Today's headline: UP Cabinet meets with 30+ proposals incl. UP AI Mission & Bhadohi renaming; MLC polls on 23 Oct; RBI lifts repo to 5.50%

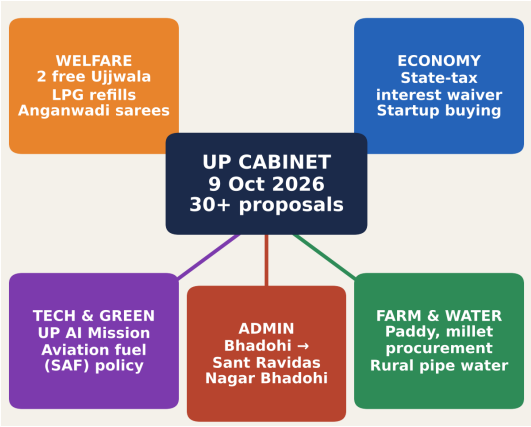
Section A — Today in UP

UP-GOVERNANCE

1. UP Cabinet meets today: 30+ proposals on welfare, AI, aviation fuel and farm procurement

*CM Yogi Adityanath chairs a cabinet meeting at Lok Bhavan, Lucknow on **9 Oct 2026** with **30+ proposals** — the last big policy push before the 2027 Assembly polls (agenda as listed; final approvals awaited).*

- Welfare: **2 free LPG refills** for **PM Ujjwala** beneficiaries on Diwali; an extra saree for about **3 lakh** Anganwadi workers & helpers.
- Economy: **state-tax interest waiver scheme** for traders, a **Startup procurement scheme**, **UP Industrial Relations Rules** and flexibility for industrial land allottees.
- Tech & green: setting up the **UP AI Mission**; **UP Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Manufacturing Promotion Policy** (bio-jet fuel from bagasse & rice husk).
- Farm & water: paddy and coarse-grain procurement policy for **Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27**; O&M policy for rural piped drinking-water schemes.
- Administration: renaming **Bhadohi as 'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'**, Revenue Code Rules amendments, model building bye-laws for industrial authorities.



Concept: Under Art. 163-164 the Council of Ministers headed by the CM aids and advises the Governor; it is collectively responsible to the Vidhan Sabha.

Why it matters: Cabinet decisions become Government Orders that UPPSC frames scheme questions on — note the names (UP AI Mission, SAF Policy) and the numbers once notified.

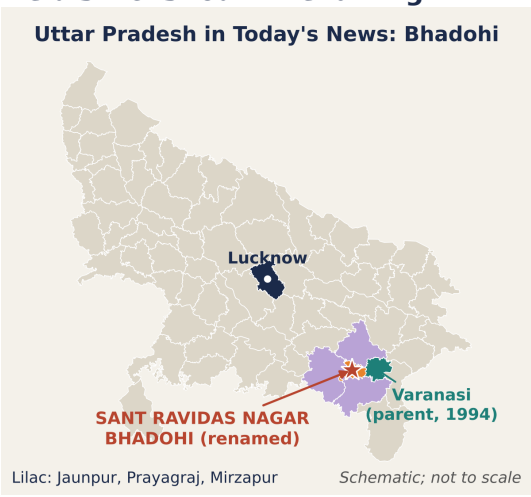
Syllabus: GS-II: State Executive (Art. 163-164) | GS-V: UP governance, schemes & policies | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

UP-CULTURE

2. Bhadohi to be 'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi' — the district's fourth renaming

*CM announced the new name at Bhadohi on **4 Oct 2026**, honouring Bhakti saint **Sant Ravidas**; formal approval is on today's cabinet agenda.*

- Carved out of **Varanasi** district on **30 June 1994** as UP's **65th district**.
- Name trail: Sant Ravidas Nagar (**1997**) → Sant Ravidas Nagar-Bhadohi (**1999**) → Bhadohi (**2014**) → Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi (**2026**).
- Legal route: **Section 6(2), UP Revenue Code, 2006** — the state renames revenue areas by notification; railway stations, universities follow separate procedures.
- Same visit: **112 projects** worth over **₹1,340 crore** inaugurated/foundation laid; link to the **Ganga Expressway** network promised.
- Bhadohi is India's 'Carpet City' — the **Bhadohi hand-made carpet** carries a **GI tag**.



Concept: Sant Ravidas (15th-16th c.), born near Varanasi, preached equality through nirguna bhakti; his verses are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

Why it matters: Renaming a district is a state executive power, unlike renaming a State, which needs a Parliament law under Art. 3 — a favourite Prelims trap.

