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Modern Cities will settle on the Banks of Rapid Rail and Metro

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on May 30, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up modern cities in all those cities which are connected by rapid rail and metro rail. Apart from Lucknow, these include Kanpur, Agra, Meerut and Ghaziabad.

key points

- Modern cities will be built in these cities on both sides of the rapid rail and metro. Arrangements will be made for big hotels, apartments with all facilities, multi level parking, parks etc.
- Keeping in view the intention of the government, the Housing Department has instructed the development authorities of these cities to prepare Zonal Development Plans. Along with this, proposals have also been sought from all the development authorities in this regard.
- In a directive issued by Additional Chief Secretary Housing Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, it has been said that Uttar Pradesh Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy-2022 has been issued for the purpose of setting up a modern city.
- It aims to facilitate more construction on less land, residential as well as commercial construction and land-use conversion to facilitate need-based construction in metro and rapid rail cities.



BHU became the Second-Best University in the Country

Why In News?

Banaras Hindu University (BHU) of Uttar Pradesh has been declared as the second-best university in the country in the rankings released by IIRF (Indian Institutional Ranking Framework) on 29 May 2023.

Key Points:

- IIRF ranks educational institutions on the basis of several parameters including teaching, research

quality and productivity, placements, industry linkages, reputation and image.

- In the ranking of Central Universities across the country, BHU has been given 982.95 marks out of 1000. JNU, which came in first place, got 983.12 marks and AMU got 982.88 marks in third place.
- Other prominent universities are Jamia Millia Islamia, the University of Hyderabad, DU and the Central University of Punjab.
- In the rank table, BHU has scored higher than JNU in terms of placements and international outlook, while it lags behind the top university by a narrow margin in terms of teaching, research, and placement arrangements. BHU got only 0.17 marks less than JNU which came in first place.



Seven Development Regions will be Made in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News ?

According to the information received from the media on 28 May 2023, the High Label Committee of the Central Government constituted for urban development has sent a recommendation to the state government to create seven development regions in Uttar Pradesh.

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- In this, the focus will be on the development of river front development and global gateway system under regional planning. The problem of housing and employment will be solved by river development.
- The chairman of the committee, Keshav Verma, has also recommended setting up of State Capital Region (SCR) in Lucknow on the lines of NCR. It is proposed to include Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Barabanki, Sitapur and Hardoi districts.
- Apart from this, it has been recommended to make six other development regions in Meerut, Agra, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Bareilly and Jhansi. The head of the SCR can be the Chief Secretary, but the responsibility of other regions can be assigned to the Divisional Commissioner.

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- The chairman of the committee has said that it is not possible to operate the metro across the state. The amount of capital invested in it is not getting that much income. In such a situation, the state government should develop a trauma system for easy movement in small towns. With this, people will be able to get cheap travel with less capital.
- Regional planning will open the way for development from cities to villages. With this the target of one trillion-dollar economy will be fulfilled and people will be able to get housing and employment easily.

Farman Mian got 'Bharat Gaurav Ratna' award

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on 26 May 2023, Farman Hasan Khan (Farman Mian), National General Secretary of Jamaat Raza Mustafa of Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, has been awarded 'Bharat Gaurav Ratna' by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. He has received this award for humanity and social work.

Key Points:

- Farman Mian has helped dozens of patients suffering from cancer, hip operations, and bypass surgery.
- Prior to this, he has received an award from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for playing a meaningful role in the TB-free campaign.
- It is known that even before this, Farman Mian has received many awards-
- Received award for playing a meaningful role in TB free campaign towards the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Awarded by the National Commission for Women, India for doing good work for the rights of women.
- The award has also been received for important contributions in the protection of human rights towards the National Human Rights Commission.
- Karnataka's Bharat University has awarded Farman Hasan Khan an honorary doctorate.



Samarth Abhiyan

Why in News?

On 25 May 2023, Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh launched 'Samarth Abhiyan' to promote digital transactions in 50,000 gram panchayats under 'Amrit Mahotsav' in Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- It is known that the Ministry of Rural Development is running 'Samarth Abhiyan' to promote digital transactions in 50,000 gram panchayats, which started from 1 February 2023 and will continue till 15 August 2023 under the 'Amrit Mahotsav' of Independence.
- The major thrust of 'Samarth Abhiyan' is to promote digital transactions in rural areas with special focus on women.
- On this occasion, the Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister informed that the NPA of Self Help Groups (SHGs) which was 9.58% in 2013, has come down to below 2% now.
- On this occasion, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "In Uttar Pradesh alone, digital transformation has been brought about by BC Sakhis by doing 5 crore 57 lakh transactions. Through this, BC Sakhis have not only provided last mile services to such a huge population with doorstep banking, but they have also helped in saving the resources of the banks by doing smaller size transactions within their premises."
- The Chief Minister said that there will also be a provision to provide services to every Bank Sakhi in the digital village secretariats being set up by the state government in the villages.
- A compendium of 75 inspirational stories of BC Sakhis was unveiled at the event along with live testimonies & success stories of transformation in their lives by BC Sakhis.
- Apart from this, biometric POS machines were also distributed to the BC Sakhis and appointment letters were handed over to the newly appointed BC Sakhis.
- Around 1000 BC Sakhis from all over India participated in this event. State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) & other stakeholders from across India joined the event through webcast and the event was streamed live on social media.

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PM Declares 3rd Khelo India University Games Open

Why in News?

On 25 May 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the start of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023 in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow through video conferencing.

