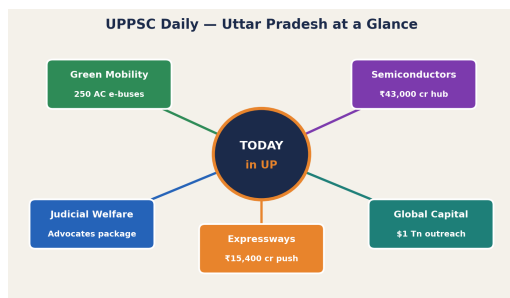


Top story: UP clears 250 AC electric buses & fast-tracks a ₹15,400 cr expressway push; state emerges as India's electronics-semiconductor hub with ₹43,000 cr invested.

A Today in UP



- UP Cabinet-backed plan puts 250 AC electric buses (₹425.5 cr) on the road across 15+ cities, ahead of CAQM norms.
- State notches ₹43,000 cr in electronics & semiconductor investment — now 55% of India's mobile phone output.
- Supplementary budget fast-tracks the Vindhya & Ganga expressways with a ₹15,400 cr allocation.

B Key UP Developments

UP-INFRA / GREEN MOBILITY

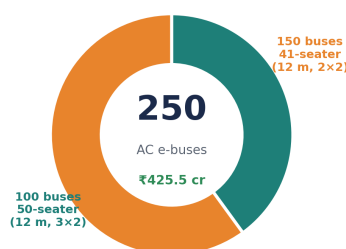
250 AC electric buses cleared for UP cities (₹425.5 cr)

A ₹425.5 cr plan adds 250 air-conditioned electric buses to the UPSRTC fleet, deepening UP's clean-mobility push.

- Total outlay ₹425.5 cr: ₹400 cr state share + ₹25.5 cr UPSRTC contribution.
- Fleet split: 100 low-floor 50-seater (3×2) + 150 41-seater (2×2) 12-metre AC buses.
- Anchored in the UP Electric Vehicle Manufacturing & Mobility Policy (notified Oct 2022) — 100% road-tax & registration exemption for EVs.
- Rollout targeted ahead of the CAQM norm (from 01 Nov 2026) allowing only CNG/electric/BS-VI vehicles in the Delhi-NCR zone.

GS-III — sustainable urban transport, EV policy; GS-VI — UP-specific governance & schemes

UPSRTC AC Electric Bus Fleet



State share ₹400 cr + UPSRTC ₹25.5 cr • ahead of CAQM 01-Nov-2026 norms

Why it matters: Advances India's net-zero-by-2070 commitment at the state level and cuts urban air pollution, while lowering UPSRTC's long-run fuel bill.

UP-ECONOMY / ELECTRONICS

UP becomes India's electronics & semiconductor hub (₹43,000 cr)

UP has attracted ₹43,000 cr in electronics and semiconductor investment, generating over 3 lakh jobs.

- 200+ companies operating; 3 lakh+ jobs; 55%+ of India's mobile-phone production.
- 1,000-acre semiconductor park being developed in the Yamuna Expressway (YEIDA) region.
- India Chip Pvt Ltd's ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking, Packaging) unit (₹3,700 cr) at YEIDA Sector 28.
- Backed by the UP Electronics Component Manufacturing Policy 2025.

GS-III — industrial growth, manufacturing, employment; GS-V — UP economy & industry

Why it matters: Positions UP at the core of India's semiconductor mission and diversifies the state economy beyond agriculture toward high-value manufacturing.

UP as an Electronics & Semiconductor Hub



ATMP unit by India Chip Pvt Ltd (₹3,700 cr) at YEIDA Sector 28 • UP Electronics Component Mfg Policy 2025

UP-INFRA / EXPRESSWAYS

Supplementary budget fast-tracks expressways (₹15,400 cr)

A ₹15,400 cr supplementary allocation accelerates the Vindhya and Ganga expressways and key link roads.

