

UP Cabinet clears 23 proposals; Chitrakoot Link Expressway & Krishak Samridhhi Yojana approved as UPITS 4.0 opens in Greater Noida

The Yogi Cabinet approved 23 proposals on 23 September covering expressways, farmer credit, ex-Agniveer reservation and industrial policy. Uttar Pradesh also topped India's domestic tourism charts with 646.8 million visits in 2026, while the fourth UP International Trade Show prepares to open at Greater Noida (25-29 Sep). Nationally, India's Asian Games 2026 campaign at Aichi-Nagoya and GST 2.0 stay in focus.

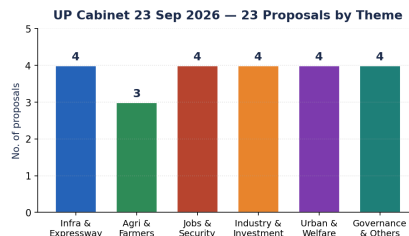
SECTION A • TODAY IN UP

UP-GOVERNANCE Yogi Cabinet approves 23 proposals in one sitting

- **23 proposals** approved in a single Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister.
- **Headline clearances:** a new **Chitrakoot Link Expressway**, **Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana** and **20% reservation for ex-Agniveers**.
- **Industrial push:** a **120 KLPD ethanol plant** at Chhata (Mathura) and the **Toy Manufacturing Policy-2025**.
- **Urban/welfare items** under Mukhyamantri Shahri Vistaarikaran Yojana for Lucknow, Unnao and Raebareli; **65 acres** allotted for an **NSG regional centre at Ayodhya**.
- **Fair-price shop dealers' margin** raised by **Rs 25/quintal**; stamp-duty and vehicle-testing amendments also cleared.

Why it matters: A single Cabinet sitting touching expressways, farm credit, jobs and industry signals a pre-election governance sprint — a high-probability Prelims and Mains theme for UP polity.

Syllabus: GS-II governance/state policy; UP-special GS-V state administration



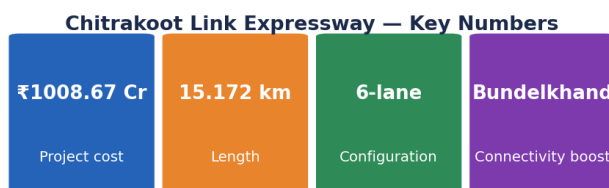
SECTION B • KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-INFRA Chitrakoot Link Expressway gets Cabinet nod

- Length **15.172 km**, built to **six-lane** standard (expandable).
- Sanctioned cost about **Rs 1,008.67 crore** as per official state data.
- Improves **Bundelkhand-Chitrakoot** connectivity and links to the Bundelkhand Expressway network.
- Expected to cut travel time, aid religious tourism to Chitrakoot and support industrial corridors.

Why it matters: Expressway-led connectivity is UP's flagship growth strategy; project names, lengths and costs are classic Prelims one-liners and GS-III Mains material.

Syllabus: GS-III infrastructure & connectivity; UP-special GS-V regional development



UP-SCHEME Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana launched

- Long-term loans of up to **Rs 6 lakh** per eligible farmer.
- Concessional interest of **6% per annum**, aimed at small & marginal cultivators.
- Loans meant for farm assets such as irrigation, equipment and allied activities.
- Complements central schemes like KCC and PM-KISAN by targeting capital investment on farms.

Why it matters: Farm-distress and credit questions recur in UPPSC; a state-specific loan scheme with exact figures is easy to convert into Prelims MCQs and GS-III answers.

Syllabus: GS-III agriculture & farm credit; UP-special GS-V welfare schemes

Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhi Yojana



Cheaper credit → higher farm income for UP's small farmers

UP-GOVERNANCE 20% reservation for ex-Agniveers in two UP cadres

- **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in **Enforcement Constable (Transport)** and **Jail Warder** posts.
- **3-year age relaxation** granted to the first batches of ex-Agniveers.
- Follows similar assurances for police and PAC recruitment made earlier by the state.
- PRD (Provincial Armed Constabulary/Home Guard) volunteers also got a cashless medical scheme and higher duty allowance.

Why it matters: Agniveer rehabilitation is a live national-cum-state policy debate; UP's concrete quota notification is exam-ready for polity and internal-security papers.

Syllabus: GS-II government policies; UP-special GS-V state services & recruitment

Ex-Agniveer Welfare — UP Cabinet Decision

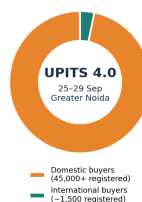
**UP-ECONOMY** UP International Trade Show 4.0 opens at Greater Noida

- **Fourth edition (UPITS 4.0)**, held at the India Expo Centre & Mart, **Greater Noida**.
- Over **45,000 domestic buyers** registered (target 1.5 lakh); **~1,500 international buyers**.
- Partner countries include **Japan, Vietnam, Russia, Singapore and Austria**.
- Platform links UP's MSMEs, exporters and ODOP artisans with global buyers and investors.

