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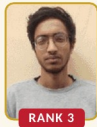
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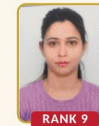
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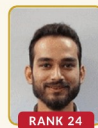
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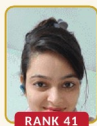
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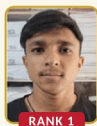
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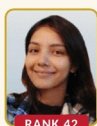
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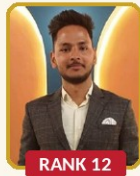
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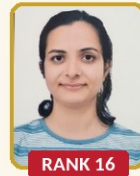
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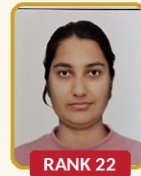
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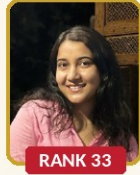
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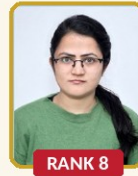
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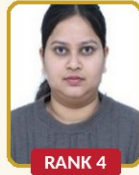
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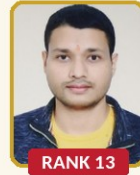
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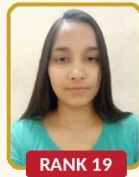
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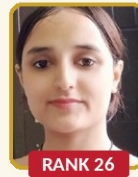
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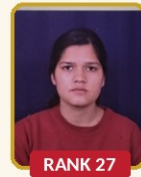
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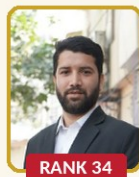
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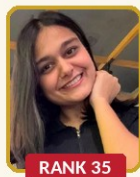
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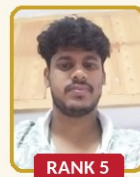
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Month at a Glance

Key Uttarakhand developments of September 2026 in chronological order.

Date	Development
1-2 Sep	32nd anniversary of the Khatima (1 Sep 1994) and Mussoorie (2 Sep 1994) firings of the state movement observed
3 Sep	Prof. Satpal Singh Bisht appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kumaun University, Nainital
5 Sep	Nanda Devi Badi Jat (held once in 12 years) sets out from Kurud, Chamoli; Gabar Singh of Uttarakhand receives the National Teachers' Award
7 Sep	Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana launched (11,000 students in Phase 1); ₹147.05 crore pension released to 9,91,914 beneficiaries
9 Sep	Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026: Dehradun ranked 12th in the 3-10 lakh population category
11 Sep	Cabinet approves 10 proposals incl. land for the Mussoorie ropeway terminal and the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan programme
13 Sep	Char Dham Yatra crosses 50 lakh pilgrims (50.28 lakh in 147 days); record footfall at Gangotri and Yamunotri
14 Sep	Hindi Diwas observed
15 Sep	Six states sign MoU on the Kishau Multipurpose Project (Tons river) in New Delhi
17 Sep	Month-long 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' begins (till 17 Oct)
18 Sep	'Jal Srishti Park' (₹8.64 crore) inaugurated at Miyanwala, Dehradun
22 Sep	Uttarakhand set to become the first state with GIS-based master plans for 98 cities and towns
23 Sep	Ayurveda Day; India's men's badminton team, including Lakshya Sen (Almora), wins bronze at the Asian Games
27 Sep	Snowfall strands 136 trekkers and mountaineers on high passes of Uttarkashi; CM reviews rescue from the SEOC
30 Sep	Kapil Pokhariya (Khatima) wins bronze in men's 90 kg boxing at the Asian Games

01

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

State Cabinet Decisions



1.1 Cabinet Meeting of 11 September 2026 — 10 Proposals Approved

WHY IN NEWS The state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami met on 11 September and approved 10 proposals, the main ones relating to medical interns, jobs for medal-winning athletes and land for central institutions.

Decision	Key details
Mussoorie ropeway	972 sq m of land allotted for the upper terminal and parking of the Dehradun (Purkul) – Mussoorie (Library Chowk) ropeway.
Seva Sankalp Abhiyan	Programme of the 17 September – 17 October campaign approved (see 2.4).

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Governance, Policies & Schemes



2.1 Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana Launched

WHY IN NEWS Approved in August, the scheme of free online coaching for competitive examinations was launched by the Chief Minister at his camp office in Dehradun on 7 September 2026.

