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Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan Announces Awards for the year 2021

Why In News?

On August 2, 2022, the honor and award of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan for the year 2021 was announced. The names of the scholars were selected unanimously in the meeting chaired by the working president of the institute, Dr. Sadanand Prasad Gupta.

Key Points

- The Institute's highest honor 'Bharat Bharati' was given to Dr. Ramanath Tripathi, former Professor of Hindi Department of Delhi University. The honor amount given under Bharat Bharati Samman is Rs 8 lakh. In the honor list, Dr. O.P. from Lucknow. The names of 18 litterateurs including Mishra and Hriday Narayan Dixit are included.
- Lohia Sahitya Samman from Dehradun (Uttarakhand) to Buddhinath Mishra of Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Hindi Gaurav Samman to Dr. Giriraj Sharan Aggarwal from Gurugram (Haryana), Dr. Vishwas Kisan of Nandurbar (Maharashtra) in the category of award of Rs. Mahatma Gandhi Sahitya Samman to Patil, Dr. Ramsharan Gaur of Gautam Budh Nagar (Uttar Pradesh) to Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Sahitya Samman, Dr. Om Prakash Mishra of Lucknow to Avanti Bai Sahitya Samman, Hriday Narayan Dixit of Lucknow to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Award. has been selected for.
- A sum of Rs. 2.5 lakh is given by the institute for the Sahitya Bhushan Samman. The following litterateurs have been selected for this honour:
 - Hitesh Kumar Sharma, Bijnor, U.P
 - Dr. Raghuvir Singh Arvind, Aligarh, U.P
 - Dr. Preeti Srivastava Kabir, Lucknow, U.P
 - Kishan Swarup, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
 - Dr. Umashankar Shukla Shitikanth, Lucknow
 - Dr. Natasha Arora, Noida,
 - Jai Prakash Sharma Janakavi Prakash, Prayagraj, U.P
 - Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Lucknow, U.P
 - Dr. Dayanidhi Mishra, Varanasi, U.P
 - Dr. Sabhapati Mishra, Prayagraj, U.P
- Dr. Pramod Kumar Agarwal, Jhansi, U.P
- Shivanand Singh Aide, Meerut, U.P
- Dr. Naresh Mishra, Rohtak, Haryana
- Dr. Rupsingh Chandel, Dharuhera, Haryana
- Dr. Sushil Sarit, Agra, U.P
- Shachi Mishra, Pune, Maharashtra
- Vijayshankar Mishra Bhaskar, Sultanpur, U.P
- Girish Pankaj, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Shivdayal, Patna, Bihar
- Dr. Neerja Madhav, Varanasi, U.P
- **Prizes with a prize money of Rs 2.5 lakh**
 - Lokbhushan- Dr. Mahendra Bhanawat, Udaipur, Rajasthan
 - Kalabhushan- Dr. Hriday Gupta, Kanpur, U.P
 - Vidya Bhushan - Vijay Chittori, Prayagraj, U.P
 - Patrakarita Bhushan - Balbir Punj, Noida, U.P
 - Videshi Indian Hindi Bhushan - Dr. Nalini Balbir, Paris (France)
 - Hindi Videsh Prasar - Kalpana Lalji, Mauritius
 - Bal Sahitya Bharati Samman- Dr. Fakir Chand Shukla, Ludhiana (Punjab)
 - Dr. Dinesh Pathak Shashi, Mathura, U.P
 - Madhulimaye Sahitya Samman- Dr. Vikram Singh, Agra, U.P
 - Pt. Shrinarayan Chaturvedi Sahitya Samman - Ashwani Kumar Dubey, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
 - Vidhi Bhushan Samman- Sudha Awasthi, Prayagraj, U.P
- **Sohardra Samman: (Amount Rs 2.50 lakh)**
 - Muhiuddin Hasan Suhail Kakorvi, Lucknow (Urdu)
 - Dr. R. Lakshminarayana, Bengaluru, Karnataka (Kannada)
 - Kranti Kanate, Vadodara, Gujarat (Gujarati)
 - Dr. Veena Gupta, Jammu (Dogri)
 - s. Ananthakrishnan (Tamil)
 - Dr. Yama Lakshmanacharyalu, Hyderabad, Telangana (Telugu)
 - Mohan Sapra, Jalandhar, Punjab (Punjabi)
 - Ramakrishna Vinayak Sahasrabuddhe, Nagpur, Maharashtra (Marathi)
 - Professor K. S. Somnathan Nair, (Malayalam)
 - Dr. Hazarimayum Ibayyama Devi (Manipuri)