Key Points:

- The third edition of Khelo India University Games is being organized in Uttar Pradesh from 25 May to 3 June. The closing ceremony of these games will be held in Varanasi on 3 June .
- More than 4750 athletes from over 200 universities across the country are participating in the 3rd KIUG, who will compete in 21 sports categories.
- The mascot of this edition of Khelo India University Games is 'Jeetu', the state animal of Uttar Pradesh, the reindeer.
- It is known that KIUG has started with the group league game of men's and women's Kabaddi on 23 May 2023 at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik (SVSP) Stadium, Greater Noida.
- The preliminary rounds & group games of seven other sports- Basketball, Football, Rugby, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Mallakhamb also began on 24 May 2023 at three venues in Lucknow.
- Four cities of the state namely Lucknow, Varanasi, Gorakhpur and Noida will host various sports while Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi will host the shooting event.
- The rowing event to be held at Ramgarh Tal in Gorakhpur will also mark the beginning of water-sports with this KIUG.

- It is known that the Prime Minister has paid a lot of attention to further developing the sports culture in the country and encouraging the youth of the country for sports. Various schemes have been started by the government to support the budding players and efforts have been made to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country. The organization of Khelo India University Games is another great step in this direction.



Emergency Medicine Department will Open in All Medical Institutions of Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak informed that the National Medical Commission (NMC) has made Emergency Medicine department mandatory in all medical universities, colleges and educational institutions in the state. In this regard, he has approved the establishment of the department.

Key Points:

- Medical colleges are being opened in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh. Emergency services are running in

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medical universities and institutes. In order to provide better treatment to the patients, NMC gave instructions to set up an Emergency Medicine Department.

- Steps are being taken to further improve emergency services. Emergency medicine departments are running in other educational institutions including KGMU, Lohia Institute. In case of emergency, patients will first come to this department. Here the specialist doctors will identify the disease on the basis of the symptoms of the patients and then decide the course of treatment.
- The Deputy CM said that with the formation of Emergency Medicine Department in all medical institutions, serious patients will not have to run to big hospitals. This will reduce the pressure of patients in big hospitals. Serious patients will be able to get treatment easily and medical students will also be able to gain clinical knowledge.



Shri Ramcharitmanas now the Longest Song in the World: Guinness World Record Created in the Name of Jagdish of Banaras

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 23 May 2023, Shri Ramcharitmanas has now become the longest song in the world. Dr. Jagdish Pillai of Banaras, Uttar Pradesh has lent his voice to the Shri Ramcharitmanas song of 138 hours 41 minutes and 20 seconds.

Key Points:

- It is known that earlier this record was in the name of America and the United Kingdom. Along with being recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records, this record was recorded in the name of America and has now been named after India.
- Dr. Jagdish Pillai has become the Guinness World Record holder for the maximum number of times i.e. 5 times from Uttar Pradesh.
- State AYUSH Minister Dr. Dayashankar Mishra Dayalu

presented the Guinness certificate to Dr. Jagdish Pillai at his home.

- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Jagdish Pillai, despite not being a Hindi speaker, sang such a long song by himself composing it in Awadhi in such a beautiful & emotional way with bhajans-kirtans and got it registered in the Guinness Book. It took him four years to complete this work.
- Shri Ramcharitmanas' song has been aired on more than 100 audio channels across the world. That's why Guinness World Records has recorded Shri Ramcharitmanas as the longest officially released song i.e. officially recognized longest song in the world.
- It is known that the longest song ever was 115 hours 45 minutes which was sung by Mark Christopher Lee and The Pocket Gods living in St. Albans Hertfordshire (UK) on 1 December 2021. He achieved this record by playing only one type of instrumental music.
- Dr. Jagdish Pillai said that since 2016 he has been wishing to break the record of the world's longest song. He says that when there are books like Ramayana, Mahabharata in India, then this record should also be in the name of India. Being in Awadhi language, first took the help of friend Pradeep Mishra to understand the colloquial and pronunciation.
- After this, friend Deepak Jaiswal was contacted for recording. Deepak Jaiswal was also awarded with Guinness Participation Certificate.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Jagdish Pillai had registered the name of Banaras in the Guinness Book of World Records for the first time in 2012. He broke a Canadian record in 2012 by making an animation movie in the shortest possible time. What the Canadian did in six hours, Dr. Pillai did in three and a half hours.
- The second record was set for the longest line of postcards with 16,300 postcards. For the third time, under the Largest Poster Awareness Campaign and for the fourth time, under the Yoga Public Awareness Campaign, he had registered his name in the Guinness Record by making the longest envelope.
- Dr. Pillai, who has done PhD in Vedic Science, is the author of more than 5 hundred books.



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BHU will work on converting Coal into Methane

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 23 May 2023, the Ministry of Coal has given the country's first ambitious project of its kind on green energy to the scientists of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Uttar Pradesh, under which scientists will work on converting coal into methane in its original condition inside the ground.

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- In view of the energy crisis, the Ministry has given this important project on biomethanization of coal. Under this study, it will be seen how the organic method is effective in converting coal into 'methane' in in-situ (that natural and original condition, in which coal remains inside the ground) condition.
- This study will be done by Prof. Prakash Kumar Singh of Geology Department of BHU and Prof. Ashalata Singh of Botany.
- Pro. Prakash Singh and Prof. Ashalata Singh's team, in another project at DST, is studying how to reduce sulphur by biochemical techniques from sulphur-rich coal found in the Northeast of India and some other places. This can avoid the environmental damage caused by sulphur.
- Two results emerge from this study. Firstly, green energy can be obtained by converting coal into methane in the ground itself. Second, by stopping coal mining, the environment will also be saved from the adverse effects.
- Recently senior officials of CMPDI, Coal India visited BHU and learned about the details of the project.

