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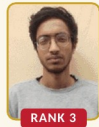
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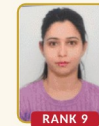
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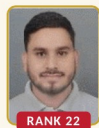
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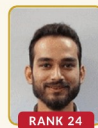
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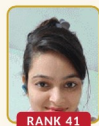
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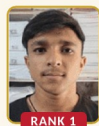
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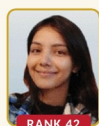
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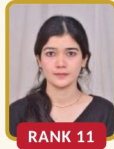


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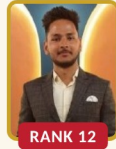


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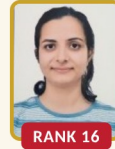


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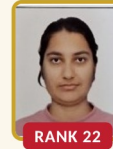


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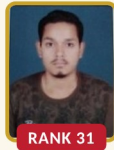


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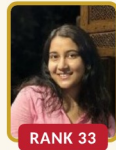


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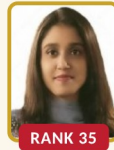


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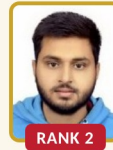


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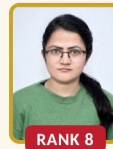


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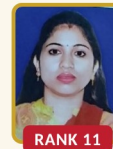


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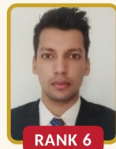


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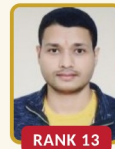


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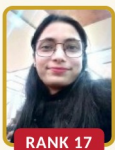


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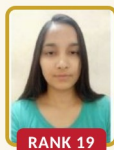


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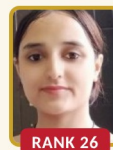


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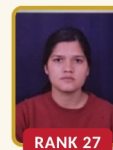


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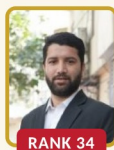


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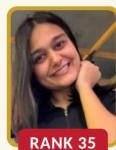


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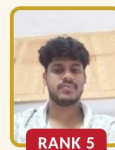


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Month at a Glance

Key Uttarakhand developments of October 2026 in chronological order.

Date	Development
1 Oct	Wildlife Week 2026 launched at FRI, Dehradun; 18 persons honoured with ₹51,000 each for courage in human-wildlife conflict
2 Oct	Rampur Tiraha Martyrs' Day (Muzaffarnagar); ₹27 lakh released for statues of state agitators
4 Oct	First-ever cabinet meeting in Champawat district (NHPC complex, Banbasa): Higher Education Skill Enhancement Scheme-2026 cleared; Railways approve three new services for Haridwar
5 Oct	Uttarakhand named Best Performing State (NE/hilly category) under PMAY-U 2.0 on World Habitat Day; Aadi Rangotsav opens at Khatima
6 Oct	Earthquake of magnitude 4.9 in Chamoli district at 10.24 pm; Bhudev app and sirens issue advance alert
7 Oct	Indian Coast Guard team summits Mount Mukut (7,045 m); Char Dham Yatra crosses 56.18 lakh, beating the 2023 record
8 Oct	7th CII Uttarakhand Industrial Summit, Haridwar; Chief Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta retires; 21,000 fish released in Naini Lake
9 Oct	Dinesh Arya (BJP) elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Uttarakhand
10 Oct	Hemkund Sahib kapat closed after a season of over 3.8 lakh pilgrims
11 Oct	Golden-jubilee Kunjapuri Tourism & Development Fair opens at Narendranagar (11–19 Oct)
12 Oct	Dr Dhal Singh Bisen appointed Governor; Kumbh 2027 logo, website and anthem launched; PMGSY-IV proposals of ₹2,708 crore placed before the Union Rural Development Minister; cabinet at Haridwar approves Mukhyamantri Shaurya Puraskar
19 Oct	Dr Bisen takes oath as ninth Governor at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun
20 Oct	Kapat-closing dates of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath announced on Vijayadashami; Uttarakhand recognised as the first Himalayan state to export trout to Nepal
21 Oct	Police Smriti Diwas: 206 Uttarakhand Police martyrs since statehood
22 Oct	Cabinet notifies UCC (Amendment) Rules 2026 and approves Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation; 'Bhasha AI' portal for Garhwali, Kumaoni and Jaunsari launched
23 Oct	STPI incubation facility inaugurated at IT Park, Dehradun; state has 1,700+ recognised startups
25 Oct	Heval river revival (Tehri) praised in the 139th Mann Ki Baat; Lekhak Gaon International Festival opens at Thanu (25–29 Oct); 21st State Science & Technology Congress
26 Oct	Trial traffic on the ₹156 crore Rudraprayag bridge-tunnel bypass; SC Collegium recommends Justice Sudhir Singh as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court; ₹728 crore of works approved, including ₹492 crore for Kumbh 2027
27–28 Oct	Assembly meets at Bhararisain, Gairsain — second session there in 2026; supplementary budget of ₹7,844.18 crore and 10 bills passed
28 Oct	Foundation of ₹122.69 crore Ramganga dam for Gairsain's drinking water; 12 Chamoli schemes worth ₹231.91 crore
29 Oct	SDRF Uttarakhand certified ISO 9001:2015 — first disaster response force in India
30 Oct	Final forest clearance for 72 MW Tiuni-Plasu HEP; helicopter crash near Jyotirmath kills six; PM-KISAN 24th instalment — ₹161.96 crore to 8.08 lakh farmers; EFC clears ₹769 crore of projects

01

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Governance, Policies & Schemes



1.1 Dr Dhal Singh Bisen Sworn In as Ninth Governor of Uttarakhand

WHY IN NEWS On 12 October 2026 President Droupadi Murmu appointed Dr Dhal Singh Bisen Governor of Uttarakhand as part of a six-state reshuffle; he took oath at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun, at 11 am on 19 October 2026.

Dr Bisen succeeds **Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)**, Governor since 15 September 2021 — more than five years, the longest tenure of any Governor of the state. The oath was administered by **Acting Chief Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari** of the Uttarakhand High Court; Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan read the warrant of appointment, and the Chief Minister and cabinet ministers were present. A farewell for the outgoing Governor was held at the Chief Minister's residence on 16 October.

Position	Ninth Governor of Uttarakhand (first: Surjit Singh Barnala, 2000; first woman: Margaret Alva, 2009–12)
Born	14 May 1952, Pipariya village, Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh; an Ayurvedic doctor by training
Career	Four-time MLA from Barghat (1990, 1993, 1998, 2003); Cabinet Minister in Madhya Pradesh (forest, transport and mines, 2003; school education and jails, 2004); Chairman, 4th Madhya Pradesh State Finance Commission (2012–13); Member, 17th Lok Sabha from Balaghat (2019–24)
First engagements	Called on the President (21 Oct) and the Prime Minister (22 Oct); inaugurated the Lekhak Gaon International Festival, Thanos (25 Oct) and the 52nd All India Oriental Conference at Patanjali University, Haridwar (29 Oct)

The six-state reshuffle of 12 October 2026

State	New Governor	Note
Uttarakhand	Dr Dhal Singh Bisen	Replaces Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)
Tamil Nadu	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Transferred from Kerala
Kerala	Om Prakash Mathur	Transferred from Sikkim
Odisha	Braj Mohan Ram	New appointment
Karnataka	Dr Sudha Yadav	New appointment
Sikkim	Dushyant Gautam	New appointment

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE GOVERNOR

- **Article 153** — a Governor for each state (one person may be Governor of two or more states, 7th Amendment, 1956).
- **Article 155** — appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal; **Article 156** — holds office during the pleasure of the President, normally for five years, and continues until the successor enters office.
- **Article 157** — must be a citizen of India and at least 35 years old; **Article 159** — oath administered by the Chief Justice of the High Court or, in his absence, the senior-most judge available.
- **Article 163** — Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister aids and advises the Governor, except in matters of discretion.