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- Dr. Murarilal Agarwal, Ghaziabad, (Sanskrit)
- Raghu Mishra, Rourkela, Odisha, (Odia)
- Dr. Tulsi Devi, Firozabad, U. Q. (Sindhi)
- **Prize of one lakh rupees**
 - Madan Mohan Malviya University Level Honour
 - Dr. Yogendra Pratap Singh, Lucknow
 - Dr. Pratyush Dubey, Gorakhpur
- **Apart from the honour, nominated prizes worth Rs 75,000 have also been announced on 35 books published in the year 2021-**
 - 34 books have been selected for the Swarna Awards with a prize money of Rs 40,000.
 - Harivansh Rai Bachchan's Young Lyricist Samman has been given to Rahul Dwivedi of Lucknow.
 - Pt. Badri Prasad Shinglu Smriti Samman has been given to Rajni Gupta of Lucknow.

Uttar Pradesh to Join Indian Diplomatic Missions to Boost Exports from the State

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary (MSME and Export Promotion) Navneet Sehgal informed that Uttar Pradesh will join Indian diplomatic missions in the United States and European countries to boost exports from the state.

Key Points

- Additional Chief Secretary (MSME and Export Promotion) Navneet Sehgal said that the UPO has set a target to increase exports from the state to Rs. 3 lakh crore in the next five years.
- Indian Embassies in USA, UK, Germany, Australia, Israel, Singapore etc. will promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) products in addition to traditional handicrafts and indigenous products under the state's flagship One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.
- The Indian diplomatic missions will provide much-needed traction and visibility to the traditional products of the state in major export destinations around the world.

- Considering the pandemic situation, the goods exports of Uttar Pradesh grew by 30 percent from Rs. 1.07 lakh crore in 2020-21 to over Rs 1.40 lakh crore in 2021-22, of which the ODOP basket contributed 72 percent.
- Additional Chief Secretary Sehgal said the MSME department has already tied up with leading e-commerce platforms Flipkart and Amazon for marketing the state's merchandise basket and will enter into a similar agreement with e-Bay.
- Uttar Pradesh will also use the Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) channel to boost trade exports. Promoted by the Centre, ONDC has been made mandatory to promote exchange of goods and services on digital networks. It is based on an open-source and open network protocol, independent of a specific platform, thus providing a wide-ranging sales-buying experience for institutional entities.
- The best-selling UP products include leather goods, carpets, hand-woven garments, brass utensils, glassware, sports goods, etc.
- The ODOP scheme, which was launched during the first foundation day celebrations of Uttar Pradesh in January 2018, is based on promoting traditional products of the state and creating jobs at the local level.
- The state is promoting the concept of 'Flatted Factory' to save space for non-polluting MSME industries. A 'Flatted Factory' is a multi-Storey industrial building that, apart from serving as industrial warehouses, accommodates a number of industrial and assembly units.

Singapore becomes Uttar Pradesh's First Global Partner in GIS-23

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, an official spokesperson of the Government of Uttar Pradesh said that Singapore has become the first participant country of Uttar Pradesh in the Uttar Pradesh Global Investor Summit-2023 (GIS-23) to be held in January.

Key Points

- Singapore's High Commissioner to India Simon Wong expressed happiness over his country's alliance with

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the Uttar Pradesh government, saying Singapore has become the first partner country for the UP Global Investor Summit-2023 to be held in January.