Syllabus: GS-I: Bhakti movement | GS-V: UP districts, administration & culture | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I & GS-V

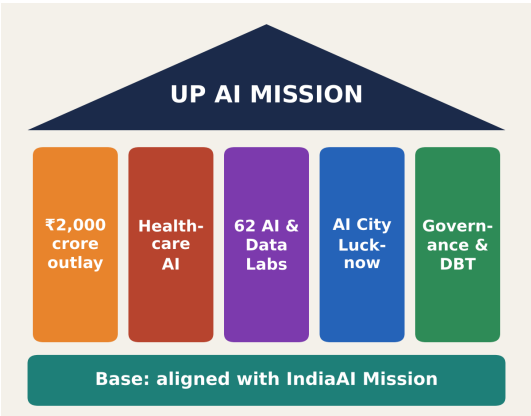
Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-SCHEME

3. UP AI Mission: ~₹2,000 crore plan to make the state an AI test-bed

The mission, announced at the UP Regional AI Impact Conference in Lucknow (Jan 2026), comes up for formal setting-up in today's cabinet.

- Proposed outlay of about **₹2,000 crore**; a state-led AI ecosystem aligned with the national **IndiaAI Mission**.
- **Healthcare** is the core use-case: early diagnosis, critical-care decision support, public-health data management.
- **62 AI & Data Labs** planned across UP under an IndiaAI–state MoU for research and skilling.
- **Lucknow** is being developed as an **AI City**; the CM called **2026** a decisive year for UP's tech transformation.



Concept: IndiaAI Mission (2024, ~₹10,372 crore) builds compute capacity, datasets, AI skilling and startup funding.

Why it matters: AI in welfare delivery, policing and health can scale services for 24 crore people — but needs data-protection safeguards (DPDP Act, 2023) and skilled manpower.

Syllabus: GS-III: S&T, e-governance | GS-VI: UP economy, science & technology | UPPSC: Mains GS-III & UP-special GS-VI

UP-SCHEME 4. Diwali relief: free LPG refills for Ujjwala homes, sarees for Anganwadi workers

Today's cabinet takes up two free refills for PM Ujjwala beneficiaries and sarees for Anganwadi staff ahead of Diwali.

- Earlier festival rounds (Holi & Diwali) covered about **1.86 crore** Ujjwala families in UP; refill money is credited via **DBT**.
- **PMUY** was launched on **1 May 2016** from **Ballia (UP)**; **Ujjwala 2.0** was launched in Aug 2021 from **Mahoba (UP)**.
- Extra saree proposed for about **3 lakh** Anganwadi workers & helpers.
- Clean cooking fuel cuts indoor air pollution — linked to **SDG-7** (affordable, clean energy).

Concept: PMUY gives deposit-free LPG connections to adult women of poor households; administered by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Why it matters: Free refills raise LPG use among poor households, but sustained usage needs affordable refill prices — a key Mains angle on targeted subsidies vs freebies.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections | GS-V: UP social-sector schemes | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

UP-POLITY 5. UP Legislative Council: 11 graduate & teacher seats go to polls on 23 Oct

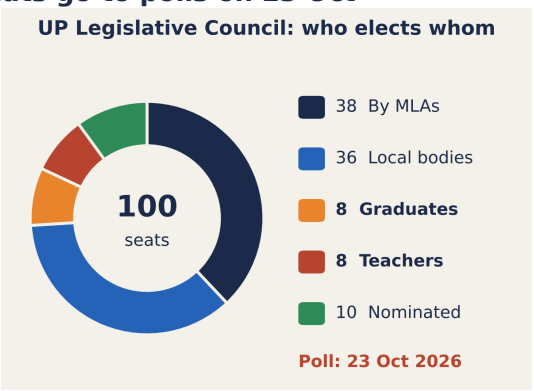
*Today (**9 Oct**) is the last date for withdrawal in the biennial MLC polls for 11 seats in the graduates' and teachers' constituencies.*

- Polling on **23 Oct**, counting on **27 Oct 2026**; of **188** nominations, **29** were rejected, leaving **159** candidates.
- Seats include **Varanasi, Meerut, Allahabad-Jhansi** (graduates) and **Varanasi, Agra, Gorakhpur-Faizabad** (teachers).
- UP Vidhan Parishad has **100** members: 38 elected by MLAs, 36 by local bodies, **8 by graduates**, **8 by teachers**, 10 nominated by the Governor.
- Members serve **6-year** terms; one-third retire every two years (**Art. 172(2)**). Only **6 states** have a Council.

Concept: Art. 169: Parliament creates or abolishes a Council if the state Assembly passes a resolution by special majority.

Why it matters: Graduates' and teachers' seats (Art. 171(3)(b),(c)) bring expert voices to law-making — the poll is also the last electoral test before the 2027 Assembly elections.

