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## Bal Seva Yojana

### Why in News

- Recently the Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a proposal to provide monetary assistance of **Rs. 2500 per month** to the children orphaned due to the Covid-19 epidemic.
  - This monetary assistance will be provided under the **Bal Seva Scheme**.

### Key Points

- Children **below the age of 18 years, who have lost either or both of their parents** to COVID-19, will be eligible for getting monetary assistance under the scheme.
- A **maximum of two children per family** can get the benefit of this scheme.
- The scheme will be completely funded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Under this scheme, those meritorious students are also included, who have **attained the age of 23 years** and have passed graduation, technical graduation or state and national level competitive examination after 12<sup>th</sup> from a government degree college and university.

## Proposal to Rename Jhansi Railway Station

### Why in News

- On August 03, 2021, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai told the Lok Sabha that the Uttar Pradesh government has sent a proposal to the Centre for renaming of the Jhansi railway station as **"Veerangana Laxmibai railway station"**.

### Key point

- An executive order is required to rename any village, town, city or a station, while an **amendment of the Constitution** with majority in Parliament is needed for changing the name of a state.
- Jhansi, situated on the border of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, has been an important **princely state of the Peshwas of Pune** in northern India and a major stronghold of the First War of Independence of 1857.
- It is noteworthy that earlier in UP, the name of Mughalsarai railway station was renamed to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay station. Allahabad city has

been named Prayagraj. Whereas Faizabad has been renamed Ayodhya.

- It is noteworthy that the Union Home Ministry gives a green signal to the proposal to change the name of any railway station or place after getting no objection from the Ministry of Railways, Department of Posts, and Survey of India.

## UPEIDA-SIDM MoU for Defense Industry Forum

### Why in News

- On August 6, 2021, the **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)** to develop a **Defence Industry Forum in Uttar Pradesh**.
  - SIDM is a non-profit organisation advocacy group for promoting the defence manufacturing industries while UPEIDA is the nodal agency of the UP government for the development of the defence industrial corridor in UP

### Key Points

- **Objectives:**
  - To develop Uttar Pradesh as a **hub of defence manufacturing** by promoting micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), start-ups and defence manufacturing units.
  - To **mobilise investment of Rs 1,000 crore** in defence manufacturing.
- **Duration:**
  - The **validity of the MoU will be three years** and a Defence Industry Forum will be jointly set up by UPEIDA and SIDM.
- **Related Initiative:**
  - Similarly, the UPEIDA had also signed an agreement with Bharat Dynamics Limited for providing 250 acres of land to the company at the **Jhansi node of the defence industrial corridor**.

## Ujjwala 2.0

### Why in News

- On August 10, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala**

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**Yojana 'Ujjwala Yojana 2.0' in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh.**

### Key Points

- The Prime Minister launched the Ujjwala 2.0 scheme by giving new LPG connections to 1,000 women in the state. Under Ujjwala Yojana 2.0, **one crore poor families** will be given LPG connections free of cost.
- Under this scheme, the beneficiaries will not only get deposit-free LPG connection but also free of cost first **refill and hotplate**.
- The poor families left out in the first phase of this scheme and not covered under the scheme will get the benefit in this second phase.
- It is noteworthy that the Ujjwala scheme was launched on **May 1, 2016, from the Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh**. At that time a target was set to provide free LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households.
- In April 2018 the scheme was expanded to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories: **SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands**. Also, the target was revised to eight crores LPG connections. This target was achieved in August 2019, seven months ahead of the target date.

## **'Kakori Train Case' now 'Kakori Train Action'**

### Why in News

- Recently, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has renamed '**Kakori Kand**', an important movement in the history of India's freedom struggle, to '**Kakori Train Action**'.

