

Section A · Today in UP

UP-INFRA / ECONOMY

UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 2026 opens in Greater Noida

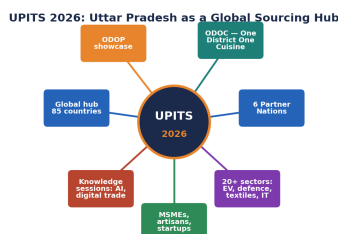
- Fourth edition of UPITS held 25–29 September 2026 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida; inaugurated by the Union Home Minister and the Chief Minister, with the valedictory by the Union Defence Minister.
- Over 2,400 exhibitors and 550+ international buyers from 85 countries; six partner nations — Austria, Japan, Russia, Singapore, Belarus and Vietnam.
- Showcases One District One Product (ODOP) and the new One District One Cuisine (ODOC) across 20+ sectors — EVs, defence, electronics, textiles, IT and food processing.

Why it matters: A flagship platform linking UP's MSMEs, artisans and exporters to global markets — central to the state's one-trillion-dollar-economy and export-promotion goals.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-III (Economy, industry, exports) · GS-V (UP-special: ODOP, state economy)



UPITS 2026 at a glance



The UPITS 2026 ecosystem — themes and reach

Section B · Key UP Developments

UP-SCHEME / ECONOMY

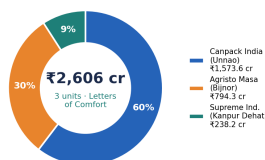
UP clears ₹2,606 crore in fresh industrial investment

- Letters of Comfort issued to three units: Canpack India (aluminium beverage cans, Unnao) ₹1,573.6 cr; Agristo Masa (potato flakes & French fries, Bijnor) ₹794.3 cr; Supreme Industries (plastic building solutions, Kanpur Dehat) ₹238.2 cr.
- Investments extend manufacturing to Unnao, Bijnor and Kanpur Dehat, strengthening food processing and packaging.
- Expected to create direct and indirect employment across the three districts.

Why it matters: Shows UP deepening private manufacturing beyond the metros — the Bijnor potato belt and packaging units strengthen farm-to-factory linkages.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-III (Industry, food processing) · GS-V (UP economy, regional development)

UP clears ₹2,606 cr industrial investment



Share of the ₹2,606 cr industrial investment

UP-SCHEME

Vishwakarma Swarojgar & Swadeshi Mela empowers traditional artisans

- Held at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow under the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0.
- Launched an online Margin Money Loan Portal; distributed cheques and free toolkits to artisans.
- Blends traditional crafts with modern technology and market access under the 'Vocal for Local' mission.

Why it matters: Directly supports informal-sector livelihoods and skill preservation, linking to ODOP and national Vishwakarma objectives.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-II (Welfare schemes) · GS-V (UP artisans, ODOP)

Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0 — Key Pillars



Key pillars of the scheme

UP-INFRA

New 76-km link to connect Jewar airport with the Ganga Expressway

- Proposed 76-km expressway to link Noida International (Jewar) Airport with the Ganga Expressway via Bulandshahr, meeting the Yamuna Expressway about 24 km short.
- Estimated at roughly ₹4,415 crore, with about ₹1,000 crore released initially; benefits Meerut and Bulandshahr.
- Part of a plan for 12 expressway hubs (4 on Bundelkhand, 8 on Purvanchal) plus about ₹800 crore to strengthen the Agra-Lucknow corridor.

Why it matters: Multimodal connectivity around Jewar airport is central to the NCR-western-UP logistics and investment corridor.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-III (Infrastructure) · GS-V (UP expressways, connectivity)

New 76-km Link: Noida (Jewar) Airport → Ganga Expressway



How the new link stitches the expressway grid together

UP-CULTURE

GI-tagged crafts and ODOC put UP heritage on display

- Amroha's GI-tagged dholak (crafted from mango and sheesham wood) and namkeen sev featured at UPITS under ODOC/ODOC.
- Uttar Pradesh leads Indian states in the number of GI-tagged products, spanning handicrafts and agri-products.
- One District One Cuisine (ODOC) debuts to promote regional culinary heritage alongside ODOP crafts.