- An official spokesperson of the state government said Singaporean companies have invested more than US\$ 250 million. Most of this investment is in the districts of the National Capital Region (NCR) of the state. At the groundbreaking ceremony held recently, Singaporean companies pledged an investment of Rs 1,100 crore.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the officials to prepare a detailed publicity plan for the summit so that the likes of UK, USA, Canada, UAE, Sweden, Singapore, Netherlands, Israel, France, Germany, South Korea, Mauritius, Russia and Australia A global buzz could be created through road-shows in countries.

Rupal Chaudhary Won Bronze Medal in World Athletics U-20

Why In News?

Rupal Choudhary of Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh won the bronze medal in women's 400 meters race with a time of 51.85 seconds at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships held in Colombia on August 4, 2022.

Key Points

- With this, 17-year-old Rupal Chaudhary has become the first Indian to win two medals at the World Athletics U-20 Championships.
- Earlier on August 2, Rupal had won a silver medal in the 4x400m relay. The Indian team set an Asian junior record with a time of three minutes 17.76 seconds. The Indian team was second only to the UNITED STATES.
- In the Women's 400m race at the World Athletics U-20 Championships, Great Britain's Yami Mary won the gold medal with 51.50 seconds, while Kenya's Damaris Mutunga won the silver medal with 51.71 seconds.



- Rupal Chaudhary gave his best performance twice in the championship. For the first time in the semi-finals, he clocked 52.27 seconds and then improved this time in the final to win the bronze medal with 51.85 seconds.
- Earlier this year, Rupal had won a gold medal in the women's 400m race, overtaking Karnataka's Priya Mohan, a strong contender for the title at the National Under-20 Federation Cup Athletics Championships.

Annu Rani Won Bronze Medal in Javelin Throw

Why In News?

On August 7, 2022, annu rani, a **female javelin thrower from Bahadurpur village in Meerut, created history by winning a bronze medal** in the women's javelin throw at the ongoing Commonwealth Games-2022 in Birmingham.

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- Annu Rani threw the javelin **60m away in her third attempt to finish third**. World champion Kelsey Le Barber of Australia won the gold with a throw of 64.43m, while her compatriot MacKenzie Little won the silver with a throw of 64.27m.
- Annu Rani, popularly known as javelin queen, has become the first woman javelin thrower to achieve this feat in the javelin event of the Commonwealth Games by winning a bronze medal.
- Before Annu Rani, Kashinath Nayak and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra have won bronze and gold medals respectively in the men's javelin throw event at the Commonwealth Games. Nayak won medals at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, while Chopra won medals in the 2018 Gold Coast.
- Annu Rani participated in the Tokyo Olympics-2021, but she could not win a medal. She also holds the record for the first Indian woman to make it to the final of the World Championships-2019. Apart from this, Annu Rani has won a silver medal in asian championships-2019, bronze medal in Asian championships-2017, silver medal in South Asian Games-2016 and bronze medal in Asian Games-2014.

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Uttar Pradesh Government Will Upgrade ITI

Why In News?

- On August 8, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Vocational Education and Skill Development Kapil Dev Agarwal informed that the state government has announced its decision to upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) with an aim to improve vocational training, for which an amount of Rs 4,000 crore has been allocated.

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- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Vocational Education and Skill Development Kapil Dev Agarwal said the government will tie up with a private organisation for technical upgradation of ITIs.
- In the first phase, the state government has selected 50 ITIs for upgradation, for which Rs 4,000 crore has been allocated. Also, centers will be started to improve the employment skills of students in secondary education schools. For this, two colleges in each district and 150 colleges across the state have been selected.
- It is noteworthy that the Uttar Pradesh government has set up 10 new ITIs in the private sector, where the work of imparting training will start soon. Besides, construction of 15 new government ITIs has been completed and will be inaugurated soon.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) Kapil Dev Agarwal said that in the financial year 2022-23, the government had identified 29 sectors in which more than two lakh youth will be trained, under which about 10,000 youth will be trained in aviation and 33,021 for healthcare.

Uttar Pradesh in Testing Water Samples

Why In News?

According to the recently released Jal Shakti Ministry report, Uttar Pradesh has reached the first place in the country in the testing of water samples. Uttar Pradesh has left behind states like Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Jharkhand, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh in testing water samples.