### Key Points

- It is renamed because the word '**Kand**' refers to the sense of humiliation of the incident during India's freedom struggle.
- The Kakori Train Action was a train robbery, committed by the revolutionaries of the Indian independence movement against the British Raj on **August 9, 1925, in a village called Kakori near Lucknow**.
- This robbery was carried out by 10 revolutionaries including **Hindustan Republican Association's** revolutionary **Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan,**

**Rajendra Lahiri, Keshav Chakraborty, Mukundi Lal, Banwari Lal.**

- Significantly, freedom fighters **Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan and Roshan Singh were hanged** on December 19, 1927 for their involvement in the Kakori Conspiracy.

## **National Health Volunteers (Rashtriya Swasthaya Sevak Abhiyan) Campaign**

### Why in News

- Recently, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the **Rashtriya Swasthaya Sevak Abhiyan** by launching the **Health Warrior Portal** under which health workers will be trained.

### Key Points

- Under the Rashtriya Swasthaya Sevak Abhiyan, two lakh volunteers will be trained in the state.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that four lakh health volunteers were being linked to the campaign by the Bharatiya Janata Party and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in two lakh revenue villages of the country.
- Significantly, during the COVID-19 epidemic, 72,000 monitoring committees were set up comprising a 12-member committee. The members of this committee made people aware of coronavirus by going door to door.

## **Chief Minister honored 75 players of Gorakhpur Division**

### Why in News

- On August 13, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath honored 75 players of the Gorakhpur division at Digvijaynath Smriti Bhawan auditorium of Gorakshanath temple in district Gorakhpur.

### Key Points

- International wrestler Amarnath Yadav, international shooter Gajendra Rai, national-level table tennis player Ms. Shagun Kumari, national-level hockey player Ms. Muskan Paswan, gymnast Vivek Yadav,

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weightlifter Vikas Chauhan, state-level swimmer Saurabh Shukla, national-level basketball player Ms. Kshama Gupta and handball player Ms. Mukta Tiwari are prominently involved.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister talked about organizing a program in Lucknow to reward the medal winners in the Tokyo Olympics.
- In this program, Rs 2 crore to the gold medalist, Rs 1.5 crore to the silver medalist, Rs 1 crore to the bronze medalist, Rs 1 crore to each player of the men's hockey team and Rs 50 lakh to each player of the women's hockey team.
- Sports coaches will also be honored in this event. Along with this, 75-75 players from all 75 districts of the state will also be specially invited.

## Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna

### *Why in News*

- On August 12, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled the statue of **former Chief Minister Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna** in the series of **Chauri-Chaura Centenary Festival** at the Yojna Bhawan complex in Lucknow.

### *Key Points*

- Along with this, the Chief Minister inaugurated a photo exhibition based on the personality and works of Bahuguna and also released a book titled '**Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna**'. A short film based on the life of Bahuguna was also screened on the occasion.
- Bahuguna ji was **born on April 25, 1919** in Bughani village of Pauri district of present Uttarakhand, but he dedicated his life for the development of Uttar Pradesh. He led the youth in Allahabad (present-day Prayagraj) during the **Quit India Movement in 1942** and later helped in **industrial development around Naini**.
- In 1952, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna was **elected as the first member of the Legislative Assembly**. Again he was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1969 and from 1974 to 1977.
- Bahuguna has been the **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh twice**. He was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the first time from November 8, 1973 to March 4, 1974 and for the second time from March 5, 1974 to November 29, 1975.

## President's Gallantry Medal

### *Why in News*

- On the occasion of **Independence Day on August 15, 2021**, nine policemen from Uttar Pradesh received the **President's Medal for Gallantry**, four were given the **President's Medal for Distinguished Services** while 73 police personnel were awarded medals for their **outstanding services**.

