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## Agriculture Survey Will be Done in Uttar Pradesh on the Lines of Karnataka

### Why In News?

On January 1, 2023, Uttar Pradesh's Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi told that **now agriculture survey will be done in the state on the lines of Karnataka**. Till now, based on estimates in the state, the data related to the area of **Rabi, Kharif and Zaid cultivation**, production and loss due to natural calamity was collected.

### Key Points

- Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi said that if all goes well, then after one year it will be clear that which farmer of which district has how much farming. In rabi, kharif and Zaid, in how much area did he sow and how much. How much was produced. All these will now get accurate statistics. They will also be digitized.
- It is known that till now the agriculture and revenue department collects data on the agriculture and agriculture of the state based on estimates at the district level.
- He said that preparations are being made for satellite mapping in the agricultural sector in the state. The satellite will provide accurate information about the size of farmers' fields, sowing of crops, production, etc. in every village district-wise, block-wise. Accordingly, necessary fertilizers, chemicals etc. will be made available to the farmers and advisories will be given about the selection of crops.
- He said that till now all the details of agriculture in the state are compiled on the assessment of estimates. It is not clearly known in which farmer sowed which crop in how much area. Even during disasters like excessive rains, floods, frosts, fire incidents, there is a lot of difficulty in gathering accurate information.
- It is worth mentioning that recently, officials of the Agriculture and Revenue Department of Karnataka presented the model of satellite survey implemented in their state in Uttar Pradesh. Other senior officials of the department, including the Agriculture Minister, also liked this model. It was approved and now preparations are being made to operate it in Uttar Pradesh.

## Rs 200 crores Approved for Country's First Ropeway Transport in Varanasi

### Why In News?

On January 1, 2023, Kaushal Raj Sharma, Divisional Commissioner of Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, said that tourists coming from all over the world in Banaras will now get the facility of **ropeway for the journey from the crowded cantt station to Godaulia**, for which a budget of Rs 200 crore has been approved to implement the country's first public transport ropeway on the ground.

### Key Points

- Divisional Commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma said that the first installment of the budget will be released in the first week of January to shift the line of public amenities passing through the roadside between Varanasi Cantt and Godaulia in the state.
- After January 15, preparations are being made to shift the line of public facilities. The process of acquisition of identified land for the route will also start in the month of January itself.
- He said that a proposal of Rs 173 crore has been sent by the administration for land acquisition and Rs 28 crore for shifting the line of public amenities. The government has also taken the initiative to release the first installment by approving this budget proposal. After the release of the budget, the work of shifting the water, electricity and other lines passing under the road between Cantt and Godaulia will be started.
- The Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey has identified the construction of Jal Kal, Smart City, GAIL, Jal Nigam, BSNL and Power Department. Apart from this, 1.59 hectares of land has been identified for acquisition for the construction of a 3.75 km ropeway from Cantt railway station to Godaulia intersection, out of which 0.96 hectare is private and 0.63 hectare is government. On the basis of compensation fixed at the circuit rate, Rs 72 crore will be spent on private land and Rs 101 crore on government land.
- Stations and 30 towers are to be built at Cantonment, Bharat Mata Temple, Besant Theosophical Society Rath Yatra, Church and Godaulia intersection. He informed that under the ropeway project, the ropeway work will start in the state in March.

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## Private Schools can be Opened in Urban Areas Only if there is 3000 Square Meters of Land

### Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, Deepak Kumar, principal secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, said that the state board has made it mandatory to have **3000 square meters of land for opening private schools in urban areas**, which was earlier 650 square meters.

### Key Points

- Principal Secretary of the Board of Secondary Education Deepak Kumar said that the government has approved the proposed new standards and conditions for recognition of private schools. The government has given this approval after the board rejected the suggestions and objections regarding the new rules, saying that there was no justification.
- Under the new conditions, it will now be necessary to have 3000 square meters of land to open a school in urban areas, which was earlier only 650 square meters. Similarly, 6000 square meters of land will be mandatory in rural areas, which was earlier 2000 square meters.
- Apart from this, the heritage amount has also been increased manifold. It has also been made necessary to have smart class, computer class and various resources.
- According to the order issued by Deepak Kumar, these changes i.e. minimum standards are being set for quality education under the **National Education Policy-2020**. Therefore, a proposal to amend the regulations of the Secondary Education Council to recognize unfunded schools has been approved.
- The government has directed the Chairman and Secretary of the Secondary Education Council Uttar Pradesh to publish the notification of the standards and conditions in the gazette as per the provision in **Section-16(2) of the Intermediate Education Act-1921**.
- The main mandatory conditions for new recognition of high school are:
  - Under Chapter 8 of the Society/Trust/Companies Act-2013, it will be mandatory for the registered company (Not for Profit) to be registered and renewed.
  - Rs 5 lakh will be deposited in the name of the school and will be mortgaged in the designation of the inspecting officer. Earlier, an amount of Rs 15,000 was earmarked for the private fund.
  - Rs 1.5 lakh will be deposited as a safe fund, whereas earlier it was mandatory to deposit only Rs 3000.
  - Audio video projectors, large-screen LED TVs will have to be arranged in smart classes and 25 computers will have to be arranged in the computer room.
  - A total of 3000 worm meters of school land in urban areas will have 1000 square meters of land and 2000 square meters of land in rural areas.
  - Athletics, Kabaddi, Wrestling, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Lawn Tennis, Open Gymnasium and other outdoor games along with adequate arrangements for indoor games and physical fitness will be there in the sports venue. Earlier there was no condition of such recognition.
  - According to the number of students, chairs, tables, desk benches will have to be arranged for each student at the rate of one square meter. Also, laboratory arrangements will have to be ensured. In the earlier condition, it was mandatory to have 200 sets of decoration with junior classes.
  - There will be detailed conditions for adequate arrangement of clean drinking water, toilets etc., according to the convenience of students, students and disabled people. Earlier, there was only a condition of proper arrangement.
  - Large text material will have to be kept in the library. Detailed arrangements of teaching materials will have to be made.
  - For the presence of teachers and staff in the institution, it will be necessary to have biometric machines, CCTV cameras with voice recorder, DVR, high speed internet connection, Wi-Fi as well as the school website.
  - The school building should be built on safety standards and arrangements will have to be made for rainwater harvesting and drainage along with electricity, solar energy.
  - For the recognition of the new school, after fulfilling the essential conditions of the high school, some other conditions will also have to be fulfilled for the operation of the intermediate. Under this, an additional deposit of Rs 1 lakh will have to be made for the security fund of Rs 2 lakh and the reserve fund.

