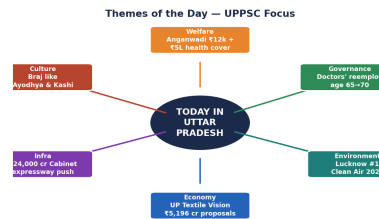


SECTION A • TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

Uttar Pradesh dominated the day's exam-relevant news: the state Cabinet approved a roughly ₹24,000 crore package headlined by a Ganga Expressway extension and the Jhansi Link Expressway, while the CM in Ayodhya raised Anganwadi honoraria to ₹12,000 and added ₹5 lakh cashless health cover. Lucknow topped the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 with 16 UP cities in the national clean-air rankings, and the UP Textile Vision drew fresh investment proposals. Nationally, the CCEA cleared eight railway multitracking projects worth ₹20,804 crore.



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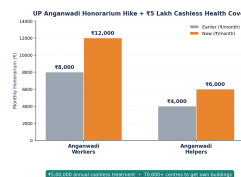
- UP Cabinet clears ~₹24,000 cr: Ganga Expressway extension (~₹10,761 cr) and Jhansi Link Expressway (~₹7,968 cr).
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- Lucknow tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 with 198/200; 16 UP cities in national clean-air rankings.
- Cabinet approves ₹5,507 cr for 11 industrial units across nine districts, including an aluminium-can plant in Unnao.

SECTION B • KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-SCHEME

1. UP Anganwadi honoraria trebled to ₹12,000; ₹5 lakh cashless health cover added

- **Anganwadi workers' honorarium raised to ₹12,000/month** (from ₹8,000); **helpers to ₹6,000** (from ₹4,000).
- **₹5 lakh annual cashless treatment** for workers and helpers at empanelled, government hospitals and medical colleges.
- Over **70,000 Anganwadi centres** to be restructured, with own buildings planned for centres in rented/shared spaces.



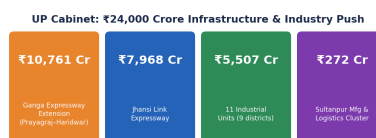
Why it matters: Anganwadi services are the delivery arm of nutrition and early-childhood care (POSHAN); improved honoraria and health cover strengthen last-mile welfare and are frequently asked in UP GS-V.

Syllabus: GS-II governance/welfare of vulnerable sections; UP GS-V state government schemes & social sector.

UP-INFRA

2. UP Cabinet approves ~₹24,000 cr push: expressways plus 11 industrial units

- **Ganga Expressway extension (~ ₹10,761 crore)**: six-lane greenfield corridor (expandable to eight) along the Prayagraj–Haridwar stretch; DPR to be prepared.
- **Jhansi Link Expressway (~ ₹7,968 crore)** for the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority region and Jhansi defence corridor; **Sultanpur logistics cluster (~₹272 crore)**.
- **₹5,507 crore** cleared for **11 industrial units** in nine districts, incl. an aluminium beverage-can plant in Unnao (~₹1,573 crore).



Why it matters: Expressways anchor UP's industrial corridors and logistics costs and link Kumbh/pilgrimage nodes; grounding MoUs into units is the real test of the state's investment model.

Syllabus: GS-III infrastructure, industrial growth, investment models; UP GS-VI expressways, corridors, industrialisation.

UP-SCHEME

3. UP Textile Vision 2026: ₹5,196 cr proposals, 10+ parks, PM MITRA and weaver welfare

- **₹5,196 crore** in new investment proposals signed; letters of comfort (~₹163 crore) and subsidy support (~₹60 crore) extended.
- **Textile parks** reserved in Varanasi, Amroha, Bareilly, Sant Kabir Nagar and Bijnor; Noida designated an **apparel city**; a **PM MITRA** mega-hub in the pipeline.
- UP has **~2 lakh handlooms and 5 lakh+ powerloom weavers**; textile exports up **~56% in six years**, making UP India's **4th-largest textile exporter**.

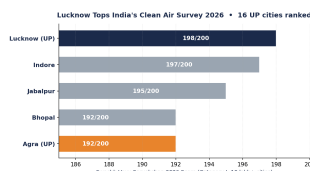


Why it matters: Textiles are a large employer after agriculture and align with ODP and the national \$350-billion textile target; UP's handloom/powerloom base is a recurring UP GS-VI theme.

Syllabus: GS-III manufacturing, MSME, exports; UP GS-VI ODP, handloom/powerloom and district industries.

UP-GOVERNANCE 4. Lucknow tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026; 16 UP cities in national clean-air rankings

- **Lucknow scored 198/200** in Category-I (10 lakh+ population), edging Indore (197) by a single point.
- Top order: **Lucknow 198, Indore 197, Jabalpur 195, Bhopal & Agra 192**.
- **16 UP cities** featured in the national clean-air rankings — the first time Lucknow overtook long-time leader Indore.



