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State Capital Region Development Authority (SCRDA) will be formed.

Why In News?

On September 29, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a high-level meeting convened at his official residence, directed the formation of the State Capital Region Development Authority (SCRDA) at the earliest.

Key Points:

- Directing the officials present in the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that within three months, the SCRDA will be implemented. Submit an action plan.
- The SCRDA will cover Lucknow, Unnao, Hardoi, Rae Bareilly, Sitapur and Barabanki districts.
- Lucknow has been named as the SCRDA capital. Regional offices will be opened in other districts for the convenience of citizens.
- After the Jhansi Industrial Development Authority, SCRDA was formed. There will be a model of planned urban development in the state.
- Under the scheme, instructions have been given to send the master plan being prepared for 59 cities for approval of the government.
- For the first time, master plans are being prepared in Shamli, Baraut, Chandausi, Gonda and Amroha, as well as a master plan has been prepared by integrating Loni and Modinagar in Ghaziabad.



Special Communicable Disease Control Campaign Launched from Gorakhpur

Why In News?

On October 3, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced the BRD of Gorakhpur district. Launched a special communicable disease control campaign in the medical college. This special communicable disease control campaign will be run in the state till October 31, 2023.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off publicity vehicles for public awareness. Honored 02 ASHAs and 02 Anganwadi workers for their excellent work and also gave Ayushman cards to 04 beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- It is known that 6 years ago in the year 2017, a special campaign was launched for the control of communicable diseases like Dengue, Malaria, Encephalitis, Kala Azar, Chikungunya.
- Seeing these results, the state government runs a special campaign for communicable disease control thrice every year through inter-departmental coordination.
- The program of the first 15 days of the special campaign is to discharge our responsibilities with public awareness and inter-departmental coordination.
- Under the Dastak Campaign, from October 16 to 31, 2023, a special program will be run by Asha workers to go door-to-door to identify the patients suffering from fever, cough and other complaints, counsel them, take them to the hospital and arrange for their proper treatment.



Note:



Three Cities of Uttar Pradesh, Noida, Ghaziabad and Meerut are among the Ten most Polluted Cities.

Why In News?

According to the report of Respirator Living Sciences released on October 4, 2023, three cities of Uttar Pradesh Noida, Ghaziabad and Meerut are among the ten most polluted cities in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- Delhi continues to top the list of 10 most polluted cities in the country, while Patna is the second most polluted city in the country.
- Bihar's Muzaffarpur is at number three, while Faridabad in Haryana is at number four. It is followed by Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Nalbari, Asansol and Gwalior respectively.
- According to the report, Delhi's air quality improved marginally compared to earlier, but despite this, it was the most polluted city between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023. This level is three times higher than the 'good' level of government and 20 times the WHO safe limit.
- The city with the cleanest air in the report is Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram. The 10 cleanest cities in the country are Aizawl, Chikkamagaluru, Mandikheda (Haryana), Shivamogga, Madikeri, Vijayapura, Gadag, Chamarajanagar, Raichur and Mysuru.
- The report emphasises that PM 2.5 contains fine, toxic particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause heart disease, stroke and other respiratory diseases. PM 2.5 data measures fine particles in the air. This report is widely used to assess the effects of air pollution on health.



Bal Sahitya Samman 2022

Why In News?

On October 4, 2023, in the meeting of the Bal Sahitya Samman Committee of the Uttar Pradesh Hindi Institute, children's writers were selected for "Bal Sahitya Samman, 2022".

Key Points:

- The winners of seven Children's Literature Awards have been announced by the institute. It includes two litterateurs from Ghaziabad and one each from Lucknow, Bijnor, Varanasi, Aligarh and Basti.
- The 'Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Mahila Bal Sahitya Samman' will be given to Shraddha Pandey of Ghaziabad for the Children's Literature Award 2022.
- 'Sohanlal Dwivedi Bal Kavita Samman' will be given to Dr. Ajay Janmejy of Bijnor, 'Amrit Lal Nagar Bal Katha Samman' to Pawan Sharma of Varanasi, 'Lalli Prasad Pandey Bal Sahitya Journalism Award' to Lal Devendra Srivastava of Basti, 'Dr. Ramkumar Verma Bal Natak Samman' to Ashok Anjum of Aligarh, 'Jagapathi Chaturvedi Children's Science Writing Award' to Dr. Manish Mohan Gore of Ghaziabad and 'Umakant Malviya Yuva Bal Sahitya Samman' will be given to Lucknow's Centenary Garima.

Note:

- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 51,000 and a citation.
- Dr. Amita Dubey, Editor-in-Chief of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Institute, said that children's literature honors are given under the Children's Literature Promotion Scheme.



'Anand Sagar Smriti Kathakram Award' to Story Writer Yogendra Ahuja

Why In News?

On October 4, 2023, in the meeting of Anand Sagar Smriti Kathakram Samman Committee, it was decided to give 'Anand Sagar Smriti Kathakram Samman' to story writer Yogendra Ahuja.



Key Points:

- Convener Shailendra Sagar, senior story writer Shivamurthy, theater personality Akhilesh and writer Rajni Gupta were present in the meeting.
- Under the Anand Sagar Smriti Kathakram Samman, 21 thousand rupees and a mark of honor will be given. The award will be presented at a ceremony on November 5.
- Born on December 1, 1969, in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh, Yogendra Ahuja is a Hindi story writer of fiction. He was educated in Kashipur district of Uttarakhand and Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh. Yogendra Ahuja's first story was published in the prestigious magazine Pahal in 1991. The author then wrote popular stories such as Murcia, Wrong, An Old Story, Food, Laffaz, Wrestling, Accurate, Pathology.

