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Month at a Glance

Key Uttarakhand developments of January 2026 in chronological order.

Date	Development
3 Jan	CM launches Uttarakhand Malta Mahotsav and announces a 'Malta Mission'
5 Jan	At a review chaired by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, the state seeks approval for the Rishikesh bypass and three hill NH projects
6 Jan	State explains the VB-G RAM G Act: 125 days of rural work; 90:10 Centre-state funding for Uttarakhand
8 Jan	Uttarakhand Police ranked first in ICJS 2.0 (score 93.46); nursing college at Dobh-Srikot renamed after Ankita Bhandari
9 Jan	Government recommends a CBI inquiry in the Ankita Bhandari case
12 Jan	National Youth Day: Mahila and Yuvak Mangal Dal awards; Swami Vivekananda Corridor announced
14 Jan	NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2024: Uttarakhand first among small states
14 Jan	Winter Tourism Conclave (Uttarkashi); Magh Mela opened; aquatic biodiversity initiatives launched at WII, Dehradun
15 Jan	MoU with ITBP under 'Swasth Seema Abhiyan' for health services in 108 border villages
16 Jan	Uttarakhand rated 'Leader' in DPIIT's 5th States' Startup Ecosystem Ranking; National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship opens at Roorkee
21-22 Jan	Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Rishikesh (Kalyan centenary edition) and Haridwar (Gayatri Pariwar centenary)
23 Jan	Season's first snowfall in Bageshwar and Chakrata after a long dry winter
25 Jan	Padma Bhushan for former CM Bhagat Singh Koshyari; 8 Uttarakhand police and fire personnel get Republic Day medals
26 Jan	Paper on Hemileccinum indicum, a mushroom genus recorded for the first time in India (Bageshwar), published
27 Jan	First 'UCC Diwas'; UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 comes into force
28 Jan	Cabinet approves 8 proposals incl. Green Hydrogen Policy 2026
29 Jan	Uttarakhand named 'Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem' at Wings India 2026, Hyderabad
30 Jan	'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar': 484 camps, over 3.89 lakh people served

01

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

State Cabinet Decisions



1.1 Cabinet Meeting of 28 January 2026 — 8 Proposals Approved

WHY IN NEWS The state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami approved eight proposals on health, revenue, tribal welfare, groundwater, higher education, defence and green energy. It was the only cabinet meeting of the month.

Decision	Key details
Land purchase by mutual consent	Procedure approved for buying land directly from owners for small, medium and large projects, as an alternative to compulsory acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013; aims to cut litigation and cost.
Prag Farm land to SIDCUL	Amendment for transfer of 1,354.14 acres at Prag Farm (Udham Singh Nagar) to SIDCUL; land must be used within 3 years; sub-leasing allowed with Revenue Department consent.
Groundwater charges	Water charges for non-agricultural extraction (industrial, commercial, residential societies); registration fee of ₹5,000 .
GRD Uttarakhand University	Private university approved in Dehradun district; the ordinance will be placed before the Assembly in the next session.
Advanced Landing Grounds	Chinyalisaur airstrip (Uttarkashi) and Gauchar airstrip (Chamoli) to be handed to the Ministry of Defence for joint use as Advanced Landing Grounds.
Green Hydrogen Policy, 2026	State's first policy for green hydrogen production (see 1.2).

KNOW THE TERMS

- **SIDCUL** — State Infrastructure and Industrial Development Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd, the nodal agency for industrial estates.
- **Advanced Landing Ground (ALG)** — a forward airstrip used by the Air Force for transport and rescue operations; both Chinyalisaur and Gauchar lie on the routes to the China border.

1.2 Uttarakhand Green Hydrogen Policy, 2026

WHY IN NEWS Approved on 28 January, the policy aims to use the state's hydro and solar power to produce green hydrogen for industry and transport, in line with India's net-zero goal of 2070.

