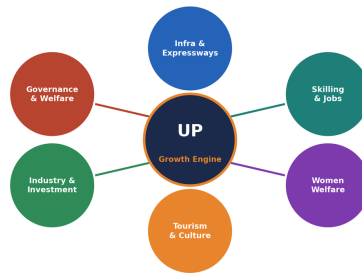


Today's big picture: UP launches 'Project Praveen' skilling in Sarvodaya schools, fast-tracks 25,000 ha for 27 expressway industrial clusters, and stays India's No.1 tourism state.

Six Pillars Driving Uttar Pradesh's Development Agenda



Section A • Today in Uttar Pradesh

UP-SCHEME 'Project Praveen': skilling enters Sarvodaya schools

- Over **3,000 students** of Jai Prakash Narayan Sarvodaya Vidyalayas to gain job skills alongside schooling in **FY 2026-27**.
- Trades cover **Apparel, IT-ITeS and Management**; batches capped at **35 learners, 300 training hours** each.
- Curriculum aligned to **Sector Skill Council (SSC)** norms; training to begin by **30 September 2026**.
- Run jointly by the Social Welfare Department and the UP Skill Development Mission.

Project Praveen — Skilling in Sarvodaya Vidyalayas



Why it matters: Marries welfare schooling with employability, aligning state skilling with NEP 2020's vocational push.

Syllabus → GS-II (Education & Welfare), GS-V (UP schemes); Mains GS-III (skill development)

UP-GOVERNANCE CM promises one lakh government jobs in six months

- Appointment letters given to **3,572 recruits** — 3,446 Technical Assistants (Agriculture Dept) and 126 Mandi Secretaries.
- Target of about **one lakh** fresh government appointments across departments within **six months**.
- Drive stresses **merit and transparency** and curbing examination irregularities.

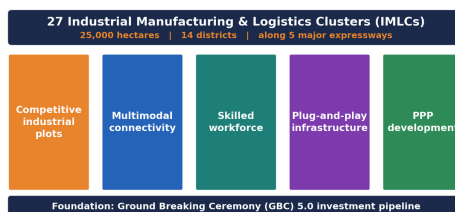
Why it matters: Public employment is central to UP's governance pitch; recruitment scale is a recurring theme on state capacity and youth aspiration.

Syllabus → GS-II (Governance, recruitment), GS-V (UP administration)

Section B • Key UP Developments

UP-INFRA 25,000 hectares to be acquired for 27 industrial clusters

- UPEIDA to acquire **25,000 hectares** along expressways for **27 Industrial Manufacturing & Logistics Clusters (IMLCs)**.
- About **5,000 ha identified** so far; over **4,250 ha already acquired** across **14 districts**.
- Nodes span Purvanchal, Bundelkhand, Ganga, Gorakhpur Link and Agra-Lucknow expressways; Bundelkhand & Ganga are the largest.
- Clusters to offer plug-and-play plots, multimodal links and PPP options ahead of **Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC) 5.0**.



Why it matters: Expressway-led industrialisation ties connectivity, land banks and investment to UP's \$1-trillion-economy goal.

Syllabus → GS-III (Infrastructure, industrial policy), GS-V (UP economy & infra)

UP-SCHEME Free bus travel for elderly women; 25 lakh tablets for youth

- Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrishakti Yojana** — lifelong free UPSRTC bus travel for women aged **60+** (Aadhaar/voter ID as proof); about **1 crore** beneficiaries.
- Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme** — **25 lakh tablets** for students; **₹2,374.60 crore** for FY 2026-27.
- Rules amended to let elderly parents evict neglectful adult children within a **30-day** hearing window.

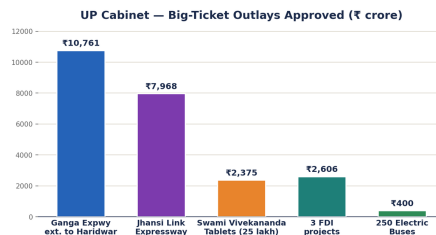
Why it matters: Bundles women's mobility, students' digital access and senior-citizen rights — strong social-justice linkage.

Syllabus → GS-II (Welfare of vulnerable sections), GS-V (UP schemes)

UP-INFRA

Ganga Expressway to reach Haridwar; new Jhansi Link cleared

- Ganga Expressway to be extended to **Haridwar (Uttarakhand)** at **₹10,761 crore**.
- 106.3-km Jhansi Link Expressway** cleared at **₹7,968.30 crore**, deepening Bundelkhand connectivity.
- 250 electric buses** sanctioned (₹400 crore); Sultanpur cluster (₹272.25 crore) and three FDI projects (₹2,606 crore) approved.



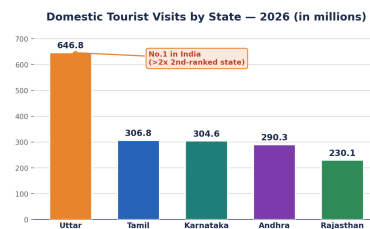
Why it matters: Expressways are turning UP into a north-India logistics spine and pulling backward regions into the growth corridor.

