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### Uttar Pradesh Ranks Second in Bajra Production

#### Why in News?

On September 2, 2022, the Official Spokesperson of Uttar Pradesh informed that Uttar Pradesh stood at the second place in terms of Bajra production in the country. About 50 lakh metric tonnes of bajra is produced in the state, which is 19.69 percent of the total millet production in the country.

#### **Key Points**

- It is worth mentioning that the United Nations (UN), acting on India's proposal, has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets.
- The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to organize several programs to popularize bajra and other nutritious cereals in the state. The Action Plan for the International Millet Year 2023 focuses on strategies to increase production, consumption, exports and branding, among others.
- In the proposed action plan, the government will focus on increasing the cultivation area, production and productivity of bajra. The area under bajra cultivation, which is 9.80 lakh hectare in 2022, will be increased to 10.19 lakh hectare. The productivity will be increased from the present 24.55 quintal per hectare to 25.53 quintal per hectare.
- Similarly, the government aims to increase the area under jowar cultivation to 2.24 lakh hectares from the current 2.15 lakh hectares. Similarly, the area, production and productivity of Kodo and Sanva will also increase.
- To boost the production of millet, the government is planning to organize cluster demonstrations, area expansion through shared seed distribution and free seed minikit distribution.
- Bajra is the best suited for water scarcity and drought conditions. It consumes at least 70 percent less water than other crops and requires minimal inputs and almost no pesticides. For farmers, Bajra/millet is a low-risk crop for climate change. Therefore, the government plans to promote the cultivation of nutritious cereals in rainfed areas.
- In addition, the government is planning to promote coarse cereals under the Public Distribution System.
  The government will also give complete information

about coarse cereals in cropping method based training. The focus will be on development of varieties rich in specific nutrients including protein, zinc, iron and vitamins.

- To create awareness among the people, information will be disseminated through road shows, hoardings, wall paintings etc. Apart from this, National Coarse Grains Day will also be organized at the state, district and block level.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh will encourage and promote the production of not only millet, but also processed, millet products for the national and global market. Biscuit factory, bread factory and other food processing units will be set up.

### Uttar Pradesh Government will use Drain Water for Irrigation

#### Why In News?

On September 3, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh directed officials to prepare a plan to use drain water for irrigation of crops in the state.

#### Key Points

- The Jal Shakti Minister stressed on ensuring that drain water does not flow into the rivers and is used for irrigation.
- He said that this will not increase pollution in the rivers and at the same time the cost of irrigation will also be reduced significantly. This will also help in conserving water used in irrigation.
- Directing officials to monitor 848 drains flowing in the state, the minister said a five-member committee should be formed to monitor the drains. People living around the drains and associated with the society should be made members of the committee.
- He said that the Namami Gange department would also look after the ongoing Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) works across the state.
- Anurag Srivastava, Principal Secretary, Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department, while directing the engineers said that they should implement CCTV surveillance on the Ganga land from this month and monitor every STP 24 hours from the control room.



### Deoria's Khurshid Ahmed honoured with 'National Teachers Award'

#### Why in News?

On the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu honoured Khurshid Ahmed, a teacher of Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh with the National Teacher Award-2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

#### **Key Points**

- It is worth mentioning that this year 46 teachers from across the country were selected for the National Teacher Award, including the only teacher from Uttar Pradesh, Khurshid Ahmed.
- Khurshid Ahmed was presented with a silver medal, a check of Rs 50,000 prize money and a certificate by the President.
- Khurshid Ahmed of Composite School Sehwa in Deoria has been given this award for innovation in science education. He has been selected alone among the basic and secondary school teachers of the state.
- It is worth noting that on Teacher's Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on 5th September, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- Teachers are selected for the awards in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honour such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

### Kannauj's perfume

#### Why in News?

On September 6, 2022, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government said that the state government would host the first International Perfume Festival in February next year with the aim of establishing the perfume of Kannauj in the global market under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme, in which delegations from all the leading countries including Europe and the Middle East, including France, a leader in the perfume industry, will be invited.

#### **Key Points**

- At the International Perfume Festival, visitors from different countries will be introduced to the process of manufacturing the perfume of Kannauj, the basic ingredients used in it, among other features.
- The festival will provide a platform to the perfume makers and entrepreneurs of Kannauj to do business with foreign companies. Through this, perfume traders of Kannauj will also get an opportunity to showcase their products to foreign buyers and explore the possibilities of global trade.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be responsible for bringing the foreign delegation for the International Perfume Festival.
- Under this event, there will be a one-day program in Lucknow, in which various seminars will be organized. After this all the foreign guests will be taken to Kannauj. Here they will get a chance to meet perfume entrepreneurs, perfume manufacturers and exporters.
- The International Perfume Festival will be attended by representatives of countries from all over the world, who are related to the perfumery, perfumerelated industries. These will include manufacturers, entrepreneurs and sellers. Especially representatives of European countries like France, Germany, Switzerland will be present. Apart from this, many countries of the Middle East including Dubai will also participate in it. France is the most important of all these countries, as it is considered a leader in the perfume industry.
- It is worth mentioning that the perfume of Kannauj is famous all over the world. The most important thing about the perfume of Kannauj is use of essential oil in the manufacturing of perfume. It is completely organic and does not cause any side effect or harm to its users. At the same time, in most countries, alcohol is used more in the manufacturing of perfume. Gradually the world market is moving towards essential oil. In such condition, these countries are looking towards India.
- Foreign guests coming to this festival will also be taken to the perfume park being built on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway. The state government is constructing a perfume park in an area of 57 acres in Kannauj. Its



- first phase is likely to be inaugurated by the end of November this year. In the first phase, 30 acres will be constructed, while in the second phase, the park will be constructed on the remaining 27 acres.
- Plots will be provided to the small perfume traders of Kannauj in the perfume park, where they will be able to display their products on large scale. Through this perfume park, the government aims to provide common facilities with advanced machinery to the people doing perfume work from homes or shops on a small scale.