Syllabus: GS-II: State Legislature (Art. 168-171) | GS-V: UP Legislature | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)



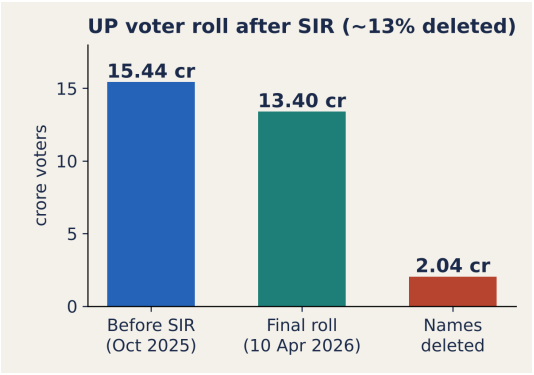
UP-GOVERNANCE 6. Post-SIR special drive to re-enrol left-out voters ahead of 2027 polls

UP's Chief Electoral Officer has ordered a special drive to add voters left out after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), following an ECI letter of 29 Sep.

- UP's final roll after SIR (**10 Apr 2026**): **13.40 crore** voters vs **15.44 crore** before — about **2.04 crore** names (~**13%**) deleted.
- ECI drive covers **20 states/UTs** where SIR is complete; new names via the plain statutory **Form 6**.
- Officers will compare pre- and post-SIR rolls and visit homes of deleted voters, prioritising first-time electors.
- CEO **Navdeep Rinwa** directed that sector officers and sector police officers be appointed within a week.

Why it matters: Clean rolls and full inclusion must go together — Art. 326 guarantees adult suffrage; the RP Act, 1950 governs preparation of rolls.

Syllabus: GS-II: Elections, Election Commission (Art. 324-326) | GS-V: UP electoral administration | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II



UP-ECONOMY 7. UP-TEX 2026 roadmap: textile parks in 10 districts, PM MITRA hub and export push

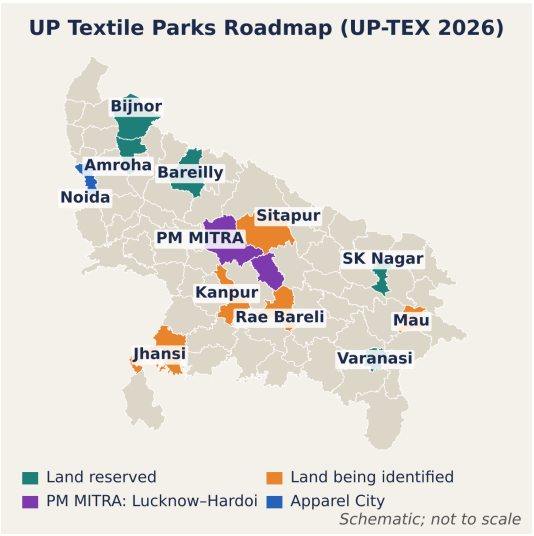
The UP Textiles Conclave in Lucknow (Sep 2026) laid out the state's plan to become a textile hub — a key jobs theme in this election season.

- MoUs worth **₹5,196 crore** signed; Letters of Comfort worth ₹163 crore issued.
- Land reserved for parks in **Varanasi, Amroha, Bareilly, Sant Kabir Nagar, Bijnor**; being identified in Sitapur, Mau, Kanpur, Jhansi, Rae Bareli; Apparel City in **Noida**.
- **PM MITRA Park** coming up at **Lucknow–Hardoi**.
- UP ranks **3rd** in fabric output (13-14% share), has **17** GI-tagged textile products; Gautam Buddh Nagar exported over **₹21,000 crore** in 2025-26.

Concept: PM MITRA (2021): 7 mega integrated textile parks on a 'Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign' (5F) model.

Why it matters: Labour-intensive textiles can absorb UP's 2 lakh+ handloom and 5 lakh+ powerloom weavers — linking ODOP and GI crafts to export markets is the key.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industry & employment | GS-VI: UP industries, ODOP & GI products | UPPSC: Mains GS-III & UP-special GS-VI



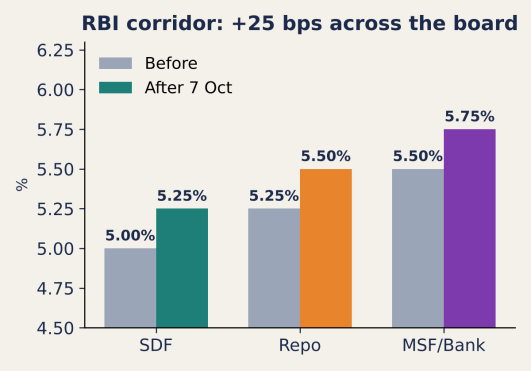
Section C — National News for UPPSC

ECONOMY 8. RBI raises repo rate by 25 bps to 5.50% — first hike since Feb 2023

*The six-member MPC under Governor **Sanjay Malhotra** announced the hike on **7 Oct 2026**, citing commodity-price pressure on inflation.*

- Repo: **5.25% → 5.50%**; SDF **5.25%**; MSF & Bank Rate **5.75%**.
- Stance shifted from neutral to **'calibrated tightening'** (4-2 vote).
- Inflation target: CPI **4% ± 2%** under flexible inflation targeting (RBI Act, **Sec. 45ZA**).

