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## Zika Virus Disease in Uttar Pradesh

### Why in News

- On October 31, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a high-level meeting, directed the Health Department to make people aware of door-to-door sanitization and fogging to prevent the spread of **Zika virus** in the state.

### Key Points

- The first case of Zika virus disease was reported in the state on October 22, 2021, after which sanitization, fogging and anti larva chemical spray is being done on a large scale by the state health department, so that the breeding of mosquitoes can be stopped.
- In addition, door-to-door surveys are being conducted by health workers to identify people with symptoms related to carrier-borne diseases including viral fever.
- Zika virus disease is mainly transmitted by the Aedes mosquito. In addition, the Zika virus is transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy, through sexual contact, blood and product bases, and organ transplantation.
- Infection with the Zika virus during pregnancy can cause babies to be born with microcephaly and other congenital malformations.
- There is no vaccine or medicine available to treat Zika. To deal with this, rehydration and acetaminophen are used to relieve fever and pain, with the focus on the symptoms in the beginning.

## Transparent Composite Cylinder

### Why in News

- On November 1, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the transparent composite cylinder.

### Key Points

- It is being **manufactured by IOCL**. Indane plans to take it door-to-door in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj and Kanpur.

- It is a three layer cylinder made of blow molded inner liner, which is covered with a composite layer of polymer fiber glass.
- This cylinder is lightweight and rustproof and does not explode in case of fire. This will also help in preventing gas theft from cylinders.

## Bateshwar Cattle Fair

### Why in News

- From November 2, 2021, the cattle fair started in India's religious and historical place 'Bateshwar' located on the banks of **River Yamuna** in Agra district.

### Key Points

- It is an important spiritual and cultural center of India, known for its 101 Shiva temples located on the banks of Yamuna and Shauripur.
- A big cattle fair is organized here every year in the month of Kartik.
- This fair is completed in three phases. In the first phase - camels, horses and donkeys are sold, in the second phase - cows etc. other animals and in the last phase - cultural colorful programs are held.

## Pancham Deepotsav Organized in Ayodhya

### Why in News

- On November 3, 2021, the fifth Deepotsav was organized on the banks of Saryu in Ayodhya in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

### Key Points

- The present government has been organizing Deepotsav every year on the occasion of Chhoti Deepawali since the year 2017.
- 11 lakh 90 thousand lamps were lit in the fifth Deepotsav organized this time, out of which the world record of 9 lakh 54 thousand burning lamps was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- On the occasion of Deepotsav, the Chief Minister announced to give free ration till Holi to Antyodaya and BPL card holders.

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## Public Affairs Index, 2021

### Why in News

- Recently, Uttar Pradesh has been ranked last in the list of big states in the Public Affairs Index 2021, released by the Bangalore-based think tank Public Affairs Center (PAC).

### Key Points

- In this index, **Uttar Pradesh's score was the lowest with -1.418 points**, while **Kerala (1.618 points) got the first position**.
- In this index, PAC has released the ranking of states on the basis of **three important pillars of governance - growth, equity and sustainability**. Each of the three pillars of governance is divided into five governance practice themes.
- The equity scores for the states in the index were based on **five themes - voice and accountability; effectiveness of government; The rule of law; Regulatory quality and control of corruption**.
- Sustainability standards were assessed based on the share of clean energy, solid waste management and control of environmental pollution and corruption, while the development score covered health, sanitation, financial performance and government spending on infrastructure and development.

## Purvanchal Expressway

### Why in News

- On November 5, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during his visit to Azamgarh was told that Purvanchal Expressway would be inaugurated this month.

### Key Points

- **Purvanchal Expressway** is an under construction 6-lane expressway in the state of Uttar Pradesh, **which will connect Ghazipur city with the state capital Lucknow**.
- It is being developed by the **Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority**.
- It **will pass through 9 districts of Uttar Pradesh- Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Ayodhya,**

**Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur**. The expressway will be linked with the Varanasi-Gorakhpur highway through a separate link road.

- Apart from this, the Chief Minister said that on November 13, Home Minister Amit Shah would lay the foundation stone of a state university to be built in Azamgarh district.

## Uttar Pradesh Made Record in Direct Benefit Transfer

### Why in News

- According to the state government under Direct Benefit Transfer, the state has created a new record by disbursing Rs 2.75 lakh crore through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under various welfare schemes in the last four and a half years.

