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Uttar Pradesh Announces Increase in MLA Local Area Development Fund

Why in News?

- On May 31, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the MLAs Local Area Development Fund for UTTAR PRADESH will be increased from Rs 3 crore to Rs 5 crore.

Key Points

- It is a modified form of the **Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD)** of the Central Government.
- The objective of the scheme is to create need-based infrastructure at the local level, build assets of public use and remove regional imbalances in development.
- The scheme is for rural areas as well as urban areas.
- The MLAs do not get any money under this scheme. The government transfers it directly to the local authorities concerned.
 - Legislators can recommend the works to be done under it in their constituencies only on the basis of the guidelines.
 - The allocation of funds per MLA under the scheme varies from State to State.
- Significantly, the Uttar Pradesh government had increased the MLALAD fund from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore in February 2020, which was suspended in 2020-21 due to the Covid pandemic and partially restored in 2021-22.

Emperor Prithviraj

Why in News?

- On June 2, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced to exempt the film 'Samrat Prithviraj' from tax in the state after attending the screening of this bollywood biopic.

Key Points

- The film is directed by Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi and the role of Prithviraj has been played by actor Akshay Kumar.
- Prithviraj III, who was the king of the Chauhan dynasty, is called Prithviraj Chauhan.

- He ruled in 12th century from 1178 to 1192 AD. He ruled Ajmer and Delhi in central North India and his capital was located in Ajmer.
- In 2021, 16 rare coins from the reign of King Anangpal Dev, Raja Madanpal, Raja Chahra Rajdev, including Prithviraj Chauhan, were found in an archaeological site inspection at the ancient mound of Katha, a village adjacent to the Delhi-Saharanpur highway adjacent to Khekra in Baghpat district.
- In the first battle of Tarain, Prithviraj defeated Muhammad Ghori, but in the second battle of Tarain, Muhammad Ghori defeated Prithviraj.
- Prithviraj is credited with the construction of Fort Rai Pithora in Delhi.

Third Ground Breaking Ceremony Held in Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

- On June 3, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of 1406 projects worth Rs 80,224 crore at the Uttar Pradesh government's third ground breaking ceremony at The Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow.

Key Points

- Of these projects, projects worth Rs 45,529.29 crore were received by Gautam Budh Nagar, Lucknow worth Rs 4460.88 crore and Gorakhpur worth Rs 2828.86 crore.
- The ceremony was attended by several industry leaders from across the country and abroad, such as Gautam Adani of the Adani Group, Kumar Mangalam Birla of the Aditya Birla Group.
- During this, some major investment announcements were made by the industrial giants, the details of which are as under:
 - Adani Group will invest Rs 70,000 crore in Uttar Pradesh in road, transport, multi-modal logistics and defence sectors.
 - In addition, under the Defence Corridor, Adani group will build south Asia's largest integrated ordnance complex at Kanpur with an investment of Rs 1500 crore.

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- Hiranandani Group will invest Rs 1,000 crore per annum in the data centre business in Uttar Pradesh over the next five years. It is worth noting that the data centre being built by this group in Greater Noida will be ready by August this year.
- At the same time, French multinational company Air Liquid will set up an oxygen plant in the Kosi region of Mathura with an investment of Rs 350 crore.

President of India inaugurates Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre and Swadesh Darshan Yojana at Maghar

Why in News?

- On June 5, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre and Swadesh Darshan Yojana at Maghar in Sant Kabir Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- President Ram Nath Kovind is the second President to arrive at Maghar in Sant Kabir Nagar, before missile man A. P. J. Abdul Kalam came here as president.
- It may be mentioned that Swadesh Darshan Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme launched by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India in the year 2014-15 with the objective of integrated development of thematic tourism circuits.
- The objective of the scheme is to promote, develop and exploit the potential of tourism in India.
- Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations for the development of circuit infrastructure.

Committee Constituted to prepare NEP course in AKTU

Why in News?

- On June 6, 2022, AKTU (Dr. A. P. J. Vice-Chancellor of Abdul Kalam Technical University) Prof. Pradeep Kumar

Mishra has constituted the committee to prepare a proposal to implement the National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) based academic curriculum in the university.