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## 100% Attendance of MGNREGA Workers to be Done through App in Uttar Pradesh

### Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that arrangements are now being made to ensure **100 percent attendance through the National Mobile Monitoring System App for transparency in MNREGA works** in the state.

### Key Points

- In line with the instructions given by Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, the Rural Development Department is making arrangements to ensure 100 percent attendance through the National Mobile Monitoring System App (NMMS) to bring transparency in MGNREGA works.
- From this year, 100 percent attendance of MGNREGA workers will be available through this app. For this, Rural Development Commissioner GS Priyadarshi has given instructions to all district magistrates and district program coordinators.
- Referring to the guidelines of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, the Commissioner has written that the presence of workers should be ensured through the app and it should be reviewed at the development block level every week.
- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Campaign (MGNREGA)** is an employment guarantee scheme implemented in India, which was enacted by the Legislative Assembly on September 7, 2005 in the state.
- It aims to provide a legal guarantee of the right of rural households to work and enhance their livelihood by providing at least 100 days of unskilled manual labour to every rural household. The program is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and is implemented in partnership with the State Governments and local Governments.

## Regular Police will Now Handle Law and Order in 1800 Villages of Uttarakhand

### Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, Uttarakhand Additional Home Secretary Ridhim Agarwal said that law and order will

now be maintained by regular police in 1800 revenue villages of the state. The state government has abolished the system of revenue police and notified these villages to be brought under regular police.

### Key Points

- Additional Home Secretary Ridhim Agarwal said that there are about 7500 villages in the hilly areas of the state, where the responsibility of law and order is with the revenue police. But now the government is going to bring these villages under regular police by ending the years-old revenue policing system. Regular policing in these villages will reduce crime and anti-social activities.
- In the first phase, 52 police stations and 19 police outposts will be expanded under the law and order of regular police in the state.
- In the second phase, 6 new police stations and 20 police posts will be formed. Under this, the process of setting up new police stations and outposts and bringing about **1444 revenue villages** under regular policing will be completed soon.
- He said that among the revenue villages notified by the government for regular policing, 4 in Dehradun district, 182 in Uttarkashi, 262 in Chamoli, 157 in Tehri, 148 in Pauri, 63 in Rudrapur, 39 in Nainital, 231 in Almora, 595 in Pithoragarh, 106 in Bageshwar and 13 in Champawat. Villages are included.
- It is known that after the questions raised on the revenue police in the Ankita Bhandari murder case, the government has taken a big decision to bring it under the regular police.
- Actually, Uttarakhand has been divided into three regions. These three have different Acts, which empower revenue officials to make arrests and investigations. The first region is the mountainous belt of Kumaon and Garhwal division. The second is the hilly belt of Tehri and Uttarkashi districts and the third region is the Jaunsar-Bawar region of Dehradun district.

## Country's First All-age All Weather Running Track

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on January 2, 2023, the Indian Army is building the

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country's **first all-age all-weather running track** at Jaswant Singh Ground (Mahindra Ground) in Garhi Cantt area of Dehradun, Uttarakhand, which will be inaugurated by the country's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on January 14.

### Key Points

- According to information received from Uttarakhand sub-area, only plastic waste material is being used in the construction of this track. The construction work of the running track is in the final stage.
- The running track is being built in a modern way so that people of all ages can easily use it in summer, winter and rainy season. The youth will benefit the most from this. Often in the rainy season, they are not able to practice due to rain. Now they will be able to practice daily on this track.
- Along with the marathon, other events will also be held at the Jaswant Singh Ground in Dehradun. There is a plan to install a display on the side of the track so that it can be known while running that how much has been run. Efforts will also be made to make the youth aware through the display so that they can run well. There is also a plan to install solar lights all around the ground.
- Apart from the running track, the Defense Minister will also inaugurate the first war memorial of the state, which is being constructed in the Cantt area, Chirbagh.

## Chief Minister Launched the New Website of UPPSC

### Why In News?

On January 3, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the new website of **UPPSC** in Lucknow. The new website will be useful for the youth and there will be better coordination between the government and the commission.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that now the details will not have to be given repeatedly in the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission. The Commission has introduced a system of **One Time Registration (OTR)**, under which the details recorded in the OTR will be available in digital form from anywhere.

- Apart from this, registration will have to be done only once to apply under different notifications of government jobs and the information recorded in OTR will be digitally verified from the recruitment institutions, which will facilitate the candidates.
- The Chief Minister directed that appointments should be made on time and the system of e-superannuation should be implemented. Through this, better coordination can be established between the government and the commission.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government is very serious about the time-bound selection of teachers. For this, the Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission will be formed soon in the state.
- He said that teachers in basic, secondary, higher and technical colleges will be selected through a single commission in Uttar Pradesh. Guidelines for a Unified Commission have also been given. After this, now the new commission will conduct the TET exam.

## Self-sustainable Model for Gaushalas

### Why In News?

On January 4, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reviewed the presentation regarding the large **cow shelter in Lucknow** and told that there is a need to build an economy for running cow shelters, for which a **self-sustainable model will be created**.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that cow shelters should be constructed on PPP mode and at the same time they should be connected with natural farming, cow dung paint, CNG and CBG. This will make cow shelters financially strong and will be able to bear the expenses incurred on the maintenance and rearing of cows themselves.
- It is worth mentioning that a presentation was made before the Chief Minister regarding the construction of shelters with a capacity to hold two to three thousand bovines in the state. The Chief Minister said that MoU's should be made with interested NGOs for running cow shelters and provide them with necessary arrangements.

