TODAY AT A GLANCE

1. **1,146** Revenue Dept Junior Assistants appointed; **₹215 crore** to **4,300** families under Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana.
2. Garhmukteshwar (Hapur)–Tigri (Amroha) melas **17–26 Nov**; main snan **24 Nov**; **25–30 lakh** devotees expected.
3. UP to add **78** stubble-based bio-gas plants to its **40**; Barabanki plant uses **150 t** parali a day.
4. Ayodhya's **10th Deepotsav**: **36 lakh+** diyas on **56 ghats** (7 Nov).
5. Sardar Patel Skill & Employment Zones: **₹1,725 crore**; **5 districts** first, then all **75**.
6. Paddy KMS 2026-27: target **65 LMT**; MSP **₹2,441** (Common) / **₹2,461** (Grade A).
7. UP **No. 1** in Sept rooftop solar: **74,796** installs (~**17%** of India).
8. 1857 Martyrs' Memorial opens in **Ambala**; revolt's exam answer stays **Meerut, 10 May 1857**.
9. **Bahamas** becomes **116th** member of the International Solar Alliance.
10. **Anuj Shrivatri** (MP) is India's **100th** chess Grandmaster.

A · TODAY IN UP — 11 November 2026

UP-GOVERNANCE 1. CM hands appointment letters to 1,146 Junior Assistants; ₹215 crore to 4,300 farmer families

At a programme in Lucknow on 11 Nov 2026, the CM combined a recruitment drive with a farmer-safety payout.

- Appointment letters given to **1,146 Junior Assistants** selected through **UPSSSC** for the **Revenue Department**.
- Under the **Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana**, **₹215 crore** was released to **4,300** beneficiary families.
- The scheme pays up to **₹5 lakh** on a farmer's accidental death or permanent disability; nodal body: **Board of Revenue (Rajasva Parishad), UP**; money goes by **DBT**.
- The CM said recruitment of **Lekhpals** is also under way.

Why it matters: Links two UPPSC favourites: state recruitment machinery (UPSSSC for Group 'C' posts vs UPPSC for higher posts) and a state-funded social-security net for farmers that covers accidents, not crop loss.

Trap: UPSSSC (set up 2014) recruits Group 'C' staff; UPPSC is the constitutional commission under Article 315.
Syllabus: GS-II: welfare schemes for vulnerable sections, recruitment bodies | GS-V: governance in Uttar Pradesh · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)*

Lucknow, 11 Nov 2026 — one event, two deliveries

1,146 Junior Assistants (Revenue Dept)	**4,300** farmer families helped
₹215 cr Krishak Durghatna Kalyan aid	**₹5 lakh** max. per accident (death/disability)

UP-CULTURE 2. Garhmukteshwar Ganga Snan Mela & Tigri Mela: 'Mini Kumbh of Western UP' from 17 Nov

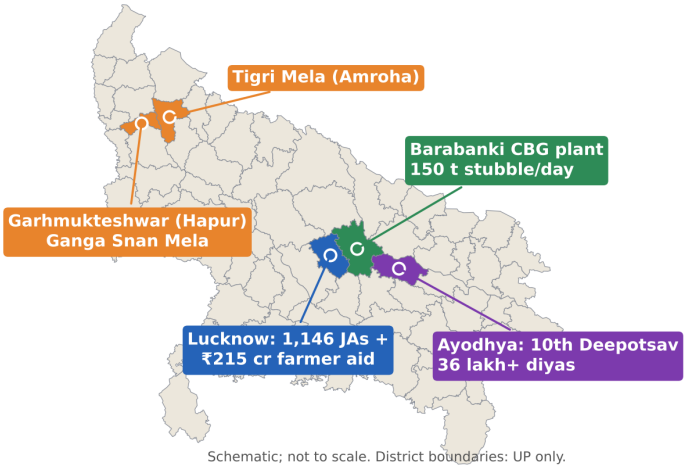
The CM reviewed preparations for the Kartik Purnima melas in a virtual meeting with Meerut, Moradabad, Bareilly and other divisions (reported 11 Nov).

