Top stories: Uttar Pradesh hands UP Police appointment letters to **470 sportspersons** under the skilled sportsperson quota, while the Rajya Sabha (10 seats) and Legislative Council (11 seats) polls take shape ahead of the 2027 Assembly election. Budget-execution push, a power-bill (FPPCA) relief, the Special TET, Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav and the Centre's new ITLA round off the day.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP (8 Oct 2026)

[UP-GOVERNANCE] 1. 470 sportspersons get UP Police appointment letters under sports quota

*On 8 October 2026 the CM handed appointment letters in Lucknow to sportspersons selected under the **skilled sportsperson quota** of UP Police.*

- Total **470** recruits: **43 Sub-Inspectors** (Civil Police), **295 Constables** (Civil Police) and **132 Constables (PAC)**.
- More than **534** sportspersons have already been recruited directly in various departments; **866** more are in the pipeline.
- State links sporting merit with secure jobs — the CM called it a merit-first 'new sporting culture' since 2017.
- PAC = Provincial Armed Constabulary, UP's armed reserve police force.

Why it matters: Direct recruitment of medal-winners gives athletes financial security and helps UP build a sports ecosystem beyond cricket and wrestling.

Concept: Sports quota recruitment: posts reserved for players with recognised state/national/international achievements; selection by merit list of sports credentials plus physical tests.

Syllabus: GS-II Governance & recruitment; GS-VI UP sports policy, youth welfare | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-VI: sports & governance)



[UP-POLITY] 2. Rajya Sabha polls: all 10 UP seats set to be filled unopposed

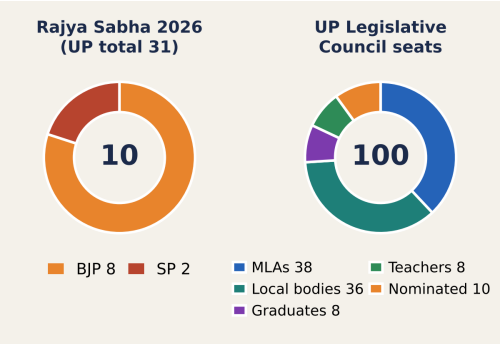
*With nominations closed on 6 October and scrutiny on 7 October, only **10 candidates** remain for **10 seats** — so no polling is needed on 16 October.*

- BJP fielded **8** candidates (incl. state minister **Dharampal Singh**); SP fielded **2** incl. veteran **Ram Gopal Yadav**.
- SP dropped plans for a third candidate, ending talk of cross-voting; withdrawal deadline is **9 October**.
- UP has **31** Rajya Sabha seats — the highest of any state; members are elected by MLAs (**403**-member Assembly).
- Voting uses **proportional representation by single transferable vote (STV)** — Art. 80(4).

Why it matters: Unopposed returns show seat-share arithmetic follows Assembly strength; open-ballot voting (since 2003) curbs cross-voting.

Concept: Quota = [Total valid votes ÷ (seats + 1)] + 1. For 10 seats with 403 MLAs: 403/11 + 1 ≈ 37 first-preference votes per seat.

Syllabus: GS-II Parliament – composition & election of Rajya Sabha; UP's representation | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity)



[UP-POLITY] 3. MLC biennial polls: 11 graduates' & teachers' seats vote on 23 October

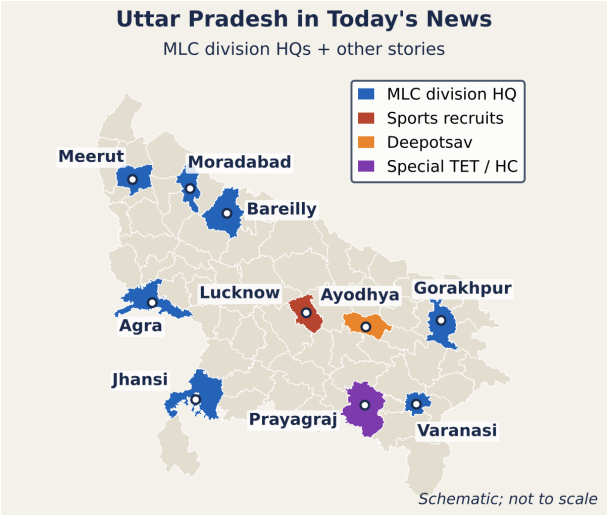
*The ECI's biennial polls cover **28** Council seats in four states; UP has the most — **11** (5 graduates', 6 teachers').*