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- Yogi Adityanath said that the state government is constantly making efforts for animal promotion, conservation with a sense of service. Many schemes are being run by the government to encourage all the cattle farmers including cattle and the eligible people should be ensured to get the benefit.
- He said that destitute cow shelters, participation schemes and one cow scheme for malnourished families run by the state government are very effective in cow protection. These three schemes should be taken forward by running a campaign in the entire state.
- He said that under the participation scheme, farmers rearing destitute cows are being given Rs 900 per month per cow. They should be paid to the farmers after land verification.
- Breed improvement scheme should be expedited to increase milk production and control of destitute cattle. Under this scheme, cattle breeds can be improved by getting artificial insemination done in government veterinary hospitals. This will not only increase milk production but will also create a new breed of cattle.

## Mau's Dakshayani Pandey's Car Security Model

### Why In News?

On January 5, 2023, Dakshayani Pandey (17 years), daughter of a poor farmer in Mau district of Uttar Pradesh, was **selected on the basis of her car safety model with a 100% scholarship at Stanford University in California, USA**. She is currently studying in class 12.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that after seeing the incident of the death of an innocent in the car due to suffocation on television, a distressed Dakshayani Pandey created a model of car safety, which the whole world is amazed to see and hear. Influenced by this model, he got a call from Stanford University.
- Dakshayani Pandey will leave for the US in September 2023 for bio-engineering and entrepreneurship on a scholarship.
- They have created a safety setup for 'Mission Protector' cars. It activates as the carbon dioxide level in the vehicle increases and rolls the car window to allow

fresh air inside. In fact, if the car is running and its glass is closed, carbon dioxide gas accumulates inside it. Due to this, the lives of people sitting in the car are in danger. But the specialty of the mission protector is that as soon as the amount of carbon dioxide in the car increases, it will immediately alert and automatically the glass of the car will go down.

- Dakshayani first showcased her model at the **India at 75 National Ideathon-2021** held at IIT Delhi, in which her model stood first. She will patent her 'Mission Protector'.

## First Plant to Make Coal from Waste in Banaras

### Why In News?

On January 4, 2023, Ajay Ram, executive engineer of Banaras Municipal Corporation of Uttar Pradesh, said that Banaras, famous for religion and culture, will now give the country a plant to make coal from waste. The **first plant to make coal from waste is under construction at Ramna in Banaras**.

### Key Points

- Engineer Ajay Ram said that after the start of the plant at Ramna in Banaras, 200 tonnes of coal will be produced from **600 tonnes of waste per day**. This will be the first plant in the country to make coal from waste, which is being constructed by NTPC. Coal will be made from waste in the plant. Its successful test was done in October 2022.
- NTPC is conducting technical testing of one unit of the plant as per the prescribed standards. The first unit of the plant will be commissioned by the end of June. After production, coal will be sold to the concerned companies in the surrounding districts.
- Varanasi generates 600 tonnes of garbage per day on normal days and 800 tonnes on special occasions. It is transported by large trucks to garbage disposal plants outside the city.
- He said that if this project is successful on a three-year trial, then the plant will be set up in other states as well. The plant is being built keeping in mind the next 25 years. The plant will have a capacity to process more than 800 tonnes of waste. The plant is targeted to be commissioned by December 2023.

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## Grand Events will be Held Across the State of Uttar Pradesh Day

### Why In News?

On January 6, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra issued guidelines regarding **grand events to be organized in all districts** of the state including Lucknow from January 24 to 26 on the **occasion of Uttar Pradesh Day**.

### Key Points

- According to the Chief Secretary, the state-level function will be held at Avash Shilp Gram in Lucknow. He has instructed to ensure the participation of all departments in this event.
- A budget of Rs 3 lakh will be given to each district by the Culture Department for the event. On the occasion of Uttar Pradesh Day, khadi and village industries, MSMEs and self-help groups will set up ODOP stalls and sell and promote products.
- A three-day central program will be organized at the district level. An exhibition of development schemes and achievements of the government will be held. **Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Shooting Ball, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Race, Obstacle Race competitions** will be organized by the Sports Department.

## Web Series will Get Huge Subsidy in Uttar Pradesh

### Why In News?

On January 5, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said in a meeting with Bollywood film directors and artists in Mumbai that the UP government is going to work towards a subsidy of up to **50 percent on web series to be produced in the state** and up to 25 percent discount on the cost of web films.

### Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh was promoted as the **'Most Film Friendly State in India'** during chief minister Yogi Adityanath's meeting with Bollywood celebrities during his visit to Mumbai.
- During this, the Chief Minister said that work will be done to provide subsidy of up to 25 percent for web series and web films as well as studios and labs.

- In the meeting, the Chief Minister said that Uttar Pradesh has got the status of **'Most Film Friendly State' in the 64<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards**.
- Filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar said the chief minister has talked about subsidy, which will help new filmmakers.
- In the meeting, actor Sunil Shetty asked Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to remove the **'Bollywood Boycott'** tag, so that the deteriorating image of Bollywood can be corrected. He also urged to convey this message to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## World's Longest River Cruise- MV Ganga Vilas in Varanasi

### Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the **world's longest river cruise – MV Ganga Vilas** – and inaugurated the Tent City in Varanasi via video conference.

### Key points

- On the occasion, the Prime Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several other inland waterway projects worth over Rs 1,000 crore.
- The Prime Minister said that the longest river cruise from Kashi to Dibrugarh will put north India's tourist destinations on the world tourism map.
- The Prime Minister also said that other projects worth Rs 1,000 crore being dedicated in Varanasi, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam will boost tourism and employment prospects in eastern India.
- Highlighting the experience of river cruise, the Prime Minister said that there is something special for everyone in it. Destinations like Kashi, Bodh Gaya, Vikramshila, Patna Sahib and Majuli will be covered for those interested in spirituality.
- Tourists looking for a multinational cruise experience will have the opportunity to pass through Dhaka in Bangladesh and for those who want to see the natural diversity of India, it will pass through the Sundarbans and the forests of Assam.
- The Prime Minister said that this cruise will pass through 25 different river streams, so this cruise has special significance for those who have a keen interest in understanding India's river systems.

