

UP honours 81 teachers on Teachers' Day; Cabinet clears four new expressways and a Rs 2 lakh crore Data Centre Policy

On a quiet news weekend, education and infrastructure lead in Uttar Pradesh: 81 teachers were felicitated on Teachers' Day, while recent Cabinet decisions on four expressway links, a Data Centre Policy 2026 and the free-tablet youth scheme keep shaping the state's growth story. Nationally, the Supreme Court's push on district-judge retirement age, a rebased GDP series and ISRO's EOS-05 satellite are the top exam-relevant items.

Note: Today (Sunday) being a light news day, this edition leads with the day's UP item and consolidates this week's most exam-relevant UP and national developments.

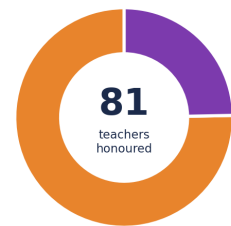
Section A — Today in Uttar Pradesh

UP honours 81 teachers on Teachers' Day 2026

UP-GOVERNANCE

- 81 teachers honoured — 61 from Basic Education and 20 from Secondary Education ; 33 awardees are women.
- Each awardee receives a citation, memento and **Rs 25,000** prize; State Teacher Award winners get a two-year extension in retirement age.
- Awardees also get lifetime free travel of **4,000 km/year** on state road transport buses.
- Awards recognise innovation, effective school management and holistic student development.

Teachers' Day 2026: State & CM Teacher Awards
33 women awardees • ₹25,000 prize each • Gorakhpur



Why it matters: Signals the state's focus on education quality and teacher motivation — a recurring UPPSC theme linking human-resource development with governance.

Syllabus: GS-II Governance & Education | UP-special GS-V (state administration, social sector)

Section B — Key UP Developments

Cabinet clears four expressway links to build a seamless grid

UP-INFRA

- Vindhya Expressway (~Rs 26,315 crore)** to connect Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra.
- Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link (Rs 9,039 crore)** linking Ghazipur, Mirzapur and Chandauli.
- Two link expressways connect Agra-Lucknow with the Ganga (Rs 7,489 cr, via Farrukhabad) and Purvanchal (Rs 4,776 cr) expressways.
- All six-lane (expandable to eight); to be built in **36 months** on the EPC model with a five-year maintenance period.

Why it matters: Deepens UP's lead in expressway length, cuts logistics costs and opens the Vindhya-Bundelkhand and eastern belt to industry — core to the state's growth model.

Syllabus: GS-III Infrastructure & Economy | UP-special GS-VI (state economy, connectivity)

UP Data Centre Policy 2026 targets Rs 2 lakh crore & AI infrastructure

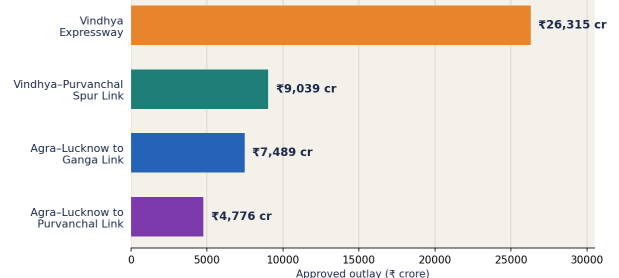
UP-SCHEME

- Targets **Rs 2 lakh crore** in private investment and **2 GW** of new data-centre capacity.
- Special support for **GPU-based and energy-efficient** facilities and AI-driven computing.
- Enhanced incentives for projects in **Bundelkhand and Purvanchal** to spread investment.
- Expected to create **~7,500 direct** long-term jobs and about **50,000 construction-phase** jobs.

Why it matters: Ties UP's industrial push to the fast-growing AI/data economy and to balanced regional development — a likely Prelims fact and Mains economy question.

Syllabus: GS-III Economy, Science & Tech | UP-special GS-VI (industrial policy)

UP Cabinet: Four New Expressway Projects (cost, ₹ crore)



UP Data Centre Policy 2026 — AI & Cloud Infrastructure



UP-SCHEME

Free tablets for youth under Swami Vivekananda scheme

- Over **25 lakh** eligible youth to benefit in FY 2026-27; about **60 lakh** devices already distributed.
- Budget outlay of **Rs 2,374.6 crore** for the year, at roughly **Rs 17,000 per device**.
- Covers UG, PG, diploma, technical, health-education and ITI/skill-development trainees.
- Aims to boost digital learning and **employability skills** of young people.

Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme (Free Tablets)

25 lakh+ Eligible youth (FY 2026-27)	60 lakh Devices already distributed	₹2,374 cr Budget outlay FY 2026-27	₹17,000 Approx. cost per tablet
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Why it matters: A flagship digital-empowerment scheme; expect direct Prelims questions on the name, beneficiaries and objective, and Mains links to digital divide and skilling.

Syllabus: GS-II Welfare & Digital Governance | UP-special GS-V (social sector)

UP-GOVERNANCE

'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' — month-long statewide service drive

- Runs **17 September - 17 October 2026** across villages, towns and cities.
- Activities: **Arogya Melas** (health camps), cleanliness and tree-planting drives, blood-donation camps.
- Distribution of aids and appliances to persons with disabilities and youth-education programmes.
- A **Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra** procession is planned in every district on 7 October.

Seva Sankalp Abhiyan — Statewide Service Campaign (UP)



Why it matters: Illustrates campaign-mode governance and citizen outreach — useful as a Mains example of public-service delivery and mass mobilisation.

