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e-Pension Portal

Why in News?

- On the occasion of International Labour Day (May 1, 2022), Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a new platform e-Pension Portal to ensure transparent and hassle-free disbursement of pension to retired government employees.

Key Points

- This end-to-end online pension portal has been developed by the Finance Department to simplify the process of getting pension.
- This will eliminate the need for pensioners to go anywhere physically and make the process transparent, paperless, contactless and cashless.
- Taking into account the complaints of retiring state government employees, the portal will track the status of their applications (PPOs).
- As per the guidelines given by the Central Government, the State Finance Department has created a portal, which will have the option to track the status of employees who have attained the age of 59 years and six months. This will benefit about 11.5 lakh pensioners in the state.
- This system has been implemented for the state government employees and soon other departments will also be involved in the process, which will benefit lakhs of people and no one will have to run here and there for pension.

Bundelkhand Expressway

Why in News?

- On April 30, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and Chief Executive Officer of Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) Avnish Kumar Awasthi informed that Bundelkhand Expressway will be inaugurated in the upcoming June month.

Key Points

- Avnish Kumar Awasthi said that the construction of 14 out of 19 flyovers on Bundelkhand Expressway has been completed. The construction of bridge over Betwa and Yamuna river has been completed. The

work of connecting this expressway with Agra-Lucknow Expressway has also been completed.

- The total length of Bundelkhand Expressway is 296.07 km. The expressway will pass through Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.
- It is worth mentioning that with the construction of this expressway, the entire Bundelkhand region will be directly connected to the National Capital Delhi through the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

Drug warehouses to come up in all districts of UP

Why In News?

- Recently, the Director General of Medical Education (DGME) dr. N. C. Prajapati said that in order **to ensure availability of medicines in every district of Uttar Pradesh**, the concerned officials have been directed by the state government to set up drug warehouses in every district of the state.

Key Point

- In this context, the Health Department has prepared an action plan under which 25 drug godowns will be inaugurated in eight districts of Uttar Pradesh - Rae Bareli, Sitapur, Gonda, Barabanki, Shahjahanpur, Auraiya, Farrukhabad and Sambhal in the next two years.
- Dr. Prajapati said that the control of these drug godowns and the supply of medicines to these drug godowns will be done directly by the DG office at Lucknow.
- This will ensure availability of medicines at the village level as well as ensure transparent distribution of medicines in primary health centres (PHCs).

E-learning parks to be started soon in uttar pradesh's degree colleges

Why In News?

- Recently, Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay said that in a new initiative to promote innovation in higher education institutions, the Uttar Pradesh government is soon going to start e-learning parks in 120 degree colleges in the state.

Note:

Key Point

- He said that the work of setting up of 87 e-learning parks in the state has already been completed and the work of the remaining parks will be completed in the next 100 days. These e-learning parks will be equipped with computers, internet connections and Wi-Fi with a digital library.
- The **ABACUS-UP** portal will be launched in the next 100 days itself, through which various aspects of students and teachers will be connected.
- The State-level Academic Bank of Credit is part of the **ABACUS-UP** portal **NEP** (New Education Policy). In this context, all higher education institutions **under NEP-20** have been asked to upload the data of students and teachers on the **ABACUS-UP** portal.

Hi-tech nurseries to be developed in every district of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

- On May 7, 2022, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya directed the rural development officials to develop two hi-tech nurseries in each district of the state.

Key Point

- Under these directions, the Rural Development Department will develop 150 hi-tech nurseries to grow fruits and selected vegetable saplings within 100 days under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**.
- The cost of each nursery will be around Rs 1 crore and one nursery will produce around 15 lakh saplings every year.
- High-tech nurseries will be developed under Israeli technology according to the standards set by the Department of Horticulture.
- The high-tech nursery developed under the MGNREGA scheme will be maintained through cluster level federation of **National Rural Livelihood Mission**.
- Under the MGNREGA scheme, nurseries will be developed on the collective land (as per norms laid down by the Department) of members of self-help groups/village organisations/cluster level federations.