Key Points

- The chairman of the committee set up to prepare the curriculum is per vice-chancellor Prof. Manish Gaud has been created. Dean Academic and Coordinator Prof. Nitesh Purohit, Dr. R. K. Agarwal, Dr. Sarika Srivastava and Dr. Prabhakar Gupta is also included.
- Vice Chancellor Prof. Pradeep Kumar Mishra has directed the committee to identify the courses and prepare a proposal for implementation from the session 2022-23 and submit it within a month.
- Along with this, a committee has been constituted to give awards for the outstanding work of the teachers of the institutes and the department. AKTU will now give awards for promoting and encouraging research and development programmes in its affiliated institutions.

Uttar Pradesh ranks 8th in Food Security Index, 2021-22

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Food Day on June 7, 2022, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released the 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in which Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 8th.

Key Points

- Mandaviya launched various innovative initiatives including The Eat Right Research Awards and Grants Phase-II, Eat Right Creativity Challenge Phase-III, a competition at the school level by FSSAI.
- Tamil Nadu topped the Food Security Index, 2021-22 among 17 large states with 82 points, while Gujarat is second with 77.5 points and Maharashtra is third with 70 points.
- Uttar Pradesh and Odisha are jointly ranked 5th in the category of big states with 54.5 points.
- Among the smaller states, Goa retained its top ranking, while Manipur and Sikkim secured the second and third positions. Among the Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh secured the top three ranks.

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- It may be recalled that the states have been assessed on five parameters of food security - human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing facilities, training and capacity building and consumer empowerment.
- The Food Security Index, launched in 2018-19, was aimed at bringing about a competitive and positive change in the food security ecosystem in the country. The move was also taken to motivate the states and Union Territories to work towards ensuring safe food for citizens.

Uttar Pradesh's First Carbon-Free Zone to be 'Kashi Vishwanath Dham'

Why in News?

- On June 8, 2022, Varanasi Divisional Commissioner Deepak Agarwal informed that the temple administration has started an initiative to make the Kashi Vishwanath Dham area carbon-free. It will be the first such temple in the state, which will be completely free from carbon and dust particles.

Key Points

- In view of the pollution level, the temple administration has decided to install air purifiers to make the dham area carbon and pollution free. For this, air purifiers will be installed at 12 places in dham area under csr fund.
- It is worth mentioning that due to the burning pyres at Manikarnika Ghat, the Kashi Vishwanath Dham has registered an unexpected increase in the amount of carbon along with PM 2.5 and PM 10. At the same time, due to the construction work, there has also been a decrease in the trees and plants in the surrounding area.
- As a trial run by the temple administration in collaboration with the district administration and a company, a trial was conducted to purify the atmosphere around the temple by installing an air purifier. Five km in this machine installed in the temple area. Up to the area had the ability to absorb dust particles from the area.
- Air purifiers based on Hepa (High Efficiency Particulate Air) technology will be installed at Kashi Vishwanath Dham. This technique has been used to clean the air for many years.

- The Hepa filter is capable of capturing more than 99.97 particles larger than 0.3 microns. These filters provide a more clean environment because of the mold and bacteria being able to catch.

'Sparrow-UP' Portal for PCS Officers of the State

Why in News?

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has created the 'Sparrow-UP' portal to provide online details of their movable and immovable assets to **PCS Officers** of the state. Log-in and password have also been given to all the officials.

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- The Annual Confidential Entry (**NCR**) of these officers will also be given online now. Earlier, the state government had directed ministers and IAS officers to furnish details of their assets.
- It is worth mentioning that it is mandatory for IAS officers to give details of their assets in advance. This arrangement is already in place under the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India.
- IAS officers have to provide their property details online through the Sparrow software. On the lines of the system in force for IAS officers, the Uttar Pradesh Government has implemented this system for PCS officers also.
- Under this, all PCS officers of the state will have to give an account of their assets between January 1 and 21 every year. Failing to do so, departmental action will be taken.
- Each officer will also have to give his self-appraisal online for the previous financial year in April every year. The officers who do not give the details may have to bear the brunt of it. The annual entry of such people can be withheld. This may also affect increments and promotions.

Agra Cantt Station gets Green Rating

Why in News?

- Recently, Prashakti Srivastava, Commercial Manager, Agra Railway Division, said that Agra Cantt station,

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DRM office and railway hospital have been given green rating by IGBC in terms of greenery, garbage management and cleanliness.