Syllabus → GS-III (Infrastructure), GS-V (UP expressways & connectivity)

UP-CULTURE

UP stays India's No.1 state in domestic tourism

- 646.8 million** domestic visits in 2026 — more than double the next state (about 306.8 million).
- Ayodhya** drew about **7.2 crore** visitors (Jan-Jun 2026); **Varanasi** about **2.25 crore**; Kashi Vishwanath sees **1 lakh+** pilgrims daily.
- Tourism-policy investment proposals worth **₹37,688.58 crore**; a five-day **Ayodhya-Varanasi-Prayagraj 'Spiritual Triangle'** circuit launched.



Why it matters: Faith tourism has become an economic engine — driving jobs, MSMEs and infrastructure across the services economy.

Syllabus → GS-I (Art, culture & tourism), GS-V (UP culture, heritage & economy)

UP-CULTURE

UP leads GI tagging; 'One District One Cuisine' rolled out

- UP tops India with **77 GI-tagged products**; the **Kashi (Varanasi) region alone holds 32**, a global GI hub.
- One District One Cuisine (ODOC)** — a culinary extension of ODOP — promotes a signature dish per district (Agra petha, Mathura peda, Banarasi malaiyo).
- GI protection guards artisans against counterfeits, boosts exports and rural jobs (valid **10 years**).

Uttar Pradesh — India's No.1 GI-Tag State



Why it matters: GI plus ODOP/ODOC convert cultural heritage into economic gain — a key culture-economy-IPR intersection.

Syllabus → GS-I (Culture), GS-III (Economy, IPR/GI), GS-V (ODOP/ODOC)

Section C • National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL

ISRO orbits EOS-05 earth-observation satellite

- GSLV-F17** placed **EOS-05** into geosynchronous orbit (~**35,786 km**) — a geo earth-observation satellite.
- Enables **continuous, real-time imaging** for disaster management and agriculture monitoring.
- Demonstrates the indigenous **Cryogenic Upper Stage** with private-sector participation.

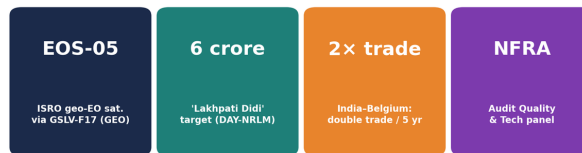
Why it matters: Space-based observation underpins disaster response and crop/water monitoring — high-value science and technology.

Syllabus → GS-III (Science & Technology — space)

NATIONAL 'Lakhpati Didi' target scaled up to 6 crore women

- Target doubled from 3 crore to **6 crore** 'Lakhpati Didis' under **DAY-NRLM**.
- **₹10 lakh crore** for SHG collective loans and **₹1 lakh crore** for individual women entrepreneurs over five years.
- Quarterly and half-yearly reviews with SRLMs, RBI, NABARD and banks.

National Snapshot for UPPSC



Why it matters: SHG-led women's entrepreneurship anchors rural livelihoods and women-led development.

Syllabus → GS-II (Welfare, SHGs), GS-III (Rural economy & financial inclusion)

NATIONAL India and Belgium vow to double trade in five years

- Joint statement launched an **Investment Fast-Track Mechanism** to ease flows both ways.
- Both sides agreed to **double bilateral trade within five years**.
- Belgium reaffirmed support for India's **permanent UN Security Council** seat.

Why it matters: Deeper ties with an EU member aid India's trade diversification and its UNSC-reform push.

Syllabus → GS-II (International Relations)

Section D · UP Rapid-Fire

Appointments	UP Outsource Service Corporation — logo, website and portal launched in Lucknow.
Employment	3,572 appointment letters distributed (Agriculture Dept + Mandi Board).
GI Hub	Kashi (Varanasi) region holds 32 of UP's 77 GI tags.
Tourism	UP ranked No.1 in domestic tourism — 646.8 million visits in 2026.
Culture	'One District One Cuisine' (ODOC) promotes a signature dish per district.
Skilling	'Project Praveen' brings 300-hour vocational courses to Sarvodaya schools.

Section E · Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to Uttar Pradesh's 'One District One Cuisine' (ODOC) initiative, consider the following statements: 1. It is an extension of the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme. 2. It seeks to identify and promote a signature traditional dish from each district. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: C. ODOC extends the ODOP model into culinary heritage, promoting one signature dish per district to boost tourism and local enterprise. Both statements are correct.

Q2. The 'Lakhpati Didi' initiative, seen in the news, is most closely associated with which one of the following?

- (A) Digital literacy for senior citizens
(B) Self-Help Group women under DAY-NRLM ✓
(C) A UNESCO world-heritage programme
(D) Crop insurance for small farmers

Ans: B. 'Lakhpati Didi' aims to help Self-Help Group women earn at least ₹1 lakh a year under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM); the target was scaled up to 6 crore.

Mains practice: "Expressway-led industrial corridors have become the fulcrum of Uttar Pradesh's economic strategy." Examine this in the light of the state's Industrial Manufacturing & Logistics Clusters (IMLCs) and its \$1-trillion-economy goal. (150 words)

Hint: Connect expressway land-banks → plug-and-play IMLCs → investment via GBC → jobs and backward-region integration (Bundelkhand). Balance with challenges: land acquisition, environmental clearance and balanced regional growth.

🔗 **One-line revision:** Praveen skilling + Ahilyabai/Vivekananda welfare + expressway-driven IMLCs, and UP's culture-to-economy edge — 77 GI tags and No.1 in domestic tourism.

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