Today's top UP stories: Jalaun solar park gets an 800 MW battery-storage tender, Allahabad HC raps UP Police over civil liberties, and Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav lights 36 lakh+ diyas

Edition note: Bhai Dooj / post-Diwali week: today's UP coverage is thin, so Section B adds the most important UP decisions of the past fortnight (27 Oct – 9 Nov). Today's items come first.

AT A GLANCE

- **800 MW battery storage** tender for the **1,200 MW Jalaun Solar Park** (BSUL: NHPC–UPNEDA JV).
- Allahabad HC calls UP's civil-liberty situation **'shameful'**; **₹20,000 costs** in a Bijnor habeas corpus case.
- Ayodhya's **10th Deepotsav** lit **36 lakh+ diyas** on **56 Saryu ghats**.
- UP state employees' **DA raised to 63%** from **1 July 2026**.
- **PM MITRA Park** on the **Lucknow–Hardoi** border: **1,000 acres**, **₹1,947 crore**, ~1 lakh jobs.
- UP's first **State Livestock Mission**: **5 sub-missions**, **₹40,000** subsidy per improved cow.
- Four **link expressways** (~322 km) approved at **₹17,542 crore**.
- Final UP roll after SIR: **13.39 crore electors**; **2.04 crore** names deleted.
- **Haj 2027** agreement signed in Jeddah; India's quota **1,75,025**.
- **Swachh Survekshan 2025-26** (10th edition) awards on **11 Nov**; **4,751+ cities** assessed.

Section A — Today in UP

UP-ENERGY 1. Jalaun Solar Park: 800 MW battery-storage tender floated

Bids invited (reported 10 Nov) to add battery energy storage (BESS) to the 1,200 MW Jalaun Solar Park so its power can be supplied at peak hours.

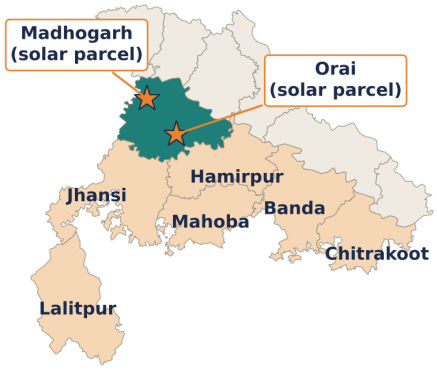
- Park: **1,200 MW** in **Jalaun district** (parcels in **Orai** and **Madhogarh** tehsils), Bundelkhand.
- Developer: **Bundelkhand Saur Urja Ltd (BSUL)** — JV of **NHPC** and **UPNEDA**; NHPC floated the tender on BSUL's behalf.
- Storage: **800 MW BESS**; Config-I = 300 MW solar + 4,800 MWh, Config-II = 600 MW solar + 3,200 MWh.
- Model: **Build-Own-Operate**, tariff-based bidding + reverse auction; solar tariff about **₹2.61–2.62/kWh**.
- Power evacuated to a **765/400 kV ISTS** sub-station; one bidder can win at most 50% capacity.

Why it matters: Storage turns cheap daytime solar into dispatchable peak power — key to UP's clean-energy targets and to making drought-prone Bundelkhand an energy hub.

Concept: UP's Bundelkhand has 7 districts — Jhansi, Jalaun, Lalitpur, Hamirpur, Mahoba, Banda, Chitrakoot; high solar irradiation + cheap barren land make it ideal for solar parks.

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure – energy, renewable energy | GS-VI: UP energy policy, Bundelkhand development

Jalaun Solar Park (1,200 MW), Bundelkhand



Teal = Jalaun · Peach = UP's other Bundelkhand districts (7 in all)

Schematic; not to scale

UP-GOVERNANCE 2. Allahabad HC: civil-liberty situation in UP 'shameful'; CCTV lapses flagged

A Division Bench allowed a habeas corpus plea (order of 3 Nov, reported 9 Nov) over a man held by police in Bijnor for two days before arrest was recorded.

- Bench: **Justice Atul Sreedharan & Justice Achal Sachdev**; case from **Nangal police station, Bijnor**.
- Court said UP Police show **little regard for fundamental rights**; CCTV 'failure' excuses are routine.
- Directions: immediate release, **₹20,000 costs** on the State, court's displeasure to be recorded in the SHO's service record.
- Writ used: **Habeas corpus** (Art. 32 in SC / **Art. 226** in HC) — 'produce the body'.

Why it matters: Working CCTV in every police station is the practical safeguard for Art. 21 and 22 — compliance audits and accountability of SHOs are needed.

Concept: Paramvir Singh Saini v. Baljit Singh (2020): SC ordered CCTV in all police stations; D.K. Basu (1997) laid arrest guidelines; Art. 22(2): produce before magistrate within 24 hours.