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- MV Ganga Vilas will start its journey from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and travel about 3,200 km in 51 days to reach Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh, crossing 27 river systems in India and Bangladesh.
- MV Ganga Vilas has three decks with all luxury amenities, 18 suites with a capacity of 36 tourists. In the first trip, 32 tourists from Switzerland are going for the entire journey.
- The MV Ganga Vilas Cruise has been designed to showcase the country's best performance to the world. The 51-day cruise tour is planned for world heritage sites, national parks, river ghats and major cities like Patna in Bihar, Sahib Ganj in Jharkhand, Kolkata in West Bengal, Dhaka in Bangladesh and Guwahati in Assam.
- The visit will give a great experience to the tourists and an opportunity to get involved in the art, culture, history and spirituality of India and Bangladesh.
- In line with the Prime Minister's endeavor to promote river cruise tourism, the launch of this service will enable it to reap the benefits of river cruises' vast untapped potential and usher in a new era of river cruise tourism for India.
- Tent City in Varanasi is envisaged on the banks of river Ganga to tap the tourism potential of the area. The project has been developed in front of the ghats of the city which will facilitate accommodation in Varanasi especially since the inauguration of Kashi Vishwanath Dham and cater to the growing number of tourists.
- It has been developed by Varanasi Development Authority in the model of Public Private Partnership. Tourists will reach the Tent City by boats from various ghats nearby. The tent city will continue from October to June every year and will be removed for three months due to rise in the water level of the river during the rainy season.
- On the occasion, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Haldia Multi-Modal Terminal in West Bengal. Developed under the Waterway Development Project, the Haldia Multi Model Terminal has a cargo handling capacity of about 3 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) and the berth is designed to handle vessels up to about 3000 deadweight tonnes (DWT).
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated four floating community jetties at Saidpur, Chochakpur, Zamania in Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh and Kanspur in Ballia district. Apart from this, the Prime Minister

laid the foundation stone of five community ghats at Digha, Nakta Diyara, Barh, Panapur in Patna district and Hasanpur in Samastipur district of Bihar.

- More than 60 community ghats are being constructed along river Ganga in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal to boost economic activities and improve the livelihood of local communities in the region. Community jetties will play an important role in improving the livelihood of the people by providing simple logistic solutions for small farmers, fish units, unorganized agro-productive units, horticulturists, floriculture and artisans focusing on economic activities in the hinterland of river Ganga.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Maritime Skill Development Centre for the North East in Guwahati. It will help in carving the rich talent pool in the North Eastern Region and provide better employment opportunities in the fast growing logistics industry.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for a ship repair facility and an elevated road at Pandu Terminal in Guwahati. The ship repair facility at Pandu Terminal will save precious time.

## Country's First Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center in BHU

### Why In News?

On January 15, 2023, Prof. Saurabh Singh said that the Union Health Ministry has given in-principle consent to open the **country's first spinal injury rehabilitation center at BHU Trauma Center**.

### Key points

- Prof. Saurabh Singh said that with the opening of the country's first Advanced Care and Rehabilitation Center in BHU Trauma Center, patients suffering from serious diseases of brain, spine and neuro will now get world-class treatment facility in Kashi itself.
- He said that the Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center will provide facilities for artificial intelligence of brain, spinal, neuro-ophthalmic injury as well as treatment with traditional medicine. Such a treatment facility is currently in Australia.
- It is known that serious people injured in road accidents come to BHU Trauma Center from Varanasi and surrounding districts as well as Bihar, Jharkhand

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etc. There are many people who have serious injuries in the spinal and brain. Even after treatment, the person is not able to return to normal life.

- According to doctors, such patients are being successfully treated through the Advanced Care Rehabilitation Center in Australia. Now, like Australia, BHU will have the first such centre in the country, where such facilities will be provided.
- The center to be built in the Trauma Center is preparing to give a new life to the patients through robotic surgery, speech therapy and surgery. Modern technology machines will be ordered here. With the help of robotic surgery, at the time of road accidents, the legs and parts of the body where the nerves stop working. It will be corrected with the help of robotic technology.
- Patients with head injuries have problems with not being able to walk and speak properly even after surgery. In the new center, arrangements are being made for occupational therapy, speech therapy for such patients. This makes the treatment of patients easier.
- A total of Rs 200 crore has been prepared for the rehabilitation center. It will also have a 200-bed super-specialty building. The special thing is that there will be facilities for reading, research and evaluation along with treatment. Doctors and paramedical staff will also be given training in the treatment of neuro, spinal injury.
- The center will get these facilities :
  - **Paid Unit:** People will be able to take advantage of medical facilities from the commercial level. Private hospitals will cost less.
  - **Subsidized Unit:** Medical facilities will be provided to eligible people at a lower price.
  - **Strategic Pharmacy Unit:** The pharmacy unit will operate under public private partnership.
  - **Strategic Education and Research Unit:** Patients suffering from serious diseases of brain, spine and neuro will now get world-class treatment facility in Kashi itself.

## Aligarh got Transport City

### *Why In News?*

Transport Nagar was formally inaugurated by Minister of State for Basic Education Sandeep Singh, MP Satish

Gautam, MLA Rajkumar Sahai at the District Level Investors Summit held at Habitat Center in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh on January 17, 2023.

### *Key points*

- Aligarh District Magistrate Indra Vikram Singh said that after a long wait of 28 years, Aligarh has been able to get Transport Nagar.
- Atul Vats, vice-chairman of the Aligarh Development Authority (ADA), said registration for allotment of plots in Transport Nagar will be done between February 18 and March 17. It has a total of 1803 plots. The rate of land has been kept at Rs 16,000 per square meter for the plot. In this, not only the transporter but also the common person will be able to take land from the lottery system.
- In Transport Nagar, 608 plots are of 200 square meters, 439 plots of 72 square meters, 204 plots of 162 square meters, 231 plots of 375 square meters. In the first phase, transporters, truck operators, mason shops, spare parts, warehouses, Dhaba's, restaurants, hotels, guest houses will be provided.
- Transport Nagar will have facilities for offices, fire, parks, CNG petrol pumps, charging points for electronic vehicles, community toilets.

## Work Started On Making SCR in Uttar Pradesh

### *Why In News?*

On January 17, 2023, Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, Principal Secretary, Housing Department of Uttar Pradesh, informed that work has started on creating a State Capital Region (SCR) on the lines of NCR in the state.