Syllabus: GS-II Governance | UP-special GS-V (state welfare administration)

UP-SCHEME

UP Startup Mission 2026 and Rs 1,000 crore startup fund

- A **Rs 1,000 crore** startup fund to support early-stage and growth-stage ventures.
- Part of a package including new data-centre, urban-reform and home-guard welfare decisions.
- Seeks to expand incubators and formalise support for entrepreneurs across the state.
- Complements UP's investment-summit momentum and MoUs signed at global forums.

Why it matters: Positions UP in the national startup race; likely Prelims fact (fund size) and Mains linkage to employment and MSME growth.

Syllabus: GS-III Economy & Entrepreneurship | UP-special GS-VI (industrial policy)

Section C — National News for UPPSC

POLITY

SC pushes states to raise district judge retirement age to 62

- Aimed at easing a backlog of about **5.18 crore** pending cases in district courts.
- Only **seven states** have agreed to the increase so far.
- Extension to be subject to a **suitability assessment at age 60**.
- Concerns the subordinate/district judiciary, the base of India's court system.

SC Push: District Judge Retirement Age



States to decide within 2 weeks • suitability review at age 60

Aim: cut district-court backlog & strengthen the subordinate judiciary

Why it matters: Judicial reform and pendency are perennial GS-II themes; the 60-to-62 change and pendency figure are ready Prelims and Mains material.

Syllabus: GS-II Polity & Judiciary (subordinate courts, judicial reform)

ECONOMY

GDP series rebased to 2022-23 with a new PPI deflator

- New **base year 2022-23** revises GDP figures from 2022-23 through 2025-26.
- Deflation shifts from **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** to a **Producer Price Index (PPI)**.
- Updates the Index of Industrial Production and a new Banking Services Price Index.
- Improves accuracy of real-growth measurement to reflect the current economy.

Why it matters: Base-year revision and deflators are classic Prelims economy traps; the WPI-to-PPI move is a fresh, testable point.

Syllabus: GS-III Economy (national income accounting, statistics)

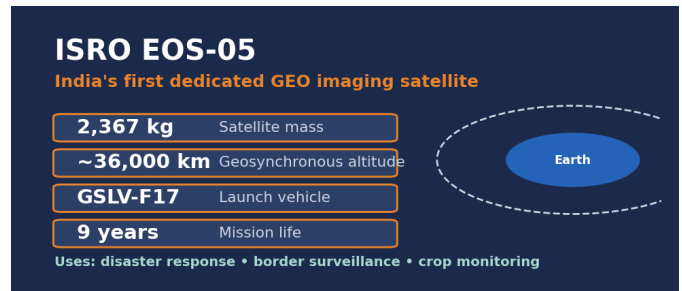
NATIONAL

ISRO's EOS-05 becomes India's first dedicated GEO imaging satellite

- **2,367 kg** imaging satellite at about **36,000 km** (geosynchronous) altitude.
- Launched aboard **GSLV-F17**, with a mission life of about **nine years**.
- Provides near-real-time coverage for disaster response, border surveillance and crop monitoring.
- Adds persistent, wide-area imaging that low-earth-orbit satellites cannot match.

Why it matters: Space and remote sensing are steady Prelims topics; the 'first dedicated GEO imaging satellite' tag and GSLV launcher are key facts.

Syllabus: GS-III Science & Technology (space, remote sensing)

**Section D — UP Rapid-Fire**

- Teachers' Day awards venue: Gorakhpur (Yogiraj Baba Gambhirmath Auditorium).
- UP Startup Fund size: Rs 1,000 crore under Startup Mission 2026.
- UP Tourism to showcase the state at global travel fair FITUR 2026.
- Vindhya Expressway districts: Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra.
- Ayodhya Deepotsav 2026 preparations under way ahead of the Diwali record event.
- UP data-centre capacity target: 2 GW; investment target Rs 2 lakh crore.

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to the recently approved UP expressway projects, consider the following: 1. The Vindhya Expressway will connect Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra. 2. All four approved expressways are to be built on the BOT (toll) model. Which of the statements is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only
(B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (A) The Vindhya Expressway links Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra, so statement 1 is correct. The projects are being built on the EPC (not BOT) model, so statement 2 is wrong.

Q2. The National Accounts Statistics 2026 revised India's GDP series. Which of the following changes was introduced?

- (A) Base year shifted to 2022-23 with a Producer Price Index (PPI)-based deflator
(B) Base year shifted to 2011-12 with a Consumer Price Index deflator
(C) GDP replaced by Gross National Income as the headline number
(D) Switch from PPI to Wholesale Price Index for deflation

Answer: (A) The series was rebased to 2022-23 and the deflator moved from the WPI to a Producer Price Index (PPI), improving the measurement of real growth.

Mains Practice: Uttar Pradesh is combining large expressway grids with policies for data centres, startups and digital empowerment of youth. Examine how such physical and digital infrastructure can together drive balanced regional development in the state. (250 words)

Hint: Link expressways (logistics, market access, industrial corridors) with the Data Centre Policy and Startup Mission (jobs, AI economy) and the tablet scheme (skills); stress incentives for Bundelkhand and Purvanchal to argue balanced, region-wide growth.

One-line revision: Revise: 81 teachers felicitated (61 Basic + 20 Secondary); four UP expressways (Vindhya ~Rs 26,315 cr); Data Centre Policy 2026 (Rs 2 lakh cr, 2 GW); SC seeks judge retirement age 60->62; GDP rebased to 2022-23 (PPI deflator); ISRO EOS-05 first GEO imaging satellite.

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