MoU signed between UP Govt. & Gyeongsangbuk-do Province of the Republic of Korea

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 22 May 2023, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Uttar Pradesh and Gyeongsangbuk-do province of the Republic of Korea, under which educational, economic and cultural relations will be

encouraged for progress & development in both the provinces.

Key Points:

- The MoU was signed by Manoj Kumar Singh, Commissioner for Infrastructure & Industrial Development on behalf of the State Government and Lee Youngseok, Director General, Bureau of Economic & Industrial Affairs, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province.
- Emphasizing the importance of this partnership and opening new vistas of development & cooperation between the two regions, the Chief Minister said that the signed MoU is an important step towards enhancing bilateral cooperation between Gyeongsangbuk-do province of South Korea and Uttar Pradesh.
- The Chief Minister said that the old spiritual relations between Uttar Pradesh and South Korea are getting stronger again. The dates of Independence Day of both the countries are the same. The relations between the two countries are centuries old.
- It is known that two thousand years ago, Ayodhya's princess Shriratna traveled to South Korea by water. She was married to King Suro of Jimgwan, after whom she was known as Heo Hwang-ok.
- The symbol of the Jimgwan kingdom is the twin fish, found in several historical monuments in the Awadh region of Uttar Pradesh, including Ayodhya.
- It is to be known that on 6 November 2018, the Chief Minister along with the first lady of South Korea, Kim Jung Sook, had laid the foundation stone of the Queen Heo Memorial Park in Ayodhya. Its construction has been completed. Thus Ayodhya and Korea's Gimhae city are twin cities.
- Big industries like the world's renowned electronic company Samsung and LG are believed to be born in South Korea's GB Province. The state is the largest consumer center with a population of 250 million.



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Industrial Corridor will be Developed along Ganga Expressway

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 22 May 2023, an industrial corridor will be developed on the banks of Uttar Pradesh's largest Ganga Expressway.

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- Pharma parks, textile parks will be developed around Ganga Expressway. There is also a preparation to build large industrial corridors at the beginning and end of the expressway. Due to its proximity to the expressway, many investors will set up their industries here.
- The Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop potential sites for industry and investment in the respective districts before the expressway is built. Ganga Expressway will also pass through Hapur and there is a preparation to build a pharma park here.
- In Prayagraj, NH-2 is to end at Prayagraj bypass. An industrial corridor is already being developed there. The proximity of the expressway from here will benefit the industries being set up there.
- The land around the departure points of Meerut, from where the expressway is to start, will be developed for industries. The expressway will also pass through Hardoi, where land has been explored for a textile park.
- The scope of the textile park is up to Lucknow. The proximity of both the Agra-Lucknow Expressway and the Ganga Expressway will benefit the entrepreneurs visiting this park. Warehouses will be developed in Shahjahanpur along the expressway. Yield-based industries will get a boost from here.
- Apart from this, industrial training institutes, medical institutes are also ready to be opened. The state government will soon develop land for industrial corridors around the respective sites.
- The expressway is being constructed in eight packages by Adani and IRB companies. The project is being implemented in PPP mode. It will be completed by January 2025.
- It is worth mentioning that the Purvanchal Expressway passes through 12 districts. A total of 9172 hectares of land is being taken for the industrial corridor while a defence corridor is being built in the Bundelkhand

region. Within this scope is the Bundelkhand Expressway, for which land is being developed in Jalaun and Banda.

- An industrial corridor will also be developed along the Gorakhpur Link Expressway. A provision of Rs 200 crore has been made for this.
- Industrial corridors are already being developed in Ghazipur, Azamgarh, Jaunpur and Barabanki on the Purvanchal Expressway.

Uttar Pradesh to become India's Top Sugar Producing State

Why in News?

On 21 May 2023, Uttar Pradesh's Sugarcane Development and Sugar Mills Minister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary informed that Uttar Pradesh has once again become India's top sugar producing state. The state has surpassed Maharashtra in sugar production.

Key points:

- In 2022, Maharashtra had overtaken Uttar Pradesh to become India's top sugar producing state in sugar production. In the year 2021-22, 138 lakh tonnes of sugar were produced by Maharashtra while the total sugar produced by Uttar Pradesh was 105 lakh tonnes.
- In the current season 2022-2023, a total of 107.29 lakh tonnes of sugar has been produced in Uttar Pradesh, while Maharashtra produced 105.30 lakh tonnes. A total of 2,348 lakh tonnes of sugarcane was produced in the state, while 1,413 lakh tonnes was produced in Maharashtra.
- In the 2022-2023 season, the total sugarcane crushing of sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh was 1,084.57 lakh tonnes, while in Maharashtra it was 1,053 lakh tonnes.
- There are a total of 157 sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, of which 118 are operational, while in Maharashtra, 210 of the 246 mills are operational.
- In the current season, sugarcane was cultivated in 28.53 lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh, which is more than any state in the country. In Maharashtra, half of it was cultivated in 14.87 lakh hectares.
- Minister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary said that during 2022-23, Rs 28,494 crore was provided to farmers. Out of this, 80 sugar mills have been fully paid within a week. A total of Rs 2.11 lakh crore has been paid to sugar mills in the last six years.

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Tunnel construction started for the Agra Fort-Taj Mahal Metro Railway Line

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 21 May 2023, the metro railway line construction between Agra Fort and Taj Mahal will be completed soon. After making the first breakthrough in a record time of 77 days, TBM Yamuna has started construction of the tunnel towards the Taj Mahal Metro Station.

