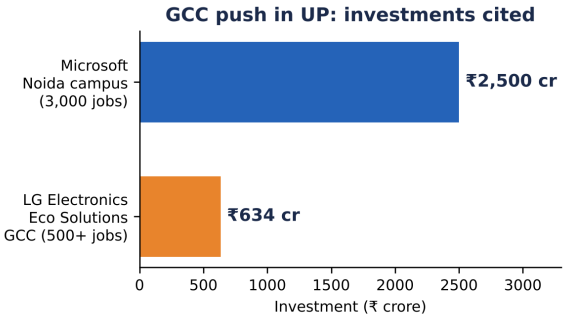
SECTION A — TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

UP-ECONOMY 1. Lucknow hosts GCC Innovation Summit 2026; white paper on AI in GCCs released

CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the **GCC Innovation Summit 2026** in Lucknow (26 Oct) and pitched UP as India's next hub for Global Capability Centres.

- White paper **'The True Economics of AI Adoption in GCCs'** released – drafted by HCLTech and **IIT Kanpur** under a deep-tech collaboration; summit organised with Invest UP.
- **UP GCC Policy 2024**: capital subsidy up to **25%**, opex, payroll and land incentives; state aims for **500+ GCCs by 2031** in Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj and Gorakhpur.
- LG Electronics to invest **₹634 crore** in an Eco Solutions GCC (500+ jobs, operational by end-2026); HCLTech opened an AI-powered GCC Centre of Excellence in Lucknow.



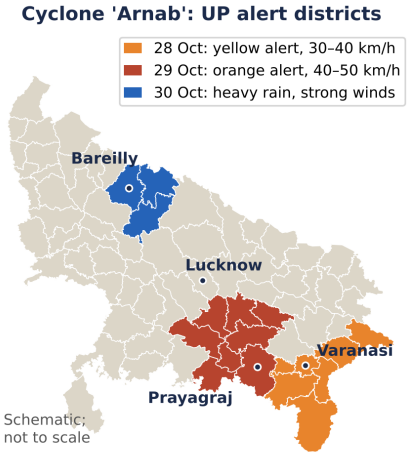
Why it matters: GCCs move UP's growth story from manufacturing into high-value services and can spread skilled jobs to tier-2/3 cities – central to the state's trillion-dollar economy goal.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, services sector, IT & employment | GS-VI: UP's industrial & investment policies • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-DISASTER 2. Cyclone 'Arnab': UP on alert for heavy rain and strong winds from 28 to 31 October

The Relief Commissioner's Office issued advisories for the public and farmers as a severe cyclonic storm over the west-central Bay of Bengal heads for the Andhra coast.

- **28 Oct (yellow alert)**: winds 30–40 km/h in Sonbhadra, Mirzapur, Chandauli, Varanasi, Bhadohi, Ghazipur, Ballia.
- **29 Oct (orange alert)**: heavy rain, 40–50 km/h winds in Chitrakoot, Kaushambi, Prayagraj, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Rae Bareli, Amethi, Sultanpur.
- **30 Oct**: heavy rain in Bareilly, Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur and parts of Purvanchal, Awadh and the Terai; day temperature may fall **5–8°C**.
- Landfall expected near **Yanam** (between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam) by 28 Oct forenoon with winds of 115–125 km/h; official alerts via the **Sachet** app.



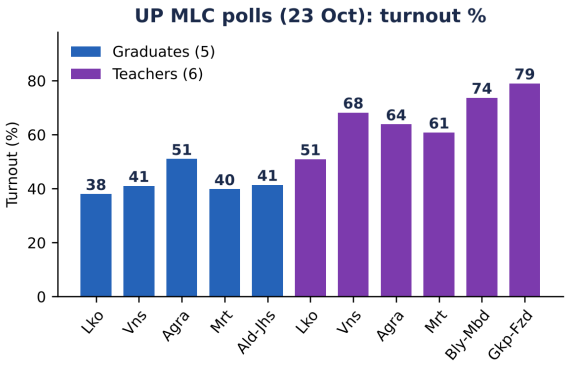
Why it matters: Unseasonal rain at kharif-harvest and rabi-sowing time can damage paddy and stored produce – early warnings and crop advisories cut losses for UP's farmers.

