Today's headline: UP hikes three police allowances on Police Commemoration Day; TET made mandatory for aided-school TGTs; MLC graduate-teacher polls on 23 Oct

On Police Commemoration Day (21 Oct) the UP Chief Minister raised the motorcycle, uniform and SIM allowances of field police personnel, while the Secondary Education Department made **TET mandatory** for TGT posts in aided secondary schools for the first time. Polling for **11 Legislative Council seats** of graduate and teacher constituencies is due on 23 Oct, and ECI has frozen transfers of roll-revision staff for **SSR-2027**. Key UP Cabinet decisions of this month (ex-Agniveer quota, e-buses, SAF policy, startup procurement) and the renamed **NSAP** round off the edition.

Note: Today's UP news flow (22 Oct, IST) is thin on fresh policy decisions, so Section A carries the items of 21-22 Oct first and Section B revisits key UP Cabinet decisions of 9 Oct 2026 for revision.

A | Today in UP

UP-GOVERNANCE 1. UP raises three police allowances on Police Commemoration Day

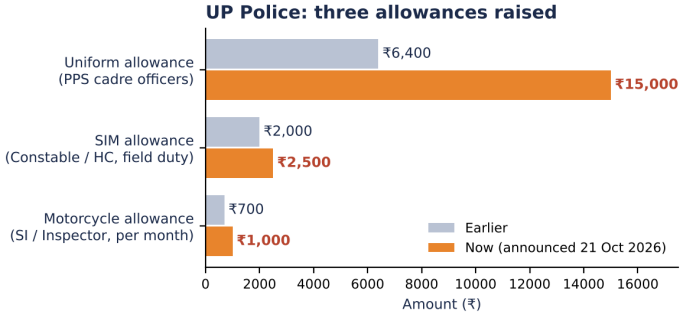
Syllabus: GS-II: Role of police, welfare of security forces | GS-V: Law and order and police administration in UP

At the Police Commemoration Day parade in Lucknow on 21 Oct 2026, the Chief Minister announced higher allowances for field-duty police personnel ahead of Diwali.

- **Motorcycle allowance** for Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors raised from **₹700 to ₹1,000** per month.
- **Uniform allowance** for PPS cadre officers raised from **₹6,400 to ₹15,000**; SIM allowance for field-duty constables/head constables from **₹2,000 to ₹2,500**.
- Women in UP Police rose from about **10,000 to 45,000**; over **2.26 lakh** personnel recruited and training capacity raised to **60,000** at a time.
- Six UP personnel were among the **154** police personnel across India who died on duty in the past year; three new **women PAC battalions** have been raised.
- Police Commemoration Day (**21 Oct**) marks the **1959 Hot Springs (Ladakh)** ambush in which ten CRPF personnel were killed.

Concept: Police and public order are State List subjects (Entries 1 and 2, Seventh Schedule); the Prakash Singh judgment (2006) laid down directions on police reforms.

Why it matters: Welfare measures such as allowances, housing and cashless health cards improve morale and retention; UPPSC links them with police reforms (commissionerate system, cyber policing) in GS-V answers on law and order.



UP-EDUCATION 2. TET made mandatory for TGT posts in aided secondary schools

Syllabus: GS-II: Issues relating to education and human resources | GS-V: Education system in UP

The UP Secondary Education Department has revised eligibility for Assistant Teacher (TGT) posts in recognised aided secondary schools, reported on 22 Oct 2026.

- For the first time, passing **TET (upper-primary level, Classes 6-8)** is compulsory for TGT recruitment in aided schools.
- Other qualifications: graduation with **50%** in the subject (or PG with 45%) plus an **NCTE-recognised B.Ed**.
- Candidates may obtain a valid TET certificate by **30 June 2027**.
- The **UP Education Service Selection Commission** has been asked to include the revised eligibility in its next notification.

Concept: NCTE, a statutory body under the NCTE Act 1993, prescribes minimum qualifications for teachers; TET was introduced under the RTE Act 2009 framework.

Why it matters: Uniform eligibility norms aim to raise teaching quality in line with NCTE standards and NEP 2020; the extended deadline softens the transition for current aspirants.

UP-POLITY 3. Polling for 11 graduate and teacher MLC seats on 23 October

Syllabus: GS-II: State Legislature | GS-V: UP Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad)

Biennial elections to the UP Legislative Council from graduate and teacher constituencies will be held on 23 Oct 2026.

- **11 seats** across graduate and teacher constituencies; **152 candidates** in the fray.
- Over **14.81 lakh voters** and **2,697 polling booths**; polling 8 am-4 pm on **23 Oct**, counting on **27 Oct**.
- Seats include the **Varanasi Division** graduate and teacher constituencies; process to be completed by **31 Oct**.
- Voting is by **single transferable vote** (preferential ballot).

