Note: Today's UP list is supplemented with two items from earlier this week (Ram Bux Singh stamp; National Sports Board, assumed office 16 Nov). All other items are today's news.

Section A — Today in UP

UP-GOVERNANCE

1. UP publishes draft electoral roll under SSR-2027: 13.58 crore voters

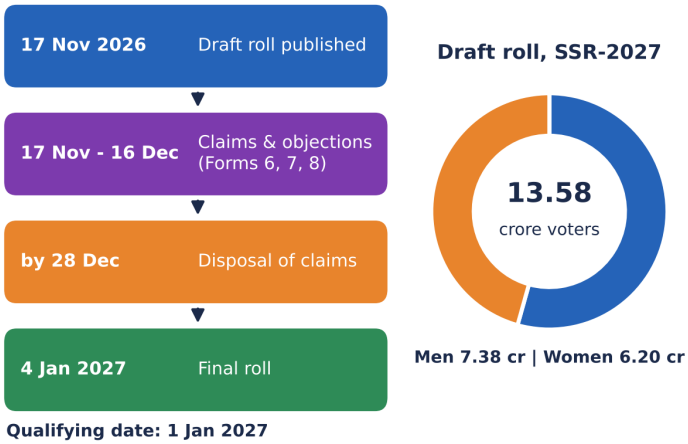
The integrated draft roll for the Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2027 of all 403 Assembly constituencies was published on 17 November, ahead of the 2027 UP Assembly polls.

- Total **13.58 crore** voters — **7.38 crore** men, **6.20 crore** women, **4,042** third-gender; net addition of **18.84 lakh**; **11.83 lakh** voters aged 18-19.
- **Qualifying date: 1 January 2027**; claims & objections **17 Nov – 16 Dec 2026** via **Forms 6 (inclusion), 7 (objection/deletion), 8 (correction/shifting)**.
- Claims disposed by **28 Dec 2026**; **final roll on 4 January 2027**; BLOs at all **1,73,730 polling stations** (403 ACs, 75 districts).
- Special campaign days: **21-22 and 28-29 November**; Chief Electoral Officer, UP: **Navdeep Rinwa**.

◆ **Concept:** Electoral rolls are prepared under the Representation of the People Act, 1950; Article 326 provides adult suffrage (18 years); the Chief Electoral Officer of a State works under the superintendence of the Election Commission of India.

Why it matters: This roll is the base for the 2027 Assembly election. Expect questions on the forms (6/7/8), the qualifying date, and the difference between SSR (routine annual update) and SIR (intensive house-to-house revision).

Syllabus: GS-II: Elections, Election Commission (Art. 324-326) | GS-V: UP polity & governance • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)



UP-INFRA

2. Foundation of UP's first Forestry & Horticulture University; ₹792-crore package for Gorakhpur

The CM is scheduled to lay the foundation stone on 19 November at Bhariwaisi, Campierganj (Gorakhpur) as part of 55 projects worth over ₹792 crore.

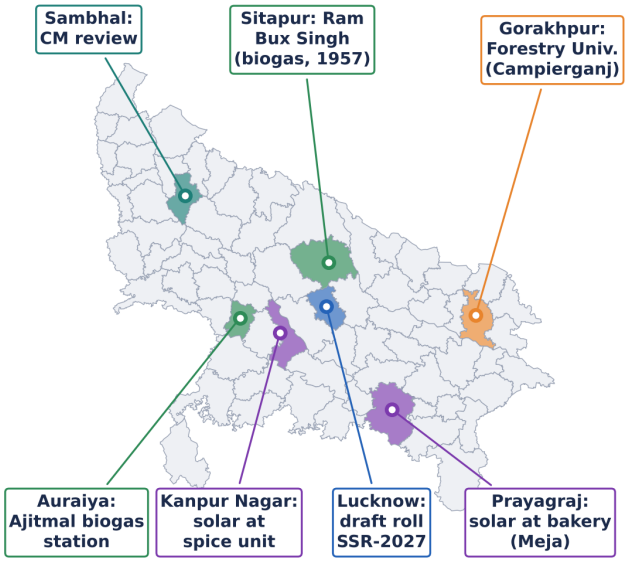
- University on **50 ha (123.55 acres)** at **Bhariwaisi, Campierganj, Gorakhpur**; cost **over ₹491 crore**; set up via the **UP Forestry and Horticulture University Ordinance, 2026** (Art. 213).
- Courses: **BSc, MSc, PhD and diplomas** in forestry, horticulture, wildlife conservation, climate change, agroforestry; proposal of **horizontal reservation** in UP State Forest Service and Regional Forest Officer posts for its graduates.
- Package: **16 foundation stones (₹621.05 cr)** + **39 inaugurations (₹171.13 cr)** — rural roads, flood protection on **Rapti and Rohin**, drinking water (AMRUT 2.0, Pipiganj).
- Described as **North India's first** and the **country's second** forestry university.