### Key Points

- An amount of Rs 2.75 lakh crore was sent through DBT to the accounts of the beneficiaries of 137 schemes of 27 departments by the state government, such as:
  - Money was sent directly to the accounts of lakhs of farmers, NREGA workers, workers from other states, women, elderly, disabled and pensioners during the unprecedented COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.
  - The Uttar Pradesh government waived loans worth Rs 36,000 crore of 86 lakh small marginal farmers of the state and the amount was transferred through DBT.
  - Under **PM Kisan Samman Nidhi**, so far Rs 27,521 crore has been sent to the accounts of more than 2.54 crore farmers through DBT.
  - On November 6, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath transferred Rs 1100 to the accounts of parents of school children to buy uniforms, sweaters, shoes and school bags for the purpose of providing school uniforms to the children on time. The scheme will benefit the students of primary, upper primary schools and non-government aided primary/pre-secondary schools.
- It may be mentioned that DBT is an initiative launched by the Government of India on January 1, 2013 as a way of reforming the government delivery system.

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## Leeds Ranking 2021

### Why in News

- According to the **Leeds (Logistics Is Across Different States), 2021** report released by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on November 8, 2021, Uttar Pradesh has jumped 7 places to 6th position in the Logistics Performance Index.

### Key Points

- Gujarat ranks first in the list of 21 states. It is followed by Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra respectively.
- This time in the top 10 list, Uttar Pradesh is at sixth, Odisha seventh, Karnataka eighth, Andhra Pradesh ninth and Telangana 10th.
- West Bengal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh and Assam are ranked 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> respectively. In the list of North Eastern States and Himalayan Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir tops the list. Delhi has got the top position among the Union Territories.
- The **Logistics Performance Index** is an indicator of the efficiency of logistics services needed to fuel exports and economic growth. The index aims to focus on improving logistic performance across states, which is essential for improving the country's trade and reducing transaction costs.
- The first logistic report was released in 2018. Last year the ranking was not released due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gujarat was ranked first in the ranking list both in 2018 and 2019.

## Important Decisions of the Uttar Pradesh Council of Ministers

### Why in News

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on November 10, 2021, many important decisions were taken along with the approval of the proposal related to the implementation of '**Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Yojana**'.

### Key Points

- In the meeting, the Council of Ministers approved the proposal for implementation of '**Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Yojana**'.
  - For effective implementation of this scheme, 'Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Society' will be formed and a governing council and empowered committee will be formed under the society. In this council, the Chief Minister will be the President and the Minister of Panchayati Raj will be the Vice President.
  - Under the scheme, the amount of grant given by the state government, that is, the remaining 40 percent or less, will be arranged from the budget provisions of the departments related to the work.
  - The registration of 'Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Society' will be done under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- The cabinet approved the proposal to make free distribution of iodized salt 1 kg, pulse/whole gram 1 kg, edible oil 1 liter and food grains per card to the Antyodaya and eligible household card holders of the state from December, 2021 to March 2022.
- The cabinet has also approved the proposal regarding approval of construction work of residential buildings for doubling the capacity of Police Training School (PTS) of Meerut district.
- The cabinet has approved the revised cost of the project for construction of a 500 bedded super specialty hospital at Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Saifai, Etawah.
- The cabinet has approved the proposed rehabilitation plan for 63 Hindu Bengali families displaced from East Pakistan in the year 1970 on 121.41 hectares of land available in the name of Rehabilitation Department in village Bhainsaya, Tehsil Rasulabad, District Kanpur Dehat.
- The cabinet has approved the proposal to run the newly established Department of Sports Medicine at **King George's Medical University (KGMU)**, Lucknow under the scheme of Government of India.
- For the implementation of the announcement made in the resolution letter 2017, the advocates registered in the Uttar Pradesh Advocates Welfare Fund Trustee Committee, on completion of 30 years from the registration, about 5,848 advocates will be given a lump sum of Rs 1.50 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. The proposal for amendment in section-13 of the Fund Act, 1974 has been approved.

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- At present, in the event of the session of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature being adjourned indefinitely, the Council of Ministers has decided to get the proposed amendment done through an ordinance.

## **Center Approves 735 Drinking Water Schemes for Uttar Pradesh**

### **Why in News**

- On November 12, 2021, the central government approved 735 drinking water supply schemes of the Uttar Pradesh government to provide piped potable water in water-stressed areas like Vindhya and Bundelkhand.