1.2 Bhararisain Session — Supplementary Budget of ₹7,844.18 Crore and Ten Bills

WHY IN NEWS The Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly met at Bhararisain (Gairsain), the summer capital, on 27–28 October 2026 — the first time two sessions have been held there in a single year — and passed a supplementary budget of ₹7,844.18 crore for 2026-27 along with ten bills before being adjourned sine die.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, who also holds Finance, tabled the demands on 27 October; they were passed on 28 October. This was the last sitting of the fifth Assembly before the 2027 election. The earlier Gairsain sitting of the year was the budget session that began on 9 March 2026. Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan said 31 MLAs had submitted 445 questions for the two-day session. With this, the state's total budget for 2026-27 rises from **₹1,11,703.21 crore** to about **₹1,19,547 crore**. The House also accepted the recommendations of the **Sixth State Finance Commission**, raising local bodies' share of state taxes from 10.5% to 12.5%.

Size	₹7,844.18 crore — capital expenditure ₹4,164.32 crore; revenue expenditure ₹3,679.86 crore (the December 2021 supplementary was ₹1,353.80 crore)
Constitutional basis	Article 205 — supplementary, additional or excess grants when the amount authorised for a service proves insufficient
Largest single item	₹1,100 crore for the Annapurthi scheme (procurement of paddy and wheat)

Major allocations

Head	Amount	Purpose
Annapurthi scheme	₹1,100 cr	Paddy and wheat procurement from farmers
Local bodies	₹721 cr	Devolution after the 6th State Finance Commission raised the share in state taxes from 10.5% to 12.5%
Special assistance for infrastructure (SASCI)	₹500 cr	Capital works
Jal Jeevan Mission	₹300 cr	Rural drinking water (contractors' dues)
Divya Kumbh 2027	₹290 cr	Haridwar Ardh Kumbh facilities; ₹30 cr more for the Haridwar Ganga Corridor
Khurpia Farm power infrastructure	₹270 cr	Integrated manufacturing cluster, Udham Singh Nagar
Digital learning	₹200 cr	School and higher education
Medical education	₹160 cr	Pithoragarh and Rudrapur medical and nursing colleges
Golden Card / Atal Ayushman / ADB urban	₹125 cr / ₹100 cr / ₹100 cr	Health cover for employees; Ayushman; ADB-assisted urban project
Gairsain drinking water	₹122 cr	Dam on the Ramganga (see Economy section)
KfW drinking-water project	₹110 cr	German-assisted scheme
Social-security pensions	₹93 cr	Plus ₹27 cr widow pension, ₹9 cr farmer pension
Climate Resilient Rainfed Agriculture (JICA)	₹70 cr	Japan-assisted project
Land subsidence works	₹48 cr	Joshimath (Jyotirmath) and other affected areas
Sports	₹35 cr / ₹15 cr / ₹10 cr	Sports University; awards to international medallists; women's sports college, Champawat
PMFME / trout promotion	₹35 cr / ₹28 cr	Micro food enterprises; coldwater fisheries
Nanda Raj Jat Yatra	₹20 cr	Preparations for the 2027 Jat
Free coaching (NEET/JEE/CLAT)	₹5 cr	Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana

Bills passed on 28 October 2026

Bill	What it does
Uttarakhand Appropriation (Supplementary) Bill, 2026	Authorises the ₹7,844.18 crore of additional expenditure
Uttarakhand Irrigation and Drainage Bill, 2026	Replaces the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873, with a state law
Uttarakhand Fire and Emergency Services Bill, 2026	Statutory framework for the fire service
Uttarakhand Minority Education (Amendment) Bill, 2026	New Section 16 empowers the Authority to lock an institution, fine up to ₹5 lakh, appoint a receiver and lodge an FIR for violations; recognition up to Class 8 by the competent authority, Classes 9–12 affiliated to the Uttarakhand Board
Uttarakhand FRBM (Amendment) Bill, 2026	Amends fiscal-responsibility limits
Uttarakhand GST (Amendment) Bill, 2026	Replaces the ordinance of 3 September 2026
Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Second Bill, 2026	Decriminalises minor offences in state laws
Investment & Infrastructure Development and Regulation (Amendment) Bill	Changes to the single-window investment law
Private Universities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026	Removes the permanent endowment-fund requirement; minimum land 20,000 sq m
Civil Law (Amendment) Bill, 2026	Procedural amendments

GAIRSAIN AS SUMMER CAPITAL

- Gairsain (Chamoli district) was declared the summer capital on 4 March 2020 by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and notified on 8 June 2020; the Vidhan Sabha building stands at Bhararisain.
- Assembly sittings at Gairsain: 2014 (3 days), 2015–17 (2 days each), 2018 (6), 2020 (5), 2021 (6), 2023 (4), 2024 (3), 2025 (monsoon session), 2026 (budget session from 9 March and the 27–28 October session).
- On 27 October the House paid tribute to former Chief Minister Maj Gen B.C. Khanduri (Retd), who died on 19 May 2026, and former minister Hira Singh Bisht; Khanduri's daughter Ritu Khanduri Bhushan is the Speaker.

1.3 New Schemes, Rules and Bodies Approved in October

WHY IN NEWS The cabinet met three times in October — on 4 October at Banbasa (the first cabinet meeting ever held in Champawat district), on 12 October at Haridwar (the first in that district) and on 22 October at Dehradun. The decisions of exam value are set out below; routine service and administrative matters are omitted.

Date	Decision	Key details
4 Oct	Higher Education Skill Enhancement Scheme-2026 (Uchch Shiksha Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana)	About ₹200 crore over five years; skill diploma courses for about 1.19 lakh students of government and private universities and affiliated colleges, aimed at employability and entrepreneurship
4 Oct	Uttarakhand Irrigation and Drainage Bill, 2026	Cleared for the Assembly to replace the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873 (passed 28 Oct)
4 Oct	Hill poultry subsidy; Tarai Development Corporation package	DBT subsidy for about 2,000 poultry beneficiaries in hill areas; ₹66 crore special package for the Tarai Development Corporation (TDC), Pantnagar
4 Oct	Land regularisation	Nazul land in Khatima, Banbasa and Champawat, and occupied Class-3/Class-4 land in Lalkuan (Nainital) and Jaunsar-Bawar (Dehradun), to be regularised at the 2004 circle rate for one year

Date	Decision	Key details
12 Oct	Mukhyamantri Shaurya Puraskar (Chief Minister's Gallantry Award)	New state gallantry award approved at the Haridwar cabinet, which also approved a second medical college for Haridwar and an ESI medical college
22 Oct	Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, Uttarakhand, 2026	Rules notified to give effect to the UCC (Amendment) Act, 2026, removing implementation difficulties in the code in force since 27 January 2025
22 Oct	Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation Limited	New state corporation to develop adventure and eco-tourism
22 Oct	Free coaching for SC/ST students	Family-income ceiling raised from ₹2 lakh to ₹8 lakh
22 Oct	Divyang students	5% relaxation in passing marks in Uttarakhand Board examinations (pass at 28%)
22 Oct	One District One Sport	14 head coaches (13 districts + Sports Directorate) on three-year contracts at ₹1.45 lakh a month, selected on SAI criteria
22 Oct	Mukhyamantri Ekal Nari Samman Yojana	New name for the maintenance-grant scheme for single women
22 Oct	Stamp-duty one-time settlement; PWD single-stage approval	Interest and penalty relief in about 3,600 pending stamp cases; one-step clearance for hill cutting, retaining walls, culverts and drains in all road and bridge works

1.4 Uttarakhand Adjudged Best Performing State under PMAY-Urban 2.0

WHY IN NEWS On World Habitat Day, 5 October 2026, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs honoured Uttarakhand as the Best Performing State among north-eastern and hilly states/UTs for the ratio of houses grounded to houses sanctioned under PMAY-Urban 2.0.

