

● TODAY'S TOP STORIES

UPITS 4.0 opens in Greater Noida, UP stays India's No.1 tourism state, and the ₹23,731-cr GOBARdhan CBG scheme gets Cabinet nod.

SECTION A • TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

UTTAR PRADESH

UP International Trade Show (UPITS 4.0) opens 25 September in Greater Noida

Uttar Pradesh's flagship export-and-investment expo returns for its fourth edition at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, from 25–29 September 2026.

- 4th edition, 25–29 September 2026 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida; focus on industry, investment and exports.
- Over **45,000 domestic B2B buyers** registered (target 1.5 lakh) plus 1,500+ international buyers; six partner nations — Japan, Vietnam, Russia, Singapore and Austria (Thailand pending).
- **36,500 sq.m** of exhibition space booked; **20 knowledge sessions** and 25 cultural programmes planned; showcases ODOP products, MSMEs and development authorities.
- Expected to generate a boost of about **₹25,000 crore** for the state's MSME sector.

Why it matters: UPITS anchors UP's drive toward a one-trillion-dollar economy by directly linking ODOP artisans and MSMEs to global buyers — a recurring UPPSC theme on state economy and industrial policy.

UPITS 2026 • UP International Trade Show 4.0
India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida • 25–29 September 2026



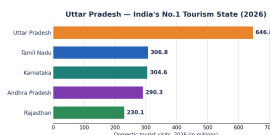
Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Economy, Industry) + UP-special GS-V (UP economy, ODOP, MSME)

UP-CULTURE Uttar Pradesh remains India's No.1 domestic tourism state in 2026

UP recorded the highest domestic tourist footfall of any Indian state in 2026, more than double the second-ranked state.

- UP logged **646.8 million** domestic visits in 2026 — No.1 in India, ahead of Tamil Nadu (306.8 mn) and Karnataka (304.6 mn).
- **Ayodhya** drew about **7.2 crore** visitors (Jan–Jun 2026); **Varanasi** about **2.25 crore** (Jan–Mar); Kashi Vishwanath sees 1 lakh+ devotees daily.
- Tourism projects worth **₹1,283 crore** initiated; investment proposals of **₹37,688 crore** received.
- The Ayodhya-Kashi-Prayagraj spiritual circuit, plus the Braj region (to be developed on Ayodhya/Kashi lines), drives the boom.

Why it matters: Religious and heritage tourism is now a major employment and revenue driver for UP — a frequent UPPSC linkage between culture, economy and infrastructure.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-I (Art & Culture) + UP-special GS-VI (UP tourism, heritage, economy)

SECTION B • KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-GOVERNANCE Yogi Cabinet clears 23 proposals across infrastructure, farming, jobs and industry

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on 15 September 2026 approved 23 proposals spanning infrastructure, agriculture, employment, industry, urban development and security.

- **Chitrakoot Link Expressway** (15.172 km, six-lane, **₹1,008.67 crore**) cleared to link the Bundelkhand Expressway with Chitrakoot Dham.
- **Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana** — loans up to **₹6 lakh at 6%** for small and marginal farmers via the Cooperative Gram Vikas Bank.
- **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in Enforcement Constable (Transport) and Jail Warder posts, with age relaxation.
- **NSG Regional Centre** on 65 acres at Milkipur, Ayodhya (cost-free); a 120 KLPD ethanol plant at Chhata, Mathura; and the Toy Manufacturing Policy-2025.

Why it matters: Cabinet decisions are prime UPPSC Prelims + Mains material — schemes, expressways and reservations recur in state-governance questions.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-II (Governance, State Policies) + UP-special GS-V

UP-INFRA Chitrakoot Link Expressway approved to connect Bundelkhand with Chitrakoot Dham

Among the cabinet decisions, the new Chitrakoot Link Expressway will extend the Bundelkhand Expressway network to the pilgrimage town of Chitrakoot.

- Length **15.172 km**, six-lane (expandable), to be built on **EPC mode** at **₹1,008.67 crore**.
- Connects the **Bundelkhand Expressway** to **Chitrakoot Dham**, cutting travel time to the temple town.
- Aims to boost religious tourism and industrial access in the Bundelkhand region.
- Adds to UP's expressway grid — the country's densest — alongside Ganga, Purvanchal and Bundelkhand expressways.

Why it matters: Expressway projects link infrastructure, tourism and regional balance — Bundelkhand's development is a standing UPPSC focus area.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Infrastructure) + UP-special GS-V (UP connectivity)

UP-SCHEME Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana widens cheap farm credit in UP

The cabinet-approved farmer-welfare scheme expands institutional credit for small and marginal farmers across the state.

- Long-term loans up to **₹6 lakh at 6%** annual interest through the **UP Cooperative Gram Vikas Bank Ltd**.
- Targets farm mechanisation, irrigation and allied activities to raise rural incomes.
- The same cabinet also cleared a **WorldFish MoU** for eastern UP and an extra **₹25/quintal** margin for fair-price shop dealers.
- Complements ODOP and PM-KISAN by deepening institutional credit access in rural UP.

Why it matters: Farm-credit and rural-welfare schemes are core to UPPSC GS-III/GS-V; the scheme's exact terms — amount, interest rate, implementing bank — are typical Prelims facts.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Agriculture, Rural Economy) + UP-special GS-V

UP-ECONOMY ODOP + MSME push drives UP toward a one-trillion-dollar economy

Ahead of UPITS, the state government spotlighted the scale of its MSME and One District One Product ecosystem.