### *Key Points*

- According to official sources, nine police personnel, including the Superintendent of Police of Jaunpur Ajay Kumar Sahni, will be honoured with the President's Medal for Gallantry on Independence Day. The prominent officers who will get Gallantry Medals are Ajay Kumar Sahni, Bijendra Pal Rana, Akshay Sharma, Bhupendra Kumar Sharma, Sunil Nagar, Taslim Khan, Pravesh Kumar Shukla, Pankaj Mishra and Shailendra Kumar.
- Besides Alok Singh, Commissioner of Police of Gautam Buddha Nagar, Geeta Singh, SP CB CID, Lucknow, Wajid Ali Khan, Sub-Inspector, district Deoria, and Jagat Narain Mishra, Platoon Commander, 11 Bn PAC in Sitapur, have been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services.
- At the same time, 73 police personnel of the state will be given medals for their outstanding services.
- Meanwhile, on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence, the state government **released 75 women prisoners** from different jails.

## 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra'

### *Why in News*

- On August 16, 2021, seven newly appointed ministers of Uttar Pradesh started '**Jan Ashirwad Yatra**' to seek the blessings of the people.

### *Key Points*

- The yatra will continue till August 20, 2021 and passing through three dozen Lok Sabha and 120 assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh it will cover a distance of over 3,500 km.
- Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs

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Kaushal Kishor and Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni reached Lucknow's Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport in three different chariots to seek blessings of the people.

- Union Minister of State for Cooperation B.L. Varma started the Jan Ashirwad Yatra from **Vrindavan in Mathura** and will end the **Yatra at Budaun** on 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Choudhary started the journey from Basti.
- Union Minister of State for Housing, Kaushal Kishore Mohan took out the Yatra from Unnao and the Yatra will be concluded at Sitapur on August 18, 2021.
- Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni, the only Brahmin face of Uttar Pradesh, took out a yatra in Sandila town of Hardoi and this Yatra will end at Ambedkar Nagar on August 19, 2021.
- Union Minister of State for MSME Bhanu Pratap Verma will start the Yatra from Lalitpur on 17th August and will end it at Fatehpur on 19th August, 2021.
- Union Minister of State for Law and Justice S.P. Singh Baghel will start the journey from Firozabad on 18th August and will end at Mathura.

## **ATS Commando Training Center in Deoband**

### **Why in News**

- On August 17, 2021, the state government decided to open a new ATS Commando Training Center at **Deoband in Western Uttar Pradesh**. For this, the government has allotted 20,000 square meters of land near **Deoband in Saharanpur**.

### **Key Points**

- With the arrest of two terrorists of an al-Qaeda-backed organization in Lucknow, the state government has decided to expand the ambit of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in the aftermath of terror threats in Uttar Pradesh.
- About one and a half dozen ATS officers selected from across the state will be posted in this center.
- Apart from Deoband, preparations are on to open ATS Commando Training Center in Lucknow and Noida.

- Only 30 kms distant from Deoband, more than eight terrorists and ISI agents have been arrested in Saharanpur recently.
- There are more than 300 madrasas in Deoband. It is because of **Darul Uloom** that students from all over the world come to Deoband for education. Deoband, which is called the **city of knowledge**, is now on the radar of the government due to terrorist activities. In view of this, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up an **ATS Commando Training Center in Deoband**.

## **Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh Council of Ministers has approved the **Adopt a Heritage Policy 'Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan'**.

### **Key Points**

- Under the policy, the terrestrial development, maintenance and management of public facilities will be done by the **Uttar Pradesh State Directorate of Archeology (Culture Department)** with the participation of **public enterprise units and private sector**.
- Under this, private sector entrepreneurs are proposed to be made memorial friends to develop protected monuments / sites.
- Arrangements for on-site development of monuments, public facilities management and annual maintenance in the memorial complex for tourists will be made by the selected memorial friends from their own resources.
- Under Adopt a Heritage Policy, MoU will be done between selected Smarak Mitra, Uttar Pradesh State Directorate of Archeology (Culture Department), Tourism Department and District Magistrate of the concerned district, for a **maximum period of 5 years**.
- The proposed work will be done by the Culture Department (Uttar Pradesh State Archaeological Directorate) and the Tourism Department through the District Magistrate of the concerned district with mutual cooperation.
- A joint committee of the Department of Culture and the Department of Tourism will be formed for the implementation of the scheme. The work will be done as per the action plan prescribed by the Joint Committee.

