

Today's most exam-relevant current affairs for the Uttar Pradesh PCS (Prelims + Mains) — UP news first, then a compact national round-up. Every item is mapped to the UPPSC GS syllabus.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

UP-ECONOMY

UPITS 4.0 opens 25 Sept in Greater Noida — 45,000+ buyers registered

- The **4th UP International Trade Show (UPITS)** runs **25-29 Sept 2026** at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.
- **45,000+ domestic B2B buyers** already registered (target **1.5 lakh**); ~1,500 international buyer registrations.
- Partner countries confirmed: **Japan, Vietnam, Russia, Singapore, Austria**; 36,500 sq m exhibition space booked.
- 20 knowledge sessions and cultural programmes; showcases UP's industries, ODOP products, MSMEs and export strength.

UPITS 4.0 • Domestic B2B Buyer Registration



Registered so far Yet to reach target

Why it matters: UPITS has become UP's flagship investment-and-export platform, directly feeding the state's **USD 1-trillion economy** ambition and giving ODOP artisans a global marketplace.

► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Prelims + Mains GS-III (economy, industry, exports); UP-special GS-V.

UP-GOVERNANCE

'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' launched from Varanasi

- Launched **17 Sept** (PM's birthday) in Varanasi by the Union Defence Minister and the UP CM.
- Features a **20-day Varanasi-Vadnagar bike yatra** (500 youth, 250 bikes) and a 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' river-water exchange between Kashi and Gujarat.
- Exhibition '25 Years of Janseva se Rashtra Seva' held at Rudraksha Convention Centre.

Why it matters: Links UP's spiritual-tourism hub Kashi with a national cultural-integration campaign — relevant for questions on **cooperative federalism** and heritage-led soft power.

► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Mains GS-I (culture) & GS-II (Centre-State relations); UP-special GS-VI.

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-JOBS

UP to give 1 lakh new government jobs in six months

- CM announced **1,00,000 new state jobs** in the next six months; recruitment began **19 Sept 2026**.
- **77,000 posts** in Police & Home Guards; the remaining ~23,000 across other departments.
- Government claims **9.5 lakh jobs** already provided to youth since 2017 — stressed as 'merit-based, transparent'.
- Simultaneous move to raise social-pension amounts and coverage (currently ~1.10 crore beneficiaries).

UP Rojgar Push: 1 Lakh New Government Jobs



Why it matters: A large public-recruitment push shapes UP's **employment and governance** narrative and is a frequent Mains theme on state capacity and youth aspiration.

► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Mains GS-II (governance, welfare); UP-special GS-V (state economy, employment).

UP-SCHEME

Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0 & Swadeshi Mela

- Relaunched around **Vishwakarma Jayanti** to empower traditional artisans across **18 trades**.
- Combines **skill training + free toolkits + a new Margin-Money Loan portal + market linkage**.
- Advances the '**Vocal for Local**' / **Swadeshi** push; toolkits and loan sanction letters distributed at Lucknow.

Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0 — Artisan Empowerment

'Vocal for Local' • self-employment for traditional artisans



Why it matters: Model of **skilling + credit + market access** for the informal artisan economy — ideal for Mains answers on self-employment and preserving traditional crafts.

► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Mains GS-II/GS-III (welfare schemes, skill & MSME); UP-special GS-V.

UP-GOVERNANCE

Cabinet clears LDA takeover of Sushant Golf City township

- The **UP Cabinet (15 Sept)** approved the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) claim to complete the stalled township.
- Release of **2,747 mortgaged plots** (of 3,489) protects existing registries; relief for thousands of homebuyers.
- LDA to finish development pocket-wise and place its proposal before the **NCLT**; early release via refundable guarantee.

Why it matters: Shows a state-agency-led resolution of a **stalled real-estate project** — links to RERA, consumer protection and urban governance.

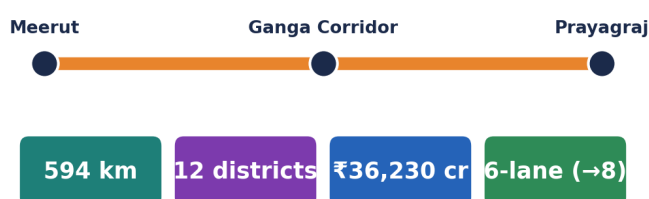
► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Mains GS-II (governance, statutory bodies); UP-special GS-V (urban development).

UP-INFRA

Ganga Expressway — 594 km corridor powering UP's rise

- **594 km**, 6-lane (expandable to 8) greenfield expressway linking **Meerut to Prayagraj** across **12 districts**.
- Cost **~₹36,230 crore** (incl. ~₹9,500 cr land acquisition); operational since 2026.
- Industrial nodes planned at Meerut, Budaun, Kanpur, Prayagraj & Varanasi; sections double as IAF emergency airstrip.
- Phase-2: **Meerut-Haridwar (110 km)** and **Prayagraj-Ballia (314 km)** extensions under development.

Ganga Expressway — Backbone of UP's Economy



Why it matters: Expressways are the physical backbone of UP's **USD 1-trillion economy** goal — boosting logistics, industrial corridors and regional balance.

