UP Daily Digest · 30 September 2026 (Wednesday) — UPITS 2026 closes with ₹6,500 crore MoUs; CM sets 70% approval–60% spending budget targets; MLC & Rajya Sabha polls notified in UP

Note: Early-morning coverage of 30 Sept is still thin, so today's and yesterday's UP news comes first (Section A); Section B adds the key UP decisions of the past fortnight (15–29 Sept) that remain exam-relevant.

SECTION A — TODAY IN UP

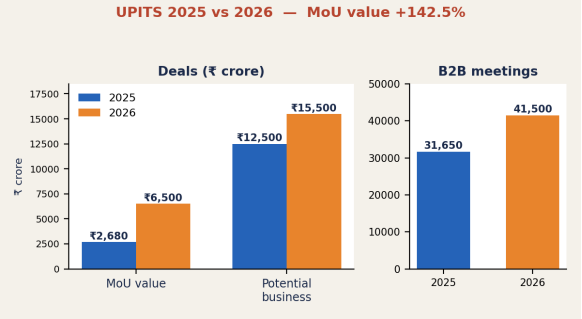
UP-ECONOMY

1. UPITS 2026 concludes: 4,400 MoUs worth ₹6,500 crore

The 5-day 4th UP International Trade Show (25–29 Sept) at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, closed on 29 Sept.

- **4,400 MoUs worth ~₹6,500 crore** signed; potential business from enquiries **₹15,500 crore**.
- **41,500 B2B meetings** (+31%); total footfall **~5.99 lakh** incl. ~1.75 lakh business buyers.
- Partner countries rose from 1 (Russia, 2025) to **6: Russia, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Belarus, Vietnam**.
- Theme **"Ultimate Sourcing Begins Here"**; ODOP plus the new **One District One Cuisine** showcased all 75 districts.

◆ **Concept:** ODOP (launched 24 Jan 2018, UP Diwas) gives each district a signature product for branding, credit and market access.



Why it matters: UP has ~96 lakh MSME units; converting MoUs into export orders is central to the $1 trillion economy goal.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial growth, MSMEs, exports | GS-VI: UP industrial & trade policy · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: UP economy)*

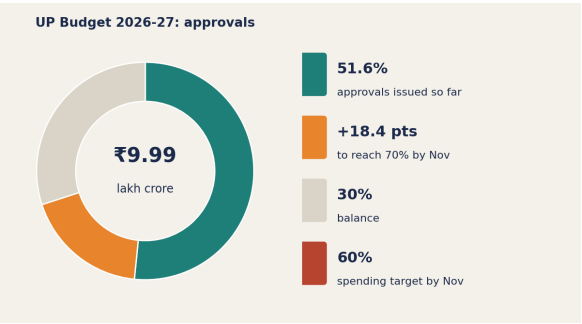
UP-GOVERNANCE

2. CM sets November targets: 70% approvals, 60% spending of Budget 2026-27

Reviewing 30 major departments on 29 Sept, CM Yogi Adityanath ordered faster budget utilisation within two months.

- UP Budget 2026-27: **₹9,99,056.48 crore**; development schemes **₹5,01,957.09 crore**.
- Approvals so far **₹5.16 lakh crore (51.6%)**; expenditure **₹2.84 lakh crore**.
- Target by November: **70% financial approvals, 60% expenditure**; Finance Minister to hold regular reviews.
- Focus: KCC mapping of farmers, better credit-deposit ratio, a **Rural Credit Conclave**, branding of **GI products**.

◆ **Concept:** Budget outlay ≠ outcome: utilisation ratio and quarterly spending pattern are key markers of fiscal efficiency.



Why it matters: Back-loaded spending lowers outcomes; timely release improves asset creation and is a standard fiscal-governance theme.