Concept: Article 171: one-twelfth of a Legislative Council is elected by graduates of at least three years' standing and one-twelfth by teachers of secondary schools and above; members serve six years, one-third retiring every two years.

Why it matters: UP is one of the few states with a bicameral legislature; graduate and teacher seats give educated voters a direct voice in the upper house.

UP-GOVERNANCE 4. ECI freezes transfers of UP roll-revision staff for SSR-2027

Syllabus: GS-II: Election Commission, Representation of the People Act | GS-V: Electoral administration in UP

The Election Commission of India directed on 22 Oct 2026 that officials engaged in UP's Special Summary Revision-2027 cannot be transferred without its approval.

- Exercise is a **Special Summary Revision (SSR)** under **Section 21, RP Act 1950**, with **1 Jan 2027** as qualifying date.
- Draft roll on **12 Nov 2026**; claims and objections till **11 Dec**; final roll on **4 Jan 2027**.
- DEOs, EROs and AEROs are deemed on **deputation to ECI** under **Section 13CC**; posts must not be left vacant.
- Separately, the Commission ordered a probe into alleged voter-list irregularities in **Pilibhit**.

Concept: Article 324 vests superintendence of electoral rolls and elections in the ECI; Article 326 provides for adult suffrage at 18 years.

Why it matters: A clean, updated roll is the foundation of free and fair elections; continuity of field staff reduces errors before the 2027 UP Assembly polls.



UP-ECONOMY 5. Gulf-based retail group plans another ₹10,000 crore investment in UP

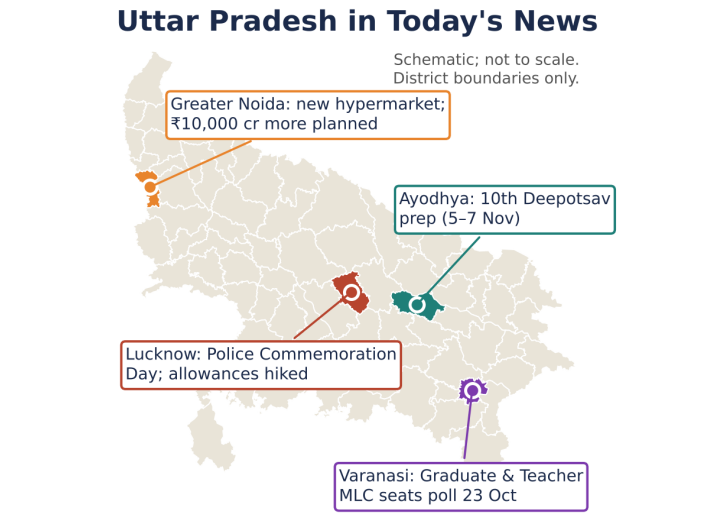
Syllabus: GS-III: Investment models | GS-VI: Investment climate and industrial development in UP

After opening its first Delhi-NCR hypermarket in Greater Noida, the group announced on 21 Oct 2026 a further investment plan for the state.

- Group has already invested about **₹10,000 crore** in UP and plans **another ₹10,000 crore**; four more projects are under way.
- New **1 lakh sq ft** hypermarket in **Greater Noida (Gautam Buddha Nagar)** inaugurated by state ministers; its earlier UP

outlet is in **Lucknow**.
- The group sources fruits, vegetables and food products from UP for **export**.

Why it matters: Retail and agri-sourcing investment links farm produce to export markets and supports the state's USD 1 trillion economy goal; ground-level conversion of MoUs is the key test.



B | Key UP Developments

UP-SCHEME 6. 20% reservation for former Agniveers in four UP services

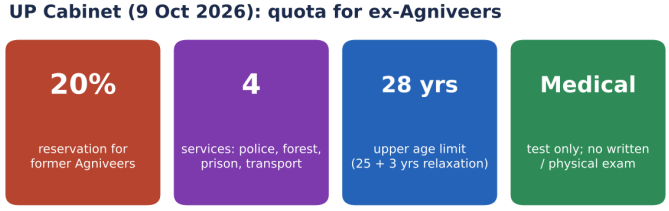
Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes | GS-III: Security forces | GS-V: State public services in UP

The UP Cabinet on 9 Oct 2026 amended recruitment rules to absorb Agniveers who complete their four-year tenure under the Agnipath scheme.

- **20% reservation** for former Agniveers in **police, forest, prison and transport** department recruitment.
- Upper age limit raised from **25 to 28 years** (3-year relaxation).
- Exempted from written and physical tests; only a **medical test**; original category reservation continues.

Concept: Agnipath (2022) recruits Agniveers into the armed forces for four years, with up to 25% retained as regulars.

Why it matters: Offers a post-service career path to trained youth and strengthens uniformed services with disciplined personnel; horizontal reservation must be balanced with merit-based selection.