Target	100 kilotonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030
Eligibility	Projects must start operation by 31 December 2030
Power-cost relief	50% concession on transmission and wheeling charges; 100% exemption from electricity duty, additional surcharge and cross-subsidy surcharge
Other support	Benefits of the MSME Policy 2023 and Mega Industrial & Investment Policy 2021; single-window clearance
Duration of incentives	10 years from the commercial operation date
Estimated cost to state	About ₹1.21 crore a year per MW of load
Target users	Steel, refineries, fertilisers, cement; hydrogen as transport fuel

BACKGROUND — NATIONAL GREEN HYDROGEN MISSION

- Approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2023 with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore; target of 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030.
- Green hydrogen is produced by splitting water through electrolysis powered by renewable electricity, so it emits no carbon at the point of production.

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02

POLITY & SOCIAL SECTOR

Governance, Policies & Schemes



2.1 One Year of the Uniform Civil Code — First 'UCC Diwas'

WHY IN NEWS The UCC came into force in Uttarakhand on 27 January 2025, making it the first state to implement one after Independence. The first anniversary was observed statewide as 'UCC Diwas' on 27 January 2026, and the UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 came into force the same day.

Service under UCC	Applications (first year, mid-January 2026)
Marriage registration	4,08,244 (3,89,125 approved)
Acknowledgement of earlier-registered marriages	85,016
Registration of wills	4,816
Divorce registration	374
Live-in relationships	156 (65 approved)

- By 24 January, total applications under the UCC crossed **5 lakh** (state figure). Nearly all marriage registrations are now online; couples and witnesses can apply remotely with a video statement, and the average processing time is about five days.
- The UCC portal is AI-assisted and available in **23 languages**. The registration-fee waiver was extended until 26 January 2026.
- UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026:** promulgated by the Governor under **Article 213**; it makes procedural, administrative and penal changes, aligns the Code with the new criminal laws (BNS/BNSS) and strengthens registration powers and appeals.
- The main state function was held at the Himalayan Cultural Centre, Garhi Cantt, Dehradun, where the CM addressed the first UCC Diwas.

UCC TIMELINE

- Expert committee under Justice (retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai set up in May 2022.
- Uniform Civil Code, Uttarakhand Bill passed by the Assembly on 7 February 2024; Presidential assent in March 2024.
- Rules notified and the Code implemented on 27 January 2025. Scheduled Tribes are kept outside its scope.

2.2 'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar' — Phase I

WHY IN NEWS A multi-department outreach campaign launched on 17 December 2025 in all 13 districts, holding camps at nyaya panchayat and block level for grievance redressal, certificates and scheme enrolment.

Indicator	Till 9 Jan 2026	Till 30 Jan 2026
Camps held	300+	484
Citizens participating / benefited	1,97,522	3,89,000+
Complaints received	22,645	—
Complaints resolved	16,000+	—
Certificate applications	31,070	—
People linked to schemes	1,11,326	—

On 24 January the campaign recorded its highest single-day reach of **7,876 citizens**. A second phase was held from July 2026.

2.3 VB-G RAM G Act — What It Means for Uttarakhand

WHY IN NEWS The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, which replaces MGNREGA, received Presidential assent on 21 December 2025. On 6 January the state government set out its benefits for Uttarakhand’s villages.

Feature	MGNREGA (2005)	VB-G RAM G Act (2025)
Guaranteed work per household	100 days	125 days
Funding (Uttarakhand)	Centre bears unskilled wages	90:10 Centre–state (Himalayan state); 60:40 for general states
Pause during farm season	No provision	Up to 60 days a year during sowing and harvest
Wage payment	Within 15 days	Weekly, with compensation for delay
Administrative expenses	6%	9%

- Unemployment allowance if work is not provided within 15 days of demand.
- Biometric attendance, geo-tagging, AI-based fraud detection and social audits twice a year.
- Priority works: water conservation (ponds, check dams), rural infrastructure, livelihood assets and disaster-resilience works.

2.4 ‘Swasth Seema Abhiyan’ — ITBP to Serve 108 Border Villages

WHY IN NEWS On 15 January 2026 the state government and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) signed an MoU, in the CM’s presence, to provide health services in 108 border villages of Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Uttarkashi.

Partner	Responsibilities
ITBP	Doctors and paramedical staff, scheduled visits, examination rooms, telemedicine, medical records, management of medicines and equipment
State government	Demographic data, initial equipment, replenishment of medicines every six months, emergency evacuation, telecom support, replacement of equipment

This is the first phase of the campaign. It supports the Vibrant Villages Programme, whose aim is to stop out-migration from frontier villages.