Petition regarding Taj Mahal dispute re-filed

Why In News

- On May 7, 2022, a petition has been filed in the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court seeking to bring out the truth about the history of the Taj Mahal.

Key Point

- The petition also said that the 22 closed rooms of the Taj Mahal should be opened and checked as some people believe that it was the temple of Lord Shankar, which was demolished and made the Taj Mahal.
- It has also demanded that the laws enacted in 1951 and 1958, including the Taj Mahal, the Fort of Fatehpur Sikri and the Red Fort of Agra, be declared as historic buildings, should also be declared against constitutional provisions.
- This petition is filed by historian P.N. Oak's book 'Taj Mahal' has been filed on the basis of which the Taj Mahal is actually tejomahalaya, which was built by King Paramardidev in 1212 AD and was patronized by King Mansingh of Jaipur, but later the Mughal ruler Shah Jahan took it away from King Mansingh.
- It may be recalled that in the year 2015, a petition was also filed in the Agra Civil Court to declare the Taj Mahal as '**Lord Shri Agraswar Mahadev Nagnatheshwar Virajman Tejomahalaya**', the basis of which was made of the inscription of King Paramardidev found in Bateshwar.
- However, in 2017, the Central Government and the Archaeological Survey of India had filed a counter-affidavit denying that there should be any temple or Shivlinga in the Taj Mahal or consider it as Tejomahalaya.

Bhatkhande Music College got the status of cultural university

Why In News?

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet meeting on May 10, 2022 approved the proposal to grant the status of cultural university to Bhatkhande Music College and appoint grade-I government officials to the medal winners of international standard in sports.

Note:

Key Point

- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna informed that an ordinance was promulgated on January 6, 2022 for setting up of The Bhatkhande State Culture University by adopting the Uttar Pradesh State Universities Act, 1973.
- The Bhatkhande Music Institute Deemed University funded by the Department of Culture is currently established for teaching in various disciplines of classical music.
- In the second decision, the State Cabinet also approved the proposal to announce the 'Uttar Pradesh International Medal Winners Direct Recruitment Rules, 2022' for appointment of medal winners in international sports directly to 24 gazetted posts.
- These 24 posts belong to nine different departments like rural development, secondary education, basic education, home, panchayati raj, youth welfare, transport, forest and revenue.
- All these posts are within the purview of the Public Service Commission and the appointments will be made after the concurrence of the Commission. For this, the Department of Personnel has made necessary amendments to the '**Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (Delimitation of Functions) Regulations, 1954' Act.**
- The posts where the appointments will be made include BDO, BSA, DPRO, Assistant Sports Officer, Naib Tehsildar and Deputy SP.
- Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Girish Chandra Yadav said medalists in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Cup or World Championships as well as Paralympic Games will be eligible for these posts. Also, the person should be a native of Uttar Pradesh.

Senior advocate Ajay Kumar Mishra to be the new Advocate General of the state

Why In News?

- On May 10, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal to appoint senior Supreme Court advocate Ajay Mishra as the new Advocate General of the state.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Justice Subhash Vidyarthi of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court took suo motu cognizance and on May 7, had given the state government time to appoint a new advocate general till May 16.
- Article 165 of the Constitution provides for the appointment of a Solicitor General, under which he has to not only act as a legal adviser to the government, but also discharge the CrPC, contempt law, as well as other legal obligations.
- These obligations can not be transferred to any additional advocate general or others. In such a situation, the post of Advocate General can not be kept vacant as per the Constitution.
- Advocate General Raghvendra Singh had submitted his resignation to the government a month ago.
- Ajay Mishra is son of former Justice Shrirang Mishra and elder brother of Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra. He is currently serving as additional advocate general of the Uttar Pradesh government in the Supreme Court.

Tharu Tribal Museum

Why in News?

- On May 11, 2022, a spokesman of the Government of Uttar Pradesh said that the state's first tribal museum 'Tharu Tribal Museum' has been completed in the Tharu populated village of Imilia Kodar in Balrampur district.

