TODAY'S HEADLINES: UP Cabinet clears 22 proposals incl. 4 link expressways & UP-CSOC; MLC graduates-teachers results; Panchayat voters need 6 months' residence

Note: Today's edition leads with UP developments of 27–28 Oct 2026 (Cabinet decisions, MLC results, festival opening); a few items from earlier this week (e.g., 23 Oct Karmayogi ranking) are added for completeness.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

UP-GOVERNANCE

Yogi Cabinet clears 22 proposals: cyber shield, robotics park, cashless care

*The UP Cabinet chaired by CM **Yogi Adityanath** met in Lucknow on **27 Oct 2026** and approved **22 proposals** spanning technology, health, land and urban services.*

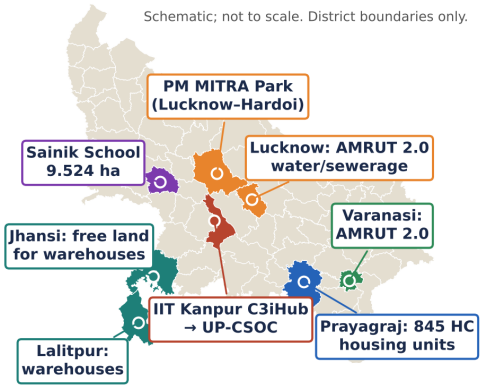
- **UP Cyber Security Operations Centre (UP-CSOC)** to be set up through **C3iHub, IIT Kanpur**; **PRAGATI Robotics Park** approved to promote robotics & AI.
- **Cashless medical treatment** extended to **non-teaching staff** of aided/unaided secondary & **Sanskrit schools** and Basic Education staff (with dependants).
- Master developer selection for **PM MITRA Mega Textile Park** (~**1,000 acres**, **Lucknow–Hardoi**); **7 AMRUT 2.0** water/sewerage projects for **Lucknow & Varanasi**.
- Free land: **9.524 ha** to **Sainik School, Mainpuri**; warehouses in **Jhansi & Lalitpur**; **UP Inland Vessels Rules, 2026** and a **State Livestock Mission** cleared.
- **0.5% stamp duty** on share value fixed for registering company **mergers/demergers**.

Concept: C3iHub (IIT Kanpur) is a Technology Innovation Hub for cyber security under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems.

Why it matters: Bundles digital security, Industry 4.0 and social security in one sitting — useful as a ready example of UP's 'trillion-dollar economy' push for GS-V/GS-VI answers.

Syllabus: GS-V: UP governance & administration; GS-III: industry, cyber security; GS-II: welfare of employees | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-V)

UP Cabinet (27 Oct): Where Decisions Land



UP-POLITY

MLC polls: BJP sweeps Meerut, SP holds Varanasi Teachers

*Counting for **11 Vidhan Parishad seats — 5 Graduates' + 6 Teachers'** constituencies — polled on **23 Oct 2026** (turnout **55.24%**), ran through 27–28 Oct.*

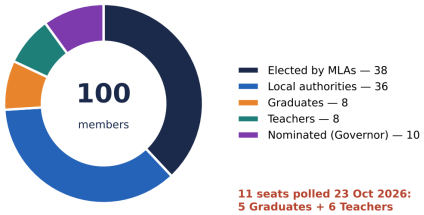
- BJP won **Meerut Graduates** (Dinesh Kumar Goyal), **Meerut Teachers** (Shrichand Sharma) and **Bareilly-Moradabad Teachers** (Dr Hari Singh Dhillon, margin **17,676**).
- SP retained **Varanasi Teachers** (**Lal Bihari Yadav**); results of remaining seats were being finalised at compilation.
- Graduates' seats: Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, Allahabad-Jhansi; Teachers': Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, Bareilly-Moradabad, Gorakhpur-Faizabad.
- UP Council has **100 members**: 38 by MLAs, 36 by local bodies, **8 graduates, 8 teachers**, 10 nominated by the Governor.
- MLC term is **6 years**; **one-third retire every 2 years** — the Council is a permanent House.

Concept: Art. 171(3): 1/3 elected by local authorities, 1/12 by graduates of 3 years' standing, 1/12 by teachers (secondary & above, 3 years), 1/3 by MLAs, rest nominated; voting by proportional representation (single transferable vote).