Syllabus: GS-I: Cyclones | GS-III: Disaster management | GS-VI: Natural disasters in UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-POLITY 3. Counting today for 11 Legislative Council seats from graduates' and teachers' constituencies

Votes polled on **23 October** for 5 graduates' and 6 teachers' seats of the UP Vidhan Parishad are being counted on **27 October**; 152 candidates are in the fray.

- Graduates' seats: **Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, Allahabad-Jhansi**; Teachers' seats: Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, Bareilly–Moradabad, Gorakhpur–Faizabad.
- Overall turnout about **55%**; highest in **Gorakhpur–Faizabad Teachers (79.01%)**, lowest in Lucknow Graduates (38.02%).
- Only registered graduates and teachers vote – by **single transferable vote** (preferential ballot).
- UP Vidhan Parishad has **100 members**; one-twelfth each are elected by graduates and by teachers (**Article 171**).



Why it matters: These seats bring educated and teaching voices into state law-making – the results are also read as a mood test ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls.

Syllabus: GS-II: State Legislature | GS-V: UP Legislature – Vidhan Parishad • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

Note: Items 4–6 are this week's UP news; items 7–8 are key UP Cabinet decisions from earlier this month (light policy news today).

UP-INFRA 4. CM unveils 48 projects worth ₹411 crore at Bithoor (Kanpur) on Valmiki Jayanti

On **Valmiki Jayanti (26 Oct)** the CM inaugurated and laid foundation stones of **48 projects worth over ₹411 crore** in Kanpur Nagar.

- Projects span the **Bilhaur and Bithoor** Assembly constituencies; certificates were handed to welfare-scheme beneficiaries.
- Event held at **Bithoor**, revered as Maharishi Valmiki's tapobhumi (place of penance) on the Ganga.
- Valmiki Jayanti falls on **Ashwin Purnima**; UP declared 26 Oct a public holiday – the holiday was among 15 cancelled in 2017 and later restored.

Why it matters: Linking heritage sites like Bithoor with infrastructure spending supports religious tourism and local jobs along the Ganga.

Syllabus: GS-I: Indian culture | GS-V: UP heritage sites | GS-VI: Regional development in UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V/GS-VI)

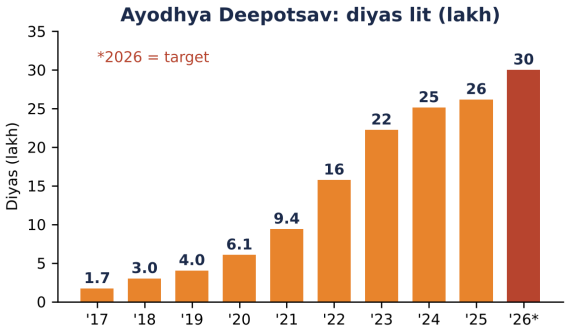
UP-CULTURE 5. Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav to light 30 lakh diyas on 56 Saryu ghats

On 27 Oct the CM described the **10th Deepotsav** as a showcase of faith and heritage; the main diya-lighting is on **7 November**, with events from 5 to 8 November.

- Target: **30 lakh diyas** on **56 ghats** of the Saryu (about 33 lakh ordered to cover breakage); a fresh world-record attempt.
- Deepotsav began in **2017 with 1.71 lakh** diyas; 2025 lit **26,17,215** diyas.
- About **35,000 volunteers**, coordinated by **Dr Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University** with the district administration.

Why it matters: Deepotsav has become UP's flagship cultural-tourism event – driving footfall, local crafts (earthen diyas) and Ayodhya's global brand.

Syllabus: GS-I: Fairs & festivals | GS-V: Culture and tourism of UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V)



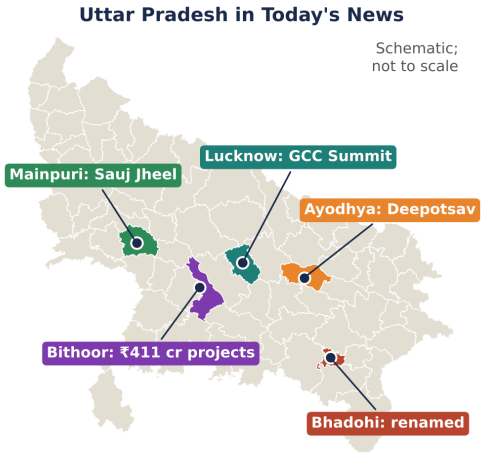
UP-ENVIRONMENT 6. Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri) becomes India's 103rd Ramsar site; UP now has 14

With **Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh)** and **Sauj Jheel (UP)** added, India's Ramsar network reached **103 sites** (as of 15 Oct 2026), recapped in official data on 26 Oct.

