SECTION A — TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

Note: *Today's (16–17 Nov) UP items come first; a few important developments from earlier this week/month are added in Section B for continuity and revision.*

UP-GOVERNANCE 1. Census 2027 Phase-II: UP opens self-enumeration window (16–30 Nov)

CM Yogi Adityanath launched the self-enumeration phase of Census 2027 in Lucknow on 16 Nov, stressing that no eligible person should miss welfare benefits.

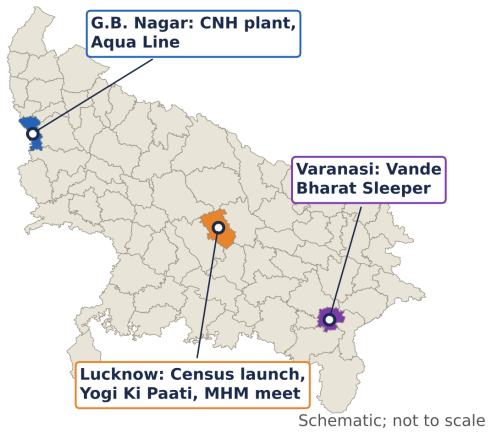
- Self-enumeration (online, by citizens themselves) in UP: **16–30 November 2026**.
- Door-to-door **population enumeration: 1 Dec 2026 – 4 Jan 2027** across all **75 districts**; UP is grouped with Punjab, Goa and non-snow-bound Uttarakhand.
- Census 2027 is **India's first fully digital census**; Phase-I (house-listing) self-enumeration in UP ran **7–21 May 2026 — 47,96,158 families** completed it.
- CM flagged the **Musahar community** as an example of groups left out of welfare due to data gaps.

◆ **Concept:** Census is in the **Union List (Entry 69)** of the Seventh Schedule; conducted under the **Census Act, 1948** by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India.

Why it matters: Accurate caste/community and household data is the base for DBT targeting, delimitation and the 2027-28 scheme design in India's most populous state; low digital literacy means enumerator follow-up in remote areas is crucial.

Syllabus: GS-II: Governance, data for welfare targeting | GS-V: UP administration & social groups | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

UP in Today's News



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UP-GOVERNANCE 2. 'Yogi Ki Paati' completes 50 weeks; CM releases coffee-table book, cites recruitment data

On 16 Nov the CM released a coffee-table book on his weekly-letter outreach and virtually opened an exhibition at 1090 Chauraha, Lucknow.

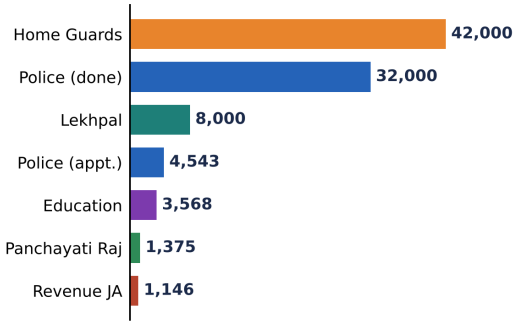
- **Yogi Ki Paati** = weekly letters from the CM to the people (**50 weeks** completed) — youth, women, farmers, labourers and the 'last person in the queue'.
- CM: **9.5 lakh+ government jobs** in 9.5 years; **1 lakh+ appointment letters** targeted before **26 January 2027**.
- Recruitment completed: **8,000 Lekhpal**, **32,000 police**, **42,000 Home Guards** (letters within ~10 days).
- Recent appointments cited: 4,543 police, 3,568 education, 1,375 Panchayati Raj, **1,146 Revenue Jr Assistants** (letters given 11 Nov).

◆ **Concept:** State PSCs: **Articles 315–323**. UPPSC was set up on **1 April 1937**, HQ **Prayagraj**.

Why it matters: Direct communication builds trust, but outreach must be matched by grievance redressal and transparent, time-bound recruitment — the real test is exam integrity and timely joining.

Syllabus: GS-II: Citizen-centric governance, public outreach | GS-V: UP public services & recruitment | UPPSC: Mains GS-II / GS-IV (UP-special GS-V)

UP recruitment figures cited by CM



UP-SOCIAL 3. Roadmap for free sanitary pads to girl students in govt & aided schools

The State-Level Menstrual Health and Hygiene Committee met in Lucknow on 16 Nov, chaired by the Principal Secretary, Medical Health & Family Welfare.