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- It is known that before Agra, the metro started in many districts of Uttar Pradesh. But the metro work in Agra is also special because Agra Metro Rail Project is the first such project where the first breakthrough has been done in a record time of just 77 days after the TBM launch.
- TBM Yamuna was launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in February. After this, TBM Yamuna completed the tunnel work from the powerhouse to Agra Fort by making the first breakthrough in 77 days.
- The construction of the underground metro line by TBM is mainly divided into 3 phases. The first stage in the process is the initial drive, in which the TBM starts digging the channel from the launching soft.
- In this step, the temporary rings are fitted manually. During this, the thrust jacks fitted in the machine propel the TBM forward with the help of these temporary ring segments. After this, the TBM reaches the main drive. The TBM constructs the tunnel by drilling as well as by installing permanent ring segments. After this, the TBM machine comes out by breaking through at the other end.



Greater Aligarh will settle on the lines of Noida

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on 18 May 2023, Greater Aligarh located on Khair Road in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh will be developed on the lines of NCR.

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- For this, Lucknow's consultancy firm has prepared 3D design and photographs of the Integrated Housing Township. Aligarh Development Authority (ADA) has come up with a residential scheme on the Aligarh-Palwal National Highway in about 300 hectares.
- It is known that in the board meeting chaired by the Commissioner, the green signal has been given for the township. ADA will collect land on Khair Road near village Moosepur in Jirauli, Jirauli Dor, Atalpur, Ahmedabad, Jatanpur Chikavati, Rustampur Akhan and Lohasra Visawan.
- This whole area is included in the priority regarding all the schemes of the Central and State Government. Defense Corridor, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University etc. projects are being built on this road.
- Whereas, this highway connects Aligarh to Delhi-NCR. This route is also important for the connectivity of Jewar Airport. Due to all these reasons, the housing township of ADA will be very important.
- For the township, the design etc. has been prepared by ADA from the firm of Lucknow. According to the ADA, Greater Aligarh will be divided into sectors. There will be towers of different categories of flats.
- Aligarh Development Authority has become the first district to implement land pooling scheme across the

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state. In Transport Nagar Yojana, a total of 10 hectares of land has been taken from nine farmers under this scheme. Earlier, Mathura and Lucknow Development Authority had also prepared a proposal for land pooling, but due to non-change of land use of the respective lands in these development authorities, the matter got stuck in the administration.

- It is known that in February 2019, the state government had approved the proposal to implement land pooling policy in industrial development authorities. Under this, along with giving five thousand rupees per acre to the landowner for five years, a rule was also fixed to return 25 percent of the area.
- Proportionate portion of the developed land given by him will be allotted to each landowner free of cost through lottery. Landowners will not have to pay any fee for its internal and external development.



Aligarh's Anjana Gupta Got the Most Votes in the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Elections.

Why in News?

According to information received from media sources on May 17, 2023, Aligarh's newly elected Mayor Anjana Gupta has secured the first position in the state by getting 92.76% votes in Uttar Pradesh municipal elections.

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- BJP's newly elected councilor Anjana Gupta achieved this feat by securing 92.76% votes from Ward 43. Along with this, the record of securing the highest percentage of votes in Uttar Pradesh municipal elections was created in Aligarh.



- Out of total 10700 votes, 5078 votes were cast in Ward 43 in the municipal elections. In this, Anjana Gupta got 4714 votes while Samajwadi Party's candidate got 201 votes.

52 Annapurna Stores to be Built in Bareilly Commissionerly

Why in News?

On May 17, 2023, Bareilly Development Authority (BDA) vice-chairman Joginder Singh informed that 52 Annapurna stores will be set up as a pilot project in Bareilly Commissionerly, where 40 types of items related to everyday needs will be made available to the public.

Key Points

- Veena Kumari, Principal Secretary, Food and Logistics Department, Bareilly Commissioner Saumya Aggarwal, vice-chairman of Bareilly Development Authority (BDA) Joginder Singh presented the model of 52 Annapurna stores being constructed in the division to the Chief Minister.
- The store will have a fair price shop and a public convenience centre, which has been named as Annapurna Store. It will be constructed in the panchayat buildings of the village.
- The store will be of 52 sqm with a 4 ft wide verandah/ waiting shed in front. There will be a fair price shop in one part. There will be an arrangement to keep 200 quintals of food grains. Public convenience center and general store will be operated in the second part of the store. There will also be an e-pass machine in the shop.



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- Income, caste, birth, residence certificate, Aadhaar, pension and other services will be available from the Annapurna store's public convenience center. Different types of bills can be deposited. Five kg LPG cylinders, e-stamps, fire extinguishers will be available in the general store. Services of Micro ATM, BC Sakhi etc. will also be available.

'Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute'

Why in News?

On May 17, 2023, at a high-level meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave necessary directions to set up a new institute called Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute in the state to promote research and research in the pharmaceutical sector.

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- Uttar Pradesh is the sixth largest state in the country in terms of number of pharma manufacturing units. Similarly, the state's contribution to pharma manufacturing in the country is 2 percent, which needs to be increased to 10-12 per cent.
- He said that state-of-the-art research institutes like IITR, CDRI, CIMAP and NBRI are functional in the state, while there are also academic institutes like SGPGI, KGMU. With planned efforts, Lucknow has emerged as a biopharma hub in the last few years.
- AKTU and other technical educational institutions are capable of providing human resources for the pharmaceutical sector. The construction of a pharma park in the state is underway and a medical device park will also be constructed.
- He said that there is a need to focus on all three areas of quality education, research labs and industry to encourage the pharmaceutical industry. In such a situation, the Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute should be set up. The Institute will primarily focus on research and innovation, as well as work as a bridge between other sector-related institutions and industry.
- He directed the officials to prepare a detailed action plan on the nature of the Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute and identify suitable land in the capital Lucknow.

