Today's edition: Today is Vijayadashami (20 Oct), so fresh state-level news is thin. Today's items come first; Section B adds important UP developments from 9–19 October that aspirants should not miss.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP (Vijayadashami, 20 Oct)

UP-CULTURE

1. Vijayadashami at Gorakhnath Temple: Tilakotsav and the Nath-tradition Vijay procession

On 20 Oct (Vijayadashami), CM Yogi Adityanath, as Gorakshpeethadhishwar, leads the traditional rituals at Gorakhnath Temple, Gorakhpur.

- Morning worship of **Guru Gorakhnath**, then **Tilakotsav** where devotees receive blessings.
- At 4 pm the **Vijay procession** leaves the temple in **Nath-sect attire**, stopping at **Mansarovar Temple**.
- At **Mansarovar Ramlila Ground** the CM performs the **coronation of Lord Ram** (Rajyabhishek) and aarti.
- Ends with a community feast open to all castes; minority-community residents welcome the procession with garlands.

Concept: Nath Panth: a Shaiva yogic tradition linked to Matsyendranath and Gorakhnath; Hatha Yoga texts and the Gorakhnath Math (Gorakhpur) are its key markers.

Why it matters: The **Nath Panth** (founded by Guru Gorakhnath) is a frequent UPPSC culture topic; the procession showcases the Math's role in eastern UP's social harmony.

Syllabus: *GS-I Indian culture & religious traditions | GS-V UP culture, fairs & festivals, Nath Panth*

UP-GOVERNANCE

2. 'Shri Krishna Puri': homes for the poor on mafia-freed land at Kasari-Masari, Prayagraj

In his Vijayadashami message (19 Oct), the CM announced that land reclaimed from mafia control in Prayagraj will house underprivileged families.

- Site: **Kasari-Masari, Prayagraj**; colony to be named '**Shri Krishna Puri**'.
- Continues the state model of building **homes for the poor on land freed from mafia** (seized-asset reuse).
- CM urged people to 'burn' social evils — **drug addiction, dowry, caste discrimination, family discord** — with Ravan's effigy.

Why it matters: Links **rule of law** with **housing for all**: reclaimed public land becomes a welfare asset — a useful example for GS-II answers on governance innovation.

Syllabus: *GS-II welfare of vulnerable sections | GS-V UP law & order, urban housing*

UP-SPORTS

3. Asian Para Games 2026: Etawah's Ajeet Singh Yadav wins javelin F46 silver in India's 1-2 finish

The 5th Asian Para Games are being held at Aichi–Nagoya, Japan (18–24 Oct 2026).

- **Ajeet Singh Yadav (Etawah, UP)** — silver, **65.02 m**; **Rinku Hooda** — gold, **65.11 m** (men's javelin F46).
- Ajeet is a **Paris 2024 Paralympics silver** medallist and 2023 World Para Athletics champion.
- India had **11 medals (4G-5S-2B)** and was **4th** in the table on 19 Oct; other golds — Mona Agarwal (shooting), Nishad Kumar, Soumya.
- UP's '**Padak Lao, Pad Pao**' policy offers direct government jobs to medal winners.

Why it matters: UPPSC regularly asks about **UP-origin medallists** and their home districts; pair Ajeet (Etawah) with the state's sports-recruitment policy.

Syllabus: *Prelims — sports & persons in news | GS-V UP sportspersons, sports policy*

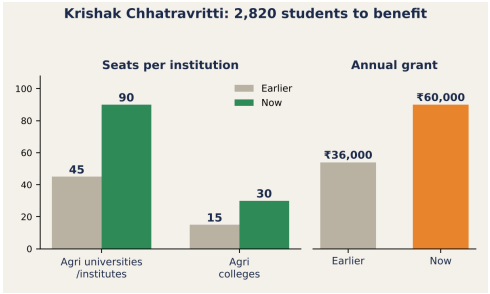
SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS (Schemes · Governance · Infra · Culture)

UP-SCHEME

4. Mukhyamantri Krishak Chhatravritti Yojana: seats doubled, grant raised to ₹60,000 a year

*Announced on 18 Oct, the scheme for meritorious children of farmers and agricultural labourers now covers **2,820** students.*

- Run by the **UP State Agricultural Produce Market Board (Mandi Parishad)**.
- Annual grant: **₹36,000 → ₹60,000** (+₹24,000).
- Seats per institution: universities/institutes **45 → 90**; agricultural colleges **15 → 30**.
- Covers **11** agri universities/institutes and **61** agri colleges — Agriculture, Home Science, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry.
- Track record: **6,454** students got about **₹22.90 crore** between 2017-18 and 2025-26.