Key Points

- The museum focusing on the vibrant and diverse culture and way of life of the Tharu tribe is spread over 5.5 acres .
- All information about the Tharu tribe will be available in this museum. It will cover a wide variety of details, from their development to their life in contemporary times. Apart from this, the museum will also throw light on their culture, religion, tradition, lifestyle and social life.
- On the lines of the Tribal Museum built in Balrampur, the State Government has also prepared an action plan to establish Tribal Museum in Lucknow, Sonbhadra and Lakhimpur Kheri.

Note:



- Apart from this, a museum for children will also be built in Kannauj district.
- The Department of Culture has also proposed the construction of a gallery based on the story of freedom 'Azadi Ki Gauravgatha' i.e. Glorification of Independence' in the Government Archives, Lucknow.
- Significantly, Tharu tribe lives in the Terai part of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. It is one of the most advanced tribes of Uttar Pradesh. A festival called Bajhar is celebrated by them.
- To provide education to the Tharu tribe, a college has been established by the Uttar Pradesh government at Lakhimpur Kheri.

Gyanvapi Mosque Dispute

Why In News

- On May 12, 2022, the Varanasi court, in a landmark judgment on the **Gyanvapi mosque**, refused to remove advocate commissioner Ajay Kumar Mishra, who was appointed for the survey of the mosque, and ordered a survey of the basement of the Gyanvapi mosque before May 17.

Key Point

- It is a popular belief that the Gyanvapi Mosque was built in 1669 by the Mughal ruler Aurangzeb by demolishing the ancient Vishweshwar temple. It is worth mentioning that in Saqib Khan's book 'Yasir Alamgiri', it is also mentioned that Aurangzeb had demolished the temple in 1669 by ordering Governor Abul Hassan.
- The case of Gyanvapi mosque has been in court since 1991, when three persons, including Pandit Somnath Vyas, a descendant of the priests of the Kashi Vishwanath temple, filed a suit in the court of the civil judge of Varanasi claiming that Aurangzeb had demolished the temple of Lord Vishweshwar and built a mosque on it so that the land should be returned to them.
- On August 18, 2021, in the same court in Varanasi, five women had filed a petition demanding to worship in the temple of Mother Makeup Gauri, accepting which the court constituted a commission to know the present status of the Makeup Gauri Temple.

- In this context, the court had asked the court to give the survey report by videographing the idol of Makeup Gauri and the Gyanvapi complex, which has created an uproar, as questions were raised on the impartiality of the court commissioner appointed by the Muslim side for the survey.
- Vijay Shankar Rastogi, appearing for the Hindu side, has submitted a map of the entire Gyanvapi complex as evidence in the court, which mentions the temples of Hindu-deities around after the entrance of the mosque, as well as the Vishweshwar temple, Gyankoop, the big Nandi and the basement of the Vyas family. There has been a controversy over the survey and videography of this basement.
- At the same time, the Muslim side says that no decision can be given on the dispute under the Religious Places Act of 1991.
- Under Section 3 of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, it is prohibited to convert a place of worship, even its clause, into a place of worship of a different religious denomination or a different class of the same religious denomination.
- Section 4(2) of the Act states that all litigations, appeals or other proceedings relating to changing the nature of the place of worship (which were pending till August 15, 1947) shall cease after the enactment of this Act and no fresh action can be taken on such cases.
- However, if the change in the nature of the place of worship has occurred after the cut-off date of August 15, 1947 (after the act came into force), legal action can be initiated in that case. The disputed site of Ayodhya (Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid) was exempted from the Act.

Plastic waste collection centres to be set up at 250 locations in the state

Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government informed that with an aim to make the villages free of plastic waste, the state government has planned to set up plastic waste collection centres at 250 locations in the state in the next two years.

Note:

Key Point

- The spokesman said that the Panchayati Raj Department is preparing an action plan for selection and construction of sites in the development blocks in the next six months so that garbage plastic collection centres can be set up there.
- In view of the ill-effects of plastic, the state government has taken the initiative to make cities as well as villages plastic-free. Along with this, the government has also planned to use waste plastic for road construction.
- Plastic waste management emphasizes on taking steps to reduce the production of plastic waste, prevent the spread of plastic waste and ensure separate storage for plastic waste.
- Under the new rule, it will be the responsibility of local bodies, gram panchayats, garbage producers, retailers and pavement vendors to manage plastic waste.
- Significantly, plastic is a major cause of pollution, it reduces the groundwater level by destroying the fertility of the land. Its use increases the risk of respiratory and skin diseases as well as cancer. It can also prevent fetal growth.
- The smoke emitted by burning polythene damages the ozone layer, which is a major cause of global warming.