The award was presented by Union Minister of State Tokhan Sahu at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, and received by Vinod Goswami, Director of Urban Development, and Rajiv Pandey. Arunachal Pradesh and Puducherry were the other awardees in the category.

Indicator	PMAY-U 1.0 (2015-24)	PMAY-U 2.0 (from 2024)
Houses sanctioned	62,272	3,979
Completed / grounded	53,320 completed	1,867 grounded; funds released for 2,332 (88% started)
Verticals	BLC 19,380 completed; AHP ~15,960 (11,848 completed); CLSS 19,190	1,647 houses approved in August 2026, funds in September
Funding	Central share over ₹1,000 crore; state about ₹300 crore	—

PMAY-URBAN 2.0

- Approved by the Union Cabinet in August 2024 to assist one crore urban households over five years; verticals are Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) and Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS).
- World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October (UN, since 1986).

1.5 Police Smriti Diwas — 206 Martyrs since Statehood; New Motto and Logo

WHY IN NEWS At the Police Memorial Day parade at Police Lines, Dehradun, on 21 October 2026, the Chief Minister announced a package of measures for the force; the state also announced that a new motto and logo will be unveiled when the President's Colour is presented on 6 November.

Police Smriti Diwas marks the Chinese ambush of a CRPF patrol at Hot Springs, Ladakh, on 21 October 1959. In the year to August 2026, **154** police and paramilitary personnel were martyred across the country; Uttarakhand's martyr was **Sub-Inspector Vinod Kumar**. DGP Deepam Seth said **206** Uttarakhand Police personnel have laid down their lives since the state was formed in 2000.

- Recruitment of about 1,600 police posts to begin soon (1,818 posts across police, prisons, excise and forest were notified through UKSSSC on 29 October); staffing of police stations to be reviewed; modern investigation kits for every station.
- Budget for police-station works doubled from ₹4 crore to ₹8 crore; all police model schools to be upgraded; a transit hostel, multi-storey barracks and an upgraded police hospital in Dehradun.
- A State Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (about ₹32 crore) is under construction; a 24x7 police help desk has started at AIIMS Rishikesh.
- In the past year: 785 promotions; 1,573 civil police and 370 PAC constables recruited; 222 Sub-Inspector/Platoon Commander/Fire Officer posts filled; ₹34 lakh in scholarships to 446 children of personnel.

President's Colour	Uttarakhand Police is the 16th state police force to be awarded the President's Colour (Nishan), announced in the state's silver-jubilee year; to be presented by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Dehradun on 6 November 2026 (Akashvani, 29 Oct)
New motto	'Karm, Satya, Shaurya' (Duty, Truth, Valour), replacing 'Mitrata, Seva, Suraksha' (Friendship, Service, Security)
New logo	Himalayan peaks and a river with symbols of victory, pride and honour



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02

ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Economy, Energy & Infrastructure



2.1 Tiuni-Plasu 72 MW Hydro Project Gets Final Forest Clearance

WHY IN NEWS On 30 October 2026 the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change granted final (Stage-II) forest clearance to UJVN Limited's 72 MW Tiuni-Plasu hydroelectric project on the Tons river in Dehradun district, clearing the way for construction.

Developer	UJVN Limited (Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam), the state's hydropower utility
Location	Tons river, Tiuni (Tyuni) tehsil, Chakrata region, Dehradun district — barrage just downstream of the Tons-Pabbar confluence, surface powerhouse near Plasu
Capacity / generation	72 MW run-of-the-river; about 298.51 million units a year
Forest land	About 47.5 hectares to be diverted
Legal route	Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 — Stage-I in-principle approval followed by Stage-II final approval

THE TONS

- Largest tributary of the Yamuna; formed by the Rupin and Supin streams near Naitwar (Uttarkashi) and joins the Yamuna near Kalsi (Dehradun). It carries more water than the Yamuna at the confluence.
- The Pabbar, from Himachal Pradesh, joins it at Tiuni. The Kishau multipurpose dam (660 MW, six-state MoU signed September 2026) is also planned on the Tons.

2.2 PMGSY-IV — ₹2,708 Crore Proposals for 315 Roads and 32 Bridges

WHY IN NEWS On 12 October 2026 the Chief Minister met Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi and sought early sanction of the state's proposals under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV.

Component	Number	Length	Cost
Roads	315	1,777 km	₹2,526 crore
Bridges	32	—	₹182 crore
Total (Phase 1 proposals)	—	—	₹2,708 crore; 610 habitations to be connected
Further proposals discussed	213 roads	1,360 km	—

The Union Minister agreed in principle to early sanction of the 315 roads and 32 bridges. PMGSY-IV, approved by the Union Cabinet in September 2024 with an outlay of ₹70,125 crore, aims at 62,500 km of all-weather roads for 25,000 unconnected habitations during 2024-25 to 2028-29; the eligibility threshold is a population of 500 in the plains, 250 in hill states, north-eastern states and UTs, and 100 in LWE-affected districts.

2.3 Connectivity: Rudraprayag Bypass, Rishikesh–Karnaprayag Rail and New Trains

WHY IN NEWS October saw trial traffic on the Rudraprayag bridge-tunnel bypass, a progress statement on the Rishikesh–Karnaprayag railway from the Railway Minister, and three new rail services for Haridwar.

Rudraprayag bridge-tunnel (Chardham road project) — trial traffic from 26 October

Cost	About ₹156 crore
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Structure	200 m bridge over the Alaknanda plus 900.30 m tunnel — about 1.18 km with approaches
Purpose	Direct link between NH-107 (Kedarnath route) and NH-07 (Badrinath route), bypassing the congested Rudraprayag town; formal inauguration to follow

Rishikesh–Karnaprayag railway — 'Uttarakhand's lifeline to the future' (Railway Minister, 22 October)

- 125 km, 12 stations (Shivpuri, Byasi, Devprayag, Janasu, Maletha, Srinagar, Dhari Devi, Tilani, Gholtir, Gauchar, Karnaprayag and others); about 83% in tunnels — 16 tunnels totalling about 104 km — and 19 bridges.
- Tunnel T-1 (about 11 km) is the most complex; T-1 and T-5 are the last to be completed. Tunnel-boring machines were modified for squeezing Himalayan rock; micropiles were used to stabilise ground.
- Karnaprayag is about 123 km from the India–China border, giving the line strategic value; the first train is targeted for December 2028. The project (Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd) was sanctioned in 2016 at ₹16,216 crore; the revised cost is about ₹30,000 crore.

Three new rail services for Haridwar (approved 4 October)

- Bandra Terminus–Delhi Sarai Rohilla Garib Rath Express extended to Haridwar.
- New Haridwar–Veraval (Somnath) and Haridwar–Okha (Dwarka) AC Express trains to Gujarat's pilgrim circuit.