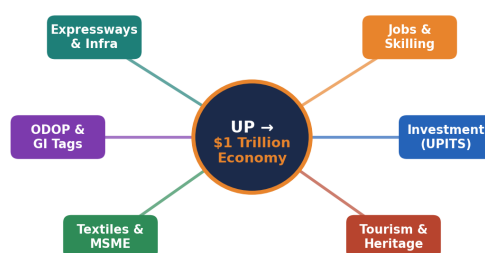
► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Prelims + Mains GS-III (infrastructure); UP-special GS-V (state economy).

UP-ECONOMY

UP's growth engine: the road to a USD 1-trillion economy

- Strategy rests on six pillars: **expressways & infra, jobs & skilling, ODOP/GI, investment (UPITS), textiles/MSME and tourism/heritage**.
- UP is **India's No.1 state in GI-tagged products** and among the leaders in expressway length.
- Investment inflows (UPITS, PM MITRA textile park, industrial corridors) anchor the manufacturing-and-export drive.

Pillars of UP's Growth Story



Why it matters: A ready **synthesis framework** for UP-special Mains answers linking infrastructure, industry, employment and culture into one growth story.

► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Mains GS-III + UP-special GS-V (planning, resource mobilisation, state economy).

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

ECONOMY EPFO wage ceiling raised to ₹25,000 a month

- The EPF monthly wage ceiling was revised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000, its first hike in years.
- Brings an estimated **51 lakh additional workers** into formal social-security coverage (annual cost ~₹11,339 crore).

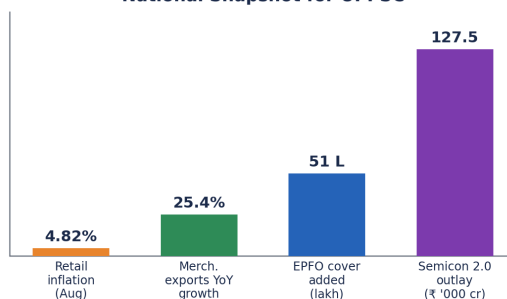
SCI-TECH Semicon 2.0 approved; chip units enter commercial production

- Union Cabinet cleared **Semicon 2.0** with a ₹1,27,500 crore outlay to deepen India's chip ecosystem.
- **5 of 12** first-phase semiconductor units are now in commercial production; SEMICON India 2026 drew ~40,000 visitors.

ECONOMY Key macro data — inflation, exports, services

- Retail (CPI) inflation at **4.82%** in August; merchandise exports **USD 82.68 bn** (+25.4% YoY).
- Software/services exports for 2025-26 at **USD 221.4 bn** (+8.2%) — resilient external sector.

National Snapshot for UPPSC



► **Syllabus:** UPPSC Prelims + Mains GS-III (Indian economy, external sector, science & technology).

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE**UP: India's No.1 in GI-Tagged Products**

GI LEADER: UP is **India's No.1** in GI-tagged products (**77**); Kashi region alone has **32** GI tags — the 'world's GI hub' (~₹25,500 cr/yr).

TEXTILES: UPTTEX-2026 (Lucknow): **₹416.75 cr** disbursed to **157** textile units; **PM MITRA** mega textile park (1,000 acres, Lucknow-Hardoi).

WATER: Kishau multipurpose dam MoU signed by **6 CMs incl. UP** — a 232.6 m dam on the Tons River.

SPORTS: **Asian Games 2026** opened **19 Sept** at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; India's contingent — including UP athletes — in action.

JOBS: **20th Rozgar Mela** (national): **51,000+** appointment letters distributed; ~12.75 lakh since Oct 2022.

ENERGY: UP power plants' **coal stock up 16%** in a fortnight to **8.41 lakh tonnes** — energy security ahead of the festive season.

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER**Prelims MCQ 1 (UP-specific)**

The Ganga Expressway (Phase-1), recently operational, connects which two cities of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Lucknow – Ballia (b) Meerut – Prayagraj (c) Agra – Varanasi (d) Delhi – Kanpur

Answer: (b) Meerut – Prayagraj. It is a 594 km, 6-lane greenfield expressway passing through 12 districts (~₹36,230 cr).

Prelims MCQ 2 (National)

The EPFO monthly wage ceiling was recently revised to which of the following?

- (a) ₹18,000 (b) ₹21,000 (c) ₹25,000 (d) ₹30,000

Answer: (c) ₹25,000. Raised from ₹15,000, bringing about 51 lakh more workers under EPF coverage.

Mains Practice Question (GS-III / UP-special GS-V)

"Expressway-led infrastructure is emerging as the backbone of Uttar Pradesh's ambition to become a one-trillion-dollar economy." Critically examine. (**250 words**)

Hint: Link Ganga & other expressways → industrial corridors, UPITS investment, ODOP/export nodes and jobs; balance with land-acquisition, fiscal-debt and regional-equity concerns.

★ **REVISION:** UPITS 4.0 (25-29 Sept, Greater Noida) • 1 lakh new UP jobs (77k police/home-guard) • Ganga Expressway 594 km / 12 districts • UP #1 in GI tags (77) • EPFO ceiling ₹15k→₹25k.

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