Launched on	7 September 2026, Mukhya Sevak Sadan, Dehradun
Beneficiaries (Phase 1)	11,000 eligible students
Who can apply	Students of government and government-aided colleges and state universities of Uttarakhand
Benefit	Free online coaching for competitive examinations, aimed especially at students of remote hill areas

Other points made at the launch:

- More than **34,000** youth have been given government jobs in the last five years.
- **50% reservation for women** in student union elections from the current academic year.
- A digital library with access to about **20 lakh books** for students.

2.2 Social Security Pensions — ₹147 Crore Released in One Click

WHY IN NEWS On 7 September the Chief Minister released the August instalment of social security pensions to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through a single click.

Amount released	₹147.05 crore (state share ₹140.11 crore; central share ₹6.94 crore)
Total beneficiaries	9,91,914 — 2,14,711 under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and 7,77,203 under state schemes

New beneficiaries added in August 2026

Pension	New beneficiaries
Old age pension	3,945
Widow pension	1,000
Disability pension	416
Kisan (farmer) pension	106
Pension for abandoned women	23
Maintenance allowance	115
Total	5,605

The Chief Minister directed that eligible persons facing difficulty with Aadhaar authentication should be paid through their bank accounts.

2.3 First State to Prepare GIS-Based Master Plans for Small Towns

WHY IN NEWS The Housing Department reported on 22 September that 98 GIS-based master plans are being prepared, which will make Uttarakhand the first state where secondary and tertiary urban bodies, and not only big cities, get GIS-based master plans.

Component	Number of master plans
AMRUT-1 cities	7
AMRUT-2 cities	23
Ease of Doing Business (urban bodies in 7 clusters)	65
Chief Minister's announcements	3
Total	98

- Plans have horizon years of **2041 and 2045**.
- Technical partners: School of Planning and Architecture (New Delhi and Bhopal), NIT Calicut, SVNIT Surat and MNIT Jaipur.
- Objectives: planned land use, control of illegal construction, traffic and drainage planning, and disaster-risk reduction.

BACKGROUND

- AMRUT** — Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, launched in 2015; AMRUT 2.0 (2021–26) extended it to all statutory towns, with a sub-scheme for GIS-based master plans.
- A **GIS-based master plan** maps land use on geo-referenced satellite and survey data, allowing zoning to be checked parcel by parcel.

2.4 Seva Sankalp Abhiyan (17 September – 17 October)

WHY IN NEWS The state government announced a month-long public-participation campaign linked to the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision, starting on 17 September, the Prime Minister's birthday.

- Eleven themes, including **Seva Setu Abhiyan** (awareness and health camps on government schemes), **Seva: Mera Yogdan** (tree plantation and cleanliness), **Angan Milan Seva** (maternal-child nutrition at Anganwadi centres) and **Mere Sapnon ka Bharat** (art, essay and speech competitions).
- A **Seva First Innovation Challenge** involving IITs, IIMs and government departments to seek solutions to local problems.
- Sushasan Seva Samvad** — dialogue with elected representatives on governance.
- Nodal department: Information and Public Relations Department.

03

ECONOMY

Economy, Energy & Infrastructure



3.1 Kishau Multipurpose Project — Six-State MoU Signed

WHY IN NEWS On 15 September 2026 the six beneficiary states signed a Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi on water sharing and implementation of the Kishau dam, at a meeting chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah. The project had been pending for about eight decades.

River	Tons, the largest tributary of the Yamuna (Upper Yamuna basin)
Location	On the Uttarakhand–Himachal Pradesh border — Dehradun district (Uttarakhand) and Sirmour district (Himachal Pradesh)
Power capacity	422 MW (as stated by the state government)
Live storage	About 1,562 million cubic metres
Signatory states	Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi
Funding	Centre to bear 90% of the cost of the water (irrigation and drinking-water) component; the six states share the remaining 10%
Special arrangement	Himachal Pradesh's share of water goes to Delhi and Rajasthan, which in return share the cost of Himachal's portion of the power component
Forest land	About 2,500 ha needed for the dam
First conceived	1940

Expected benefits: water and energy security for the Upper Yamuna basin, irrigation, drinking water for Delhi and other states, and more lean-season flow for rejuvenation of the Yamuna. Villagers of the submergence area on both sides of the border protested over the dam site later in the month.