### *Key points*

- Principal Secretary housing Nitin Ramesh Gokarn said that a development authority will be formed in Barabanki for the formation of the State Capital Region (SCR). Barabanki is part of the SCR.
- He said that on the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the SCR is being made on the lines of the National Capital Region. Lucknow, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Barabanki, Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat districts will be part of it.

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- After receiving the proposal, it will be presented before the Chief Minister.
- It is noteworthy that Barabanki district is adjacent to the capital. Therefore, illegal colonies are increasingly settling in its surrounding areas. Builders are bringing residential and commercial schemes by taking land here at exorbitant prices. Due to the absence of a development authority in Barabanki, neither the map of these colonies is being passed nor is it being stopped.

## Second Phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District

### Why In News?

On January 18, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **second phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 held in Basti district** of Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing.

### Key points

- During this Khel Mahakumbh, various competitions are organized in both indoor and outdoor games like Wrestling, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Handball, Chess, Carrom, Badminton, Table Tennis etc. Apart from these, competitions like Essay Writing, Painting, Rangoli making are also organized.
- The first phase of the Khel Mahakumbh was held from December 10 to 16, 2022 and the second phase of the Khel Mahakumbh is scheduled from January 18 to 28, 2023.
- This MP Sports Mahakumbh is being organized by Basti district MP Harish Dwivedi since 2021. Khel Mahakumbh is a unique initiative that provides an opportunity and platform to the youth of the district and surrounding areas to showcase their sporting talent and motivate them to take up sports as a career option. It also seeks to instill discipline, teamwork, healthy competition, confidence and a sense of nationalism in the youth of the region.
- The Prime Minister appreciated the vastness of the Khel Mahakumbh and hoped that through such events, India's traditional expertise in sports will get a new dimension. Around 200 MPs have already

organized such khel Mahakumbh in their respective constituencies.

- The Prime Minister said that the athletes who perform through these games are being selected for further training under the Sports Authority of India. Around 40,000 athletes are participating in the Khel Mahakumbh as compared to last year.
- The Prime Minister informed that financial assistance of Rs 50,000 per month is also being provided to 2500 athletes through Khelo India. About 500 Olympic potential athletes are being prepared under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Keeping in mind the need for international training, some players have received assistance ranging from Rs 2.5 crore to Rs 7 crore.
- More than one thousand Khelo India District Centers are being set up across the country, out of which more than 750 centers have been completed. Geo-tagging of all sports grounds across the country is also being done so that players do not have any problem in taking training.
- He informed that the government has created a sports university in Manipur for the youth of the Northeast and another sports university is also being constructed in Meerut, (Uttar Pradesh).

## Campaign to Promote the Cultivation of Coarse Grains in Uttar Pradesh

### Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi said the International Trade Fair on Millets and Organic-2023 held in Bengaluru that arrangements are being made for value addition and marketing by increasing cover, increasing production and productivity while promoting the cultivation of coarse grain crops in Uttar Pradesh.

### Key points

- State Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi said that 55 coarse grain processing and packing centers will be set up under the system of value addition and marketing by increasing cover, increasing production and productivity, promoting cultivation of coarse cereal crops, which will benefit 72 thousand 500 farmers every year.

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- Apart from this, the general public is also being made aware to include coarse grains in the diet.
- He said that coarse grains are the traditional food of India. Coarse grains are gluten-free, high in protein, fiber and antioxidant content.
- It is known that coarse grains were sown in 10.83 lakh hectare area in Uttar Pradesh in 2020-21. In this, only bajra was sown in 9.05 lakh hectare area. Sorghum, Kodo, Sawan, Madwa and Cocoon were sown in the remaining area. In this way, Uttar Pradesh is full of immense possibilities for coarse grains.
- The Agriculture Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, awareness about coarse grains has increased in the entire country. With the inspiration of the Prime Minister, millets were notified as nutritious food grains in the year 2018 and efforts are being made continuously to increase its production.
- In addition, millets were included as nutria grain sub-mission under the Food Security Mission for food nutrition and safety in the year 2018-19 by the Union Ministry of Agriculture Welfare. At present, coarse cereals are also being procured by the Government of India at the Minimum Support Price and their price is continuously increasing.

## Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman

### Why in News?

On January 22, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Government Secretary Raghunath Prasad Verma said that on the lines of the Yash Bharti Award of the Samajwadi Party government of the state, now the state government will also award 'Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman' to the personalities who have brought glory to the state in the country and abroad.

### Key Points

- Administrative and financial approval of Rs. 50 lakh was issued for this new honor scheme on behalf of Raghunath Prasad Verma, Deputy Secretary of The Uttar Pradesh Government.
- Under this scheme, four personalities will be honored with an amount of Rs. 11 lakh each respectively.
- Significantly, the Uttar Pradesh government had stopped the Yash Bharti award two years ago. Under the Yash Bharti Award, Rs. 11 lakh was given to such

personalities, who have brought glory to the state in the country and abroad. Instead, the Ministry of Culture has now started the Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman.

- He said that at the launch ceremony of Uttar Pradesh Day on January 24, the Chief Minister can honor four personalities while launching this new award scheme.
- According to the government order issued for the Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman Yojana, such eminent dignitaries of Uttar Pradesh have been associated with various disciplines and fields such as art and culture, agriculture, entrepreneurship, skill development, science and technology, literature, education, sports, social service, etc. He established new dimensions of excellence through individual efforts in environment, women empowerment, rural development etc. Apart from this, those who have achieved pride at the national and international level through these new excellent dimensions will be honored with Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman.
- The nominee for this honour must be a native of Uttar Pradesh. Such national and internationally renowned dignitaries of various disciplines, fields of work, who have achieved the best achievement on the basis of their talent and long spiritual practice, who have made Uttar Pradesh proud in the country and abroad.
- Any other national or state award or honor recipients of any previous national or state award or honor from the State Government or the Central Government shall not be placed within the eligibility limits of this honor scheme.
- Under the scheme, nominations will be received from the DM on the format prescribed by the Director of Culture every year. Apart from this, nominations related to other fields and disciplines can also be obtained through the concerned Departmental Secretary/Principal Secretary and from recognized music, dance, drama, film and media educational and performance institutions and other sources. Each department can propose the name by constituting a selection committee at its own level.
- Personalities will be selected from these categories-
  - Classical music, folk music (singing, playing, dancing)
  - Fine Arts, Drama, Film and Media
  - Social Service, Youth Welfare, Social Welfare, Women and Persons with Disabilities Welfare

