Today's headline: UPITS 4.0 wraps up in Greater Noida, heavy-rain alert shuts schools across UP, and Aligarh's Gulveer Singh bags a second Asian Games silver. **Note:** Today's UP items come first (Section A). Sections B and C also draw on key developments of this week and this month that remain exam-relevant.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

UP-ECONOMY

UP International Trade Show 4.0 concludes today at Greater Noida

The five-day **UPITS 4.0 (25–29 Sep 2026)** at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, ends today; it was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister and the UP CM on 25 Sep.

- **2,400+ exhibitors**; buyers from about **85 countries**; ~**1.5 lakh B2B visitors** expected.
- **6 partner countries:** Japan, Russia, Vietnam, Singapore, Austria, Belarus.
- New **'One District, One Cuisine' (ODOC)** showcase alongside ODOP pavilions.
- UP exports goods worth **over ₹2 lakh crore** a year; state has **79 GI-tagged** products.
- 2025 edition: 5.07 lakh visitors, 2,400+ MoUs (₹1,882 cr), inquiries of ₹11,200 cr+.

Concept: Trade fairs reduce information gaps between small producers and foreign buyers — a key export-promotion tool under state export policies.



Why it matters: UPITS is UP's flagship B2B export platform linking ODOP artisans and MSMEs to global buyers — central to the state's **one-trillion-dollar economy** goal.

Syllabus: *GS-VI: UP industry, MSME, exports & trade promotion; GS-III: Industrial policy | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

UP-DISASTER MGMT

Heavy-rain alert: schools shut across UP districts; paddy damage and cattle-shelter deaths reported

A Bay of Bengal system combining with a **western disturbance** has brought intense late-September rain; district administrations kept schools closed on **29 Sep**.

- At least **17 rain-related deaths** reported; schools shut in **19 districts** at the weekend peak.
- Extreme-rain alert for **8 Terai/Rohilkhand districts** incl. Shravasti, Bahraich, Lakhimpur Kheri, Pilibhit.
- Standing **paddy flattened** in Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Azamgarh.
- **Badaun:** administration confirmed **32 cattle deaths** in gau-ashrayas; case filed, CDO-level monitoring.

Concept: Western disturbances are extra-tropical low-pressure systems from the Mediterranean; their interaction with monsoon lows intensifies rainfall over north India.

Why it matters: Late-monsoon extremes test UP's crop-loss assessment, gau-ashraya management and school-safety protocols — link to the **SDMA/DDMA** framework under the DM Act, 2005.

Syllabus: *GS-III: Disaster management; GS-VI: UP agriculture, climate & natural hazards | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Disaster Management; UP-special GS-VI)*

UP-SPORTS

Aligarh's Gulveer Singh wins second silver at Asian Games, Nagoya

UP distance runner **Gulveer Singh** added a **1500 m silver (3:36.72, personal best)** to his earlier **10,000 m silver** at the 20th Asian Games in **Nagoya, Japan**.

- Double silver: **10,000 m** and **1500 m**.
- Same day: Yashvir Singh javelin silver (85.72 m), Rohit Yadav javelin bronze (84.35 m).
- Vithya Ramraj (400 m hurdles bronze) broke **P.T. Usha's 42-year-old** national record.
- Men's and women's **kabaddi** teams won gold, beating Iran.

Why it matters: UP sportspersons at continental events are frequent one-liners in UPPSC Prelims; note event, venue and record.

Syllabus: *Prelims: Current events — sports; GS-V: UP sportspersons | UPPSC: Prelims (Sports & personalities)*

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

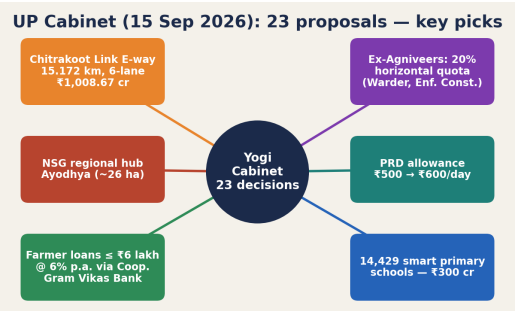
UP-GOVERNANCE

Yogi Cabinet's 23 decisions: Chitrakoot Link Expressway, ex-Agniveer quota, cheap farm loans

The state cabinet on **15 Sep 2026** cleared **23 proposals** across infrastructure, jobs, education and welfare — the month's biggest UP policy package.