India's first Amrit Sarovar built in Rampur

Why In news

- India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' was inaugurated on May 13, 2022 by Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Uttar Pradesh's Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh at Rampur in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Point

- This grand lake of 3115 square metres has been constructed at Patwai in Rampur at a cost of Rs 57 lakh.
- The lake also has food courts and boating as well as many other facilities.
- The foundation stone for the beautification of this lake, which is facing an existential crisis due to encroachments and dumping, was laid by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandi Ben Patel in February 2020.

- It may be recalled that under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi, the Amrut Sarovar Yojana has been launched for water conservation, under which it has been decided to construct 75-75 lakes in each district of the country.

Rewamped Distribution Sector Scheme

Why in News

- Recently, Uttar Pradesh Principal Energy Secretary and UPPCL Chairman M Devraj informed that a statewide campaign will be launched by the Government of India to install the entire smart prepaid meters through funds earmarked for metering and other related works under the Rewamped Distribution Area Scheme (RDSS).

Key Points

- The purpose of installing this smart prepaid meter by UPPCL is to reduce the gross technical and commercial losses.
- Under this, UPPCL will install 73,27,988 smart prepaid meters in Varanasi discoms, 75,28,737 in Lucknow discoms, 53,54,069 in Agra discoms, 61,43,361 in Meerut discoms and 62,500 meters in KESCO distribution network.
- An umbrella scheme Revamped Distribution Area Scheme (RDSS) has been launched by combining all the existing power sector reform schemes like 'Integrated Power Development Scheme', 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana' and 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana'.
- Rural Electrification Corporation and Power Finance Corporation are the nodal agencies for the scheme.
- The scheme includes creation of a mandatory smart metering ecosystem in the distribution sector from power feeders to consumer level and financing feeder separation for unconnected feeders.
- Its main objectives are as under:
 - Reduce AT&C losses (operational losses due to inefficient power system) by 12-15% at all India level by 2024-25.
 - Developing institutional capabilities for modern discoms.

Note:



Food Forest Project

Why in News?

- Recently, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government said that under 'Food Forest', an innovative initiative launched to conserve the environment by increasing greenery, fifteen districts of different agro-climatic zones have been identified where food forests will be developed.

Key Points

- The districts identified for this project are Bijnor, Amroha and Saharanpur of the mango belt, Sambhal, Rampur, and Badaun of the guava belt. Similarly, fruit saplings will also be planted in other districts of Bulandshahr, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit, Gorakhpur and Gautam Budh Nagar.
- The selection of plants in the food forest will be done according to the agro-climatic zone. Pulses crops will also be planted for nitrogen fixation in a natural way.
- The primary objective of the government through the Food Court is to increase the income of the farmers. This is possible only through agricultural diversification rather than traditional cultivation of paddy and wheat.
- For example, mango, guava, pomegranate and papaya saplings will be planted in the first phase of the food forest to be developed in Gorakhpur. In the second phase, saplings of Jamun, 'Ber (jujube) will be planted. In the third phase, pulses like tur, moong, urad, peas and gram will be sown.

Five Year Action Plan/ Roadmap for Horticulture and Food Processing

Why in News?

- On May 17, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya laid down a five-year action plan/roadmap for the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing and directed to open 17 regional food safety and testing laboratories within the stipulated time frame.

Key Points

- Under this, a target has been set up to set up 45 equation centres and 11 mega food/agro processing clusters to boost the food processing sector.
- As per this roadmap, 41,336 units will be set up/upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Industries Upgradation Scheme. Under the scheme, 70% of the existing enterprises will be upgraded/expanded and 30% of the new enterprises will be set up as per the ODOP selected for the district.
- At the same time, the provision for setting up of 375 large units under the Food Processing Industry Policy has also been included in this roadmap.
- The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana is being implemented by the Central Government to promote the food processing sector under which projects such as Mega Food Park, Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, creation of infrastructure for agro processing clusters, creation/expansion of food processing and preservation capacity, construction of backward and forward linkages are conducted.

