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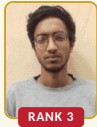
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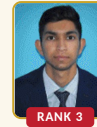
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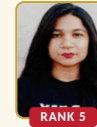
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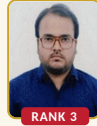
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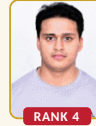
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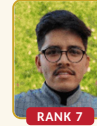
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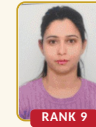
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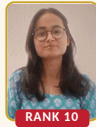
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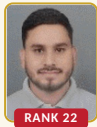
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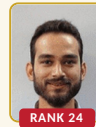
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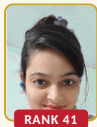
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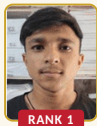
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Month at a Glance

Key Uttarakhand developments of August 2026 in chronological order.

Date	Development
2 Aug	Phase II of 'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar': 198 camps, 1.34 lakh participants
6 Aug	CM sanctions ₹1,967 crore, incl. ₹1,960 crore for 15 GIS-based drainage schemes; halt of Achnera-Tanakpur Express at Banbasa approved
7 Aug	Cabinet approves 15 proposals, incl. Wage Code Rules 2026, High Court land at Lamachaur (Haldwani), 122 posts for State Sports University
7 Aug	12th National Handloom Day; CM felicitates Uttarakhand's CWG 2026 medallists
8 Aug	Teelu Rauteli Award raised to ₹75,000; Anganwadi Worker Award to ₹61,000
10 Aug	Monsoon review with DMs; state roads to be pothole-free by 15 Oct
11 Aug	Kanwar Yatra 2026 (began 30 July) concludes; over 4.43 crore Kanwariyas depart Haridwar with Ganga jal
11 Aug	Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026 approved (free online coaching)
12 Aug	Jal Jeevan Mission review: 14.20 lakh of 14.48 lakh rural households connected
13 Aug	Tunnel accident at THDC's Vishnugad-Pipalkoti HEP, Chamoli; 7 workers killed
13 Aug	Union Road Transport Minister forwards four NH spur proposals of the state for examination
15 Aug	80th Independence Day: CM makes seven announcements incl. State Youth Commission and Bal Veerata Puraskar
19-20 Aug	Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan visits IGNFA (Dehradun) and LBSNAA (Mussoorie)
20 Aug	PMAY-Urban: 12,948 of 15,496 sanctioned houses completed
21 Aug	CM launches Chaupal-2026 under Mukhyamantri Udyamita Yojana
22 Aug	Char Dham Yatra crosses 48 lakh pilgrims in 125 days; Yamunotri sets record
24 Aug	CM sets 9 Nov deadline for visible ground progress on ropeway projects
25 Aug	Cabinet approves 17 proposals: Cooperative Policy 2026, Agniveer cell, 1320 MW PPA
27 Aug	Uttarakhand becomes first state to set up an Agniveer Rozgar Cell; Sashakt Bahna Utsav at Champawat
28-29 Aug	Free travel for women in Uttarakhand Transport Corporation buses on Raksha Bandhan
29 Aug	National Sports Day: state sports awards presented; foundation of State Sports University laid at Haldwani

01

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

State Cabinet Decisions



1.1 Cabinet Meeting of 7 August 2026 — 15 Proposals Approved

WHY IN NEWS The state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami approved 15 proposals covering labour codes, the judiciary, sports, social welfare and inter-state infrastructure.

Decision	Key details
Uttarakhand Wage Code Rules, 2026	Framed under the Code on Wages; wages to be paid digitally; employers must pay wages by the 7th of every month; equal pay for equal work for men and women.
Uttarakhand Industrial Relations Rules, 2026	Framed under Section 99 of the Industrial Relations Code, 2020; faster dispute resolution; clear procedure for selecting members of grievance committees; retrenched workers get a chance of re-employment.
Land for High Court complex	About 30 ha out of 73 ha of forest land at Lamachaur, Haldwani to be transferred for the new complex of the High Court (now at Nainital) — court building, judges' residences, advocates' chambers, parking and offices.
State Sports University, Gaulapar (Haldwani)	122 posts created. It is the state's first sports university, being developed on about 90 acres in line with 'Mission Olympic 2036'.
Ganga Expressway extension	MoU to be signed with Uttar Pradesh for extending the Ganga Expressway from Meerut to Haridwar.
Gau Palan Yojana	Benefit extended to the General category; subsidy up to 75%; maximum two animals per beneficiary.
Uttarakhand GST (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026	To align the state GST law with amendments to the central GST Act.
Cooperative Societies Rules	Rule 473 of the Uttarakhand Cooperative Societies Rules, 2004 amended to remove the leprosy-related disqualification, in compliance with Supreme Court orders.
Eco-tourism HPC	Composition of the High-Powered Committee on eco-tourism under the Chief Secretary amended; aim — new eco-tourism hubs on the Jabarkhet model and an integrated trekking & mountaineering policy.