- Vindhya Expressway: ₹6,500 cr for land — 594 km linking Ganga Expressway to Sonbhadra via Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Chandauli.
- Ganga Expressway extension: ₹5,700 cr (Meerut-Prayagraj corridor, inaugurated 29 Apr 2026).
- Purvanchal Link Spur (Sonbhadra-Chandauli-Ghazipur): ₹2,300 cr.
- Implemented by UPEIDA (UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority).

GS-III — infrastructure, connectivity; GS-VI — UP-specific development projects

Why it matters: Cements UP as the state with the most operational expressways, boosting Purvanchal/Bundelkhand logistics, industry and tourism corridors.

UP-GOVERNANCE / JUDICIARY

Welfare & digitisation package for advocates announced at Prayagraj

At Prayagraj (14 Sep 2026), the CM announced insurance, welfare and technology measures for the state's advocates.

- Cashless health insurance of up to ₹5 lakh for practising advocates.
- Family assistance from the lawyers' welfare fund raised from ₹1.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh.
- Eligibility age for family assistance raised from 60 to 70 years.
- Tablets for 400 state law officers; chambers/furniture for 10,000+ lawyers in multi-level complexes.

GS-II — welfare schemes, judicial administration; GS-V — UP governance

Why it matters: Strengthens access to justice and welfare of the legal fraternity while pushing e-courts, digital case-management and higher conviction rates.

UP-ECONOMY / INVESTMENT

UP steps up global outreach for a \$1-trillion economy by 2030

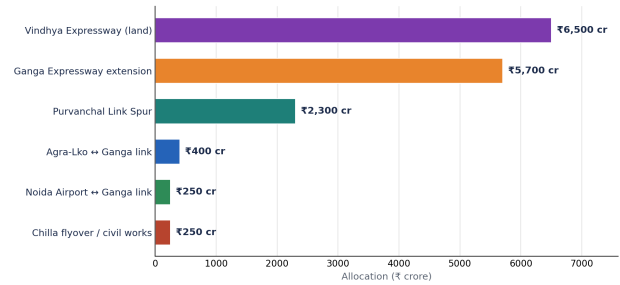
UP is courting big-ticket global capital across Japan, Germany and Taiwan to hit its \$1-trillion-economy target.

- Japan: Yamanashi Prefecture delegation (200); a 500-acre 'Japanese city' planned near Greater Noida.
- Germany: GIBA delegation to Lucknow; Frankfurt MoU (Feb 2026) on MSMEs, startups, IT, aviation.
- Taiwan: UP delegation at SEMICON 2026, Taipei, for chip supply-chain and R&D; tie-ups.
- Priority sectors: semiconductors, data centres, green hydrogen and precision manufacturing.

GS-II — agreements affecting India's interests; GS-III — investment, industry; GS-V — UP economy

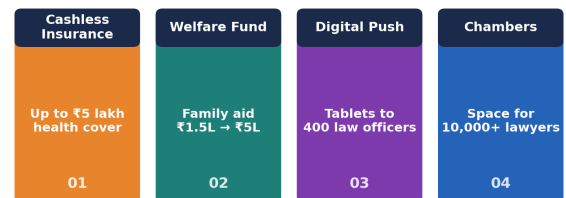
Why it matters: Foreign capital and technology partnerships are central to UP's ambition of becoming India's largest state economy this decade.

Expressway Supplementary Budget — ₹15,400 cr



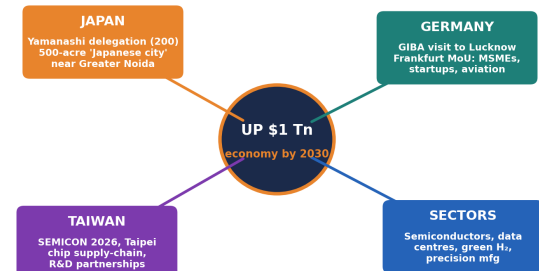
UP Advocates Welfare & Modernisation Package

announced at Prayagraj — 14 Sep 2026



Eligibility age for family assistance raised 60 → 70 years

UP's Global Investment Outreach



National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL / ECONOMY

Economy snapshot: GST at ₹2.32 lakh cr; ADB sees 7.4% growth

- August 2026 gross GST collection: ₹2.32 lakh crore — second-highest monthly figure ever.
- ADB revised India's FY2026-27 GDP growth forecast up to 7.4%.
- SEBI extended T+0 same-day settlement to the top 500 listed securities.