2.5 Ankita Bhandari Case — CBI Inquiry Recommended

WHY IN NEWS On 9 January 2026, acting on a request from Ankita Bhandari’s parents, the state government recommended a CBI inquiry into the 2022 case.

- The case was earlier investigated by an SIT headed by a woman IPS officer; the trial court awarded life imprisonment to the three accused in May 2025.
- On 8 January the **State Nursing College, Dobh-Srikot (Pauri Garhwal)** was formally renamed ‘**Late Ankita Bhandari Government Nursing College**’, as her parents had asked.

2.6 National Youth Day Awards

WHY IN NEWS On National Youth Day (12 January) the Chief Minister presented the state's Mahila Mangal Dal and Yuvak Mangal Dal awards at Parade Ground, Dehradun.

Rank	Mahila Mangal Dal	Yuvak Mangal Dal	Prize
1st	Dhapla (Nainital)	Mokh Malla (Chamoli)	₹1,00,000
2nd	Sema (Chamoli)	Sundarpurkhal (Nainital)	₹50,000
3rd	Banali (Tehri Garhwal)	Chaudirai (Champawat)	₹25,000

The CM announced a **Swami Vivekananda Corridor** linking places in Uttarakhand associated with Swami Vivekananda's stay and meditation (such as Almora and Kakrighat).



03

ECONOMY

Economy, Energy & Infrastructure



3.1 Export Preparedness Index 2024 — Uttarakhand First among Small States

WHY IN NEWS NITI Aayog released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024 on 14 January 2026. Uttarakhand was the top performer in the category of small states, North-Eastern states and Union Territories.

Category	Leading performers
Large states	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
Small states / NE states / UTs	Uttarakhand , Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa

Pillar	Weight
Export Infrastructure	20%
Business Ecosystem	40%
Policy & Governance	20%
Export Performance	20%

The framework has 4 pillars, 13 sub-pillars and 70 indicators. The state credited its Export and Logistics Policy and the selection of **two products per district** under One District One Product (ODOP).

3.2 'Leader' in the States' Startup Ecosystem Ranking

WHY IN NEWS In the 5th edition of the States' Startup Ecosystem Ranking by DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry), released around National Startup Day (16 January), Uttarakhand was placed in the 'Leader' category.

- The Industries Department received a Certificate of Appreciation.
- National Startup Day is observed on 16 January, the anniversary of the Startup India launch (2016).

3.3 National Highway Proposals Placed before the Centre

WHY IN NEWS At a review of national highway projects chaired by Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 5 January, the CM sought approval for four projects.

Project	NH	Length	Cost (₹ crore)
Rishikesh bypass (four-lane, elevated sections for elephant corridor, bridge on Chandrabhaga)	NH-07	12.67 km	1,161.27
Almora-Danya-Panar-Ghat (two-lane)	NH-309B	76 km	988
Almora-Bageshwar-Kanda-Udiyari Bend	NH-309A	84.04 km	1,001.99
Jyolikot-Khairna-Gairsain-Karnaprayag (two-lane)	NH-109	235 km	—

Other figures cited: ₹12,769 crore approved for the Char Dham road project; 3,723 km of national highways in the state; 193 km of NHAI roads under construction at ₹15,890 crore.

3.4 Malta Mahotsav and the 'Malta Mission'

WHY IN NEWS On 3 January 2026 the CM inaugurated the Uttarakhand Malta Mahotsav at the Circuit House garden, Garhi Cantt, Dehradun, and announced a Malta Mission to raise production of the hill citrus fruit.

Support	Details
Minimum Support Price	Declared for Malta and Galgal (hill lemon)
Orchard development	50% subsidy
Micro-irrigation	70–80% subsidy
Food-processing units	60% subsidy
Marketing	A Malta Festival to be held in Delhi

A second Malta festival was held at the ITBP stadium, Seema Dwar, Dehradun (7–8 January). Malta is a sweet-orange variety grown in the mid-hills of Garhwal and Kumaon.

3.5 'Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem' — Wings India 2026

WHY IN NEWS At Wings India 2026 (Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, 28–31 January), Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu presented the award to Uttarakhand on 29 January.