### Lumpy Virus: 300 km Long Immune Belt to be built on the lines of Malaysia

#### Why In News?

On September 8, 2022, Special Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Livestock Department, Devendra Pandey said that in view of the increasing cases of Lumpy virus in the western districts of the state, the department has taken about 300 km from Pilibhit to Etawah on the lines of Malaysia. 10 km to the distance. A master plan has been prepared to cover with a wide immune belt.

#### **Key Points**

- Special Secretary Devendra Pandey said that this master plan has been approved by the state government. This belt will act as a border in a way and the lumpy virus will not be able to cross it and go from western Uttar Pradesh to eastern Uttar Pradesh.
- Preparations have been completed by the Animal Husbandry Department to make immune belts through vaccination. 100 percent vaccination will be done in animals in this entire belt. A special task force is being formed to monitor the operation. The task force will take care of tracking and treating animals infected with the Lumpy virus.
- Along with keeping a close watch on infected animals, arrangements will be made to stop them within the immune belt. In fact, such an effort has been made in Malaysia in the year 2020 to prevent animal infection, the results of which were very positive.
- This belt, to be built on the lines of Malaysia, will pass through 23 blocks of five districts. The Immune Belt would pass through Bisalpur, Barkheda, Lalorikheda, Marori and Amaria development blocks of Pilibhit

district via Khudaganj, Nigohi, Sidhauli, Bhawal Kheda, Kant, Jalalabad and Mirzapur development blocks of Shahjahanpur district to Kayamganj, Shamsabad and Rajepur development blocks of Farrukhabad district. It will go up to Kurawali, Sultanganj and Ghirour development blocks of Mainpuri district and Badhpura, Jaswantnagar, Saifai, Basrehar and Takha development blocks of Etawah.

- Most of the cases of lumpy virus in the state have been reported in the western districts only. 23 districts of the state are affected by the lumpy virus. Of these, the highest number of cases have been reported in Aligarh, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur. At the same time, the virus is spreading rapidly in Mathura, Bulandshahr, Baghpat, Hapur, Meerut, Shamli and Bijnor.
- So far, 21,619 bovines of 2,331 villages of the state have been infected due to the lumpy virus. In view of the severity of the infection, the government has started a massive vaccination drive and so far 5,83,600 bovines have been vaccinated.
- It is noteworthy that lumpy virus is a dangerous virus found in animals. It travels from the body of one animal to the body of another by certain species and insects of flies and mosquitoes. Animals infected with the lumpy virus lose their appetite as they have a high fever. Apart from this, round raised lumps are formed throughout the body including face, neck, snout, eyelids. At the same time, swelling in the legs, lameness and the ability to work in the male animal are also reduced. Sometimes animals also die.

### Income Limit Ended in the Schemes of SC Finance and Development Corporation

#### Why In News?

On September 11, 2022, Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (Anugum) said that the condition of maximum income limit has been abolished to take advantage of self-employment schemes of Anugum.

#### **Key Points**

Chairman Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal said that any person belonging to scheduled castes will be able to take



advantage of these schemes, but those with an annual income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh will be given priority.

- Self-employment units will have to be set up in clusters and the limit of the grant has also been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000 per beneficiary. Till now, for eligibility in the schemes of Uttar Pradesh Angam, the annual income limit was Rs 47,080 in rural areas and Rs 56,460 in urban areas.
- In July 2018, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had requested the Government of India to increase the income and grant limit. Under this, the central government has made major changes in the income limit and grant amount for eligibility.
- The Chairman informed that the schemes of Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation will now be known as 'Pradhan Mantri Scheduled Caste Abhyudaya Yojana'. The Central and State Governments have taken this big step for the economic empowerment of Dalits by taking ambitious schemes to the grassroots level to end Dalit oppression.
- Dr. Nirmal said that under this scheme Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana would be implemented in scheduled caste dominated villages. Under this, instead of individual projects, groups of Dalits will be made entrepreneurs. Arrangements have been made to provide training to the beneficiaries for making projects and to monitor their enterprise.
- Arrangements have also been made to provide market to the products of the beneficiaries. It has been planned to develop 6171 scheduled caste dominated villages as model villages in the state.

### Nine New Dairy Plants will Open in the State

#### Why In News?

During his speech at the inaugural session of International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 held in Greater Noida on September 12, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the state is the top milk producer of the country and the next two Nine new dairy plants will be operational in the years.

#### **Key Points**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Conference 2022 held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The conference was last held in India in 1974.