Why it matters: Art. 171 seats for graduates and teachers bring an educated, functional constituency into the State Legislature — a classic Prelims fact and a Mains point on bicameralism.

Syllabus: GS-II: State Legislature (Art. 168–171); GS-V: UP political system | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

UP Vidhan Parishad: Composition (Art. 171)



UP-CULTURE

Mati Kala Mahotsav 2026 opens in Lucknow today

*An **11-day** state-level festival of pottery and terracotta begins on **28 Oct 2026** at Khadi Bhawan, Dalibagh, **Lucknow**.*

- Runs **28 Oct – 7 Nov 2026**; organised by the **Uttar Pradesh Mati Kala Board** (Khadi & Village Industries Dept.).
- Theme: **'Mitti se Sanskriti, Sanskriti se Samriddhi'**.
- Inaugurated by Khadi & Village Industries Minister **Rakesh Sachan**; artisans from many districts display clay products ahead of Diwali.
- Aims to create markets for potters (Prajapati community) and revive eco-friendly earthenware.

Why it matters: Links craft heritage with livelihoods and 'vocal for local' — a ready example for questions on cottage industries and ODOP-style cluster support.

Syllabus: GS-I: UP art & crafts; GS-VI: rural industry, MSME & livelihoods | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I/GS-VI

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

UP-INFRA

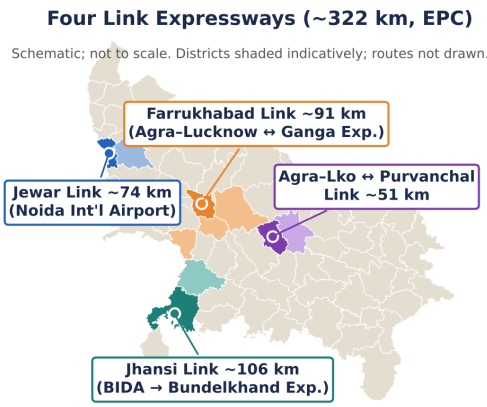
Four link expressways (~322 km) get the go-ahead

*The Cabinet approved **UPEIDA's** developer selection for **four greenfield link expressways** to be built on the **EPC model** within about **3 years**.*

- **Jewar Link (~74 km)**: connects **Noida International Airport** with the Yamuna & Ganga Expressways.
- **Jhansi Link (~106 km)**: links the new industrial city **BIDA (Jhansi)** with the **Bundelkhand Expressway** (Jalaun).
- **Farrukhabad Link (~91 km, ~₹7,489 cr)**: Agra–Lucknow Expressway (near Etawah) to **Ganga Expressway** (near Hardoi).
- **Agra-Lucknow ↔ Purvanchal Link (~51 km, ~₹4,776 cr)** joins the two existing expressways.
- Total contract value ~**₹17,542 crore** for ~**322 km**.

Concept: EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction): government funds the project; contractor designs and builds for a fixed price and timeline — unlike HAM or BOT where private capital is at risk.

Why it matters: Plugs gaps in UP's expressway grid so that the airport, Bundelkhand and central UP feed one network — critical for logistics costs and the UP Defence Industrial Corridor.



Syllabus: GS-VI: UP infrastructure & industrial corridors; GS-III: infrastructure investment models | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-ECONOMY

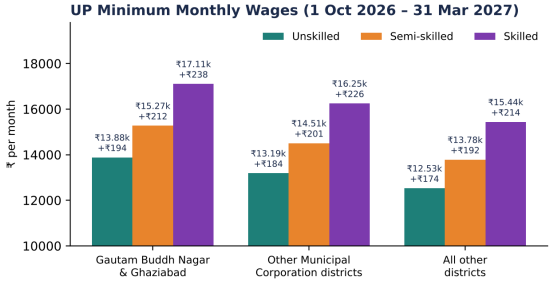
Pre-Diwali wage boost: VDA revised for 74 employments

*The Labour Department revised the **Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA)** for workers in **74 scheduled employments**, effective **1 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027**.*

- Basis: average **All-India CPI of 431 points** (Jan–Jun 2026) against a **base of 400**.
- Monthly increase ranges from **₹174.25 to ₹238.39** depending on district class and skill.
- Highest slab: skilled worker in **Gautam Buddh Nagar & Ghaziabad** — **₹17,106.39/month**; unskilled in other districts — **₹12,530.25**.
- Daily wage = monthly wage ÷ **26**; workers already paid more keep their higher wage.