Country's First Night Safari to be Developed in Lucknow

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on May 17, 2023, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has issued a permit for setting up the country's first night safari and a new zoo on the lines of Singapore in the Kukrail forests of Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow.

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- It is worth mentioning that in August last year, the cabinet had given green signal to the proposal to make night safari in Kukrail and also to shift the capital's zoo there. Since then the Forest Department has been engaged in obtaining all kinds of NOCs and completing the formalities for their establishment.
- It is noteworthy that the forests of Kukrail are spread over 2027.46 hectares. The country's first night safari will be set up here in 350 acres. Zoological garden will be built on 150 acres. For this, 1000 acres of land has been identified in such a way that there will be no harm to the original nature of the forest area.
- Both the projects will cost around Rs 1500 crore. After getting the permission letter from the CZA, now the Forest Department will take the services of an international level consultant to prepare the Detailed Report (DPR) of the projects.
- Proposals will also be sought from open tender for appointment of consultant. These works will be done in Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode. That is, the firm which will take the contract for the establishment of night safari and zoo, will have to do all the work on its own on the set standards. Global tenders will be invited for this, because no expert agency is currently present in the country for this work

Sugarcane Satta & Supply policy issued for Crushing Season 2023-24

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 15 May 2023, the Sugarcane and Sugar Commissioner

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of Uttar Pradesh, Sanjay R. Bhoosreddy, has released the Satta & supply policy of sugarcane for the crushing season 2023-24.

Key Points:

- On the basis of the sugarcane supply policy, detailed instructions have been given to the sugar mills for sugarcane supply, including the issue of sugarcane slips to the sugarcane farmers of the state.
- Sanjay Bhoosreddy said that in this year's supply policy, the limit of sugarcane betting per farmer has been increased from a maximum of 850 quintals to 900 quintals for marginal farmers (up to 1 hectare), from 1,700 quintals to 1,800 quintals for small farmers (up to 2 hectares) and For the general farmer (up to 5 hectares), it has been increased from 4,250 quintals to 4,500 quintals.
- In case of an increase in yield, the maximum limit of Satta has been increased from 1,350 quintals to 1,400 quintals, from 2,700 quintals to 2,800 quintals and from 6,750 quintals to 7,000 quintals respectively for marginal, small and general farmers.
- Giving great relief to the small farmers in the state, instead of 60 quintals, sugarcane farmers holding up to 72 quintals have been included in the category of small farmers. With this, these satta holders will be able to get the facility of sugarcane supply within 45 days.
- In this year's satta supply, transfer of basic quota in cases of land purchase & sale, priority in satta supply to farmers who irrigate through drip method, priority in supply of sugarcane to soldiers, paramilitary forces, ex-servicemen & freedom fighters and their legal heirs, the facility of giving free application for an increase in yield to the best sugarcane farmers and other provisions related to the continuation of the bet are also important if the speculator member farmer dies during the crushing season.
- In order to ensure maximum sugarcane supply to the supplier farmers, out of the average sugarcane supply of the last two years, three years and five years, instructions have been given to consider the maximum average sugarcane supply as a basic quota for the crushing season 2023-24. This will not only increase the sugarcane supply to the farmers but sugar mills will also be able to get more sugarcane.
- Apart from this, the farmers who have become new members in the crushing season 2022-23 and have

supplied sugarcane only for one year, their one year's sugarcane supply will be considered as a basic quota. The final calendar will be made available online on Smart Sugarcane Farmers (ERP) website caneup.in and mobile app E-Ganna. An inquiry centre will be set up for the farmers by installing an additional terminal.

- 20 percent priority will be given to sugarcane supply to soldiers, paramilitary forces, ex-servicemen and freedom fighters & their legal heirs in the state on the production of certificates issued by the competent authorities.
- In this year's supply policy, if a double bond (double Satta) of a sugarcane supply farmer comes to light in the middle of the crushing season, then keeping such a case in the meeting of the Cane Implementation Committee, action will be taken to ban the sugarcane supply/sugarcane price payment of the concerned farmer.
- With this system, irregular supply by the sugarcane mafias will not be possible.

Only the members of the sugarcane societies formed till 30 September 2023, will get the facility of sugarcane supply in the coming session itself. Farmer-wise and village-wise survey satta lists will be displayed from 20 July to 30 August 2023.

6458 Sports Grounds will be built in the villages of Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

On 17 May 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Keshav Prasad Maurya has told that 6458 sports grounds will be constructed in the current financial year under MNREGA in order to strengthen the infrastructure related to sports by the state government to enhance sports talents in rural areas.

Key Points:

- Under MNREGA, a target has been set to construct 6458 sports grounds in the current financial year 2023-24.
- MNREGA sports grounds are also being developed as MNREGA parks. There will be made open gyms for teenagers and swings for the entertainment of children as well as for the elderly to walk.

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- It is known that in the five years from 2017-18 to 2022-23, 23,576 sports grounds and MNREGA parks have been constructed in the state. Rs 852 crore has been spent on their construction

Uttar Pradesh on 2nd position for tap water connection

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 15 May 2023, Uttar Pradesh has now become the 2nd state to provide maximum tap water connections to rural households, surpassing Maharashtra.