1.2 Cabinet Meeting of 25 August 2026 — 17 Proposals Approved

WHY IN NEWS The cabinet approved a new state cooperative policy, equal pay for UPANAL personnel, a dedicated Agniveer cell and a long-term power purchase agreement.

Decision	Key details
Uttarakhand State Cooperative Policy, 2026	On the lines of the National Cooperative Policy, 2025; contains seven strategic missions, including strengthening the rural base and expanding cooperatives.
Agniveer cell	Dedicated cell for ex-Agniveers with 6 contractual posts — 1 Deputy Director, 2 Assistant Directors, 2 Junior Assistants, 1 Data Entry Operator.
Power Purchase Agreement	UPCL allowed to sign a 25-year PPA with Adani Power Ltd for 1320 MW base-load coal-based power at ₹5.746 per unit (contracted capacity 1234 MW).
Green cess (Motor Vehicles Taxation)	Green-cess exemption for hybrid vehicles withdrawn; relief for CNG vehicles retained; an EV policy to be prepared after studying other states.
Uttarakhand Medical Supplies Corporation	New corporation for transparent and timely procurement of medicines, surgical items and equipment.
NCDC branch, Haridwar	1 acre of Government Medical College land given on 99-year lease to the National Centre for Disease Control.
Statues of martyrs	Statues of martyred soldiers to be installed in their native villages.
Abadi Survey Rules, 2026	GIS / geospatial survey of urban inhabited areas under the 'NAKSHA' programme of DILRMP.
Kathbangla housing (Dehradun)	116 new houses allotted to families displaced from the Rispana river-bank settlement; state to bear the 10% beneficiary share.
Lokayukta	Search Committee (Functioning) Rules, 2026 for selecting the Chairperson and members under the Uttarakhand Lokayukta Act, 2014.
Prisons	Promotion quota to Deputy Jailor: 90% male and 10% female warders.
UUSDA restructuring	94 new posts for ADB- and KfW-funded urban projects in Rishikesh, Kotdwar, Rudrapur and other towns.

KNOW THE TERMS

- **UPANAL** — Uttarakhand Purv Sainik Kalyan Nigam Ltd, the state agency that provides outsourced manpower (originally for ex-servicemen) to government departments.
- **Base-load power** — electricity supplied round the clock at a steady level, usually from coal or nuclear plants, as opposed to peak-load or intermittent solar/wind supply.
- **NAKSHA** — National geo-spatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban HABitations, a component of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).

02

POLITY & SOCIAL SECTOR

Governance, Policies & Schemes



2.1 80th Independence Day — Chief Minister's Seven Announcements

WHY IN NEWS At the state function at Parade Ground, Dehradun on 15 August 2026, the Chief Minister hoisted the flag and announced seven new measures, mostly aimed at youth and self-employment.

#	Announcement	Details
1	Special Industrial Parks	To be set up in Chamoli, Pauri and Almora districts to create local jobs in the hills.
2	State Youth Commission	First institution of its kind in the state for youth-related policy matters.
3	Support for border youth	Additional incentives for youth, ex-servicemen and Agniveers in border villages for self-employment and entrepreneurship.
4	Land regularisation	Time limit extended for regularisation of Class-3 and Class-4 land, with ownership rights.
5	PM Awas Yojana	State contribution per eligible family raised from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000.
6	Youth Self-Employment & Entrepreneurship Scheme	For 18–30 year olds; free training through institutions such as IITs and IIMs; 30% of the bank loan as grant.
7	Bal Veerata Puraskar	New annual state award for bravery by children.

Achievements cited in the address

Indicator	Figure cited
GSDP growth (last year)	7.23%
State budget size	Crossed ₹1 lakh crore
New industries (last 5 years)	More than 20,000
Registered start-ups	Increased from about 700 to 1,750
Government jobs (4.5 years)	About 34,000 youth

Honours: 14 police personnel received the Chief Minister's Commendable Service Medal and 13 sportspersons were honoured for national and international performances.