◆ **Concept:** Article 213 lets the Governor promulgate ordinances when the State Legislature is not in session; an ordinance must be approved within six weeks of the Legislature reassembling.

Why it matters: Specialised forestry education links to UP's green-cover push and agroforestry incomes; the embankment works matter for the flood-prone Rapti basin of Purvanchal.

Syllabus: GS-III: Environment, agriculture education | GS-VI: UP forests, horticulture, flood management • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

Uttar Pradesh in Today's News



Schematic; not to scale. District boundaries only.

UP-SCHEME

3. PM Surya Ghar: UP proposes rooftop solar for 5 lakh homes under ULA model

The State has sent a proposal to the Centre under the Utility-Led Aggregation (ULA) model of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

- **5 lakh** domestic consumers: half get **1 kW**, half **2 kW** plants → about **750 MW** new capacity; cost about **₹3,750 crore**.
- Implementation through **UPPCL**, its DISCOMs and **UPNEDA**.
- UP ranks **first in India** in cumulative rooftop installations under the scheme — **9,62,866** plants so far.
- Consumers can apply till **31 March 2027**; combined Central + State subsidy up to **₹1.08 lakh** (as per eligibility).

◆ **Concept:** PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (2024) aims at rooftop solar for 1 crore households with up to 300 units of free electricity a month.

Why it matters: In the ULA model the DISCOM aggregates and installs, which removes the household's upfront hassle — a key lever for UP's renewable targets and lower power bills.

Syllabus: GS-III: Energy, renewable energy | GS-VI: UP energy sector • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

5 lakh homes proposed (ULA model)	**750 MW** new rooftop capacity	**₹3,750 cr** estimated project cost
9,62,866 rooftop plants already (UP No.1)	**₹1.08 lakh** max subsidy (Centre + State)	**31 Mar 2027** apply-by deadline

Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-SCHEME

4. Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan: 18 departments converge on 517 tribal villages

The State's Tribal Development Department has detailed how the Centre's convergence campaign is being rolled out in UP's forest and tribal belts.

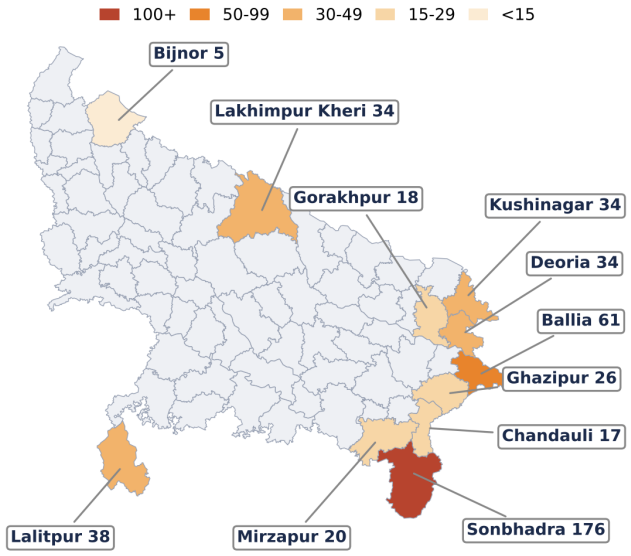
- **517 villages** in **47 blocks** of **26 districts**; **18 departments**, **25 interventions** (roads, water, power, health, education, livelihoods).
- Most villages in **Sonbhadra (176)**, then **Ballia (61)**, **Lalitpur (38)**; Deoria, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri **34 each**; Ghazipur 26, Mirzapur 20, Gorakhpur 18, Chandauli 17, Bijnor 5.
- National campaign launched by the PM on **2 October 2024**; named after **Birsa Munda ('Dharti Aaba')**.
- UP also plans a national **Janjatiya Mahotsav from 23 November** (about **470 artists** from **16 States**).