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- Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Forest and Wildlife and Environment Protection
- Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Job Creation, Self-Reliance
- Personalities who have made specific contributions in other fields such as education, literature, science, technology, sports, etc., whom the screening committee may consider eligible.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Century Idols Found in Kalinjar Fort

### Why In News?

On January 23, 2023, Arvind Chhiraulya, director of Uttar Pradesh Social Organization Kalinjar Research Institute, said that ancient idols of Shivalinga, Ganesh, Lord Vishnu, Mother Lakshmi and many gods and goddesses have been found from the wall of Koti Tirtha Sarovar of historic Kalinjar Fort in Banda district of the state.

### Key points

- Arvind Chhiraulya said that there are many small and big lakes and ponds in Kalinjar Fort. One of them is Koti Tirtha Sarovar, where sculptures and artifacts made of stones have been found, which date back to the ninth and tenth centuries.
- He said that there are carvings of gods and goddesses on some stones. It also has idols of Lord Vishnu, Ganesh, Lakshmi ji, Parvati ji with a happy posture. Except for The Shivalinga, most of the idols are fragmented.
- Vivek Shukla, a social worker who knows the history of Kalinjar Fort, said that in 1986, a road was being built to go to Fort. Even then, during the excavation, the idols came out in a similar way. He was preserved by the Archeological Department and kept in The Raja Aman Singh Palace.
- Sources associated with the fort say that then statues and cannon shells ranging from 282 KF number 305 were found. They were taken under the protection of the Archaeological Department. Apart from this, in 1960, the Archaeological Survey of India took Kalinjar Fort under its protection.
- It is known that Kalinjar is a very ancient fort, where the rule has been from the Gupta period to the Bundels.

Here in the past also such statues have been found during construction work.

- It is known that Theertha Sarovar is the most beautiful and mythological site of Kalinjar Fort. The entire fort is under the Archaeological Department of India. It is being rebuilt by saving statues and artifacts from the wall of the lake. There are statues and artifacts of gods and goddesses on the ancient walls around the lake.
- Arvind Chhiraulya, associated with Kalinjar history, said that the sixth ruler to rule India was known as Aurangzeb Alamgir. He ruled between the 15th and 16th centuries, calling it the idol Bhanjak. He used to break the idols of Hindu religion.
- Between 1812 and 1947, during the British rule, the work of destroying memories related to Hinduism was also done. The Court Tirtha Sarovar is quite ancient, but the walls around it were built by the British. Then these idols were also buried behind the wall, so that Sanatan Dharma and Hinduism could not be awakened.
- Pandit Shankar Pratap Mishra, Rajpurohit of Kalinjar Fort Neelkanth temple, said that water of all the pilgrims has been found in Koti Tirtha Sarovar. In such a situation, by offering water to Lord Neelkanth sitting here with the water of this lake, one gets the virtue of donating one thousand cows. Especially on Kartik Purnima, Jalabhishek is considered more fruitful.

## Islands of Andaman and Nicobar Named After Four Param Vir Chakra Winners of Uttar Pradesh

### Why In News?

On January 23, 2022, on the occasion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary (Parakram Diwas), Prime Minister Narendra Modi named 21 major unidentified islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands after 21 winners of param Vir chakra, the largest military decoration in India. The list includes four Paramvir Chakra winners from Uttar Pradesh.

### Key points

- Three of the four Param Vir Chakra winners from Uttar Pradesh – Company Quarter Master Havildar Veer Abdul Hameed, Naik Jadunath Singh, Lieutenant Manoj Kumar Pandey – have been awarded Param Vir

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Chakra posthumously and Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav while alive.

- Born in Dharampur village in Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh, Veer Abdul Hameed was commissioned into the Grenadiers Infantry Regiment on 27 December 1954 at the age of 21. In the fight with Pakistan, he destroyed three Panton tanks of Pakistan with his gun jeep. In response, the Pakistani army attacked them simultaneously. He was martyred in this attack. He was awarded the Param Vir Chakra on September 10, 1965, in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the Indo-Pakistani War.
- Lieutenant Manoj Kumar Pandey was born on 25 June 1975 in Rudha village of Sitapur district. He got elected to Indian Army from NDA. He was commissioned as a commissioned officer in the 1st Battalion of the 11 Gorkha Rifles Regiment. In the 1999 Kargil war, he destroyed enemy bunkers. Meanwhile, he was martyred at the age of just 24 due to a bullet in the head. He was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra for his courage and leadership during the Kargil War in 1999.
- Jadunath Singh, a resident of village Khajuri in Kalan tehsil of Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, was drafted into the British Indian Army in 1941. He participated in World War II fighting against Japan in Burma. While serving in the Rajput Regiment of the Indian Army, he participated in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947. On February 6, 1948, in Nowshera sector of Jammu and Kashmir, Jadunath Singh single-handedly forced the Pakistani army soldiers in tribal disguise to retreat. During this fight, a bullet hit his head, due to which he attained martyrdom. Naik Jadunath Singh was also posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra.
- Honorary Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav was born on May 10, 1980, in Aurangabad village of Bulandshahr. In 1996, at the age of 16, he joined the 18 Grenadiers. He displayed indomitable courage and Vallor in the capture of Tiger Hill in the Kargil War in 1999. Capt. Yogendra Yadav captured the three outposts of Tiger Hill in wounded condition despite being hit by several bullets and hoisted the tricolour there. Yogendra Yadav, who completed this struggling mission, was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, the highest gallantry award of the Indian Army, at the age of just 19.
- It is noteworthy that keeping in view the historical importance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and to pay respect to the memory of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, during his visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the year 2018, the Prime Minister renamed the Ross

Islands as 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island. Neil Island and Havelock Island were renamed as 'Shaheed Dweep' and 'Swaraj Dweep'.