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh has given 1,12,97,534 tap water connections, taking the lead among the states in providing maximum tap connections to rural households. More than 40 thousand tap water connections are being given daily in the state.
- It is known that the state has achieved this new milestone in the 'Tap to Water Supply Scheme'.
- Significantly, Maharashtra, which was in the second position till now, has reached the third position with 1,11,22,327 tap water connections.
- Uttar Pradesh is eyeing to overtake Bihar sitting on the top, taking the lead among the states providing maximum tap water connections to the rural households of the country.
- The state has the highest rural population of 2,65,93,949 among other states. Even after this, the work of the 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' scheme of the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' is being completed rapidly by the government.

MoU signed between CSJMU and Russian University

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 15 May 2023, an MoU has been signed between Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh and Perstrozabosk State University of Russia, under which students enrolled in Kanpur will now get a chance to study in Russia.

Key Points:

- The MoU was signed between Professor Vinay Pathak, Vice-Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) and Professor Marina Gosdeva, Head of the International Department of the University, Russia.
- This is the first international agreement of the university. With this, the students of CSJMU will not only be able to study with teachers from abroad but will also do research with the students there. It is known that till now this facility was available only to the students of IITs.
- It is known that the QS ranking of this Russian university is 260.
- After this agreement lecture series, joint research program, faculty exchange program, and students exchange program will be started. The students of Kanpur will go to Russia to study for some time and the students from there will come to the city.
- Professor Marina Gosdeva informed about various ongoing research & projects in Russia and said that her university is a leader in research in the field of diabetes & construction. Soon a joint research program of students and teachers will also be started.



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International Film Festival organized in Saran, Bihar

Why in News?

The two-day International Film Festival Season-3 concluded on 14 May 2023 in Saran (Chhapra) district of Bihar.

Key Points:

- Films from 21 countries of the world including different languages of the country were screened in the two-day film festival which began on May 13 at Chhapra's auditorium. Along with this, information related to this was given to the youth making their career in the field of film and drama.
- Films, documentaries and short films from the Philippines, Italy, Turkey, India, Spain, USA, Australia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan were screened in this International Film Festival.
- Also national and international films were screened for kids and school children.
- Apart from this, documentaries made on many social issues were also shown.
- Two films from India won the Best Film Award in different categories at the Saran International Film Festival.
- Children's film Inspiration of Pursuit and short fiction film Washing Machine were awarded the Best Film in the National category.
- In the international category, the Turkish film Ikron and Yushu was given the Best Documentary - International award.
- It is worth mentioning that about one and a half dozen films were screened on the second day of the two-day



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film festival organised under the aegis of Mayur Kala Kendra and courtesy of the Ministry of Youth Arts and Sports. After that, the jury announced the results.

- In the panel discussion, artists from India and abroad shared their experiences with the people and gave information about theatre, literature and cinema.
- It is known that Saran International Film Festival is the first and only International Film Festival of Bihar.

MoU between Shobhit University and AARDO

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 11 May 2023, an MoU was signed between Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology, (Deemed-to-be University) of Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) and African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) for mutual cooperation .

Key Points:

- The main objective of this MoU is to cooperate with each other for agriculture and rural development by solving challenges through technological intervention and capacity building.
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Manoj Nardev Singh, General Secretary, AARDO and Kunwar Shekhar Vijender, Chancellor of Shobhit University.
- This MoU will not only pave the way for human resource development, capacity building and exchange programmes, but it will also help in impacting the lives of the people of 31 countries in Africa and Asia, especially the youth population of these countries.
- Also, this agreement will pave the way for the beginning of scientific exchange of students.
- It is known that recently AARDO signed a MoU with IIT Kharagpur and IIT Delhi.
- It is worth mentioning that Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed-to-be-University), located in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, is a **NAAC 'A'** grade accredited university.
- The African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) was formed in 1962 as an autonomous inter-governmental organization.
- AARDO consists of 33 member countries including 17 African member countries, 14 Asian countries, 1 corporation and 1 bank as associates.



- Its headquarter in India is in New Delhi.
- Its objective is to develop understanding among the member countries to promote welfare among the people and to reduce thirst, hunger, illiteracy & poverty.



There will be a Change in the Industrial Investment and Employment Policy of Uttar Pradesh

Why in news?

According to the information received from the media on 11 May 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to change its new industrial investment & employment promotion policy keeping in view the needs of the investors.

Key Points:

- Under the change in the new industrial investment & employment promotion policy, the amount of exemption in stamp duty on land purchase will be reimbursed. Also, the facility of capital subsidy will be decided on a case-to-case basis for mega projects.
- It is worth mentioning that the Uttar Pradesh government had launched the Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy by 2022 keeping in mind the objective of making the state a trillion dollar economy.
- The objective of this policy is to create a progressive, innovative and competitive industrial ecosystem generating employment in Uttar Pradesh while attracting investments from across the globe.

Campaign for the benefit of PMKSNY to 100% Food Providers of the state

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 10 May 2023, the state government is going to start a big campaign to provide the benefit of 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana' to 100 percent food providers of Uttar Pradesh, in which cases of old registered farmers and new farmers will also be added.