### **Key Points**

- To speed up the implementation of **Jal Shakti Mission**, the State Level Plan Approval Committee (SLSSC) has approved the proposals of Rs 1,882 crore submitted by the state for provision of tap water connections in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh.
- These schemes will cover a population of about 39 lakhs in 1,262 villages in 33 districts. The committee approved 735 schemes. Under the approval, 4.03 lakh rural families of the state would be given tap water connections.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has assured full assistance to the state to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- So far, 34 lakh rural households out of 2.64 crore in the state are getting tap water in their homes. The state plans to provide tap water connections to over 78 lakh households in 2021-22.
- The state government will start providing tap water to every household in hundreds of villages in Bundelkhand and Vindhya region from next month. For this, trials are being done in many areas.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), there is a provision to constitute a State Level Plan Approval Committee (SLSSC) for the consideration and approval of the schemes to be made for provision of tap water supply to rural households.
- SLSSC acts as a state level committee to consider water supply schemes/projects with the nominee of National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM) of Government of India.

## **All India Official Language Conference**

### **Why in News**

- On November 13-14, 2021, a two-day All India Official Language Conference was organized by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hastkala Sankul, located in Bada Lalpur, District Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

### **Key Points**

- The conference was inaugurated by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on 13 November.
- For the first time, the **All India Official Language Conference** was organized outside the country's capital New Delhi under the Amrit Festival of Independence.
- Various aspects of official language were discussed in different sessions in this conference.
- The main objective of this conference is to promote the official language Hindi.
- On this occasion, Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also released the souvenir of the **All India Official Language Conference**.

## **Inauguration of Purvanchal Expressway**

### **Why in News**

- On November 16, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 341 km long **Purvanchal Expressway** at Karwal Kheri in Sultanpur district. After its opening, the journey from Ghazipur to the capital Delhi can be done in 10 hours.

### **Key Points**

- The 341 km long **Purvanchal Expressway will connect eastern and western Uttar Pradesh**. The expressway will start from Chand Sarai in Lucknow and will reach Ghazipur. This expressway will connect 9 districts- Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Ayodhya, Sultanpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur.
- It took 36 months to build this expressway and its cost is 22 thousand 497 crores.
- The foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh's ambitious Purvanchal Expressway was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Azamgarh in July 2018.

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- On this occasion, an air show was held on a 3.2 km long airstrip built on this expressway for the casual use of fighter aircraft of the Air Force, in which fighter aircraft like Rafale, Sukhoi and Mirage performed feats under Touch and Go operation. Jaguar and Mirage 2000 fighter planes made the landing.
- Apart from this, 3 more expressways are being prepared in Uttar Pradesh, in which the 300 km long **Bundelkhand Expressway will connect Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur, Mahoba, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah**. The 90 km long **Gorakhpur Expressway will connect Gorakhpur, Ambedkar Nagar, Sant Kabir Nagar and Azamgarh** and the 600 km long **Ganga Expressway will connect Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj**.

## **'Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Karyakram – Jhansi Jalsa'**

### **Why in News**

- On November 17, 2021, under the joint aegis of the State Government and the Union Ministry of Defense, the three-day '**Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv-Jhansi Jalsa**' program was inaugurated by Union Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Jhansi district.

### **Key Points**

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that this program is being celebrated by linking the 193<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Rani of Jhansi with the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.
- Programs of military reinforcement will be presented in this program. In addition, various programs to develop public participation will be presented by the theater workers. This will be an innovative program for the people of Bundelkhand.
- The Chief Minister said that this three-day program is invoking the spirit of dedication towards the defense of the nation. In folk tales and poetry, the radiance and radiance of Jhansi have been presented with Veer Ras.
- On this occasion, folk artists stunned the people with their beautiful performance of Rai dance. Earlier, the soldiers of the army performed excellently in the premises of **Lakshmi Vyayam Mandir** and after

the program, the Defense Minister also visited the exhibition of defense equipment located at Hathi Ground.

## **First Air Pollution Control Tower in Noida**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, the **Air Pollution Control Tower (APCT)** developed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) at Haridwar was inaugurated by Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister of Heavy Industries in Noida.