- Sauj Jheel = **Ramsar Site No. 2603** – a shallow floodplain lake in the Ganga basin, ecologically linked to the nearby **Saman Bird Sanctuary**.
- **Mainpuri** is now the only UP district with **two Ramsar sites**.
- State tally: **Tamil Nadu 20**, **Uttar Pradesh 14**; India is 1st in Asia, 3rd in the world (after UK, Mexico).

Why it matters: Ramsar status brings global recognition and management plans for UP's shrinking wetlands, which are vital for migratory birds and groundwater recharge.

Syllabus: GS-III: Conservation, wetlands | GS-VI: Environment & biodiversity of UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)



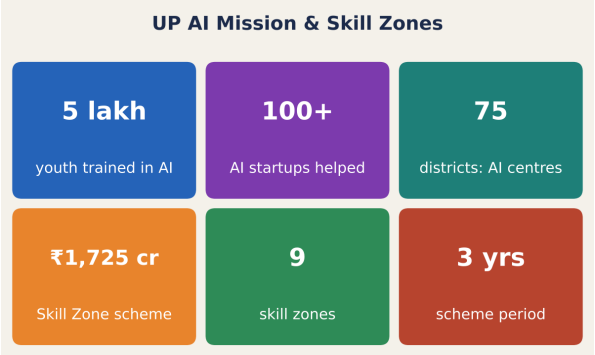
UP-SCHEME 7. UP AI Mission and ₹1,725-crore Skill Zone scheme approved

Among 39 decisions this month, the UP Cabinet set up the **UP AI Mission (UP-AIM)** and the **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Skill Training and Employment Zone** scheme.

- UP-AIM: an independent society under the IT & Electronics Dept – **100+ AI use cases**, help for **100 AI startups**, AI training for **5 lakh youth**, AI centres in all **75 districts**, a GPU-based **UP AI Stack**.
- Skill Zone scheme: **₹1,725 crore over 3 years**, **9 zones** on a hub-and-spoke model covering all districts.
- First-phase centres: **Lucknow, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Jhansi** – with hostels, placement cells and possible viability gap funding.

Why it matters: Pairing AI capacity with district-level skilling targets UP's demographic dividend and readies talent for the GCC and data-centre boom.

Syllabus: GS-III: S&T, skilling & employment | GS-VI: Science & technology and HRD in UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)



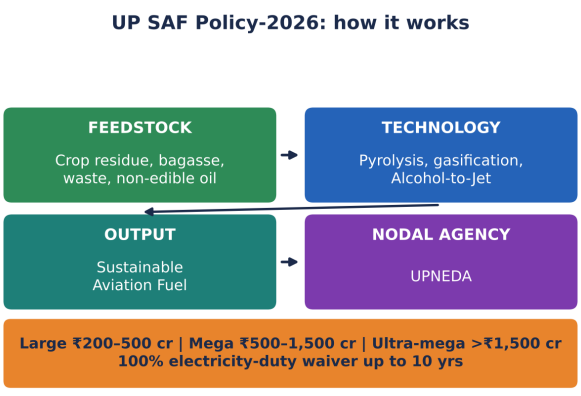
UP-POLICY 8. UP's Sustainable Aviation Fuel Policy-2026 to turn farm waste into jet fuel

The **SAF Manufacturing Promotion Policy-2026**, cleared this month, offers incentives to make aviation fuel from crop residue and waste.

- Feedstock: **rice husk, wheat straw, sugarcane bagasse**, municipal waste, non-edible oilseeds; routes – pyrolysis, gasification, **Alcohol-to-Jet**.
- Units: **Large ₹200–500 cr, Mega ₹500–1,500 cr, Ultra-mega >₹1,500 cr**.
- Incentives: **100% electricity-duty exemption for up to 10 years**, net SGST reimbursement, stamp-duty and land-use charge relief, interest subsidy.
- Nodal agency: **UPNEDA**; policy valid **5 years**.