Key Points

- Efforts have been underway to make Agra Cantt station premises green for the last two years. The food for the loco pilots and guards is prepared at the biogas plant in the mess of the running room of the station. The waste collected from the station is used here. Similarly, a biogas plant is also operating in the Yamuna Rest House of railway officials. Solar power is also produced at the station.
- From the station premises to the DRM office, 1588.40 kW of electricity is generated from the solar panels, which fulfills the needs of the station and other premises.
- More than 1,000 rail Neer and other water bottles are consumed at the station every day. Bottle crush machines are installed to destroy them.
- From the Officers Colony of Railways to DRM Office and other premises have been covered with greenery. In the year 2021-22, 1.5 lakh saplings were planted. A large number of these have now flourished. At present, a target has been set to plant 100 saplings in the station premises only. It is the responsibility of the station superintendent to look after it.
- The STP operates at platform number six at the station. It is used in washing tracks by treating water.
- The coaches of the trains are washed from the coach washing plant near the ward at the station. The washing water is not allowed to be wasted. It is passed on to many channels and given to plants.
- Railways have tied up with the Municipal Corporation for the management of the garbage. After sorting out the garbage, the work of its disposal is done by the municipal team.

50 Gentlemen Cadets from Uttar Pradesh Become Officers

Why in News?

- On June 11, 2022, 50 youths from Uttar Pradesh became officers in the Indian Army after the Passing out Parade (POP) at the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

Key Points

- A total of 377 cadets from across the country and abroad participated in the parade. A total of 288 Gentlemen Cadets (GCs) belonging to 150 regular courses and 133 Technical Graduate Courses (TCCs) became proud officers of the Indian Army after passing out.
- 89 Gentlemen Cadets from eight friendly countries have also passed out and joined the armies of their respective countries. Among the friendly countries, 43 cadets passed out from Afghanistan, 18 from Bhutan, 1 from Kyrgyzstan, 3 from Maldives, 1 from Nepal, 3 from Sri Lanka, 19 from Tajikistan, 1 from Tanzania.
- Uttar Pradesh topped the table of state-wise representation of the GC with 50 officers. Uttarakhand with 33 GCs was second in the passing out team, while Bihar finished third with 28 GCs and Haryana fourth with 25 GCs.
- A total of 2724 cadets from 34 friendly countries have passed out of the Indian Military Academy so far, while the Indian Military Academy has so far given 63 thousand 568 military officers to the country.

150 Hi-Tech Nurseries Based on Israeli Technology to be Set up in Uttar Pradesh

Why in the News?

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up 150 hi-tech nurseries based on Israeli technology, under the schemes of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (**MGNREGA**), to promote horticulture and to serve the twin objective of improving rural livelihoods.

Key Points

- These hi-tech nurseries will be manned by women from self-help groups set up under the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission. According to the estimates of the Horticulture Department, the average cost of the hi-tech nursery will be around One crore rupees.
- Under the scheme, two hi-tech nurseries are being developed in each district to grow fruits like plum, pomegranate, jackfruit, lemon, mango, guava, moringa, dragon-fruit etc.
- These 150 hi-tech nurseries will be set up in the state's Agricultural Science Centers, on the campus

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of agricultural universities and in the research centers of the horticulture department, so that farmers can be easily trained.

- These nurseries will be equipped with proper fencing, irrigation facility, infrastructure like high-tech greenhouses and will be maintained through other clusters of CLF (Cluster Level Federation)/State Rural Livelihood Mission.
- The state government plans to grow quality plants and seeds in high-tech nurseries along with centers of excellence to increase the production of quality crops. It also aims to provide adequate crop for the growing number of food processing industries.
- The plants produced in these nurseries will be sold for plantation by interested local farmers, farmer producer organizations (FPOs) at the regional level, other private nurseries at the state level and various state governments at the national level.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has set an ambitious target of increasing the area under cultivation of horticulture crops from 11.6 percent to 16 percent and food processing units from 6 percent to 20 percent during the next five years to increase the overall yield along with processing of fruits, vegetables and spices.
- It may be mentioned that Indo-Israel Centre of Excellence for fruits and vegetables has been set up in Basti and Kannauj districts respectively so that farmers can get quality saplings.

Sessions Court cannot Quash Magistrate's Summon Order:HC

Why in News?

- Recently, the Allahabad High Court, while hearing a review petition, said that the sessions court cannot quash the cognizance and summons order passed by the magistrate in exercise of the revisionary power.

