Daily UP Current Affairs — 12 November 2026

Today's top stories: CNH's ₹1,200-crore tractor plant at YEIDA, Union Cabinet nod to the Aqua Line extension and two UP podium finishes in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26

Note: Today's UP coverage is led by 12 November events; a few closely linked items from 11 November (Union Cabinet, awards, CM review) and this week (Supreme Court order, voter-roll schedule) are included because they broke into exam-relevant detail today.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

UP-ECONOMY #01

CNH Industrial lays foundation of ₹1,200-crore tractor plant in YEIDA; UP crosses ₹50 lakh crore in investment proposals

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI) • GS-III: Industrial policy & investment | GS-VI: Industrial development and investment climate of UP

On **12 November 2026**, CM Yogi Adityanath virtually laid the foundation of CNH Industrial's new tractor plant in **Gautam Buddh Nagar**, describing UP's journey 'from upadrav to utsav'.

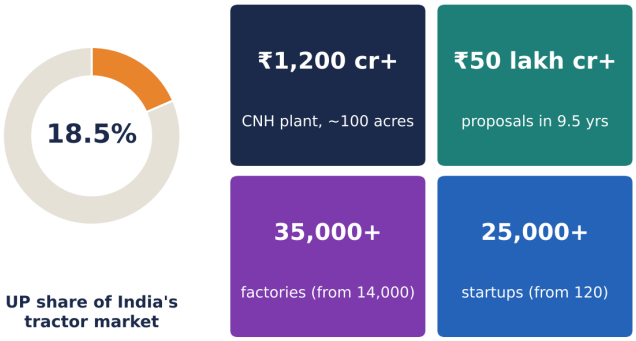
- Investment of **over ₹1,200 crore** on nearly **100 acres in Sector 8D of the YEIDA** area; the plant will make **tractors, farm equipment and machinery, including bulldozers**.
- UP accounts for about **18.5% of India's tractor market** — a large home market for farm mechanisation.
- CM: UP received investment proposals worth **₹50 lakh crore+ in 9.5 years**; **₹15 lakh crore+** have reached the ground-breaking/implementation stage.
- Factories rose from **14,000 to 35,000+**, MSMEs reached **1 crore**, startups grew from **120 to 25,000+**; UP has **36+ sector-specific policies**.
- YEIDA area is being developed over **25,000 hectares** around **Noida International Airport (Jewar)**; the next ground-breaking ceremony targets **₹7.5 lakh crore+**.

Why it matters: Signals UP's shift from signing MoUs to grounding projects. Farm-machinery manufacturing links agriculture with industry and jobs — useful data for Mains answers on UP's **USD 1 trillion economy** goal.

Static link: YEIDA (Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority) was constituted in 2001 under the UP Industrial Area Development Act, 1976 and governs the industrial belt along the Yamuna Expressway, including the Jewar airport region.

UP investment snapshot (12 Nov 2026)

CM's figures at CNH Industrial groundbreaking, YEIDA



DATA POINT: UP's share of India's tractor market — **18.5%**
Cited by the CM at the CNH Industrial plant groundbreaking on 12 November 2026.

UP-CULTURE #02

CM reviews Ganga Mahotsav & Dev Deepawali preparations: 11 lakh+ diyas to light up Kashi on 24 November

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V) • GS-I: Indian culture – fairs & festivals | GS-V: Cultural heritage, fairs and festivals of UP

CM Yogi Adityanath chaired a high-level review in Lucknow on **11 November 2026** for Varanasi's twin festivals.