- The four-day dairy conference is being attended by dairy people from all over the world, including India. Apart from this, industry leaders, experts, farmers and policy makers will also participate in the program.
- The conference focuses on the theme 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood'. Apart from this, it also focuses on job creation and nutrition, which are quite relevant issues.
- Yogi Adityanath said That Uttar Pradesh contributes 16 percent to the total dairy production of the country with an annual milk production of 319 lakh tonnes and is the top milk producing state in the country.
- He said that at present 110 dairies are functioning in the organized sector in Uttar Pradesh and this includes dairies in the cooperative sector. There are also 8,600
  milk societies in the state, through which more than four lakh members engaged in milk production are active.
- He said that at present work is going on in full swing to start a new greenfield dairy plant in Uttar Pradesh. These plants will be commissioned in the next one to two years. Work is underway to establish four more such milk producer institutions in different areas of the state. He said that the state government would invest in the state under Nand Baba Milk Mission during the next five years.

### PM Inaugurates International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 in Greater Noida

#### Why In News?

On September 12, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 (IDF World Dairy Summit 2022) held at India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Key Points**

Held from September 12 to 15, the four-day IDF WDS 2022, focused on the theme of 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood', is a gathering of global and Indian dairy



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stakeholders including industry stalwarts, experts, farmers and policy planners.

- Around 1500 participants from 50 countries are expected to participate in IDF WDS 2022. The last such summit was held in India almost half a century ago in 1974.
- The Prime Minister spoke of the importance of 'livestock' and milk-related business in India's cultural landscape. He said that unlike other developed countries of the world, the real strength of the dairy sector in India is small farmers. India's dairy sector is identified more by 'production by mass' than 'mass production'. Based on the efforts of these small farmers with one, two or three cattle, India is the largest milk producing country.
- He said milk production across the world is growing at a rate of 2 percent while in India it is growing at an annual rate of over 6 percent. The sector provides employment to more than 8 crore families in the country.
- The government has taken several steps for the betterment of the dairy sector, resulting in an increase of over 44 percent in milk production in the last eight years.
- The Indian dairy industry is unique as it is based on a cooperative model that empowers small and marginal dairy farmers, especially women.
- The success story of the Indian dairy industry, which accounts for about 23 per cent of global milk, produces around 210 million tonnes annually and empowers over 80 million dairy farmers, will be showcased at IDF WDS 2022.
- Organizing this summit will help Indian dairies as well as help farmers in getting information about global best practices.

### Six Youth Discovered New Rhythm in Uttarakhand

#### Why In News?

Recently, six youths from Tehri, Pauri and Rudraprayag districts of Uttarakhand have discovered a new rhythm in the Himalayan region. No name has been given to Taal yet. This pool is 160 meters long and 155 meters wide.

#### **Key Points**

- Abhishek Panwar and Akash Panwar of Gondar village, Deepak Panwar of Giria village, Vinay Negi and Lalit Mohan Lingwal of Tehri-Badiagarh and Arvind Rawat of Khandah-Srinagar started their trekking expedition from Gondar village on 27<sup>th</sup> August.
- Abhishek Panwar, who was involved in the team, told that Nandi Kund, Kanchani Tal, Ashit Tal, Maina Tal are situated all around the anonymous pool. Vinay Singh Negi of Tehri-Badiyargarh found a pool near the Maheshwar-Pandvasera-Nandkundi-Ghiya Vinayak Pass-Panapatia trekking circuit in Google Earth in June-July last year.
- He prepared a digital map of the entire trekking circuit and also took the help of old maps. After this all the six youths made a plan to explore this unnamed pool and started the rhythm search campaign. Young trekkers reached Tal with the help of Google Earth and old maps. The new rhythm is very beautiful and gorgeous.
  - According to the youth, they reached the glacier camp site from the dry pool situated at an altitude of 4350 meters above sea level, which is at an altitude of 5100 meters above sea level. After this, on September 1, the trekker descended about one and a half hundred meters before proceeding from the glacier camp, where he saw this pool.
  - This pool is situated at an altitude of 4870 meters above sea level. The length of the pool is 160 meters, width is 155 meters. With regard to the naming of the pool, the entire area which is decorated with ancient pools and pools will be studied.

### 18 new police stations and 22 police posts will be built in Uttar Pradesh, tourism station will open in Kushinagar

#### Why In News?

On September 14, 2022, Principal Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Home Department, Sanjay Prasad said that the state government has decided to set up 18 new police stations and 22 outposts and open a new tourist police station in Kushinagar to further strengthen the policing system in different districts of the state.



#### **Key Points**

- Sanjay Prasad said that it has been decided to set up 18 new police stations and 22 outposts in different districts of the state to further strengthen peace and order in the state, curb crimes more effectively, provide more safe environment to women and common people.
- Necessary orders have been issued to the Director General of Police and Additional Director General of Police (Police Headquarters) in this regard. Apart from this, separate instructions will be issued regarding the creation of necessary posts in these new police stations and police posts of the state.
- In Ghaziabad district, new police stations have been created in the name of Web City by cutting the area of Mussoorie / Kavi Nagar police station and crossing republic by cutting the area of Vijay Nagar police station. After the division of Khampar and Bankata police stations, Suroli will be the new police station in Deoria.
- A new police station named Baba Bazar has been created by cutting the area of Mawai police station of Ayodhya. The police post established in Rahimabad village of Malihabad police station area of the capital Lucknow has been upgraded and a new police station named Rahimabad has been created. It has been decided to set up an airport police station in Dhoomanganj area of Prayagraj.
- The Principal Secretary said that five new police posts have been opened in Aligarh, three in Ghazipur and two each in Hardoi and Sitapur. Apart from this, one new police post will be opened in Farrukhabad, Agra, Mathura, Bahraich, Prayagraj, Hardoi, Amethi, Sitapur, Unghnav, Pratapgarh.