NeVA Service Centre

Why in News?

- On May 19, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the renovated picture gallery and NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application) Seva Kendra at Vidhan Bhawan in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana.

Key Points

- Orientation and training will be imparted to the Members of The Legislative Assembly, Assembly Secretariat and various officers of the State Government on e-Vidhan related works at the NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application) Service Centre.
- NeVA NIC Cloud is a workflow system based on 'Meghraj' which embodies the concept of e-Sadan/Paperless House.
- NeVA is a device neutral and member-centric application designed to provide complete information about member contact details, rules of procedure, list of business, notices, bulletins, bills, starred/unstarred questions and answers, papers and to handle diverse house businesses in a smart manner.

Note:

- It is worth mentioning that the Nagaland Assembly is the first assembly in the country to implement the NeVA.

Country's First Floating Swimming Pool to Come Up at Khirkiya (Namo) Ghat

Why in News?

- Recently, Varanasi's Divisional Commissioner Deepak Agarwal said that work is being done on a plan to build a floating swimming pool between the waves of the Ganges on behalf of Smart City at Khirkiya Ghat.

Key Points

- Keeping in view the importance of bathing in the Ganges on the ghats of Varanasi, Smart City will prepare this pool at Khirkiya (Namo) Ghat after monsoon.
- Here, separate pools for female and male devotees as well as changing rooms will also be built.
- If the use of these pools and changing rooms built on the waves of the Ganges is successful at the Khirkiya Ghat, then it will also be prepared on other ghats of Kashi, for which other ghats including Lalita, Dashashwamedh, Asi, Panchganga, Tulsi Ghat will be used. The study is being done for the construction of such type of pool.
- It is noteworthy that Khirkiya Ghat is being developed with modern facilities from Smart City with an investment of Rs 34 crore.

Setting up of Centre of Excellence to promote horticulture and food processing in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News

- As per a press release issued by the Uttar Pradesh government on May 22, 2022, centres of excellence and mini centres of excellence/hi-tech nurseries will be set up in all the 75 districts in the next five years to promote horticulture and food processing industry in the state.

Key Point

- These hi-tech nurseries set up by the government in Bahraich, Ambedkar Nagar, Mau, Fatehpur, Aligarh, Rampur and Hapur have already become operational while centres of excellence are under construction in Chandauli, Kaushambi, Saharanpur, Lucknow, Kushinagar and Hapur.
- Indo-Israel Centre for Excellence has been set up at Basti and Kannauj respectively for fruits and vegetables so that farmers can get quality plants.
- Mini Centre of Excellence/High-end at Sonbhadra, Moradabad, Agra, Sant Kabir Nagar, Mahoba, Jhansi, Barabanki, Lucknow, Chandauli, Gonda, Balrampur, Badaun, Firozabad, Shamli and Mirzapur- Tech nurseries are under construction.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has set an ambitious target of increasing the area under cultivation of horticulture crops from 11.6 percent to 16 percent and to increase the overall yield along with processing of fruits, vegetables and spices as well as food processing units from 6 percent to 20 percent.
- It may be mentioned that in the last five years, poly house/shed net has been expanded in 177 hectares to increase the yield of flowers and vegetables, benefiting 5,549 farmers.

Batagur Turtle

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Turtle Day on May 23, 2022, Pawan Pareek, project officer of the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA), said that the number of Batagur turtles that have reached the brink of extinction in the world has increased to 500.

Key Points

- Pareek said that the Batagur turtles include Sal and Dhor species. Turtles of both species are found in the Chambal river.
- It is worth noting that eight species of turtles are being protected in Chambal river, including Sal, Dhor, Sundari, Morpankhi, Kathwa, Bhootkatha, Sayottar, Pacheda.