### **Key Points**

- This tower has been set up in the green belt of DND Expressway.
- To tackle the growing air pollution problem in urban areas, **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** has indigenously designed and developed a prototype **Air Pollution Control Tower (APCT)**.
- This APCT draws polluted air through its surface level. Filters installed in the tower absorb the pollutants of the air. After this, clean air comes out from the upper part of the tower.
- The adsorbed pollutants are collected in a hopper at the bottom of the APCT for timely disposal.
- APCT will help in reducing air pollution. BHEL Haridwar is building other such towers to tackle the problem of increasing air pollution in urban areas.
- It is designed and developed by the Corporate R&D Division of BHEL. BHEL, Haridwar-based Pollution Control Research Institute will also study the performance of APCT for one year.

## **Defense Equipment Unit and 600 MW Ultra Mega Solar Power Park**

### **Why in News**

- On November 19, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated projects worth Rs 3425 crore in the closing ceremony of the '**Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv-Jhansi Jalsa**' program organized in the Jhansi Fort Complex on the birth anniversary of **Queen Veerangana Laxmibai of Jhansi**.

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**Key Points**

- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the Defense Equipment Unit being set up by Bharat Dynamics Limited at the Jhansi node of the Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor and 600 MW Ultra Mega Solar Power Park, Jhansi at Garautha in the district.
- These projects are being executed by Bharat Dynamics Limited with the aim of setting up a plant to produce propulsion systems for anti-tank guided missiles.
- The cost of these projects is Rs.400 crores and Rs.3013 crores respectively.
- On this occasion, the Prime Minister inaugurated Atal Ekta Park, Jhansi. The cost of this project is Rs 11.30 crore.
- Atal Ekta Park is named after Bharat Ratna awardee former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The park is spread over an area of about 40,000 square meters. The park houses a library and a statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, built by renowned sculptor Ramsutar, who is the builder of the Statue of Unity.
- The Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor to be built in Bundelkhand will be known as India's potential center in future.
- It is to be known that in the year 2021, the 193th birth anniversary of Veerangana Rani Laxmibai is being celebrated. Every Indian remembers with great reverence and respect the heroic saga of Maharani Laxmibai ji, who shook the foreign rule in the first independence war of 1857.

## **PM Inaugurated Various Projects in the State**

**Why in News**

- On November 19, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ratoli Dam Project, Bhavni Dam Project and Masgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Irrigation Projects along with Arjun Sahayak Project in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh.

**Key Points**

- Through these projects, more than 4 lakh people of Maheba, Banda, Hamirpur and Lalitpur districts will get pure drinking water and lakhs of farmer families

will get better irrigation facilities and their income will increase.

- Masgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Irrigation Project is a comprehensive project based on modern technology, which shows the modernity coming in irrigation. Its irrigation potential is about 600 hectares.
- At the same time, the total cost of Arjun Sahayak Project is Rs. 2655 crore and its irrigation potential is about 44381 hectares. This will benefit the people of Maheba, Hamirpur and Banda districts.
- The Ratoli Dam project has been prepared at a total cost of Rs. 54.28 crore, which has an irrigation potential of 1050 hectares.
- Bhavni Dam Project has been prepared at a total cost of Rs. 512.74 crore, which has an irrigation potential of 3800 hectares and will benefit Lalitpur district in a big way.

## **Environment Clearance for Ganga Expressway**

**Why in News**

- Recently, the Member Secretary of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority issued environmental clearance for the construction project of the proposed 594 km long Ganga Expressway.

**Key Points**

- According to a 2006 notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, it is necessary to obtain environmental clearance before construction of projects included in the schedule. Under this notification, environment clearance has been taken by UPEIDA for the construction of Ganga Expressway.
- The work of land acquisition for this expressway is in progress and so far about 94 percent of the land has been acquired.
- This expressway will start near Bijauli village of Meerut on Meerut-Bulandshahr road (NH-334) and will end near Judapur Dandu village of Prayagraj district on Prayagraj Bypass (NH-19).
- This expressway will connect 12 districts- Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj.

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## 35% MLAs in Uttar Pradesh have Criminal Cases : ADR Report

### Why in News

- A press release was issued by Uttar Pradesh Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reform (ADR) on November 23, 2021 after analyzing the financial, criminal and other details of 396 out of 403 sitting MLAs of the Assembly.