### Floating Solar Plant of Uttar Pradesh

#### Why In News?

On September 15, 2022, power generation started from a 20 MW floating solar plant at NTPC at Dibiyapur in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh after a multi-phase investigation. This has taken the total capacity of NTPC Auraiya plant to 704 MW.

#### **Key Points**

NTPC Additional General Manager Sanjay Balyan said that this floating solar plant is the first in the state. NTPC has so far installed floating solar plants on reservoirs in four states - Ramagundam in Telangana, Kayamkulam in Kerala, Kawas in Gujarat and Semadri in Andhra Pradesh.

- NTPC had invited tenders for the floating solar plant at Auraiya in September 2019. The company that received the tender started work on the solar plant in June 2020. In August 2022, the solar plant was ready. After this, the testing and commissioning work was completed.
- Solar panels of 500 watt capacity have been used at NTPC at Dibiyapur. The total cost of the floating solar plant is around Rs 90 crore.
- An on-ground solar plant of 20 MW capacity has been installed at NTPC plant premises at a cost of about Rs.100 crore. 330 MW solar panel modules have been installed in the solar plant on the ground.
  Commercial power generation from this plant has been started in three phases (in the first phase eight MW on November 10, 2020, seven MW on December 4, 2020, and five MW on February 20, 2021) by grid connectivity.
- Now commercial power generation has started from Dibiyapur floating solar plant. With this, the generation capacity of the solar plant has increased to 40 MW. NTPC has also set up a 664 MW gas and naphtha power generation plant at Auraiya. Thus, the total capacity of NTPC Auraiya plant has increased to 704 MW.
- According to NTPC officials, the power generated from gas and naphtha-based plants ranges from Rs
  5 to Rs 20 per unit. Electricity generated from solar will be Rs 3.02 per unit.

### **Flatted Factory Complex**

#### Why In News?

On September 17, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath virtually laid the foundation stone of the proposed flatted factory complex at PPDC in Foundry Nagar, Tajnagari Agra.

#### **Key Points**

The foundation stone of this flatted factory project, to be built at a cost of Rs 125 crore, was to be laid in Navratri, but the Chief Minister changed the foundation stone program and laid its foundation stone on The Birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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- In this first flat factory premises of the state, 200 entrepreneurs will be able to set up their factories under one roof. The proposed flat factory on 21,500 square meters of land will have a construction area of four lakh square feet. Nine lifts will be installed in the five-storey building.
- Uttar Pradesh Small Industries Corporation Vice Chairman Rakesh Garg said that a 3 MW substation, rain water prevention and solar energy will be arranged in the eco-friendly factory premises. The entrepreneur can start his work as soon as he comes to the flatted factory complex. Here he just has to plug on by putting his machinery, with this, their production will start.
- According to Rakesh Garg, the factory space will be provided to the entrepreneurs at the actual cost price. The industry recorded in the non-polluting white category will be given priority to the garment industry, while new startups will also find a place here. With a garment factory in one place, the buyers coming will get the facility to place all the orders at one place. A display and auditorium will also be built here.
- Some important things of the state's first flattened factory-
  - Industrial units will be set up in the four-storey complex.
  - The proposed building at Foundry Nagar will be spread over 21,500 square metres.
  - o One lakh square feet area will be used on each floor.
  - Nine lifts will be installed for luggage, employees.
  - A support facility area will be built for industry related supplies on the ground floor.
  - $\sigma~$  Canteen facility will be available for the employees.
  - Rainwater harvesting, solar panels, STPs will be built.
  - There will be zero discharge campus, separate electricity substation.
  - $\odot\,$  An 18-metre wide road will be constructed on both sides of the campus.
  - Administrative building blocks will be created for industries.

### Nandi Sanctuary to be built in Moradabad Division

#### Why In News?

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On September 19, 2022, Moradabad Divisional Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh, Anjaney Singh said that an initiative is being taken to create Nandi Sanctuary in Moradabad division to overcome the problem of stray cattle.

#### **Key Points**

- Many gaushalas have been built for the maintenance of cows in the state and their system has been improved, but no arrangement could be made to take care of the Nandi's. In order to solve this problem, a plan has been made to establish these sanctuaries.
- The divisional commissioner said that the initiative is being taken in three districts of Moradabad division -Sambhal, Amroha and Bijnor. The work of establishing Nandi Sanctuary has been started here.
- Nandi will be able to roam in these sanctuaries without any fear. For this, Caraunda trees will be planted around here for the time being. After this, many such plants including bamboo will be planted, which will also generate income.
- Nandi sanctuaries will have their own sources of income, so that there should not be any problem in their operation in future. There will also be arrangements for pastures and hay for grazing the rivers.
- After successful operation in all the three districts, the project will be sent to the state government. If all goes well, such sanctuaries will be built in other districts affected by stray cattle in the future.
- By bringing the Nandi's to one place, these Nandi Sanctuaries will become a witness to the fear-free environment for them. Nandi will move between trees and plants and grass. If there is a reservoir for drinking water, these sanctuaries will also be connected to it. Along with this, tube wells will also be arranged.
- For this, the advice and cooperation of the village head of the concerned gram sabha will also be included in it. Additional Commissioner BN Yadav has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the scheme.
- The Divisional Commissioner said that if the experiment of this project is successful, then it will be effective in all the districts of the state. It has been started with this intention.