- Yogendra Ahuja's first story collection Laughter in the Dark was published in 2004. Recently, the book 'Broken Stars' Bottom Published has received Katha Award, Parivesh Samman, Vijay Varma Samman, Ramakant Smriti Award, Spandan Samman and Premchand Smriti Samman.

Rohan of Uttar Pradesh got Silver Medal in Judo

Why In News?

Rohan Bishnoi of Uttar Pradesh won the silver medal in the Senior National Judo Championship held in Jaipur on 5 October 2023.



Key Points:

- He had to settle for a silver medal after losing to Dhyani Singh of All India Police Services Control Board in the final of the 100 kg weight category.
- Earlier, Rohan had entered the finals by defeating Atanya Debbarma of Tripura, Sudhir Chauhan of Chhattisgarh, Raviraj Rajput of Gujarat and Vikas of Services Sports Control Board.
- Rohan Bishnoi is a resident of Moradabad.

450 Automatic Weather Stations will be Built in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on October 5, 2023, the Relief Department has issued a work order to install 450 automatic weather stations and 2000 automatic rain gauges in the state.

Key Points:

- From the next monsoon season in the state, accurate weather information will be available at tehsil and block level. The exact measurement of rainfall in villages will also be revealed.
- Many times, heavy rains and storms cause damage in rural and urban areas. In case of excessive rainfall,

Note:

it is difficult to take people to safe places on time. To solve such problems, the relief department is deploying 450 AWS and 2000 ARGs.

- 80 employees will also be deployed for this. The department has released a budget of Rs 142.16 crore. After installation of this plant, accurate information about weather and rainfall will be available in every area and this will help in preventing losses caused by disasters.
- Doppler weather radars will be installed by the relief department in Lucknow, Aligarh, Jhansi and Azamgarh. This radar will measure the intensity of rain, wind speed and will also tell the direction of the tornado. Rs 26.12 crore has been sanctioned for installing radar in these four districts.



Shakti Didi will give Solution Every Wednesday in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On October 8, 2023, the Yogi government started a new campaign for the safety and self-reliance of women in Uttar Pradesh, under which Shakti Didi will visit various places in villages and cities every Wednesday and provide solutions.

Key Points:

- Every week on Wednesday, a team of two women policemen (Shakti Didi) will visit various places in villages and cities and give information to women about women-oriented schemes of the government and will also try to solve their problems by coordinating with various departments. .
- BC Sakhi, Revenue Accountant, ANM, Asha workers will also be present during the visit to Gram and Nyaya Panchayats.

- Shakti Didi will give information about various government schemes. In these, the Chief Minister will talk about Kanya Sumangala Yojana, Destitute Women Pension Scheme etc. They will also provide information about laws related to women and children.
- Shakti Didi will also give information about the helpline number and forum issued by the government. Such an action plan will be made in urban areas also.



32 Industrial Cities will be Constructed along Five Expressways in Uttar Pradesh.

Why In News?

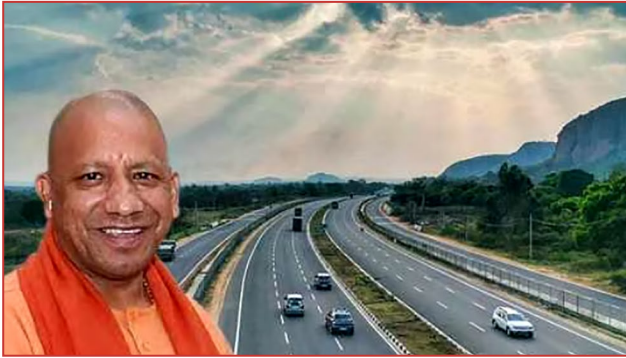
On October 7, 2023, Anil Sagar, Principal Secretary, Industrial Development Department, said that a network of 32 industrial cities will be built along five expressways in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- 84 villages falling under 23 tehsils of 23 districts along the three expressways have been notified as industrial cities.
- Uttar Pradesh Industrial Development Authority (UPIDA) will acquire or purchase land in the identified villages.
- Land ranging from 100 acres to 600 acres will be taken for each industrial city. After this, villages will soon be notified for the industrial city along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway and Gorakhpur Link Expressway.
- In this way, the total network of industrial cities will extend to 32 districts. Basic facilities will be developed here. After this, investors will be provided plots at their preferred location to set up their industries.

Note:

- Warehouse and logistics industries will be promoted first. Electronic equipment, hosiery, food processing units, chemicals, milk processing, pharmaceutical, machinery plants, IT, agricultural produce based units will be set up in these industrial cities.



Workshop on 'Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Tourism Development' Inaugurated in Pilibhit

Why In News?

On October 6, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated a workshop on 'Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Tourism Development' on the occasion of 'Wildlife Week' in Pilibhit district.

Key Points:

- In the programme, the Chief Minister released 'Stork Census Report-2023', 'Lagga-Bagga Corridor Book' compiled by WWF India and Uttar Pradesh Forest Department and the coffee table book of Tree Plantation Mass Campaign-2023. Also unveiled the selfie point and also planted trees.
- On this occasion, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 26 development projects of Pilibhit district at a cost of Rs 248 crore and 51 upgraded forest rest buildings at a cost of Rs 5 crore.
- The Chief Minister also released the 'logo' and 'screen' of the Terai Elephant Reserve.
- In the program, the Chief Minister launched the 'Bagh Mitra App' for the protection of tigers and honored the tiger friends doing excellent work by giving them citations. Harshit Sarkar and Nipun Vairagi were honored with a symbolic certificate of honey kit.



Five Players from Uttar Pradesh Selected for Sultan of Johor Cup Hockey Tournament

Why in the News?

