Today's headline: UP Rajya Sabha nominations under scrutiny today; Shiksha Mitras get ₹460 crore at the new ₹18,000 honorarium; CM charts UP's 'mobile phones to microchips' tech leap

Note: *Early-morning edition: today's UP coverage is still developing, so this digest also carries key UP items from 4-6 October 2026. Today's items appear first.*

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

UP-POLITY

1. Rajya Sabha polls: scrutiny of nominations for UP's 10 seats today

Nominations closed on 6 October; scrutiny is on 7 October and the last date of withdrawal is 9 October.



- **10 seats** from UP: **9** fall vacant as terms end on **25 November 2026**; **1** vacancy arose after a sitting member became **Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands**.
- Ruling party fielded **8 candidates** (filed on 6 Oct with the CM present); main opposition named **2** - polling and counting both on **16 October**.
- Members are elected by **elected MLAs** through **proportional representation by single transferable vote** (Art. 80(4)), using an **open ballot**.
- Biennial polls to UP Legislative Council **graduates' and teachers' constituencies** follow on **23 October** (counting 27 October).

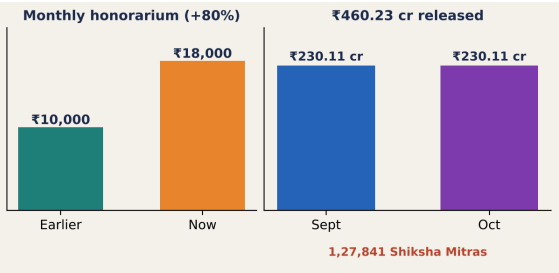
Why it matters: UP sends the largest contingent (31 of 245) to the Rajya Sabha, so its biennial polls shape the Upper House balance - a frequent Prelims fact.

Concept: Rajya Sabha is a permanent House: one-third of members retire every second year (Art. 83(1)); seats are allotted to states by the Fourth Schedule.
Syllabus: GS-II: Parliament - composition & elections of Rajya Sabha | GS-V: UP political system, State Legislature | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

UP-EDUCATION

2. ₹460.23 crore released for 1.28 lakh Shiksha Mitras at the new ₹18,000 honorarium

On 6 October the state released funds to pay the enhanced honorarium for the 2026-27 academic session.



- Honorarium raised from **₹10,000 to ₹18,000 per month** - a rise of **₹8,000 (80%)**.
- **1,27,841 Shiksha Mitras** in council (basic) schools benefit; total release **₹460.23 crore**.
- **₹230.11 crore each** for **September and October**, routed through **Samagra Shiksha**.
- Shiksha Mitras are contractual para-teachers in UP's basic schools, first engaged in 1999-2000.

Why it matters: Better pay for para-teachers supports retention and learning outcomes in primary schools; the long-term issue remains regular cadre and TET-qualified staffing.

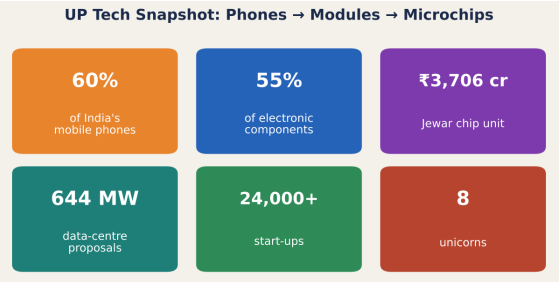
Concept: Samagra Shiksha is an integrated Centre-State scheme for school education from pre-school to Class 12, aligned with NEP 2020.
Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes, issues relating to education | GS-V: Education system and social sector in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-ECONOMY

3. 'Mobile phones to microchips': CM maps UP's electronics and AI leap

On 6 October, opening an Emerging Tech Skilling Centre marking a decade of a major IT firm in UP, the CM said the journey is moving 'from mobile phones to modules and from modules to microchips'.



- UP makes about **60% of India's mobile phones** and **55% of electronic components**.
- **₹3,706 crore semiconductor unit at Jewar** (Gautam Buddh Nagar) - approved under the **India Semiconductor Mission**.
- **644 MW** of data-centre proposals; **24,000+ start-ups** and **8 unicorns** in the state.
- **AI Pragya** aims to skill **10 lakh** youth, farmers and officials in AI and new-age tech.

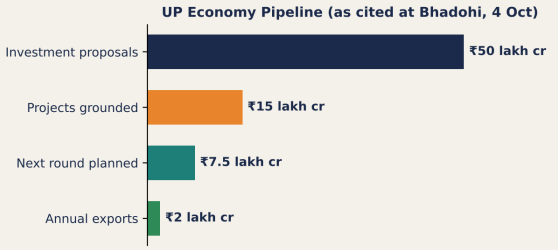
Why it matters: Moving up the value chain - from assembly to components and chips - is key to UP's USD 1 trillion economy goal and to quality jobs for its large youth population.