2.2 Uttarakhand — First State to Set Up an Agniveer Rozgar Cell

WHY IN NEWS Following the cabinet decision of 25 August, the state government on 27 August described Uttarakhand as the first state in the country to create a dedicated employment cell for Agniveers who complete their four-year service under the Agnipath scheme.

- The cell will link ex-Agniveers with state schemes, skill programmes and job opportunities; it has 6 sanctioned posts.
- Ex-Agniveers already get **10% horizontal reservation** in specified state government posts.
- Related soldier-welfare steps highlighted: statues of martyrs in their native villages, the Sainya Dham in Dehradun, and government jobs to dependants of martyrs.

BACKGROUND — AGNIPATH SCHEME (2022)

- Recruitment of youth aged 17½–21 years into the Army, Navy and Air Force for four years as 'Agniveers'.
- Up to 25% of each batch may be retained in regular service; the rest exit with a 'Seva Nidhi' package.
- The first batch of Agniveers completes four years of service in late 2026–27, hence state-level resettlement measures.

2.3 Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026

WHY IN NEWS Approved by the Chief Minister on 11 August 2026 to provide free online coaching for competitive examinations to students of the state's universities and colleges.

Beneficiaries	Students of state universities and government / aided / private colleges of Uttarakhand
Mode	Free online coaching — aimed at students in remote hill areas
Examinations covered	Civil services (UPSC / State PSC), CDS, Banking, Railways, SSC, and entrance/aptitude tests such as CAT, MAT, GATE, NET and CSIR-NET
Nodal department	Information & Public Relations Department

2.4 'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar' — Phase II

WHY IN NEWS A grievance-redressal and service-delivery outreach in which officials hold multi-department camps at district, block and tehsil levels. Phase II began on 4 July 2026; progress was released on 2 August.

Indicator (Phase II, till 2 Aug 2026)	Number
Camps organised	198
Citizens participating	1,34,740
Complaints received	23,219
Complaints resolved on the spot	20,808
Beneficiaries of government schemes	81,753
Total participation (Phase I + II)	More than 6.5 lakh

Services at the camps include social-security pensions, Ayushman cards, aids for the disabled and agricultural equipment.

2.5 Teelu Rauteli and Anganwadi Worker Awards — Prize Money Increased

WHY IN NEWS On 8 August 2026 the Chief Minister presented the state's women-achiever awards and announced higher prize money.

Award	Awardees (2026)	Earlier amount	Revised amount
Teelu Rauteli State Women Award	13 women	₹51,000	₹75,000
State Anganwadi Worker Award	35 workers	₹51,000	₹61,000

The Chief Minister also recalled that the honorarium of Anganwadi workers had been raised from ₹7,500 to ₹9,300 per month.

Teelu Rauteli Award 2026 — awardees (one from each district)

District	Awardee	Field
Almora	Pushpa Fartyal	Culture and arts
Bageshwar	Daya Danu	Social service

District	Awardee	Field
Chamoli	Nanda Sati	Music
Champawat	Ritika Bagoli	Environmental conservation and education
Dehradun	Neetu Rani	Education and bravery
Haridwar	Vaishali Sharma	Social service
Nainital	Latika	Sports
Pauri Garhwal	Priyanka Pant Thapliyal	Sports, social service and women empowerment
Pithoragarh	Kalavati Devi	Social work
Rudraprayag	Durga Devi	Social service
Tehri Garhwal	Sarita Kothiyal	Social sector
Udham Singh Nagar	Pushpa Devi	Para (divyang) sports
Uttarkashi	Shweta Badhani	Social sector

WHO WAS TEELU RAUTELI?

- A 17th-century warrior-heroine of Garhwal from Guraad village (Chaundkot, Pauri) who fought against the Katyuri raiders; often called the 'Rani Laxmibai of Garhwal'.
- The award is given on her birth anniversary (8 August) to women for outstanding work in social service, sports, culture, education and other fields.

2.6 Women-Centric Initiatives around Raksha Bandhan

WHY IN NEWS The state linked several women-empowerment programmes with Raksha Bandhan (28 August).