- **Chitrakoot Link Expressway:** 15.172 km, six-lane, **₹1,008.67 cr**.
- Small/marginal farmers: loans up to **₹6 lakh at 6% p.a.** via Cooperative Gram Vikas Bank.
- **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in Enforcement Constable & Jail Warder posts.
- **14,429 primary schools** to become smart schools (₹300 cr); PRD allowance **₹500→₹600/day**.
- ~26 ha free land for an **NSG regional hub in Ayodhya**; 120 KLPD ethanol plant at Chhata (Mathura).

Concept: Horizontal reservation cuts across vertical (SC/ST/OBC) categories — the selected candidate is adjusted within his/her own vertical category.



Why it matters: Links Bundelkhand to the expressway grid, eases rural credit, and absorbs Agniveer veterans — themes for GS-V/VI answers on inclusive growth.

Syllabus: *GS-V: UP governance & welfare; GS-VI: UP infrastructure & agriculture | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V & GS-VI)*

UP-INFRA AMRUT 2.0 in UP: ₹29,716-crore urban water & sewerage portfolio

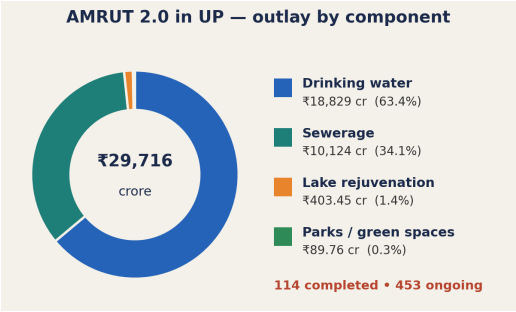
Official state data (26 Sep) show **637 approved projects worth ₹29,716.29 crore** under AMRUT 2.0, covering **762 urban local bodies** including 60 AMRUT cities.

- **Drinking water ₹18,829 cr** and **sewerage ₹10,124 cr** — the two biggest heads.
- Lake rejuvenation ₹403.45 cr; parks/green spaces ₹89.76 cr.
- Status: **114 completed**, 453 ongoing.
- Executing agency: **UP Jal Nigam**; focus on time-bound completion.

Concept: AMRUT 2.0 (launched 2021) aims at water security and 'water-secure cities' in all statutory towns, with sewerage/septage in 500 AMRUT cities.

Why it matters: Universal urban tap-water and sewer coverage is key to UP's health, Ganga cleanliness and liveability rankings.

Syllabus: *GS-VI: UP urban development & infrastructure; GS-II: Centrally sponsored schemes | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*



UP-SCHEME ODOP, GI & Vishwakarma Shram Samman 2.0: UP's craft-to-export chain

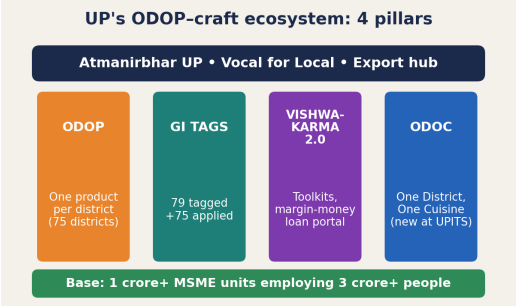
Showcased at UPITS, the state's craft ecosystem now spans **79 GI tags** (75 more applied); on 17 Sep the CM launched a **margin-money loan portal** under **Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0**.