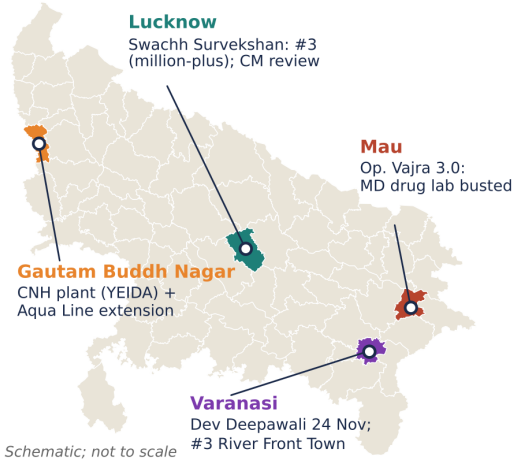
- **Ganga Mahotsav: 20–23 November** at **Namo Ghat**, cultural evenings with priority to local artists.
- **Dev Deepawali: 24 November** — **11 lakh+ earthen lamps** on ghats, the sandy banks of the Ganga and **100+ ponds**; diyas made by women's SHGs.
- **Guru Nanak Jayanti** also falls on 24 November — langar and kirtan arrangements at gurdwaras ordered.
- Maha Aarti at **Dashashwamedh Ghat**; laser-projection show at **Chet Singh Ghat**; drone shows near Dashashwamedh & Assi; **green fireworks** near Kashi Vishwanath Dham Ghat.
- Special cleanliness drive **20–25 November**; festive lighting extended to **Sarnath** and Markandey Mahadev temple.

Why it matters: Dev Deepawali is now a flagship of UP's religious-tourism economy (boatmen, hotels, SHGs). Expect Prelims pairings of festival–date–venue and GS-V questions on festivals as cultural soft power.

Static link: Dev Deepawali ('Diwali of the gods') is celebrated in Kashi on **Kartik Purnima**, about 15 days after Diwali; Ganga Mahotsav is traditionally held in the days leading up to it.

Uttar Pradesh in Today's News

75 districts (2011 census layout); today's districts in colour



SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-INFRA #03

Union Cabinet clears ₹2,390-crore Aqua Line extension: Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-4

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI) • GS-III: Infrastructure – urban transport | GS-VI: Urbanisation & infrastructure in UP

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved the corridor on **11 November 2026**.

- Length **8.449 km** with **5 elevated stations**: Noida Sector-61, Sector-70, Sector-122, Sector-123 and Greater Noida Sector-4.
- Estimated cost **₹2,390 crore**.
- **Sector-61** becomes an interchange with Delhi Metro's **Blue Line**, giving Greater Noida West direct metro access to Delhi.
- After it opens, Noida–Greater Noida will have **71.878 km** of active metro network.
- Trap: the older UP-approved plan (**17.435 km, 11 stations, ₹2,991.60 crore** to Knowledge Park-V) is different from today's 8.449-km corridor.

Why it matters: Brings mass transit to a fast-growing NCR suburb that had no metro; cuts road congestion and emissions and links housing clusters to the Jewar airport–YEIDA growth belt.

Static link: The existing Aqua Line (29.7 km, 21 stations, Sector-51 to Depot) opened on **25 January 2019** and is run by the Noida Metro Rail

Corporation (NMRC). Metro Rail Policy 2017 stresses transit-oriented development and last-mile connectivity.

Aqua Line extension (approved 11 Nov 2026)

Noida Sector-51 ➔ Greater Noida Sector-4 (schematic)



8.449 km	5	₹2,390 cr	71.878 km
length	elevated stations	estimated cost	N-GN network

UP-URBAN #04

Swachh Survekshan 2025-26: Lucknow 3rd among million-plus cities, Varanasi 3rd cleanest River Front Town

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-VI) • GS-II: Government schemes – Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) | GS-VI: Urban development in UP

President **Droupadi Murmu** presented the **10th edition** awards at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** on **11 November 2026**.

- **Million-plus cities:** 1. **Greater Visakhapatnam (GVMC)**, 2. **Jabalpur**, 3. **Lucknow**.
- **Swachh River Front Town:** 1. Rewa (MP), 2. Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), 3. **Varanasi (UP)**.
- **Super Swachh League** top three: **Navi Mumbai**, Surat, Vijayawada; top **Swachh Shehar Jodi**: Ahmedabad–Sanand.
- Coverage grew from **73 cities (2016) to 4,751**; **60 awards**; assessment on **43 indicators across 10 domains**; about **2.70 crore** citizen feedbacks.
- New categories include Swachh Coastal Town (**Puri** 1st) and Clean Himalayan City (**Rudrapur** 1st).

