

Har Ghar Nal Yojana- Community Contribution

Under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission', the UP government will now bear the community contribution in the Har Ghar Nal Yojana.

Key Points

- ❖ Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the rural population of Uttar Pradesh is being provided with the facility of pure drinking water.
- ❖ **Financial Shares** : Under Jal Jeevan Mission in **UP the total cost of the work is Rs 1,52,521.82 crore**. In this, the central share is Rs 71714.68 and the state share is Rs 71714.68 crore.
- ❖ **Community contribution** : There was a provision of community contribution in relation to the construction cost.
 - The community contribution of **UP is Rs 9092.42 crore in relation to the cost**.
 - Under the community contribution, **five percent of the capital cost in villages with SC / ST population and 10 percent in other villages was to be taken from the general public**.
- ❖ **Waive off** : But the UP government, considering the provision of drinking water to the general public as a public welfare responsibility, has decided to make a provision of Rs 2000 crore in the current financial year 2024-25.
 - Due to this, the **villagers will not have to pay community contribution**.
 - Around 2,32,95,697 families of Uttar Pradesh will get its benefit.

Exports from Uttar Pradesh increased

- ❖ As per the data released from the Union Ministry of Commerce from April 24-25 to November dominance of UP products is increasing in the world.

Key Points

- ❖ As per the report, in eight months (April 24-25), products worth **14.09 billion dollars have been sent abroad from the state of Uttar Pradesh**.
- ❖ **In comparison to last year** : During this period in 23-24, goods worth \$13.36 billion were sent to different countries. This time, 0.73 billion dollars, i.e. about 6200 crores more were exported.
- ❖ **Nation wise spot** : UP is at the **fifth place** in the country in exports.
 - Gujarat- 1st place
 - Maharashtra- 2nd place
 - Tamil Nadu- 3rd place
 - Karnataka- 4th place
- ❖ **Exported Products** : Five most exported products
 - Electronics
 - Engineering
 - Meat-Dairy
 - Readymade garments
 - Leather
- ❖ **Buyer Countries** : Many countries of the world including America, Germany, Japan, Britain have emerged as big buyers.

Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh continues to lead the nation in domestic tourist arrivals, retaining its number one position for the third consecutive year.

Key Points

- ❖ The achievement also reflects the transformative impact of tourism on the state's economy.
- ❖ **Growth over 5 years** : The state has witnessed exponential growth in tourist numbers over the past five years, with **8.70 crore visitors in 2020, rising to 10.97 crore in 2021, 32.18 crore in 2022, and 48.01 crore in 2023**.

- ❖ By June 2024, the state had already recorded 32.98 crore visitors.
- ❖ **Total tourists** : Over the last seven years, **Uttar Pradesh has hosted a total of 198.08 crore domestic and international tourists.**
- ❖ With the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj (in 2025), this figure is projected to rise to an average of 35–40 crore visitors annually, further establishing Uttar Pradesh as a leading tourism hub in the country.

Voters in Uttar Pradesh

On 7th January 2025, the Election Commission of India released the voters' list of UP.

Key Points

- ❖ The special summary revision of the voter list campaign was **organised by Election Commission of India (ECI) in 403 assembly constituencies from October 29, 2024 to December 12, 2024.**
- ❖ During the voter registration campaign, the focus of the ECI was also on the enrollment of the eligible physically challenged people, women, homeless, transgenders, sex workers, particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) and youths.
- ❖ **New voters** : The **names of 18,85,446 new voters** were included during the revision campaign.
- ❖ While the names of 8,61,147 voters were removed from the voter lists, of which 3.07 lakh had died, 3.96 lakh had shifted and 1.48 lakh names were found repeated in the list.
- ❖ **Increase in the voters** : A total of 10.24,299 voters increased in the state during the campaign.

- ❖ **Total voters** : The number of voters increased from 15.025 crore to 15.35 crore.
 - **Male voters** : 8,18,38,679 crore
 - **Female voters** : 7,16,92,507 crore
 - **Third gender voters** 6,244

BOCW Portal- Uttar Pradesh

The UP government has mandated the registration of MGNREGA workers on the Uttar Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (BOCW) portal.

Key Points

- ❖ A statewide campaign is going on to register all job card holders under this initiative.
- ❖ It will ensure that no worker is left out of the benefits provided by the board's schemes.
- ❖ Over 1.29 lakh workers have already been registered in fiscal 2024-25.

