

Top stories: UP launches month-long 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' and Divyangjan assistive-device camps in all 75 districts, as Yogi Cabinet clears the Chitrakoot Link Expressway and a farmer-loan scheme.

On 17 September 2026, UP launched the month-long 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' (17 Sep-17 Oct) and began Phase-1 Divyangjan assistive-device camps across 41 districts (all 75 by December). The recent Yogi Cabinet cleared 23 proposals — including the ₹1,008.67-crore Chitrakoot Link Expressway and the Krishak Samridhhi Yojana — as the CM announced one lakh new government jobs from 19 September. Nationally, CPI inflation rose to 4.82% in August; India retained 131st in the Gender Gap Index.

Section A — Today in Uttar Pradesh

UP-GOVERNANCE 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launched across Uttar Pradesh

- ▶ Month-long drive from **17 September to 17 October 2026**, marking the Prime Minister's **25 years in public life** and 76th birthday.
- ▶ Focus on **service, good governance and public welfare**, taking government achievements to every citizen.
- ▶ Includes health camps, welfare-saturation drives and beneficiary-outreach from the block to the district level.

Why it matters: A flagship, state-wide outreach that showcases UP's welfare-delivery and good-governance model — a high-probability hook for both Prelims (scheme/date) and Mains (governance) questions.

Syllabus ▶ GS-II Governance & welfare delivery; UP-special GS-V.



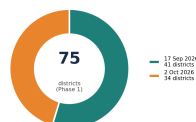
UP-SCHEME Divyangjan assistive-device & artificial-limb camps begin (Phase 1)

- ▶ Camps to cover **all 75 districts**, providing **free assistive devices and artificial limbs** to eligible Divyangjan.
- ▶ **Phase 1: 41 districts on 17 September and 34 districts on 2 October 2026.**
- ▶ Later phases run **20 Oct-15 Nov** and **3-15 December 2026.**

Why it matters: Strengthens social justice and self-reliance for persons with disabilities — links directly to the GS-II welfare-of-vulnerable-sections theme.

Syllabus ▶ GS-II Welfare of vulnerable sections; UP-special GS-V/VI.

Divyangjan Assistive-Device & Artificial-Limb Camps



Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-INFRA Cabinet clears Chitrakoot Link Expressway

- ▶ **15.172 km, six-lane access-controlled** greenfield expressway at a cost of **₹1,008.67 crore.**
- ▶ Improves connectivity from **Bundelkhand to Chitrakoot Dham** and is expected to boost regional tourism.
- ▶ Part of a Cabinet meeting that cleared **23 proposals** spanning infrastructure, jobs, education and welfare.

Why it matters: Extends UP's expressway network into the underserved Bundelkhand belt, aiding tourism, logistics and balanced regional growth.

Syllabus ▶ GS-III Infrastructure & connectivity; UP-special GS-V.

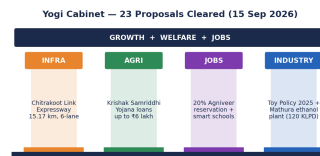
Chitrakoot Link Expressway — Fact Sheet			
Length	15.172 km	Configuration	6-lane, access-controlled
Cost	₹1,008.67 crore	Connects	Bundelkhand → Chitrakoot Dham
Benefit	Boost to tourism & regional connectivity	Also cleared	65 acres in Ayodhya for NSG centre

UP-GOVERNANCE Yogi Cabinet's 23 proposals: farmer loans, toy policy, ethanol plant

- ▶ **Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana:** loans up to ₹6 lakh at 6% annual interest for small and marginal farmers, via the UP Cooperative Gram Vikas Bank.
- ▶ **Toy Manufacturing Promotion Policy-2025** approved to make UP a toy-manufacturing hub.
- ▶ A **120 KLPD ethanol plant** cleared at Chhata, **Mathura**, on a concession-cum-lease basis.

Why it matters: A package linking farm credit, industrial policy and ex-Agniveer rehabilitation — each a distinct exam-relevant governance thread.

Syllabus ▶ GS-II/III Agriculture, industry & governance; UP-special GS-V.



UP-ECONOMY One lakh new government jobs from 19 September; UPITS 4.0 ahead

- ▶ **One lakh new government jobs** to begin from **19 September 2026** and be filled within six months.
- ▶ State claims over **60 lakh youth** employed through private investment since 2017.
- ▶ The **UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 4.0** is scheduled for **25-29 September 2026** at Greater Noida.

Why it matters: Employment generation plus a large investor showcase reinforce UP's narrative as a rising manufacturing and services economy.

Syllabus ▶ GS-III Employment & state economy; UP-special GS-V.

UP-CULTURE UP leads India's domestic tourism with 646.8 million visits

- ▶ UP recorded about **646.8 million domestic tourist visits in 2026**, the highest among Indian states.
- ▶ Growth driven by the **Ayodhya, Varanasi and Prayagraj** religious-tourism circuit.
- ▶ Heritage and pilgrimage infrastructure continue to anchor the state's tourism economy.