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- In the first phase under the policy by the Council of Ministers, the Directorate of Archeology (Culture Department) has also given permission to the proposal to select 11 major monuments/sites of Uttar Pradesh State Archaeological Department to be made memorial friends.
- The selected monuments include Chhatarmanjil and Farhat Baksh Kothi, Kothi Gulistane Iram, Darshan Vilas Kothi (Kaiserbagh, Lucknow), Hulaskheda excavation site (Mohanlalganj, Lucknow), Kusumvan Sarovar, Govardhan ki Chhatris (Govardhan, Mathura), Raskhan Samadhi (Gokul, Mathura), Gurudham Temple (Varanasi), Kardameshwar Mahadev Temple (Kandwa, Varanasi), Chunar Fort (Mirzapur) and ancient forts (Baruasagar, Jhansi) are included.

## Oxygen Plants in Uttar Pradesh

### *Why in News*

- The **HDFC Bank** will set up 4 oxygen plants in the state, under the **Parivartan scheme**.

### *Key Points*

- The bank will set up four oxygen plants at **Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Bhadohi and Lucknow** to strengthen the **healthcare infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh** under its flagship **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program 'Parivartan'**.
- These oxygen plants will make hospitals self-reliant in handling critical cases requiring medical oxygen support and will eliminate dependence on cryogenic tankers for transportation of oxygen from remote locations.
- Roy said that the bank has taken this initiative to help the government and the Covid Warriors in this epidemic. The bank will spend Rs 3 crore for setting up oxygen plants in these four cities.

## Supplementary Budget

### *Why in News*

- On August 18, 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government presented a **supplementary budget** of Rs 7,301.52 crore in the state assembly to meet the additional expenditure for the current financial year 2021-22.

### *Key Points*

- State Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna presented this supplementary budget in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- This supplementary budget is only 1.33 percent of the annual budget of Rs 5.5 lakh crore for the current financial year. The focus of this supplementary budget is on creating new employment opportunities.
- In this budget, the most important issues of public welfare or fulfillment of a particular scheme have been focused. There are some new demands, especially to create employment opportunities for the youth, for which Rs 3,000 crore has been allocated.
- Apart from this, emphasis will be given on social security fund for advocates, improvement of electricity system, construction of Ambedkar memorial and cultural centre, conservation of cattle and augmentation of infrastructure in Ayodhya.

## Chief Minister Announced Several Concessions

### *Why in News*

- On August 19, 2021, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** announced several concessions in the assembly.

### *Key Points*

- He raised the **dearness allowance from 17 percent to 28 percent** for 16 lakh employees and 12 lakh pensioners of the state, increased the honorarium of Anganwadi workers, State Defense Dal personnel, employment servants and increased the security fund for lawyers from Rs 1.5 lakh. 5 lakh has been announced.
- Yogi Adityanath also announced the **establishment of a special fund (Nidhi)** of Rs 3,000 crore, distribution of one crore smartphones and tablets to diploma and other degree holders to help the youth appearing in competitive examinations.
- Yogi Adityanath said that the government will also bear the cost of providing digital access to the beneficiary youth of the scheme.
- He said that the government has also roped in corporate houses, who will contribute to this fund and universities and other institutions from their **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** funds.

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- The Chief Minister said that the state government has increased the dearness allowance of government employees by 28 percent (as per the order of the Center) from July 2021. The government will increase the honorarium of **Anganwadi workers/Anganwadi helpers (AWWs/AWHs)**.
- The existing DA hike order will benefit state government employees, pensioners, employees of aided educational institutions and technical education institutions and employees of urban local bodies.