Syllabus: GS-III: Budgeting, public expenditure | GS-V: UP administration & finance · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-V: UP governance)*

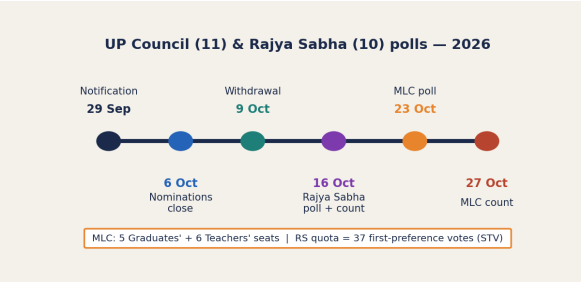
UP-POLITY

3. Polls notified for 11 UP Legislative Council seats and 10 Rajya Sabha seats

The notifications were issued on 29 Sept; nominations began the same day.

- MLC: **5 Graduates' + 6 Teachers' seats**; polling **23 Oct**, counting **27 Oct**; seats fall vacant **6 Dec 2026**.
- Rajya Sabha: **10 UP seats**, polling & counting **16 Oct**; nine terms end **25 Nov 2026**.
- Nominations till **6 Oct**; withdrawal **9 Oct** (both polls).
- RS quota: **37 first-preference votes** per seat (effective Assembly strength 397), single transferable vote.

◆ **Concept:** UP Vidhan Parishad has 100 members; 1/12 each are elected by graduates and by teachers (Art. 171(3)).



Why it matters: Classic polity link: Article 171 composition of Councils and Article 80(4) indirect election of Rajya Sabha by STV.

Syllabus: GS-II: State legislature, elections, Rajya Sabha | GS-V: UP Legislature · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V: UP polity)*

UP-SPORTS

4. Meerut's Parul Chaudhary wins two bronzes at Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games

Parul Chaudhary of Ikhlaut village (Meerut), a DSP in UP Police, medalled in back-to-back finals.

- **3000m steeplechase bronze (27 Sept)** in **9:08.67 — new national record** (old: 9:12.46).
- **5000m bronze (28 Sept)** in **15:14.61**; also 4th in the 1500m.
- At Hangzhou 2022 she won **5000m gold** and steeplechase silver; she is an **Arjuna Award** winner.

Why it matters: UP's out-of-turn police appointments for medal winners show sport-to-service incentive policy at work.

Syllabus: Prelims: Sports current affairs | GS-VI: UP sportspersons · *UPPSC: Prelims (UP sports & personalities)*

SECTION B — KEY UP DEVELOPMENTS

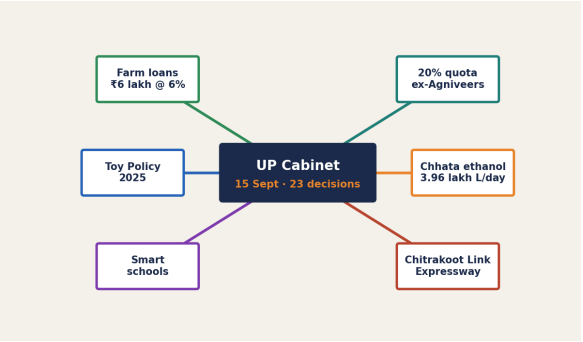
UP-SCHEME

5. Cabinet clears Mukhyamantri Krishak Samriddhi Yojana among 23 decisions

The UP Cabinet on 15 Sept approved 23 proposals spanning farm credit, schools, security and infrastructure.

- **Mukhyamantri Krishak Samriddhi Yojana**: long-term loans up to **₹6 lakh at 6% a year** for small & marginal farmers.
- Channel: **UP Cooperative Village Development Bank**.
- Council primary schools to become **smart schools**; **cashless treatment up to ₹5 lakh** for PRD volunteers.
- Modified **Chitrakoot Link Expressway** (Bundelkhand) approved; land for an **NSG regional hub at Milkipur**.

◆ **Concept:** Long-term (investment) credit is given by cooperative agriculture & rural development banks; short-term crop loans by PACS/KCC.



Why it matters: Cheap long-term credit lets small farmers invest in irrigation and machinery instead of relying on moneylenders.