Why it matters: Two UP cities on national podiums strengthen the state's urban-governance record; Varanasi's River Front rank ties in with Namami Gange. Rank-and-category pairing is classic Prelims material.

Static link: Swachh Survekshan is run by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under SBM-Urban since 2016. Do not confuse it with **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan** (MoEFCC, under NCAP), which Lucknow topped in September 2026.

Swachh Survekshan 2025-26: top three

10th edition, awards on 11 Nov 2026; UP cities in saffron

Million-plus cities	River Front Town	Super Swachh League
1 Visakhapatnam	1 Rewa	1 Navi Mumbai
2 Jabalpur	2 Bilaspur	2 Surat
3 Lucknow	3 Varanasi	3 Vijayawada

UP-SCHEME #05

₹215 crore to 4,300 farm families under Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana; 1,146 Junior Assistants get appointment letters

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V/GS-VI) • GS-II: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections | GS-VI: Agriculture and rural welfare in UP

At a Revenue Department programme in Lucknow on **11 November 2026**, the CM transferred aid and handed over appointment letters.

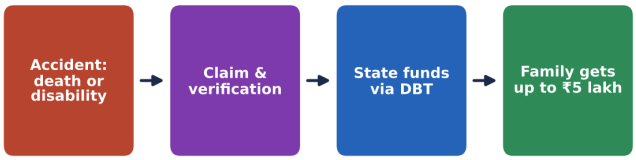
- **₹215 crore** transferred through DBT to **4,300 farmer families** under the scheme.
- About **1,40,196 families** have benefited so far.
- Assistance of **up to ₹5 lakh** on the **accidental death or disability** of a farmer; in force since **14 September 2019** (earlier called Krishak Durghatna Bima Yojana).
- Covers not only landowners but other eligible people engaged in farming; no premium is charged.
- **1,146 candidates** received appointment letters as **Junior Assistants** in the Revenue Department.

Why it matters: A state-funded social-security net for farm accidents, paid by DBT instead of an insurance premium model — a ready example for Mains answers on rural risk protection in UP.

Static link: Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) credits benefits straight into bank accounts and cuts leakages; this state scheme complements central covers such as PMSBY and PMJJBY.

Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana

How the state-funded farm-accident cover works



₹215 cr	1,40,196	14 Sep 2019
to 4,300 families (11 Nov)	families covered so far	in force since

UP-JUDICIAL #06

Supreme Court asks UP to identify undertrials still jailed despite bail — exercise extended to all 75 districts

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V) • GS-II: Judiciary, prison reforms, Article 21 | GS-V: Law and order and justice delivery in UP

In the suo motu case **'In Re: Policy Strategy for Grant of Bail'**, a Bench of Justices **M.M. Sundresh and Prasanna B. Varale** issued directions on **4 November 2026** (order uploaded 6 November).

- Court was told **264 undertrials in 20 districts** had bail but could not furnish sureties; **158 released**, decision pending on the rest.
- UP must run the exercise in **all 75 districts** with the **District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs)**.
- Applies even to prisoners who had engaged **private lawyers**; the onus of release lies on the State.
- Next hearing: **20 January 2027**.

Why it matters: Bail means little without release; poverty cannot justify detention. Links to Article 21, Article 39A (free legal aid) and overcrowding in UP jails.

Static link: The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 created NALSA and State/District Legal Services Authorities to give free legal aid under Article 39A; 'bail is the rule, jail the exception' traces to State of Rajasthan v. Balchand (1977).