### Proposal to Build an International Airport at Nawabganj in Unnao

#### Why In News?

On September 20, 2022, Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) Vice Chairman Arvind Singh informed that a proposal has been submitted to build an international airport bigger than Jewar in Nawabganj of Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Key Points**

- On the lines of Delhi-NCR, three more cities Sitapur, Rae Bareli and Hardoi - have also been included in the Lucknow-Kanpur State Capital Region. Earlier, apart from Lucknow and Kanpur, only Unnao and Barabanki cities were included.
- KDA vice-president Arvind Singh said that about 10,000 acres of land will be required to build the airport. The work of marking the land has started.
- Arvind Singh said that it has taken about 9 months to prepare this project. It is also important to build an international airport near Nawabganj because Amausi Airport cannot be expanded anymore.
- On the instructions of the government, the KDA has made a concept plan under the State Capital Region, in which the minimum distance from Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary to the airport is 5 km. has been kept, so that there is no effect on the habitat of birds.
- The benefit of this airport will be available not only to the state capital region, but also to Bundelkhand, cities of eastern Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

### Famous Comedian Raju Srivastava Passed Away at the Age of 58

#### Why In News?

On September 21, 2022, renowned comedian and actor Raju Srivastava passed away at the age of 58 at AIIMS Hospital in Delhi. He was undergoing treatment for the last 41 days at Delhi AIIMS, where he breathed his last during treatment.

#### **Key Points**

- Raju Srivastava was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on August 10 after he suffered a heart attack while running on a treadmill at the gym. He was on life support since then and had also shown some signs of improvement.
- Born December 25, 1963 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India His real name was Satya Prakash Srivastava, professionally known as Raju Srivastava. Raju Srivastava is often referred to as 'Gajodhar Bhaiya'.
- Raju Srivastava was an Indian comedian, actor and politician. He was a member of the Bhartiya Janata Party since 2014. In March 2019, he was appointed as the chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Film Development Council by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh.
- He moved to Mumbai in the 1980s to work in the Hindi film industry. He acted in films like Baazigar, Bombay to Goa, Aamdani Atthanni Kharcha Rupaiya etc.
- He became the runner-up in the comedy show 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge'. He won the title of 'The King of Comedy' in its spin-off show 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge-Champions'.

### Govind from Gorakhpur will Represent the Asian Championship of Boxing

### Why In News?

On September 22, 2022, boxing coach Sujit Kumar Gautam informed that Govind Sahni of Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh will represent the country in the Asian Championship of Boxing to be held in Jordan from October 30 to November 12.

#### **Key Points**

- Govind Sahni of Uttar Pradesh is the only player from the state who managed to make it to the Indian team.
  He will represent the country in the 48kg weight category.
- It is known that Govind had represented India at the World Championships held in Serbia in October 2021 but could not win any medal.
- It is noteworthy that Govind Sahni has won gold medal in men's elite national boxing championship in Karnataka, gold medal in open international boxing championship in Thailand, gold medal in open



- international boxing championship in Vietnam, gold medal in open international boxing championship in Kazakhstan.
- Apart from this, he has also won medals in international level boxing competition held in India along with Finland, Poland, Russia.

### New Medical Colleges to be Opened in Six Districts of Uttar Pradesh

#### Why In News?

On September 22, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Medical Education Principal Secretary Alok Kumar informed that the central government has given in-principle consent to open medical colleges in six districts of the state under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme. This work will be done under the 'One District One Medical College' program.

#### **Key Points**

- Under the 'One District One Medical College' program, the process of opening medical colleges in Mahoba, Mainpuri, Baghpat, Hamirpur, Hathras and Kasganj districts on PPP mode has started. Investors will be selected through tenders for running medical colleges.
- In Uttar Pradesh, medical colleges are to be opened on PPP model in 16 districts. It will cost around Rs 1525 crore to open medical colleges in six districts. The central government will provide a subsidy of Rs 1012 crore in this. A college will get an average subsidy of Rs 160 crore each.
- Work has started by selecting investors to open medical colleges in Maharajganj and Sambhal. Apart from this, the process of opening medical colleges in Shamli and Mau is underway.
- Principal Secretary of Medical Education Department Alok Kumar said that for the medical colleges to be opened on PPP model, the state government will give the district hospital and land on lease for 33 years. After this, the investor will return the medical college. It will be the property of the state government. Also, stamp duty exemption and subsidy in equipment will be given.
- Alok Kumar said that at present there are 65 medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh, including government and

private. The central institutes include two AIIMS, one BHU and one Aligarh Medical College in Rae Bareli and Gorakhpur.