Why it matters: Gives farmers an income from stubble and bagasse, cuts aviation emissions and positions UP early in a fuel that airlines will need to blend.

Syllabus: GS-III: Energy, climate change, agriculture value chains | GS-VI: Industrial and energy policy of UP • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)



SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL 9. DAC clears ₹2.12 lakh crore defence buys; 82% from Indian industry

The **Defence Acquisition Council**, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, granted **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for proposals worth about **₹2.12 lakh crore** on 26 Oct.

- Army: **Light Multi Role Helicopters**, VSHORADS, counter-drone systems, **long-range kamikaze drones**, self-propelled tracked guns.
- Navy: Active Offboard Decoy Systems; IAF: special utility helicopters, mobile **X-band Doppler weather radars**.
- About **82%** of the value to be sourced from Indian industry.

Why it matters: Large indigenous orders also feed the **UP Defence Industrial Corridor** (Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Aligarh, Jhansi, Chitrakoot).

Syllabus: GS-III: Defence, indigenisation, internal security • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

ECONOMY 10. Centre notifies E100 (pure ethanol) as fuel for flex-fuel vehicles

The Road Transport Ministry amended **Rule 115 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989** (G.S.R. 911(E)) to allow **E100** alongside E85 in flex-fuel vehicles.

- Applies only to vehicles designed by manufacturers for E85/E100 – **ordinary E20 vehicles are unaffected**.
- Gross vehicle weight threshold in the relevant emission norms raised from **3,000 kg to 3,500 kg**.
- Aim: cut crude imports and vehicular emissions.

Why it matters: As India's top sugarcane-producing state, UP stands to gain most from higher ethanol demand – more value for cane growers and distilleries.

Syllabus: GS-III: Energy security, biofuels, environment • UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

#	Quick fact
1	**Bhadohi** district to be renamed **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** (UP Cabinet, Oct 2026).
2	**Valmiki Jayanti (26 Oct)** – public holiday in UP; Valmiki's tapobhumi is **Bithoor** (Kanpur Nagar).
3	Cyclone **'Arnab'** – name given by **Bangladesh**, means 'ocean'; landfall near **Yanam**.
4	**UP Interest Waiver Scheme-2026** – 3 months; waives interest/penalty on tax dues up to **31 Dec 2025** under 6 laws incl. UP VAT Act, 2008.
5	**UP Data Centre Policy 2026** – targets **2 GW** capacity and **₹2 lakh crore** investment; extra incentives for Bundelkhand & Purvanchal.
6	Deepotsav 2025 record – **26,17,215** diyas; coordinated by **Dr Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University**.

Data point — India's Ramsar sites: 103. Tamil Nadu leads with 20; Uttar Pradesh is second with 14 after Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri).

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. Sauj Jheel, recently designated as India's 103rd Ramsar site, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?
(a) Etawah (b) Mainpuri (c) Agra (d) Unnao
Answer: (b) — Sauj Jheel (Ramsar Site No. 2603) is in **Mainpuri**, which also has Saman Bird Sanctuary – making it the only UP district with two Ramsar sites.

Q2. With reference to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, consider the following statements: 1. One-twelfth of its members are elected by teachers' constituencies. 2. Electors of a teachers' constituency must have taught for at least three years in institutions not lower than secondary school. 3. It has 100 members. Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Answer: (d) — All three are correct: **Article 171(3)(c)** provides for teachers' seats (one-twelfth) with the three-year teaching condition, and the UP Vidhan Parishad has **100** members.

Mains practice: Global Capability Centres can make Uttar Pradesh's tier-2 and tier-3 cities new engines of services-led growth. Discuss the opportunities and the constraints. (UPPSC GS-VI, 125 words)
Hint: *Opportunities – GCC Policy 2024 incentives, land bank, IIT Kanpur talent, lower costs, AI Mission. Constraints – urban infrastructure, skills gap, competition from southern hubs. Conclude with skilling + city clusters.*

One-line revision: GCC Summit Lucknow (white paper on AI in GCCs) | Arnab (Bangladesh: 'ocean') – UP alert 28–31 Oct | MLC: 5 graduates' + 6 teachers' seats | Deepotsav-10: 30 lakh diyas, 56 ghats, 7 Nov | Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri) = Ramsar No. 2603.

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