### Key Points

- The analysis is based on **the affidavits submitted by candidates in the 2017 Assembly elections** and the by-elections that followed.
- As per **the ADR**, it was found that **out of 396 MLAs in the Assembly, 140 or 35 percent MLAs have criminal cases** and **106 or 27 percent MLAs have serious criminal cases**.
- **Party wise, 106 out of 304 MLAs of BJP, 18 out of 49 MLAs of SP and 2 MLAs out of 18 of BSP and 1 MLA of Congress** have criminal cases pending against them.
- The report further said that of **the 396 MLAs in the Assembly, 313 or 79 percent were crorepati**.
- **The BJP has the highest number of crorepati MLAs** (235 out of 304) with 77 percent while **42 out of 49 (86 percent) MLAs of Samajwadi Party** were crorepati. Apart from this, **15 out of 16 MLAs of BSP and five out of seven MLAs of Congress** are crorepati.
- The average assets of MLAs was Rs 5.85 crores. Among the main parties, the average assets of 304 MLAs of BJP is Rs 5.04 crore, that of 49 MLAs of Samajwadi Party is Rs 6.07 crore, of 16 MLAs of BSP is Rs 19.27 crore and the average assets of 7 MLAs of Congress is Rs 10.06 crore.
- **BSP MLA from Mubarakpur Assembly constituency, Shah Alam alias Guddu Jamali, has total assets of more than Rs 118 crores** and tops the list of crorepati MLAs, followed by **BSP's Vinayshankar Tiwari from Chillupar Assembly seat** with assets of more than **Rs 67 crore**.
- Out of 396 MLAs, 95 have declared their educational qualification between 8th to 12th class passed, 290 MLAs have declared themselves as graduates or above, 4 MLAs have are illiterate and 5 MLAs were Diploma holders.

- Apart from this, 206 MLAs are aged between 25 and 50 years and 190 MLAs are between 51 and 80 years.

## Big achievement of Uttar Pradesh in National Family Health Survey

### Why in News

- According to the report of **National Family Health Survey-5** released on November 24, 2021, there has been a significant improvement in the sex ratio in Uttar Pradesh. At the same time, the fertility rate has come down to 2.4 as against 2.7.

### Key Points

- Spokesperson of the State Government said that during the last more than four and a half years, efforts have been made for the safety, respect and self-reliance of women and to stop female feticide. The sex ratio (number of females per 1000 males) has increased from 995 in 2015-16 to 1017 in 2020-21.
- Similarly, there has been an increase in the number of households using clean fuel for cooking and households using better sanitation facilities in the state.
- The percentage of households using clean fuel was 32.7 in the state in 2015-16, which has increased to 49.5 at present. Similarly, in sanitation facilities, this percentage has increased from 36.4 to 68.8. This has been possible due to effective implementation of Ujjwala Yojana and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The number of pregnant women (15-49 years) affected by anemia in the state has come down by 5.1 percent, while at the national level it is 1.8 percent.
- There has been a decrease of 6.6 percent in cases of stunting of children in the state, which is 2.9 percent at the national level. In the same state, there was a decrease of 7.4 percent in the cases of children under normal weight, while it is 3.7 percent at the national level.
- Similarly, institutional delivery in the state has increased from 67.8 percent to 83.4 percent, family planning measures from 45.5 percent to 62.4 percent, antenatal check-up from 26.4 percent to 42.4 percent and diarrheal infection rate in children has decreased from 15 percent to 5.6 percent.

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## Asia's Largest Airport

### Why in News

- On November 25, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Asia's largest Noida International Airport at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points

- This airport will be the **world's fourth largest international airport** and **Uttar Pradesh's 5th international airport**. It will be the **second international airport after Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI)** in Delhi NCR.
- Noida Airport is being **developed by Zurich Airport International**.
- In the first phase, Noida Airport will be built on 1300 hectares of land at a cost of Rs 10,050 crore by the year 2024. Noida Airport will have a capacity of 12 million passengers when the first phase is completed.
- State of the art **MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhauling)** service will also be available at this airport. The airport has been designed in such a way that operating expenses will be kept low and the transfer process of passengers can be done expeditiously.
- Noida International Airport will be the **country's first net zero emission airport in terms of environment**. A forest park will be prepared by planting trees on the nearby land.

## Export Policy Uttar Pradesh 2020-25

### Why in News

- On November 25, 2021, the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has decided to promulgate the Export Policy Uttar Pradesh 2020-25. For the first time such a comprehensive export policy is being promulgated.