- Expected footfall **25–30 lakh**; melas run **17–26 Nov 2026**, main snan on **24 Nov (Kartik Purnima)**.
- **Garhmukteshwar (Hapur)** and **Tigri (Amroha)** sit on opposite banks of the **Ganga**; **NDRF** and **SDRF** teams on both banks.
- Total ban on **single-use plastic**; liquor and intoxicants banned in the mela area; CHC-level temporary hospitals, CCTV, watchtowers, extra buses.
- Tourism & Culture Dept to host Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, Raslila, Ramlila, laser and drone shows.

Why it matters: UPPSC regularly asks 'which fair is held where'. The mela also shows crowd-safety planning on a river: multi-agency teams, plastic-free ghats and a round-the-clock control room.

Concept: Kartik Purnima is also celebrated as Dev Deepawali (Varanasi) and Guru Nanak Jayanti (Prakash Parv).
Syllabus: GS-I: fairs & festivals | GS-III: disaster management | GS-V: culture and fairs of Uttar Pradesh · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I/GS-III (UP-special GS-V)*

Uttar Pradesh in Today's News



Schematic; not to scale. District boundaries: UP only.

UP-AGRICULTURE 3. Stubble to income: 78 new bio-gas plants to join UP's 40

With paddy harvest at its peak, the state Agriculture Department set out a plan to buy farmers' parali for compressed bio-gas (CBG) instead of letting it burn.

- UP has **40** bio-gas (CBG) plants running; **78 more** are to be set up to use paddy and maize **parali**.
- The **Barabanki** (Deva Road) CBG plant processes about **150 tonnes** of stubble a day and makes about **15,000–19,000 kg** of gas.
- Farmers save **₹2,500–3,000 per acre** they used to spend on clearing residue; slashers, rakers and **balers** bale it; **FPOs** and aggregators move it.
- The leftover slurry is used as **organic manure**, adding organic matter back to the soil.

Why it matters: Burning is cheap for farmers only because residue has no buyer. A plant that pays for parali fixes air quality, soil health and rural income together, the 'waste to wealth' answer Mains examiners want.

Concept: CBG is bio-gas purified to mostly methane and compressed like CNG; the Centre's SATAT scheme (2018) assures oil-company offtake.
Syllabus: GS-III: environment, agriculture, renewable energy | GS-VI: agriculture and environment of Uttar Pradesh · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

Stubble → Compressed Bio-Gas: the UP model

Stubble in field → Baler → bales → Collection centre → CBG plant → bio-gas → Manure to soil

40 plants running	**+78** new planned	**150 t/day** stubble, Barabanki	**15–19 t/day** gas output there

Note: Section A carries today's (11 Nov) UP news. Sections B and C consolidate exam-relevant developments of recent days so nothing important is missed in revision.

B · KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-CULTURE 4. Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav: 36 lakh+ diyas on 56 ghats

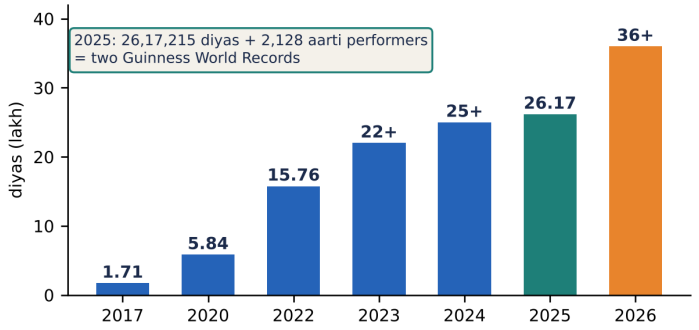
The state's flagship Diwali-eve festival on the Saryu completed ten editions on 7 Nov 2026.

- **10th Deepotsav** (**7 Nov 2026**): over **36 lakh** diyas lit across **56 ghats** incl. **Ram ki Paidi** on the **Saryu**.
- About 10 lakh more than **2025**, when **26,17,215** diyas and **2,128** people performing aarti set **two Guinness World Records**.
- Over **35,000 volunteers**, many from **Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University**; lamps lit by Vice-President **C P Radhakrishnan**, Governor **Anandiben Patel** and the CM.
- First edition in **2017** had about **1.71 lakh** diyas; organised by **UP Tourism Department** with a drone show and 3D holographic projection.