- Recognised for helicopter connectivity to the Char Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, Yamunotri), new heliports and helipads, UDAN routes and use of aircraft for disaster response.
- Wings India is Asia's largest civil aviation event, organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Airports Authority of India and FICCI.

04

GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER

Disaster Management & Environment



4.1 A Dry Winter, Forest Fires and the First Snowfall

WHY IN NEWS Uttarakhand recorded almost no rain or snow in December 2025 and the first three weeks of January 2026. The season's first snowfall came only on 23 January.

- **Dry spell:** almost no rain or snow from November 2025 to the third week of January 2026 across the hill districts.
- **Impact:** 15–20% damage to wheat reported in Chamoli, Tehri and Bageshwar (compensation applies only above 33% loss); stress on apple orchards from warm days and freezing nights.
- **Winter forest fires:** reported in the buffer zone of Nanda Devi National Park, the Gangotri valley and near the Valley of Flowers.
- **23 January:** snow at Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri, Hemkund, Auli, Mana, Niti, Harsil, Mussoorie and Dhanaulti; the season's first snowfall in Bageshwar and Chakrata.

WHY WINTER PRECIPITATION MATTERS

- Winter rain and snow in the western Himalaya come mainly from Western Disturbances, which begin in the Mediterranean region.
- Snowmelt recharges springs (naulas and dharas) and feeds rivers in the dry pre-monsoon months; a weak winter raises the risk of forest fires and water shortage in summer.

4.2 Aquatic Biodiversity Initiatives at WII, Dehradun

WHY IN NEWS On 14 January 2026 Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil launched several conservation initiatives under the Namami Gange Mission at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.

Initiative	Details
Aqua Life Conservation Monitoring Centre for Ganga and other rivers	Labs for ecotoxicology, aquatic ecology, spatial ecology and microplastics
Dolphin Rescue Ambulance	Run by TSAFI for rescue of distressed Gangetic dolphins
Indian Skimmer Conservation Project	With the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
M.Sc. in Freshwater Ecology & Conservation	Two-year course at WII

Figures cited: the Gangetic dolphin population exceeds 6,000; 20 Red-crowned Roofed Turtles were reintroduced into the upper Ganga, the first monitored reintroduction in 30 years.

4.3 Hemileccinum indicum — A New Mushroom from Bageshwar

WHY IN NEWS Scientists of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) with the University of Torino (Italy) described a new pitted-spore bolete mushroom from the oak forests of Bageshwar district; the paper appeared in the Nordic Journal of Botany (reported 26 January).

Species	Hemileccinum indicum
Place	Dhakuri area, Bageshwar district, above 2,600 m, in temperate oak forest
Significance	First record of the genus Hemileccinum in India
Key feature	Violet-brown wrinkled cap; tiny pits on the spores seen only under an electron microscope
Ecological role	Forms a symbiotic (ectomycorrhizal) link with oak roots and helps nutrient cycling



05

CULTURE & TOURISM

Tourism, Pilgrimage, Art & Culture



5.1 Winter Char Dham Yatra and the Winter Tourism Conclave

WHY IN NEWS With the shrines closed for winter, worship continues at the winter seats of the four deities. The state is promoting these as a winter pilgrimage circuit.

Shrine	Winter seat (district)	Pilgrims (to 15 Jan 2026)
Kedarnath	Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath (Rudraprayag)	16,950
Badrinath	Yogadhyan Badri, Pandukeshwar and Narsingh Temple, Jyotirmath (Chamoli)	6,407
Gangotri	Mukhba (Uttarkashi)	3,298
Yamunotri	Kharsali (Uttarkashi)	1,017
Total		27,000+

Winter Tourism Conclave, Uttarkashi (14 January)

- Three-day conclave with about 150 tour operators (50 national via ADTOI, 50 state-level, 50 local), hotel associations and trekking groups; site visits to Mukhba, Kharsali and Sankri (Kedarkantha trek base).
- Aim: make Uttarakhand a 'twelve-month tourism state' through winter yatra, homestays, wellness and adventure tourism.

5.2 Makar Sankranti Fairs — Magh Mela and Uttarayani

WHY IN NEWS Makar Sankranti (14 January) is marked across the state by river fairs and the Ghughutiya festival.