2.4 Industry and Startups: CII Summit and the STPI Incubation Centre

WHY IN NEWS The 7th CII Uttarakhand Industrial Summit & Expo was held at Haridwar on 8 October 2026, and on 23 October the Software Technology Parks of India opened a new incubation facility at IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.

State industrial figures cited at the CII summit

MSMEs	Over 29,000 new MSME units in recent years, employing about 1.27 lakh youth
Single window	206+ services of 26 departments
Startups	₹200 crore venture fund; 1,700+ DPIIT-recognised startups (MoS Jitin Prasada, 23 Oct); startups up from about 700 to 2,200 since 2021 (CM, 30 Oct)
New industrial land	About 1,002-acre integrated manufacturing cluster at Khurpia (Udham Singh Nagar); small industrial parks planned at Chamoli, Pauri and Almora; flatted factories at Haridwar, then Selaqui and Pantnagar
Rankings	'Top Achiever' in the Business Reform Action Plan; first in its category in the Export Preparedness Index 2024
Investment	About ₹1 lakh crore of the Global Investors Summit MoUs grounded; ₹24–25 thousand crore more in the pipeline (CM, 30 Oct)

STPI Dehradun incubation facility (23 October)

Inaugurated by Union MoS for Electronics & IT Jitin Prasada with state IT Minister Pradeep Batra and Agriculture Minister Ganesh Joshi. The four-floor, about 30,000 sq ft centre at the IT Park offers semi-furnished offices, an auditorium, meeting and conference rooms and a network operations centre, and houses a Centre of Entrepreneurship with a cybersecurity focus. STPI (1991) functions under MeitY.

2.5 House of Himalayas Crosses ₹6 Crore in Sales

WHY IN NEWS Uttarakhand's umbrella brand for rural products, House of Himalayas, has recorded sales of over ₹6 crore since its launch, the state said in October 2026.

Launch	December 2023 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit, Dehradun
Products	83 products — hill pulses, millets, grains, spices, honey, oils, herbal and personal-care items, handicrafts — under uniform branding

Producers	About 5,500 women from 55 Cluster Level Federations of self-help groups
Channels	Own website, Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit, Swiggy Instamart, BigBasket; Amazon Global for the US and Canada
Lakhpati Didi	Over 3.03 lakh women in Uttarakhand already earn ₹1 lakh or more a year as SHG members

2.6 Pithoragarh Trout — First Himalayan State to Export to Nepal

WHY IN NEWS At a review of the Pithoragarh Coldwater Fisheries Cluster on 19–20 October 2026, the Union Fisheries Secretary noted that Uttarakhand is the first Himalayan state to export trout to Nepal and the first to supply trout to the ITBP.

The review at the Pithoragarh Collectorate was chaired by **Dr Abhilaksh Likhi**, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, with ITBP, ICAR, the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and MPEDA. Pithoragarh is one of **34 fisheries clusters** notified nationally; NFDB is to prepare a five-year roadmap. Issues raised by farmers included the low purchase rate offered by ITBP relative to feed and transport costs and the need for cold storage near airports and railway stations. The supplementary budget provides ₹28 crore for trout promotion.

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- Rainbow trout (exotic, introduced in the colonial period) is farmed in raceways fed by cold Himalayan streams; Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Bageshwar and Tehri are the main districts.
- The state's native coldwater fish is the golden mahseer (state fish) — see the Naini Lake item in the Environment section.

2.7 Other Sanctions and Releases

WHY IN NEWS Financial sanctions, foundation stones and central releases of October 2026 with exam-relevant figures.

Date	Item	Key figures
10 Oct	Skill Upgradation and Global Employment Scheme	106 youths placed abroad so far — Japan 75, Saudi Arabia 30, Germany 1; 158 foreign-language training centres
18 Oct	Champawat: new Circuit House and 16 schemes	About ₹96 crore — 11 inaugurated (₹67.24 cr), 5 foundation stones (₹28.76 cr); Devbhoomi Rajat Jayanti Park (₹1.37 cr); 'Adarsh Champawat' model-district vision
25 Oct	Pithoragarh: 67 projects worth ₹284 crore	33 inaugurated (₹105.30 cr), 34 foundation stones (₹178.76 cr); MBBS admissions have begun at the ₹750 crore Pithoragarh Medical College; about ₹450 crore of works at Naini Saini airport
26 Oct	CM approves projects worth about ₹728 crore	₹492 cr for Kumbh 2027 (₹175 cr state sector for temporary works); ₹317 cr Urban Development for centrally approved works); ₹132.43 cr cash compensation to 178 Tehri dam-affected families under the 1988 Rehabilitation Policy; ₹82.21 cr third-quarter instalment to district panchayats; ₹7.84 cr Upper Baigul canal (Sitarganj); ₹6.13 cr Gairkhet–Balmara–Saraikhet road (Almora)
27–28 Oct	Ramganga dam for Gairsain drinking water	₹122.69 crore; first instalment ₹2.454 cr from the State Contingency Fund, to be adjusted against SASCI 2026–27; foundation laid 28 Oct

Date	Item	Key figures
28 Oct	12 Chamoli schemes at Gairsain	₹231.91 crore — 6 foundation stones (₹197.87 cr: Ramganga dam; ₹50.18 cr land-subsidence protection at Bahugunanagar, Karnaprayag; ₹12.17 cr Government Polytechnic, Gairsain) and 6 inaugurations (₹34.04 cr)
30 Oct	Expenditure Finance Committee clears five projects, ₹769 crore	Khairna barrage drinking-water project, Nainital ₹382.40 cr; Pandit Shyama Prasad Mukherjee reservoir, Sahaspur (Dehradun) ₹326.64 cr; Kainchi Dham bypass (Dunighat–Ratighat) ₹21.81 cr; Bageshwar circuit house ₹13.15 cr; Kumbh 2027 sanitation ₹25 cr
30 Oct	Additional foodgrain for Ardh Kumbh 2027	14,520 MT (7,260 MT wheat + 7,260 MT rice) allotted by the Union Department of Food & Public Distribution
30 Oct	PM-KISAN 24th instalment	₹18,690 crore to 9.34 crore farmers nationally (released from Banaskantha, Gujarat); Uttarakhand: ₹161.96 crore to 8.08 lakh farmers — up from about 4 lakh beneficiaries in 2019; state event at Survey Auditorium, Hathibarkala, Dehradun
Oct	Agriculture figures cited by the state	₹1,000 crore Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project approved; Mahak Kranti policy — 7 aroma valleys, aromatic crops on 23,000 ha; new apple, kiwi and dragon-fruit policies; State Millet Mission

03

DISASTER & ENVIRONMENT

Disaster Management & Environment



3.1 Chamoli Earthquake (M4.9) and the Earthquake Early Warning System

WHY IN NEWS An earthquake of magnitude 4.9 struck Chamoli district at 10.24 pm on 6 October 2026 at a depth of about 13 km (National Centre for Seismology); the state's early warning system issued alerts through the Bhudev app and sirens before the shaking reached populated areas.

Tremors were felt across Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Champawat, Rudraprayag and Chamoli and as far as Haldwani, Rishikesh and parts of Delhi-NCR; no damage or casualties were reported. Two smaller quakes followed — magnitude 4.2 near Uttarkashi town on 10 October (depth 11 km) and 3.7 in Pithoragarh on 25 October. On 7 October Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan directed that **earthquake sirens be sounded at 11 am on the 9th of every month** as a test, so that every sensor and siren is checked regularly and people recognise the warning sound.