Key Points

- A bench of Justice Shamim Ahmed passed the order while hearing a review petition filed by Prabhakar Pandey.
- The High Court said that the revision jurisdiction of the Sessions Court is very limited. If the Sessions Court finds any irregularity or error in jurisdiction while acting as a Review Court, instead of quashing

the proceedings, it has the power to issue directions only by pointing out the error in the magistrate's order.

- An FIR was lodged by the complainant under sections 147, 504, 506, 427, 448, 379 of the IPC against the opposing party. The investigating officer in the case submitted a report. The magistrate then, after considering the protest petition and going through the case records, summoned the accused under Section 379 CrPC.
- The order was challenged before the District and Sessions Judge, Kannauj. The sessions court accepted the final report submitted by the investigating officer and set aside the summons order of the magistrate. Hence, Chichi filed a review petition in the High Court challenging the order of the District and Sessions Judge, Kannauj.
- The high court said that after the filing of the charge sheet, the magistrate will have four modalities and he can adopt any one of them for further action. The court has also mentioned those methods in the order. At the same time, he said that the order of the sessions court in the case was entirely based on the plea of the accused, therefore, it is not legally correct to quash the summon order of the magistrate.

Nano Silica Discovered from Bio Source for the First Time in the Country

Why in News?

- Nano silica has recently been discovered in the ashes of sugarcane khoi by the National Sugar Institute (NSI). The technology to extract it from the ash has also been developed by NSI, which is now being patented.

Key Points

- NSI Director Prof Narendra Mohan said that the discovery of nano silica particles and the development of its technology was done by Senior Research Fellow Dr. Shalini Kumari has done it. It took two years to develop this technology.
- Until now nano silica was obtained from various mineral sources, but it has been discovered for the first time in the country from a bio source.
- Prof Narendra Mohan said that the process of patenting the technology has been initiated. The technology

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will also be presented at the Conference of the Indian Chinese Technology Association on July 28-29 in Goa.

- Senior Research Fellow Dr. Shalini Kumari gave information about the steps of acid, alkali and heat treatment in this process. Nano silica technology was also tested from IIT Delhi. The product was confirmed by scanning electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction analysis, and Fourier transform infra-red technique.
- The price of nano silica which is being received from mineral source is 700 to 1000 rupees per kg, but the price of nano silica found from bagasse ash will be 100 rupees per kg.
- Sugarcane bagasse is used as fuel for sugar mill boilers. The ash emanating from it was till now only used to bridge the pit. It is also considered a cause of pollution. At the same time, the cost of sugar mills increases in its disposal, but the nano silica particles released from it are also useful for absorbing pollution.
- It is worth mentioning that 50 lakh tonnes of bagasse is obtained from sugar mills in the country, which on burning gives 1.5 million tonnes of ash. About three lakh tonnes of silica nanoparticles can be obtained from this ash. One kilo of bagasse ash gives 20% nano silica particles.
- Nano silica particles are used in pharmaceutical industry, paint and battery industry, lithium iron batteries, nano fertilizers etc.

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Approves Transfer Policy, 2022

Why in News?

- The Transfer Policy, 2022 was approved in the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh cabinet chaired by the Chief Minister on June 14, 2020. Under this policy, transfers will be done from June 15 to 30. This policy is for the year 2022-23.

Key Points

- Under this, arrangements have been made for transfer by Group 'A' and 'B' officers on completion of 3 years in the district and 7 years in the Mandal.
- Group A and B transfers can be made up to a maximum of 20 percent of the number of officers and employees working cadre wise and up to a maximum of 10 percent of the number of employees working cadre-wise in Groups C and D.

- Arrangements have been made for the transfer of Group B and C personnel on the basis of a merit-based online transfer system.
- Arrangements have been made to strictly follow the mandate of Group C personnel regarding change of panels and change of area.
- In the meeting, the proposal for recruitment to 40 thousand posts of police was also approved. About one and a half dozen proposals of various departments including agriculture, higher education, infrastructure and industrial development, medicine and health, medical education, tourism and culture were discussed in the meeting.

8 Lakh People Will do Yoga in Tajnagri

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Tajnagari Agra District Magistrate Prabhu N. Singh said that this year, more than 8 lakh people will perform yoga at around 150 places in Agra district.