## **Phase III of 'Mission Shakti'**

### **Why in News**

- On August 21, 2021, the third phase of '**Mission Shakti**' was launched in a program organized in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. This phase of '**Mission Shakti**' will be conducted till December 31, 2021.

### **Key Points**

- State Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in this program.
- During this program, online transfer of grant money was done in the account of eligible beneficiary girls under '**Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangal Yojana**'.
- Apart from this, 75 women who made remarkable performances in the first and second phase of Mission Shakti were also honored.
- On this occasion, various programs including the inauguration of '**Mission Shakti Cell**' in 59 thousand gram panchayats, foundation stone of Veerangana Avantibai Battalion's courtyard in Badaun were completed.
- It is to be known that for the **safety, respect and self-reliance of women and girls**, '**Mission Shakti**' is being run by the state government.

## **Disposal of Cases in National Lok Adalat**

### **Why in News**

- On August 20, 2021, Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court and Executive Chairman of Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari

presented the highest number of cases in the National Lok Adalat in Gandhi Auditorium of Raj Bhavan, Top performing District Judges and Secretaries, District Legal Services Authority were honored for their excellent work in disposal.

### **Key Points**

- It is to be noted that in the Lok Adalat organized by the **National Legal Services Authority** on July 10, 2021, the state of **Uttar Pradesh has got the first place** in the settlement of maximum cases, on the occasion of which these district judges and secretaries have been honored.
- The Chief Minister said that through this National Lok Adalat, more than 12 lakh cases were settled in the state, which is the highest in the country.
- District and Sessions Judge Gorakhpur Durg Narayan Singh, District and Sessions Judge Siddharthnagar Pramod Kumar Sharma and District and Sessions Judge Rae Bareilly Abdul Shahid were honored under District Judges (General Settlement).
- District Judges/Presiding Officers were honored under Motor Accident Redressal Tribunal, Rajendra Pratap Singh of Agra district, Sanjay Singh of Aligarh district and Mayank Chauhan of Bareilly district.
- Under the District Judges/Chief Justice Family Court, Rajkumar Bansal of Siddharthnagar district, Irfan Qamar of Meerut district and Mrs Anita Raj of Ghaziabad district were honored.
- Secretaries of Aligarh, Bareilly, Agra, Gorakhpur, Rae Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Siddharthnagar and Lucknow under Secretary, District Legal Services Authority/Civil Judge (CD) Mahendra Kumar, Satyendra Singh Verma, Ms. Mukta Tyagi, Devendra Kumar, Sumit Kumar, Smt. Neha Rungta, Smt. Anju Kamboj, Chandramani and Dr. Satyawan Singh were honored.
- Ashok Kumar Srivastava was honored under Secretary, High Court Legal Aid Committee.

## **Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh passes away**

### **Why in News**

- On August 21, 2021, Kalyan Singh, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and former Governor of Rajasthan, passed away at the age of 89.

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### Key Points

- He died due to sepsis and multi organ failure. He breathed his last at SGPGI Hospital in Lucknow.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared three-day state mourning in Uttar Pradesh in honor of Kalyan Singh, while August 23 has been declared a public holiday.
- Significantly, **Kalyan Singh was the Chief Minister of India's most populous state 'Uttar Pradesh' twice** (from June 1991 to December 1992 and from September 1997 to November 1999).
- His **first term is remembered for the demolition of the long-controversial Babri Masjid** in Ayodhya on December 26, 1992.
- Kalyan Singh also **served as the Governor of Rajasthan between 2014-2019**.

## Production of BrahMos Missiles in Lucknow

### Why in News

- India's premier defense establishment, '**Defence Research and Development Organization, (DRDO)**' will produce the BrahMos next generation missile in Lucknow under the Uttar Pradesh **Defense Industrial Corridor** in the near future.