Note:

- In the year 2008, Turtle Survival Alliance started work on conservation of turtles in Chambal. The Turtle Survival Alliance team collects eggs during the nesting season from the Etawah and Bah ranges and keeps them at the Garhata Turtle Conservation Center. After that the turtles are released from the ghats of both the ranges from where the eggs are collected. According to Pareek, this year 311 were in the nest hatchery.
- The rapid decline in the population of Batagur tortoises has been due to floods, riverside logging, deaths from stealthy mining and fishing nets, and smuggling for meat and fortifying drugs.
- It has been classified in the Critically Endangered category in the IUCN's Red List.

Uttar Pradesh government gets Rs 400 crore revenue from 'Mine Mitra'

Why in News?

- On May 25, 2022, a government official of the Uttar Pradesh government informed that the state government has earned a revenue of Rs 400 crore from the mining business through its portal 'Mine Mitra'.

Key Points

- The 'Mine Mitra' portal is used to issue transit passes through mineral management services.
- The 'Mine Mitra' portal has been developed by the state government to bring transparency in the mining business, check illegal activities and provide accountable e-services to the common people, farmers, lessees and transporters.
- The portal aims to end monopolies in the mining industry, encourage legal mining, ensure transparency in business and provide a level playing field for new entrepreneurs to increase the revenue of the state.
- The portal has been developed in consultation with the Directorate of Geology and Mining. At present, it is providing a range of services like online mineral management for lessees, stockists and transporters, services for citizens and farmers, integrated mining monitoring system and e-commerce platform 'Mineral Mart' for consumers and suppliers.

Uttar Pradesh Budget 2022-23

Why in News?

- On May 26, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Parliamentary Affairs and Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna presented the state's largest ever budget of Rs 6,15,518.97 crore (Uttar Pradesh Budget 2022-23).

Key Points

- This is the first budget in the second term of the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh, while the state's **Parliamentary Affairs and Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna** has presented the budget for the fifth time in both the terms together.
- Out of the 130 resolutions of the Lok Kalyan Sankalp Patra issued before the 2022 Assembly elections, 97 resolutions have been included in this budget, while 44 resolutions are new. An amount of Rs.54,883 crores has been proposed in the Budget to fulfil these resolutions.
- New schemes worth Rs 39,181.10 crore have been included in the budget.
- The target for collection of revenue from State Goods and Services Tax and Value Added Tax has been fixed at Rs.1,24,477 crore.
- Receipts are estimated at Rs 5,90,951.71 crore in this fiscal budget. This includes revenue receipts of Rs 4,99,212.71 crore and capital receipts of Rs 91,739 crore.
- The total expenditure incurred this financial year is estimated at Rs 6,15,518.97 crore. Rs. 4,56,089.06 crore is the expenditure on revenue accounts, while Rs 91,739 crore is the expenditure on capital accounts.
- According to the government, the deficit is estimated at Rs 24,567.26 crore. The net receipts from public accounts are estimated to be Rs.6000 crores. At the same time, after the entire transaction, Rs 18,567.26 crore is estimated to be negative.
- The revenue savings are estimated at Rs 43,123.65 crore. At the same time, the fiscal deficit is estimated at Rs 81,177.97 crore, which is 3.96 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product estimated for the year.
- **Some of the important points of the Budget announcement:**
 - Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, a provision of Rs.3301.74 crore has been made to give 2 free of cost LPG cylinders in a year (on Holi and Deepawali) to the beneficiary family.

Note:

- The establishment of Bhama shah Price Stabilization Fund has been announced for crops like potato, onion, tomato.
- In case of accidental death or disability of farmers, there is a provision of a maximum of Rs.5 lakh. In the Budget for the financial year 2022-2023, a provision of Rs.650 crore has been proposed for this scheme.
- Target to set up 15,000 solar pumps in the financial year 2022-23 under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Aur Utthan Mahabhyan Yojana.
- There is a provision of Rs.1000 crore for the Chief Minister's Micro Irrigation Scheme .
- Under swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana, there is a provision of Rs.1500 crore for the financial year 2022-23 .
- There is a provision of budget for the formation and development of Women Police Battalions and arrangements have been made for setting up of anti-corruption units in 8 divisions of the state .
- There is a provision of Rs.18,500 crore for PWD roads.
- There is a provision of Rs.500 crore for Kashi Vishwanath Rajghat Bridge.
- There is a provision of Rs.897 crore for Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Yojana.
- A budget of Rs.2700 crores is proposed for flood control.
- A budget of over Rs.19,500 crore is proposed for the Jal Jeevan Mission at Namami Gange.
- There is a provision of Rs.500 crore for green field and industrial corridors.
- There is a provision of Rs 695.34 crore for Meerut-Prayagraj Ganga Expressway and Rs 511.93 crore for Gorakhpur Link Expressway.