Key Points

- Around 8 lakh people will perform yoga at tourist places, monuments, parks and other open places. For this, the target has been distributed to the departments.
- Apart from departments, NGOs, social and educational institutions will participate. The duties of magistrate, SDM, ADM and other officers have been deployed for coordination.
- The district magistrate said that there will be a grand event at Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort, Etmad-Ud-Daula and other tourist places. Apart from departments, NGOs, social and educational institutions will participate.
- The main yoga camps will be held from gram panchayat level to development block, tehsil and district level. The collective and personal information of yoga practice will be uploaded on the AYUSH Kavach app.

Lifelong Pension on Low Income of Disabled Children

Why in News?

- In the mandate issued by the state government on

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June 15, 2022, it has been said that the disabled child of the deceased government employee or pensioner will be entitled to family pension for life.

Key Points

- The State Government has fixed income norms in respect of family pension to the children of retired or deceased employees of the State Government and pensioners suffering from mental or physical disabilities.
- According to the order, if the overall income of the child with disabilities is less than the family pension admissible at the simple rate and the dearness relief admissible thereon, he will get this benefit.
- In such cases, the financial benefit shall be payable from the date of issue of this order and no arrears shall be sanctioned for the period commencing from the date of death of a Government servant, pensioner or former pensioner.

Now Hospitals Can be Named After the Donors of Land

Why in News?

- On June 14, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet meeting approved the new rules framed by the health department, under which if a person donates his land for the hospital, the concerned hospital can be named after him or her family.

Key Points

- So far, government hospitals in the state are constructed on village society or other government land. This land is far away from the populated area. In such a situation, doctors and medical personnel are reluctant to stay here. Having a hospital in a deserted area also affects their security.
- In the survey of the health department, it was revealed that if the population remains a hospital in the area, then there will be better arrangements for its maintenance and safety. In view of this, the Health Department has framed new rules regarding acquisition and purchase of land for construction of hospital. Under this rule, the health department will now be able to buy land and build a hospital in the populated area.

- Similarly, it has also been given the option that if a person donates the land of the populated area, the concerned hospital can be named after him or his family. The land owner can also get the same amount of government land in a remote area by donating land of the populated area to the hospital.
- The new rules also provide that while constructing the new hospital, it will be seen that there is no government hospital already within a radius of one kilometer of the area concerned. Similarly, norms of distance from community and district hospitals have also been fixed.

Women Can take 2 Maternity Leaves in 2 Years

Why in News?

- On June 16, 2022, the Allahabad High Court has given a major verdict to give 2 maternity leave in 2 years to women employees in the matter of maternity leave.

Key Points

- The High Court said that there is no such restriction in the Maternity Benefit Act that maternity leave benefits should be given only after two years. This benefit can also be given within two years. It is against the law not to give a woman employee the benefit of two maternity leave in two years.
- Justice Siddhartha passed the order while admitting a petition filed by Sunita Yadav, assistant teacher posted at Nagla Baalu, an upper primary school in Firozabad.
- She had taken 180 days of paid maternity leave in 2020. She then applied to the BSA in May 2022 for a second maternity leave. The BSA rejected the application on the ground that a gap of two years between the two maternity leave was necessary.
- It is known that as per the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017, a pregnant woman is eligible for maternity leave for 26 weeks i.e., up to six and a half months. It can start 8 weeks before the estimated date of delivery. However, there is a condition associated with this leave that any woman can take this leave for her first two pregnancies. It also includes a provision to give maternity leave for 12 weeks if you have a third child.

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- The court said that according to the Maternity Benefit Act, it is in accordance with justice to grant maternity leave to the petitioner. The rules in the Financial Handbook cannot nullify the provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act. The court quashed the BSA's order and ordered to grant 180 days of paid maternity leave to Chichi.

ISKCON And Prem Mandir of Mathura Got Bhog Certificate

Why in News?

- On June 16, 2022, the Food Safety and Drug Administration on behalf of FSSAI, Government of India, granted Bhog Certificates to Prem Mandir and ISKCON Temple at Vrindavan in Mathura under 'Eat Right' programme.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that in relation to the quality of Bhog and Prasad (Offerings) offered to the deity in the temple, the bhog made in the temple premises was audited twice by an independent audit agency after thoroughly checking the hygiene environment and health test of all the people working in the kitchen, water testing and pest control (rats etc.).
- Audit report was sent to FSSAI Government of India. After the test, the Bhog certificate has been issued by the Government of India to ISKCON and Prem Mandir of Vrindavan.
- Assistant Commissioner Food Safety and Drug Administration Gauri Shankar said that under the 'Eat Right' program, the process of giving 'Eat Right Campus' certification to GLA University, KD Medical College, Sambid Gurukulam, Vatsalya Gram and Akshaya Patra (Vrindavan, Mont) campus is going on. Apart from this, the process of getting Bhog certificate for Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi temple is also going on.
- Assistant Commissioner Gauri Shankar said that the managers and receivers of Radha Rani Temple of Barsana, Girirajji Temple of Govardhan, other major temples of Braj, have also been requested to get the kitchens running in their places checked, so that they also get this proof. Letters can be received and Prasad can be delivered to people's homes.