On October 9, 2023, Hockey India announced the 20-member Indian junior men's hockey team for the Sultan of Johor Cup hockey tournament. Five players from Uttar Pradesh have been selected in this.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup-2023 will be organized in Johor, Malaysia from 27 October to 4 November.
- In this competition considered as Mini World Cup, Aamir Ali of Lucknow, Uttam Singh and Arun Sahn

Note:

of Sai Center Lucknow, Abdul Ahad of Jhansi and Vishnukant Singh of Lucknow Sports Hostel have been selected in the 20-member Indian team.

- Eight teams instead of six will take part in this 11th season of the Sultan of Johor Cup hockey tournament competition.
- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an international men's 21-team field hockey tournament held in Malaysia. It was established in 2011. Between 2011 and 2022, India and Great Britain won the tournament three times, while Australia won the tournament twice, while Germany and Malaysia won the tournament once each.



development of the new township for a maximum of 20 years. The remaining money will have to be raised by the concerned development authority itself.

- 400 crore to Housing Development Council, 400 crore to Varanasi Development Authority, 200 crore to Moradabad Development Authority, 200 crore to Kanpur Development Authority, 200 crore to Meerut Development Authority, 150 crore to Agra Development Authority, 100 crore to Saharanpur Development Authority and 30 crores to Ayodhya Development Authority will be allocated.



New Townships to be Established in Seven Cities including Ayodhya

Why In News?

On October 9, 2023 the state government gave permission to set up townships in the Housing Development Council cities along with Ayodhya, Meerut, Agra, Saharanpur, Varanasi, Moradabad and Kanpur.

Key points:

- For this, 'Chief Minister's Urban Expansion New City Promotion Scheme' has been started.
- All these development authorities and Housing Development Council will be given Rs. 1680 crore under the Chief Minister Urban Expansion Scheme.
- The Development Authority and Housing Development Council will come up with a housing plan after acquiring the land.
- Under the scheme, the state government will bear 50 percent of the expenditure on land acquisition for the expansion of the developed township before the



'Vandan' Scheme for Development of Historical-Religious Places

Why In News?

On October 10, 2023, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the 'Vandan' scheme for the development of Cultural, Mythological, Historical and Religious places located in urban bodies.

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Key Points:

- Urban Development Minister A.K. Sharma said that under the scheme, other basic facilities including lighting, drinking water, toilets, cleanliness, link roads and benches will be developed at these sites.
- The committee formed under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate will select 2-2 such sites every year. Under this scheme, the work of connectivity, resting place, shed, drinking water arrangement, lighting, painting, interlocking, circumambulation path, construction of ghats etc. will be done in coordination with the Tourism Department.
- In this scheme, a provision of Rs 50 crore has been made in the financial year 2023-24. Apart from this, these places can also be developed with the budget of the tourism department, CSR item, MP-MLA fund and municipal department.

23 Bus Stands to be Built on the Lines of Airports

Why In News?

On October 10, 2023, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal to develop 23 bus stands of Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation on the lines of airports under public private partnership.

Key Points:

- Minister of State for Transport (Independent Charge) Dayashankar Singh said that the proposal has been approved to develop buses on PPP mode at Sahibabad in Ghaziabad, Transport Nagar and Eidgah in Agra, Old Bus Stand in Mathura, Kanpur Central (Jhakarkati) in Kanpur, Cantt in Varanasi, Zero Road in Prayagraj and Amausi Bus Stand in Lucknow.
- A proposal has also been approved to make Bulandshahr in Bulandshahr and Garhmukteshwar in Meerut on the lines of airports.
- A proposal has also been prepared for bus support in Lucknow's Charbagh, Meerut's Sohrab Gate, Aligarh's Rasoolabad, Gorakhpur's Gorakhpur, Ayodhya's Ayodhya Dham, Bareilly's Satellite, Rae Bareli and Mirzapur.
- He said that the firm has been selected to prepare the old bus stands of Prayagraj, Kaushambi, Gomtinagar and Ghaziabad bus stands in Lucknow. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will lay the foundation stone in the coming days.



Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Urban (CM GRID) Scheme.

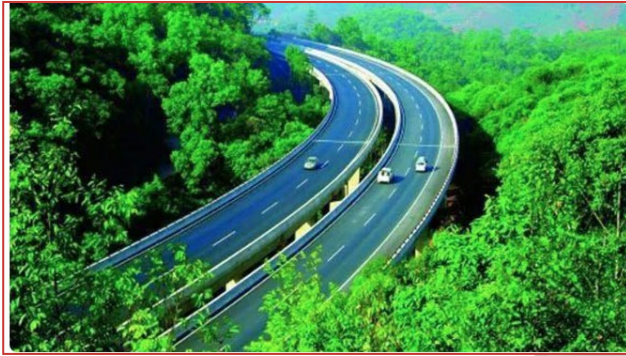
Why In News?

On October 10, 2023, in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, it was decided to launch the 'Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Urban (CM GRID) Scheme to further improve the roads of the cities.

Key Points:

- Rs. 500 crore will be spent in the financial year 2023-24 in the Chief Minister's Green Road Infrastructure Development Urban (CM GRID) Scheme.
- In this regard, Urban Development Minister A.K. Sharma said that in the first phase, 17 municipal corporations Ayodhya, Aligarh, Agra, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Prayagraj, Firozabad, Bareilly, Mathura-Vrindavan, Meerut, Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Work will be done under this scheme in Shahjahanpur and Saharanpur.
- In the second phase, nagar panchayat and municipal council roads will be included. For this, an Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency will be set up.
- In this scheme, grants will be given for the development of roads on the basis of income earned by the bodies in the previous financial year.
- Under the scheme, all the facilities related to the road, such as utility duct, footpath, green zone, solar based street light, bus stop, EV charging station, beautification, pedestrian facility etc. will be provided. All roads in cities will be made safe, sustainable and inclusive and these roads will be greener and environment friendly.