RELATED FACTS

- The **Upper Yamuna MoU of 12 May 1994** divided the Yamuna's surface water among the basin states; the **Upper Yamuna River Board** oversees it.
- The three storage projects planned in the Upper Yamuna basin are **Kishau** (Tons), **Lakhwar** (Yamuna, Dehradun) and **Renukaji** (Giri, Himachal Pradesh).
- **Kishau Corporation Ltd**, a joint venture of the Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments, is the executing agency.

3.2 Homestay Scheme — Progress Report

WHY IN NEWS A progress report released on 18–19 September credited the state's homestay policy with spreading tourism to hill villages and supporting reverse migration.

Indicator	Figure
Homestays operating in the state	More than 5,000
Beneficiaries — Deen Dayal Upadhyay Homestay Development Scheme	537
Subsidy disbursed (last four years)	₹79.28 crore
Beneficiaries — Trekking Traction Centre Homestay Grant Scheme	258
Subsidy — hill areas	50% of project cost, up to ₹15 lakh

Indicator	Figure
Subsidy — plains	25% of project cost, up to ₹7.5 lakh
Returned migrants who took up homestays	Over 22% of about 6,500 returnees

- **Saari village** (Rudraprayag), the base for Deoria Tal and Tungnath treks, has more than 40 homestays.
- Six homestays are being built at **Jadung** (Uttarkashi), a border village on the India–China frontier being resettled under cluster development.

3.3 Other Developments

WHY IN NEWS Brief items from the month.

- **Jal Srishti Park, Miyanwala (Dehradun):** Inaugurated on 18 September; built by the Mussoorie–Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) for ₹8.64 crore by reviving an old pond — island, paddle-boating, yoga deck and jogging track.
- **Mussoorie ropeway:** Cabinet (11 Sep) allotted 972 sq m for the upper terminal and parking of the Purkul–Library Chowk ropeway.
- **ESIC hospital, Haridwar:** Cabinet (11 Sep) gave 15 acres near the Government Medical College for an ESIC hospital.
- **Khatima:** A Nagar Van (urban forest) oxygen park and civic projects were inaugurated during the CM's visit at the start of the month.

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GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER

Disaster Management & Environment



4.1 Snowfall Strands 136 Trekkers on High Passes of Uttarkashi

WHY IN NEWS Early-season heavy snowfall in the higher Himalaya from 26–27 September cut off trekking and mountaineering groups in Uttarkashi district. The Chief Minister reviewed the rescue from the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) on 27 September.

Group	People stranded
Members of high-altitude expeditions	89
Trekking group at Kalindi Khal base camp	18
Trekking group at Auden's Col base camp	29
Total	136

- Four helicopters were pressed into service once the weather cleared; **49 people had been brought to Harsil by 29 September**, where food and medical checks were arranged. No deaths had been reported till then.
- Agencies: district administration, SDRF, NDRF, ITBP, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Forest and Health departments.
- Snowfall was also recorded at Kedarnath, Gangotri, Hemkund Sahib, Adi Kailash and Om Parvat.

PASSES IN NEWS

- Kalindi Khal** (about 5,940 m) — high pass linking the Gangotri glacier region with Badrinath (Mana); one of the highest trekking passes in the Garhwal Himalaya.
- Auden's Col** (about 5,490 m) — links the Rudugaira valley (Gangotri side) with the Khatling glacier (Bhilingana valley, Tehri); named after geologist J.B. Auden of the Geological Survey of India.
- Nehru Institute of Mountaineering**, Uttarkashi — established in 1965.

4.2 Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026 — Dehradun Climbs to 12th

WHY IN NEWS In the national clean-air ranking of cities announced in early September, Dehradun was placed 12th in the category of cities with a population of 3–10 lakh.

Year	Dehradun's rank
2024	41st
2025	19th
2026	12th

- Measures credited: drone-based water spraying to settle dust, mechanical road sweeping, PUC checks, promotion of electric vehicles and campaigns against open burning of waste.
- Rishikesh and Kashipur also improved on previous years.
- National toppers: **Lucknow** (198 points) edged out Indore (197) among cities above 10 lakh; **Rourkela** topped the 3–10 lakh category.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (through CPCB) under the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)**, launched in 2019.
- Cities are ranked in three population groups — above 10 lakh, 3–10 lakh and below 3 lakh — on actions such as dust control, waste and vehicle-emission management.