UP-INFRA 7. 1,725 AC electric buses for 18 UP cities

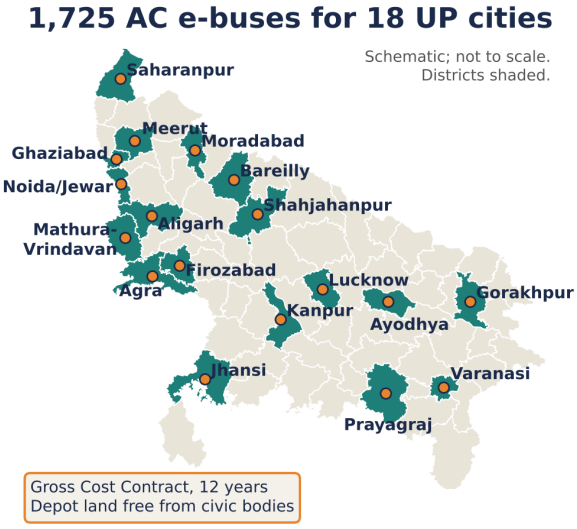
Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure, urban transport, environment | GS-VI: Urban development in UP

The same 9 Oct Cabinet cleared a large expansion of electric city-bus services under private operation.

- **1,725 AC e-buses** in **18 cities** on a **Gross Cost Contract** model with private operators for **12 years**.
- Fares to be fixed by the state government; municipal corporations and the Noida Authority to give **depot land free**.
- Cities include Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Jhansi and **Noida (incl. Jewar)**.
- At present **743 e-buses** run in 15 municipal corporations.

Concept: Gross Cost Contract: the authority pays the operator a fixed per-km fee and bears revenue risk; contrast with net cost contracts where the operator keeps fares.

Why it matters: Clean public transport cuts urban air pollution and oil imports; under GCC the operator is paid per km while the state keeps fare revenue and service standards.



UP-SCHEME 8. UP notifies Sustainable Aviation Fuel Manufacturing Promotion Policy-2026

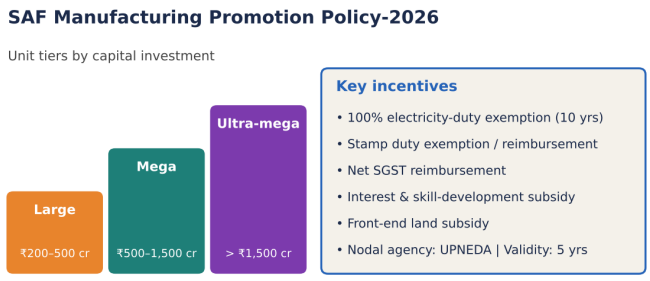
Syllabus: GS-III: Energy, environment, industrial policy | GS-VI: Industrial and energy policy of UP

Approved by the UP Cabinet on 9 Oct 2026 to attract green investment and decarbonise aviation.

- Units classed as **Large (₹200-500 cr)**, **Mega (₹500-1,500 cr)** and **Ultra-mega (above ₹1,500 cr)**.
- Incentives: **100% electricity-duty exemption for 10 years**, stamp duty relief, net SGST reimbursement, interest and skill subsidies.
- **UPNEDA** is the nodal agency; policy valid for **5 years**.
- Feedstock: **agricultural residue, municipal waste and non-edible oilseeds**, adding to farm incomes.

Concept: Sustainable Aviation Fuel is a drop-in jet fuel made from bio-based or waste feedstock that cuts lifecycle CO2 emissions; ICAO's CORSIA scheme encourages its use.

Why it matters: SAF can turn stubble and waste into a value chain, cut aviation emissions and support India's 2027-28 SAF blending targets for international flights.



UP-SCHEME 9. UP Startup Procurement Scheme-2026 with a dedicated e-marketplace

Syllabus: GS-III: Startups, innovation, MSMEs | GS-VI: Entrepreneurship policy in UP

Cleared on 9 Oct 2026 to give state-registered startups direct access to government buyers.

- A **UP Startup E-Marketplace** will list startups' products and services for departments to buy.
- Run by the **UP Startup Mission**; purchases from departments' approved budgets.
- Open to enterprises registered under the **UP Startup Policy**.

- UP has about **96 lakh MSMEs**, around **14.2%** of India's enterprises.

Why it matters: Government as the first customer helps startups overcome market-access barriers and brings innovation into public service delivery.