- **ODOP** (launched 24 Jan 2018, UP Diwas): one signature product per district.
- Famous GI crafts: **Bhadohi carpets, Moradabad brassware, Kannauj perfume, Banarasi silk**.
- **6 lakh+ artisans** trained/given toolkits; trades covered raised **from 11 to 25**.
- UP has **1 crore+ MSME units** employing **3 crore+** people.

Concept: GI tags are granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999; registration is valid for 10 years and renewable.

Why it matters: GI + ODOP + credit + trade fairs forms a complete value chain — a ready framework for Mains answers on rural non-farm employment in UP.

Syllabus: *GS-VI: UP handicrafts, MSME & employment schemes; GS-I: Indian art & crafts | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*



UP-CULTURE Deepotsav 2026: Ayodhya plans ~30 lakh diyas and a 2,100-drone show on 7 November

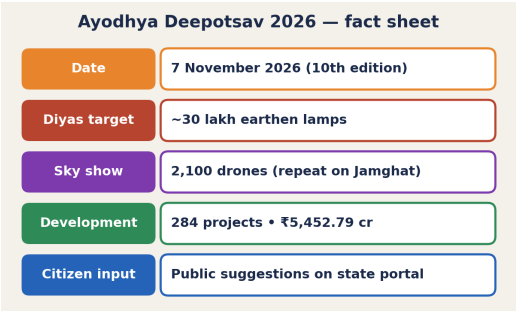
The state tourism & culture department is preparing the **10th Deepotsav** and inviting **public suggestions** through the state's citizen-engagement portal.

- Target of **~30 lakh diyas** (2025 record: ~26 lakh).
- **2,100-drone** aerial show, repeated on **Jamghat**; 3D projection, laser, green fireworks.
- **284 projects worth ₹5,452.79 cr** to be inaugurated/founded during the festivities.
- Ten Ramayan-themed gateways on Dharma Path; diaspora from 30+ countries invited.

Concept: Ayodhya Deepotsav began in 2017 on the Saryu ghats (Ram ki Paidi) and has set successive world records for the most lamps lit together.

Why it matters: Deepotsav anchors UP's religious-tourism economy and soft power; record numbers and dates are classic Prelims facts.

Syllabus: *GS-V: UP culture, fairs & festivals, tourism; GS-I: Indian culture | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (UP-special GS-V)*



UP-GOVERNANCE New Automated Testing Station Policy 2026 and a statewide road-repair push

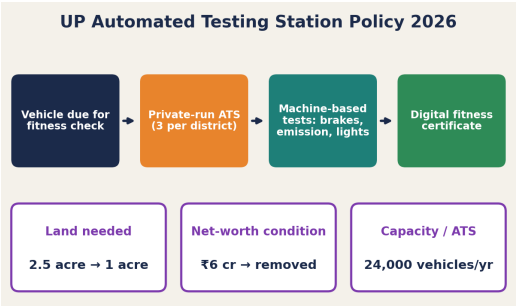
UP's new **ATS Policy 2026** (replacing the 2023 directive) moves vehicle fitness tests to machines; the CM also reviewed the PWD on **27 Sep** for rain-damaged roads.

- Up to **3 ATS per district**, each testing up to **24,000 vehicles/year**.
- Land norm cut **2.5 acre → 1 acre**; **₹6-crore net-worth** condition dropped.
- Private investment model — **no extra burden** on the state exchequer.
- PWD review: pothole repair, pending projects above ₹50 cr, plan for FY 2027-28.

Concept: Automated Testing Stations are mandated under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules for fitness certification; registration is linked to the Vahan database.

Why it matters: Machine-based fitness checks cut discretion and corruption and aim to reduce road accidents — UP records the highest road deaths among states.

