Today's headline: UP eases recruitment verification, clears four link expressways and its first State Livestock Mission. **Data point:** Link expressway outlay — **₹17,542.06 crore**.

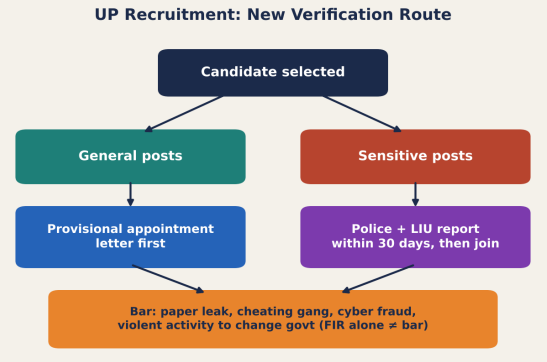
Section A — Today in UP

UP-GOVERNANCE

1. UP rewrites character-verification rules: provisional joining before police report

Announced in Lucknow on 29 Oct 2026, the new policy stops character and antecedent verification from delaying state government appointments.

- Selected candidates for **general posts** get a **provisional appointment letter** before verification is complete.
- For **sensitive posts**, verification stays mandatory before joining; district police and local intelligence must report within **30 days**.
- Verification covers the home district and any district where the candidate lived **over 1 year in the past 5 years**; based on records, no physical presence needed.
- Disqualification for serious offences (murder, rape, **paper leaks**, cheating gangs, cyber fraud) and for involvement in **violent activity aimed at changing the government**; an FIR alone does not disqualify.
- Applies to direct recruitment in departments, corporations, councils, autonomous bodies, **panchayats and local bodies**; concealing facts cancels appointment.



Why it matters: Cuts the joining lag that idles selected candidates for months, while ring-fencing sensitive posts; links to UP's anti-paper-leak push. Watch for safeguards so 'violent activity' is applied narrowly and fairly.

Syllabus: GS-II: Governance, transparency & public service recruitment | GS-V: UP administrative reforms | **Concept:** Article 16 (equality of opportunity in public employment) and Article 309 (recruitment rules for state services) frame such policies; police verification is an executive, not statutory, requirement.

UTTAR PRADESH

2. CM's development scorecard: women's work participation and connectivity

In posts on 29 and 30 Oct 2026, CM Yogi Adityanath linked law and order to economic gains and listed UP's connectivity growth since 2017.

- Women's workforce participation in UP stated at about **13% in 2017** and **36% now** (CM's figures; measure not specified).
- Expressways: from about **1.5 before 2017 to 10 operational** now.
- Airports: **12 domestic and 5 international** airports now operational.
- Metro rail now runs in **7 cities** of UP, up from none earlier.
- Credits 'zero tolerance' policing for safer night-time business and higher female participation.



Why it matters: Female labour force participation is a key lever for the $1 trillion UP economy goal; aspirants should quote official PLFS data alongside such claims in Mains answers.

Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure, employment & inclusive growth | GS-VI: UP economy and infrastructure | **Concept:** Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) is measured by the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS); Worker Population Ratio counts only the employed.

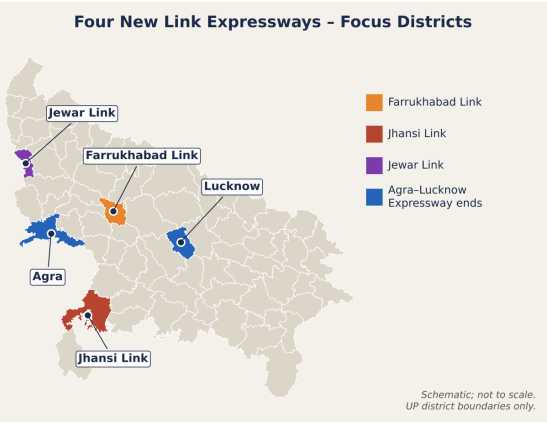
Section B — Key UP Developments

UP-INFRA

3. UP Cabinet clears four link expressways worth about ₹17,542 crore

The 27 Oct 2026 Cabinet meeting approved developer selection for four link expressways to be built by UPEIDA on the EPC model.