C | National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL 10. NSAP continued till 2030-31 and renamed PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana

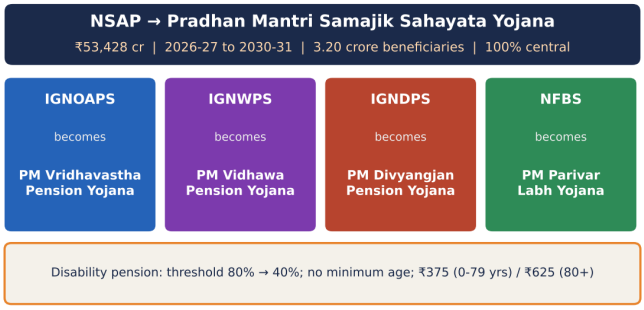
Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections; Directive Principles (Art 41)

The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme for 2026-27 to 2030-31 with new names and wider disability coverage.

- Outlay **₹53,428 crore**; about **3.20 crore beneficiaries**; **100% centrally funded**.
- IGNOAPS, IGNWPS, IGNDPS and NFBS renamed as PM Vridhavastha, Vidhawa, Divyangjan Pension and **PM Parivar Labh Yojana**.
- Disability pension: benchmark disability lowered from **80% to 40%**, minimum age removed; **₹375** (0-79 yrs) and **₹625** (80+).

Concept: NSAP was launched on 15 August 1995 to give effect to Article 41 (public assistance in old age, sickness and disablement).

Why it matters: Aligns with the RPwD Act 2016; UP, with the largest beneficiary base, gains most from wider disability coverage, though central pension amounts remain low.



ECONOMY 11. RBI MPC minutes: unanimous hike to 5.50%, stance split 4:2

Syllabus: GS-III: Monetary policy, inflation, banking

Minutes of the 5-7 Oct MPC meeting, released on 21 Oct 2026, explain the first repo hike in over three years.

- All six members voted for a **25 bps hike** in repo rate to **5.50%**.
- Shift to a **'calibrated tightening'** stance passed **4:2**; two external members preferred neutral.
- September **CPI inflation 5.54%**, near the upper end of the **4% ± 2%** target band.

Concept: The six-member MPC was set up under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act, 1934 (amended 2016); the RBI Governor has a casting vote.

Why it matters: Costlier credit can slow inflation but also borrowing by MSMEs and households, a key concern for UP's MSME-heavy economy.

Data point | Women in UP Police: about 45,000 — Up from about 10,000 before 2017, as stated by the state government on Police Commemoration Day 2026.

D | UP Rapid-Fire

Sports	**Suhas L.Y.** (UP-cadre IAS) won **bronze** in men's singles SL4 para-badminton at the 5th Asian Para Games, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
Policing	Three new **women PAC battalions** are named after **Uda Devi Pasi, Jhalkari Bai Kori and Avanti Bai Lodhi**.
Health	Internship stipend for Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy interns doubled from **₹7,500 to ₹15,000** a month; **1,714** interns benefit.
Culture	Ayodhya's **10th Deepotsav** is planned for **5-7 Nov 2026** at Ram ki Paidi and the Saryu riverfront.
Policing	UP now has the **Police Commissionerate system in 7 cities** and a **cyber police station in every district**.
History	21 Oct also marks the **Azad Hind Government** proclaimed by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in **1943**.

E | Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to the UP Cabinet decision of October 2026 on former Agniveers, consider the following statements: 1. They will get 20% reservation in police, forest, prison and transport department recruitment. 2. Their upper age limit has been raised to 28 years. 3. They are exempted from the physical test but must clear the written examination. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Former Agniveers get 20% reservation and the age limit rises from 25 to 28 years. They are exempted from both the written and physical tests and need only a medical test, so statement 3 is wrong.

Q2. The National Social Assistance Programme, continued till 2030-31, has been renamed as which of the following, and to what level has the benchmark disability criterion for disability pension been lowered?

(a) Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana; 40% (b) Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana; 40% (c) Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana; 60% (d) Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Pension Yojana; 80%

Answer: (a) NSAP is now the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana (₹53,428 crore, 2026-27 to 2030-31). The benchmark disability criterion was cut from 80% to 40%, in line with the RPwD Act 2016.

Mains Q. Police modernisation in Uttar Pradesh has combined personnel welfare with capacity building. Examine the key measures taken and the challenges that remain. (125 words, GS-V)

Hint: Intro: Police Commemoration Day 2026 announcements. Body: welfare (allowance hikes, housing, cashless health cards), capacity (recruitment, training capacity of 60,000, women's share, commissionerate system in 7 cities, cyber police stations, forensic institute). Challenges: police-population ratio, investigation quality, custodial accountability, Prakash Singh reforms. Conclude with SMART policing.

One-line revision: 21 Oct = Police Commemoration Day (Hot Springs, 1959) | UP uniform allowance ₹15,000 | TET for aided TGTs | MLC poll 23 Oct, count 27 Oct | SSR-2027 final roll 4 Jan | Ex-Agniveer quota 20% | NSAP = PM Samajik Sahayata Yojana

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