- **Mukhyamantri Sashakt Bahna Utsav-2026:** Stalls of women Self-Help Groups were set up across districts to market local products before the festival. At the Champawat event (Dhura, 27 August) the CM inaugurated or laid the foundation stones of **50 schemes worth ₹62.97 crore** — 20 schemes worth ₹11.08 crore were inaugurated and the foundation stones of 30 schemes worth ₹51.89 crore were laid.
- **Free bus travel:** Women travelled free in Uttarakhand Transport Corporation buses across the state on **28-29 August**; the state will compensate the corporation.

2.7 Chaupal-2026 under Mukhyamantri Udyamita Yojana

WHY IN NEWS Launched on 21 August 2026 to connect women, youth and rural entrepreneurs with training, finance and markets.

Indicator	Figure
Entrepreneurs supported under the scheme	More than 13,000
Women entrepreneurs / SHG members linked	More than 8,000
Rural women linked with NRLM	More than 5 lakh
'Lakhpati Didi' (annual income ≥ ₹1 lakh)	More than 3 lakh

A state-level marketing centre for SHG products of all districts will be set up at Terah Gaon near IT Park, Dehradun.

2.8 Union Recognition of 'Fully Literate' Status

WHY IN NEWS On 12 August 2026 the Union Education Minister congratulated the Chief Minister on Uttarakhand being declared a fully literate state under ULLAS.

- **ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram** is a centrally sponsored scheme (2022–27) for adults aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.
- It covers foundational literacy and numeracy, critical life skills, basic education, vocational skills and continuing education, with a strong digital component.
- The Union Minister noted that the milestone was achieved despite the state's difficult geography.
- Under the Centre's ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme), a state or UT is certified fully literate once the literacy rate among adults aged 15 and above crosses **95%**.

States and UTs declared fully literate (in order of declaration)

Order	State / UT	Details
1st state	Mizoram	Declared in May 2025; literacy about 98.2%
2nd state	Goa	Literacy about 100%
3rd state	Tripura	Literacy about 95–96%
1st UT	Ladakh	First Union Territory to be certified
4th state	Himachal Pradesh	Literacy about 99.3%
5th state	Sikkim	Declared in May 2026; literacy 99.82%
6th state	Uttarakhand	Declared in July 2026; literacy above 98%

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ECONOMY

Economy, Energy & Infrastructure



3.1 1320 MW Long-Term Power Purchase Agreement

WHY IN NEWS The cabinet on 25 August permitted Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd (UPCL) to sign a power purchase and supply agreement with Adani Power Ltd to meet the state's growing base-load demand.

Buyer	Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd (UPCL)
Seller	Adani Power Ltd
Capacity	1320 MW base-load (contracted capacity 1234 MW)
Source	Coal-based thermal power
Tariff	₹5.746 per unit
Duration	25 years
Stated objective	Energy security and uninterrupted supply, especially in winter when hydro generation falls

3.2 Ropeway Projects — Deadline of 9 November for Ground Progress

WHY IN NEWS Reviewing slow progress on 24 August, the Chief Minister directed that work on ropeway projects be visible on the ground by State Foundation Day, 9 November 2026. Executing agencies must report progress to the Chief Secretary within 15 days.

Project	Length / status	Agency
Sonprayag–Kedarnath	12.9 km; approved under Parvatmala	NHLML
Govindghat–Hemkund Sahib	12.4 km; approved under Parvatmala	NHLML
Dehradun–Mussoorie	Priority project	—
Nainital	Priority project	—
Yamunotri, Purnagiri, Kunjapuri, Haridwar (integrated), Triveni Ghat–Neelkanth	Proposed	—

PARVATMALA PARIYOJANA

- National Ropeways Development Programme announced in the Union Budget 2022–23; implemented by National Highways Logistics Management Ltd (NHLML) under MoRTH.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Kedarnath and Hemkund Sahib ropeways in March 2025.

3.3 National Highway Spur Proposals

WHY IN NEWS On 13 August the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways informed the Chief Minister that four proposals, sent on 24 July, had been forwarded for examination.

