

SECTION A · TODAY IN UP

the day's UP items first

- Recruitment for 1 lakh govt jobs begins tomorrow (Sep 19) → 77,000 in Police & Home Guards.
- Countdown to UPITS 4.0 (Sep 25-29) at Greater Noida — ODOP & MSME global showcase.
- Vishwakarma Swarojgar & Swadeshi Mela in Lucknow; margin-money loan portal launched.
- Cabinet's ₹24,000 cr expressway + industry package moves to execution (DPR stage).

SECTION B · KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

schemes · governance · infrastructure

UP-INFRA

Ganga Expressway to be extended to Haridwar

UP Cabinet cleared extending the Ganga Expressway to Haridwar, linking two Ganga-side Kumbh cities.

- Six-lane greenfield corridor, expandable to eight lanes
- Estimated cost ₹10,761 crore; DPR to be prepared
- Extends the Meerut end onward to Haridwar (Uttarakhand)
- Cuts UP-Uttarakhand travel time; boosts religious tourism

Ganga Expressway Corridor — Prayagraj to Haridwar



Why it matters: Creates a continuous Prayagraj-Haridwar access-controlled corridor, deepening the Ganga-belt road grid.

UPPSC GS-III (Infrastructure) & GS-V (UP connectivity, tourism)

UP-GOVERNANCE

One lakh government jobs from Sep 19

CM announced recruitment of one lakh youth within six months, starting September 19.

- 77,000 posts in Police & Home Guards departments
- State cites 9.5 lakh government jobs given since 2017
- Announced at Gorakhpur; 119 projects (~₹40 cr) inaugurated
- Pension amount & coverage to be raised for seniors, destitute women, PwD

UP Employment Push — One Lakh Jobs Drive



Why it matters: Large-scale public recruitment is a recurring UPPSC theme linking governance, jobs and law-and-order.

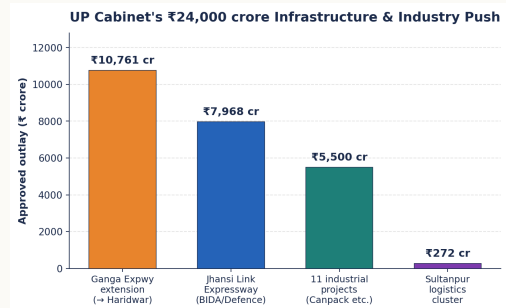
UPPSC GS-II (Governance) & GS-V (UP administration, employment)

UP-INFRA

₹24,000 crore expressway + industry package

The same Cabinet approved a ~₹24,000 cr push across expressways and 11 industrial projects.

- Ganga Expwy extension ₹10,761 cr; Jhansi Link Expwy ₹7,968.30 cr (Bundelkhand/defence)
- 11 industrial projects > ₹5,500 cr (incl. Canpack cans, Unnao ₹1,573.62 cr)
- Sultanpur mfg & logistics cluster ₹272.25 cr near Purvanchal Expwy



Why it matters: Signals UP's 'expressway-as-industrial-corridor' model — roads anchoring manufacturing and jobs.

UPPSC GS-III (Economy/Industry) & GS-V (UP economy)

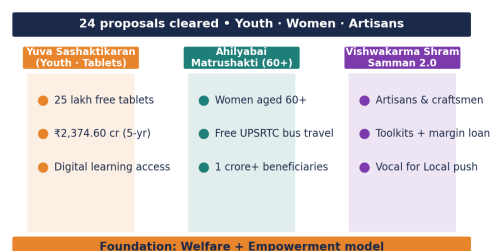
UP-SCHEME

Cabinet clears youth, women & artisan schemes

Among 24 proposals, three flagship welfare schemes were approved.

- Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana: 25 lakh free tablets; ₹2,374.60 cr (2026-27), 5-yr rollout
- Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana: free UPSRTC bus travel for women 60+ (1 crore+)
- Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0: toolkits + margin-money loans to artisans

Three Flagship Welfare Pillars — UP Cabinet 2026



Why it matters: A youth-women-artisan welfare triad — high-probability Prelims scheme-matching material.

UPPSC GS-II (welfare schemes) & GS-V (UP schemes)

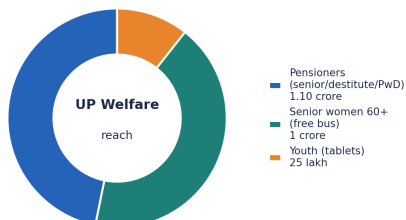
UP-SCHEME

Social-security net widened

Alongside jobs, the state flagged expansion of pensions and welfare reach.

- 1.10 crore seniors, destitute women & PwD get ₹12,000/year pension; amounts & coverage to rise
- Women 60+ get lifetime free state-bus travel
- 25 lakh youth to receive tablets for digital access

Beneficiary Reach of Flagship UP Schemes



Why it matters: Shows a widening DBT-plus-services welfare architecture — a core UP governance case study.

UPPSC GS-II (social justice/vulnerable sections) & GS-V

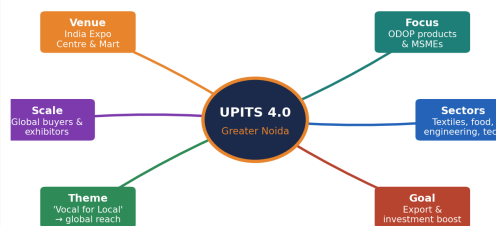
UP-ECONOMY

Countdown to UPITS 4.0 at Greater Noida

The 4th UP International Trade Show runs Sep 25-29, 2026 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.