New Policy Related to Sub-division of Industrial Plots in Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

- On June 17, 2022, the much-awaited new policy of sub-division of industrial plots for investment incentives and expansion of new industrial units in Uttar Pradesh was approved.

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) has forwarded the revised policy to the Government for non-functional approval after the approval of its Board. At the same time, it has been implemented with immediate effect in anticipation of the permission of the State Cabinet. About 200-300 acres of unused large plots of land in Ghaziabad will be available to other entrepreneurs by constructing small plots.
- An official of the authority said that the board has decided to allow sub-division of plots on which the industrial unit has operated for at least four years. In some cases there is also a provision of exemption with conditions.
- If the sub-divided area is up to 25 acres, the recommendation of the committee constituted for the same will be approved by the CEO of the Authority. If the sub-divided area is more than 25 acres, it will be approved by the Authority Board.
- The Authority has approved the terms of application for sub-clauses in the policy, internal development, process of transfer, conditions of sale of divided plot, maintenance work, time permit for operation of the unit on sub-divided plot, sub-charge fee, sub-division fee, sub-division of Provisions have also been made for configuration and setting up of divided plots.
- The policy is expected to open the way for faster enterprise expansion in entrepreneurial families with expansion of active industrial units, industrial use of additional plots available.
- The main provisions of the policy are as under:
 - Those plots of 4,000 square meters will be sub-divided on which the unit has operated for 4 years. The plot should be on 18-meter road.

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- Plots of minimum 450 square meters can be created.
- A phased time of 18 to 36 months will be given for internal development.
- A maximum of 75percent of the allotted plot can be sub-divided.
- The sale of plots will get 2 to 3 years. After this, there will be the facility of time extension.
- The sub-division fee will range from 7.5 to 20percent at the prevailing rate. 50percent will have to be given at the time of approval and 50percent on completion.
- The transfer fee on sub-divided plots will be 15percent of the prevailing rate in NCR and 10percent in separate areas from NCR.
- Facilitate sub-division of the sub-partitioned plot as well with certain conditions.
- Relaxation in the qualification of sub-division in the division of the plot belonging to the family-witness, maintenance till the time the common area is not surrendered.
- Relaxation will also be given in the case of sub-division of plot for projects falling under 'mega or more investment' as defined under various policies of the state government.

Scholarship will Soon be Available in Uttar Pradesh Through e-RUPI

Why in News

- On June 19, 2022, Uttar Pradesh's Minister of State for Social Welfare Aseem Varun informed about the e-RUPI scholarship in the state.

Key Points

- The Minister informed that e-RUPI is a kind of e-Bank draft or voucher, which will enable the general category students to know first whether they will get the scholarship or not.
- The e-RUPI will not be able to withdraw the money sent by the government from the student's account nor will it be used for any other purpose, except to pay school-college fees.
- The use of e- RUPI being started as a pilot project will check corruption and every child will get scholarship.

Chambal Jackfruit Festival

Why in News?

- On June 20, 2022, 'Chambal Jackfruit Festival' was organized at 'Pachanada', the confluence of five rivers including Chambal, which was infamous for the terror of bandits.

Key Points

- This was the first time that the Jackfruit Festival was organized on the banks of this confluence of rivers. Here people gained information not only about jackfruit, but also about the production of jackfruit.
- The Chambal Foundation has been continuously striving for many years to bring the positive identity of the Chambal Valley to the world.
- The Chambal Jackfruit Festival showcased jackfruits brought from several states. Born in the ruggedness of Chambal, the largest sized jackfruit as well as the colorful jackfruit of Thailand caught the attention of the people.
- It is worth mentioning that in the British period, jackfruit was cultivated on a large scale in the Chambal region. In a heinous crime like murder, five jackfruit trees were granted bail. In the Chambal valley, cooked jackfruit is not eaten, while there is a lot of trend in the country to eat cooked jackfruit like the taste of banana and pineapple.