Road	Length	Proposal
Sikuda Band – NTD (Almora), with tunnel	~1 km	Spur of NH-309B
Seraghat – Badechina	45 km	Link to NH network
Marchula – Bhikiyasain	72 km	Link to NH network
Kalsi – Chakrata	44 km	Spur of NH-707A / NH-507

3.4 Housing and Drinking Water — Progress Reviews

WHY IN NEWS Two flagship programmes were reviewed during the month.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (as on 20 Aug 2026)

Indicator	Figure
Houses sanctioned (18 projects)	15,496
Houses completed	12,948 (about 84%)
Keys handed over	1,271 (Roorkee 768, Haridwar 503)
District-wise units	Udham Singh Nagar 10,200; Haridwar 4,528; Nainital 528; Dehradun 240
Deadline	Construction by 30 Sep 2026; 15,000+ families to get houses by Dec 2026
State share per family	Raised from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000

Jal Jeevan Mission (review of 12 Aug 2026)

Indicator	Figure
Total schemes	16,555
Completed schemes	15,540 (92.46%)
Ongoing schemes	1,015
Rural households — target / connected	14.48 lakh / 14.20 lakh
Villages verified	9,796 of 14,979

The Chief Minister stressed that success must be measured by regular, adequate and safe supply, not merely by the number of connections, and asked for source sustainability in hill areas and permanent O&M arrangements.

3.5 Mukhyamantri Saur Swarozgar Yojana — Status

WHY IN NEWS Released on 10 August, the progress report of the scheme that links local youth and returnee migrants with self-employment through small grid-connected solar plants.

Installed (till June 2026)	1,132 plants, about 210 MW
Target	250 MW
Plant sizes allowed	20, 25, 50, 100 and 200 kW
Employment	About 3,500 direct and indirect
Incentives	All benefits under the MSME Policy-2023

Top districts	Plants	Capacity (kW)
Tehri Garhwal	369	69,050
Uttarkashi	227	43,660
Champawat	144	28,200
Haridwar	86	16,900

3.6 Other Economic and Connectivity Developments

WHY IN NEWS Brief items from the month.

- **₹1,967 crore sanctioned (6 Aug):** ₹1,960 crore for 15 GIS-based drainage schemes in urban areas; ₹6.82 crore for flood protection of Kheta Khera village on the right bank of the Sharda river, Tanakpur (Champawat).
- **Rail:** Union Railway Minister approved a halt of the **Achnera-Tanakpur Express (15093/15094)** at Banbasa station (Champawat), on the Indo-Nepal border (6 Aug).
- **Ganga Expressway:** Cabinet (7 Aug) approved an MoU with Uttar Pradesh to extend the Meerut-Prayagraj Ganga Expressway to Haridwar.
- **Handloom sector:** Under the Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana, 278 weavers and artisans received loans of over ₹4 crore with subsidy of over ₹1 crore, creating about 834 jobs.

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04

GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER

Disaster Management & Environment



4.1 Tunnel Accident at Vishnugad–Pipalkoti Hydroelectric Project, Chamoli

WHY IN NEWS On the night of 13 August 2026, water and debris entered an under-construction tunnel of the THDC India Ltd project at Mayapur near Pipalkoti. The Chief Minister reached the State Emergency Operations Centre and directed rescue on a war footing.

Project	Vishnugad–Pipalkoti Hydroelectric Project (444 MW, run-of-river) on the Alaknanda
Developer	THDC India Ltd; construction contractor Hindustan Construction Company (HCC)
Workers affected	22
Casualties	7 workers died; the last bodies were recovered on 18 August, when search & rescue was declared complete
Agencies	District administration, SDRF, NDRF, ITBP, Army, CISF

RELATED FACTS

- Vishnugad–Pipalkoti HEP is partly funded by the World Bank and lies downstream of the Tapovan–Vishnugad project of NTPC.
- Other tunnel incidents in the state: Tapovan tunnel after the Rishiganga flood (February 2021) and the Silkyara–Barkot tunnel collapse on the Char Dham road project (November 2023, all 41 workers rescued).

4.2 Monsoon Preparedness and Restoration

WHY IN NEWS Heavy rain during August disrupted roads in several hill districts.

- **10 Aug review:** In a virtual meeting with all District Magistrates the CM directed that the disaster-management machinery stay on full alert; all state roads to be made **pothole-free by 15 October**; post-Kanwar cleanliness drives and anti-drug operations to continue.
- **Tamak Nala (Niti valley, Chamoli):** A flash flood in Tamak Nala washed away a valley bridge on the road to the Niti border area. District administration, Army, ITBP, BRO, NDRF and SDRF restored traffic in record time by laying Hume pipes for a temporary road (reported 11 Aug).