- Showcases ODOP products, MSMEs & UP manufacturing to global buyers
- Sectors: textiles, food processing, engineering, electronics, handicrafts
- Anchored in the 'Vocal for Local → global' export drive
- Builds on ODOP, UP's district-led export model, now a national blueprint

UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 4.0 — Sep 25-29, 2026



Why it matters: UPITS + ODOP is UP's flagship export-and-branding story — frequently asked in state economy sections.

UPPSC GS-III (economy, exports, MSME) & GS-V (ODOP)

SECTION C · NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

big-picture items

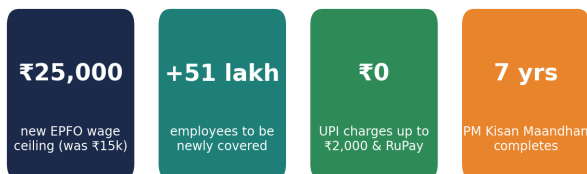
ECONOMY

EPFO wage ceiling raised to ₹25,000

Union Cabinet raised the mandatory EPFO wage ceiling from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000/month — first revision since 2014.

- ~51 lakh additional employees expected to be covered
- Govt outlay ~₹11,339 cr/yr (₹56,696 cr over 5 years)
- UPI: zero charges up to ₹2,000 & on RuPay debit cards (P&SS Act, 2007)
- PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana completed 7 years

National Economy Snapshot for UPPSC



Why it matters: Directly relevant to labour welfare and digital-economy questions in Prelims + Mains.

UPPSC GS-II/GS-III (welfare, economy)

NATIONAL

SEMICON India 2026 inaugurated

PM inaugurated the 5th SEMICON India at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi (Sep 17-19).

- Theme: 'Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem'
- 600+ exhibitors; 12 semiconductor projects approved nationally
- Advances India's chip-manufacturing self-reliance push

Why it matters: Semiconductors are a standing GS-III sci-tech and economy topic.

UPPSC GS-III (science & technology, economy)

IR

India deepens trade ties & partnerships

India signed the First Additional Protocol with MERCOSUR and firmed up ties with Vietnam & ASEAN.

- India-MERCOSUR: electronic Certificates of Origin; modernised preferential trade
- 2027 to be 'Year of India-Vietnam Friendship' (55 yrs); trade target USD 25 bn by 2030
- India-ASEAN trade USD 128 bn in FY 2025-26

Why it matters: IR + trade blocs feature in Prelims (groupings/mapping) and Mains (economic diplomacy).

UPPSC GS-II (International Relations)

SECTION D · UP RAPID-FIRE

quick revision facts

Fact	Detail
Expressway	Ganga Expressway to be extended to Haridwar (₹10,761 cr)
Free travel	Women aged 60+ — Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana
Free tablets	25 lakh youth — Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana
Jobs drive	1 lakh posts in 6 months; recruitment from Sep 19
Mega event	UPITS 4.0 at Greater Noida, Sep 25-29, 2026
Artisans	Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0 — toolkits + margin loans

STATIC CONCEPT CORNER

the static GK behind today's news

- ◆ ODOP (One District One Product) was launched in UP in 2018; each district promotes a signature product — now studied as a national model.
- ◆ EPFO functions under the Ministry of Labour & Employment and runs the EPF, EPS (pension) and EDLI (insurance) schemes.
- ◆ MERCOSUR is a South American trade bloc (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay).
- ◆ Ganga Expressway (Meerut-Prayagraj, ~594 km) is being built as one of India's longest expressways; UPEIDA is the nodal agency.
- ◆ UPSRTC = Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation, the state's public bus operator.
- ◆ GI (Geographical Indication) tag identifies goods from a specific origin — UP leads India in the number of GI-tagged products.

SECTION E · PRACTICE CORNER

2 Prelims MCQs + 1 Mains

Q1. The Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana approved by the UP Cabinet primarily provides:

- (A) Free tablets to students
- (B) Free UPSRTC bus travel to women aged 60 and above
- (C) Interest-free loans to artisans
- (D) Old-age pension to farmers

Ans: B — It grants lifetime free travel on UPSRTC buses to women aged 60+, benefiting over 1 crore women.

Q2. The EPFO mandatory wage ceiling was recently revised to:

- (A) ₹18,000 per month
- (B) ₹21,000 per month
- (C) ₹25,000 per month
- (D) ₹30,000 per month

Ans: C — The Union Cabinet raised it from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000/month — the first revision since 2014.

Mains. "Uttar Pradesh's expressway network is increasingly being leveraged as a backbone for industrial corridors." Discuss with recent examples. (GS-III)

Hint: Link Ganga & Jhansi Link Expressways to BIDA/defence corridor and logistics clusters; cover investment, jobs, regional balance (Bundelkhand, Purvanchal) and ODOP linkage.

REVISION: Ganga Expressway → Haridwar (₹10,761 cr) • 1 lakh UP jobs from Sep 19 • 25 lakh free tablets • EPFO ceiling ₹15k→₹25k • UPITS 4.0 Sep 25-29 at Greater Noida.

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