- Four projects: **Farrukhabad Link**, **Agra–Lucknow to Purvanchal Link**, **Jhansi Link** and **Jewar Link** expressways.
- Estimated total cost about **₹17,542.06 crore**; built in packages under the **EPC model** by **UPEIDA**.
- Agra–Lucknow–Purvanchal link improves **east–west** travel; Jewar link ties the **Noida International Airport** area to the grid.
- Same meeting: **22 proposals** cleared in all.



Why it matters: Link roads turn standalone expressways into a network, lowering logistics costs for ODOP clusters and Bundelkhand; timely land acquisition is the key risk.

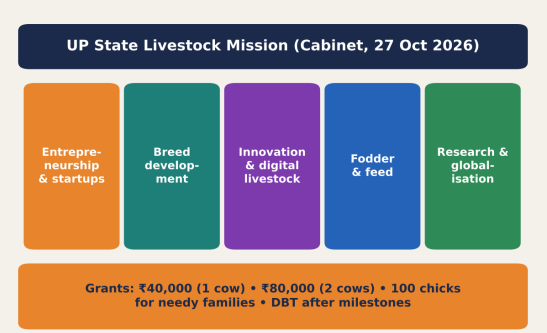
Syllabus: GS-III: Infrastructure – roads, investment models | GS-VI: UP expressway network | **Concept:** EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction): the government funds and owns the asset; the contractor builds for a fixed price. Contrast with HAM and BOT models.

UP-SCHEME

4. UP's first State Livestock Mission approved with five sub-missions

Approved by the Cabinet on 27 Oct 2026, the state-funded mission targets small and marginal livestock farmers.

- Five sub-missions: **entrepreneurship & startups**, **breed development**, **innovation & digital livestock**, **fodder & feed**, and **research & globalisation**.
- Grants of **₹40,000 for one improved cow** and **₹80,000 for two**; support for goat, sheep, pig and poultry, incl. **100 chicks** for needy families.
- Grants go by **DBT** after milestones and committee approval; PPP encouraged.
- UP has India's **largest livestock population** and ranks **first in milk production**.



Why it matters: Shifts dairy from subsistence to enterprise, supporting women and landless households; fodder security and veterinary reach decide success.

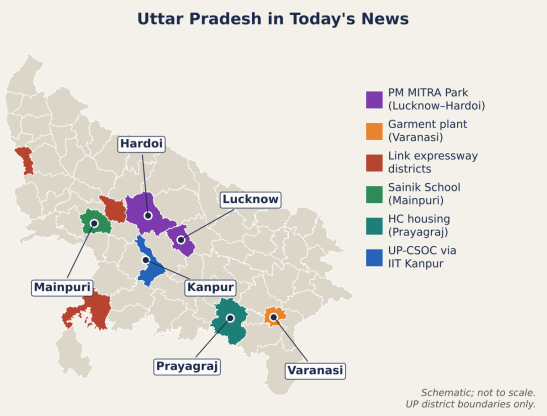
Syllabus: GS-III: Animal husbandry, rural livelihoods | GS-VI: UP agriculture and allied sectors | **Concept:** The Centre's National Livestock Mission (2014-15, restructured 2021-22) runs parallel; Rashtriya Gokul Mission focuses on indigenous breeds.

UP-ECONOMY

5. Textile push: PM MITRA Park master developer picked; ₹150-crore garment plant opens in Varanasi

The Cabinet (27 Oct) approved the master developer for the Lucknow–Hardoi PM MITRA Park, two days after the PM opened a garment unit in Varanasi (25 Oct).

- PM MITRA Mega Textile Park on the **Lucknow–Hardoi** border: **1,000 acres**, estimated cost **₹1,947 crore**.
- Central aid **30%, up to ₹500 crore**; SPV equity **UP 51% : Centre 49%**; preferred bidder for master developer selected.
- In **Varanasi**, PM inaugurated a **₹150 crore** garment plant, the company's first major unit in Purvanchal, with about **1,000 jobs** mainly for **women**.
- Theme of the event: **'Apna Hunar, Apni Pehchan'** (Your Skill, Your Identity).