05

CULTURE & TOURISM

Tourism, Pilgrimage, Art & Culture



5.1 Char Dham Yatra 2026 — 48 Lakh Pilgrims in 125 Days

WHY IN NEWS Despite monsoon disruptions, the yatra continued; figures released on 22 August cover 19 April to 21 August 2026.

Shrine	Pilgrims (2026)	Remark
Badrinath	16,54,263	3,62,304 more than the same period of 2025
Kedarnath	14,65,370	—
Gangotri	7,47,671	—
Yamunotri	6,68,163	All-time record (2025: 6,44,637)
Hemkund Sahib	2,69,430	—
Total	48,04,897	2025: 42,82,263 (increase of 5,22,634)

Note: the 'Total' is the figure released by the state and includes Hemkund Sahib.

5.2 Kanwar Yatra 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Shravan Kanwar Yatra began in Haridwar on 30 July and concluded on 11 August 2026 (Sawan Shivratri).

- More than **4.43 crore** Kanwariyas left Haridwar with Ganga jal by the conclusion of the yatra.
- On 6 August alone, about 39.15 lakh Kanwariyas departed by 6 pm.
- Arrangements covered traffic diversion, security, medical aid, drinking water and sanitation, in coordination with Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan.

5.3 12th National Handloom Day and Uttarakhand's Craft Products

WHY IN NEWS The Uttarakhand Handloom and Handicraft Development Council held the state function on 7 August; the CM honoured weavers and bought nettle-fibre garments to promote local products.

Product	Region / feature
Thulma	Woollen blanket of Munsyari (Pithoragarh)
Tweed	Handwoven woollen fabric of Almora
Nettle (Bichhu ghas / Kandali) fibre	Himalayan nettle fibre woven into shawls, jackets and stoles
Harsil woollens	Shawls and woollens of the Harsil valley (Uttarkashi)
Ringal craft	Dwarf-bamboo products made across Garhwal and Kumaon

NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY

- Observed on 7 August since 2015 to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 August 1905.
- 2026 was the 12th edition.

5.4 Hilljatra and the Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission

WHY IN NEWS On 24 August the Chief Minister, addressing the Hilljatra festival of Pithoragarh, linked the preservation of folk traditions with religious tourism in the Kumaon (Manaskhand) region.

- **Hilljatra** is an agro-pastoral masked-dance festival of the Soryaghati area of Pithoragarh (notably Kumaaur village), held in Bhadrapad after paddy transplantation; the character of **Lakhiya Bhoot** is its central figure.
- The **Manaskhand Mandir Mala Mission** develops infrastructure and connectivity at ancient temples of Kumaon (e.g., Jageshwar, Patal Bhuvaneshwar, Baijnath) to create a religious circuit on the lines of the Char Dham.
- Other cultural events of the month: the Tapkeshwar Mahadev procession and Teej celebrations for women, both in Dehradun.

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06

MISCELLANEOUS

Sports, Persons & Institutions in News



6.1 Uttarakhand's Medallists at the Commonwealth Games 2026

WHY IN NEWS The 23rd Commonwealth Games were held in Glasgow, Scotland from 24 July to 2 August 2026; India finished 4th with 39 medals (13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze). On 7 August the Chief Minister felicitated the state's medallists and their coaches.

Athlete	Home	Event	Medal
Shubham Juyal	Roorkee	Para athletics — Men's shot put F57 (13.28 m)	Silver
Unnati Sharma	Dehradun	Judo — Women's 63 kg	Bronze

Coaches honoured: Rakesh Singh Rawat (Pauri), Satish Chandra Sharma and Punesh Kumar Singh (Dehradun), and Khimanand Belwal (Haldwani), coach of the Indian boxing team. The next Commonwealth Games (2030) will be held in Ahmedabad.

6.2 State Sports Awards and Sports University on National Sports Day

WHY IN NEWS On National Sports Day (29 August, birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand) the Chief Minister presented the state's sports awards at Haldwani, laid the foundation of the Uttarakhand State Sports University and inaugurated its first academic session.