Concept: VDA is linked to the Consumer Price Index and revised twice a year (April & October) over the basic minimum wage.

Why it matters: Indexing wages to inflation protects real income of informal workers; aligns with the floor-wage concept of the Code on Wages, 2019.



Syllabus: GS-III: labour & employment; GS-VI: UP economy and labour welfare | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

UP-GOVERNANCE

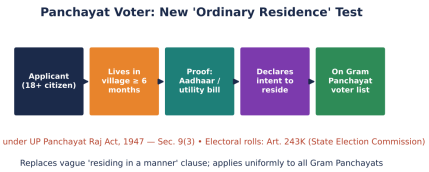
Six months in the village to vote in Panchayat polls

*The Cabinet approved rules defining '**ordinary residence**' for Gram Panchayat electoral rolls under the **UP Panchayat Raj Act, 1947**.*

- A person must have **lived continuously in the village for at least 6 months** before roll preparation to be enrolled.
- Proof via **Aadhaar, electricity or telephone bill** plus a declaration of intent to reside.
- Standardises **Section 9(3)** and replaces the ambiguous 'residing in a manner' clause; follows earlier **High Court** directions.
- Applies uniformly to all Gram Panchayats; rolls are prepared under **Art. 243K** (State Election Commission).

Concept: 73rd Amendment (1992): Art. 243B (three-tier panchayats), 243K (SEC conducts panchayat polls).

Why it matters: Curbs bogus and duplicate entries in village rolls, but must be applied without excluding seasonal migrants — balance with Art. 326 and Art. 19(1)(d).



Syllabus: GS-II: Panchayati Raj (Part IX); GS-V: local self-government in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)

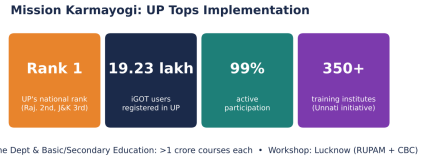
UP-GOVERNANCE

UP tops Mission Karmayogi implementation

*At a Northern Regional Workshop in **Lucknow** (organised by **RUPAM** and the **Capacity Building Commission**), UP was ranked **first** nationally.*

- Ranking: **1. Uttar Pradesh, 2. Rajasthan, 3. Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **19.23 lakh** registered users on **iGOT Karmayogi**, over **99%** active; **350+** training institutions under the **Unnati** initiative.
- Category A: **Home Dept** 1st, Basic & Secondary Education 2nd — each with **>1 crore** courses; Category B: Higher Education 1st.
- **Unnati Capability Index** and a National Curriculum Design Framework were launched.

Why it matters: Shows a shift from rule-based to role-based training — good material for GS-IV/GS-V answers on citizen-centric administration.



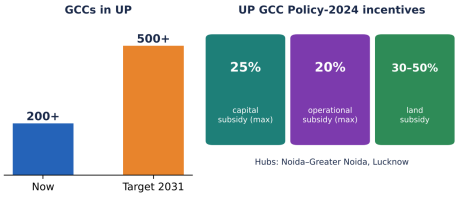
Syllabus: GS-II: civil services capacity building; GS-V: administrative reforms in UP | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-IV (UP-special GS-V)

UP-ECONOMY

UP eyes 500+ Global Capability Centres by 2031

*The state plans to scale its base of **200+ GCCs** to **500+ by 2031**, linking them with AI, startups and DeepTech; the Cabinet also cleared recommendations under the **GCC Policy-2024**.*

- **Noida–Greater Noida** to anchor the push; **Lucknow** promoted as a new technology destination.
- Policy incentives: capital subsidy up to **25%**, operational subsidy up to **20%**, land subsidy **30–50%**.
- Linked to a proposed **UP AI Mission** and **DeepTech hubs**.
- India has **2,100+ GCCs** employing **~23.6 lakh** professionals.



Why it matters: GCCs bring high-value services jobs beyond NCR; success hinges on talent pipelines in tier-2 cities like Lucknow and Kanpur.