Why it matters: Textiles absorb large numbers of women workers; plugging Purvanchal and Awadh into 'farm-to-fibre-to-fashion' value chains supports both jobs and exports.

Syllabus: GS-III: Industrial policy, employment | GS-VI: UP industrial corridors and Purvanchal development | **Concept:** PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) parks: 7 parks announced in 2021 under the 5F vision – Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.

UP-GOVERNANCE

6. Cyber security centre, robotics park and cashless care for school staff

Other key decisions of the 27 Oct 2026 Cabinet meeting.

- **UP-CSOC** (Cyber Security Operations Centre) to be set up through **C3iHub of IIT Kanpur**.
- **PRAGATI Robotics Park** approved to promote robotics and AI.
- **Cashless medical treatment** extended to non-teaching staff of secondary, Sanskrit, basic and Samagra Shiksha institutions and their dependants.
- **845 residences** (533 Type-3, 312 Type-4) for High Court officials at Devghat Jhalwa, **Prayagraj**; seven **AMRUT 2.0** water and sewer projects for Lucknow and Varanasi.

Why it matters: A state-level SOC protects e-governance platforms from rising cyber-attacks; with the UP AI Mission, it builds a tech-governance stack.

Syllabus: GS-III: Cyber security, science & technology | GS-V: UP welfare and e-governance | **Concept:** C3iHub at IIT Kanpur is a Technology Innovation Hub under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).

UP-SCHEME

7. Lucknow hosts PMAY-G regional workshop on next-phase reforms

The Union Rural Development Ministry held a two-day regional workshop in Lucknow on 27–28 Oct 2026.

- Target of **4.95 crore rural houses by March 2029** (2.95 crore + 2 crore additional).
- Proposed reforms: **cluster-based housing**, **rural mason training**, Centres of Excellence and a **rural housing credit** framework.
- Unit assistance **₹1.20 lakh (plains)**, **₹1.30 lakh (hilly/difficult)**; minimum size **25 sq m**.
- Funding **60:40** (90:10 for NE/Himalayan states); tracking via **AwaasSoft** and **SNA-SPARSH**.

Why it matters: UP is among the largest PMAY-G states; cluster housing and trained masons can cut costs and improve quality.

Syllabus: GS-II: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections | GS-III: Rural development | **Concept:** PMAY-G (2016) replaced Indira Awaas Yojana; beneficiaries chosen from SECC 2011 data verified by Gram Sabhas.

Section C — National News for UPPSC

NATIONAL 8. PM-KISAN 24th instalment released today; Rabi MSP for wheat at ₹2,610

The PM released the 24th PM-KISAN instalment on 30 Oct 2026 from Banaskantha (Gujarat).

- Over **₹18,690 crore** to more than **9.34 crore farmers** via DBT.
- PM-KISAN gives **₹6,000 a year** in three instalments; UP has one of the largest beneficiary bases.
- MSP for Rabi 2027-28: **wheat ₹2,610 per quintal**; **safflower** saw the largest absolute rise (**+₹675**).

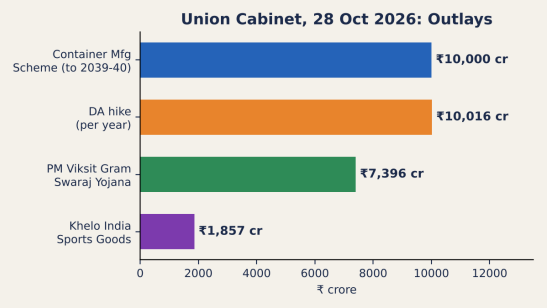
Why it matters: UP is India's top wheat producer, so MSP and PM-KISAN directly shape farm incomes in the state.

Syllabus: GS-III: Agriculture – income support, MSP | **Concept:** MSP is recommended by CACP and approved by the CCEA.

NATIONAL 9. Union Cabinet: PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana, DA hike and container scheme

Decisions of the Union Cabinet on 28 Oct 2026.