4.3 Himalaya Diwas — Himalaya Vibhuti Samman Announced

WHY IN NEWS At the state programme 'Himalayo Nama Nagadhirajah' held at Veer Madho Singh Bhandari Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun for Himalaya Diwas (9 September), the Chief Minister announced a new annual award.

- **Himalaya Vibhuti Samman** — an annual state honour for researchers, scientists, social workers and others working for conservation and sustainable development of the Himalaya.
- ₹1 crore announced for infrastructure and resources at the Himalayan council.
- UCOST released posters of the **7th Dehradun International Science & Technology Festival**, the Science & Technology Premier League and the **21st Uttarakhand State Science Conference**, and the fifth edition of the magazine **Vigyan Sampreshan**.

HIMALAYA DIWAS

- Observed on **9 September**; started in 2010 by environmentalist Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi (HESCO, Padma Bhushan) and adopted by the Uttarakhand government in 2015.
- UCOST — Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology, Dehradun.

4.4 Solar Energy Status

WHY IN NEWS Uttarakhand crossed the 1 gigawatt solar capacity milestone in early 2026, reaching a total installed capacity of 1,027.87 megawatts.

Key Highlights

Total capacity	1,027.87 MW achieved recently
Ground-mounted projects	Contributed approximately 397 MW of capacity
Rooftop solar	Added around 241 MW through schemes like PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana
Canal-top projects	Provided 37 MW to maximise land efficiency and reduce water evaporation
Future target	The state aims to reach 2,500 MW of total solar generation capacity by 2027 under the Uttarakhand Solar Energy Policy

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CULTURE & TOURISM

Tourism, Pilgrimage, Art & Culture

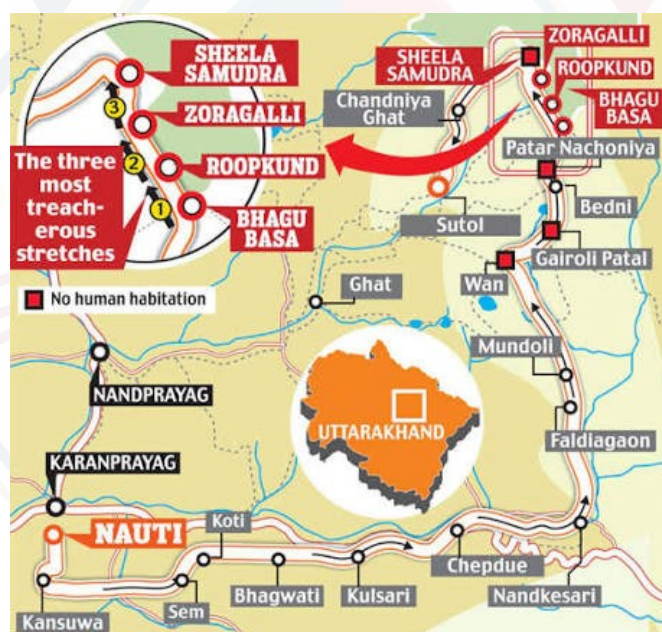


5.1 Nanda Devi Badi Jat Sets Out from Kurud

WHY IN NEWS The Badi Jat of Goddess Nanda, held once in 12 years, began on 5 September 2026 from the Nanda Siddhapeeth at Kurud (Chamoli). The doli of the goddess travels about 280 km on foot towards Kailash, symbolising her journey from her maternal home to her in-laws' home.

Start	5 September 2026, Kurud (Nanda Nagar–Ghat area, Chamoli)
Organiser	Kurud Nanda Dham committee
Distance	About 280 km, with 26 halts announced
Guide	Two four-horned rams (chausingya khadu)
Conclusion	Concluding havan scheduled for 30 September
Also called	'Himalayan Mahakumbh'

The Badi Jat is separate from the **Nanda Devi Raj Jat**, whose organising committee has decided to hold the Raj Jat in **2027**, after priests found 2026 astrologically inauspicious.