Why it matters: Religious-and-heritage tourism links UP's culture (GS-I) with its economy (GS-III), a favoured UP-special essay/answer theme.

Syllabus ▶ GS-I Culture & tourism; UP-special GS-VI (UP heritage).

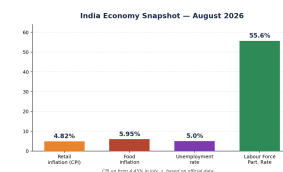
Section C — National News for UPPSC

ECONOMY Retail inflation rises to 4.82% in August 2026

- ▶ **CPI-based retail inflation** accelerated to **4.82% in August 2026** from **4.45% in July**.
- ▶ **Food inflation** stood at about **5.95%**.
- ▶ Unemployment rate was **5.0%** with a **Labour Force Participation Rate of 55.6%** (PLFS).

Why it matters: Inflation, PLFS and monetary-policy tools are perennial Prelims data points and Mains economy material.

Syllabus ▶ GS-III Indian economy: inflation, employment, monetary policy.



POLITY India retains 131st rank in Global Gender Gap Index; Pension Sakhis launched

- ▶ India **retained its 131st rank** in the **Global Gender Gap Index**, with overall parity at **64.5%**.
- ▶ The Rural Development Department and **PFRDA** signed an MoU for a '**Pension Sakhis**' initiative.
- ▶ Pension Sakhis are **women-led networks** to expand pension awareness and enrolment in rural India.

Why it matters: Index rankings and women-led delivery models are recurring GS-II hooks on governance and social security.

Syllabus ▶ GS-II Governance, welfare & international indices.

NATIONAL India hosts 18th BRICS Summit; Yudh Abhyas 2026 with the US begins

- ▶ India **hosted the 18th BRICS Summit** on **12-13 September**, with outcomes on health, space, agriculture and MSMEs.
- ▶ **Yudh Abhyas 2026**, the **22nd India-US** joint exercise, began on **15 September** across Uttarakhand and Rajasthan.
- ▶ In sport, **India won its 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup**, beating Sri Lanka by **72 runs**.

Why it matters: BRICS, bilateral exercises and sporting milestones are compact, high-yield facts for Prelims and IR-based Mains answers.

Syllabus ▶ GS-II IR: groupings, summits & defence diplomacy.

National & International Roundup for UPPSC

18th BRICS Summit Hosted by India (12-13 Sep); health, space, agri, MSME	Yudh Abhyas 2026 22nd India-US drill from 15 Sep (Uttarakhand/Rajasthan)
Gender Gap Index India retains 131st rank; 64.2% parity achieved	Women's T20 Asia Cup India's 8th title; beat Sri Lanka by 72 runs

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Appointment	Monisha Chakraborty took charge as an RBI Executive Director (Foreign Exchange & Financial Markets Regulation).
Sports	India won its 8th Women's T20 Asia Cup title, beating Sri Lanka by 72 runs; Shafali Verma hit a 24-ball fifty, the fastest in the tournament.
Sports venue	The 2029 World Athletics Championships were awarded to Nairobi, Kenya — the first in Africa.
UP-Security	The UP Cabinet allotted 65 acres in Ayodhya (Milkipur area) for an NSG Regional Centre.
UP-Culture	Vishwakarma Jayanti was observed across UP on 17 September 2026.
UP-Industry	UP's Toy Manufacturing Promotion Policy-2025 aims to make the state a toy-manufacturing hub.

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. Consider the following about the Chitrakoot Link Expressway (approved Sept 2026):

1. It is a six-lane, access-controlled expressway of about 15 km.
2. It improves connectivity between Bundelkhand and Chitrakoot Dham.

Which statement(s) is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c). The expressway is a 15.172-km six-lane, access-controlled project (₹1,008.67 crore) meant to link Bundelkhand with Chitrakoot Dham and boost tourism. Both statements are correct.

Q2. Which one of the following is correct regarding key national data reported around August-September 2026?

- (a) CPI inflation fell below 4% (b) CPI inflation rose to 4.82% in Aug 2026 (c) India ranked 1st in the Gender Gap Index (d) Unemployment crossed 10%

Ans: (b). CPI retail inflation rose to 4.82% in August 2026 (from 4.45% in July). India retained the 131st rank in the Gender Gap Index and the unemployment rate was around 5.0%.

Mains Practice: Uttar Pradesh is increasingly positioning itself as a manufacturing and investment hub through expressway-led corridors and sector-specific policies. Examine how such infrastructure and policy measures can translate into inclusive employment and balanced regional development. (250 words)

Hint ▶ Link expressways (e.g., Chitrakoot Link) and policies (toy, ethanol, ODOP) to industrial corridors, jobs and Bundelkhand/eastern-UP balance; add caveats on land, skilling and last-mile welfare.

Revise today: Seva Sankalp Abhiyan (17 Sep-17 Oct) • Divyangjan camps in 75 districts • Chitrakoot Link Expressway ₹1,008.67 cr • Krishak Samridhi loans ₹6 lakh @6% • CPI 4.82% • Gender Gap 131st.

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