GS-III — fiscal policy, growth, capital markets

Why it matters: High GST buoyancy signals robust consumption; faster settlement deepens market efficiency — frequent Prelims data points.

NATIONAL / SCHEMES

Cabinet clears PM-SHRI Universities Phase-II; Krishi Abhiyan launched

Two major central initiatives on education and agriculture were rolled out.

- PM-SHRI Universities Phase-II: ₹22,000 cr to upgrade 50 central and 100 state universities by 2030.
- Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan targets 6 crore farm families across 700 districts over 180 days.
- Focus: crop diversification and awareness of farmer-income schemes.

GS-II — education & welfare schemes; GS-III — agriculture extension

Why it matters: Both schemes are high-yield Prelims fodder and connect to Mains themes of human-capital development and doubling farmers' income.

NATIONAL / AWARDS & DAYS

Observances & honours: Democracy Day, Engineer's Day, Gukesh, Harmanpreet

- International Day of Democracy (15 Sep) — theme: 'Democracy for Sustainable Development'.
- Engineer's Day marks the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya.
- D. Gukesh defended the FIDE World Chess title; Harmanpreet Kaur named ICC Women's Cricketer of the Decade.

GS-I / GS-II — important days, awards and personalities

UP Rapid-Fire

New UP DGP	Rajeev Krishna — first full-time DGP after years of acting chiefs (2026).
Appointment	Former DGP Prashant Kumar appointed UPESSC chairman.
GI leadership	UP remains India's leader in number of GI-tagged products.
CAQM deadline	From 01 Nov 2026, only CNG/electric/BS-VI vehicles allowed in Delhi-NCR.
Global ranking	IIT Bombay at 118th — India's best in QS World University Rankings 2027.
Naval push	Cabinet cleared 'Mission Anant' — ₹1.44 lakh cr for 18 warships (Make in India).

Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), consider the following:

1. It is a statutory body for Delhi-NCR and adjoining areas.
 2. From 1 November 2026, only CNG, electric and BS-VI vehicles are permitted in its zone.
- Which of the statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (c) Both 1 and 2. CAQM is a statutory body (Act, 2021); the phased norm from 01 Nov 2026 restricts entry to CNG/electric/BS-VI vehicles — UP's e-bus rollout is timed to it.

Q2. The Vindhya Expressway, in the news, will connect the Ganga Expressway to which district of Uttar Pradesh?

(a) Sonbhadra (b) Saharanpur (c) Shamli (d) Sant Kabir Nagar

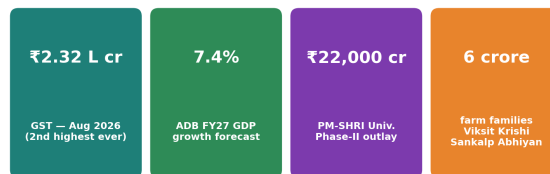
Ans: (a) Sonbhadra. The 594-km Vindhya Expressway links the Ganga Expressway to Sonbhadra via Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Varanasi and Chandauli.

Mains Practice: "Uttar Pradesh's clean-mobility and expressway drive is reshaping the state's economic geography." Examine how green transport initiatives and expressway corridors together advance UP's goal of a one-trillion-dollar economy. (10 marks, 150 words)

Approach: Link e-buses & EV policy to air quality and net-zero; connect expressways (Vindhya, Ganga, Purvanchal) to industrial corridors, logistics cost, tourism and investment; conclude with the \$1-trillion target and balanced regional growth.

★ **One-line revision:** Remember: 250 AC e-buses (₹425.5 cr) • ₹43,000 cr electronics/semiconductor hub (55% of India's mobiles) • ₹15,400 cr expressway push (Vindhya 594 km) • Advocates get ₹5 lakh cover • GST ₹2.32 lakh cr.

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