The Nanda Devi Raj Jat Yatra is a revered 12-year pilgrimage in Uttarakhand, dedicated to Goddess Nanda Devi, an incarnation of Parvati and consort of Lord Shiva. It re-enacts her symbolic journey from her maternal home in the Garhwal Himalayas to her in-laws' abode on Mount Kailash, blending deep spirituality, cultural traditions, adventure and community unity. Spanning about 280 km over 19–22 days, it is considered Asia's longest and largest religious procession, attracting thousands of devotees, pilgrims and tourists from India and abroad. The event transforms into a grand cultural festival with folk dances, rituals and processions, fostering bonds between the Garhwal and Kumaon regions.

History of Nanda Devi Raj Jat Yatra

The yatra traces its origins to the 7th century, when it was initiated by Garhwal King Shalipal in Chamoli Garhwal from a small hamlet; it was later expanded into a grander event by King Kanakpal in the 9th century. The royal lineage of Kansiwa (Kansiwa ke Kunwar) and the Nautiyals of Nauti village served as royal priests and advisors, with the Barathogi Brahmins (including the Nautiyals) and twelve chiefs (Thokdars) from neighbouring villages managing the proceedings. Over time, clans from the Rawat and Negi communities joined, turning it into a widespread tradition.



In Kumaon, worship of Nanda Devi developed into a fair under the Chand dynasty; initially with one idol, it later included two idols, of Nanda and her sister Sunanda, during King Baz Bahadur Chand's reign, inspired by their shared divine birth. In the Johar valley of Pithoragarh, though no full Raj Jat takes place, rituals involve dancing and collecting Brahma Kamal flowers (Kaul Kamphu). Smaller annual jats take place in the Pindar valley and Lohar villages, with gatherings at places such as Danadhar, Suring, Milam and Martoli.

Historical records show organised yatras since 1843, with past yatras in 1863, 1886, 1905, 1925, 1951, 1968, 1987, 2000 and 2014 (postponed from 2013 because of the flash floods). In 2000, after the formation of Uttarakhand, Almora's Nanda took part after 90 years, bringing in Kumaon deities and a modified route that included Nandakesari. The Garhwal kings of the 16th century formalised its organisation, tying it to astrological alignments and to the mythological belief that one day in the Satyug equals a year in the Kaliyug, which explains the 12-year cycle.

Significance

The yatra symbolises Goddess Nanda Devi's farewell (vidaai) from her maternal home in Nauti to Lord Shiva's abode on Kailash, representing divine union, regional identity and a shared Himalayan heritage across Garhwal, Kumaon, Himachal and even Nepal. It is a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey that unites communities, preserves ancient customs and offers blessings for safety, success and prosperity. For locals it embodies devotion and cultural pride, while for visitors it highlights the beauty of the Himalayan landscape amid living traditions. The event includes Kumaon deities for wider unity and is promoted as a global cultural festival showcasing Uttarakhand's folklore, arts and spirituality.

NANDA DEVI RAJ JAT — BACKGROUND

- Held about once in 12 years from **Nauti** (Chamoli, near Karnaprayag), traditionally initiated by the Kunwars of **Kansuwa** (descendants of the Chandpur Garhi rulers) and the priests of Nauti; last held in **2014** (earlier 2000).
- The procession, led by a four-horned ram, crosses high meadows such as Bedni Bugyal and the Roopkund–Junargali area and ends at **Homkund**, where the ram is released towards Kailash.
- Goddess Nanda is regarded as the patron deity of both Garhwal and Kumaon; an annual **Nanda Lok Jat** is also held.

5.2 Char Dham Yatra 2026 Crosses 50 Lakh Pilgrims

WHY IN NEWS Figures released on 13 September showed that 50.28 lakh pilgrims had visited the four dhams and Hemkund Sahib in 147 days of the yatra, with all-time records at Gangotri and Yamunotri.

Shrine	Pilgrims (lakh)	Remark
Badrinath	17.28	Till 12 Sep (143 days); 3.45 lakh more than last year
Kedarnath	14.94	Derived as the balance of the total
Gangotri	7.84	Highest ever
Yamunotri	7.03	Highest ever (previous record 6.44 lakh, 2025)
Hemkund Sahib	3.19	Above previous years
Total	50.28	2025 (same period): 45.09 lakh — increase of 5.19 lakh

Note: the shrine-wise figures were released on slightly different cut-off dates; the total is the state government figure.