UP-GOVERNANCE #07

UP voter-list revision (SSR-2027): draft roll now on 17 November, final roll on 4 January 2027

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V) • GS-II: Election Commission, electoral reforms | GS-V: Political system of UP

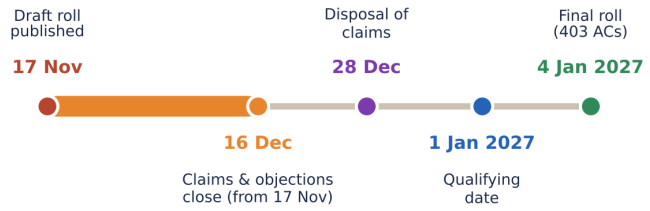
UP Chief Electoral Officer **Navdeep Rinwa** has notified the Election Commission's revised schedule ahead of the **2027 Assembly elections**.

- Integrated **draft roll: 17 November 2026** (deferred from 12 November).
- **Claims & objections: 17 November – 16 December**; disposal by **28 December**; **final roll: 4 January 2027** for all **403 Assembly constituencies**.
- Qualifying date: **1 January 2027**.
- Voters on the roll before the 2026 Special Intensive Revision but missing now may file **Form-6** to re-enrol without action under **Section 31, RP Act 1950**.

Why it matters: A clean, inclusive roll underpins free and fair polls in India's most populous state; the SIR-then-SSR sequence and the Form-6/7/8 system are likely Prelims and Mains material.

Static link: Rolls are prepared under the Representation of the People Act, 1950. **Form-6** = inclusion, **Form-7** = objection/deletion, **Form-8** = correction or shifting. Article 324 gives the ECI superintendence of elections; Article 326 provides adult suffrage.

UP electoral roll revision (SSR-2027): key dates



SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL #08

Rabi 2026-27 fertiliser subsidy raised 64% to ₹62,370 crore under NBS

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III • GS-III: Agricultural subsidies and input management

The Union Cabinet approved NBS rates for P&K fertilisers on **11 November 2026**, valid **1 October 2026 – 31 March 2027**.

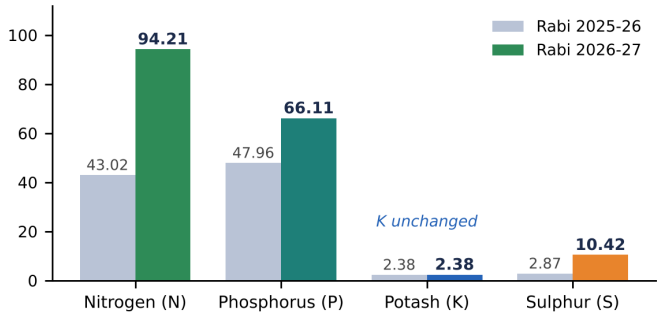
- Outlay **₹62,370 crore**, up **₹24,418 crore (≈64%)** over Rabi 2025-26 (₹37,952 crore).
- Per-kg rates: **N ₹94.21**, **P ₹66.11**, **K ₹2.38 (unchanged)**, **S ₹10.42**.
- Covers **28 grades** of P&K fertilisers including DAP; DAP to stay at about **₹1,350 per 50-kg bag**.
- Aims to shield farmers from global price spikes linked to West Asia disruptions.

Why it matters: Rabi crops — wheat, mustard, gram and lentil — dominate UP's cropping pattern, so affordable DAP/NPK directly shapes UP farm costs; the strain on the fertiliser budget is a GS-III talking point.

Static link: The Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme (since **1 April 2010**) fixes a subsidy per kg of nutrient for P&K fertilisers; urea stays under a separate scheme with a controlled MRP.

NBS subsidy rates (₹ per kg of nutrient)

Rabi 2025-26 vs 2026-27 | Outlay ₹37,952 cr → ₹62,370 cr (+64%)



ECONOMY #09

Stand-Up India extended to 31 March 2031 with ₹4,111-crore credit guarantee corpus; CGFMU also continued

UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III • GS-II: Schemes for SC/ST and women | GS-III: Inclusive growth and MSME credit

Union Cabinet decisions of **11 November 2026**.