Concept: India Semiconductor Mission (2021, ₹76,000 crore) offers fiscal support for fabs, display fabs and ATMP/OSAT units.
Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, S&T, IT | GS-VI: Industrial development, IT and start-ups in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-ECONOMY

4. 50th India Carpet Expo opens at Bhadohi; 112 projects worth ₹1,340 crore

The CM inaugurated the golden-jubilee edition of the four-day expo at Carpet City, Bhadohi, on 4 October.



- Organised by the **Carpet Export Promotion Council**; **223 exporters** and about **430 foreign buyers from 65 countries**.
- **112 projects worth ₹1,340+ crore** inaugurated / foundation laid across Bhadohi, Aurai and Gyanpur.
- UP's exports rose about **2.27 times in a decade to over ₹2 lakh crore** - **5th largest exporting state**.
- Investment pipeline cited: **₹50 lakh crore** proposals, **₹15 lakh crore** grounded; new idea of '**One District, One Cuisine**'.

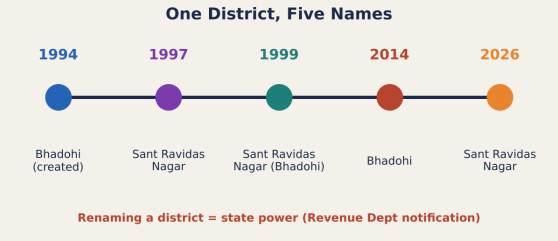
Why it matters: The Bhadohi-Mirzapur belt is India's largest hand-knotted carpet cluster; ODOP plus GI branding links artisans to global buyers and rural jobs.

Concept: Bhadohi hand-knotted carpet holds a GI tag; carpets are Bhadohi's product under the One District One Product (ODOP, 2018) scheme.
Syllabus: GS-III: Exports, MSME, handicrafts | GS-VI: Handicraft industries, ODOP and exports of UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-GOVERNANCE

5. Bhadohi is Sant Ravidas Nagar again: a district renamed for the fourth time

At the Bhadohi event the CM again highlighted the restored name 'Sant Ravidas Nagar', first announced on 29 July 2026.



- District carved out in **1994** as **Bhadohi** (from Varanasi); renamed **Sant Ravidas Nagar** in **1997**.
- Became **Sant Ravidas Nagar (Bhadohi)** in **1999**, reverted to **Bhadohi** in **2014**, restored in **2026**.
- Renaming a district is a **state government** power: proposal → Revenue Department notification → records updated; station/university names do not change automatically.
- **Sant Ravidas** - 15th-century **Bhakti** poet-saint born near **Varanasi**; about **40 of his verses** are in the **Guru Granth Sahib**.

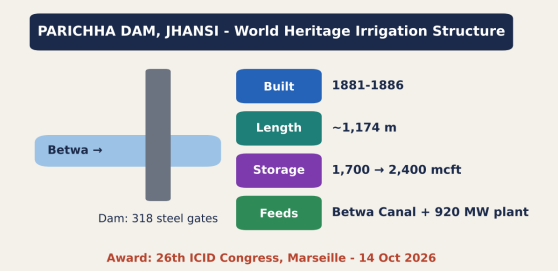
Why it matters: Renaming is a common UPPSC fact area (Prayagraj, Ayodhya, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar); know the year-wise sequence and the legal route.

Concept: Creating, abolishing or renaming districts is done by the state under its land revenue law; renaming a village/town/railway station needs the Union Home Ministry's no-objection.
Syllabus: GS-I: Bhakti movement | GS-V: Administrative divisions, culture and saints of UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V)

UP-INFRA

6. Jhansi's 140-year-old Parichha Dam named a World Heritage Irrigation Structure

The award will be presented on 14 October at the 26th International Congress of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) in Marseille, France.



- Built **1881-1886** on the **Betwa river**, Jhansi; about **1,174 m** long with **318 steel gates**.
- Storage raised from **1,700 to about 2,400 million cubic feet**.
- Feeds the **Betwa Canal System** irrigating drought-prone **Bundelkhand** in UP and MP.
- Supplies water to the **920 MW Parichha Thermal Power Station**.

Why it matters: Global recognition of colonial-era irrigation works boosts heritage tourism and highlights Bundelkhand's water security, linked to the Ken-Betwa link project.

Concept: The Betwa rises in the Vindhya range (MP) and joins the Yamuna near Hamirpur (UP); the WHIS list is maintained by ICID (est. 1950, New Delhi HQ).
Syllabus: GS-III: Irrigation systems | GS-VI: Water resources and irrigation of UP, Bundelkhand | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I/III (UP-special GS-V/VI)

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL

7. India-EFTA TEPA turns one; Swiss President on first state visit

The Swiss President is in India from 5-7 October; the 2nd India-EFTA Prosperity Summit is held today, 7 October.