Syllabus: GS-VI: UP industrial & IT policy; GS-III: services sector, investment | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)

SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL

Army releases revised Land Warfare Doctrine

*Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released the revised doctrine at the **Army Commanders' Conference** in New Delhi.*

- Replaces the **December 2018** Land Warfare Doctrine.
- Adds **drones, AI, precision warfare** and **multi-domain operations** to the Army's fighting concept.

Why it matters: Doctrine drives procurement, training and jointness — relevant for theatre-command and Atmanirbhar defence debates.

Syllabus: GS-III: internal & external security, defence modernisation | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III

POLITY

President assents to Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill

*The **FNTA Bill, 2026**, passed by the Nagaland Assembly on **3 Sept 2026**, received Presidential assent.*

- Covers **6 eastern districts**: Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, Shamator.
- **62-member** body: **40 elected** (one-third for women), 20 ex-officio MLAs (non-voting), 2 nominated by Governor.
- Handles **46 subjects** with an executive council of up to **9** members.

Why it matters: Asymmetric autonomy within a State — compare with Sixth Schedule councils and UP's own regional-development boards for Bundelkhand/Purvanchal.

Syllabus: GS-II: federalism, special provisions for States (Art. 371A) | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II

NATIONAL

12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum opens in New Delhi

*Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** inaugurated the forum on **26 Oct 2026** at **Samvidhan Sadan** during India's BRICS chairship.*

- Theme: **'Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development'**.
- Four pillars: **resilience, innovation, cooperation, sustainability**.

Why it matters: Showcases India's role in shaping Global South agendas through legislative cooperation.

Syllabus: GS-II: India and international groupings | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

#	Quick fact
1	**Wings over Ganges**: IAF's **94th anniversary** aerial display at **Namo Ghat, Varanasi** (25 Oct) with the **Surya Kiran** team.
2	PM inaugurated a **garment manufacturing unit** at **Mirzamurad, Varanasi** — focused on women's employment.
3	**Ayodhya's 10th Deepotsav**: **5–7 Nov 2026**, target **33 lakh diyas** on Ram ki Paidi & Saryu ghats.
4	**Shram Samvad** (Lucknow, 26–27 Oct): Centre-UP programme on the **4 Labour Codes** (merging **29** central laws).
5	**845 housing units** (533 Type-3 + 312 Type-4) at **Devghat Jhalwa, Prayagraj** for **Allahabad High Court** officers.
6	Cabinet passed **UP Inland Vessels Rules, 2026** for inland water transport.
★	**Data point — Highest UP minimum wage slab:** ₹17,106.39 / month (Skilled worker, Gautam Buddh Nagar & Ghaziabad, from 1 Oct 2026 (+₹238.39))

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, consider the following statements: 1. It has 100 members. 2. One-twelfth of its members are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing. 3. One-third of its members retire every second year. 4. Teachers' constituency electors must teach in institutions not lower than secondary school. Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
Answer: (d) — All are correct under **Art. 171** and the UP composition (**100 members**: 38+36+8+8+10). The Council is permanent; **one-third retire every 2 years**.

Q2. The 'Jhansi Link Expressway' recently approved by the UP Cabinet is meant to connect the BIDA industrial area with which expressway?
(a) Yamuna Expressway (b) Bundelkhand Expressway (c) Ganga Expressway (d) Purvanchal Expressway
Answer: (b) — The ~**106 km** Jhansi Link connects **BIDA (Jhansi)** with the **Bundelkhand Expressway** in Jalaun district.

Mains Practice: Expressway-led growth is central to Uttar Pradesh's development strategy. Examine how link expressways and industrial corridors can reduce regional disparities among Western UP, Bundelkhand and Purvanchal. (UPPSC GS-VI, 200 words)
Hint: Intro: UP's expressway grid & the **4 new link expressways (~322 km)**. Body: logistics cost, BIDA & **Defence Corridor**, airport connectivity (Jewar), agro-processing in Purvanchal; challenges — land acquisition, uneven industrial take-up, ecology. Way forward: node-based industrial townships, skilling, ODOP linkages.

ONE-LINE REVISION: 27 Oct UP Cabinet: **22 proposals** — 4 link expressways (**~322 km**), **UP-CSOC** via IIT Kanpur C3iHub, PRAGATI Robotics Park; Panchayat voter = **6 months' residence**; min. wage up **₹174–238** from 1 Oct.

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