Preparations to Start Campaign Against Infectious Diseases

Why in News?

- Addressing a high-level meeting on June 23, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked officials to ensure regular sanitation and fogging campaigns to save the state from Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya and other vector-borne diseases.

Key Points

- The state-wide special drive against communicable diseases will be launched from July 1 to address the health challenges posed by water-borne diseases and other seasonal irregularities.

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- It is worth noting that every year from June to November, a large number of children are affected by Japanese Encephalitis in the Purvanchal region of the state. Due to the continuous efforts made by the government, not only has the spread of this disease been controlled, but the deaths due to it have also come down by more than 95 percent.
- Taking extra vigil and precautions in this context, the State Government has set up Encephalitis Care Centres at the Block level equipped with PICU beds and trained medical personnel.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also said that very soon, effective control of malaria would be established in Uttar Pradesh with the release of Kala-azar. According to the latest figures, Malaria is less than one per 1,000 population and Kala-azar disease is less than one per 10,000 population in the state.

Eastern Peripheral Expressway

Why in News?

- On June 24, 2022, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Project Director Arvind Kumar said that the Canadian company has been entrusted with the responsibility of collecting and repairing toll for 20 years on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway.

Key Points

- NHAI has awarded the expressway contract to Canada-based Indian Highway Management Company Limited for a period of 20 years. The company will deposit Rs 6,267 crore and collect toll for 20 years as well as repair it. The expressway will soon be transferred to the company.
- It is worth mentioning that the contract of the company is changed for toll collection every year on the expressway and that company is limited to toll collection only. The responsibility of repairing it lies with NHAI.
- NHAI had constructed an expressway from Kundli in Haryana to Palwal via Ghaziabad. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018. It cost 10 thousand 800 crore rupees from land acquisition to construction.

First Transgender Cell of Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

- On June 23, 2022, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Somen Verma inaugurated the state's first Transgender Cell (Police Help Center) at Qaisar Bagh Kotwali, Lucknow Police Commissionerate.

Key Points

- Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Somen Verma said that instructions have been given by the social welfare department to set up such help desks in all the police stations of Uttar Pradesh. In this connection, the first transgender desk has been set up in the Lucknow Commissionerate.
- The purpose of this cell is to hear the grievances of the transgenders as well as to dispose of the complaints within 24 hours.
- With the launch of this cell, now transgenders and women will not have to hesitate to go to the police, as only women policemen have been deployed in this cell.
- A security cell will also be set up in every police station for their safety. Where the grievances of the transgenders will be disposed of at the earliest.
- Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Chiranjeev Nath Sinha said that it is a dedicated cell where the problems of transgenders and women will be heard with dignity with their respect. Along with this, after the problem of the complainant is resolved, its feedback will also be taken from him, which will improve the functioning of this cell.

Gharauni Yojna

Why In News?

- On June 25, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that about 2.5 crore people living in villages of Uttar Pradesh will be granted Gharauni certificates by October 2023.

Key Point

- The Chief Minister made the announcement while addressing a function to distribute Gharauni certificates to 11 lakh villagers.

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- The Chief Minister said that 34 lakh people have already benefited from this scheme.
- He also informed that the survey of land by drones in 1,10,300 revenue villages of the state will be completed by August this year to expedite the distribution of certificates to beneficiaries.
- The Gharauni certificate enables the villagers to get loans easily and also facilitates them to set up and expand their business.
- In addition, the Gharauni scheme facilitates transfer of ancestral land and properties to their rightful owners.

Uttar Pradesh government to set up board to promote natural farming

Why In News?

- Addressing a conference on '**Uttar Pradesh towards sustainable and equitable development**' organized by the **World Bank** on June 27, 2022 Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that a board will be set up by the state government to promote natural farming in the state.

Key Point

- He said that the objective of natural farming is to promote toxic-free agriculture by reducing the use of fertilizers, chemicals and pesticides and using inputs produced by low or zero cost farmers.
- In the Budget for the year 2022-23 of Uttar Pradesh, a provision has been made to promote natural farming in seven districts of Bundelkhand region.
- The central government has decided to promote natural farming for five km on the banks of river Ganga.
- In order to create awareness about natural farming, the Uttar Pradesh government had launched a special campaign '**Ganga Yatra**' in January 2020.
- In addition, Uttar Pradesh has identified 27 districts on the banks of river Ganga for natural farming.
- It may be recalled that the **Indian Natural Farming Practices Programme (BPKP)** is being implemented to promote natural farming under the **Traditional Agricultural Development Scheme (PKVY)** in India.