Release of Special Issue of Uttar Pradesh Media Directory, 2022

Why in News?

- On May 27, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana released the special issue of Uttar Pradesh Media Directory, 2022. This media directory has been published on behalf of the National Media Club.

Key Points

- This is the first time that such a directory has been published. Though it was published earlier, this time the numbers of MPs, MLAs and ministers from all over the country, including the Prime Minister's Office to Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, have been included in it.
- Apart from this, the contact numbers of policemen, including district level officers and journalists of Uttar Pradesh, have been written in it.
- Ramesh Awasthi, founder of the National Media Club, said the directory has contact numbers of everyone in the Union Cabinet, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, MLAs, members of the Legislative Council, government officials posted at the state headquarters and journalists.
- It also contains the numbers of police stations of every district of the state, so that you can talk directly to the concerned officer of police station on any incident.
- It is worth mentioning that in the past years, the information diary that the Information Department used to publish, did not have information available up to the district level. This directory will be very useful.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960

Why in News?

- On May 30, 2022, Uttar Pradesh State's minister of Animal Husbandry Dharampal Singh, said that FIRs under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act will be registered against farmers who abandon their unproductive cattle.

Key Points

- The purpose of this Act is 'to prevent causing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals', for which a provision has been made in the Act for causing unnecessary cruelty and pain to animals.
- The Animal Welfare Board of India (**AWBI**) was established in 1962 under Section 4 of the Act.
- The Act provides guidelines for defining the animals and various types of animals as well as **experiments** on animals for scientific purposes.

Note:

- The Act provides for a limit period of 3 months, after which there will be no prosecution for any offence under this Act.

Govt to Promote Afforestation Along Ganga

Why in News?

- On May 23, 2022, a state government spokesperson said that with an aim to make the river Ganga clean, the state government has planned to promote afforestation along the river and replace chemical fertilizers with organic fertilizers.

Key Points

- The spokesman said that under the scheme, 10 km on both sides of 27 districts (through which the Ganga flows).
- The state government has set a target of afforestation in 6,759 hectares along the banks of Ganga spread over 503 locations in 27 districts in the next six months. It is worth mentioning that the tree plantation drive has already been started in Kasganj and some other areas.
- The state government has planned an intensive afforestation drive not only on the banks of the Ganga but also along its tributaries. The government aims to plant medicinal, rare and traditional plants along the banks of the Ganga and its tributaries.
- This will not only help in increasing the forest cover and improving the climate, but also prevent soil erosion and reduce the severity of floods in these areas.
- In organic farming, chemical fertilizers and poisonous pesticides are completely replaced with organic manure to increase yield and protect the soil. Since the soil of the Gangetic plain changes every year due to floods, there is a lot of potential for organic farming in the entire basin.
- It is worth mentioning that a large part of the Gangetic plain in India is located in Uttar Pradesh. The river flows through 27 districts of the state including Bijnor, Badaun, Amroha, Meerut, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur, Prayagraj, Mirzapur and Ghazipur.

Industrial Parks To be Built in 15 Cities

Why in News?

- On May 8, 2022, sources in the Chief Minister's Office said that private sector industrial parks would be developed in 15 cities to make the state an industrial hub by promoting industrial activities in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said that a plan has been prepared in the identified districts for setting up a 'Private Industrial Park' (PIP) in the state.
- The industries covered under PIP in the initial phase of the scheme include textiles, readymade garments, food processing, perfumery, brass products and electronic products industries.
- The districts identified under this include Lucknow, Unnao, Amethi, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Auraiya, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Azamgarh, Ambedkar Nagar, Gorakhpur and Prayagraj.
- The development of PIP in the state will be done in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDC).
- In this context, land has been marked along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway in Unnao for the first PIP of the state.