Concept: MPC (Sec. 45ZB): 3 RBI members + 3 Centre-nominated experts; Governor has a casting vote.



> **Why it matters:** Costlier EMIs and MSME credit, but anchoring inflation protects real incomes — a classic growth-vs-price-stability trade-off.

Syllabus: GS-III: Monetary policy, inflation | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

NATIONAL 9. Nobel Prize in Literature 2026: Canadian poet Anne Carson

*The **Swedish Academy** announced the award in Stockholm on **8 Oct 2026**.*

- Canadian poet, essayist and classicist, aged **76**; second Canadian literature laureate after **Alice Munro (2013)**.
- Cited for a "bold and inventive oeuvre" that has created new forms for contemporary literature.
- Known works: **Autobiography of Red**, **The Beauty of the Husband**, **Eros the Bittersweet**.

> **Why it matters:** Static link: first literature Nobel 1901 (Sully Prudhomme); **Rabindranath Tagore (1913, Gitanjali)** remains India's only literature laureate.

Syllabus: Prelims: Awards & honours | UPPSC: Prelims (Awards)

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Divyang rehabilitation	District Divyang Punarvas Kendras to be set up in all **18 divisions** of UP; first one running in Gorakhpur.
Recruitment	UP Home Guard: medical & character verification of selected candidates from **12 Oct 2026**.
Expressway	Jewar–Ganga Expressway link: **74.467 km**, 6-lane greenfield (expandable to 8) from Noida International Airport via Bulandshahr.
New board	**UP Ghumantu Vikas Board** set up for denotified, nomadic & semi-nomadic communities.
Regional planning	**Prayagraj–Chitrakoot Regional Development Authority** approved for coordinated development.
Festival	Ayodhya Deepotsav 2025 (9th edition) set a record with **26.17 lakh** diyas; 2026 edition due before Diwali.
Data point	**UP electorate after SIR: 13.40 crore voters** — Final roll of 10 Apr 2026; about 2.04 crore names deleted from 15.44 crore

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. Consider the following statements about Bhadohi district: 1. It was carved out of Varanasi district in 1994. 2. Renaming a district in UP requires a law passed by Parliament. 3. Bhadohi hand-made carpet is a GI-tagged product. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(A) 1 and 2 only (B) 1 and 3 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
Answer: (B) — Bhadohi was carved out of Varanasi on 30 June 1994 and its carpet is GI-tagged. A district is renamed by state notification under Sec. 6(2) of the UP Revenue Code, 2006 — Parliament's role (Art. 3) is for renaming States.

Q2. In the 100-member Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, how many members are elected by graduates?
(A) 6 (B) 8 (C) 10 (D) 12
Answer: (B) — Art. 171 provides about 1/12 each for graduates and teachers: UP has 8 graduates' and 8 teachers' seats, 38 elected by MLAs, 36 by local bodies and 10 nominated by the Governor.

Q3. After the RBI's monetary policy of 7 October 2026, the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate stands at:
(A) 5.25% (B) 5.50% (C) 5.75% (D) 6.00%
Answer: (C) — Repo was raised to 5.50%; SDF is 25 bps below (5.25%) and MSF/Bank Rate 25 bps above (5.75%).

Mains practice: "Textiles can be Uttar Pradesh's largest job engine after agriculture." Examine this statement in light of the state's recent textile-park and PM MITRA initiatives. (125 words, GS-VI)
Hint: Intro: weaver base & ODOP/GI strength → Body: parks in 10 districts, PM MITRA Lucknow–Hardoi, ₹5,196 crore MoUs, export hubs (Noida, Bhadohi, Varanasi) → Challenges: power cost, credit, design, logistics → Way forward: cluster skilling, e-commerce, expressway logistics.

One-line revision: Cabinet today: 30+ proposals (UP AI Mission, SAF policy, 2 free Ujjwala refills) | Bhadohi → Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi (Sec 6(2), UP Revenue Code) | MLC polls 23 Oct | UP roll 13.40 crore | Repo 5.50%.

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