Network	169 sensors and 112 sirens installed; more sensors proposed
Technical partner	IIT Roorkee, with the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA)
Public alert	'Bhudev' mobile app (location access needed for alerts)
Seismic zoning	Large parts of Uttarakhand lie in Seismic Zones IV and V — the two highest-risk zones of the BIS map
Magnitude vs intensity	Magnitude (Richter/moment scale) measures energy released at the source; intensity (Mercalli scale) measures shaking at a place and varies with depth and local geology

3.2 Helicopter Crash near Jyotirmath Kills Six

WHY IN NEWS On 30 October 2026 a Trans Bharat Aviation helicopter (VT-HCX) flying from Badrinath to the Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun, crashed near Chai (Chayee) village in the Jyotirmath (Joshimath) area of Chamoli district; all six on board — the pilot and five pilgrims from Bengaluru returning from Badrinath — were killed.

- The helicopter took off at about 1.14 pm and lost contact with air traffic control roughly 15 minutes into the flight while crossing the Joshimath valley; an Army signals unit spotted smoke above the village and the wreckage was located the same evening. Army, ITBP, NDRF and SDRF teams were deployed; the IMD had an orange alert in force for Chamoli.
- The Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA), headed by CEO Prateek Jain, confirmed the deaths; the operator's entire fleet was grounded and the Chief Minister ordered a detailed inquiry. The same operator had made an emergency landing at Chamba (Tehri) a few days earlier.
- The state has recorded eight major helicopter accidents with 48 deaths in 13 years, including crashes near Gangotri (May 2025) and Kedarnath (June 2025) that led to tighter DGCA oversight of Char Dham shuttle services.

3.3 SDRF Uttarakhand — First ISO-Certified Disaster Response Force in India

WHY IN NEWS In the last week of October 2026 the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) of Uttarakhand received ISO 9001:2015 certification for quality management — the first disaster response force in the country to be so certified.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) conducted its second audit at the SDRF battalion headquarters at Jolly Grant, covering administration, training, resource management, documentation and compliance with standard operating procedures. The SDRF was raised in 2013 after the Kedarnath disaster and works under the Uttarakhand Police. BIS functions under the BIS Act, 2016, with headquarters in New Delhi.

3.4 Wildlife Week 2026 — Announcements at FRI, Dehradun

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Minister launched Wildlife Week (1–7 October) at the Forest Research Institute campus, Dehradun, on 1 October 2026, honouring 18 people who risked their lives to save others in human–wildlife conflict with ₹51,000 each; the closing ceremony was held at Lok Bhavan on 8 October.

- A **Special Tiger Protection Force** is to be raised for Corbett and Rajaji tiger reserves; the second phase of **tiger relocation from Corbett to Rajaji** — five radio-collared tigers, approved by the NTCA — is to begin soon.
- Work on the **Haldwani Zoo** (a conservation, education and tourism centre) to be speeded up; snow-leopard tourism to be developed in the high Himalaya; every district to identify at least one new wildlife-tourism destination.
- **Mukhyamantri Young Eco-preneurs scheme** aims to train one lakh youth as nature guides, drone pilots and wildlife photographers; eco-clubs in every district run wildlife study tours.
- Wildlife corridors to remain open — the Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor's elevated wildlife stretch was cited as the model; the state values its natural capital through **Gross Environment Product (GEP)**.

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- Six national parks (Corbett, Rajaji, Nanda Devi, Valley of Flowers, Gangotri, Govind), seven wildlife sanctuaries and four conservation reserves; Corbett (1936) is India's oldest national park and Rajaji became the state's second tiger reserve in 2015.
- Wildlife Week has been observed in the first week of October since 1957; the National Wildlife Action Plan 2017–31 is in force.

3.5 Heval River Revival Model, Tehri Garhwal

WHY IN NEWS In the 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat on 25 October 2026 the Prime Minister cited the revival of the drying Heval (Henwal) river near Chamba in Tehri Garhwal, where villagers and the administration restored dozens of natural springs through springshed and watershed work.

The river	Rises at Kaddukhal near the Surkanda Devi temple (Chamba); about 38 km long; joins the Ganga at Shivpuri; about 80 villages around Chamba draw drinking water from it
Work done	126 springs, 28 streams and 16 recharge zones treated; 1,58,572 water-conservation and storage structures built; 20.62 lakh native saplings of water-supporting species planted
Approach	Springshed + watershed + forest management; led by IFS officer Dharam Singh Meena (2009 batch), Conservator of Forests, Bhagirathi Circle, with the National Institute of Hydrology and IIT Roorkee
Recognition	Meena received the Eco Warrior Award 2026 (environment conservation category) from Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi in early October; the state is applying the 'Heval model' to other drying rivers

3.6 Conservation Notes: Himalayan Tahr, Golden Mahseer, Geothermal Springs

WHY IN NEWS Three smaller environment items of the month with facts of exam value.

Himalayan tahr — Kedarnath Wildlife Division (6 October)

A survey found visitors and locals feeding Himalayan tahr (a wild mountain goat of steep slopes and alpine pastures), drawing the animals towards roads at Chopta, Sari, Kanchula Kharak, Saukharak and Mandal. The division will restrict human activity in the bugyals, run cleanliness drives and discourage feeding. **Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary** (about 975 sq km, Chamoli and Rudraprayag districts, established 1972) is the state's largest sanctuary and is best known for the Himalayan musk deer.

Naini Lake — 21,000 fish released (8 October)

The fisheries department of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, released 15,000 silver carp, 5,000 golden mahseer and 1,000 other fingerlings into Naini Lake from Tallital. Silver carp feed on phytoplankton and help control algae ('biomanipulation'). The **golden mahseer** (*Tor putitora*), the state fish of Uttarakhand, is listed as Endangered by the IUCN.

Geothermal spring tourism (13 October)

The state is developing a geothermal tourism project at **Madkot, Pithoragarh**. The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology has identified about **40 active geothermal springs** in Uttarakhand, including a 13 km belt with about 10 hot springs along the Gori Ganga; Tapt Kund at Badrinath is the best known. Uses range from balneotherapy and greenhouse heating to base-load geothermal power.



04

CULTURE & TOURISM

Tourism, Pilgrimage, Art & Culture



4.1 Haridwar Kumbh 2027 — Logo, Website, Anthem and Preparations

WHY IN NEWS On 12 October 2026 the Chief Minister released the logo, website (haridwarkumbh.uk.gov.in) and anthem of Haridwar Kumbh 2027 at the Mela Control Building auditorium, Haridwar; the Ardh Kumbh will run from 14 January to 20 April 2027.

Logo	Maa Ganga and Har Ki Pauri, the Dhanush bridge, a rising sun, the Shiva statue, saints, trishul and damru, and the Mansa Devi and Chandi Devi hills; designed by Madhu Sharma of Jagjeetpur, Haridwar, chosen from 13 shortlisted entries
Anthem	'Kumbh Ka Parv Aa Gaya', written, composed and sung by Haridwar singer Raghav Raja
Mela Officer	Sonika; District Magistrate Mayur Dixit
Bathing dates	Fixed with the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad on 28 November 2025 — ten snans beginning with Makar Sankranti (14 Jan 2027); Mauni Amavasya (6 Feb), Basant Panchami (11 Feb), Mahashivratri (6 Mar); Amrit Snans on 6 and 8 March and 14 April; closing on Chaitra Purnima (20 April 2027)

Funding approved during the month

Date	Approval	Amount
13 Oct	18 infrastructure projects under the Government of India's Kumbh grant	₹61.42 crore (part of about ₹81 crore sanctioned that day)
26 Oct	Temporary establishments (state sector) and centrally approved works (Urban Development)	₹492 crore (₹175 cr + ₹317 cr)
27 Oct	Provision in the supplementary budget for Divya Kumbh; Haridwar Ganga Corridor	₹290 crore; ₹30 crore
30 Oct	Kumbh sanitation works (Expenditure Finance Committee); additional foodgrain from the Centre	₹25 crore; 14,520 MT (7,260 MT wheat, 7,260 MT rice)

KUMBH AT HARIDWAR

- Haridwar hosts the Purna Kumbh every 12 years when Jupiter is in Aquarius and the Sun in Aries, and the Ardh Kumbh six years later; the last Purna Kumbh was in 2021 and the last Ardh Kumbh in 2016.
- The other Kumbh cities are Prayagraj, Ujjain and Nashik; the Kumbh Mela was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2017.

