

9th National Poshan Maah opens in Varanasi; UP hikes Anganwadi honorarium with ₹5 lakh health cover; Cabinet clears ₹5,507 cr industrial push

Uttar Pradesh dominated the day's exam-relevant news: the 9th National Poshan (Nutrition) Month was launched at Varanasi's Rudraksh Centre under the theme "Our Anganwadis, Our Responsibility", a day after the state raised Anganwadi honorarium by 50% and added a ₹5 lakh cashless health cover. The UP Cabinet also cleared ₹5,507 crore of industrial investment across 9 districts. Nationally, Q1 FY27 GDP grew 7.8%, beating the RBI forecast.

SECTION A · TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH**UTTAR PRADESH****UP-GOVERNANCE****9th National Poshan Maah launched from Varanasi**

- 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah launched at the Rudraksh Convention Centre, Varanasi.
- 2026 theme: "Our Anganwadis, Our Responsibility" — citizens co-own Anganwadi centres.
- Rooted in Poshan Abhiyaan (2018) and now run under Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0.
- Focus: dietary diversity, adequate protein, hot cooked meals with millets, pulses & seasonal veg.

9th National Poshan Maah • Theme: "Our Anganwadis, Our Responsibility"

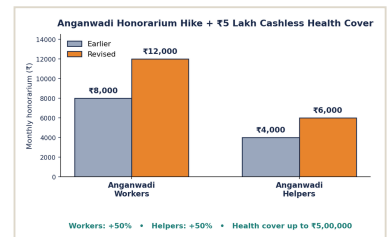


Why it matters: Nutrition is central to the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision; UP hosting the launch signals its lead role in delivery of a national scheme — a classic Prelims + Mains overlap.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Health/Welfare) + UP-special GS-V

SECTION B · KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS**UP-SCHEME****UP raises Anganwadi honorarium 50%, adds ₹5 lakh health cover**

- Anganwadi workers' honorarium raised ₹8,000 → ₹12,000/month; helpers ₹4,000 → ₹6,000.
- New cashless health cover of up to ₹5,00,000 for workers and helpers.
- Sarees distributed and appointment letters handed to newly recruited staff.
- Meritorious girl students and top-performing Anganwadi supervisors felicitated.

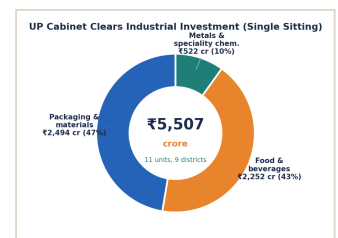


Why it matters: Anganwadi workers deliver ICDS services (nutrition, immunisation support, pre-school education); improving their pay and security strengthens last-mile welfare — a high-yield Mains governance example.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II + UP-special GS-V (state welfare)

UP-GOVERNANCE**UP Cabinet clears ₹5,507 cr investment for 11 industrial units**

- Total ₹5,507.01 crore across 11 units in 9 districts, cleared in one Cabinet meeting.
- 8 units (₹2,900.97 cr) under UP Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy 2022.
- 3 units (₹2,606.04 cr) under the FDI/Foreign Capital Investment Policy 2023.
- Largest: Canpack India, Unnao (₹1,573.62 cr); sectors led by packaging and food & beverages.



Why it matters: Shows UP's policy-driven, incentive-backed investment model that turns MoUs into ground-level units — useful data for Mains answers on state-led industrialisation and 'ease of doing business'.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy) + UP-special GS-VI

UP-INFRA New 74-km, 6-lane link to join Noida Airport with Ganga Expressway

- 74-km, six-lane corridor from the Yamuna Expressway (near Film City) to the Ganga Expressway near Syana.
- Estimated cost about ₹8,586 crore; passes through 56 villages in Gautam Buddh Nagar and Bulandshahr.
- About 20 km runs through the New Noida Investment Region; 3-year completion deadline.
- Feeds the 594-km Ganga Expressway (Meerut-Prayagraj), boosting cargo and passenger links.

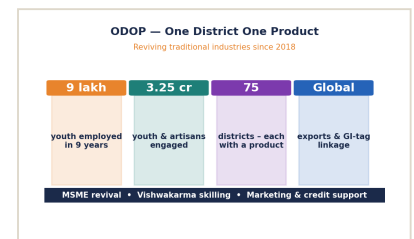


Why it matters: Expressway-airport integration is UP's signature growth lever — improving logistics, land value and industrial corridors; strong material for GS-III infrastructure and UP-special papers.

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UP-SCHEME ODOP milestone: 9 lakh youth employed in nine years

- One District One Product (ODOP) launched in 2018 to revive district-level traditional crafts and industry.
- 9 lakh youth employed through ODOP; 3.25 crore youth and artisans engaged across schemes.
- Backed by MSME revival, Vishwakarma-style skilling, marketing and credit support.
- Many ODOP products overlap with UP's GI-tagged items — UP leads India in GI tags.