Why it matters: Builds human capital in **farm science** from farming households — key for crop diversification and agri-startups in India's largest farm-labour state.

Syllabus: *GS-II education & welfare schemes | GS-VI UP agriculture, agri-education*

UP-INFRA

5. ₹22.45 crore Doppler weather radar network across five UP cities

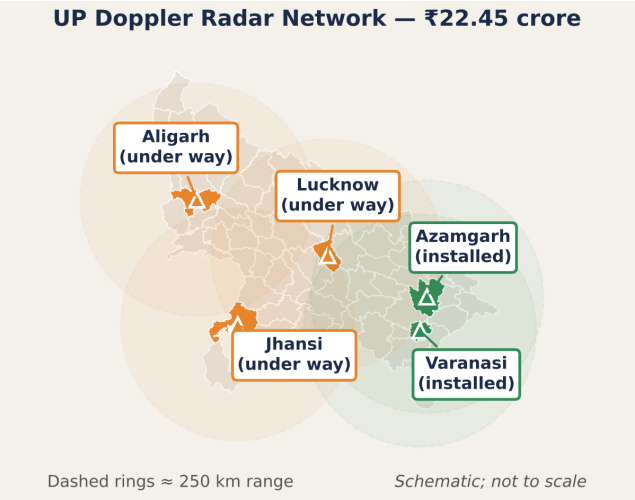
The state (Relief Commissioner's office) is setting up five Doppler radars for early warning of storms, heavy rain and lightning.

- Sites: **Azamgarh, Varanasi** (installed) + **Lucknow, Jhansi, Aligarh** (work under way).
- Cost: **₹22.45 crore** — about ₹19.50 crore for radars + ₹2.95 crore civil works.
- Each radar covers roughly **250–500 km**; aims to warn farmers and save crops and livestock.
- Complements central radars and UP's automatic weather station network.

Concept: Doppler radar uses the Doppler shift of reflected microwaves to measure the speed and direction of rain droplets, revealing storm rotation and intensity.

Why it matters: Lightning and flash floods are among UP's deadliest notified disasters; better nowcasting shortens warning time and cuts losses.

Syllabus: *GS-III disaster management, S&T | GS-VI UP environment & disaster preparedness*



UP-SCHEME

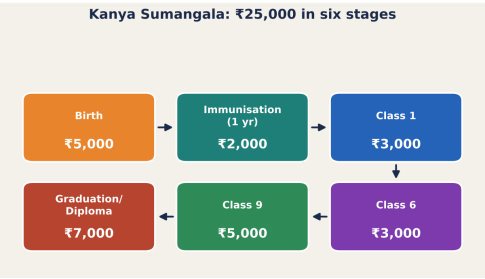
6. Kanya Sumangala and Mission Shakti: life-cycle support for the girl child

On Maha Navami (19 Oct) after Kanya Pujan in Gorakhpur, the CM restated the state's support from a girl's birth to her marriage.

- **MKSY**: **₹25,000** in six stages — birth, immunisation, Class 1, Class 6, Class 9 and graduation/diploma.
- **₹1 lakh** assistance at marriage (CM's statement).
- Safety: **women help desks** and a separate room in every police station, **1090** helpline, women beat police.
- **1.29 lakh girls** received self-esteem training under Mission Shakti (16 Oct).

Why it matters: A **stage-linked cash transfer** nudges enrolment, immunisation and continued schooling — addressing the child sex ratio and dropout together.

Syllabus: *GS-II schemes for women & children | GS-V UP welfare schemes, women's safety*



UP-GOVERNANCE

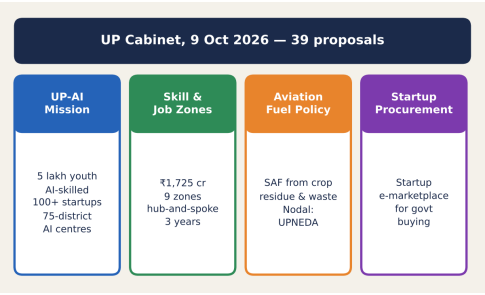
7. UP Cabinet (39 proposals): UP-AI Mission, skill zones, aviation-fuel policy and startup procurement

The Cabinet chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath (9 Oct) cleared a set of tech, skilling and industry decisions.