Key Points:

- PM farmer beneficiary satiation campaign will be run in the entire state. In this campaign, officers and employees of the Agriculture Department including the Revenue Department, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department will be deployed.
- At the Gram Panchayat level, this campaign will start on May 22 and will continue till June 10.
- However, before this, the officials of the state government have to go door-to-door till May 20 to prepare a list of such farmers, who are still deprived of taking advantage of this scheme due to various reasons.
- Before the campaign at the Gram Panchayat level, a house-to-house survey and publicity campaign will be conducted. In this, a house-to-house survey will be done with the village-level personnel under the leadership of the Gram Pradhan and a list of such farmers who are deprived of this benefit due to various reasons will be prepared.
- The Agriculture Department will be the nodal of this entire campaign. Representatives of Gram Pradhan, Village Development Officer, Panchayat Secretary, Lekhpal, Technical Assistant (Agriculture), Common Service Center, and Post Office will be present in the camps organized at Gram Panchayat level, so that the e-KYC, Aadhaar linking of bank account and Land seeding work can be done successfully.
- It is known that under the 'Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana', an amount of Rs 6000 per year is sent directly to the bank account of the farmers.
- On the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Chief Secretary Durgashankar Mishra is directly monitoring it.

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- There are a large number of farmers in the state who have not yet applied for open source. Apart from this, there are farmers who have applied under open source, but the applications have not been accepted yet.
- Along with this, the farmers whose land account has not been updated, are also not getting the upcoming instalments. Despite the verification of the land account of registered farmers many times, such a situation is arising due to the non-linking of their bank account with Aadhaar.
- It is worth mentioning that under 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana', distribution of 13 instalments has been completed so far. Now e-KYC has been made mandatory for the 14th instalment.

Amit Kumar of Meerut honoured with Shaurya Chakra

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, President Draupadi Murmu awarded Shaurya Chakra to CRPF Assistant Commandant Amit Kumar for showing indomitable courage during the operation against terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

Key Points:

- Shaurya Chakra has been given to Amit Kumar for the operation that took place on 12 October 2020 in the Barzulla area of Srinagar.
- It is known that on 15 August 2022, it was announced to award him three police medals for this operation as well as other operations.
- Significantly, Amit Kumar is a resident of Meerut's New Meenakshipuram. Amit's family is originally from the village of Nisurkha in the Bulandshahr district. His father Jeet Singh is also retired from the army.
- Amit did his BSc and MSc in Physics from Meerut College after completing his schooling at Army School Meerut Cantt.
- In the year 2013, Amit became a directly appointed officer in CRPF. After being posted at various places, in April 2018, he was appointed as the Commander of Valley QAT, Srinagar. During this, he took part in many operations. He was involved with the team in 15 encounters, in which 30 terrorists were killed and five were captured alive.

- In appreciation of these courageous works, the government has so far honoured Amit with 14 citations. Since 29 August he has been posted as Assistant Commandant in One Signal CRPF in New Delhi.



Khelo India University Games 2022 Logo, Mascot, Flambeau, Anthem & Jersey launched in Lucknow

Why in News?

On 5 May 2023 Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath launched the official Logo, Mascot, Flambeau, Anthem & Jersey of Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh-2022 on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow.

Key Points:

- Significantly, this is the third edition of the Khelo India University Games.
- The games will start on 25 May and run till 3 June 2023.
- The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister also flagged off four torch relays that would pass through the West, East, Central and Bundelkhand regions of India's largest state during the next 20 days.
- The logo of the University Games was launched by the Chief Minister.
- Union Minister Anurag Thakur released the anthem of the Games titled 'Khelo India - Har Dil Mein Desh' composed and sung by renowned singer Palash Sen.
- He then launched the official jersey of the University Games, which was worn by prominent players from Uttar Pradesh like Lalit Upadhyay, Sudha Singh and Divya Kakran and displayed it confidently on stage.

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- The mascot of the University Games, Jitu Barasingha, an exotic live state animal and a symbol of 'Pride of Pride', was unveiled on the occasion.
- The final unveiling was the University Games torch which was brought on stage one by one by stalwarts of Uttar Pradesh - Lalit Upadhyay, Vandana Kataria, Sudha Singh, Vijay Yadav, Danish Mujtaba.
- It is worth mentioning that the official logo of Khelo India University Games 2022 Uttar Pradesh represents the rich heritage of India's largest state Uttar Pradesh. The insignia represents the rich traditional and historical heritage of the state, which has been the basis of its development in all aspects such as education, infrastructure and sports.
- Mascot Jeetu represents Barasingha. It is an amazing mammal, with a powerful physique and remarkable speed. It displays skill, ethics and grit in its nature and is the epitome of grace and finesse, which truly represents the spirit of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh. It showcases the power and richness of the cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh.
- 'Shakti', the official torch of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh, is not only a symbol of its heritage and spirit but also a living entity that is full of energy. In order to motivate each athlete to move forward towards their ultimate goal, the river Ganga is engraved with 'Shakti' and inscribed on it is an upward-pointing, future-looking arrow depicting the glorious past and future of Uttar Pradesh Celebrates.
- The light-giving core of Shakti is also inscribed with peacock feathers and lotus petals, indicating her calm energy that can move mountains and is a powerful source of inspiration and willpower.
- This 12-day KIUG UP 2022 will be organized in the state capital Lucknow apart from Varanasi, Noida and Gorakhpur.



- The shooting competition will be held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi. The Kabaddi competition will start on 23 May 2023 in Noida while some other events will also start on 24, May 2023 at different places.
- Inspired by the ideology of skill, ethics and grit, the Khelo India University Games will officially be held from May 25 to June 03, 2023, in various cities of Uttar Pradesh, in which more than 4000 athletes from 200 Indian universities will compete in 21 sporting events.

Former UP DGP Made Director of UPCA

Why in News?