- Magh Mela, Uttarkashi:** The CM opened the week-long fair at Ramlila Ground on 14 January in the presence of the dolis of **Kandar Devta** and **Hari Maharaj**; devotees bathed in the Bhagirathi.
- Uttarayani Kauthig, Lucknow:** On 14 January the CM attended the 15-day fair organised by the Parvatiya Mahaparishad for people from Uttarakhand living in Lucknow.

KNOW THE FESTIVALS

- Uttarayani Mela, Bageshwar** is held at the confluence of the Saryu and Gomti. In January 1921 the coolie-begar system was ended there under the leadership of Badri Datt Pandey.
- Ghughutiya** (Kale Kauwa) is celebrated in Kumaon: children offer sweets shaped like 'ghughut' to crows.
- The **Magh Mela** of Uttarkashi is a trade and religious fair of the Barahat region; it is also called 'Barahat ka Thaulu' (Barahat is the old name of Uttarkashi).

5.3 Centenaries of Kalyan (Gita Press) and Gayatri Pariwar

WHY IN NEWS Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Uttarakhand on 21–22 January 2026 for cultural and spiritual events; the CM accompanied him.

Date	Place	Event
21 Jan	Gita Bhawan, Rishikesh	Release of the centenary edition of Kalyan , the monthly of Gita Press, Gorakhpur
22 Jan	Bairagi Camp, Haridwar	Centenary celebrations of All World Gayatri Pariwar — birth centenary of Mata Bhagwati Devi Sharma and centenary of the Akhand Deep
22 Jan	Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar	Inauguration of the Patanjali Emergency and Critical Care Hospital

RELATED FACTS

- Gita Press was founded in 1923 at Gorakhpur; it received the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021. Kalyan has been published since 1926.
- Shantikunj, Haridwar is the headquarters of the All World Gayatri Pariwar, founded by Pt. Shriram Sharma Acharya.

06

MISCELLANEOUS

Sports, Persons & Institutions in News



6.1 Padma Bhushan for Bhagat Singh Koshyari

WHY IN NEWS In the Padma Awards announced on 25 January 2026, former Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari was named for the Padma Bhushan in the field of Public Affairs. He was the only awardee from Uttarakhand.

Born	1942, Palanadhura village, Bageshwar district
Offices held	2nd Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (2001–02); Rajya Sabha member; Lok Sabha member from Nainital–Udham Singh Nagar (2014–19); Governor of Maharashtra (2019–23)
Other roles	Took part in the statehood movement; writer in Hindi and Kumaoni

Padma Awards 2026	Number
Padma Vibhushan	5
Padma Bhushan	13
Padma Shri	113
Total	131

6.2 Uttarakhand Police Tops ICJS 2.0 Ranking

WHY IN NEWS On 8 January 2026 Uttarakhand Police was ranked first in the country in implementation of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0.

Rank	State	Score
1	Uttarakhand	93.46
2	Haryana	93.41
3	Assam	93.16

- ICJS links police (CCTNS), courts, prosecution, prisons, forensic labs and fingerprint data on one platform on the 'one data, one entry' principle; it is run by the NCRB under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The 112-member **SDRF** team that served at the Prayagraj Mahakumbh 2025 received medals and commendation certificates from the Uttar Pradesh government.

6.3 Republic Day Medals for Uttarakhand Police and Fire Personnel

WHY IN NEWS Eight personnel from Uttarakhand were among those named for medals on the eve of the 77th Republic Day (25 January).

Medal	Awardee
President's Medal for Distinguished Service	Yogendra Singh Rawat, IG (Personnel), Police HQ
Medal for Meritorious Service (Police)	Prabodh Kumar Ghildiyal (DSP, Rudraprayag); Shivraj Singh (DSP, Champawat); Jyoti Chauhan (Inspector, Vigilance, Dehradun); Subhash Chandra (Inspector, Intelligence HQ); Sajid Ali (ASI, Police HQ)
Medal for Meritorious Service (Fire)	Girish Chandra Lohani and Mukesh Kumar Pokhariyal (Leading Firemen, Dehradun)

6.4 Para Sports — National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship

WHY IN NEWS The CM virtually inaugurated the National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship at COER University, Roorkee (16 January).