- **UP-AI Mission (UP-AIM)**: society under IT dept; **5 lakh** youth to be AI-skilled, **100+** AI startups, AI centres in all **75 districts**.
- **Sardar Patel Skill Training & Employment Zone Scheme**: **₹1,725 crore**, **9 zones** (hub-and-spoke).
- **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Policy-2026** (nodal: **UPNEDA**) — feedstock from crop residue, municipal waste, non-edible oilseeds.
- **UP Startup Procurement Scheme-2026** (startup e-marketplace) and **Interest Waiver Scheme-2026** (3 months).

Why it matters: Pairs **AI and skilling** with **green fuels** — positioning UP's large youth base for jobs while giving stubble a market (less burning).

Syllabus: *GS-III S&T, skilling, energy | GS-VI UP industrial & IT policy*



UP-GOVERNANCE

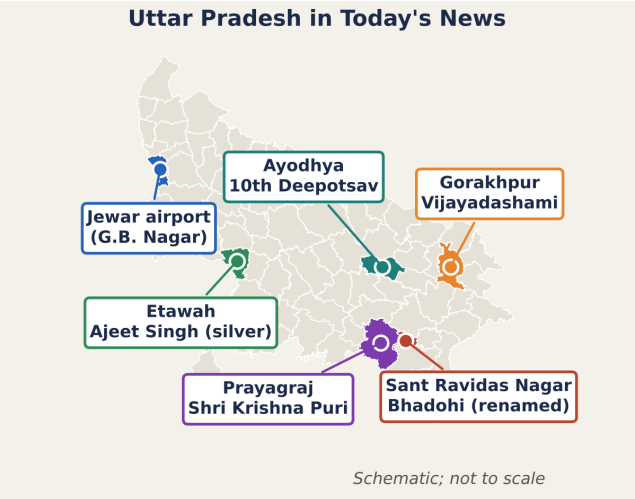
8. Renamings: Bhadohi becomes 'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'; Jewar airport to bear PM Modi's name

The 9 Oct Cabinet approved both proposals; the Bhadohi renaming was announced by the CM at the 50th India Carpet Expo (4 Oct).

- Bhadohi → **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** — reportedly its **5th renaming in 32 years**.
- **Sant Ravidas** (15th-century Bhakti saint) was born near **Varanasi**; Bhadohi is India's **hand-knotted carpet hub (GI tag)**.
- **Noida International Airport, Jewar** (Gautam Buddha Nagar) to be named after **PM Narendra Modi**.
- Same Cabinet: paddy procurement policy for **KMY 2026-27**; **SH-84 (Mainpuri)** to be four-laned.

Why it matters: District names and their **GI products** are a staple of UPPSC Prelims; note the Bhakti-saint link and Jewar's role as UP's biggest aviation project.

Syllabus: *GS-V UP administrative units, Bhakti saints | GS-VI UP infrastructure (aviation)*



UP-CULTURE

9. 10th Ayodhya Deepotsav (6–7 Nov) to stage Ramlila in Malayalam, Assamese and Dogri for the first time

The state Culture Department is taking Deepotsav's Ramlila multilingual and international.

- **10th edition** on **6–7 November 2026**; Ramlila on **10–15 stages** across Ayodhya.
- First-ever troupes performing in **Malayalam (Kerala), Assamese (Assam), Dogri (J&K)**; Uttarakhand and Bengal troupes too.
- **Philippines** troupe confirmed; foreign troupes invited via **ICCR**.
- Russian artists in Ayodhya also marked the birth centenary of **Gennadi Pechnikov**, celebrated as 'Russia's Ram' (19 Oct).

Why it matters: Showcases **Ramayana as a pan-Asian, pan-Indian tradition** — strong material for GS-I answers on soft power and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Syllabus: *GS-I performing arts | GS-V UP fairs, festivals & tourism*

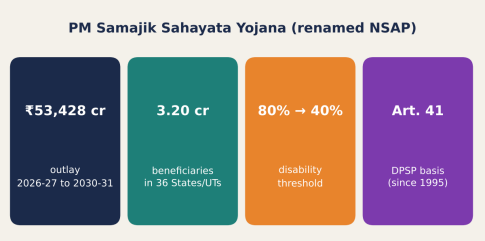
SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL

10. NSAP renamed Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana; continued to 2030-31 with ₹53,428 crore

The Union Cabinet (14 Oct) approved the National Social Assistance Programme for 2026-27 to 2030-31.