- MSME and **ODOP** initiatives have generated over **4 crore jobs** in the state.
- State exports stand at about **₹2 lakh crore** annually; investments of about **₹15 lakh crore** grounded.
- Supporting schemes: **Startup Policy-2026**, Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana and a new **One District One Cuisine (ODOC)**.
- These feed UP's declared goal of becoming a **one-trillion-dollar economy**.

Why it matters: ODOP is UP's signature economic model and a perennial UPPSC topic linking crafts, exports and employment.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Economy, Industry) + UP-special GS-V

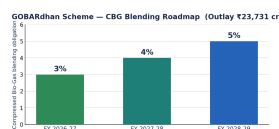
SECTION C • NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL Cabinet approves ₹23,731-crore GOBARdhan scheme for Compressed Bio-Gas

The Union Cabinet cleared GOBARdhan, a National Unified/Circular Bioenergy Scheme, to scale up Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) across India.

- Outlay **₹23,731 crore** for **FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36**; run by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- Capital assistance up to **₹2 crore per TPD** of capacity; CBG price fixed at **₹2,110/MMBTU** for 10 years.
- CBG blending obligation rises **3% (FY27) → 4% (FY28) → 5% (FY29 onwards)**; targets roughly a ten-fold rise in output.
- GOBARdhan = **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan**; converts cattle dung, farm residue and organic waste into clean fuel.

Why it matters: It links energy security, clean fuel, rural income and waste-to-wealth — a high-yield UPSC/UPPSC environment-economy topic.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Economy, Environment, Energy Security)

NATIONAL New National Investment Policy for Urea (NIPU-2026) to lift domestic output

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved a fresh urea investment policy to add gas-based capacity and cut import dependence.

- Targets new **gas-based urea plants** ; India has 33 units with a reassessed capacity of about **269.42 LMT** .
- Return-on-equity band of **12-16%** ; expected savings of **₹250 crore+ per plant** versus the 2012 policy.
- Reforms include fixed/variable cost separation and conversion of fixed costs to rupees after 4 years to cut forex risk.
- Successor to NIP-2012 (which added 6 urea plants); aims at fertiliser self-reliance under Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Why it matters: Fertiliser self-sufficiency and subsidy reform are recurring UPPSC economy themes, especially for an agrarian state like UP.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-III (Economy, Agriculture, Atmanirbhar Bharat)

NATIONAL Asian Games 2026 under way in Aichi-Nagoya; India opens its medal account

The Asian Games 2026 are being held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from 19 September to 4 October 2026.

- India had **6 medals (0 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze)** and stood **12th** in the early tally; China led with 38.
- Shooter **Elavenil Valarivan** became the first Indian woman to win an Asian Games silver in the individual 10m air rifle.
- **43 sports** feature on the programme; the Games run **19 September - 4 October 2026** .
- Multi-sport events, hosts and Indian medallists are standard current-affairs facts.

Why it matters: Multi-sport events, their hosts and Indian medallists are reliable Prelims one-markers and general awareness for both UPSC and UPPSC.



Syllabus: UPPSC GS Paper-I / General Studies (Sports & Awards)

SECTION D • UP RAPID-FIRE

UP Diwas 2026	Celebrated with the theme 'Viksit Bharat – Viksit Uttar Pradesh'.
GI leadership	UP has the highest number of GI-tagged products in India (75+).
Chitrakoot Link Expressway	15.172 km, six-lane, ₹1,008.67 crore, EPC mode.
Agniveer quota	20% horizontal reservation in UP Transport Enforcement Constable & Jail Warder posts.
Braj region	To be developed on the lines of Ayodhya and Kashi.
Asian Games 2026	Elavenil Valarivan — first Indian woman with an individual 10m air rifle silver.

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1 (Prelims). The UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 2026 is being held at which venue?

- (A) Vibhuti Khand, Lucknow
 ✓ (B) India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida
 (C) Rudraksh Convention Centre, Varanasi
 (D) HCL City, Noida

Ans: B. UPITS 4.0 (25–29 Sept 2026) is held at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida — UP's flagship export and investment expo.

Q2 (Prelims). The GOBARdhan scheme approved with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore is primarily associated with which sector?

- ✓ (A) Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG)
 (B) Solar rooftop power
 (C) Green hydrogen
 (D) Urea manufacturing

Ans: A. GOBARdhan is the National Unified/Circular Bioenergy Scheme for Compressed Bio-Gas, run by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (FY2026-27 to 2035-36).

Mains practice. Discuss how Uttar Pradesh's ODOP (One District One Product) model and events like UPITS are reshaping the state's export economy and rural employment. (250 words)

Hint: Cover ODOP design and district branding, MSME linkage, UPITS as a global marketplace, the export/investment figures (~₹2 lakh cr exports, 4 crore jobs) and the one-trillion-dollar goal; balance with challenges — credit access, logistics, quality certification and market volatility.

★ QUICK REVISION: UPITS 4.0 (25–29 Sep, Greater Noida) • UP No.1 in tourism (646.8 mn) • Chitrakoot Link Expressway ₹1,008.67 cr • GOBARdhan CBG ₹23,731 cr • Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya.

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