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JAPAN'S YAMANASHI PREFECTURE ANNOUNCES RS 600 CRORE FUND FOR UP MSME INVESTMENT

*At the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 in Lucknow, Kotaro Nagasaki, Governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, announced a **Rs 600 crore** fund to support Yamanashi-based MSME investment in Uttar Pradesh.*

Key Data

- UP CM Yogi Adityanath announced a dedicated **"Yamanashi Desk"** at Invest UP for investor coordination
- Both sides agreed to a **90-day review mechanism** for land allotment and investment issue resolution
- Four MoUs exchanged, covering technical training, skill development, tourism, and Japanese Global Capability Centres in Noida/Greater Noida

UPSC Angle

GS2/GS3: sub-national "paradiplomacy" as a growing trend in India's foreign economic engagement, with states directly courting foreign investment and institutionalising measurable investment-realisation tracking mechanisms.

NATIONAL TEACHERS' AWARDS 2026: 48 TEACHERS SELECTED

*The Ministry of Education announced the **National Teachers' Awards 2026** list, selecting **48 teachers** from 27 states, 7 Union Territories, and 6 central government organisations, including KVS, NVS and EMRS.*

Key Data

- Award composition: **26 male, 22 female** teachers
- Selection process: three-stage (district, state, national), via online self-nomination

- Award ceremony: **September 5, 2026** (Teachers' Day), Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, conferred by President Droupadi Murmu

UPSC Angle

GS2: National Teachers' Awards, instituted 1958, recognising outstanding contributions to school education, and Teachers' Day's commemoration of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birth anniversary (September 5, 1888).

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TODAY'S CONSOLIDATED FACTS:

Yamanashi Prefecture fund: Rs 600 crore, with a 90-day land/investment review mechanism

National Teachers' Awards 2026: 48 teachers, ceremony September 5, 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan

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