- Graduates' seats: Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut and **Allahabad-Jhansi** divisions.
- Teachers' seats: Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, **Bareilly-Moradabad** and **Gorakhpur-Faizabad** divisions.
- 188 nominations filed, 29 rejected; withdrawal by **9 Oct**, polling **23 Oct**, counting **27 Oct**.
- Sitting members' terms end on **6 December 2026**.

Why it matters: Graduates' and teachers' seats bring educated and academic voices into the Upper House of the state legislature.

Concept: Art. 171: Council size ≤ 1/3 of Assembly, min. 40. UP Council = 100: 1/3 by MLAs, 1/3 by local bodies, 1/12 graduates, 1/12 teachers, rest nominated by Governor.

Syllabus: GS-II State Legislature – Legislative Council (Art. 169, 171) | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity; UP-special GS-V)

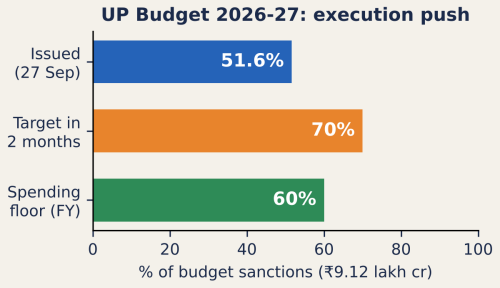


SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

[UP-ECONOMY] 4. Budget push: 70% sanctions in two months; cabinet meets 9 Oct, supplementary budget likely

*After a review of the **30** biggest-budget departments, the CM set targets to speed up spending of the record **₹9.12 lakh crore** Budget 2026-27.*

- Sanctions issued so far: **51.6%** of provisions; target **70%** within two months and at least **60%** expenditure.
- Development-scheme provision: about **₹5.02 lakh crore**.
- Cabinet meets on **9 October** with **24+** proposals (youth, women, food, industry & investment).
- A supplementary budget of about **₹50,000 crore** is being prepared (monsoon-session supplementary: **₹59,019 crore**).



Why it matters: Faster sanctions avoid year-end rush spending and help capex-heavy sectors like expressways deliver before the fiscal year closes.

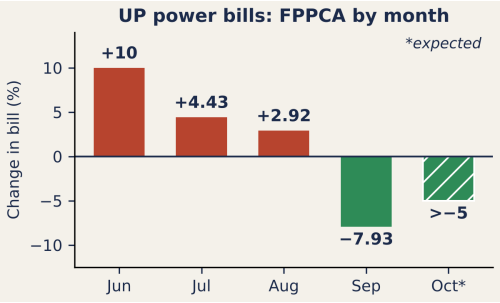
Concept: Supplementary grant (Art. 205): sought when the amount authorised is insufficient or a new service arises during the year.

Syllabus: GS-VI UP budget, public finance; GS-III Government budgeting | UPPSC: Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: UP economy & budget)

[UP-ENERGY] 5. FPPCA relief: power bills may fall over 5% in October for 3.73 crore consumers

*The fuel & power purchase cost adjustment (**FPPCA**) mechanism is lowering bills after a high-surcharge summer.*

- About **3.73 crore** consumers of all categories stand to gain in October bills (September consumption).
- June bills carried a **10%** surcharge to recover about **₹1,610 crore**; July +4.43%, August +2.92%.
- September bills saw a record cut of **7.93%**; October cut expected to exceed **5%**.
- The state regulator wants surcharges tied to actual power-purchase cost, not old dues.