Why it matters: Deepotsav is now a tourism product as much as a festival, feeding Ayodhya's hotel, transport and handicraft economy; expect year-wise diya counts and record questions.

Trap: Ram ki Paidi is on the Saryu (Ghaghara), not the Ganga. Edition count: 2017 = 1st, 2026 = 10th.
Syllabus: GS-I: Indian culture, festivals | GS-V: culture of UP | GS-VI: tourism in UP's economy · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V/GS-VI)*

Ayodhya Deepotsav: diyas lit (lakh), 1st → 10th edition



UP-SCHEME 5. Sardar Patel Skill Training & Employment Zones: ₹1,725 crore, five districts first

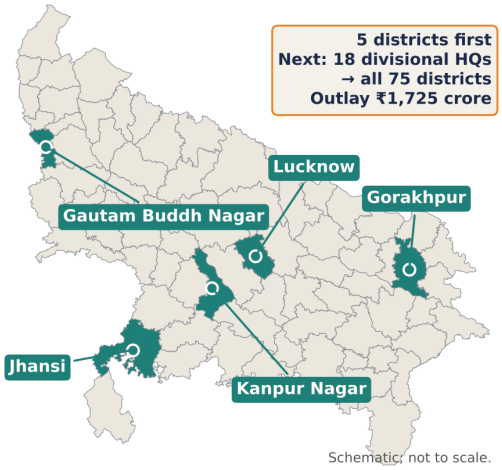
Cabinet-approved on 9 Oct, the scheme was launched by the CM on 31 Oct 2026 at Lok Bhavan.

- **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Kaushal Prashikshan evam Rozgar Kshetra Vikas Yojana**; outlay **₹1,725 crore**; launched on Patel's **151st birth anniversary** (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas).
- Phase 1: **Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Gautam Buddh Nagar**; then all **18 divisional HQs**, then all **75 districts**.
- Industry-oriented training with hostels and placement help; foreign-language training for jobs abroad, to make UP a '**global manpower hub**'.
- Different from the **Sardar Patel Employment & Industrial Zone** announced on UP Diwas 2026 (minimum **50 acres** per district).

Why it matters: UP has India's largest young population; zones that pair training with placement (including overseas) are the state's bet on turning that demographic dividend into earnings.

Trap: ₹1,725 crore (skill scheme) vs 1,725 AC electric buses (transport decision of the same cabinet). Don't swap them.
Syllabus: GS-III: employment, skill development | GS-VI: UP's economy and human resources · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

Skill & Employment Zones: Phase 1



UP-AGRICULTURE 6. Paddy procurement KMS 2026-27: 65 LMT target, MSP ₹2,441

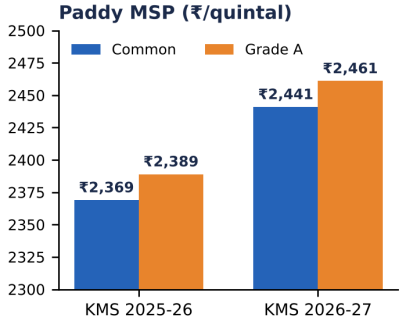
Procurement is now open across the whole state: eastern UP and the Lucknow division joined on 1 Nov.

- Target **65 lakh metric tonnes** (about **62 LMT** bought in 2025-26) through **8 agencies** and **4,500** purchase centres.
- MSP **₹2,441/quintal (Common)** and **₹2,461/quintal (Grade A)**, plus **₹20/quintal** for unloading, sieving and cleaning.
- Eastern UP and **Lucknow, Rae Bareli, Unnao**: **1 Nov 2026 – 28 Feb 2027**; western UP began in October.
- Payment directly to farmers' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts by **DBT**.