- With a view to pay due respect to the real-life heroes of the country, it has been decided to name 21 large unexplored islands of the archipelago after the 21 Param Vir Chakra winners.
- The 21 Param Vir Chakra winners named after these islands are - Major Somnath Sharma; Subedar and Honorary Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM; Second Lieutenant Ram Raghoba Rane; Naik Jadunath Singh; Company Havildar Major Piru Singh; Gurbachan Singh Salaria; Lieutenant Colonel (Then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa; Subedar Joginder Singh; Major Shaitan Singh; CQMH Abdul Hameed; Lt. Col. Ardeshir Burjorji Tarapore; Lance Naik Albert Ekka; Major Hoshiyar Singh; Second Lieutenant Arun Khetrapal; Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon; Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran; Naib Subedar Bana Singh; Captain Vikram Batra; Lieutenant Manoj Kumar Pandey; Subedar Major (Then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar; and Subedar Major Retd (Honorary Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav.

## Gorakhpur Airport will be Expanded

### Why In News?

On January 24, 2023, Gorakhpur District Magistrate Krishna Karunesh said that on the initiative of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Ministry of Defence has approved the expansion of Gorakhpur Airport, for which the Ministry has 42.14 acres of land for the airport along with providing allocated Rs 76.66 crore.

### Key points

- Gorakhpur District Magistrate Krishna Karunesh said that with the expansion of the airport, the number of parking lanes will be 10 instead of two. At the same time, parking of vehicles will also start inside the airport premises. Currently there are 10 daily flights available from Gorakhpur to Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Prayagraj.
- After the expansion of the airport, flights will start for many other important cities including Chennai, Bangalore, Varanasi.
- It is known that the 43.14 acres of land located in the Gorakhpur Air Force Station premises, which has been handed over to the Gorakhpur Airport, is mentioned

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in the revenue document in the name of the Ministry of Defence. The district administration had sent the state government's proposal to the Ministry of Defence for the transfer of this land.

- Director of Gorakhpur Airport, Anil Kumar Dwivedi said that with the expansion of the airport, the number of aircraft will not only increase, but the capacity of passengers will also increase. With its expansion, direct flight services will start for many more cities.

## Talents of the State Honored with Laxman and Rani Laxmibai Award on Uttar Pradesh Day

### Why In News?

24 On January 2023, on the inauguration of Uttar Pradesh Day celebrations, the Governor and The Chief Minister honored the talents of the state with Laxman and Laxmibai Awards for their achievements in sports.

### Key points

- On Uttar Pradesh Day celebrations, Laxman Award, Rani Laxmibai Award, Commonwealth Award winners were honored and Vivekananda Youth Award was given to 16 people.
- Under the Mati Kala Board Khadi Village Industries, six people were also given awards at the hands of the Chief Minister and the Governor.
- The Rani Laxmibai talents who have been awarded Among the 12 Laxman Award are Lucknow-based handball players Mohit Yadav and Kanpur Nagar's Jyoti Shukla and Lucknow-based para-badminton player Suhas L.Y.
- Apart from this, 28 players who won medals and participated in the Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, UK from July 14 to August 8 last year were also rewarded. The silver medal winners were given cheques worth Rs 75 lakh, bronze medallists Rs 50 lakh and participants Rs 5 lakh.
- In the individual category, 10 youth and 6 Mangal Dal category (male and female) were awarded the Chief Minister's State Level Vivekananda Youth Award 2021-22. These include Amarendra Kumar and Rohit Kumar Kashyap of Lucknow.
- Youth Mangal Dal (Chairman Shravan Kumar) of Sonari Gram Panchayat of Bhadar Development Block of

Amethi, Youth Mangal Dal of Tarauli Gram Panchayat of Gangeshwari Development Block of Amroha for the first-second and third prize under the collective category. (Chairman Nitesh Nagar), Yuvak Mangal Dal (Chairman Jeet Narayan) of Biharojpur Gram Panchayat of Digh development block of Bhadohi was selected.

- Mahila Mangal Dal (Chairman Komal) of Neeli khedi Gram Panchayat of Dhanaura Development Block of Amroha, Mahila Mangal Dal (Chairman Pallavi) of Sadipur Gram Panchayat of Musafirkhana Development Block of Amethi, Tekari Sahan Gram Panchayat of Deh Development Block of Rae Bareilly Mahila Mangal Dal (Chairman Asha) was selected.
- List of sportspersons to be honoured -
  - **Rani Laxmibai Award**
    - **General Category:** Jyoti Shukla (Kanpur, Handball), Neha Kashyap (Meerut, Wushu)
    - **Year 2020-21 - Veteran Category:** Taruna Sharma (Meerut, Judo)
    - **Year 2021-22 - General Category:** Manisha Bhati (Gautam Budh Nagar, Wushu)
  - **Laxman Award**
    - **Year 2020-21 - General Category:** Mohit Yadav (Lucknow)
    - **Year 2020-21 - Veteran category:** Rahul Singh (Varanasi, Hockey), Janardan Singh (Ghaziपुर, Wrestling)
    - **Year 2021-22 - Veteran Category:** Md. Arif (Gorakhpur, Hockey), Radheshyam Singh (Azamgarh, Athletics)
    - **Year 2021-22 - Divyangjan Category:** Suhas LY (Para Badminton, Lucknow), Vivek Chikara (Meerut, Archery), Deependra Singh (Sambhal Shooting).

## Padma Vibhushan to Mulayam Singh Yadav while even other Personalities of the State were Selected for Padma Shri

### Why In News?

On January 25, 2023, the President announced the country's highest civilian awards 'Padma Awards' for the year 2023 on the eve of Republic Day. Of these, **Mulayam Singh Yadav from Uttar Pradesh has been selected for the Padma Vibhushan**, while seven other personalities from the state have been selected for the Padma Shri award.