◆ **Concept:** Major ST groups of UP include Tharu (Terai: Lakhimpur Kheri, Balrampur), Gond, Kharwar, Baiga and Cheru (Sonbhadra–Mirzapur) and Sahariya (Lalitpur); Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is on 15 November.

Why it matters: Saturation through convergence is the model — but outcomes in Sonbhadra and Lalitpur hinge on forest-rights titles, last-mile health and livelihood linkages, not just assets.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare of STs, government schemes | GS-V: UP tribal communities & welfare • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

Dharti Aaba Abhiyan in UP: 517 villages, 26 districts



Villages per district; 11 named districts shown. Schematic; not to scale.

UP-ECONOMY

5. Food processing push: 35 solar plants in 25 districts, 18 projects worth ₹1,000 crore advanced

An appraisal committee of the Horticulture & Food Processing Department reviewed investment proposals on 17 November.

- **52** proposals received on the department portal (till 16 Nov); **48** recommended to the **SLEC**; **18 projects worth ₹1,000 crore** moved ahead.
- **35 solar power plants in 25 districts** for micro & small units and **take-home ration units run by women entrepreneurs**.
- Examples: **68 kW** at a spice unit (**Kanpur Nagar**), **100 kW** at a bread-rusk unit (**Meja, Prayagraj**), **75 kW** at a rice mill (**Pilibhit**).
- Units must source raw material from **local farmers and milk producers**.

◆ **Concept:** SLEC = State Level Empowered Committee, which approves incentives under State industrial policies.

Why it matters: Cheaper solar power cuts operating costs for small processors, raising farm-gate prices and rural jobs — the core logic of UP's food processing policy.

Syllabus: GS-III: Food processing industry | GS-VI: UP industry, MSMEs, women entrepreneurship • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)



Appraisal committee, Horticulture & Food Processing Dept (17 Nov)

UP-AGRICULTURE

6. UP horticulture exports: potatoes lead; Nepal the biggest buyer

Official State data on the top horticultural exports by value show processed products also entering new markets.

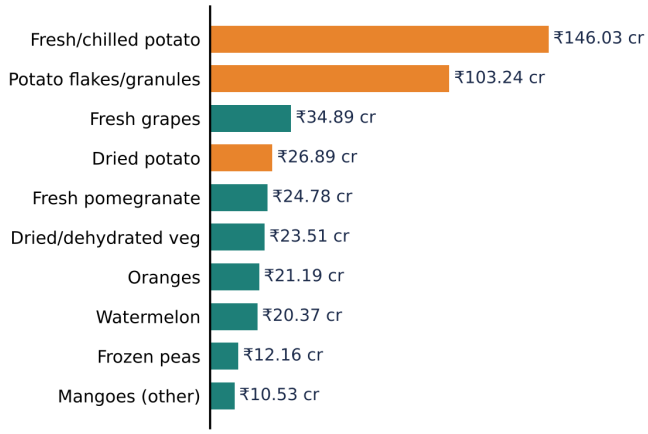
- Top 15 products together: **₹489.01 crore**; potato products **₹249.27 crore** — fresh/chilled **₹146.03 cr** (Nepal ₹145.12 cr) + flakes/granules/pellets **₹103.24 cr**.
- Potato flakes go to **Japan (₹44.06 cr)**, Malaysia, Israel, Indonesia; **grapes ₹34.89 cr** — all to Nepal.
- **Germany** took dried/dehydrated vegetables worth **₹19.70 cr**; frozen peas to Saudi Arabia, Canada, UAE.
- **Nepal** is the largest overall buyer of UP's horticultural produce.