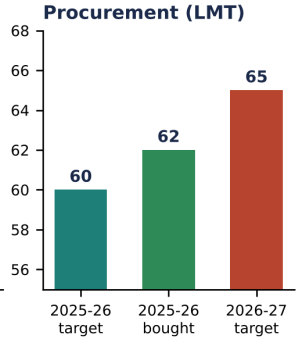
Why it matters: A rising target with a ₹72 MSP hike signals bigger state buying; MSP is fixed by the Centre, but how much reaches UP farmers depends on the state's centre network and payment speed.

Concept: MSP is announced by the Union Cabinet (CCEA) on the recommendation of the CACP; UP is a decentralised-procurement (DCP) state.
Syllabus: GS-III: MSP, public procurement, food security | GS-VI: agriculture of Uttar Pradesh · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

Paddy MSP (₹/quintal)



Procurement (LMT)



UP-ENERGY 7. PM Surya Ghar: UP No. 1 in India for rooftop solar installs in September

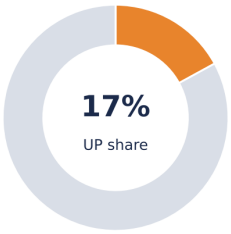
Monthly scheme data put UP ahead of every other state, days after the national PM Surya Ghar Excellence Awards.

- In **Sept 2026** UP added **74,796** rooftop systems — **No. 1** in India and about **17%** of the national **4,38,815**.
- Cumulative to **30 Sept 2026**: **8,67,755** installations with **2,911.39 MW** capacity; state nodal agency **UPNEDA**.
- Scheme: launched **13 Feb 2024** by **MNRE**; target **1 crore** households; up to **300 units** of free power a month.
- PM Surya Ghar Excellence Awards (**5 Nov**, Bharat Mandapam) were presented by the Vice-President; **Ministry of Railways** topped central ministries.

Why it matters: Rooftop solar cuts household bills and the subsidy burden on DISCOMs at the same time; UP's monthly lead shows a large state can scale decentralised renewables quickly.

Concept: UPNEDA = Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (state nodal agency for MNRE schemes).
Syllabus: GS-III: renewable energy, government schemes | GS-VI: energy resources of Uttar Pradesh · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

PM Surya Ghar in UP — September 2026
UP: 74,796 of 4,38,815 rooftop installs in India



Rank in Sept 2026	#1 in India
Cumulative installs*	8,67,755
Installed capacity*	2,911.39 MW
State nodal agency	UPNEDA

*as of 30 Sept 2026

C · NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL 8. 1857 Martyrs' Memorial opens in Ambala: revise the UP centres of the Revolt

The Union Home Minister inaugurated the memorial in Ambala Cantonment on 5 Nov 2026, Haryana's foundation day.

- Memorial to the **First War of Independence of 1857** at **Ambala Cantt (Haryana)**: **22 acres**, **22 galleries**, open-air theatre for **2,500**.
- Mainstream accounts date the outbreak to **Meerut, 10 May 1857**; the memorial highlights Ambala's unrest on the same day.
- UP centres & leaders: **Lucknow** – Begum Hazrat Mahal; **Kanpur** – Nana Saheb, Tatya Tope; **Jhansi** – Rani Lakshmibai; **Faizabad** – Maulvi Ahmadullah Shah.

Why it matters: UPPSC asks 1857 almost every year through UP's centres and leaders; the Ambala-vs-Meerut debate is a good Mains angle on regional histories.

Trap: Exam answer for 'where did the Revolt of 1857 begin' remains Meerut (10 May 1857); Barrackpore saw Mangal Pandey's act on 29 March 1857.
Syllabus: GS-I: Modern Indian history, Revolt of 1857 | GS-V: UP's role in the freedom struggle · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V)*

NATIONAL 9. The Bahamas joins the International Solar Alliance as 116th member

The accession came at the 9th ISA Assembly at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- The **Bahamas** became the **116th member** of the **ISA** on **4 Nov 2026**, during the **9th ISA Assembly** (2–5 Nov, New Delhi).
- ISA was launched by **India and France** at **COP21, Paris (30 Nov 2015)**; HQ in **Gurugram**, India.
- The Bahamas is a Caribbean **Small Island Developing State (SIDS)**.

Why it matters: Each new member, especially island states, strengthens India's clean-energy diplomacy and the ISA's role as the first treaty-based body headquartered in India.