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh informed that the women of the state have completed the testing of 11,97,890 water samples in 20,756 villages. 69,279 water samples have been found contaminated in the test done with FTK kit. Necessary action has been taken at 12,919 places.
- According to the report of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, women have tested 11,60,940 water samples in 17,823 villages in Chhattisgarh and they are second. In terms of water testing with FTK kits, Kerala is at number three, Odisha at number four and Madhya Pradesh at number five.
- The continuous monitoring of the state government and the action plan of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department have given a new impetus to this campaign of Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh, which was outside the top 10 till a few days ago, has made its presence felt at the number one position in the country, moving fast.
- In order to provide pure water from taps to the people, the state government has also started a campaign to train five women for water testing in every village across the state.
- The aim of the state government is to provide pure water to the people along with providing tap water to every household in the state.

Water Testing lab to Come up in Dinapur

Why in News?

On August 11, 2022, a seven-member team from Denmark inspected Dinapur STP and discussed with the officials of Jal Nigam to set up a laboratory for testing water in the mechanical branch of Dinapur STP, Uttar Pradesh.

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- A seven-member team led by the Development Minister of Nordic Corporation Denmark visited the 140 MLD plant at Dinapur STP and inquired about the capacity of all the sewage treatment plants in Varanasi.
- Jal Nigam officials said that sewage is treated with a capacity of about 412 MLD. This plan is for 2030.

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- The DG of Namami Gange told that the people of Denmark will build a laboratory with new technology. In this, both sewage and drinking water will be tested.
- Apart from this, the Danish delegation interacted with professors, environmentalists and research students, including the commissioner, at BHU's Swatantra Bhavan and discussed the work being done to clean the Ganga and its tributaries.
- Danish Development Cooperation Minister Fleming Möller Mortensen and Danish Ambassador to India Freddy Swane, Denmark Foreign Affairs, Permanent Secretary and all Danish delegates were also briefed about the research being done on Ganga-Varuna.
- Minister Fleming Moller Mortensen said that India and Denmark are signing an agreement for the first time in the field of environment, river water conservation. Smart River Laboratory will be set up in Varanasi for cleaning Ganga.
- Director of BHU's Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, Prof. AS Raghuvanshi told the situation of Varuna and Assi. Ganga Mitra Rohit told that from Prayagraj to Ballia, nectar forests will be planted on the banks of the Ganges. In this belt, 15,000 Ganga water protectors have been prepared. 15 Zones, 15 Ganga Coordinators, 120 Ganga Sub Coordinators, 1500 Working Sites and 1500 Conservation Societies have been created.

10 Policemen From Uttar Pradesh Selected for Union Home Minister's Medal

Why in News?

10 policemen from Uttar Pradesh are also included in the list of 151 policemen selected for the prestigious Union Home Minister Medal 2022 issued by the Union Home Ministry on August 12, 2022.

Key Points

- Significantly, 28 women policemen are also included in the list of 151 policemen announced for the Union Home Minister's Medal 2022.
- The list includes 15 personnel from CBI, 5 from NIA, 11 from Maharashtra Police, 10 each from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Police, 8 each from Kerala,

Rajasthan and West Bengal Police and the rest from other states.

- Policemen who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Deputy Superintendent of Police of Uttar Pradesh Police Sansar Singh Rathi, Deputy Superintendent of Police Saviratna Gautam, SHO Kamlesh Singh, Inspector Ram Govind Mishra, Inspector Santosh Kumar Sharma, Inspector Yogendra Kumar, Inspector Shailesh Kumar Rai, Inspector Bhaiya Shivprasad Singh, Sub-Inspector Neeraj Kumar Pal and Sub-Inspector Suraj Kumar Tiwari.
- It is worth mentioning that the medal was instituted in 2018 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with the objective of promoting high professional standards in crime investigation and recognition of such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.
- Under this, this medal is given to the policemen who have displayed honesty, devotion and extraordinary courage in work by setting high standards in the investigation of any crime.
- In 2018, the then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had started five Police Medals to encourage policemen. These include Special Operations Medal, Police Internal Security Service Medal, Extraordinary Efficiency Medal, Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal and Medal of Excellence in Investigation.