◆ **Concept:** Agra–Firozabad–Farrukhabad–Kannauj is UP's potato belt; ODOP and the agri-export policy aim at cluster-based value addition.

Why it matters: UP is India's largest potato producer; moving from raw tubers to flakes and granules adds value and opens premium markets beyond the neighbourhood.

Syllabus: GS-III: Agri exports, horticulture | GS-VI: UP agriculture & trade • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP horticulture exports (₹ crore)



Potato products ₹249.27 cr of ₹489.01 cr (top 15)

UP-PERSONALITY

7. Commemorative stamp on biogas pioneer Dr Ram Bux Singh of Sitapur

Released earlier this week in his centenary year, along with a book 'Complete Guide to Biogas – Renewable Energy from Waste'.

- Born **13 August 1925**, Ramnagar, **Sitapur**; died 2016.
- Inaugurated one of India's earliest successful **gobar gas plants in 1957** (Sitapur).
- Headed **Asia's first Gobar Gas Research Station at Ajitmal (Auraiya)** for about 18 years; designed low-cost plants for families and villages.
- Helped set up a **gobar gas plant in the USA (1972)**; consulted on renewable projects in 15+ countries.

◆ **Concept:** Biogas is produced by anaerobic digestion of organic waste; it is mostly methane, and the leftover slurry is a good manure.

Why it matters: A ready Prelims fact for 'personalities of UP', and a link to today's compressed biogas (GOBARdhan) policy push.

Syllabus: GS-III: Renewable energy | GS-V: Personalities of UP • UPPSC: Prelims (UP-special GS-V)

Section C — National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL

8. National Sports Board becomes operational; Devesh Chaturvedi (UP cadre) is Chairperson

The leadership of the National Sports Board (NSB) assumed office in New Delhi on 16 November.

- Chairperson **Devesh Chaturvedi** — retired **1989-batch UP-cadre IAS**, former Secretary, Agriculture; Member **Cmde (Retd) Pushpendra Kumar Garg** (ex-CEO, TOPS).
- Created under the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025**; Board Rules notified **May 2026**.
- Composition: **Chairperson + 2 members**; term **3 years or age 65**, whichever earlier; search committee headed by the **Cabinet Secretary**.
- Grants/suspends recognition of national sports bodies; only recognised bodies get **central funding**.

◆ **Concept:** The same Act also creates a National Sports Tribunal for sports disputes.

Why it matters: A statutory regulator for sports federations aims to end disputes and opaque elections that hurt athletes — a governance reform likely in Prelims.

Syllabus: GS-II: Statutory bodies, governance of sports • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II

NATIONAL

9. Quad and ASEAN-India summits in Manila: maritime security, AI and a first Quad business forum

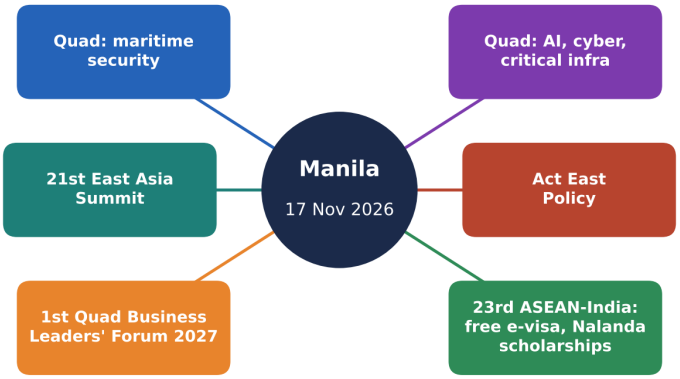
The PM attended the Quad leaders' meeting and the 23rd ASEAN-India and 21st East Asia Summits in Manila on 17 November.