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10 Pesticides Banned to Save Taste and Quality of Basmati

Why In News?

On October 10, 2023, Dr. Ritesh Sharma, Principal Scientist, Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), Modipuram, informed that 10 pesticides have been banned to protect the taste and quality of basmati crop due to indiscriminate use of chemicals.

Key Points:

- Additional Director (Agriculture Defence) Tripurari Prasad Choudhury has banned 10 pesticides in 30 districts of the state. By banning them, the quality of Basmati and its true taste will be saved. This will also increase basmati exports.
- These pesticides are banned: The insecticides include Acephate, Buprofezin, Chloropyrifos, Methamidophos, Propiconazole, Thiamethoxam, Profenofos, Isoprothiolane, Carbendazim, and Tricyclazole.
- Dr. Ritesh Sharma said that Basmati is cultivated in 30 districts of western Uttar Pradesh. These include Agra, Aligarh, Auraiya, Baghpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Badaun, Bulandshahr, Etah, Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Firozabad,

Etawah, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Hathras, Mathura, Mainpuri, Meerut, Moradabad, Amroha, Kannauj, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Pilibhit, Rampur, Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur, Sambhal.

- Basmati rice is a geographical indication (GI) category crop of Uttar Pradesh. Agricultural chemicals are used to prevent pests and diseases in it. Residues of these chemicals are being found in basmati rice.
- APEDA (Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) has stated that the maximum pesticide residue level of tricyclazole in basmati rice has been set by the European Union at MRL 0.01 ppm, but due to the amount of more than the prescribed ppm, exports to Europe, America and Gulf countries have decreased by 15 percent in the year 2021-2022 compared to the year 2020-21.



Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial Birth Anniversary Fair in Mathura

Why In News?

On October 11, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the four-day Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial Birth Anniversary Fair to be organized at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Dham, Nagla Chandrabhan Farah in Mathura district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also addressed the Virat Kisan Seminar and announced the construction of a mini stadium in Farah.
- The Chief Minister flagged off the golf cart purchased by the Mathura-Vrindavan Development Authority for the facilities of the devotees.

Note:

- He called for an MoU between Deendayal Upadhyay Cow Research and Training Center and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Veterinary University to make farmers self-reliant through cow conservation.
- It is known that last year a big food processing center was established in Kosi Kalan. Now a new center for potato processing will be established in Agra district.



Green Area Reserved for Commercial Activities in Cities with Population of More than Five Lakhs in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On October 12, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Secretary (Housing) Nitin Ramesh Gokarn said that green

areas along with transport cities, economic zones, industries and business activities will be reserved in cities with a population of more than five lakh.

Key Points

- Transport cities will be arranged in the comprehensive mobility plan for these reserved areas, the width of roads in markets and colonies will be fixed.
- In the economic zone, space will be reserved for small scale industries and business activities as well as offices of the corporate sector. These facilities will be provided for green infrastructure as well as transit oriented development.
- The concerned development authority will reserve these places by marking them in the master plan. The central government will give Rs 50-50 crore separately to develop facilities in these cities.
- Additional Chief Secretary Nitin Ramesh Gokarn said that in the existing master plan, space will be reserved by incorporating these facilities and three facilities will have to be given in these four-
 - Facility of 40 buses per one lakh population.
 - Multistory parking as well as EV charging facility.
 - Transport plans of densely populated and old areas.
 - The place of food street will be reserved in the economic zone.
- The Central Government has mandated three of these facilities. Based on this, space is to be reserved for these facilities in the master plan.
- These facilities will be provided in the first 19 cities of Uttar Pradesh, which have a population of more than five lakh, including Lucknow, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Kanpur, Agra, Meerut, Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Aligarh, Jhansi, Firozabad-Shikohabad, Rampur, Saharanpur, Mathura-Vrindavan, Hapur-Pilkhua and Shahjahanpur.



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Agreement Between Indian Agricultural Research Institute and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur

Why In News?

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR) and the Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur on October 13, 2023.

Key Points:

- Through this MoU, both sides will provide significant support to incubators and start-ups, thereby promoting their growth and success.
- These joint efforts will provide a conducive environment for the growth of start-ups and meaningful contribution to the agriculture sector.
- Pusa Agriculture and SIIC IIT committed to explore further collaboration possibilities to advance progress and innovations in agriculture.
- This partnership will promote innovative activities in the agriculture sector through collaborative efforts leveraging the expertise and resources of both the organizations.

Mission Shakti

Why In News?

On October 14, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the women empowerment rally from his official residence, launching the fourth phase of 'Mission Shakti'.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister felicitated Padmashri Hema Prabha Sotia, ISRO scientist Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and HCL chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra as symbols of three goddesses at Lok Bhawan.
- He said that it is the result of Mission Shakti that according to NCRB data, crimes against women have come down in the state. At the same time, Uttar Pradesh has also become the state with the highest punishment for such criminals.

- On the instructions of the Chief Minister, the Women and Child Development Department will make women aware of their rights with mega events and other events in the coming days in the state.
- There will also be a mega event in the state with 'Haq Ki Baat, Zila Magistrate Ke Sath'. In this, DMs of all the districts of the state will communicate with women affected by violence.



Awards to the Winning Players of Amethi MP Sports Competition-2023

Why In News?

On October 13, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Zubin Irani distributed prizes to the winners of the MP Sports Competition-2023 in Amethi district.