Basti will be Renamed as 'Vashishtha Nagar'

Why in News?

- On May 28, 2022, District Magistrate of Basti, Uttar Pradesh, Soumya Agarwal, informed that the proposal to rename the basti as 'Vashishtha Nagar' after Maharishi Vashishtha has been sent again to the Revenue Council.

Key Points

- DM Soumya Agarwal said that a proposal to change the name of Basti district has been sent to the government after obtaining consent from all the departments of the district.

Note:

- He said that the expenses incurred on changing the name of the district will be borne by all the departments together. There will be no additional government expenditure for this. A report to this effect has also been given by the Public Works Department.
- The resolution mentions that due to the ashram of Maharishi Vashishtha (the kulguru of Lord Shrirama) in basti in the Ramayana period, it was named Vashishti. At the Makhaura Dham located here, King Dashrath performed the Putreshti Yajna with the inspiration of Maharishi Vashishtha.
- Earlier, on November 16, 2019, the proposal was sent on behalf of the then District Magistrate Ashutosh Niranjana. When the Council sought information about the expenditure on renaming, a huge expenditure of one crore was stated, due to which the process could not proceed.
- It may be recalled that after renaming the names of Allahabad and Faizabad, in the year 2019, the demand for renaming of Basti district as Vashishtha Nagar started gaining momentum. Meanwhile, chief minister Yogi Adityanath announced to rename the medical college in basti after Maharishi Vashishtha, giving it more strength.
- Basti district has historical, cultural and geographical importance. In ancient times it used to be a part of the Kosala Empire. In 1865, it was separated from Gorakhpur to become a district and in the year 1997 it was made an Administrative Division (mandal).

Revival of Malan River

Why In News?

- On May 3, 2022, the campaign for revival of Malan river was launched by Bijnor DM Umesh Mishra.

Key Point

- Speaking on the occasion, DM Mishra said that there used to be a rich civilization on the banks of Malan, the evidence of which is the remains of idols, Shivalings and various objects found here, which have been preserved in mayureshwar nath mahadev baba dham temple.
- Along with the Kanva Ashram, the fort of King Mordhwaj was also located on the banks of this river.

- It is worth mentioning that the Malan river, which was called Malini in ancient times, is believed to have originated from the Chanda hills of Pauri district.
- The river, which originates from the mountains of Uttarakhand, has come into the plain and has been converted into a drain. After entering Bijnor from Haldukhata, the river is 53 km into the district. After traveling, it is found in the Ganges.

Greenfield Economic Corridor approved

Why In News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Road and Transport has approved the Greenfield Economic Corridor to be built from Ghaziabad to Kanpur in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- This corridor is 380 km. long and will be ready by 2025. Once it is built, people from Ghaziabad, Hapur and large parts of western Uttar Pradesh will no longer need to travel on the Yamuna Expressway.
- This corridor will connect the Lucknow to Kanpur Expressway between Unnao and Kanpur, while connecting the existing Meerut Expressway in Ghaziabad and Hapur.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has started work towards preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR). This work will be completed by December 2023 and after that the project will be ready in 24 months.
- The project has been named Ghaziabad/Hapur-Kanpur/Unnao Greenfield Economic Corridor.
- NHAI officials say that the construction of Ganga Expressway from western Uttar Pradesh is also going to start, which will connect the expressway going to Lucknow in the middle, due to which a lot of traffic will go to the Ganga Expressway, so initially the four-lane between Ghaziabad-Kanpur. The same corridor is being built. Later it will be increased to eight lanes as the traffic increases.
- Significantly, the underpass, flyover and service road will be constructed on the lines of a six-lane greenfield corridor.

Note:

- With the construction of this corridor, the vehicular pressure on the roads of Ghaziabad and Noida will be reduced.
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