Syllabus: GS-III: Agricultural credit, cooperatives | GS-VI: UP agriculture & rural development · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI: UP agriculture)*

UP-GOVERNANCE

6. 20% horizontal quota for ex-Agniveers; new Automatic Testing Station Policy

Also part of the 15 Sept cabinet package, aimed at post-service jobs and vehicle fitness checks.

- **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in **jail warden** and **transport enforcement** posts.
- **3-year upper age relaxation** for them.
- **ATS Policy 2026**: up to **3 automated vehicle-testing stations per district**, needing only **1 acre** of land.
- Stamp duty on rent agreements simplified (annual rent up to **₹10 lakh**).

◆ **Concept:** Horizontal reservation cuts across vertical (SC/ST/OBC/EWS) categories — e.g., for women, ex-servicemen, divyangjan.

Why it matters: Agnipath's 4-year tenure makes state-level absorption of Agniveers a key second-career safety net.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare of vulnerable sections, reservation | GS-III: Road safety · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)*

UP-INDUSTRY

7. UP Toy Manufacturing Policy 2025 and a ₹200-crore ethanol plant at Chhata

Two industry decisions of 15 Sept target import substitution and green fuel.

- **Toy Manufacturing Incentive Policy 2025** aims to make UP a toy hub and cut import dependence.
- **Chhata sugar mill (Mathura)** to get an ethanol plant costing **>₹200 crore**, capacity **3.96 lakh litres/day**.
- Plant is multi-feed: **sugarcane, maize and rice**; the mill reopens after about **19 years**.
- Private **Sai Global University**, Kol tehsil (Aligarh), gets Letter of Intent.

◆ **Concept:** National Policy on Biofuels targets 20% ethanol blending (E20); grain-based ethanol widens the feedstock base.

Why it matters: UP is India's top sugarcane producer; ethanol blending links farm income with energy security.

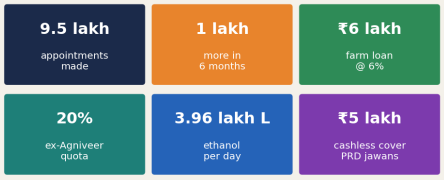
Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, biofuels | GS-VI: UP industrial development · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

UP-GOVERNANCE

8. CM: 1 lakh more government appointments within six months

Announced at an appointment-letter event in mid-September.

- **1 lakh youths** to get appointment letters in the **next 6 months**.
- About **9.5 lakh** appointments already made through state recruitment bodies.
- CM stressed **transparent, merit-based recruitment** by boards and commissions such as UPPSC.



Why it matters: Exam integrity (UP Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024) underpins trust in state hiring.

Syllabus: GS-II: Recruitment, public service commissions | GS-V: UP administration · *UPPSC: Mains GS-II (UP-special GS-V)*

UP-SCHEME

9. Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0 and margin-money loan portal launched

Launched on Vishwakarma Jayanti (17 Sept) at the Vishwakarma Swarojgar & Swadeshi Mela, Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow.

- **Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana 2.0** — umbrella support for traditional artisans.
- New **Margin Money Loan Portal**; cheques and **toolkits** distributed to beneficiaries.
- Built on **Vocal for Local** and the 'Atmanirbhar Uttar Pradesh' goal.

◆ **Concept:** UP's scheme (first launched 2018) predates the Central PM Vishwakarma scheme (Sept 2023) for 18 trades.



Why it matters: Linking artisans to credit, tools and fairs (ODOP, UPITS) formalises a large informal workforce.

Syllabus: GS-III: Employment, skilling, MSMEs | GS-VI: UP welfare schemes · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (UP-special GS-VI)*

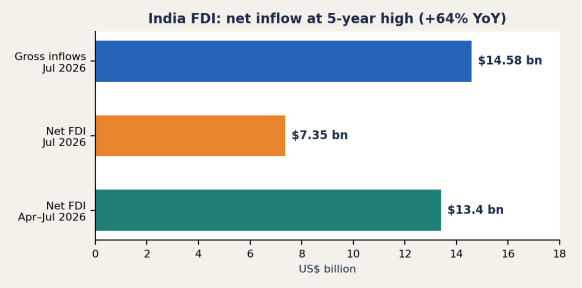
SECTION C — NATIONAL NEWS RELEVANT FOR UPPSC

ECONOMY

10. Net FDI hits 5-year high of $7.35 billion in July 2026

Latest central bank data show a sharp rise in foreign direct investment.