- Roadmap for **free sanitary pads** to girl students in **government and government-aided schools**.
- **Age-appropriate menstrual education** before onset of menstruation; to be part of regular school activities.
- Focus on **safe, eco-friendly disposal** — Urban Development and **Panchayati Raj** departments to build facilities.
- Multi-department: NHM, Basic & Secondary Education, Women & Child Development, Social Welfare; awareness via community and digital platforms.

◆ **Concept: Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), 2014** covers adolescents aged **10–19 years**, including menstrual hygiene.

Why it matters: Menstrual stigma drives school absenteeism among adolescent girls; pairing free supply with disposal infrastructure avoids a new solid-waste problem.

Syllabus: GS-II: Health, vulnerable sections, school education | GS-V: UP social sector schemes | UPPSC: Mains GS-II (Health, Women) + GS-V

UP-EDUCATION 4. ₹41 crore released for November honorarium of 24,141 part-time instructors

The DG School Education & State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, directed all District Basic Education Officers to pay instructors in council-run upper primary schools (16 Nov).

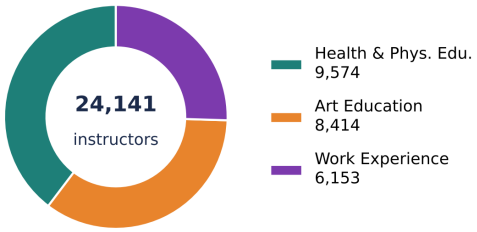
- **₹41 crore** for **November 2026** honorarium (FY 2026-27).
- Total **24,141 instructors** in **parishadiya upper primary schools**.
- Categories: **Health & Physical Education 9,574** (largest), **Art Education 8,414**, **Work Experience 6,153**.

◆ **Concept: Samagra Shiksha (2018)** merged SSA, RMSA and Teacher Education into one scheme (pre-school to Class 12).

Why it matters: Arts, sports and work-education are NEP 2020 priorities; timely honorarium keeps these non-core subjects alive in government schools.

Syllabus: GS-II: Education, Samagra Shiksha | GS-V: UP basic education | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

₹41 cr Nov honorarium



SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-ECONOMY 5. CNH lays foundation of tractor plant at Jewar (YEIDA) — capacity to double

Global farm-equipment major CNH held the bhoomi pujan on 12 Nov; the CM joined virtually from Lucknow.

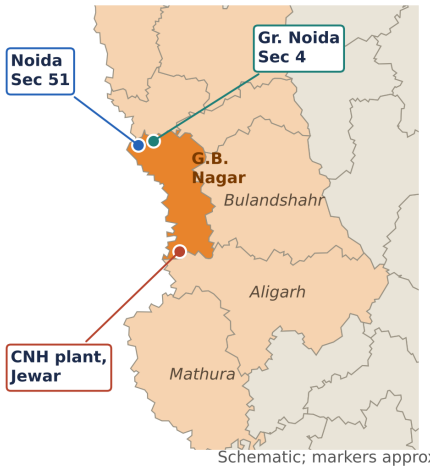
- Greenfield plant on ~**100 acres, YEIDA Sector 8D**, Jewar (**Gautam Buddha Nagar**), near Noida International Airport.
- **₹2,000 crore** India investment by 2030 (~₹1,000 cr plant + ~₹1,000 cr R&D); capacity **70,000 → 1.4 lakh tractors/yr**; phase-1 by mid-2028.
- Nearby: Escorts Kubota **154-acre** plant in YEIDA Sector 10 (Aug 2026) — a **tractor cluster** is forming.
- CM's data: factories **14,000 → 35,000+**; startups **120 → 25,000+**; **GBC 5.0** to ground projects worth **₹7.5 lakh crore+**.

◆ **Concept: Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC)** converts signed investment MoUs into on-ground projects; UP has held four so far.

Why it matters: Local tractor manufacturing in India's biggest farm state cuts costs for small farmers and builds a component-supplier ecosystem around the airport–expressway corridor.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, farm mechanisation | GS-VI: UP industry, investment, infrastructure | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

Western UP: Jewar–Noida belt



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UP-INFRA 6. Union Cabinet clears Noida Metro Aqua Line extension to Greater Noida Sector 4

Approved on 11 Nov; Noida Metro Rail Corporation says the civil contractor is already selected.