Why it matters: GI tags protect artisan livelihoods and cultural identity while boosting exports and rural incomes.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-I (Art & culture) · GS-V (UP handicrafts, GI, ODOC)

Section C · National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL / DEFENCE

Exercise VARUNA 2026: India-France naval drills off Toulon

- 24th edition of the India-France bilateral naval exercise, held at/off Toulon, France; INS Trishul participated.
- Harbour and sea phases covered air defence, anti-submarine warfare and surface operations.
- VARUNA began in 1983 and was formally named in 2001; it is conducted alternately near India and France.

Why it matters: Reinforces the India-France Indo-Pacific roadmap and maritime-security cooperation on key sea lanes.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-II (International relations) · GS-III (Defence)

NATIONAL / ECONOMY

Make in India momentum: manufacturing and PLI gains

- Manufacturing GVA grew about 10.88% annually (revised accounts) in recent years; PLI schemes drew over ₹2.40 lakh crore of investment by March 2026.
- PLI-linked production/sales crossed ₹22.66 lakh crore; electronics and mobile manufacturing now meet most domestic demand.
- Anchors the Atmanirbhar Bharat drive across 14 sectors.

Why it matters: Manufacturing self-reliance underpins jobs, exports and reduced import dependence — a recurring Prelims and Mains economy theme.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-III (Indian economy, industry)

Make in India — Momentum (as of Mar 2026)



Atmanirbhar Bharat · PI across 14 sectors · manufacturing self-reliance push

Make in India — key numbers

NATIONAL / IR

Momentum builds for UN Security Council veto restraint

- A France–Mexico initiative for voluntary veto restraint during mass atrocities has backing from about 128 countries; the UK is the second P5 member to endorse it.
- The Liechtenstein 'veto initiative' (2022) mandates a UN General Assembly debate within 10 working days of any veto.
- Feeds the wider debate on UNSC reform and expansion, in which India seeks permanent membership.

Why it matters: UNSC reform bears directly on India's bid for a permanent seat — a staple of the international-relations syllabus.

Syllabus: UPPSC GS-II (International institutions, IR)

Section D · UP Rapid-Fire

Partner nations at UPITS 2026	Austria, Japan, Russia, Singapore, Belarus, Vietnam
New concept at UPITS 2026	One District One Cuisine (ODOC)
Amroha GI product	Dholak — made from mango & sheesham wood
Exercise VARUNA	24th edition, India–France, off Toulon (INS Trishul)
UP industrial clearance	₹2,606 cr — Canpack, Agristo Masa, Supreme Industries
GI leadership	UP has the most GI-tagged products among Indian states

Section E · Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to the UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 2026, consider the following: (1) It was held in Lucknow. (2) The 2026 edition was its fourth. (3) It showcases both ODOP and the new One District One Cuisine (ODOC). Which of the statements are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (B) UPITS 2026 was held in Greater Noida, not Lucknow, so (1) is wrong; the 2026 event was the 4th edition and it features ODOP + the new ODOC, so (2) and (3) are correct.

Q2. Exercise VARUNA, seen recently in the news, is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?

- (A) United States
(B) Russia
(C) France
(D) United Kingdom

Answer: (C) VARUNA is the premier annual India–France bilateral naval exercise; its 2026 edition (the 24th) was held off Toulon, France.

Mains Practice:

One District One Product (ODOP) has become the cornerstone of Uttar Pradesh's export and artisan-empowerment strategy. Discuss its objectives and the role of platforms such as the UP International Trade Show in scaling it.

Hint: Cover ODOP's aims (promoting local products, employment, exports); link it to ODOC and GI tags; explain how UPITS provides B2B market access and global buyers; close with challenges — credit, branding and logistics.

Quick Revision: UPITS 2026 = 4th edition, Greater Noida, 25–29 Sep — ODOP + new ODOC, 85 countries, 6 partner nations; ₹2,606 cr new UP investment; VARUNA = 24th India–France naval exercise (Toulon).

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