- Quad (**India, USA, Japan, Australia**) announced initiatives on **maritime security, AI, cybersecurity** and critical infrastructure.
- First **Quad Business Leaders' Forum** to be held in **early 2027**.
- ASEAN-India: **free e-visa for ASEAN tourists**, a maritime cooperation plan and **Nalanda scholarships**.

◆ **Concept:** ASEAN has 10 members, founded 1967 (Bangkok); the Quad was revived in 2017.

Why it matters: Both tracks reinforce India's Act East Policy and its 'free, open Indo-Pacific' stand — standard Mains material on IR.

Syllabus: GS-II: India and its neighbourhood, regional groupings • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II



SCI-TECH

10. Voyager 1 becomes the first spacecraft to reach one light-day from Earth

On 18 November 2026 a radio signal takes a full day to reach the NASA probe.

- One light-day ≈ **26 billion km**; speed about **61,000 km/h**.
- Launched **1977**; the farthest human-made object since **17 February 1998**.
- Entered **interstellar space** in **2012** (crossed the heliopause).

Why it matters: Classic one-liner for Prelims; don't confuse light-day (distance) with light-year.

Syllabus: GS-III: Space science • UPPSC: Prelims (GS-III Science & Tech)

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Topic	Fact
Who is UP's Chief Electoral Officer?	**Navdeep Rinwa**
Jatayu Conservation & Breeding Centre (red-headed vulture)	**Bhariwaisi, Campierganj (Gorakhpur)** — world's first for this species
Flood works in Gorakhpur package	Pumping stations on **Rohin** embankments (**₹54.52 cr**, **₹57.19 cr**); anti-erosion on **Rapti** (₹17.38 cr)
National Janjatiya Mahotsav in UP	From **23 November**; ~**470 artists** from **16 States**, ~150 artisans/cooks
CM review meeting this week	**Sambhal** — phased development and law-and-order review
Veerangana Uda Devi (remembered this week)	Heroine of the **Sikandar Bagh (Lucknow)** battle, **November 1857**

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. Uttar Pradesh's first Forestry and Horticulture University is being established at:

(a) Campierganj, Gorakhpur (b) Ajitmal, Auraiya (c) Kumarganj, Ayodhya (d) Modipuram, Meerut

Answer: (a) — The university will come up on 50 ha at Bhariwaisi, Campierganj (Gorakhpur) at a cost of over ₹491 crore, under the UP Forestry and Horticulture University Ordinance, 2026.

Q2. With reference to the Special Summary Revision-2027 of electoral rolls in Uttar Pradesh, consider: 1. The qualifying date is 1 January 2027. 2. The final roll is to be published on 4 January 2027. 3. Form 7 is used to object to an entry or seek deletion. Which of the above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) — All three are correct: qualifying date 1 Jan 2027, final roll 4 Jan 2027; Form 6 = inclusion, Form 7 = objection/deletion, Form 8 = correction/shifting.

Mains practice (GS-II / UP-special GS-V): 'Convergence of departments, not new schemes, is the key to tribal development in Uttar Pradesh.' Examine with reference to the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. (125 words)

Hint: *Intro: 517 villages, 26 districts, 18 departments, 25 interventions. Body: UP's tribal belts (Sonbhadra-Mirzapur, Lalitpur, Terai) and their gaps; gains of saturation; limits — forest-rights titles, staff, monitoring, livelihoods. Conclude with Gram Sabha-led planning.*

One-line revision: 13.58 cr voters, final roll 4 Jan 2027 | Forestry Univ: Campierganj, 50 ha, ₹491 cr | Surya Ghar: 5 lakh homes, 750 MW | Dharti Aaba: 517 villages, Sonbhadra 176

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