Strategy to Achieve the Target of \$1 Trillion Economy

Why in News?

On August 14, 2022, Dr. Navneet Sehgal, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME informed that a sector-wise strategy has been started to fulfill the target of making the state's economy one trillion dollars.

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- Under this, 95 products imported into the state have been identified. It has been planned to produce them in the state itself.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had recently directed the MSME department to mark the products to be imported into the state.
- In the financial year 2021-22, 95 products worth more than Rs 55,000 crore have been imported from the

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dry ports (connection of port by rail or road transport) of UP. Among these 48 products ranging from Rs 10 thousand crore to Rs 100 crore have been imported.

- Among the top-10 products imported in the state, electrical and electronics products worth Rs 10,200 crore are transformers, generators, mixer grinders, semiconductor chips, processors and memories etc. In second place are fish oil, castor oil, soybean oil and other edible oils worth Rs 6592 crore.
- Nuclear reactors, boilers and machinery used in large plants worth Rs 6315 crore in third place, plastic pallets worth Rs 4906 crore in fourth place and aluminum, iron, steel and copper products worth Rs 2817 crore in fifth place.
- Organic chemicals worth Rs 1592 crore are in sixth place, surgical instruments worth Rs 1590 crore in seventh place, gold and silver jewellery and gems worth Rs 1515 crore in eighth place, paper board worth Rs 1207 crore in ninth place, card board, chemical. Made hard boards and imports of nickel and nickel scrap metals worth Rs 1106 crores are in the tenth place.

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved Water Tariff Rules-2022

Why In News?

On August 16, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Water Tariff Rules-2022. Under this, now water tariff will have to be paid at the rate of Rs 50 per square meter for passing the map for the construction of the building in the schemes of development authorities.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that earlier this water tariff was not charged in Lucknow and Banaras, but now the people there will also have to pay it.
- According to the rules, in cases of layout plans, water tariff will be charged according to the total area of the land. On the construction of a multi-Storey building, it will be charged on the basis of total area covering all the floors and basements.
- Water Tariff will also be payable on additional construction from the existing built-up area. Water tariff rates will be revised on the basis of the Cost

Inflation Index of the Income Tax Department from April 1 every year.

- Water Tariff shall not be payable outside the Development Authority, scheme or where it is unable to supply water. The revised map submitted for approval within the validity period, for which water tariff have already been paid, will not be charged.
- In case of extension of validity period, the tariff will be charged at the applicable rate from the date of passing the map, adjusting the fee deposited earlier. Water tariff will be payable at the rate applicable from the date of their passing after adjustment of the fee deposited earlier for the maps submitted after the validity period.
- If the water tariff are up to Rs 10 lakh, a lump sum payment will have to be made. If more than this, the payment of Rs 10 lakh will be taken in lump sum and the remaining in four half-yearly installments with 9% interest. For this, a bank guarantee equivalent to the outstanding amount will also have to be given or the saleable land of the same value will have to be mortgaged in favor of the authority. The bank guarantee or mortgage land will be released on payment of the remaining amount. Penalty interest at the rate of 3.0 percent per annum with 9% per annum interest will be charged on delay in payment of installments.

Country's First Night Safari to Begin in Lucknow

Why in News?

On August 16, 2022, the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the **country's first night safari** in the capital Lucknow.

Key Points

- Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectare and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.
- Here separate safaris will be made for Tiger, Leopard and Bear. Lucknow's historic Nawab Wajid Ali Shah

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Zoological Garden will be shifted from the present place to Night Safari. Kukrail river will be developed as a beautiful riverfront. Toy train will also be run in Night Safari.