Concept: ISA's Framework Agreement opened for signature at COP22, Marrakech (2016).
Syllabus: GS-II: international institutions, India's global initiatives | GS-III: renewable energy · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)*

SPORTS 10. Anuj Shrivatri becomes India's 100th chess Grandmaster

He completed the title on 8 Nov 2026 by winning an Asian open event.

- **Anuj Shrivatri** (Katni, **Madhya Pradesh**) became India's **100th GM** on **8 Nov 2026** after winning the **7th ASEAN+ Individual Open** in Ozamiz City, Philippines.
- He is also **Madhya Pradesh's first** Grandmaster.
- India's first GM: **Viswanathan Anand (1988)**; **Tamil Nadu** has the most GMs (**38**).

Why it matters: Expect a direct one-liner: 'India's 100th GM / first GM of MP'. Do not memorise the full GM list, just the milestones.

Syllabus: Prelims: sports and persons in news · *UPPSC: Prelims (Sports & personalities)*

D · UP RAPID-FIRE

Data point: Paddy procurement target, KMS 2026-27 (UP) — **65 LMT**. Up from about 62 LMT bought in 2025-26; MSP ₹2,441/quintal (Common).

UP Police	₹8 lakh training-bond recovery **waived** for **2025-batch** constables selected as **Sub-Inspectors** (11 Nov 2026).
Renaming	UP Cabinet approved renaming **Bhadohi** district as **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** (Oct 2026).
Ujjwala	one free LPG refill each on **Diwali and Holi** continued for **FY 2026-27**; cost **₹2,142.78 crore**.
E-buses	**1,725 AC e-buses** to be run by private operators on **12-year** contracts. Trap: not the ₹1,725 crore skill scheme.
Startups	**Startup Procurement Scheme-2026**: a **UP Startup E-Marketplace**, run by the **UP Startup Mission**, lets departments buy from startups.
Free coaching	**Abhyudaya Yojana**: free coaching for UPSC, **UPPSC**, NEET, JEE and SSC aspirants from economically weak families.

E · PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. The Kartik Purnima Ganga Snan Mela called the 'Mini Kumbh of Western UP' is held at Garhmukteshwar. Which option correctly gives its district and the fair held on the opposite bank of the Ganga?
(a) Hapur — Tigri Mela (Amroha)
(b) Bulandshahr — Anupshahr Mela (Aligarh)
(c) Meerut — Makhdumpur Mela (Hapur)
(d) Bijnor — Vidur Kuti Mela (Muzaffarnagar)

Answer: (a) — Garhmukteshwar is in **Hapur**; **Tigri** in **Amroha** lies across the Ganga. The 2026 melas run **17–26 Nov**, main snan **24 Nov**.

Q2. Consider the following about UP's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Skill Training and Employment Zone Development Scheme: 1. Its outlay is ₹1,725 crore. 2. Varanasi is among the five first-phase districts. 3. It was launched on Sardar Patel's 151st birth anniversary. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) — Phase 1 covers **Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Jhansi and Gautam Buddh Nagar**, not Varanasi. Outlay **₹1,725 crore**; launched **31 Oct 2026**.

Mains practice: Stubble burning is an environmental problem with economic roots. Examine how compressed bio-gas plants can turn crop residue into income for farmers in Uttar Pradesh, and the hurdles to scaling them. (UPPSC GS-VI, 125 words)

Hint: Intro: UP's 40 running + 78 new CBG plants. Body: residue gets a buyer (Barabanki, 150 t/day), farmer saves ₹2,500–3,000/acre, manure for soil, SATAT offtake. Hurdles: short window before rabi sowing, baler cost, transport, gas price. Way forward: FPO-led collection clusters, CRM machine subsidy, assured offtake. Conclude: waste to wealth.

One-line revision: 1,146 JAs + ₹215 cr | Garhmukteshwar–Tigri 17–26 Nov (snan 24 Nov) | 40 + 78 CBG plants | 36 lakh+ diyas, 10th Deepotsav | ₹1,725 cr skill zones, 5 districts | Paddy MSP ₹2,441 | UP #1 Sept rooftop solar

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