Approval of Investment Proposals Under Data Center Policy

Why in News?

- On June 28, 2022, the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved four investment proposals regarding incentives for setting up data parks under 'Uttar Pradesh Data Center Policy-2021' to localize data storage.

Key Point

- The cabinet's decision will also give a boost to the development of data center parks in Uttar Pradesh, while giving a boost to the state towards becoming 'self-reliant' in data storage. The move will provide direct and indirect employment to many people in the state.
- Considering the importance of data centers, Yogi Adityanath's government had prepared the 'Data Centre Policy-2021' in its previous tenure. Various financial and other incentives have been given under the policy.
- Of the investment proposals worth over Rs 80,000 crore at the groundbreaking ceremony held in the state recently, about Rs 20,000 crore was for setting up of data centers.
- The work of setting up four data center parks in the state with an investment of over Rs.15,950 crore is under process. These include two projects worth Rs 9134.90 crore by NIDP Developers Pvt. Ltd. of Hiranandani Group, Rs 1,687 crore by NTT Global Centers and Japan's Cloud Infrastructure India Pvt Ltd and Rs 2,414 crore and Rs 2713 crore by Adani Enterprises Ltd.
- In view of the growing interest of investors in the IT sector, the Chief Minister has declared Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway areas as 'Electronics Manufacturing Zones'. As a result, many reputed companies from China, Taiwan and Korea have come forward to set up their units.

The longest Saryu River Front to be Built in Ayodhya

Why in News?

Note:

- On June 29, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to build a two-kilometre-long Saryu River Front on the banks of Saryu river in Ramnagari Ayodhya.

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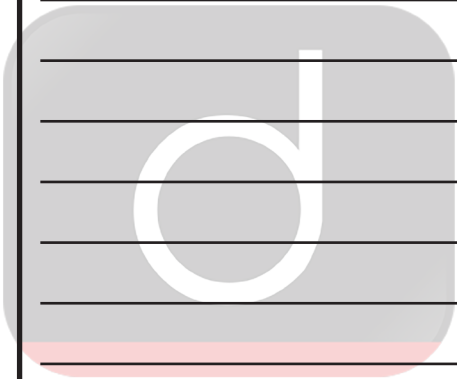
- The Uttar Pradesh government is fully engaged in the exercise of changing the new picture of Ayodhya. For this, along with the construction of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple, the government is working on many such schemes for the development of Ayodhya, so that the city can be rejuvenated. In this episode, the Saryu River Front of Ayodhya is the biggest project after the beautification of Ram ki Paidi.
 - The scheme is estimated to cost more than Rs.300 crores.
- In this, the kutcha ghats, which were the first ones, are being made concrete at a cost of Rs 39 crore.
 - This will not only increase the pride of Ayodhya, but will also relieve the people of the problems during the flood. At the same time, tourists will get a new gift.
 - There are a total of 14 major Ghats on the banks of Saryu from Naya Ghat to Guptar Ghat. Among them are many famous ghats like Guptar Ghat, Kaikai Ghat, Kaushalya Ghat, Laxman Ghat, Papmochan Ghat, Rinmochan Ghat, Ahilyabai Ghat, Jatayu Ghat, Janaki Ghat and Naya Ghat.
 - It is noteworthy that in December 2020, the proposal of the longest ghat to be built at a cost of Rs 232 crore 56 lakh was sent to the government by the Saryu Canal Section of the Irrigation Department.



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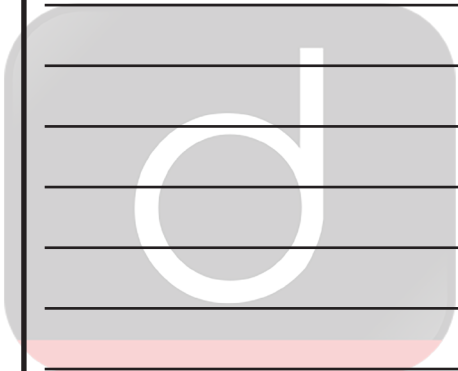
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