5.3 Remembering the State Movement: Khatima and Mussoorie Firings

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Minister paid tribute to the martyrs of the Uttarakhand statehood movement on the 32nd anniversaries of the Khatima and Mussoorie firings.

Event	Date	Details
Khatima firing	1 September 1994	Police fired on a procession of statehood agitators at Khatima (Udham Singh Nagar); seven agitators were killed.
Mussoorie firing	2 September 1994	Firing on agitators protesting the Khatima incident at Jhoola Ghar, Mussoorie; martyrs included Hansa Dhanai and Belmati Chauhan. A police officer, DSP Umakant Tripathi, also died.
Rampur Tiraha	2 October 1994	Firing on agitators travelling to Delhi at Muzaffarnagar (UP); followed a month after Khatima and Mussoorie.

During the visit, a martyrs' memorial and a large national flag were also dedicated in the border area of Champawat district.

5.4 Other Cultural Events

WHY IN NEWS Festivals and cultural observances of the month.

- **Nanda-Sunanda Mahotsav, Nainital:** The annual fair of the twin goddesses Nanda and Sunanda was held around Nanda Ashtami; the CM attended on 22 September.
- **Ayurveda Day (23 Sep):** The CM worshipped Lord Dhanvantari; the first **Patanjali Ayurveda Gurukulam** was inaugurated at Patanjali Wellness Yogagram, Haridwar. Ayurveda Day has been observed on the fixed date of 23 September since 2025.
- **Rishikul campus, Haridwar:** The CM directed that it be developed as a special centre of Ayurveda, Yoga and the Indian knowledge tradition (10 Sep).
- **Hindi Diwas (14 Sep):** Marks the adoption of Hindi in Devanagari as the official language of the Union by the Constituent Assembly on 14 September 1949.

06

MISCELLANEOUS

Sports, Persons & Institutions in News



6.1 Uttarakhand at the Asian Games 2026

WHY IN NEWS The 20th Asian Games are being held at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026. Two medals in September had an Uttarakhand connection.

Athlete	Home	Event	Medal
Kapil Pokhariya	Chakarpur, Khatima (Udham Singh Nagar)	Boxing — men's 90 kg; lost the semi-final to Turabek Khabibullaev (Uzbekistan) 1-4 (30 Sep)	Bronze
Lakshya Sen (member of India's team)	Almora	Badminton — men's team; India lost 1-3 to China in the semi-final (23 Sep)	Bronze

Kapil Pokhariya, a Havaldar in the Army, had won gold at the National Games in 2025 and 2026. The Chief Minister congratulated both players.

6.2 Sports Initiatives

WHY IN NEWS Steps for sportspersons during the month.

- **Out-of-turn jobs:** The cabinet (11 Sep) approved 243 posts for medal winners and 33 new posts of Assistant Teacher (Physical Education).
- **Khel Mahakumbh 2026:** The Chief Minister launched the 'Khel Mahakumbh - Mukhyamantri Championship Trophy-2026' at Champawat in the first week of September.
- **Young climbers:** Riyansh Pant and Prisha Rawat, child mountaineers from Uttarakhand who climbed **Mount Kilimanjaro** (Tanzania; Africa's highest peak), met the Chief Minister on 9 September.

6.3 Persons and Appointments in News

WHY IN NEWS Appointments and honours.

Person	In news for
Prof. Satpal Singh Bisht	Appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kumaun University, Nainital (3 Sep) by Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd), the Chancellor, for three years; he was earlier VC of Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora.
Gabar Singh	Teacher, Government Upper Primary School, Musyakhand (Maira) — awardee from Uttarakhand among the 48 National Teachers' Award 2026 winners, presented by President Droupadi Murmu on Teachers' Day (5 Sep) at Vigyan Bhawan.
Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi	Founder of HESCO and initiator of Himalaya Diwas; present at the state programme where the Himalaya Vibhuti Samman was announced.