- **Noida Sector 51 → Greater Noida Sector 4**: **8.449 km**, **5 elevated stations**, cost **₹2,390 crore**.
- Stations: Sec 61 (**interchange with Delhi Metro Blue Line**), Sec 70, Sec 122, Sec 123, Greater Noida Sec 4.
- Existing Aqua Line: **29.7 km**, running since **January 2019**; combined Noida–Greater Noida network to reach **71.878 km**.
- Serves Greater Noida West housing belt that had no metro access.

◆ **Concept:** TRAP: the **UP Cabinet (Nov 2024)** had cleared a longer 17.435 km DPR up to Knowledge Park-V (₹2,991.60 cr) — the **Union Cabinet approval now is for 8.449 km to GN Sector 4** only.

Why it matters: Last-mile metro links reduce road congestion and emissions in the NCR's fastest-growing housing belt; Blue Line interchange integrates UP's network with Delhi.

Syllabus: GS-III: Urban transport infrastructure | GS-VI: UP urban development | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

Aqua Line extension



8.449 km | 5 stations | ₹2,390 cr

UP-SCHEME 7. Two free LPG refills a year for 1.89 crore Ujjwala families

Distribution under the 2026-27 cycle began at a Lucknow programme in early November; the Cabinet had approved the scheme's continuation on 9 Oct.

- Eligible: **1.89 crore PMUY (Ujjwala) families** in UP.
- **One free refill around Diwali + one around Holi** (FY 2026-27).
- **₹1,500 crore** subsidy released (3 Nov); annual scheme cost **₹2,142.78 crore**.

◆ **Concept: PMUY** was launched on **1 May 2016 from Ballia (UP)**.

Why it matters: Connections alone do not ensure clean cooking — refill affordability decides whether poor households slip back to firewood and indoor air pollution.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes, DBT | GS-V: UP welfare schemes | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

Free LPG refills 2026-27

1.89 crore Ujjwala families	**2 refills** per year (Diwali + Holi)
₹1,500 cr released (3 Nov)	**₹2,142.78 cr** annual cost

UP-GOVERNANCE 8. UP ranked best-performing state in Mission Karmayogi

Declared at the Northern Regional Workshop of the Capacity Building Commission held with UP's administrative academy in Lucknow.

- Ranking: **1. Uttar Pradesh, 2. Rajasthan, 3. Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **19.26 lakh** UP personnel registered on **iGOT Karmayogi**; **3.86 crore courses** completed; >99% active users.
- 350+ UP training institutes registered under the **UNNATI** framework.

◆ **Concept: Mission Karmayogi = NPCSCB**, approved by Union Cabinet in **September 2020**; platform **iGOT Karmayogi**.

Why it matters: Shift from rule-based to role-based training matters most for frontline staff (lekhpal, police, health workers) who deliver services directly.

Syllabus: GS-II: Civil services reform, capacity building | GS-V: UP administration | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II / GS-IV

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

ECONOMY 9. WPI inflation hits series-high 12.29% in October

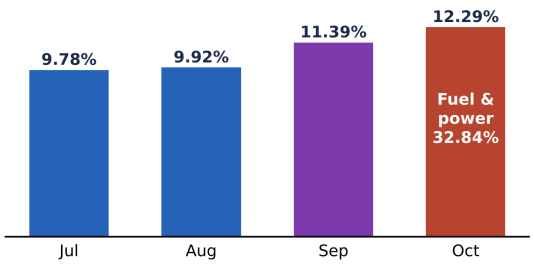
Data released on 16 Nov show wholesale inflation rising for a third straight month.

- WPI (base **2022-23**): **12.29% (Oct)** vs 11.39% (Sep), 9.92% (Aug) — **highest in the new series**.
- **Fuel & power** inflation surged to **32.84%** (25.85% in Sep).
- ◆ **Concept:** WPI is released by the **Office of the Economic Adviser, DPIIT**; RBI's inflation target uses **CPI (4% ± 2%)**, not WPI.