Syllabus: *GS-V: UP administration & public services; GS-III: Road safety, infrastructure | UPPSC: Mains GS-II/GS-III (UP-special GS-V)*



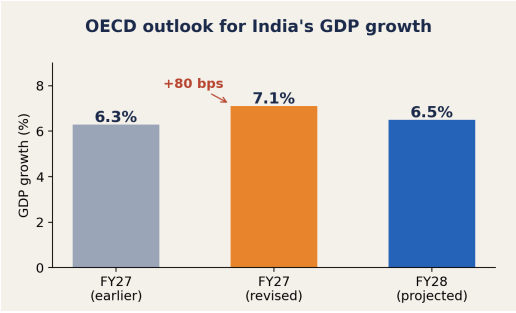
SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

NATIONAL · ECONOMY

OECD raises India's FY27 growth forecast to 7.1%

In its interim Economic Outlook, the OECD lifted India's **FY27 GDP growth to 7.1%** (from 6.3%), citing resilient domestic demand.

- Upgrade of **80 basis points**; **FY28** growth seen moderating to **6.5%**.
- OECD: Paris-based, **38 members**; India is a key partner, **not a member**.
- At UPITS, the Union HM cited India's **7.8%** growth as fastest among major economies.



Why it matters: Strong national growth widens demand for UP's manufacturing and exports — useful data point for GS-III/GS-VI answers.

Syllabus: *GS-III: Indian economy — growth & development; international organisations | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III*

NATIONAL · INFRA

Centre notifies India's first four 'mega ports' under the Indian Ports Act, 2025

Deendayal (Kandla), JNPA, Paradip and Mundra get mega-port status for **5 years**.

- Criteria: **150 MMT/year** cargo (bulk) or **7.5 million TEUs** (container).
- **Mundra** is the only privately operated port on the list.
- States: Gujarat (Kandla, Mundra), Maharashtra (JNPA), Odisha (Paradip).

Why it matters: Landlocked UP's exports depend on western ports via the **Western DFC** and on dry ports/ICDs — mega ports matter for UP's export ambitions.

Syllabus: *GS-III: Infrastructure — ports; GS-I: Geography of India (ports) | UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III*

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Topic	Quick fact
Ashok Singhal centenary	Year-long celebrations launched in Lucknow on **27 Sep** (born 27 Sep 1926)
PRD volunteers	Daily duty allowance raised to **₹600**; ~27,794 beneficiaries
Chhata (Mathura)	**120 KLPD** ethanol plant approved at the Chhata sugar mill
Smart schools	**14,429** UP primary schools to be upgraded (₹300 cr)
WEF T&T Index 2026	India rises 9 places to **31st**; Japan tops
CBSE Chairperson	**Mandeep K. Bhandari** (IAS, 2001 batch) appointed

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to the UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 2026, consider the following statements: 1. It was the fourth edition, held at Greater Noida. 2. Japan and Russia were among its partner countries. 3. 'ODOC' showcased at the event stands for 'One District, One Crop'. 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) — UPITS 4.0 was held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, with six partner countries incl. Japan and Russia. ODOC means '**One District, One Cuisine**', so statement 3 is wrong.

Q2. Which of the following ports were notified as 'mega ports' under the Indian Ports Act, 2025? 1. Paradip 2. Mundra 3. Vizhinjam 4. Deendayal (Kandla). Select the correct answer:

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: (a) — The four notified mega ports are **Deendayal (Kandla), JNPA, Paradip and Mundra**; Vizhinjam is not on the list.

Mains Practice: "ODOP, GI tagging and trade platforms like UPITS can turn Uttar Pradesh's MSME base into an export engine." Examine. (GS-VI, 125 words)

Hint: Intro: 1 crore+ MSMEs, ₹2 lakh cr+ exports. Body: ODOP branding, 79 GI tags, Vishwakarma 2.0 credit/toolkits, UPITS buyer linkages; gaps — logistics for a landlocked state, quality certification, credit access. Way forward: DFC-linked ICDs, e-commerce, design support.

ONE-LINE REVISION: UPITS 4.0 (Greater Noida, 25–29 Sep, 6 partners) • Cabinet: Chitrakoot Link E-way ₹1,008.67 cr, 20% ex-Agniveer quota • AMRUT 2.0 UP ₹29,716 cr • 79 GI tags • Deepotsav 7 Nov, ~30 lakh diyas • OECD FY27: 7.1%

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