6.4 Important Days Observed in September 2026

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

Date	Day	Note
1 Sep	Khatima Firing Martyrs' Day	32nd anniversary (1994)
2 Sep	Mussoorie Firing Martyrs' Day	32nd anniversary (1994)

Date	Day	Note
5 Sep	Teachers' Day	Birth anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
9 Sep	Himalaya Diwas	Himalaya Vibhuti Samman announced
14 Sep	Hindi Diwas	Hindi adopted as official language, 1949
17 Sep	Start of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan	Runs till 17 October
23 Sep	Ayurveda Day	Fixed date since 2025
27 Sep	World Tourism Day	Theme set by UN Tourism

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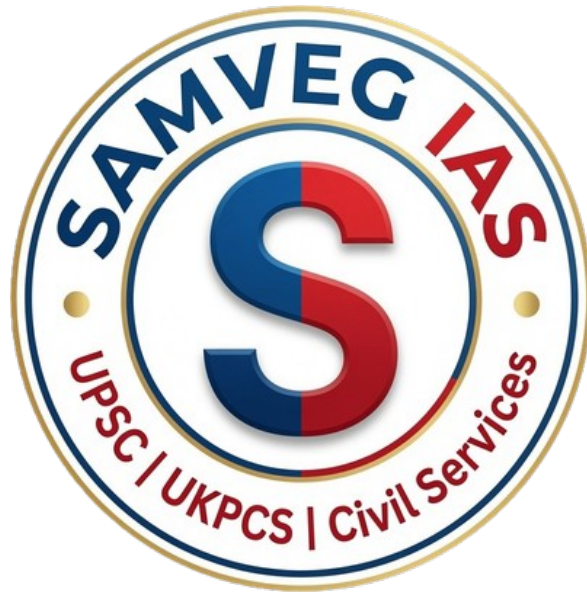
RAPID REVISION

Quick Revision: One-Liners



#	Fact
1	The cabinet met on 11 September 2026 and approved 10 proposals.
2	Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana (free online coaching) was launched on 7 September for 11,000 students in Phase 1.
3	The state announced 50% reservation for women in student union elections.
4	₹147.05 crore of social security pension was released to 9,91,914 beneficiaries on 7 September.
5	Uttarakhand is to be the first state with GIS-based master plans for secondary and tertiary towns — 98 plans in all.
6	Seva Sankalp Abhiyan runs from 17 September to 17 October 2026.
7	The six-state Kishau MoU was signed in New Delhi on 15 September under the chairmanship of Amit Shah.
8	Kishau dam is on the Tons river, on the border of Dehradun (Uttarakhand) and Sirmour (Himachal Pradesh).
9	The Centre will bear 90% of the water-component cost of the Kishau project.
10	Kishau project: 422 MW and about 1,562 MCM live storage (state government figures).
11	Under the homestay scheme, hill areas get a 50% subsidy up to ₹15 lakh; plains 25% up to ₹7.5 lakh.
12	Saari village (Rudrapur) has more than 40 homestays.
13	Jal Sriшти Park (₹8.64 crore) at Miyanwala, Dehradun was built by MDDA by reviving an old pond.
14	136 trekkers and mountaineers were stranded by snowfall at high passes of Uttarkashi in late September.
15	Kalindi Khal pass links the Gangotri region with Badrinath.
16	Dehradun was ranked 12th (3–10 lakh category) in Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026, up from 19th in 2025.
17	Swachh Vayu Survekshan is conducted under the National Clean Air Programme (2019).
18	A new annual 'Himalaya Vibhuti Samman' was announced on the occasion of Himalaya Diwas (9 September).
19	The Nanda Devi Badi Jat began from Kurud (Chamoli) on 5 September 2026; the Raj Jat will be held in 2027.
20	The Nanda Devi Raj Jat ends at Homkund and is led by a four-horned ram (chausingya khadu).
21	The Char Dham Yatra crossed 50 lakh pilgrims (50.28 lakh in 147 days) by 13 September.
22	Gangotri (7.84 lakh) and Yamunotri (7.03 lakh) recorded their highest-ever pilgrim numbers.
23	Khatima firing: 1 September 1994; Mussoorie firing: 2 September 1994.
24	Kapil Pokhariya of Khatima won bronze in men's 90 kg boxing at the 2026 Asian Games (Aichi-Nagoya).
25	Lakshya Sen of Almora was part of India's bronze-winning men's badminton team at the 2026 Asian Games.
26	Prof. Satpal Singh Bisht was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Kumaun University, Nainital.

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