- Stand-Up India continued for **5 years till 31.03.2031**; target of **at least 2.5 lakh additional** SC/ST and women entrepreneurs.
- Loans **above ₹10 lakh up to ₹1 crore** for **greenfield** enterprises, covering up to **85% of project cost**.
- Credit guarantee on **85%** of the loan at a **0.50%** fee; corpus **₹4,111 crore**, run through **NCGTC**.
- Since **April 2016**, loans to **2.75 lakh+** beneficiaries.
- **CGFMU** (guarantees for micro-unit/MUDRA loans) continued till **31 March 2031** with a **₹5,000 crore** corpus.

Why it matters: UP has the largest SC population among states (Census 2011), so wider access to formal credit for SC and women entrepreneurs has direct state-level relevance.

Static link: Stand-Up India aims for at least one SC/ST borrower and one woman borrower per bank branch; SIDBI and NABARD act as Stand-Up Connect Centres.

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

TYPE	QUICK FACT
LAW & ORDER	Mau: Central Bureau of Narcotics busted a mephedrone lab in **Tajopur Industrial Area** under **Operation Vajra 3.0**; **11.7 kg** seized.
CULTURE	**Uttarakhand Mahotsav 2026** in Lucknow: CM recalled that UP's first CM **Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant** hailed from Uttarakhand.
INVESTMENT	**GBC 5.0** (Ground Breaking Ceremony) planned in Lucknow: ~**7,000 projects**, **₹7.5 lakh crore+**, all **75 districts**.
RANKING	Recall: Lucknow topped **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026** (cities >10 lakh) with **198/200** — MoEFCC/NCAP, not MoHUA.
APPOINTMENT	UP **Chief Electoral Officer: Navdeep Rinwa** — steering SSR-2027 ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls.
INFRA	Aqua Line (Noida Metro) first opened on **25 January 2019**: **29.7 km, 21 stations**, Sector-51 to Depot.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Aqua Line extension approved on 11 November 2026, consider the following statements:
1. It will run from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-4 with five elevated stations.
2. Noida Sector-61 will be an interchange with Delhi Metro's Blue Line.
3. The new corridor is 17.435 km long.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) — The approved corridor is **8.449 km** with 5 elevated stations and a Blue Line interchange at **Sector-61**. 17.435 km belonged to the older UP-approved plan up to Knowledge Park-V.

Q2. In the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards, Varanasi secured 3rd place in which category?
(a) Million-plus population cities
(b) Super Swachh League
(c) Swachh River Front Town
(d) Clean Himalayan City

Answer: (c) — Varanasi was 3rd in **Swachh River Front Town** (after Rewa and Bilaspur). Lucknow was 3rd among **million-plus** cities, after Visakhapatnam and Jabalpur.

Mains practice: Uttar Pradesh is trying to convert investment proposals into ground-level projects. Discuss the role of industrial development authorities, connectivity infrastructure and sector-specific policies in this transition, citing recent examples. (UPPSC GS-VI, 200 words)

Hint: Intro: ₹50 lakh crore+ proposals vs ₹15 lakh crore+ grounded. Body: YEIDA–Jewar belt (CNH's ₹1,200-crore plant), metro/expressway links (Aqua Line extension), 36+ sector policies, GBC 5.0; challenges — land, skills, regional balance for Bundelkhand and Purvanchal. Conclude: the USD 1 trillion goal needs implementation tracking.

ONE-LINE REVISION: CNH ₹1,200 cr @ YEIDA 8D | Aqua Line 8.449 km, 5 stations, ₹2,390 cr | Lucknow #3 (million-plus) & Varanasi #3 (River Front) | Dev Deepawali 24 Nov, 11 lakh+ diyas | NBS Rabi ₹62,370 cr (+64%) | Stand-Up India till 2031

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