### Key Points

- Welcoming the initiative of DRDO, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has assured to provide all the facilities including land required for this project.
- The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile is being **designed, developed and produced by BrahMos Aerospace**, a joint venture between DRDO, Government of India and NPOM, Russia.
- Presently it is being **used by the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force**.
- About 200 acres of land will be required for production of the next generation BrahMos missile and an amount of about Rs. 300 crore will be invested to complete this project.
- This project will provide employment to about 500 engineers and technicians directly and 5,000 people indirectly.

- Ancillary units will also be set up to plan the production of this missile. Through these, about 10,000 people will get employment.
- With the construction of **BrahMos missile** in Lucknow, **Uttar Pradesh will move rapidly towards becoming the country's aerospace and defense hub**.
- More than 200 industrial units involved in manufacturing of various systems and subsystems of BrahMos missile will also move towards setting up their production units near the project.

## Prayagraj Kumbh

### Why in News

- Recently, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** released the **book 'Prayagraj Kumbh' focused on Prayagraj Kumbh, 2019**.

### Key Points

- The **editor of this book** dedicated to the public is **former Director General of Police Prakash Singh**.
- The book has been **published by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**.
- It is to be noted that **Prayagraj Kumbh, 2019** was **organized from January 15 to March 4, 2019**.
- More than 24 crore devotees took bath in Prayagraj Kumbh. An **Integrated Command and Control System** was **established** to monitor such a large number. Apart from this, **Artificial Intelligence** was also used.
- The government has set a unique example of cleanliness, security, and orderliness at the global level during Kumbh with religious and spiritual flavour.
- Prayagraj Kumbh also became a **symbol of social harmony**. The state government propagated the legacy of Kumbh through the '**logo**' of '**Sarva Siddhi Prada Kumbh**'.
- For the **first time in 450 years**, in Prayagraj Kumbh, 2019, **Akshayavat and Saraswati Well** located in the fort were opened for the devotees to visit.

## Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

### Why in News

- Recently **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath** distributed free LPG connections to the

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beneficiaries under the **second phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana'**.

### Key Points

- Earlier on August 10, 2021 the second phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' was **launched by the Prime Minister from Mahoba district** of the state. Under this, a total of 1 crore free LPG connections will be provided to poor and needy families in the country.
- For the second phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', **10 districts of the state - Sonbhadra, Banda, Mahoba, Chitrakoot, Rae Bareilly, Hardoi, Badaun, Amethi, Fatehpur and Farrukhabad** have been selected. Free LPG connections will be provided to 20 lakh beneficiaries of these districts.
- Under the first phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', free LPG connections have been provided to more than 8 crore families of the country. **In Uttar Pradesh 1.47 crore families have been benefited** by the scheme. This number is the **highest in the entire country**.
- In the second phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', **special provisions have been made for those migrant workers, who were deprived of getting the benefit of the scheme** due to lack of proof of address in the first phase of 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana'.
- It is worth mentioning that under the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', **the target was to provide free LPG connections to 8 crore underprivileged families by March 2020, which was achieved 7 months ago in September 2019.**

## AYUSH University

### Why in News

- On August 28, 2021, **President Ram Nath Kovind** laid the foundation stone of **Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Ayush University** in **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.

### Key Points

- The estimated cost of this university being built in an area of 21.173 hectare is Rs 299.87 crore and it is likely to be completed by March 2023.
- All the colleges of Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy in the state will be affiliated with this university.
- Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy and Siddha systems of medicine will be developed from this university and students will be proficient in Yoga and Naturopathy systems.
- The architecture of the university will be in line with Indian culture. The campus will have an academic building, administrative building, residential building, hostel, guest house, auditorium and super specialty block.
- So far, there have been separate institutions in Uttar Pradesh for Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Yoga, Siddha systems of medicine (which are collectively called AYUSH). For the first time in the state, the syllabus of **AYUSH systems** is being regulated.
- At present, the total number of AYUSH colleges in the state is 94, out of which Ayurveda colleges are 67 (8 government and 59 private), Unani colleges 15 (2 government and 13 private) and homeopathy colleges 12 (9 government and 3 private).



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