- This will be the first night safari in the country. At present there are 13 open day safaris in the country, but not a single night safaris.
- The entrance of Night Safari will be grand and attractive. Interpretation center, Butterfly Interpretation Center will also be built here. Apart from this, there are plans to make Leopard Safari in 75 acres, Bear Safari in 60 acres and Tiger Safari in 75 acres.
- Wild animals will be kept in the kettle grid in the open sky instead of in the enclosure. There will be an open air nocturnal zoo, which will be open only at night. In the safari at night, arrangements will be made for the animals in dim light like the light of the moon. A modern theme park will be built for the tourists during the day.
- Under world-class facilities, night safari will also include train rides and jeep rides with local guides. Apart from this, facilities like canopy walk, camping activity, mountain bike track, wall climbing, tree top restaurant, nature trail and food court will be developed.

Cabinet Approves Formation of Uttar Pradesh Eco-Tourism Development Board

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on August 16, 2022, approved the proposal for the formation of the **Uttar Pradesh Eco-Tourism Development Board** for the development and management of tourism infrastructure facilities in the permissible areas outside the forest sanctuaries of the state.

Key Points

- Eco-Tourism Board will be headquartered in Lucknow and Chief Minister will be its chairman.
- 10 departments (Tourism, Forest, AYUSH, Rural Development, Irrigation, Urban Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Sports and Transport) have been included in this board.

- The composition of the Board will be the Eco-Tourism Development Board and the Eco-Tourism Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the necessary action to fulfill the objectives of the Environment Tourism Development Board.
- Eco-tourism Development Board will facilitate activities like Trekking, hiking, cycling, caravan tourism, seaplane and river cruise, adventure tourism as well as hotels, resorts and infrastructure facilities, ballooning, jungle camping and wellness tourism such as- Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy etc for the development of the eco-tourism sector.
- The members of the Development Board will be of two types. In these, the official (ex-officio) members and special ministers will be members. Agriculture Minister, Forest Minister, Ayush Minister, Finance Minister, Tourism Minister, Irrigation Minister, Rural Development Minister, Chief Secretary, Principal Chief Conservator and Head of Department, MD of Uttar Pradesh Forest Corporation will be members of the board.
- The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary will be the Member Secretary of the Tourism Board. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary Environment, Forest and Climate Change will be in the role of its coordinator.
- Representatives of IRCTC, representative of Sashastra Seema Bal Uttar Pradesh, representative of World Wildlife Fund India, representative of Bombay Natural History Society, representative of Turtle Conservation Fund, representative of Katarniaghat Foundation, five nominated environment and tourism experts will be special ministers. Apart from this, two other reputed institutions working in the field of environment as special ministers will be selected for every two years.

Corridor of Thakur Bankebihari Temple

Why In News?

On August 23, 2022, Mathura District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal said that the Mathura district administration has proposed to build a **corridor of**

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Bankebihari temple on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath after the death of two devotees due to crowd pressure in Bankebihari temple during Mangala Darshan on Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

Key Points

- The Bihariji corridor in Vrindavan will change the form of Thakur Bankebihari temple. With the construction of the corridor, devotees will get freedom from narrow lanes, as well as public facilities will also be provided. The newly constructed Kashi Vishwanath Corridor is being made the basis for Vrindavan.
- Significantly, the area of Kashi Vishwanath Temple is spread over about five lakh square feet. The Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor also covers 23 buildings and 27 temples. There are four big gates, the glory of Kashi is described on 22 inscriptions in the corridor.
- In this corridor, facilities including Temple Chowk, Mumukshu Bhawan, many passenger facilitation centers, utility buildings etc. have been provided. After Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar in 1780, the Kashi temple has been given grandeur through the corridor.
- Apart from this, the corridor of Rameswaram Temple in South India is the largest, which is about 400 feet long. The beauty of the corridor built for Rameswaram, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas, is a wonderful example of architecture. The width of this corridor is up to 197 meters.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Award 2022. It also includes the name of Khurshid Ahmed of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Award for the year 2022 to the selected teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. As an award, a sum of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal will be given to the teachers.

- Khurshid Ahmed will be given this award for innovation in science education. He is a teacher at Composite School Sahwa in Deoria. They have been selected alone among the basic and secondary school teachers of the state.
- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Awards to teachers is to highlight the unique contribution of teachers of the country and to honour such teachers who have not only improved the quality of school education with their commitment and hard work, but have also enriched the lives of their students.