Why it matters: High input costs pass through to retail prices and squeeze farm/MSME margins — relevant for UP's diesel-dependent agriculture.

Syllabus: GS-III: Inflation, price indices, monetary policy | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

WPI inflation 2026 (YoY, base 2022-23)



INTERNATIONAL 10. PM in Manila for 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit

PM Modi's 16–18 Nov visit to the Philippines, the 2026 ASEAN chair; both summits are scheduled for 17 Nov.

- **23rd ASEAN-India Summit** + **21st East Asia Summit**, Manila, **17 Nov**.
- A **Quad Leaders' Summit** is expected on the sidelines — first leaders-level Quad since **Wilmington (Sept 2024)**.
- ◆ **Concept:** ASEAN–India ties upgraded to **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2022)**; **Act East Policy (2014)**.

Why it matters: Act East and maritime security in the South China Sea sit at the core; trade with ASEAN matters for UP's export products too.

Syllabus: GS-II: India and its neighbourhood, regional groupings | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (IR)

NATIONAL 11. Union Cabinet (11 Nov): ₹62,370 cr Rabi NBS; Stand-Up India extended

Five proposals worth ₹77,101 crore cleared, including the Noida Aqua Line extension.

- **NBS Rabi 2026-27: ₹62,370.02 crore** for P&K fertilisers (1 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027); NBS in force since **1 Apr 2010**.
- **Stand-Up India** and **CGFMU** (₹5,000 cr corpus) extended to **31 Mar 2031**; Stand-Up loans **₹10 lakh – ₹1 crore**.
- **₹3,230 crore Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum** in North & South Blocks.

Why it matters: NBS covers phosphatic & potassic fertilisers only — urea stays under a separate fixed-MRP regime; Stand-Up India targets SC/ST and women entrepreneurs.

Syllabus: GS-III: Agricultural subsidies, MSME credit | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick fact
Ex-Agniveers	**20% horizontal reservation** in UP Police direct recruitment (constable, PAC, mounted police, fireman) + **3-year age relaxation**; reiterated by CM on 4 Nov.
Skill scheme	**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** skill scheme, **₹1,725 crore**, launched **31 Oct** (Patel's 151st birth anniversary); zones first in 5 districts.
Paddy procurement	UP target **65 lakh tonnes** for 2026-27; purchase began **1 Nov**.
Vande Bharat Sleeper	**Varanasi – New Delhi** overnight service from **31 Oct 2026**.
Noida Intl Airport (Jewar)	Phase-1 inaugurated **28 Mar 2026**; commercial flights from **15 Jun 2026**; terminal for **12 million** passengers/yr.
Revenue Dept	**1,146 Junior Assistant** appointment letters given by CM on **11 Nov**.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Under Census 2027, the self-enumeration window for Phase-II (population enumeration) in Uttar Pradesh is:
(a) 1–15 November 2026 (b) 16–30 November 2026 (c) 1 December 2026 – 4 January 2027 (d) 7–21 May 2026
Answer: (b) — Self-enumeration runs **16–30 Nov 2026**; door-to-door enumeration follows from **1 Dec 2026 to 4 Jan 2027**. 7–21 May 2026 was the **Phase-I** (house-listing) self-enumeration.

Q2. Consider the following about the Noida Metro Aqua Line extension approved on 11 Nov 2026: 1. It is 8.449 km long with five elevated stations. 2. Noida Sector 61 station will interchange with the Delhi Metro Blue Line. 3. It ends at Knowledge Park-V, Greater Noida. Which 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 ends at **Greater Noida Sector 4**, not Knowledge Park-V (that was the longer 17.435 km DPR cleared by the UP Cabinet in Nov 2024).

Mains practice: "Data gaps are welfare gaps." In the light of Census 2027's digital self-enumeration, discuss how Uttar Pradesh can use household-level data to reach marginalised communities such as the Musahar. (UP-special GS-V, 125 words)
Hint: *Intro: first fully digital census, UP timeline. Body: DBT targeting, Family ID linkage, exclusion errors, digital divide & enumerator role, privacy. Conclude: data-driven 'antyodaya'.*

Data point of the day: WPI inflation, October 2026 — **12.29%** (Highest in the 2022-23 base series; fuel & power at 32.84%.)

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