundamental Rights, judiciary | GS-V: High Court & legal system of UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V: UP judiciary)

UP-SCHEME 25% discount on Khadi in UP from Gandhi Jayanti till 30 January 2027

On Gandhi Jayanti (2 Oct) the CM bought khadi in Lucknow and announced a festive-season rebate.

- **25% rebate on khadi** valid **2 Oct 2026 – 30 Jan 2027** (Gandhi Jayanti to Martyrs' Day).
- Marked Gandhi's **157th** and Lal Bahadur Shastri's **122nd** birth anniversaries.
- CM called the charkha the base of **'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'** and urged people to adopt swadeshi.

Concept: UP Khadi & Village Industries Board (1960) works with the national KVIC (1956/57) to promote khadi and village industries.

Why it matters: Rebates lift festive demand for spinners and weavers — supporting rural, women-heavy employment in the khadi sector.

Syllabus: GS-III: Rural industries, employment | GS-VI: Khadi & village industries in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: village industries)

UP-SPORTS Aligarh's Gulveer Singh wins three medals at Asian Games 2026

The distance runner from Aligarh completed a medal hat-trick in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; the CM congratulated him.

- **Silver – 10,000 m** (28:29.38), **Silver – 1,500 m** (3:36.72, personal best), **Bronze – 5,000 m** (13:32.75, on 29 Sep).
- First Indian in **40 years** to win **3 medals at one Asian Games** — since **P.T. Usha (Seoul 1986)**.
- Earlier won India's first-ever **men's 10,000 m silver at the Commonwealth Games 2026**.

Why it matters: A UP athlete's breakthrough in distance running — a discipline where India rarely medals — is a likely UPPSC sports question.

Syllabus: General Studies: Sports & awards | GS-V: Personalities of UP | UPPSC: Prelims (sports, UP personalities)

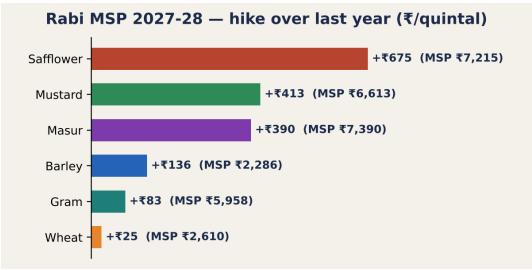
SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL · ECONOMY Rabi MSP 2027-28: wheat ₹2,610/quintal; safflower gets the biggest hike

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) raised MSPs of all six rabi crops for marketing season 2027-28.

- **Wheat ₹2,610 (+₹25)** — smallest hike; barley ₹2,286 (+₹136); gram ₹5,958 (+₹83).
- Masur ₹7,390 (+₹390); rapeseed-mustard ₹6,613 (+₹413); **safflower ₹7,215 (+₹675, highest)**.
- Estimated procurement **324 lakh tonnes**; MSP outgo about **₹90,962 crore**.

Concept: MSP is fixed at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production (A2+FL), as announced in the Union Budget 2018-19.



Why it matters: Bigger hikes for pulses and oilseeds nudge crop diversification away from wheat — relevant for UP's wheat-heavy rabi.

Syllabus: GS-III: MSP, food security | GS-VI: UP as the largest wheat producer | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

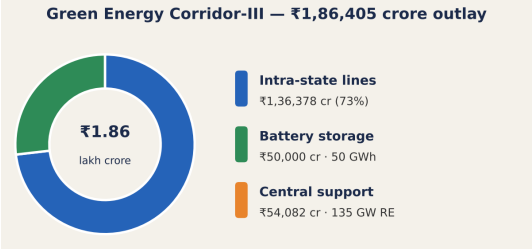
NATIONAL · ENERGY Cabinet clears ₹1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III

The scheme strengthens intra-state transmission (InSTS) to evacuate renewable power, with large battery storage.