Cruise will Run in Prayag like Kashi, Heliport will be Built at Sangam

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, Minister of Tourism and Culture of the state and in-charge of Prayagraj Mandal, Jaiveer Singh told the journalists that before the Prayagraj Mahakumbh, cruise services and waterways will start here on the lines of Varanasi.

Key Points

- Minister Jaiveer Singh said that water transport from Prayagraj will also start through the heliport that will be built at Sangam before Kumbh. Ganga Expressway will further facilitate the access of Prayagraj from other districts including Delhi.
- The state government plans to start cruise transport from Prayagraj to Varanasi. It is worth mentioning that cruise service has already been started in the mythological city of Varanasi located in the state.
- It is also the route of National Waterway No.1 (From Prayagraj to Haldia), so in future, in addition to freight, the waterway from here can also be used for the transportation of the common man.

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- Minister Jaiveer Singh said that curzon bridge, which has been declared unusable by the railways, will be developed for tourists as a heritage.
- It is worth mentioning that the age of Curzon Bridge on the Ganga river on Prayagraj to Ayodhya and Lucknow railroad is 117 years. This bridge was opened for rail traffic on June 15, 1905. At that time, the Awadh and Rohilkhand Railway used to operate this railway line. Road traffic through this bridge started on 20 December 1905. Road and rail traffic was closed from this bridge in the year 1998.

Sewage Treatment Plant Based on Hybrid Annuity Mode to be Built on the Banks of Yamuna

Why In News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved the construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) based on Hybrid Annuity Mode to deal with the increasing pollution due to large drains falling into Yamuna River.

Key Points

- Sewage treatment plants will be built on the banks of river Yamuna at a cost of Rs 583 crore, which will treat 177.6 MLD of sewage falling into the Yamuna.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between NMCG Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and Vishwaraj Environment Private Limited in Delhi in this regard. The agreement was signed by Rajkumar Sharma, Superintending Engineer, Jal Nigam, Satyajit Raut of Vishwaraj Environment and Vinod Kumar, Project Director, NMCG.
- It is worth noting that the Taj Mahal in Agra is being attacked by Goldie Chironomus insects due to the swamp created due to drain water in Yamuna. Insect attacks on the Taj Mahal have increased in the last four years. Even after taking suo motu cognizance of Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal, sewerage has not stopped in Yamuna river.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Director General G. Ashok Kumar said that with the construction of the new sewage treatment plant, the sewer will stop falling without treatment in the Yamuna.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also included the construction of three new STPs to solve sewer problems,

including interception, diversion structure, laying of I&D network, operation and maintenance for 15 years.

Only One Case of Communal Violence in Uttar Pradesh in 2021: NCRB Report

Why In News?

According to the recently released National Crime Report Bureau's crime data for 2021, 378 cases of communal violence have been registered across the country, out of which only one case has been registered in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- According to the data of National Crime Report Bureau, out of 378 cases of communal violence in the country, 100 cases have been registered in Maharashtra, 77 in Jharkhand, 51 in Bihar, 40 in Haryana, while Rajasthan is at number five in this case.
- The National Crime Report Bureau report also revealed that crimes against women and children have already come down significantly in the state. Compared to the country, the incidents of cyber crime are also decreasing in the state.
- According to the data released by NCRB, 18943 cases were registered against children in the year 2019, while in the year 2021 it came down to 16838. In the year 2019, 59853 cases were registered against women in the state which came down to 56083 in 2021. Not only this, 11416 cases of cybercrime were registered in 2019 which decreased to 8829 in the year 2021.
- Compared to the year 2019, there has been a decrease of 6.2 percent in crime against women in 2021, 11.11 percent in crimes against children and 22.6 per cent in cybercrime.
- According to the report, despite being the most populous state in the country, Uttar Pradesh ranked 28th in crime against children in 16,838 cases, 36th with 50 cases in kidnapping for ransom and 21st with 6.3 crime rate in case of POCSO Act.
- According to the report, the declining trend in serious crimes such as rape and murder continued in the state, ranking 16th in the country in crimes against women. The state ranked 23rd with 2845 cases of misconduct and 24th in murder.



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