4.2 Char Dham Yatra 2026 — Record Season Draws to a Close

WHY IN NEWS The Char Dham Yatra crossed 60 lakh pilgrims in the third week of October 2026 — the highest ever, against the previous record of about 56 lakh in 2023 — and on Vijayadashami (20 October) the Badri-Kedar Temple Committee announced the kapat-closing dates for the winter.

Dham	Pilgrims (as of 21 Oct)	Opened 2026	Kapat closing
Badrinath	20,69,866 (record; 2023: 18.39 lakh)	April	16 Nov, 9.37 pm; dolis leave 17 Nov
Kedarnath	17,75,059	22 April	11 Nov, 8.30 am (Bhai Dooj)
Gangotri	9,09,983 (as of 7 Oct)	19 April	10 Nov, 12.05 pm (Annakut)

Dham	Pilgrims (as of 21 Oct)	Opened 2026	Kapat closing
Yamunotri	8,10,343 (as of 7 Oct)	19 April	11 Nov, 10.28 am (Bhai Dooj)
Hemkund Sahib	Over 3.8 lakh	23 May	Closed 10 Oct, 2 pm (Lokpal Lakshman temple the same day)
Total	60,31,017 (all-time record)	—	Tungnath closes 6 Nov; Madmaheshwar 16 Nov

- The yatra passed 56.18 lakh on 7 October, overtaking the full-season 2023 record; by 13 September it had stood at 50.28 lakh (see the September issue). Badrinath crossed its 2023 record of 18.39 lakh on 5 October and the 20 lakh mark later in the month.
- 271 pilgrims died of health-related causes during the season, the largest number at Kedarnath; snowfall at Kedarnath and Yamunotri on 25 October did not interrupt darshan.
- The winter seats: Badrinath's Utsav Doli goes to Pandukeshwar (Yogdhyan Badri) and Joshimath (Narsingh temple), Kedarnath's to Omkareshwar temple at Ukhimath, Gangotri's to Mukhba (Mukhimath) and Yamunotri's to Kharsali.
- A proposed visit by the Prime Minister to Kedarnath (22–25 October) did not take place, and the President's visit planned for 1–2 November was postponed on 29 October.

4.3 Rampur Tiraha Martyrs' Day — Benefits for State Agitators

WHY IN NEWS On 2 October 2026 the Chief Minister paid tribute at the Shaheed Sthal at Rampur Tiraha, Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), where police firing on statehood agitators on the night of 1–2 October 1994 killed several protesters; ₹27 lakh was released for statues of the martyrs.

- Statues are to be installed in the native villages of all martyr-agitators who lack one; the Rampur Tiraha guest house is to be upgraded, the memorial library converted into an e-library and the museum expanded to display Uttarakhand's instruments, costumes and folk culture.
- Benefits for Rajya Andolankaris recapped: **10% horizontal reservation** in state government jobs for agitators and their dependents (Act of 2024); dependent certificates issued at tehsil level; free travel in Roadways buses; a Rajya Andolankari Samman Parishad; memorials at Rampur Tiraha, Khatima, Mussoorie and Dehradun being rebuilt.

THE 1994 FIRINGS

- Khatima (1 September 1994), Mussoorie (2 September 1994) and Rampur Tiraha (1–2 October 1994, on agitators travelling to a rally in Delhi) are the three principal martyrdoms of the Uttarakhand statehood movement; the state was formed on 9 November 2000.

4.4 Lekhak Gaon International Festival 2026 — Two Sahitya Grams Planned

WHY IN NEWS The third international festival of Lekhak Gaon (Writers' Village) at Thanu, Dehradun, was held from 25 to 29 October 2026; it was inaugurated by Governor Dr Dhal Singh Bisen and closed by the Chief Minister, who announced two 'Sahitya Grams' for literary tourism.

- Former Mauritius President Prithvirajsing Roopun presided over the inauguration, with Tourism and Culture Minister Satpal Maharaj; the festival's theme was Indian languages and Hindi at the United Nations. Union MoS Ajay Tamta and former Chief Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', the founder, were present at the closing.
- The Chief Minister released the magazine *Dharti ka Swarg Uttarakhand* and the booklet *Devbhoomi ka Kavya Pushp*, and recalled the state's literary honours — Uttarakhand Sahitya Gaurav Samman, Sahitya Bhushan and lifetime achievement awards — and grants for publishing in Hindi and local languages.

- Two Sahitya Grams with residential facilities, a modern library and seminar spaces are planned so that writers can stay and work in the hills.

LEKHAK GAON

- A 25-acre campus about 24 km from Dehradun, conceived by Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and formally opened by former President Ram Nath Kovind in October 2024.

4.5 Fairs and Festivals of October 2026

WHY IN NEWS The month's fairs with their dates and distinguishing facts.

Dates	Fair / festival	Place	Notes
5–7 Oct	Uttarakhand Aadi Rangotsav	Khatima, U.S. Nagar	Tribal arts festival with artists from 13 states, opened by Union Ministers Jai Prakash Narain and Kiren Rijiju with the CM; ₹10 crore announced for expansion of the Khatima Eklavya Model Residential School (capacity 480). Uttarakhand's Scheduled Tribes: Tharu, Boksas, Jaunsari, Bhotia, Raji
11–19 Oct	50th Siddhpeeth Kunjapuri Tourism & Development Fair	Narendranagar, Tehri	Golden-jubilee state fair that opens on the first day of Sharadiya Navratri; founded by Surendra Singh Pangti; Padma Shri artistes Basanti Bisht and Pritam Bharatwan performed
3 Oct / 20–21 Oct	Dussehra Mahotsavs	Tanakpur; Dehradun	Tanakpur Dussehra (3 Oct); Bannu Biradari Dussehra at Parade Ground and the Laxman Chowk fair, Dehradun (Vijayadashami, 21 Oct)
24 Oct–2 Nov	Uttarakhand Kauthig 2026	Rangers College Ground, Dehradun	Annual folk fair of the Akhil Garhwal Sabha
25 Oct	Kumaon Dwar Mahotsav	Haldwani	Folk forms Chholiya, Jhora, Chanchari, Barda Nati and Nyoli; instruments dhol, damau, turri, bhankora and ransinga
25 Oct	Adi Kailash Parikrama Run 2.0	Gunji, Pithoragarh	70 km and 42 km high-altitude runs flagged off by the CM; Adi Kailash pilgrims expected to cross one lakh this year
29 Oct	52nd All India Oriental Conference	Patanjali University, Haridwar	Opened by Governor Dr Dhal Singh Bisen; the conference dates from 1919 (first held at Pune)

4.6 Culture, Language and the Creative Economy

WHY IN NEWS Smaller cultural developments of the month — language technology, film tourism, the PM mementos auction and youth exchange.