Why it matters: NCAP targets and city-level air action are exam favourites; Lucknow's win showcases governance-led improvement and is a ready UP GS-V/environment example.

Syllabus: GS-III environment, pollution control, NCAP; UP GS-V urban governance and state performance.

UP-CULTURE 5. Braj region to be developed 'on the lines of Ayodhya and Kashi'

- Mathura-Vrindavan, Barsana, Nandgaon and Govardhan to get integrated pilgrim facilities and connectivity.
- Model cited is **Ayodhya**, now drawing ~1 lakh visitors daily (5-50 lakh during festivals) with an international airport, Ram Path and Bhakti Path.
- Aims to blend heritage preservation with devotee-centric infrastructure.

Why it matters: Faith-based tourism is now a major UP revenue and employment driver; Braj development links culture, urban planning and the state's tourism economy — classic UP GS-V material.

Syllabus: GS-I art & culture, pilgrimage tourism; UP GS-V heritage cities, tourism economy.

UP-GOVERNANCE 6. Reemployment age for specialist doctors raised 65→70; 500 consultant posts opened

- Maximum **reemployment age for retired specialist doctors raised from 65 to 70 years**.
- **500 consultant posts** opened to fill specialist gaps in government facilities.
- Targets shortages in district and referral hospitals.

Why it matters: Human-resource shortfalls are a core public-health governance issue; retaining experienced specialists is a practical, exam-relevant administrative fix.

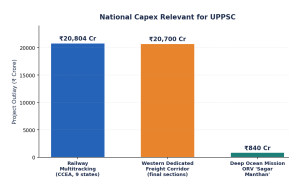
Syllabus: GS-II health services, human resources in governance; UP GS-V state health administration.

SECTION C • NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL 7. CCEA clears eight railway multitracking projects worth ₹20,804 crore

- **Eight multitracking projects, ~₹20,804 crore**, across **nine states**, serving a population of about **52 lakh**.

- Aim: decongest saturated routes, cut logistics costs and raise freight capacity.
- Adds to recent commissioning of final sections of the **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor** (~₹20,700 crore).



Why it matters: Rail capacity and dedicated freight corridors lower logistics costs across the Gangetic belt, directly relevant to UP's freight-heavy economy and to GS-III infrastructure questions.

Syllabus: GS-III infrastructure, railways, capital expenditure and regional connectivity.

NATIONAL

8. Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 launched; PMMVY marks 10 years

- **9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah** observed 9 September–8 October 2026; theme: 'Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari'.
- Marks **10 years of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**, the maternity cash-benefit scheme.
- Focus on Anganwadi-led community mobilisation for nutrition.

Why it matters: POSHAN Abhiyaan and PMMVY are staple welfare-scheme questions; the Poshan Maah theme dovetails with UP's Anganwadi announcements, making it a linked, high-yield topic.

Syllabus: GS-II welfare schemes, nutrition, women & child development.

SECTION D • UP RAPID-FIRE

Clean Air No. 1	Lucknow tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 (198/200); Agra also in top five.
Politics	BSP chief Mayawati expels nephew Akash Anand from the party, ahead of the 2027 UP polls.
Textiles	UP is India's 4th-largest textile exporter; 17 GI-tagged textile products across 35+ districts.
National award	Kishor Makwana (NCSC) receives the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026.
Science	Deep Ocean Mission's new research vessel ORV 'Sagar Manthan' (~₹840 cr) to replace Sagar Kanya.
New portal/scheme	UP launches 'UP Tex Mitra' portal and 'Hathkargha Bunkar Samridhi Yojana' for weavers.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Prelims Q1. With reference to the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is conducted under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
2. Lucknow topped the Category-I (cities with over 10 lakh population).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C. Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan is conducted under NCAP (2019). In the 2026 edition Lucknow topped Category-I (10 lakh+ cities) with 198/200, ahead of Indore. Both statements are correct.

Prelims Q2. The Ganga Expressway extension approved by the UP Cabinet is planned to enhance connectivity primarily along which stretch?

- (A) Prayagraj–Haridwar (B) Delhi–Meerut
(C) Lucknow–Gorakhpur (D) Agra–Lucknow

Answer: A. The approved extension is a greenfield corridor along the Prayagraj–Haridwar stretch, connecting major pilgrimage/Kumbh nodes, with an estimated cost of about ₹10,761 crore.

Mains practice. "Uttar Pradesh's expressway network is increasingly the spine of its industrial and tourism economy." Discuss with reference to recent state initiatives. (250 words)

Hint: Link expressways (Ganga, Purvanchal, Bundelkhand, Jhansi Link) to industrial corridors/authorities, logistics-cost reduction, ODOP clusters and pilgrimage tourism (Prayagraj, Ayodhya, Braj). Note challenges: land acquisition, financing model, balanced regional development.

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