Syllabus: GS-II: Fundamental Rights, judiciary, police reforms | GS-V: UP law & order, High Court

Uttar Pradesh in Today's News



1. Jalaun — 1,200 MW solar park + 800 MW BESS tender
2. Bijnor — HC habeas corpus case (CCTV lapses)
3. Ayodhya — 10th Deepotsav, 36 lakh+ diyas
4. Lucknow–Hardoi — PM MITRA Textile Park
5. Greater Noida — Robotics Park; Jewar airport
6. Agra — Bateshwar fair
7. Bhadohi — renamed Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

Schematic; not to scale

UP-CULTURE 3. Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav: 36 lakh+ diyas on 56 Saryu ghats

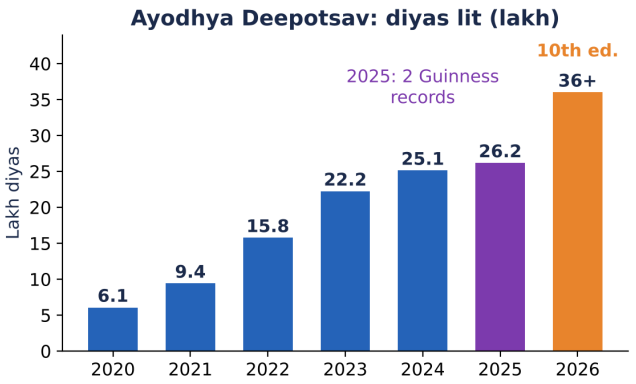
Held on 7 Nov (Diwali eve), the 10th edition beat last year's record by nearly 10 lakh lamps.

- **10th edition**; **36 lakh+** earthen lamps on **56 ghats** incl. **Ram ki Paidi**.
- Lit by **Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan**, **Governor Anandiben Patel** and **CM Yogi Adityanath**.
- **35,000+ volunteers**, mainly from **Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University**.
- 9th edition (2025) held **2 Guinness records**: **26,17,215** lamps and **2,128** people in aarti together.

Why it matters: Deepotsav is now a flagship of UP's spiritual-tourism economy; trap: Deepotsav started in **2017**, so 2026 = 10th edition.

Concept: Ayodhya lies on the right bank of the Saryu (Ghaghara); Ram ki Paidi is a series of ghats on the river.

Syllabus: GS-I: Indian culture, fairs & festivals | GS-V: UP culture & tourism



Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-GOVERNANCE 4. DA for UP state employees raised to 63%

Government order issued on 7 Nov as a Diwali decision of the state government.

- DA raised from **60% to 63%** (+3 points), effective **1 July 2026**.
- Covers state employees incl. **aided educational/technical institutions** and urban local body staff.
- Higher DA in **November salary**; arrears (Jul–Oct) go to **GPF**, or **10% to NPS Tier-I** (+14% state share) for NPS staff.

Why it matters: Crediting arrears to provident funds protects real incomes while easing immediate cash pressure on the state budget.

Concept: Dearness Allowance offsets inflation; revised twice a year (January & July cycles) on the basis of the All-India CPI for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW).

Syllabus: GS-III: Inflation, public finance | GS-VI: UP state finances

UP-SCHEME 5. Cabinet clears PM MITRA Textile Park (Lucknow–Hardoi) & Robotics Park

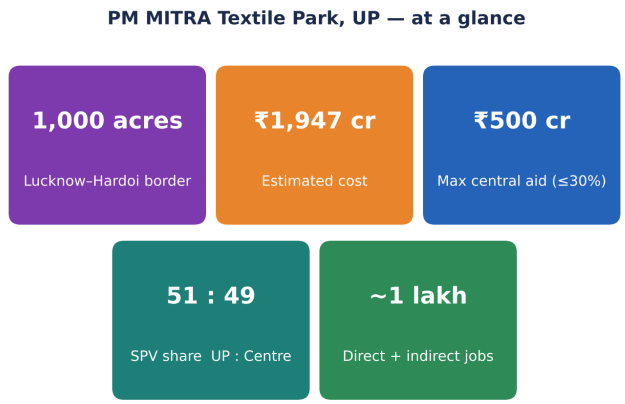
The 27 Oct cabinet approved the master developer for the textile park and a PPP robotics park in Greater Noida.

- **PM MITRA Park**: **1,000 acres** on the **Lucknow–Hardoi** border; cost **₹1,947 crore**; **~1 lakh jobs**.
- Central aid **up to 30%, capped at ₹500 crore**; SPV **51% UP : 49% Centre**; land lease **99 years at ₹1/acre/year**.
- Master developer (preferred bidder): **Ramky Infrastructure**; DBFOT PPP with 50-year concession.
- **Pragati Robotics Park, Greater Noida**: **69.52 acres** in two zones; Zone-1 (8 acres) PPP — Authority 26%, partner 74%.