Why it matters: UPITS is UP's biggest B2B/B2C trade platform; editions, venue and partner nations are frequent Prelims facts and GS-III economy material.

Syllabus: GS-III economy, exports & MSME; UP-special GS-V industrial development

UP Int'l Trade Show 2026 — Buyer Base

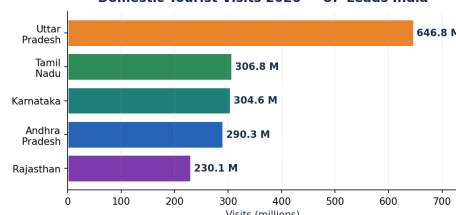
**UP-CULTURE** UP tops India in domestic tourism with 646.8 million visits

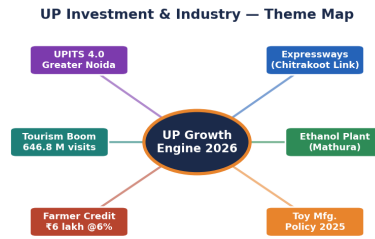
- **646.8 million** domestic visits in 2026 — roughly double second-placed Tamil Nadu (306.8 M).
- **Ayodhya** drew about **72 million** devotees in Jan-Jun 2026; **Varanasi ~22.5 million** in Jan-Mar.
- Ayodhya, Varanasi and Prayagraj form the state's 'spiritual triangle' tourism engine.
- Tourism growth is being tied to jobs, hospitality investment and heritage-city upgrades.

Why it matters: Religion-and-heritage tourism is central to UP's economy and identity; visitor figures and circuit names are prime UP-special GS material.

Syllabus: GS-I art & culture, tourism; UP-special GS-V heritage & tourism economy

Domestic Tourist Visits 2026 — UP Leads India





SECTION C • NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL India's Asian Games 2026 campaign underway at Aichi-Nagoya

- Host: **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan** — the 20th edition of the Asian Games.
- Weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** claimed a medal in the women's 49 kg on Day 4.
- India's haul on 23 September spanned weightlifting, shooting (skeet) and other disciplines.
- UP athletes such as distance runner **Parul Chaudhary** feature in India's athletics squad.

Why it matters: Multi-sport games, hosts and Indian medallists are perennial Prelims fillers; a UP-athlete angle makes it doubly relevant for UPPSC.

Syllabus: GS-I society & sports; current-events awareness

ECONOMY GST 2.0 four-slab structure stays in the exam spotlight

- Rate structure simplified to broadly **0%, 5%, 18% and 40%** slabs.
- Most everyday and essential items moved to **lower slabs**, easing household costs.
- A high **40%** slab is retained for select luxury/'sin' goods.
- GST is administered by the **GST Council**, a model of Centre-State fiscal cooperation.

Why it matters: GST reform blends economy and polity (fiscal federalism); slab numbers and the GST Council's role are high-frequency UPPSC facts.

Syllabus: GS-III Indian economy, indirect taxes & cooperative federalism

SECTION D • UP RAPID-FIRE

Biggest Cabinet decision	23 proposals cleared on 23 Sep 2026
New expressway approved	Chitrakoot Link Expressway (15.172 km, 6-lane)
New farmer scheme	Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana (up to Rs 6 lakh @6%)
Ex-Agniveer quota	20% horizontal reservation + 3-yr age relaxation
UPITS 2026	4th edition, 25-29 Sep, India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
Tourism rank	UP No.1 in domestic visits (646.8 million, 2026)

SECTION E • PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Chitrakoot Link Expressway approved by the UP Cabinet (Sep 2026), consider the following: 1. It is planned as a six-lane expressway. 2. It improves connectivity for the Bundelkhand region. Which is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (C). The Chitrakoot Link Expressway (~15.172 km, about Rs 1,008.67 crore) is a six-lane project meant to boost Bundelkhand-Chitrakoot connectivity, so both statements are correct.

Q2. Which body, established under Article 279A, decides GST rates and slabs in India?

- (A) Finance Commission (B) GST Council
(C) NITI Aayog (D) Central Board of Indirect Taxes

Answer: (B). The GST Council (Art. 279A) — chaired by the Union Finance Minister with state representatives — decides rates, slabs and exemptions, embodying cooperative fiscal federalism.

Mains Practice:

Expressway-led connectivity and religious tourism are together reshaping Uttar Pradesh's economy. Discuss. (250 words)

Hint: Link expressways (Chitrakoot Link, Ganga Expressway) to industrial corridors and logistics; connect Ayodhya-Varanasi-Prayagraj tourism (646.8 M visits) to jobs, MSMEs and ODOP; note challenges — land acquisition, carrying capacity, seasonality.

Quick Revision: Remember: 23 Cabinet proposals (23 Sep) | Chitrakoot Link Expressway 15.172 km/Rs 1,008.67 cr | Krishak Samridhhi up to Rs 6 lakh @6% | ex-Agniveer 20% quota | UPITS 4.0 Greater Noida 25-29 Sep | UP No.1 tourism 646.8 M.

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