On 3 May 2023, Former UP Director General of Police (DGP) Devendra Singh Chauhan was inducted into the panel of directors of the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA).

Key Points:

- The decision was taken unanimously by the 12 directors of UPCA in a meeting held online under the chairmanship of UPCA President Nidhipati Singhania at a private hotel in Lucknow.
- It is known that for the first time, an administrative officer has been included in UPCA.
- It is known that this post was lying vacant after the resignation of Rajeev Shukla. Till now 12 people were working on the list of directors of UPCA, but now with the joining of Devendra Singh Chauhan, the number of directors has increased to 13.
- UPCA's 12 directors include President Nidhipati Singhania, Abhishek Singhania, Yuddhveer Singh, Riyasat Ali, Tahir Hasan, Ashok Chaturvedi, Prem Manohar Gupta, Pradeep Kumar Gupta, Shyam Babu, Javed Akhtar, Vijay Gupta and Gajendranath Tiwari.
- Apart from this, the upliftment of UPCA was also discussed in the upcoming session.
- In the UPCA meeting in Lucknow, there was a discussion till late at night regarding holding international matches in UP. Many office bearers insisted on holding more and more international matches in UP. Many have also proposed



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having matches at the Greenpark Cricket Stadium in Kanpur.

- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Devendra Singh Chauhan, originally a resident of Mainpuri, was born on 20 March 1963 in Satara, Maharashtra. His father Shivram Singh Chauhan was a teacher at Satara Sainik School. Dr. Chauhan is an MBBS and a 1988 batch IPS. He was posted as DG Intelligence on 15 February 2020 and in May 2022 became the acting DGP of Uttar Pradesh.
- Devendra Singh Chauhan retired from his post on 31 March 2023.

Under the Direction of Soumya Mishra of Lucknow, 'Millet Fair' and 'Swaraj-Swatantrata ki Gatha' were organised in Canada

Why in News?

On 2 May 2023, under the direction of Saumya Mishra from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for the first time 'Millet Fair' and 'Swaraj - The Saga of Independence' were organized in Toronto, Canada.

Key Points:

- In this program, the participants ranging from 2 years to 65 years presented 'Swatantrata Sangram Ek Gatha' of India, in which 80 freedom fighters were mentioned.
- The program included 40 types of millet traditional dishes from 28 states and 2 union territories of India.
- Meanwhile, Saumya Mishra of Lucknow said that it took almost 3 years to edit this drama story, it mentioned 80 freedom fighters and mostly included



the heroes of the freedom struggle, about whom people had never heard

- This was followed by the digital unveiling of the 'Millet Recipe Book'. This book includes 34 recipes for home cooks, divided into four categories.

Chief Minister Innovation Award Scheme

Why in News?

On 1 May 2023, Inder Singh Parmar, Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) & General Administration, Madhya Pradesh inaugurated the State Level Assessment Center at the Institute of Advanced Educational Studies established by the State Board of Open Schooling in Bhopal. Along with this, he started the scheme by announcing the Chief Minister's Innovation Award for school students from classes 5th to 12th.

Key Points:

- Under the Chief Minister's Innovation Award Scheme, Rs 51,000 as the first prize, Rs 31,000 for the second prize, Rs 21,000 for the third prize and Rs 11,000 as the consolation prize (for each division) for excellent innovations to students from class 5th to class 12th. A total of ten prizes) will be given.
- Apart from this, 20% of the prize money for the children will be given separately to the mentor (teacher) of the children.
- EFA School has been made the nodal centre for the innovation submission process & necessary information sharing. Students can submit their innovations individually or in groups. The last date for submission of innovation is 15 July 2023 and the result will be released on 10 August 2023.
- It is worth mentioning that this award scheme is being started for the first time in the state to give a practical shape to their scientific thinking, imagination and creativity. This scheme will provide opportunities and a platform for innovation by children.
- According to the National Education Policy 2020, a state-level assessment centre has been set up to improve the method of setting question papers from the point of view of the overall evaluation of children. In this, more and more teachers will be trained to prepare question papers, so that teachers can prepare

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such question papers for the children, which can awaken the sense of curiosity and enthusiasm in the children regarding education so that their real evaluation can be done.

- The question paper of the examination passes through 3 levels – Measurement, Assessment and Evaluation. State-level assessment centre has been established by including all these three streams. A non-recurring expenditure of Rs 68 lakh has been incurred in setting up this centre.

Government Chandrashekhar Azad Post Graduate Leading College Sehore got A-grade

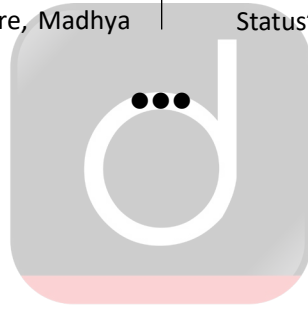
Why in News?

On 1 May 2023, the Government Chandrashekhar Azad Post Graduate Pioneer College, Sehore, Madhya

Pradesh, received an 'A' grade for the next 5 years with a 3.12 CGPA in NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) assessment.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that colleges are evaluated by NAAC on 7 points, in which Government Chandrashekhar Azad College has scored average grade points of 3.55 in Curricular Aspects, 3.03 in Teaching, Learning & Evaluation, 1.86 in Research Innovations & Extension, 3.4 in Infrastructure & Learning Resources, 3.5 in Student Support & Progress, 2.89 in Governance Leadership & Management and 3.8 in Institutional Values & Best Practices.
- It is known that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) such as colleges, universities or other recognized institutions to get an understanding of the 'Quality Status' of the institution.



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