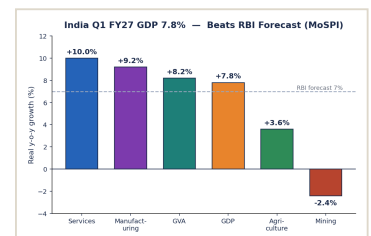


Why it matters: ODOP is UP's best-known convergence model linking heritage crafts, exports and jobs — almost guaranteed relevance in UP-special GS papers and interviews.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III + UP-special GS-VI (MSME/ODOP)

SECTION C · NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC**ECONOMY** **NATIONAL** India's Q1 FY27 GDP grows 7.8%, beats RBI's 7% forecast

- Real GDP +7.8% y-o-y in Q1 FY27; real GVA +8.2%; nominal GDP +10.3% (released by MoSPI).
- Services +10.0% and manufacturing +9.2% led growth; agriculture +3.6%; mining contracted 2.4%.
- Gross Fixed Capital Formation surged 11.9%, its share rising to 34.3% of GDP.
- Marks a fourth straight quarter of near-potential growth despite global headwinds.



Why it matters: GDP data is a Prelims staple (numbers) and a Mains anchor (investment revival, sectoral shifts) — note the strong capital-formation and manufacturing signals.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Indian Economy)

POLITY **NATIONAL** Supreme Court's Article 142 'complete justice' power in focus

- Article 142 lets the Supreme Court pass any order needed to do 'complete justice' in a case.
- A study counted 791 direct invocations of the power since 1949.
- It was recently used to quash FIRs arising from nationwide exam protests.
- Critics warn of over-reach; safeguards trace to the 1962 and 1998 rulings limiting its scope.

Why it matters: Article 142 is a recurring Polity favourite — pairs the article number (Prelims) with the judicial-overreach vs complete-justice debate (Mains GS-II).

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Judiciary)

NATIONAL

ENVIRONMENT

India moves on a green-steel decarbonisation push

- India produces about 160 million tonnes of steel a year, ~32% above the global emissions intensity.
- Coal-based blast-furnace capacity could rise from 43% to 56% by 2030 without a shift.
- A roughly ₹5,000-crore decarbonisation scheme is being launched to push EAF/DRI routes.
- Supports India's net-zero-by-2070 pledge and green-hydrogen ambitions.

Why it matters: Links economy, environment and technology — a ready GS-III example on industrial decarbonisation and India's climate commitments.

Syllabus ► UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy & Environment)

SECTION D · UP RAPID-FIRE

Poshan Maah 2026 theme	"Our Anganwadis, Our Responsibility" (9th edition)
Poshan Maah 2026 host city	Varanasi — Rudraksh Convention Centre
Anganwadi worker honorarium (UP)	Raised to ₹12,000/month; helpers ₹6,000
UP Cabinet industrial clearance	₹5,507 cr — 11 units across 9 districts
Noida Airport-Ganga Expressway link	74 km, 6-lane, ~₹8,586 cr
GI tags leader in India	Uttar Pradesh — highest number of GI-tagged products

7.8%

DATA POINT · India Q1 FY27 real GDP growth

Beat the RBI's 7% forecast; GVA grew 8.2% (MoSPI, Apr-Jun 2026).

SECTION E · PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the National Poshan Maah, consider the following statements: 1. It is observed every year in the month of September. 2. It is anchored in the Poshan Abhiyaan launched in 2018. 3. It is currently implemented under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: D — Poshan Maah is observed each September; it flows from Poshan Abhiyaan (2018) and is delivered under Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0. All three are correct.

Q2. Article 142 of the Constitution of India is best described as the power of the Supreme Court to:

- (A) Advise the President on questions of law (B) Pass any order necessary for doing 'complete justice'
(C) Review its own judgments (D) Transfer cases between High Courts

Ans: B — Article 142 lets the SC pass any decree/order for 'complete justice'; advisory jurisdiction is Article 143 and review is Article 137.

Mains Practice ► "Uttar Pradesh's expressway-led, policy-backed investment model is reshaping the state's economic geography." Examine, with recent examples. (UPPSC Mains, GS-III / UP-special)

Hint: Cite the ₹5,507 cr Cabinet clearance, the Noida Airport-Ganga Expressway link, ODOP jobs; link expressways to industrial corridors, logistics, land value and balanced regional growth; add a note on Purvanchal/Bundelkhand equity.

✂ **QUICK REVISION** — Revise: 9th Poshan Maah (theme 'Our Anganwadis, Our Responsibility', Varanasi) • UP Anganwadi honorarium ₹12,000/₹6,000 + ₹5 lakh health cover • ₹5,507 cr Cabinet clearance (11 units/9 districts) • 74-km Noida Airport-Ganga Expressway link • ODOP 9 lakh jobs • Q1 FY27 GDP 7.8% • Article 142.

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