Date	Development	Key facts
22 Oct	'Bhasha AI' voice-collection portal for Garhwali, Kumaoni and Jaunsari	Launched by the CM, who recorded the first clip in Kumaoni; built by the AI Strategic Engineering (AiSE) Foundation with Jagar Academy to create speech datasets so that AI tools understand the state's dialects and can deliver scheme information in them

Date	Development	Key facts
18 Oct	Beatles film 'CLOVER' to be shot at the Beatles Ashram (Chaurasi Kutia), Rishikesh	Part of Sam Mendes' four-film Beatles project (Sony Pictures with Apple Corps); shooting proposed in February 2027, release April 2028; a delegation led by location managers met the CM, who cited the Uttarakhand Film Policy 2024
Oct	8th PM Mementos e-auction	27 Uttarakhand-linked items — Kedarnath and Omkareshwar (Ukhimath) temple models, Ganga temple of Mukhba, Aipan artworks, Pahari caps and a racket signed by Lakshya Sen; proceeds to Namami Gange; auction extended to 31 October (pmmementos.gov.in)
7-9 Oct	Yuva Sangam Phase VII — Uttarakhand delegation in West Bengal	Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (launched 31 October 2015); nodal institution HNB Garhwal University, host IIT Kharagpur
Oct	Paragliding pilot training, Bilkhet (Pauri)	Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board trains 17 pilots towards a Commercial Tandem Pilot Licence (35 km cross-country test); the drive moves to Champawat in November
10 Oct	Biography 'Maverick Jaspal: The Man Who Changed Indian Shooting' released	Life of Padma Shri shooter Jaspal Rana of Uttarakhand (Asian Games gold medallist and coach of Manu Bhaker), who died on 12 June 2026 aged 49; released by the CM in the presence of his family

05

SPORTS & PEOPLE

Sports, Persons & Institutions in News



5.1 Indian Coast Guard Summits Mount Mukut (7,045 m)

WHY IN NEWS A 17-member Indian Coast Guard team summited Mount Mukut (7,045 m) in Chamoli district on 7 October 2026, the final milestone of an 18-month mountaineering training programme and a rehearsal for the force's proposed Everest expedition in its golden-jubilee year, 2027.

The expedition, guided by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, was flagged off by the Chief Minister in Dehradun on 15 September and established Base Camp on 1 October; the team was felicitated in Dehradun on 12 October. Mount Mukut (Mukut Parbat) lies in the Kamet group near the Tibet border, north of the Valley of Flowers. The Indian Coast Guard was raised in 1977 and constituted under the Coast Guard Act, 1978; its motto is *Vayam Rakshamah* ('We Protect').

5.2 Sports Round-up

WHY IN NEWS Uttarakhand's medallists and sports developments of October 2026.

Date	Event	Result
1-4 Oct	23rd Mountain Bike National Championship, Mahendragiri (Odisha)	Three golds for Uttarakhand — Anunay Joshi (Bageshwar) in the youth boys' cross-country time trial and XCO; Avani Dariyal (Pithoragarh) in U-23 women's XCO
28 Oct	41st Junior National Athletics Championship, Tamil Nadu	Two medals for Roshni of Rudraprayag
22 Oct	One District One Sport	Cabinet approves 14 head coaches (₹1.45 lakh a month, SAI criteria) for the district-wise priority sport; free UTC bus travel proposed for national and state award-winning athletes
27 Oct	Supplementary budget	₹35 crore for the Sports University (Haldwani), ₹15 crore for awards to international medallists, ₹10 crore for a women's sports college at Champawat
25 Oct	Adi Kailash Parikrama Run 2.0, Gunji	70 km and 42 km categories; a 100-mile Mana Pass–Auli ultra is planned for 2027
26 Oct	Uttarakhand Challenge Football Cup, Dehradun	U-15 title to NDS Rishikesh; 50-plus title to the Garhwal Rifles ex-servicemen team

5.3 Justice Sudhir Singh Recommended as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court

WHY IN NEWS On 26 October 2026 the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant recommended Justice Sudhir Singh, Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, for appointment as Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.

Chief Justice **Manoj Kumar Gupta** (in office from 10 January 2026) retired on 8 October 2026, and Justice **Manoj Kumar Tiwari** — born at Pithoragarh in 1965 and a judge of the court since May 2017 — has been Acting Chief Justice since 9 October under Article 223. Justice Singh enrolled as an advocate in 1991, was appointed an Additional Judge of the Patna High Court on 15 April 2015 and became its Acting Chief Justice in July 2026; his father, Justice N.P. Singh, was a judge of the Supreme Court. The appointment takes effect on notification by the President under Article 217. The Uttarakhand High Court began functioning at Nainital on 9 November 2000; the Supreme Court has cleared its proposed shift to Haldwani. The same Collegium resolution recommended P. Sam Koshy (Delhi), Manash Ranjan Pathak (Gujarat) and Tapabrata Chakraborty (Telangana) as Chief Justices.

5.4 Persons and Institutions in News

WHY IN NEWS Appointments, honours and institutional developments of October 2026.

Name / institution	In news for
Dinesh Arya	Elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Uttarakhand on 9 October (BJP; the seat of Naresh Bansal, whose term ends 25 November); from Haldwani, a former ABVP worker and BJP SC Morcha national secretary. Uttarakhand has three Rajya Sabha seats
Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)	Demitted office as Governor after the longest tenure (September 2021–October 2026); farewell on 16 October
Dr Om Prakash Tiwari	Young Scientist Award at the 21st Uttarakhand State Science & Technology Congress (UCOST, Vigyan Dham, Dehradun, 25–26 Oct; 260+ papers in 13 divisions) for forest-understory carbon models (HNB Garhwal University, Botany)
Dharam Singh Meena, IFS	Eco Warrior Award 2026 for the Heval river revival (see Environment section)
Mufti Shamoon Qasmi	Appointed Chairman of the Uttarakhand Minority Hunar Council
ULLAS / Education Department	The state celebrated its 'fully literate' status (declared August 2026) on 6 October — sixth such state after Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim; about 25,000 volunteers worked under ULLAS
IIT Roorkee	Joint doctoral degree programme with the University of Calgary, Canada (8 Oct), in clean energy, water, critical minerals and semiconductors; MoU with Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission to design products for 500 women weavers (12 Oct)
IIM Kashipur	Boot camps in all 13 districts under the Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project (REAP) with the Rural Development Department — 1,500+ participants, 20 startups selected for mentoring
Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia (Ranikhet)	Hosted the third India–UAE joint exercise 'Mountain Guardian 2026' (5–18 Oct), 46 troops a side
Garhwal Rifles	Part of the Indian contingent at Exercise AUSTRALIND 2026 with Australia (Thiruvananthapuram, 19 Oct–1 Nov)
Agniveers	First Army Agniveer batch retires in November 2026; the state approved absorption of two Uttarakhand Agniveers in the 40th Battalion PAC against vacancies (16 Oct)
Food Safety and Drug Administration	One-year ban on gutka and pan masala containing tobacco or nicotine notified on 13 October under the FSS Act, 2006

5.5 Important Days Observed in October 2026

WHY IN NEWS Days with a state angle observed during the month.