Why it matters: Plug-and-play textile infrastructure can link UP's handloom/ODOP clusters to global value chains and create mass jobs in central UP.

Concept: PM MITRA (2021): 7 parks — Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra; '5F' vision — Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, PPP, employment | GS-VI: UP industrial development



UP-AGRICULTURE 6. UP's first State Livestock Mission approved

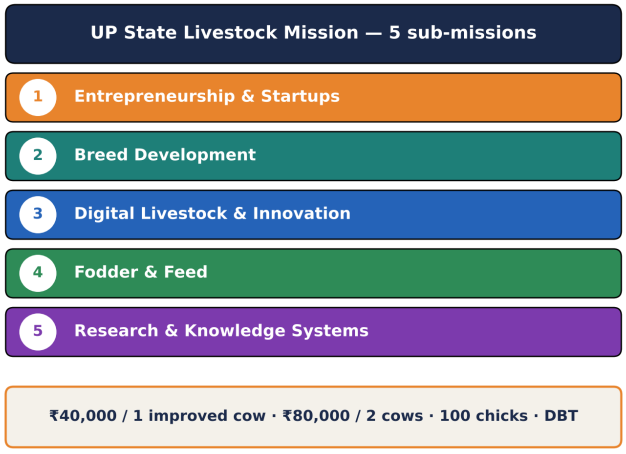
Approved by the 27 Oct cabinet as the state's first dedicated mission for the livestock sector.

- Name: **Rajya Pashudhan Mission**; **5 sub-missions** — entrepreneurship & startups, breed development, digital livestock, fodder & feed, research.
- Subsidy **₹40,000 for one improved cow**, **₹80,000 for two**; **100 chicks** for needy families.
- Grants paid by **DBT** after project selection.

Why it matters: Livestock gives steadier income than crops; better breeds and fodder can raise dairy productivity and doubling-income goals for small farmers.

Concept: UP has India's largest livestock population and is the top milk-producing state; the Centre runs the National Livestock Mission (since 2014-15).

Syllabus: GS-III: Animal husbandry, rural livelihoods | GS-VI: UP agriculture & allied sectors



UP-INFRA 7. Four new link expressways worth ₹17,542 crore approved

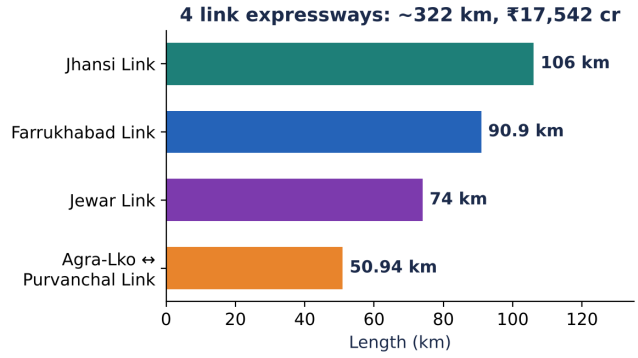
Reported on 1 Nov; the state will bear the full cost and UPEIDA will appoint independent engineers to monitor quality.

- Total **~322 km**, cost **₹17,542.06 crore** (fully state-funded).
- **Jhansi Link** ~106 km (Bundelkhand); **Farrukhabad Link** ~90.9 km; **Jewar Link** ~74 km (Noida airport).
- **Agra–Lucknow ↔ Purvanchal Link** 50.94 km joins two existing expressways.

Why it matters: Link roads turn separate expressways into a grid, cutting logistics cost and spreading industrial corridors to Bundelkhand and western UP.

Concept: UPEIDA (UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority) builds state expressways — e.g. Purvanchal, Bundelkhand, Ganga (Meerut–Prayagraj).

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure – roads | GS-VI: UP expressway network, regional connectivity



POLITY 8. UP voter roll after SIR: 13.39 crore electors

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) figures returned to the news on 9 Nov amid a political debate ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls.

- Final roll: **13,39,84,792 electors**; **2.04 crore names deleted**, **84 lakh+ added**.
- Sex ratio of electors: **834 women per 1,000 men**; women ≈ **45.5%**.

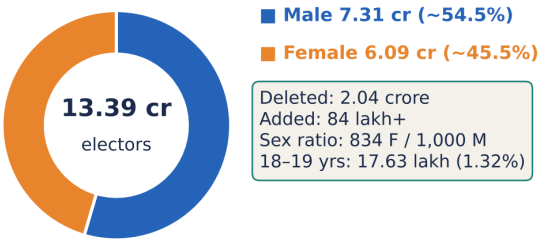
- Young voters (18–19): **17.63 lakh (1.32%)**; largest absolute fall in **Lucknow** (9.14 lakh+).