Benefits

- ❖ The schemes under the BOCW Board aim to **empower workers through financial aid, education support, and healthcare initiatives.**
- ❖ **Key programs** include the maternity, shishu, and Balika Madad Yojana, Kanya Vivaah Sahayata Yojana, and Sant Ravidas Shiksha Protsahan Yojana, which provide health, marriage, and education assistance, respectively.
- ❖ Additionally, **workers and their families benefit from schemes** like the Atal Awasiya Vidyalaya Yojana for residential education, the Nirman Kamgar Death and Disability Assistance Scheme, and the Mahatma Gandhi Pension Scheme for financial aid and pensions. Special provisions for disaster relief and critical illness treatment are also in place.

Projected Gross Domestic Product

The first advance estimates of the annual gross domestic product (GDP) for the current fiscal year has been released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

Key Points

- ❖ **Projected GDP** : According to the first advance estimates, **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to grow at 6.4 percent in the fiscal year 2024-25.** Nominal GDP has witnessed a growth rate of 9.7 percent.
- ❖ In the previous fiscal year, the Provisional Estimate of GDP growth rate has been estimated at 8.2 percent, while the Nominal GDP growth rate is estimated at 9.6 percent.
- ❖ **GVA** : The Real Gross Value Added (GVA) **has grown by 6.4 percent over the growth rate of 7.2 percent in FY 2023-24.** Nominal GVA has shown a growth rate of 9.3 percent as compared to the growth rate of 8.5 percent in the previous financial year.

Sector wise

- ❖ The estimates highlighted that real GVA of **agriculture and allied sectors** is estimated to grow by 3.8 percent, a marked increase from the previous year's 1.4 percent.
- ❖ The **construction sector and the financial, real estate, and professional services sectors** are also expected to experience strong growth. The construction sector's real GVA is projected to rise by 8.6 percent. Similarly, the financial, real estate, and professional services sector is expected to grow by 7.3 percent.

Asia's largest Shallow Wave Basin research Facility

IIT-Madras has launched Asia's largest Shallow Wave Basin research facility that could cater to Indian research and industry requirements.

Key Points

- ❖ This state-of-the-art facility is located at **Discovery Satellite campus in Thaiyur.**
- ❖ This facility has been **established through the National Technology Centre for Ports Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)**, a centre dedicated for technological innovations and the evolution of new ideas and breakthroughs in the port and maritime sector
- ❖ This is a unique facility that **can address challenging problems in Indian ports, waterways and coastal Engineering.**
- ❖ It is a multi-directional shallow wave basin that can handle complex wave and current interactions.

Short News- Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asked Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to review the progress of the implementation of **three new criminal laws in February and ensure their full implementation in the state as soon as possible.**

Person In News- Appointments

K Vinod Chandran

- ❖ The Supreme Court collegium recommended Patna High Court **Chief Justice K Vinod Chandran to be appointed as a judge of the Supreme court.**

- ❖ The five-judge collegium led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna took this decision.



Person In News- Worldwide

John Dramani Mahama

- ❖ He has sworn in as the President of Ghana.



Places in News

Mount Ibu

- ❖ On 7 January 2025, in Indonesia, **Mount Ibu, located in North Maluku province, erupted.**
- ❖ Mount Ibu is of **height of 1,325 metres.**
- ❖ It is one of the 127 active volcanoes in Indonesia

Important News- Other States

Karnataka

- ❖ The Forest Department of Karnataka has launched '**Garudakshi**'. It is an online FIR system to curb forest encroachments, illegal tree-felling, poaching, and unauthorised entry into forest areas.

Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ After UNESCO declared Gwalior as the City of Music, work has started to declare **Bhopal as the City of Literature.**

Kerala's Kozhikode has already earned UNESCO's recognition in literature.

Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Tamil Nadu **CM MK Stalin Announces \$1M Reward for Decoding Indus Script.**

Important News- Worldwide

Indonesia

- ❖ On 6th January 2025, the **Republic of Indonesia became a full member of BRICS.**

Miscellaneous

- ❖ The **8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2025** has achieved an unprecedented milestone with over 2.79 crore registrations from students, teachers, and parents across India and abroad. PPC is the flagship initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It is a nationwide movement to transform exam-related stress into a festival of learning and celebration.
- ❖ **Microsoft chairman and CEO, Satya Nadella, announced that US \$3 billion** will be invested in India for cloud and AI infrastructure over the next two years.