Why it matters: Automatic, formula-based pass-through keeps discoms solvent while giving consumers relief when fuel and purchase costs fall.

Concept: FPPCA: a monthly automatic charge/credit reflecting the gap between approved and actual fuel/power purchase costs.

Syllabus: GS-VI UP power sector; GS-III Infrastructure – energy pricing | UPPSC: Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: energy & infrastructure)

[UP-EDUCATION] 6. UP Special TET on 3 November for in-service teachers

*The **UP Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC), Prayagraj** will hold a **Special TET** after the Supreme Court made TET mandatory for serving teachers.*

- Exam date: **3 November 2026** (Advt. No. 03/2026).
- For serving teachers of government, local-body and aided primary/upper-primary schools.
- A separate Special TET covers about **2,500** CWSN special educators with RCI registration.
- Uttarakhand is studying UP's model for its own **20,000** affected teachers.

Why it matters: A one-time special window protects jobs while meeting the RTE/NCTE quality norm of TET-qualified teachers.

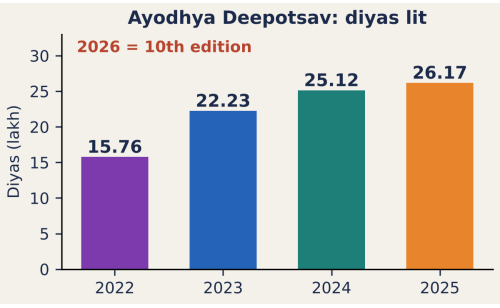
Concept: TET (Teacher Eligibility Test) is mandated by NCTE under Sec. 23 of the RTE Act, 2009.

Syllabus: GS-II Social sector – education, RTE; GS-V UP education system | UPPSC: Mains GS-II (Education; UP-special GS-V)

[UP-CULTURE] 7. Ayodhya readies a Ramayana-themed 10th Deepotsav

*Preparations are under way for Deepotsav 2026, the **10th** edition, ahead of Diwali in November.*

- The city will be decorated on a **Ramayana theme** with a **Ram Rath** and **Pushpak Viman**.
- About **20 selfie points** are planned for visitors.
- 2025 (9th edition) set Guinness records: **26.17 lakh** diyas and **2,128** people performing aarti together.
- Diyas are lit on the ghats of the **Saryu** river.



Why it matters: Festival tourism drives local employment (potters, boatmen, hotels) and anchors Ayodhya on UP's religious-tourism circuit.

Concept: Deepotsav began in 2017 as a state-organised festival; it is linked to UP's spiritual tourism circuits.

Syllabus: GS-I Indian culture, fairs & festivals; GS-V UP tourism | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V: culture & tourism)

[UP-JUDICIARY] 8. Two former Allahabad HC judges elevated to the Supreme Court

*CJI Surya Kant administered oath to three new judges on **6 October 2026**, two of whom served long years on the **Allahabad High Court**.*

- **Justice Sunita Agarwal** (ex-CJ, Gujarat HC) and **Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya** (ex-CJ, Delhi HC) were Allahabad HC judges earlier.
- Third judge: **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh** (ex-CJ, Telangana HC).
- SC working strength rises to **37** against a sanctioned **38** (incl. CJI); women judges now **3**.
- Allahabad HC (est. 1866) has its principal seat at **Prayagraj** and a bench at **Lucknow**.

Why it matters: Elevations from India's largest High Court strengthen regional representation and experience on the apex bench.

Concept: Collegium system: CJI + 4 senior-most judges recommend SC appointments; the President appoints under Art. 124(2).