- **TEPA** came into force in **October 2025** - India's **first FTA with a European bloc**.
- **EFTA** = **Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein**; Switzerland is the largest partner among them.
- Commitment of **USD 100 billion** investment and **1 million direct jobs** in India over 15 years.

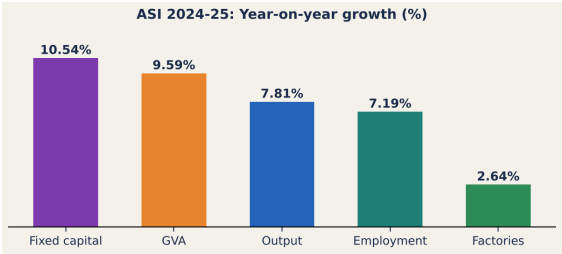
Why it matters: TEPA's binding investment pledge is a template for India's trade deals and can draw precision engineering and pharma investment into states such as UP.

Concept: EFTA (1960) is a free-trade bloc outside the EU; TEPA covers 14 chapters including goods, services, investment and IPR.
Syllabus: GS-II: Bilateral and regional groupings and agreements involving India | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II

ECONOMY

8. ASI 2024-25: factory-sector GVA grows 9.59%, jobs cross 2.10 crore

The Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25, released by the statistics ministry, covers the registered factory sector.



- **GVA +9.59%** to **₹26.94 lakh crore**; output **+7.81%** to ₹165.24 lakh crore.
- Employment **2.10 crore** (**+14.08 lakh**); factories **2.67 lakh** (+2.64%).
- **Five states incl. UP** produce about **55% of manufacturing GVA**; UP is among the top-5 employers too.

Why it matters: Strong formal manufacturing growth supports Make in India; UP's challenge is to convert its labour base into higher value-added factory jobs.

Concept: ASI is conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008 and covers factories registered under the Factories Act, 1948.
Syllabus: GS-III: Indian economy - industrial growth and employment | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

ECONOMY

9. India's first WASH-focused social bond listed: ₹180 crore at 8.10%

NABKISAN Finance, a NABARD subsidiary, listed the bond on a stock exchange to fund rural water, sanitation and hygiene.

- Size **₹180 crore**, coupon **8.10%**, tenure **5 years**, rated **AAA**.
- Proceeds for **WASH** (water, sanitation, hygiene) lending via rural institutions.
- Social bonds fund projects with social outcomes, unlike **green bonds** (environmental).

Why it matters: Thematic bonds can mobilise market money for Jal Jeevan Mission-type rural goals, relevant for UP's large rural WASH needs.

Syllabus: GS-III: Financial markets, sustainable finance, rural infrastructure | UPPSC: Prelims GS-III

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Area	Quick fact
Sports	**70th State School Gatka Competition** held at Dr. Ambedkar International Stadium, **Ayodhya** (3-6 Oct).
Education	**Kashi Naresh University** set up in **Sant Ravidas Nagar (Bhadohi)** district.
Culture	**'One District, One Cuisine'** - new concept to preserve UP's regional food heritage, on ODOP lines.
Heritage	Parichha Dam award at **26th ICID Congress, Marseille** on **14 October**.
Elections	UP Legislative Council graduates' and teachers' seats: poll **23 Oct**, counting **27 Oct**.
Schools	**Dream Labs** for **robotics and drone** training to come up in 3 government schools of **Basti**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Parichha Dam, recently named a World Heritage Irrigation Structure, is built on which river?
(a) Ken (b) Betwa (c) Dhasan (d) Chambal
Answer: (b) — Parichha Dam (1881-86) is on the **Betwa** in Jhansi and feeds the Betwa Canal System and the 920 MW Parichha thermal plant.

Q2. Consider the following about Rajya Sabha elections: 1. Members are elected by elected MLAs by proportional representation through single transferable vote. 2. Voting is by open ballot. 3. Nominated MLAs also vote. Which are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Answer: (b) — Art. 80(4) provides election by **elected** MLAs via STV; open ballot was introduced in 2003. Nominated members do not vote.

Mains Practice: UP's industrial journey is described as moving 'from mobile phones to modules to microchips'. Examine the state's electronics and semiconductor strategy and the challenges in building a deep-tech ecosystem. (GS-VI, 200 words)
Hint: Intro: 60% of India's phones, 55% components. Body: Jewar chip unit, data centres, start-ups, AI Pragya, expressway-airport logistics; challenges - power and water for fabs, skilled talent, R&D, import dependence, regional balance beyond NCR. Conclude with skilling + cluster approach.

⚡ **One-line revision:** UP RS polls 16 Oct (10 seats) | Shiksha Mitra ₹18,000 | Jewar chip unit ₹3,706 cr | Bhadohi = Sant Ravidas Nagar | Parichha Dam on Betwa = WHIS | TEPA turns 1 | ASI GVA +9.59%

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