Key Points:

- Along with the award ceremony, 879 projects worth Rs 699.79 crore were also inaugurated/ foundation stones were laid.
- A total of 1 lakh 11 thousand players won 50 thousand medals in the last 25 days in the MP Sports Competition in Amethi.
- It may be noted that on September 17, the MP Sports Competition was started in Amethi, which concluded on October 8.

Note:

- The competition was held at two levels - school level and village level in the entire Lok Sabha constituency.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of Amethi MP Sports Competition 2023 through video message.



Inauguration of Milk and Milk Products Project of Gyan Dairy in Gorakhpur.

Why In News?

On October 16, 2023, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the milk and milk products project of Gyan Dairy in Gida of Gorakhpur district. Along with this, the Chief Minister also honored 5 women associated with the dairy industry.

Key Points:

- This dairy plant of Gyan Dairy is being set up as CP Milk and Food Products Pvt. Ltd. The cost of this project, spread over an area of 20067 square meters, is Rs 114 crore.
- With this, 1 lakh cattle rearing families will get the benefit of direct connection. This will directly provide employment to 300 people. 1500 other people will

get indirect employment.

- Various products will be made from this milk, which will provide direct employment to 1 lakh families. Along with this, crop residues, chaff, sugarcane, mustard etc. will also be sold to the farmers for nutritious food required for cows and buffaloes and they will get a fair price.
- Under this project, milk producer cooperative societies will be formed in Gorakhpur and Basti divisions.
- 5000 milk collection centers will be established in Gorakhpur, Deoria, Kushinagar, Basti, Sant Kabirnagar and Siddharthnagar districts. This will provide direct and indirect employment to 1800 people.
- 5 lakh liters of milk will be consumed daily in this project. Out of this, 3 lakh liters of milk will be packaged and various milk products will be prepared from 2 lakh liters of milk. For this, contracts will be signed with 1 lakh farmers and cattle herders for milk supply.



Note:

Shri Anna Mahotsav

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on October 17, 2023, before Krishi Kumbh 2.0, a three-day Shri Anna Mahotsav and state-level millets workshop will be held at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow from October 27 to 29. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate it.

Key Points:

- On the first day, farmers of six mandals, on the second day five mandals and on the third day seven mandals will participate in it. Along with this, teachers and students at agricultural universities and two colleges will also participate in it.
 - Lucknow, Kanpur, Ayodhya, Basti, Azamgarh and Devipatan divisions on October 27
 - On October 28, Saharanpur, Meerut, Aligarh, Agra and Moradabad divisions
 - Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Varanasi, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Prayagraj and Mirzapur divisions on October 29
- Through this festival, the state government will honor progressive farmers and also inspire other farmers for millet products. Besides, it will also create awareness about the production, consumption, marketing and export of millet crops.
- In the conference, 50 progressive farmers from each district of each division, 10 representatives of Farmer Producer Organization and 10 technical assistants will participate.
- In the state-level Millets workshop, 35 FPOs will be given certificates for seed money. The Chief Minister will provide Rs 4 lakh per unit to each FPO. Also, grants will be given to government institutions setting up millet-based processing plants. There will also be 40 stalls of Shri Anna's products. There will be stalls of FPOs, participants and companies working on millets. Through this, people will be aware of the benefits of millet products.



Digital Doctor Clinic will be Started in Villages of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On October 18, 2023, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government said that the Uttar Pradesh government has signed an MoU of Rs 350 crore with Obdu Group for Digital Doctor Clinic, a team of doctors, in the context of starting digital doctor clinic service in villages.

Key Points:

- The government spokesperson said that the state government is going to take this initiative through private investment, the main objective of which is to provide medical consultation as well as medicines and pathology test facilities to the people for the most serious diseases at concessional rates.
- Under this, treatment will be started from the clinic by setting up 'Digital Doctor Clinic' in rural areas. Through this, patients in rural areas will be able to easily talk to doctors through video conferencing and will also be able to get treatment.
- These clinics to be established in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh will be like primary health centers.
- Initially, these will be opened in a total of 20 centers in Lucknow and Bulandshahr under the pilot project, after which they will be started in the entire Uttar Pradesh.



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Compressed Biogas and Biodiesel Plant will be Built in the State

Why In News?

On October 19, 2023, the state level committee of Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) approved 12 proposals worth Rs 550 crore for setting up production plants of compressed biogas and biodiesel.

Key Points:

- In the meeting of the state level committee held under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary Energy and Additional Energy Sources Mahesh Kumar Gupta at UPNEDA headquarters, the proposals for completing land bank loan and other necessary formalities were approved.
- From the approved 12 projects, 93 tonnes of CBG and 44 kilo liters of biodiesel will be produced daily in the state.
- It is noteworthy that 13 projects have already been approved by the state government, on which necessary construction work has started. Thus, there will be an investment of Rs 1271 crore from the total 25 proposals approved so far.
- UPNEDA Director Anupam Shukla said that UPNEDA has so far received investment proposals worth about Rs 7 lakh crore in the new and renewable energy sector. Out of this, investment proposals worth about Rs 57 thousand crore are in the bio energy sector under Uttar Pradesh State Bio Energy Policy-2022.
- For the establishment of compressed biogas, biodiesel and bio coal plants, 354 investors have submitted their proposals to UPNEDA for approval of their projects, out of which 80 projects have been given in-principle approval from the UPNEDA level.
- The 12 projects of investors which have been approved by the committee are-
 - To Carbon Circle Private Limited in Bareilly for compressed biogas.
 - To Anand Mangal Infra Developers Private Limited in Meerut.
 - To Ecotaras Sustainable Solution Private Limited in Sitapur.