Date	Day	Uttarakhand angle
1–7 Oct	Wildlife Week	Launched at FRI, Dehradun; closing at Lok Bhavan on 8 Oct (see Environment section)
2 Oct	Gandhi Jayanti; Rampur Tiraha Martyrs' Day	Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 drives; Union Tribal Affairs Minister at EMRS Bazpur; CM at Rampur Tiraha
5 Oct	World Habitat Day (first Monday of October)	Uttarakhand's PMAY-U 2.0 award
7 Oct	21 years of the RTI Act (in force 12 October 2005)	Governor chief guest at the Lok Bhavan function
11 Oct	International Day of the Girl Child	'Balika Shiksha Protsahan Karyakram' addressed by the CM on the first day of Navratri

Date	Day	Uttarakhand angle
14 Oct	World Standards Day	BIS Dehradun event; theme SDG 7 — Affordable and Clean Energy
21 Oct	Police Smriti Diwas	Parade at Police Lines, Dehradun (see Governance section)
26 Oct–1 Nov	Vigilance Awareness Week	Theme 'Probity for Prosperity' (Satyanishtha se Samridhi); observed by state departments and PSUs
31 Oct	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (Sardar Patel's birth anniversary)	Run for Unity events across districts



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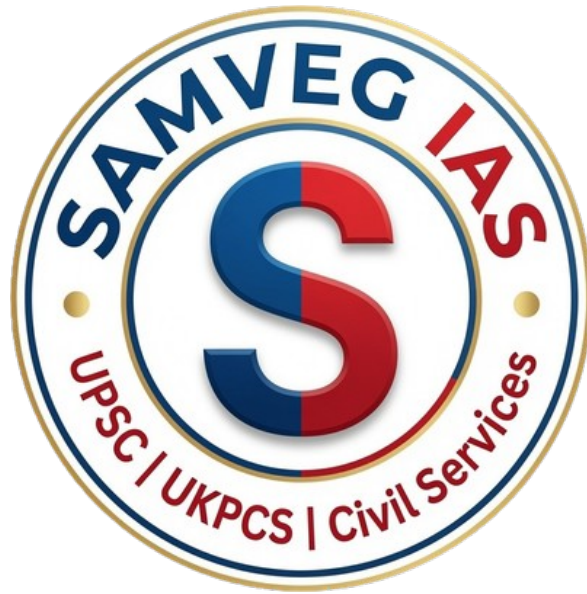
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#	Fact
1	Dr Dhal Singh Bisen — ninth Governor of Uttarakhand; appointed 12 October, sworn in 19 October 2026 at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun, by Acting Chief Justice Manoj Kumar Tiwari.
2	Outgoing Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd) served from 15 September 2021 — the longest tenure of any Governor of the state.
3	Supplementary budget 2026-27: ₹7,844.18 crore (capital ₹4,164.32 crore, revenue ₹3,679.86 crore), passed at Bhararisain on 28 October; total budget now about ₹1,19,547 crore.
4	Largest head in the supplementary budget: ₹1,100 crore for the Annapurta scheme (paddy and wheat procurement).
5	Sixth State Finance Commission: local bodies' share of state taxes raised from 10.5% to 12.5% (₹721 crore provided).
6	Uttarakhand Irrigation and Drainage Bill, 2026 replaces the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873.
7	First cabinet meeting ever held in Champawat district: 4 October 2026 at the NHPC complex, Banbasa; first in Haridwar district: 12 October.
8	Higher Education Skill Enhancement Scheme-2026: about ₹200 crore over five years for about 1.19 lakh students.
9	Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Rules, Uttarakhand, 2026 notified on 22 October; Uttarakhand Adventure Tourism Corporation Limited approved the same day.
10	Mukhyamantri Shaurya Puraskar — new state gallantry award approved by the cabinet on 12 October.
11	Dinesh Arya (BJP) elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Uttarakhand on 9 October 2026.
12	Uttarakhand — Best Performing State (NE/hilly category) for grounding of houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0; award on World Habitat Day, 5 October.
13	Uttarakhand Police: 206 personnel martyred since statehood; new motto 'Karm, Satya, Shaurya' to replace 'Mitrata, Seva, Suraksha' when the President's Colour is presented on 6 November.
14	Tiuni-Plasu HEP: 72 MW, UJVNL, Tons river (Dehradun district); final forest clearance on 30 October; about 298.51 million units a year.
15	PMGSY-IV proposals of Uttarakhand: 315 roads (1,777 km, ₹2,526 crore) and 32 bridges (₹182 crore) — ₹2,708 crore for 610 habitations.
16	Rudraprayag bridge-tunnel bypass: ₹156 crore, 200 m bridge + 900.30 m tunnel linking NH-107 and NH-07; trial traffic from 26 October.
17	Rishikesh-Karnaprayag railway: 125 km, 12 stations, about 83% in 16 tunnels, 19 bridges; first train targeted for December 2028.
18	House of Himalayas (launched December 2023): sales cross ₹6 crore; 83 products; about 5,500 women from 55 Cluster Level Federations.
19	Uttarakhand is the first Himalayan state to export trout to Nepal and the first to supply trout to the ITBP (Pithoragarh cluster, 20 October).
20	Ramganga dam for Gairsain's drinking water: ₹122.69 crore, foundation laid 28 October; Khairna barrage project (Nainital) ₹382.40 crore cleared by the EFC on 30 October.
21	PM-KISAN 24th instalment (30 October): ₹161.96 crore to 8.08 lakh Uttarakhand farmers; ₹18,690 crore to 9.34 crore farmers nationally.
22	Earthquake of magnitude 4.9, Chamoli district, 10.24 pm on 6 October, depth about 13 km; earthquake sirens now tested at 11 am on the 9th of every month.
23	Earthquake early warning network: 169 sensors, 112 sirens, IIT Roorkee and USDMA; public alerts through the 'Bhudev' app.

#	Fact
24	Helicopter crash of 30 October near Jyotirmath (Chamoli): Trans Bharat Aviation, Badrinath to Sahastradhara, all six on board killed.
25	SDRF Uttarakhand — first disaster response force in India certified ISO 9001:2015 (BIS audit at Jolly Grant).
26	Wildlife Week 2026: 18 persons honoured with ₹51,000 each; Special Tiger Protection Force announced for Corbett and Rajaji; second phase of tiger relocation to Rajaji (five tigers).
27	Heval (Henwal) river, Tehri Garhwal — revival of 126 springs and 28 streams cited in the 139th Mann Ki Baat (25 October); IFS officer Dharam Singh Meena won the Eco Warrior Award 2026.
28	Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary (about 975 sq km, 1972) is the state's largest sanctuary; action plan to protect the Himalayan tahr from feeding by visitors.
29	Naini Lake: 21,000 fish released by Pantnagar University — 15,000 silver carp and 5,000 golden mahseer (state fish, IUCN Endangered).
30	Wadia Institute has identified about 40 active geothermal springs in Uttarakhand; geothermal tourism project at Madkot, Pithoragarh.
31	Haridwar Kumbh 2027 (Ardh Kumbh): 14 January to 20 April 2027; logo, website haridwarkumbh.uk.gov.in and anthem 'Kumbh Ka Parv Aa Gaya' (Raghav Raja) released 12 October.
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37	50th (golden-jubilee) Siddhpeeth Kunjapuri Tourism & Development Fair, Narendranagar (Tehri), 11–19 October; founder Surendra Singh Pangti.
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44	Mountain Guardian 2026 — third India–UAE joint exercise at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia (Ranikhet), 5–18 October.
45	Police Smriti Diwas (21 October) commemorates the Hot Springs (Ladakh) ambush of 1959; 154 police personnel martyred nationally in the year to August 2026.

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