Why it matters: Clean rolls strengthen free and fair elections, but low women's share shows the need for targeted enrolment drives before 2027.

Concept: Art. 324: ECI superintends preparation of rolls; Art. 326: adult suffrage (18+); Sec. 21 of RP Act, 1950 allows special revision of rolls.

Syllabus: GS-II: Elections, Election Commission, Representation of People Act | GS-V: UP polity

UP final electoral roll after SIR



Section C — National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL 9. India–Saudi Arabia sign Haj 2027 agreement: quota 1,75,025

Signed at Jeddah on 9 Nov by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju with Saudi Haj & Umrah Minister Tawfiq Al Rabiah.

- India's quota: **1,75,025 pilgrims** (up from 1,36,020 in 2014).
- Split ≈ **70:30** — Haj Committee of India : private Haj Group Organisers.
- Nodal ministry: **Ministry of Minority Affairs**; Lucknow is among UP's embarkation points.

Why it matters: UP sends one of the largest Haj contingents, so smooth quota and logistics directly affect pilgrims from the state.

Concept: Haj Committee Act, 2002 governs the Haj Committee of India; Haj affairs moved from MEA to Minority Affairs in 2016.

Syllabus: GS-II: India and its neighbourhood / West Asia relations

NATIONAL 10. Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards on 11 Nov

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 10th edition awards at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- **10th edition**; **4,751+ cities** assessed on **43 indicators** (from 73 ULBs in 2016).
- Theme: **'Swachhata ki Nayi Pehel – Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'**; nodal: **MoHUA**.
- In SS 2024-25, **Lucknow** was among the top 3 big cities (with Ahmedabad and Bhopal).

Why it matters: Watch for UP cities' ranks tomorrow — they feed questions on urban local bodies and Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

Concept: Swachh Survekshan began in 2016 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban); conducted by MoHUA.

Syllabus: GS-II: Government schemes, urban governance | GS-III: Waste management

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Topic	Fact
Airport renamed	Noida International Airport (Jewar) → **Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar** (cabinet; announced 9 Oct); Phase-1 capacity **12 million** passengers/yr.
District renamed	**Bhadohi** district to be called **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** (cabinet, 9 Oct 2026).
New policy / mission	Cabinet approved **UP Artificial Intelligence Mission (UP-AIM)** and the **UP Sustainable Aviation Fuel Manufacturing Promotion Policy-2026**.
Festival ahead	**Dev Deepawali** in **Varanasi** on **Kartik Purnima — 24 Nov 2026**; ghats of the Ganga lit with diyas.
Fair	**Bateshwar fair** (Agra, on the Yamuna) — one of north India's oldest animal/horse fairs; Bateshwar is the ancestral village of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
Sports	**Radha Kathariya** (Hathras) represented UP in the **U-15 Junior Girls National Football Championship**.

DATA POINT — Diyas lit at Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav: 36 lakh+ · On 56 Saryu ghats, about 10 lakh more than the 2025 record of 26,17,215.

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. Bundelkhand Saur Urja Limited (BSUL), which is developing the 1,200 MW Jalaun Solar Park, is a joint venture of:
(a) NTPC and UPPCL (b) NHPC and UPNEDA (c) SECI and UPNEDA (d) NHPC and UPPCL

Answer: (b) — BSUL is a JV of **NHPC Ltd** and **UPNEDA**; NHPC floated the 800 MW BESS tender on its behalf. Trap: not NTPC, not SECI.

Q2. Consider the following about UP's PM MITRA Park: 1. It is located on the Lucknow–Hardoi border on 1,000 acres. 2. Central assistance is capped at ₹500 crore. 3. In the SPV, the Centre holds 51% and the state 49%. Which are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) — Statement 3 is reversed: the SPV is **51% UP : 49% Centre**. Land is 1,000 acres and central aid is up to 30%, capped at **₹500 crore**.

Mains practice: Solar power without storage cannot meet evening peak demand. In the context of the Jalaun Solar Park, examine how battery energy storage can make Bundelkhand a clean-energy hub of Uttar Pradesh. (125 words)
Hint: Intro: 1,200 MW park + 800 MW BESS tender. Body: peak supply & grid stability, use of barren land, local jobs, transmission (ISTS), cost of batteries, water/land issues. Conclude: link to UP's renewable energy targets and Bundelkhand development.

ONE-LINE REVISION: Jalaun = 1,200 MW solar + 800 MW BESS (BSUL: NHPC–UPNEDA) | Deepotsav-10 = 36 lakh+ diyas, 56 ghats | DA 63% from 1 Jul 2026 | PM MITRA: Lucknow–Hardoi, 1,000 acres | SIR roll: 13.39 crore | Haj 2027: 1,75,025

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