### Key Points

- The objective of this policy is to promote development and competition in the field of exports, to provide necessary export-related assistance and services to export ancillary institutions, to establish and develop technical and physical infrastructure to increase

exports from the state. Apart from this, with the aim of promoting exports, to provide necessary support for the development of export potential of industries, to identify the opportunities available in the global market for products manufactured locally / in the country. To encourage capacity development by adopting best export practices.

- The focus areas of Export Policy Uttar Pradesh 2020-25 are Handicrafts, Agricultural and Processed Food Products, Engineering Goods and Textiles, Leather Products, Carpets and Rugs, Glass and Ceramic Products, Wood Products, Sports Goods, Defense Products, Services Sector, Education, Tourism, IT and ITeS, Medical Value Travels and Logistics.
- Under the Export Policy 2020-25, the expenditure on facilities and other ancillary activities to be provided to the eligible units will be kept within the limit of the amount provided in the budget.
- The development work of infrastructure facilities to be developed in cluster based Special Economic Zones in each district of the state will be funded from the funds provided for Uttar Pradesh Export Infrastructure Development Scheme.
- With the aim of doubling the income of farmers and promoting exports from the agriculture sector, Uttar Pradesh Export Promotion Policy 2020-25 will be able to adopt all those elements which are not covered by the Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Promotion Policy-2019.

## Multidimensional Poverty Index: Uttar Pradesh Third Poorest State

### Why in News

- Recently, the **Multidimensional Poverty Index** has been released by NITI Aayog, in which Uttar Pradesh ranks third in terms of highest poverty.

### Key Points

- **37.79 percent of the population of Uttar Pradesh is poor**, which is the highest in the country after Bihar and Jharkhand.
- **Uttar Pradesh's 44.47 percent population is malnourished**, while **Sikkim is the least malnourished state** in the country.

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- **Shravasti is the poorest district of Uttar Pradesh**, where 74.38 percent of the population is poor. While Bahraich (71.88 percent), Balrampur (69.45), Lakhimpur Kheri (59.95 percent) and Gonda (59.26 percent) are the poorest districts of the state.
- **Lucknow is the least poor district in the state**, with only 12.16 percent of its population being poor.
- According to the report, the least poor districts of the state are - (1) Lucknow (12.16 percent), (2) Kanpur Nagar (14.34 percent), (3) Gautam Budh Nagar (17.08 percent), (4) Ghaziabad (17.47 percent) and (5) Jhansi (20.27 percent).
- Uttar Pradesh has got a score of 0.18 in the Multi-dimensional Poverty Index, in which rural MPI score is 0.21 and urban MPI score is 0.085 percent.

## International Young Mountaineer Nitish Conquers Mount Pitalu

### Why in News

- On November 27, 2021, International young mountaineer Nitish Kumar Singh from Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh hoisted the proud tricolor of India by scaling Mount Pitalu (14,000 feet) located in Manali, Himachal Pradesh.

### Key Points

- Nitish Kumar Singh started his ascent on Mount Pitalu on 24 November. He accomplished this mission in collaboration with Delhi-based organization **Sahyog Care for You**.
- Recently, mountaineer Nitish has also been made Gorakhpur's 'Youth Elector Icon of Gorakhpur' by

Gorakhpur Deputy Election Officer Rajesh Kumar Singh for voter awareness.

- International young mountaineer Nitish Kumar Singh has also scaled the highest peaks of two international continents this year, the first being Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in the continent of Africa and Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of the continent of Europe.

## Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Park

### Why in News

- On November 29, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled the '**Shatabdi Pillar**' and released the postage stamp and centenary souvenir at the centenary celebrations of **Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden**.

### Key Points

- This centenary souvenir describes the achievements of the zoological park for 100 years.
- Along with this, he also released a book titled '**Chitrao Mein Chidiyaghar**' and honored former administrators and former directors for their significant contribution in wildlife conservation.
- Only two zoological parks were built in the state in 70 years from 1947 to 2017, while one zoological park has been established in Gorakhpur in the last five years.
- This zoological park is situated in the middle of Lucknow, which is a center of attraction for the people of the state. Also, for the residents of Lucknow, the trees and plants here are naturally in the form of the largest plant of oxygen. A gallery has also been established here for the visually impaired.



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