Syllabus: GS-II Judiciary – appointments (Art. 124, 217); UP's High Court | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Judiciary)

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

[NATIONAL] 9. Cabinet approves Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority (ITLA)

*The Union Cabinet on **6 October** approved ITLA as an apex body for integrated transport planning.*

- Will prepare a long-term **National Transport Master Plan** (10+ years) across road, rail, ports, aviation, waterways and urban mobility.
- Technical appraisal and monitoring of projects of **₹500 crore** and above; financial appraisal stays with existing bodies.
- Unified data repository from **GSTN e-way bills, FASTag, Vahan** and GPS systems.
- Advises on updating the **National Logistics Policy (2022)**.



Why it matters: For UP — with its expressway, freight-corridor and airport push — one planning brain can cut logistics cost and duplication.

Concept: Builds on PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (2021) for multimodal connectivity.
Syllabus: GS-III Infrastructure – logistics, multimodal planning | UPPSC: Mains GS-III (Infrastructure)

[ECONOMY] 10. UPI: 0.4% merchant discount rate on payments above ₹2,000 from 15 October

*The **zero-MDR** era of UPI ends for large merchant payments under a new framework notified by NPCI.*

- **0.4%** MDR on person-to-merchant payments above **₹2,000**, capped at **₹300**.
- P2P transfers and P2M payments up to ₹2,000 stay free; small merchants (≤ **₹1 lakh/month**) exempt.
- Essential sectors (railways, fuel, utilities, agri-inputs) pay a flat **₹5** per transaction above ₹2,000.

Why it matters: Funds UPI security and infrastructure while protecting small traders and everyday users.

Concept: MDR: fee a merchant pays to banks/payment providers for accepting digital payments.
Syllabus: GS-III Banking, digital payments | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy)

[POLITY] 11. Gujarat becomes second state to get UCC law assented

*The President gave assent to Gujarat's **Uniform Civil Code** law passed in March 2026; rules will follow.*

- Common framework for marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships.
- **Uttarakhand** was first to implement UCC (Feb 2024); Goa retains its Portuguese-era civil code.
- UCC is a Directive Principle under **Article 44**.

Why it matters: Watch for debates on tribal customary law and personal-law harmonisation as more states consider UCC.

Concept: DPSPs (Part IV) are non-justiciable but fundamental in governance (Art. 37).
Syllabus: GS-II Constitution – DPSP Art. 44 | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity)

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Fact
UP Cabinet meeting	9 Oct 2026 — 24+ proposals expected (youth, women, food, investment)
UP Scholarship 2026-27	Online applications open; last date **31 October**
PM Modi – 25 years in public office	7 Oct 2001 oath as Gujarat CM; Varanasi MP; UP CM marked the day
Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya)	India 4th — **85** medals (21 G, 27 S, 37 B); Doha hosts 2030
Fleet Support Ship 'Surya'	First indigenous FSS launched at Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam
COP31	9–20 Nov 2026 at Antalya, Türkiye

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, consider: 1. It has 100 members. 2. About one-twelfth of members are elected by graduates. 3. About one-third are elected by members of local authorities. Which are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Answer: (d) — UP Council has 100 members; under Art. 171, ~1/3 by local bodies, 1/3 by MLAs, 1/12 graduates, 1/12 teachers and the rest nominated.

Q2. UP Police recently appointed 470 sportspersons. PAC, in which 132 of them were inducted as constables, stands for:
(a) Police Action Corps (b) Provincial Armed Constabulary (c) Public Assistance Cell (d) Prayagraj Armed Cadre
Answer: (b) — PAC is the Provincial Armed Constabulary, UP's armed reserve police force.

Mains (GS-II/GS-V): The Legislative Council is often called a 'costly ornament'. In the context of Uttar Pradesh, evaluate the relevance of graduates' and teachers' constituencies. (125 words)
***Hint:** Art. 169/171; UP's 100-member Council; expert voices, revising chamber; critique — delay, back-door entry; reforms such as electoral-roll updation.*

One-line revision: UP Rajya Sabha = 31 seats | UP Council = 100 (8 graduates + 8 teachers) | 470 sports recruits | Special TET 3 Nov | Deepotsav 2025: 26.17 lakh diyas

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