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**Key points**

- The President has approved the conferment of 106 Padma Awards including three dual cases (in a dual case, the award is counted as one) for the year 2023.
- The list includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awardees. The list of awardees includes 19 women and 2 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 7 posthumous awardees.
- Samajwadi Party founder and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav has been posthumously selected for the Padma Vibhushan award for exceptional and distinguished service in civil affairs.
- The seven personalities from Uttar Pradesh selected for the Padma Shri award are Radha Charan Gupta, Dilshad Hussain, Arvind Kumar, Manoranjan Sahu, Ritwik Sanyal, Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari and Uma Shankar Pandey.
- Radha Charan Gupta and Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari have been selected for Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of literature and education, Dilshad Hussain and Ritwik Sanyal in the field of art, Arvind Kumar in the field of science and engineering, Manoranjan Sahu in the field of medicine and Uma Shankar Pandey for distinguished service in the field of social work.
- Significantly, Padma awards are among the highest civilian awards of the country. The Padma awards are given in three categories- Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The awards are announced on Republic Day every year.
- The awards, social work public affairs science and engineering are given in the fields of various disciplines trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service etc/activities such as art.
- 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.
- These awards are presented by the President of India in ceremonial ceremonies which are usually held at Rashtrapati Bhavan around March/April every year.

## **Uttar Pradesh Became the State with Maximum Electricity Connections in the Country**

**Why In News?**

On 27 January 2023, Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Chairman M. Devraj said that with the issuance of 1.47

crore new electricity connections in just eight years, Uttar Pradesh has become the state with the highest electricity consumers in the country. Uttar Pradesh is followed by Maharashtra at number two and Tamil Nadu at number three.

**Key points**

- The number of domestic consumers in Uttar Pradesh is 2.74 crore, about 2.40 crore in Maharashtra and about 2.20 crore in Tamil Nadu. The total number of consumers in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu is said to be around three crores, which is 23 to 25 lakhs less than Uttar Pradesh.
- Power Corporation Chairman M. Devraj said that in the last eight years, more than 1.8 crore families of the state have come out of Dhibri and Lantern era. A record of new electricity connections has also been made in the state during this period.
- It is known that till the year 2014, there were a total of about 1.42 crore consumers, electricity reached the homes of the year 2014 and November 2022 in the state, while between 1.8 crore new consumers in the state. Along with electricity, fans, coolers, Acs's refrigerators, TVs and other electronic devices also reached these families.
- M. Devraj said that the improvement in the living conditions of the people of the state can also be understood that in the year 2014 the maximum demand of electricity was recorded at 12327 MW, which reached 26589 MW in 2022. If the electricity connections more than doubled, the consumption also increased at the same pace.
- The state government has started a campaign to provide electricity connection to every household, as a result of which one crore 47 lakh 90 thousand new connections have been given since 2017. A major role in this was played by giving connections under the 'Saubhagya Yojana'.
- The Chairman of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation said that between 2017 and 2021, 62.18 lakh connections were given in the state under the 'Saubhagya Yojana'. Government of India Ministry of Energy had also awarded Uttar Pradesh for giving more connections in this scheme.
- He said that the power system is being further improved under the 'Revamped Scheme' in the state. Work has been started on many schemes ranging from power generation to distribution. In the coming days, every consumer of the state will get uninterrupted electricity.

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## Gorakhpur's 'Paniyala' Got GI Tag

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on January 29, 2023, Paniyala is also included in the 21 agricultural products which have been allowed for GI tag by the High-Power Committee of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

### Key points

- With the permission of GI tag, the taste of Paniyala produced in Lachhipur and nearby villages of Gorakhpur will now reach the country and the world. The dying Paniyala trees will be preserved, Paniyala gardens will be prepared, and people will enjoy the sour-sweet taste of its fruit.
- It is known that Paniyala is like Jamun in shape and color and its taste is sour-sweet.
- According to the e-magazine of Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, it cannot be said clearly from where this tree is. There is a possibility that it is a fruit found only in Uttar Pradesh. Paniyala's actual produce may have been somewhere, but it had many gardens between Lachhipur and Nakaha railway station, located in the northern part of Gorakhpur metropolis. Earlier the identity of Lachhipur was Paniyala. Paniyala and guava fruits were the source of income for the people of this village for a long time.
- It is noteworthy that Paniyala 60 to is sold from 90 rupees per kg. Sometimes it is sold up to Rs 100-150 per kg. One tree earns Rs 4000.
- Between 2011 and 2018, several research conducted in the Botany Department of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University revealed that Paniyala is a mine of virtues. According to research, its leaves, bark, roots, and fruits have immunity against bacteria. Paniyala is beneficial in diseases related to stomach. It has also been used in the treatment of pain in teeth and gums, bleeding from them, phlegm, pneumonia, and sore throat etc. It is also preserved and kept for a long time.
- It is known that his research student Niharika Pandey Dwivedi had also completed her research on Paniyala under the direction of Prof. VN Pandey, teacher of Botany Department of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University. Niharika's research came out

in the year 2015, which was highly appreciated by the experts. Many beneficial elements were found in Paniyala in terms of health.

## Hospitals will be Opened on PPP Model in the State

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on January 29, 2022, on the lines of medical colleges in the state, now 50-bed and 200-bed hospitals will also be opened on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. For this, the Medical and Health Department has issued a policy.

### Key points

- Patients will get free treatment in these hospitals. The government will bear the expenses incurred on the patient. These hospitals will also get the benefit of other schemes including Ayushman.
- Medical colleges are being opened on PPP model in 16 unserved districts by the state government. Now a policy has also been prepared to open a hospital. For this, there will be an MoU between the government and the private sector company.
- The government is attracting private sector people to invest in the hospital sector. The government is trying to open more and more new hospitals in the state and provide treatment to the patients at an affordable rate.
- The government will provide land under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for the 50-bed hospital to be opened on PPP model. The corporate company will build the hospital. The cost of treatment will be fixed between the government and the company. After about 30 years, this hospital will be returned to the government as it is.
- The second option is that the private sector company will buy land and build a hospital. He will provide other facilities including its maintenance. Then the hospital will return it to the government. For this, there will be an MoU between the government and the company. The terms and conditions will be decided.
- At the same time, to build a 200-bed hospital, the private sector company will buy land and build the hospital and maintain it. After the stipulated time, the hospital will return to the Uttar Pradesh government.



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