- **PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana**: **₹7,395.55 crore** (2026-27 to 2030-31) for over **2.55 lakh panchayats**.
- **DA/DR raised from 60% to 63%** from 1 July 2026; annual cost **₹10,016.10 crore**.
- **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme**: **₹10,000 crore**, aiming at **7.5 lakh TEUs** capacity.
- **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme**: **₹1,856.67 crore** (2026-27 to 2033-34).



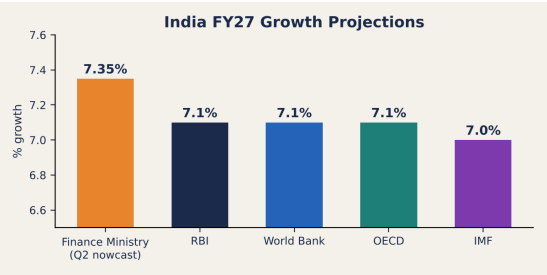
Why it matters: Strengthening panchayats ties into the 73rd Amendment; UP has the most gram panchayats of any state.

Syllabus: GS-II: Panchayati Raj | GS-III: Manufacturing, logistics

ECONOMY 10. Finance Ministry nowcasts Q2 FY27 GDP growth at 7.35%

The monthly economic review (29 Oct 2026) projects steady growth despite external risks.

- Q2 FY27 GDP nowcast **7.35%**; FY27 forecasts: **IMF 7.0%**, **World Bank, OECD and RBI 7.1%**.
- Forex reserves cover **10.3 months of imports**.
- Risks: **West Asia crisis**, crude prices, a strengthening **El Niño** affecting Rabi sowing.



Why it matters: Shows India's growth resilience; for UP, Rabi monsoon risks and fuel prices matter most.

Syllabus: GS-III: Growth, inflation, external sector

Section D — UP Rapid-Fire

Category	Fact
Renaming	Bhadohi district renamed **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** (Cabinet, 9 Oct 2026)
Sports	**Suhas L.Y.** (UP sports secretary) won **bronze** in men's singles **SL4** para-badminton at the Asian Para Games 2026
Defence	**9.524 ha** in Mainpuri transferred free for **Sainik School Mainpuri**
Tech	**UP AI Mission (UP-AIM)**: AI centres in all **75 districts**, training for **5 lakh** youth
Green fuel	**SAF Policy-2026**: **UPNEDA** is nodal agency; up to **10 years** of electricity-duty exemption
Days	**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** on 31 Oct marks the **151st** birth anniversary of Sardar Patel

Section E — Practice Corner

Q1. With reference to the UP Cabinet decisions of 27 October 2026, consider the following: 1. Four link expressways will be built on the EPC model by UPEIDA. 2. The PM MITRA Park is on the Lucknow–Kanpur border. 3. UP-CSOC will be set up through IIT Kanpur's C3iHub. Which of the statements given above 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 PM MITRA Park is on the **Lucknow–Hardoi** border (1,000 acres), so statement 2 is wrong.

Q2. Under the PM MITRA Park scheme, the shareholding of the Special Purpose Vehicle for the Uttar Pradesh park is:

(A) Centre 51% : State 49% (B) State 51% : Centre 49% (C) Centre 100% (D) State 74% : Private 26%

Answer: (B) — SPV **PM MITRA Park Uttar Pradesh Ltd**: **UP 51%, Centre 49%**.

Mains Q. "Speed of recruitment and integrity of recruitment must go together." Discuss in the light of Uttar Pradesh's new character-verification policy. (125 words)

Hint: Intro: 29 Oct policy. Body: provisional letters for general posts; 30-day report for sensitive posts; disqualification for paper leaks and violence; FIR alone not a bar. Issues: due process, misuse, Art. 16. Way forward: digital record checks, time-bound appeals.

One-line revision: Provisional joining before verification • 4 link expressways ₹17,542 cr • Livestock Mission (5 sub-missions) • PM MITRA Lucknow–Hardoi • UP-CSOC via IIT Kanpur.

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