- Net FDI **$7.35 bn in July 2026**, up **~64%** year-on-year.
- Gross inflows **$14.58 bn**; communication, financial & computer services ≈ **60%** of equity inflows.
- **April–July 2026**: net FDI **$13.4 bn (+38%)**.



Why it matters: Net FDI = gross inflows minus repatriation and outward FDI; a rise signals stable, non-debt capital.

Syllabus: GS-III: Investment models, external sector · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III*

ECONOMY

11. India's first Blue Bond issued for maritime infrastructure

Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd launched the issue on 28 Sept.

- Base size **₹600 crore** + **₹500 crore green-shoe**; **10-year** tenor; rated **AA+**.
- Funds for **ports, greenfield port projects, coastal roads** and maritime lending.
- Blue bonds are debt instruments earmarked for **ocean/marine** projects.

Why it matters: Diversifies infra finance beyond green bonds; relevant for UP too via inland waterways (NW-1 on the Ganga).

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure financing, blue economy · *UPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III*

IR & DEFENCE

12. KAZIND-2026: India–Kazakhstan exercise begins at Oskemen

The 9th edition runs from 28 Sept to 11 Oct 2026 in Kazakhstan.

- **9th edition**; Indian contingent of **60**, led by a **Garhwal Rifles** battalion.
- Focus: **counter-terrorism** in semi-urban & mountainous terrain (UN mandate).
- 8th edition (2024) was held at **Auli, Uttarakhand**.

Why it matters: Central Asia matters for India's energy, connectivity (INSTC) and counter-terror cooperation.

Syllabus: GS-II: India & Central Asia | GS-III: Security · *UPPSC: Prelims (defence exercises)*

SECTION D — UP RAPID-FIRE

Category	Fact
Asian Games medallist (UP)	Parul Chaudhary (Meerut, UP Police DSP) — bronze in 3000m steeplechase (NR 9:08.67) & 5000m
Award (health)	UP honoured as top large State for ABDM-enabled HMIS in sub-centres at Arogya Manthan 2026
Transport	Namo Bharat (Delhi–Meerut RRTS) launches trip passes of up to 40 journeys
Education	Sai Global University, Kol tehsil (Aligarh) — Letter of Intent approved
Security	Land approved for NSG regional hub at Milkipur (Ayodhya)
Festival / Culture	Vishwakarma Jayanti (17 Sept) — Vishwakarma Swarojgar & Swadeshi Mela, Lucknow

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. Russia was its only partner country. 3. MoUs worth about ₹6,500 crore were signed. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) — The 2026 edition (25–29 Sept) had six partner countries — Russia, Austria, Japan, Singapore, Belarus and Vietnam — so statement 2 is wrong.

Q2. Consider the following about the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council: 1. It has 100 members. 2. One-twelfth of its members are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing. 3. Teachers' constituency voters must have taught for at least three years in institutions not lower than secondary school. 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: (d) — Article 171(3)(b) and (c) provide 1/12 seats each for graduates and teachers; UP's Council has 100 members.

Mains Practice (GS-VI / GS-III): Trade fairs such as UPITS and schemes like ODOP aim to plug Uttar Pradesh's MSMEs into global value chains. Examine their role and limits in UP's pursuit of a $1 trillion economy. (125 words)

Hint: Intro: 96 lakh MSMEs, UPITS 2026 figures. Body: market access, branding (ODOP/GI), B2B links, credit; limits — MoU-to-order conversion, logistics, quality standards, credit gaps. Conclude with export-cluster and GI branding push.

ONE-LINE REVISION: UPITS 2026 = 4,400 MoUs / ₹6,500 cr / 6 partner nations | Budget ₹9.99 lakh cr → 70% approvals, 60% spend by Nov | MLC 11 seats (23 Oct), RS 10 seats (16 Oct)

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