- Total outlay **₹1,86,405 crore**; central support **₹54,082 crore**; completion by **FY 2032-33**.
- **₹1,36,378 crore** for intra-state lines + **₹50,000 crore** for **50 GWh BESS**.
- Will evacuate up to **135 GW** of renewable energy; greenfield via **tariff-based competitive bidding**.

Why it matters: Grid bottlenecks, not generation, now limit solar growth — vital for UP's solar push in Bundelkhand.

Syllabus: GS-III: Energy, infrastructure, climate change | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III



NATIONAL · SPORTS

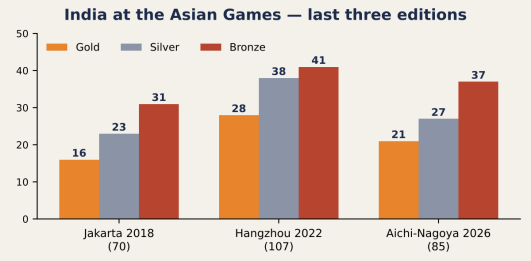
Asian Games 2026 close: India 4th with 85 medals (21 gold)

The 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, ran from 19 Sep to 4 Oct 2026.

- India: **21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze = 85 medals**, rank **4th** — India's **second-best** haul after Hangzhou (107).
- Firsts: **Kumkum Mohod** — first Indian individual recurve archery gold; golf gold by **Pranavi Urs**.

Why it matters: Medal tallies and 'firsts' are staple Prelims questions; compare with past editions.

Syllabus: General Studies: Sports events | UPPSC: Prelims (sports)



SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Fact
Renaming	Bhadohi district → **'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'** (650th birth-anniversary year of Sant Ravidas).
Literature	**Acharya Ramchandra Shukla** birth anniversary (4 Oct; b. 1884, Agona, **Basti**) — wrote **'Hindi Sahitya Ka Itihas'** (1929).
Personality	**Lal Bahadur Shastri** 122nd birth anniversary (2 Oct) — born at **Mughalsarai** (now Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar, Chandauli).
Urban floods	Lucknow's **Gomti Riverfront closed** 'until further notice' by LDA after rain-induced waterlogging (3 Oct).
Agriculture	**Kufri Ruby** — CPRI baby-potato variety (90 days, ~60% baby tubers) notified for UP and 13 other States; showcased by Meerut (Modipuram) scientists.
Scheme	**One District One Cuisine (ODOC)** — launched on UP Diwas (24 Jan 2026); highlighted again at Bhadohi.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the India Carpet Expo held recently at Bhadohi, consider the following statements: 1. It is organised by the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC). 2. The 2026 edition was the 50th (golden jubilee) edition. 3. Bhadohi handmade carpet has a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Which of the statements given above is/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: CEPC organises the Expo, 2026 marked its 50th edition, and Bhadohi handmade carpet is GI-tagged (2010).

Q2. For the rabi marketing season 2027-28, which crop received the highest absolute increase in MSP?

(a) Wheat (b) Rapeseed & mustard (c) Masur (lentil) (d) Safflower

Answer: (d) — Safflower MSP rose by ₹675 to ₹7,215/quintal — the highest; wheat got the smallest hike (₹25, to ₹2,610).

Mains Q. "Handicraft clusters can be Uttar Pradesh's ticket to a trillion-dollar economy." Examine with reference to Bhadohi carpets, ODOP and GI tags. (200 words)

Hint: *Intro: UP exports > ₹2 lakh crore, 5th rank. Body: role of ODOP, GI, CEPC fairs, logistics (Ganga bridge, expressways), challenges — tariffs, child-labour perception, credit, design; solutions — branding, e-commerce, export credit. Conclude with artisan-centric growth.*

⚡ **One-line revision:** Bhadohi = 50th Carpet Expo + GI carpet + 'Sant Ravidas Nagar'; UP exports > ₹2 lakh cr (5th); paddy MSP ₹2,441; hookah barred under COTPA Rule 4(3); wheat MSP ₹2,610.

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