- To Biospark Energy Private Limited in Muzaffarnagar.
- Panchavati Food in Rae Bareli.
- To Adani Total Energy Biomass Private Limited in Mathura.
- To M/s Resolution India Private Limited at Muzaffarnagar.
- To Organic Alternative Energy Limited in Moradabad.
- To BK Investment Service Private Limited in Saharanpur.
- To Shree Shatakshi Biotech Private Limited in Shamli.
- To Sisodia Research Laboratories Private Limited in Lucknow for biodiesel.
- Lucknow Mat Fusion Weld Pvt. Ltd.



National Aging Center will be built in BHU

Why In News?

On October 19, 2023, Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya informed Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh Seema Dwivedi through a letter regarding the approval to build a National Aging Center in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- The country's third Geriatric Care and Rehabilitation Center (National Aging Centre) will be built in BHU, Uttar Pradesh. At present such centers are running in AIIMS, Delhi and Madras (Chennai) Medical College.
- The elderly will get the most benefit from this center being built under the 'National Program for Healthcare of the Elderly'. With the construction of this centre, the elderly will not have to wander much to get treatment. All diseases can be treated in this centre.
- This center will be constructed at the old petrol pump site of BHU, Uttar Pradesh. This center will be a six-storey building, which will have 200 beds.

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Dialysis Units will open at Three places including Varanasi

Why In News?

On October 19, 2023, on the instructions of Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak, financial approval has been given for 11 hospitals of the state to open dialysis units in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- With this amount sanctioned for opening dialysis units in Uttar Pradesh, dialysis units for kidney patients are being opened in the hospitals of Lucknow, Varanasi and Gorakhpur districts.
- The Deputy CM of Uttar Pradesh has instructed the officials to do the work regarding opening the dialysis unit on time.
- Blood banks will also be established in three hospitals of Lucknow, Varanasi and Gorakhpur districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The Deputy CM has said that government hospitals are being equipped with modern facilities. Instructions have been given to open two dialysis units of four beds each in Lok Bandhu Raj Narayan Hospital, Lucknow. Also, permission has been given to Rotary International for a blood bank in the hospital.
- Similarly, permission has been given to open dialysis units of four beds each in Varanasi and Gorakhpur. Rotary International will also help in setting up blood banks in these two hospitals.



Three Weavers Selected for Kabir Award

Why In News?

On October 19, 2023, in the context of the selection of Sant Kabir State Handloom Award of Uttar Pradesh, in the selection committee meeting held under the chairmanship of DM S Rajalingam at the Rifle Club, three winners for the Kabir Award at the regional level were announced.

Key Points:

- For its first award, Lakshmi from Varanasi was selected for color cart design.
- For its second prize, Rukhsar Begum of Mirzapur was selected for the carpet.
- For its third prize, Mangala Prasad Maurya of Varanasi was selected for the dupatta.
- Under Kabir Award, the first, second and third winners are given a shield, certificate and Angavastram along with a prescribed amount of money.
- Under the Kabir Award, the first prize is Rs 20,000, the second prize is Rs 15,000 and the third prize is Rs 10,000 along with a shield, certificate and angavastram.

PM launches India's First Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On October 20, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the priority section of the Delhi- Ghaziabad- Meerut RRTS corridor at Sahibabad RapidX station in

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Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and launched India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). The 'Namo Bharat' RapidX train connecting the depot was also flagged off.

Key Points:

- Along with this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also dedicated two lines of the East-West corridor of Bangalore Metro to the nation. The Prime Minister also traveled in the regional rapid train 'Namo Bharat'.
- On this occasion, the Prime Minister said that the newly inaugurated Namo Bharat train is 'Made in India'. The support staff and locomotive pilots in Namo Bharat trains are all women.
- Prime Minister Modi said that to improve connectivity and create new employment opportunities, a similar system will be prepared in other parts of the country in the coming days.
- He said that this trinity of 'Amrit Bharat', 'Vande Bharat' and 'Namo Bharat' will become a symbol of modernization of Indian Railways by the end of this decade.
- Highlighting multi-modal connectivity, the Prime Minister said that Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar, Ghaziabad and Meerut bus stations, metro stations and railway stations are being connected to the Namo Bharat system.
- Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor
 - The 17 km long priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor will connect Sahibabad with 'Duhai Depot' along with Ghaziabad, Guldhar and Duhai stations. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor on March 8, 2019.
 - In line with the Prime Minister's vision of transforming regional connectivity in the country through the creation of new world-class transport infrastructure, the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project is being developed.
 - RRTS is a new rail-based, semi-high speed, high frequency computer transit system. 180 km. With speeds of up to one per hour, the RRTS is a transformative, regional development initiative designed to provide high-speed trains for intercity commutes every 15 minutes, moving up to a frequency of every 5 minutes as required.
- A total of eight RRTS corridors have been identified to be developed in the National Capital Region (NCR), out of which three corridors have been given priority for implementation in Phase-I, which include Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor, Delhi-Gurugram- SNB-Alwar corridor and Delhi-Panipat corridor are included.
- The Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS is being built at a cost of over Rs 30,000 crore and will connect Delhi to Meerut in less than an hour, passing through the urban centers of Ghaziabad, Muradnagar and Modinagar.
- The indigenously developed RRTS is a state-of-the-art regional mobility solution and can be at par with the best in the world. It will provide safe, reliable and modern transportation facilities from one city to another in the country. In line with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, the RRTS network will have extensive multi-modal integration with railway stations, metro stations, bus services, etc.
- Such transformative regional mobility solutions will boost economic activity in the region, provide better access to employment, education and health care opportunities and help significantly reduce vehicular congestion and air pollution.