- Amethi, Auraiya, Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Chandauli, Gonda, Kanpur Dehat, Kaushambi, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Pilibhit, Sonbhadra and Sultanpur districts will get medical colleges by 2022-23. Their construction work is underway.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated medical colleges in nine districts - Deoria, Etah, Fatehpur, Ghazipur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh and Siddharthnagar - last year.

### Uttar Pradesh Assembly passes CRPC Amendment Bill

#### Why In News?

On September 23, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Assembly passed the CRPC i.e. Code of Criminal Procedure (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2022 to curb crimes against women. Under this, now the accused in cases of rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) will not get anticipatory bail.

#### **Key Points**

- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna proposed to pass the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in the House. Speaker Satish Mahana announced the passage of the bill as the ruling members voted for it.
- It is to be notified that the Code of Criminal Procedure (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2022 was introduced in the Assembly by the state government on September 22.
- Under the provision of the Bill, rape accused will no longer get anticipatory bail. The amendment bill seeks to amend Section 438 of the CRPC as well as provide for not granting anticipatory bail to the accused under sections 376, 376-A, 376-AB, 376-B, 376-C, 376-D, 376-DA, 376-DB, 386-E.
- Not only rape and gangrape but also in cases of sexual offences, abuse and sexual abuse, anticipatory bail will not be granted.
- However, it is mandatory to get the approval of the Central Government on the implementation of this law because it requires the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



### Alakh Pandey Physicswala named in Global Hurun Richlist

#### Why in News?

Recently, Alakh Pandey Physicswala of Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh has got a place in the International Hurun Rich list. The list includes the names of 25 rich people of Uttar Pradesh. Alakh Pandey's name has been included in this list for the first time.

#### **Key Points**

- Significantly, Alakh Pandey's startup had joined the unicorn list of Rs 8000 crore a few days ago. Alakh Pandey is also known as Physicswala. He is the founder and CEO of Physics Wala.
- Alakh Pandey is known for preparing for competitive examinations. For his different style of teaching, he is popular among students all over the country and has become a different identity.
- Alakh Pandey is originally from Prayagraj. Alakh Pandey was educated at Vishap Johnson School in Prayagraj. He scored 91% in high school and 93.5% in class 12. He started teaching children younger than him from school. After some time, he started teaching in a coaching.
- In the year 2020, students preparing for competitive exams like NEET and JEE benefited greatly in the lock down during Corona, as well as the YouTube channel became very popular. In the same year, Alakh Pandey, along with Pratik Maheshwari, registered as a company as Physicswala Private Limited.

### Dr Jaideep and Dr Niharika among 75 leading women of the country honoured by British High Commissioner

#### Why in News?

Recently, the British Council of India felicitated Dr Jaideep Malhotra, Director (Former Chairman, Fogsy) and his daughter Dr. Niharika Malhotra, Rainbow IVF and Ujala Cygnus Rainbow Hospital, Agra at the British High Commission residence in New Delhi.

#### **Key Points**

- The Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India has included the doctor mother and daughter in the second edition of the book 'She is Women in Steam', placing them among the 75 leading women of the country.
- British High Commissioner Alex Ellis and India's Principal Scientific Advisor Professor Ajay Kumar Sood released the book honouring him. The book ranks 75 leading women from across the country.
- The book is based on the real-life stories, hope, courage and determination of these women. It has interviews of 75 women, including Dr Jaideep Malhotra and Dr Niharika Malhotra. Both have been honoured for their contribution to the society and the treatment of childlessness, considering the example of women empowerment.
- Dr Jaideep is also a representative of WHO's 125-nation grouping on maternal and child health, FIGO and India's Accountability Group. Dr. Niharika is also working on women empowerment and environment through her organization 'Save the Girl Child'.

### India's Second Nano-Fertilizer Plant Set-up in Prayagraj

#### Why In News?

 According to the information received from the media on September 25, 2022, the country's second nano fertilizer plant has been ready in Phulpur, Prayagraj.
Production will start as soon as the government approves it. The plant is expected to be commissioned in November.

#### **Key Points**

- This will be IFFCO's second plant in the country at Phulpur. IFFCO's first nano fertilizer unit in the country was established in Kalol, Gujarat. It was launched by Prime Minister Modi.
- In the second phase, units have been set up at Aonla (Bareilly) and Phulpur (Prayagraj). The production capacity of Phulpur plant is 7 crore and Amla has a capacity of 11 crore bottles per annum.
- A target of producing 70 lakh bottles of manure has been set in Phulpur between November and March next year. IFFCO has set a target of producing 32



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crore bottles of nano urea annually from the three plants, which will replace 13.7 crore metric tonnes of subsidized urea.