- Honoured guests included **Murlikant Petkar**, India's first Paralympic gold medallist (1972), and para-swimmer Satyendra Singh Lohiya.
- On 17 January Paralympian **Dr. Deepa Malik** met the CM and discussed a proposal for a para-sports university in the state.
- India won 29 medals at the Paris Paralympics 2024, its best ever.

6.5 Important Days Observed in January 2026

WHY IN NEWS Days marked in the state with events and messages.

Date	Day	Note
6 Jan	BIS Foundation Day	79th; CM attended the state function
8 Jan	Birth anniversary of Harbans Kapoor	80th; former Speaker, eight-time MLA from Dehradun
9 Jan	Sundarlal Bahuguna Jayanti	Chipko leader, born 1927 at Maroda (Tehri); Padma Vibhushan 2009
12 Jan	National Youth Day	Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary; Mangal Dal awards
14 Jan	Makar Sankranti / Uttarayani	Magh Mela, Uttarkashi; Ghughutiya
16 Jan	National Startup Day	Uttarakhand rated 'Leader'
25 Jan	National Voters' Day	ECI foundation day (1950)
26 Jan	Republic Day	77th; theme: 150 years of 'Vande Mataram'
27 Jan	UCC Diwas	First anniversary of the UCC

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Quick Revision: One-Liners



#	Fact
1	The only cabinet meeting of January 2026 (28 Jan) approved 8 proposals.
2	Uttarakhand Green Hydrogen Policy, 2026 targets 100 kilotonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030.
3	Green hydrogen units get 50% relief on transmission/wheeling charges and full exemption from electricity duty for 10 years.
4	Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) and Gauchar (Chamoli) airstrips are to be used by the Defence Ministry as Advanced Landing Grounds.
5	1,354.14 acres of Prag Farm land (Udham Singh Nagar) have been approved for SIDCUL.
6	The UCC came into force on 27 January 2025; 27 January 2026 was observed as the first 'UCC Diwas'.
7	The UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 was promulgated under Article 213.
8	Applications under the UCC crossed 5 lakh in its first year; marriage registration accounts for most of them.
9	'Jan Jan ki Sarkar, Jan Jan ke Dwar' began on 17 December 2025; by 30 January, 484 camps had served over 3.89 lakh people.
10	Under the VB-G RAM G Act, rural households get 125 days of work; Uttarakhand's funding share is 90:10.
11	The VB-G RAM G Act allows work to be paused for up to 60 days during sowing and harvest.
12	Under 'Swasth Seema Abhiyan', ITBP will provide health services in 108 border villages of Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Uttarkashi.
13	The State Nursing College, Dobh-Srikot (Pauri) has been renamed after Ankita Bhandari.
14	The state recommended a CBI inquiry into the Ankita Bhandari case on 9 January 2026.
15	Uttarakhand was first among small states in NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2024 (released 14 January 2026).
16	EPI 2024 has 4 pillars; Business Ecosystem carries the highest weight (40%).
17	Uttarakhand is a 'Leader' in DPIIT's 5th States' Startup Ecosystem Ranking.
18	The proposed Rishikesh bypass on NH-07 is 12.67 km long and will cost ₹1,161.27 crore.
19	A 'Malta Mission' was announced at the Malta Mahotsav in Dehradun on 3 January.
20	Uttarakhand won 'Best State for Promotion of Aviation Ecosystem' at Wings India 2026, Hyderabad.
21	The season's first snowfall in Bageshwar and Chakrata came on 23 January after a long dry spell.
22	An Aqua Life Conservation Monitoring Centre for the Ganga was inaugurated at WII, Dehradun on 14 January.
23	Hemileccinum indicum, found in the oak forests of Bageshwar, is the first record of its genus in India.
24	The Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath (winter seat of Kedarnath) received the most winter pilgrims (16,950 by 15 January).
25	Magh Mela, Uttarkashi is held in the presence of the dolis of Kandar Devta and Hari Maharaj.
26	Former CM Bhagat Singh Koshiyari was the only person from Uttarakhand in the Padma Awards 2026 (Padma Bhushan).
27	Uttarakhand Police topped ICJS 2.0 with a score of 93.46, ahead of Haryana and Assam.
28	IG Yogendra Singh Rawat received the President's Medal for Distinguished Service on Republic Day 2026.

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