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और बेहतर हुई है।

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Naval Valor Museum to be Built in Lucknow

Why In News?

On October 21, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath performed Bhoomi Pujan and laid the foundation stone by pressing the button for the construction work of the Naval Valor Museum to be built at a cost of Rs 23 crore in CG City near Ekana Stadium in Lucknow.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the children of Bhatkhande Sanskriti University presented the national anthem and the band of the Indian Navy.
- The legacy of INS Gomti will be housed in an open museum, where many of its combat systems will be displayed as military and war relics.
- INS Gomti strengthened the strategic posture of the Indian Navy by enhancing its capabilities for 34 years, while the ship, which was involved in Operations Cactus, Parakram and Rainbow, was decommissioned in May 2022.
- It is known that recently the Navy has also received its indigenous symbol.
- INS Gomti was named after the Gomti River and was commissioned into service at Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay (now Mumbai) on 16 April 1988 by the then Defense Minister KC Pant.
- INS Gomti was the third ship of the Godavari class guided-missile frigates. It was also the oldest battlecruiser in the Western Fleet.



Lucknow Got First Place in Khelo India Women's Judo League

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on October 23, 2023, Lucknow won 12 gold, 5 silver and 22 bronze medals in the Khelo India Women's Judo League.

Key Points:

- The league played in sub-junior, cadet, junior and senior categories at Indian Para Judo Academy, Halwasiya Court, Hazratganj, Barabanki stood second with 9 gold, 11 silver and 9 bronze medals.
- In the sub-junior category, Tika Bali of Bal Sadan, Nishtha of MD Club etc. won gold medals.
- Apart from Lucknow, more than 100 girls from Hardoi, Barabanki and Lakhimpur Kheri districts participated in this league.
- Additional Chief Secretary, Energy and Non-Conventional Energy Mahesh Kumar Gupta distributed the awards at the closing ceremony.



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Ankur Dhama Won Gold Medal in 5000 Meter Race of Asian Para Games

Why In News?

Ankur Dhama of Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh has won the gold medal in the 5000 meters (about 3.11 mi) race in the Asian Para Games on October 24, 2023.

Key Points:

- The Asian Para Games are being held in Hangzhou, China from October 22 to 28, 2023.
- Ankur Dhama had won two gold medals in the 2009 World Youth and Student Championships, and a silver and two bronze medals at the Asian Para Games in 2014.
- Ankur participated in Para Olympics in the year 2016. However, I could not get a medal there. After this, in the year 2018, Ankur was awarded the Arjuna Award. He is the only para player among the six Arjuna Awardees of Baghpat.
- Asian Para Games
 - The Asian Para Games, also known as the Para Asia, is a multi-sport event regulated by the Asian Paralympic Committee, held every four years after each Asian Games for athletes with physical disabilities.
 - The Games are recognized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and are the second largest multi-sport event after the Paralympic Games.



Laadli Awards 2023: 'Gaon Connection' gets Double Honor

Why In News?

Recently, 'Gaon Connection' has been given double honor in the 13th Laadli Media and Advertising Awards organized for gender sensitivity in Jaipur by 'Population First', a prestigious organization working in the field of gender equality.

Key Points:

- Two ground reports from Uttar Pradesh documenting crimes against Dalit girls have been honoured at the Laadli Awards 2023. Both ground reports were awarded in the categories of English Investigative Story and Web Investigative Story respectively.
- The story titled '2 murders, 22 months, 1 court proceeding-families of deceased Dalit cousins in Unnao still awaiting justice', reported by Manvendra Singh and published on December 11, 2022, won the award under the category 'Hindi: Web – Investigative Story'.
 - The story was a crime investigation in which three minor Dalit girls were allegedly poisoned in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao in 2021. Two of them died, while one survived.
 - The story was part of a 10-part series of 'Gaon Connection' on 10 themes to mark the 10th anniversary of India's largest rural communication and insights platform.
 - Despite the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, the family of two minor girls is still awaiting justice.
- The second story 'Accused out on bail for 8 years' published on October 7, 2022; 'Date-to-date for the minor victim's family in the Badaun gang-rape-murder case' won the award under the category 'English: Investigative Story'. It was reported by Shivani Gupta and Abhishek Verma (Cameraperson).
 - The story was part of a series called 'Two Cursed' launched by Gaon Connection last year to assess the lives of rape victim's years after the crime took place.
- The 'Laadli Media Awards' is an initiative of Mumbai-based social impact organisation Population First, supported by the United Nations Population Fund

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(UNFPA) and has been working for the past two decades to promote gender sensitisation in the media across the country.

- At the 13th edition of the awards ceremony, a total of 87 journalists were awarded the Laadli Media Advertising Award for gender sensitivity, while another 31 received jury commendation certificates. More than 850 entries were received in 13 languages for the awards on gender sensitisation from across the country.



Gaon Connection Bags 2 Laadli Media Awards on Gender Sensitivity

Amar Ujala's Chandrabhan Yadav Received 'Laadli Media Award'

Why In News?

Chandrabhan Yadav, chief correspondent of Amar Ujala State Bureau (Uttar Pradesh), has been awarded the 'Laadli Media Awards 2023' by 'Population First', a prestigious organization working in the field of gender equality.

Key Points:

- The 'Laadli Media Award' is given by the 'Population First' organization to promote gender sensitivity. The Laadli media award was announced by the organization on October 21 this year.
- More than 850 journalists from 13 languages from across the country had submitted entries for this award, out of which 87 were selected and honored by the jury members. Apart from these, 31 journalists were given jury commendation letters.
- Chandrabhan Yadav, chief correspondent of Amar Ujala State Bureau, has been given this award for his story published in Amar Ujala titled 'Illness husband and wife both suffer, yet the wife is suffering'.