- Phulpur unit head Sanjay Kudeshia said that nano fertilizer liquid has been prepared in the plant, which will start production from November. This fertilizer will not only help in saving the fertility being destroyed due to excessive use of urea at present, but will also save money, labor and time of the farmers.
- The fertilizer capacity of half a liter of nano manure prepared at Phulpur plant is 45 kg of urea. The weight will be equal to one sack. Argentina and Brazil have also tied up with IFFCO for its supply.
- There have been complaints of excessive use of urea to increase the yield of crops, which has been destroying the fertility of agricultural land for a long time. To address this concern, IFFCO has not only prepared nano fertilizer liquid, but has also patented it. IFFCO management claims that nano fertilizer will not only increase the fertility of the land, but also production.
- For the farmers, this fertilizer will be cheaper than urea. 45 kg. While a sack containing urea is available for Rs 267, a half-liter bottle of liquid nano compost that meets the same requirement will be available for Rs 240 only. Not only this, 24 thousand crore rupees given every year as subsidy to the farmers from the government fund will also be saved.
- It is worth noting that nano urea is not only environment friendly but it is also more profitable than urea. Where the crop gets 30 percent profit from urea, while the crop gets 80 percent profit from nano urea (nano manure). Apart from this, the cost of nano urea is also less than that of urea. Drones can also be used to spray nano fertilizers.

### 'State Planning Commission' Now 'State Transformation Commission'

#### Why In News?

In a meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on September 27, 2022, the State Planning Commission was reconstituted and renamed as the State Transformation Commission.

#### **Key Points**

the three>Uttar Pradesh Power Minister AK Sharma told reporters<br/>that the State Transformation Commission (STC) will<br/>be headed by the Chief Minister while the Finance<br/>Minister, both Deputy CMs, Agriculture Minister,<br/>Social Welfare Minister, Panchayati Raj Development<br/>Minister, Industrial Development Minister, Water

will be its members.

The vice-president of STC will be a renowned economist or social scientist. The other members include chief secretary, additional chief secretary and principal secretaries of various departments including finance, agriculture, rural development, medical and health, industrial development and planning.

**Resources Minister and Urban Development Minister** 

- The commission will also have non-official members, experts in the social sector, agriculture and economy. The term of these nominated members will be three years, which can be extended up to two years.
- Power Minister A K Sharma said the commission will act as a think tank and formulate policies after consultations with experts from various departments. The problems that the state is facing will be identified by the Commission and ways to solve them will be found. The use of PPP model will also be discussed. The present plan and their outcome will be evaluated by the Commission.
- The Planning Commission was set up in Uttar Pradesh on August 24, 1972 and helped the state government formulate policies by identifying need-based areas.

### New Bio-Energy Policy to Help Reduce Fossil Fuel Use

#### Why In News?

In a meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on September 27, 2022, it was decided to implement a bio-energy policy to reduce the use of fossil fuels as well as increase the income of farmers.

#### **Key Points**

Uttar Pradesh Power Minister AK Sharma told reporters that the Uttar Pradesh government has taken this decision while speeding up its commitment to increase the use of bio-fuels. The new policy has been formulated to finalize the possibilities of setting



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up bio-energy enterprises in the state by removing the shortcomings of the previous policies.

- Agricultural waste, agricultural produce market waste, livestock waste, sugar mill waste, urban waste and other organic waste available in abundance will be used to generate bio-fuels.
- Under the Bio-Energy Enterprise Promotion Programme-2018, 100 percent exemption in stamp duty on land purchase and 100 percent reimbursement of SGST has been given to bio-energy enterprises for ten years from the date of commencement of production.
- The term of the new policy will be five years. Bio-energy projects (compressed biogas, bio-coal, bio-ethanol and bio-diesel) to be set up in the state during this period will be encouraged.
- Under this policy, subsidy on compressed biogas production will be given at the rate of Rs 75 lakh per ton to a maximum of Rs 20 crore. This subsidy will be Rs 75,000 per tonne on bio-coal production and up to Rs 20 crore and Rs 3 lakh per kiloliter on production of biodiesel.

### Uttar Pradesh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Policy-2022

#### Why In News?

The Uttar Pradesh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Policy-2022 was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on September 27, 2022. Any amendment in this policy can be made only after the approval of the Chief Minister.

#### **Key Points**

- Under the new policy, subsidy ranging from 10 percent to 25 percent will be made available as capital subsidy to the new MSME enterprises to be set up. Capital subsidy (rebate) is available for investment on plant and machinery etc.
- In Bundelkhand and Purvanchal, would get capital subsidies in the range of 15 to 25 percent. In central and western Uttar Pradesh, the corresponding capital subsidies will be set at 10 to 20 percent. 2 percent more relaxation will be given for SC-ST and women entrepreneurs.

- The maximum limit of gratuity has been fixed at Rs 4 crore per unit. There is a provision for capital subsidy of up to 25 percent on investment and up to 50 percent interest subvention on loans taken.
- There will be 100 percent exemption in stamp duty on the purchase of land for setting up MSME parks of more than 10 acres in the state and 50 percent interest subsidy (maximum Rs 2 crore) will be provided for 7 years on the loan taken. Also, financial assistance of up to Rs 10 crore can be given for the Common Effluent Treatment Plan (CETP) for the disposal of effluents.
- Under the capital interest subvention for new micro industries to be set up in the state, 50 percent discount will be available on the annual interest payable on the loan. This interest subsidy will be given for 5 years and the maximum limit will be Rs 25 lakh per unit. For SC-ST and women entrepreneurs, this interest subvention will be up to 60 percent.
- According to the policy, MSME units will be encouraged to list on the stock exchange to provide credit from as many sources as possible. All such entities will be compensated for 20 per cent of the expenditure of listing and a maximum of Rs 5 lakh. Establishment of flatted factory will be encouraged.
  - The process of allotment of plots and sheds in industrial establishments will be made online. In order to encourage MSMEs in rural areas, 5 acres or more of gram sabha land will be recaptured and transferred to the Directorate of Industries free of cost.
- 5 km on either side of the expressway. MSME units will be encouraged through development of industrial estates within a distance of Rs. There is also a provision to encourage CETP in view of the problem of effluent treatment in traditional industrial clusters.
- Financial assistance up to 75% of the total cost and up to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh will be provided for achieving quality standards such as Zero Effect-Zero Defect, WHO GMP, Hallmark etc. and up to Rs 2 lakh for obtaining GI registration and patent etc.
- Financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs 20 lakh will be provided to MSME units for adopting clean and green technology.
- Entrepreneurship Development Institute will be developed as a center of excellence and entrepreneurship will be spread among the youth of the state on the basis of entrepreneurship courses.