Award	Awardee	Discipline / home
Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna (2024-25)	Ankita Dhyan	Athletics — Pauri Garhwal
Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna (2025)	Abhinav Deshwal	Shooting
Himalaya Khel Ratna (2025-26)	Mamta Khati	Modern pentathlon — Bageshwar
Himalaya Khel Ratna (2025-26)	Saksham Pratap Singh	Modern pentathlon — Kashipur
Himalaya Khel Ratna (2025-26)	Shaurya Saini	Para shooting — Roorkee
Himalaya Khel Ratna (2025-26)	Khushi Chandra	Boxing — Pithoragarh
State Dronacharya Award	Mukesh Sharma (2025-26)	Rowing coach — Dehradun
State Dronacharya Award	Lokesh Kumar (2024-25)	Athletics coach
Lifetime Achievement Award	Mukesh Chandra Belwal	Boxing — Haldwani

- **Sports University:** Foundation laid at the international stadium complex, Gaulapar (Haldwani); ₹43.50 crore sanctioned for the first phase. It is the state's first sports university (122 posts approved by the cabinet on 7 August).
- 29 medal-winning athletes have been appointed to government posts under the out-of-turn employment policy.
- No applications were received for the 2024 Himalaya Khel Ratna.

6.3 Visits and Institutions in News

WHY IN NEWS Important visits and institutional developments.

Date	Event
19 Aug	Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan addressed IFS probationers (2025–27 batch) at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun.
20 Aug	The Vice-President was the chief guest at the valedictory of Phase-II of the IAS Professional Course (2024 batch) at LBSNAA, Mussoorie.
Aug	Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and the CM took part in a dialogue on 'One Nation–One Election' at a saints' congregation in Haridwar.
Aug	The Director General of the NCC called on the CM to discuss expansion of NCC in the state.
30 Aug	The CM listened to the 137th episode of the PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' at Kuanwala, Dehradun.

6.4 Important Days Observed in August 2026

WHY IN NEWS Days observed by the state with events and messages.

Date	Day	Note
7 Aug	National Handloom Day	12th edition
8 Aug	Teelu Rauteli Jayanti	State women awards presented
14 Aug	Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (since 2021)
15 Aug	Independence Day	80th anniversary; 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign
16 Aug	Death anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Uttarakhand was created during his tenure (9 Nov 2000)
28 Aug	Raksha Bandhan	Free bus travel for women (28–29 Aug)
29 Aug	National Sports Day	Birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand; state sports awards

07

RAPID REVISION

Quick Revision: One-Liners



#	Fact
1	Cabinet of 7 Aug approved 15 proposals; cabinet of 25 Aug approved 17 proposals.
2	Under the Uttarakhand Wage Code Rules, 2026, wages must be paid by the 7th of every month.
3	About 30 ha of forest land at Lamachaur, Haldwani will be used for the new High Court complex.
4	The State Sports University is at Gaulapar, Haldwani; 122 posts were created for it.
5	The Ganga Expressway (Meerut-Prayagraj) is to be extended to Haridwar through an MoU with UP.
6	The Gau Palan Yojana (subsidy up to 75%, max. two animals) now covers the General category.
7	Uttarakhand State Cooperative Policy, 2026 has seven strategic missions.
8	UPCL will buy 1320 MW coal power from Adani Power at ₹5.746/unit for 25 years.
9	Green-cess exemption for hybrid vehicles has been withdrawn; CNG vehicles keep the relief.
10	A branch of NCDC will come up at Haridwar on 1 acre leased for 99 years.
11	Uttarakhand is the first state to form an Agniveer Rozgar Cell (6 posts).
12	Ex-Agniveers get 10% horizontal reservation in specified state posts.
13	Independence Day announcements include a State Youth Commission and a Bal Veerata Puraskar.
14	Special industrial parks are to be set up in Chamoli, Pauri and Almora.
15	State share under PM Awas Yojana raised from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 per family.
16	Teelu Rauteli Award raised to ₹75,000; Anganwadi Worker Award raised to ₹61,000.
17	In 2026, 13 women got the Teelu Rauteli Award and 35 workers the Anganwadi Worker Award.
18	Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana-2026 offers free online coaching to college students.
19	Phase II of 'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar': 198 camps, 1,34,740 participants.
20	Jal Jeevan Mission: 14.20 lakh of 14.48 lakh target households connected.
21	PMAY-U: 15,496 houses sanctioned; Udham Singh Nagar has the most units (10,200).
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31	The Vice-President visited IGNSA Dehradun (19 Aug) and LBSNAA Mussoorie (20 Aug).
32	Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna went to Ankita Dhyani (athletics) and Abhinav Deshwal (shooting).
33	₹43.50 crore has been sanctioned for the first phase of the State Sports University at Gaulapar, Haldwani.

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