- Earlier, Chandrabhan Yadav had also received a fellowship from the Reach Media Foundation.
- The vice-chancellor of Baba Amte Divyang University, Jaipur, Prof. S.K. Singh was also present on the occasion. Dr Dev Swarup, Head of Policy and Partnerships, United Nations Population Fund, Jaideep Biswas, Programme Management Specialist, UNFPA, Anuja Gulati, Programme Management Specialist and Kalyan Singh Kothari, Secretary, Lok Samvad Sansthan felicitated Pandey.



State-of-the-Art Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles (EV) will be Built on the Expressways

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on October 25, 2023, state-of-the-art charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) will be built on the expressway of Uttar Pradesh. For this, the process of setting up public charging stations with battery swapping systems has started.

Key Points:

- Public charging stations with battery swapping systems will be set up on Yamuna, Agra-Lucknow, Bundelkhand, Purvanchal and Gorakhpur Link Expressways.
- The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) will develop these charging stations in PPP mode.
- UPEIDA will give land for 10 years on ordinary lease to the selected applicants for charging stations. Also,

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UPEIDA will provide 100 percent financial support. Through the tender, the charge point operator will be selected, who will develop the public charging station.

- Apart from this, the government will set up 2000 charging stations to promote electric vehicles. This includes 1,300 EV public charging stations in municipal cities including Agra, Lucknow, Prayagraj, 100 in heritage sites like Ram Mandir, Taj Mahal, 200 at tourist places like Mathura-Vrindavan and Varanasi-Ayodhya and 400 EV public charging stations on national and state highways of the state.



Uttar Pradesh Becomes the State with the Fourth Largest Startup Ecosystem in the Country.

Why In News?

According to a recent report by KPMG, an agency compiling investment data in the state, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the state with the fourth largest startup ecosystem in the country.

Key Points:

- At present, there are more than 108 unicorn startups in the country, of which eight are from Uttar Pradesh. All the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh have startups, including eight unicorns and many are fast moving towards becoming unicorns.
- According to the KPMG report, PayTM, PayTM Mall, India Mart, Moglix, Pine Labs, Innovator, Info Edge and Physics from Uttar Pradesh have been included in the country's unicorn startups.

- Unicorns are startups that have a valuation of more than one billion dollars. Similarly, a unicorn is a startup that has the potential to become a unicorn in the near future. At present, two unicorn startups are working in the state, their names are Class Plus and Inshorts.
- According to the report, 49 percent of startups in Uttar Pradesh belong to tier-2 and tier-3 cities. More than one lakh jobs have been created by the startup ecosystem in the state.
- The state government had set a target of 10,000 startups by the year 2025, against which this target has been achieved only by the middle of the year 2023.



Uttar Pradesh Taps the Country in Providing Tap Connections under 'Har Ghar Jal Yojana'

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on October 27, 2023, Uttar Pradesh is at the top position in the country in providing tap connections under the 'Har Ghar Jal Yojana' of Jal Jeevan Mission. Till now, the Uttar Pradesh government has provided pure tap water to 1 crore, 60 lakh, 57 thousand, and 65 rural families.

Key Points:

- On behalf of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department, a mega campaign to provide clean drinking water to the rural population in the state has been started to provide clean water to rural areas through the Har Ghar Jal Yojana of Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Uttar Pradesh has become the state providing the most tap connections. Under the scheme, work is being done to provide tap connections to more than 40 thousand villagers every day in the state.

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- In Uttar Pradesh, just 5 lakh 16 thousand 221 families had tap connections prior to 2019. In contrast, over 1 crore 60 lakh rural families in the state have received clean drinking water at their homes over the past three and a half years.
- Har Ghar Jal Yojana-
 - It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2019. By 2024, the mission aims to provide every rural household with access to 55 litres of water per person per day via the Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC).
 - It comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - The mission aims to ensure the functionality of existing water supply systems and water connections, water quality monitoring and testing as well as sustainable agriculture.
 - This guarantees that water is conserved jointly. Along with this, it also ensures enhancement of the drinking water source, drinking water supply system, grey water treatment, and re-use.



Government Schools of Purvanchal Top on Standards like Education and Discipline.

Why In News?

On October 30, 2023, government schools in Purvanchal topped the rankings of the Uttar Pradesh Basic

Education Department for the month of August-September. In the latest report of 823 development blocks of the state, the blocks of Purvanchal have got a place in the top 10.

Key Points:

- Two blocks of Ballia district, Bairia and Maniyar, are ranked first and second, respectively, while Belhari is ninth. Sakaldiha of Chandauli district is third, Kerakat of Jaunpur district is fourth, Bhagalpur of Deoria district is fifth, Salempur is seventh, Bhaluani is tenth, and Abholi and Aurai of Bhadohi district are sixth and eighth, respectively. Kaurihar First of Prayagraj district has been ranked 14th in the entire state.
- Khatauli block in Muzaffarnagar district of western Uttar Pradesh is ranked 16th; Khair block of Aligarh district is ranked 49th; Saroorpur in Meerut district is ranked 56th; Kaira in Bareilly district is ranked 77th; Kheragarh in Agra district is ranked 97th; Dilari in Moradabad district is ranked 218th; and Swar block of Rampur district is ranked 250th in the ranking.
- Lucknow's Gosaiganj block has a 319th rank, which is the best among the blocks of the capital.
- The block-wise released rankings have been prepared based on several parameters. The rankings have been done on the basis of ongoing Mission Kayakalp, absence of teachers, attendance of students, meetings, etc. for the renovation of schools.



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