- Outlay **₹53,428 crore**; about **3.20 crore** beneficiaries in all 36 States/UTs.
- Sub-schemes renamed: PM **Vridhavastha**, **Vidhawa**, **Divyangjan** Pension Yojanas and PM **Parivar Labh** Yojana.
- Disability pension: eligibility threshold **80% → 40%** (in line with RPwD Act, 2016); age criterion from birth; **₹375** (0–79 yrs), **₹625** (80+).
- NSAP began **15 Aug 1995**, implementing **Article 41** (public assistance in old age, disablement).



Why it matters: Lowering the disability threshold to **40%** greatly widens coverage — UP, with the largest beneficiary base, gains the most.

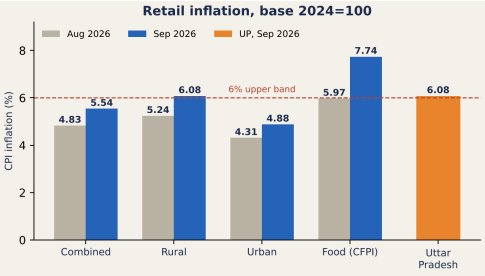
Syllabus: *GS-II welfare schemes, DPSP (Art. 41), rights of persons with disabilities*

ECONOMY

11. Retail inflation rises to 5.54% in September; UP at 6.08%

*Official CPI data (new base **2024=100**) show inflation climbing above 5% for September 2026.*

- All-India CPI: **5.54%** (Aug: 4.83%); rural **6.08%**, urban **4.88%**.
- Food inflation (CFPI): **7.74%** (Aug: 5.97%).
- **Uttar Pradesh: 6.08%** (rural 6.71%, urban 4.73%) — above the national average.
- RBI's target: **4% ± 2%** — September is close to the 6% upper band.



Why it matters: Higher **rural and food inflation** hurts UP's large farm-labour households most; it also narrows room for RBI rate cuts.

Syllabus: *GS-III inflation, monetary policy | GS-VI UP economy*

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Asian Para Games 2026 host	**Aichi–Nagoya, Japan** (18–24 Oct); India **11 medals (4G-5S-2B)**, 4th on 19 Oct
Sports-job policy (UP)	**'Padak Lao, Pad Pao'** — direct govt jobs for medal winners
Vindhyavasini Dham, Mirzapur	**25 lakh+** devotees in a single Navratri day (CM)
Model Building Regulations-2026	Simplified map/plot approvals in **industrial development authority** areas
UP Interest Waiver Scheme-2026	**3 months**; interest/penalty waiver on old tax dues up to **31 Dec 2025**
Mandi Parishad (UP)	Runs **Krishak Chhatravritti**; 2026-27 spending provision **₹3,025.49 crore**

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Mukhyamantri Krishak Chhatravritti Yojana of Uttar Pradesh, consider the following statements: 1. It is implemented by the State Agricultural Produce Market Board (Mandi Parishad). 2. The annual grant has been raised to ₹60,000. 3. Seats per agricultural college have been raised from 15 to 30. Which of the statements given 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: the Mandi Parishad runs the scheme, the grant rose from ₹36,000 to ₹60,000, and seats rose 15 → 30 in colleges (45 → 90 in universities/institutes).

Q2. Under Uttar Pradesh's ₹22.45 crore Doppler weather radar project, radars have already been installed at which of the following pairs of cities?
(a) Lucknow and Jhansi (b) Azamgarh and Varanasi (c) Aligarh and Lucknow (d) Jhansi and Varanasi
Answer: (b) — Azamgarh and Varanasi radars are installed; work is under way at Lucknow, Jhansi and Aligarh.

Mains Q. Uttar Pradesh's girl-child and women-safety schemes now follow a 'life-cycle' approach. Examine with reference to Kanya Sumangala Yojana and Mission Shakti. (UPPSC GS-V, 125 words)

Hint: Intro: UP's child sex ratio/dropout context. Body: MKSY's six stage-linked instalments (₹25,000) → enrolment and immunisation; marriage assistance; Mission Shakti — help desks, 1090, women beat police, self-esteem training for 1.29 lakh girls. Gaps: awareness, DBT delays, conviction rates. Conclude: convergence with skilling and higher-education scholarships.

One-line revision: Krishak Chhatravritti ₹60,000 | Doppler radars live at Azamgarh & Varanasi | Bhadohi → Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi | 10th Deepotsav 6–7 Nov | Ajeet Singh (Etawah) silver | CPI Sept 5.54%, UP 6.08%

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