### UP's 12 Best Nursing and Paramedical Colleges will Now Guide Other Colleges

#### Why In News?

On September 28, 2022, the Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh, focusing on medical education, informed about the 12 best nursing colleges of the state guiding other colleges.

#### **Key Points**

- On the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, 'Mission Niramaya' will be started soon to improve the quality in nursing and paramedical colleges. Its objective is to improve the quality of education and provide better employment opportunities.
- 12 colleges have been selected for mentorship. These colleges have been made mentors of other colleges. The best work being done by these colleges to provide quality education and better placements will be implemented in other colleges as well.
- GSG College of Nursing, Gorakhpur, Subharti University, Meerut, Nursing Faculty of LLRM Medical College and IIMT University, Nightingale Institute of Nursing, Gautam Budh Nagar and Nursing Faculty of Sharda University, School of Nursing at Baba Hospital, Lucknow and U.P. Nursing Faculty of University of Medical Sciences, College of Nursing of GVSM Medical College, Hillary Clinton School of Nursing Saharanpur and Nursing Colleges of Gonda and Bareilly.
- Whatever good steps and innovations are being done by these nursing and paramedical colleges for studies and placements, they will also be implemented in other nursing colleges.
- From November 2022 to February 2023, 900 nursing and paramedical colleges will be rated by the Quality Council of India (QSI). Nursing and paramedical colleges running without resources and faculty will be locked.

### MSME Policy-2022 Implemented in Uttar Pradesh

#### Why In News?

 On September 29, 2022, the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) of Uttar Pradesh issued a government order to implement the MSME Policy-2022. The policy will remain in force till September 2027.

#### **Key Points**

- MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan said that the state government will bear the one-time guarantee fee charged by banks on collateral free loans (i.e. loans without collateral) of up to Rs 2 crore to entrepreneurs investing in micro, small and medium industries in the state.
- For new micro industry, 50 percent of the annual interest payable on the loan (maximum Rs 25 lakh) per unit will be given for five years.
- Entrepreneurs will be given a subsidy of 10 to 25 percent on capital investment, 60 percent on loan interest to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs.
- In Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions, 25, 20 and 15 percent subsidy will be available respectively. Madhyaanchal and Paschimchal will have 20, 15 and 10 percent respectively. 2% additional investment incentive assistance will be provided to SC, ST and women entrepreneurs.
- The maximum limit of investment incentive will be Rs 4 crore per unit. All new food processing units with machinery and plants of Rs 5 crore and above will be provided exemption from mandi fee for five years on the purchase of raw materials as per the Mandi Act. The process of allotment of plots and sheds in industrial establishments of the department will be made online.
- The application period for eligible investment of micro units will be two years, three years for small scale industry and four years for medium industry.
- In order to provide credit to MSME units of the state from more and more sources, 20 percent (maximum Rs 5 lakh) of the expenditure on listing on the stock exchange will be reimbursed.
- Tobacco production, gutka, pan masala, alcohol, aerated beverages, carbonated products, manufacture of firecrackers, plastic carry bags (less than 40 microns), plastic bags of thickness classified by the State Government from time to time in the prohibited category and from time to time- This policy will not be applicable to investment proposals for products categorized in the Restricted Category List from time to time.



### Metro in Four More Cities of Uttar Pradesh

#### Why In News?

Recently, in a meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Principal Secretary Housing Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, instructions were given to prepare a fresh report to expedite the process of running metro in four more cities of the state.

#### **Key Points**

The Uttar Pradesh government has directed the Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation to prepare a prefeasibility report to run the metro in Meerut, Bareilly, Jhansi and Prayagraj in the state. Light or neo metros will be run in these cities.

- In Banaras, there is a preparation for a ropeway instead of metro. There will be a fresh tender of ropeway here. Apart from this, a proposal has been sent to the Central Government for approval of light metro project in Gorakhpur.
- After Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra along with NCR, now preparations for the construction of metro in four more big cities of the state have intensified. For Bareilly, Jhansi, Prayagraj, the DPR was prepared on its own at the local level in the past, but now it is not useful.
- In Meerut, Bareilly, Jhansi and Prayagraj cities, the possibility of light or neo metro is being explored instead of metro. Therefore, the government has directed to prepare a fresh physicality report here. Along with this, the DPR will also be prepared. Meerut has also been included in it.





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