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Ten Heritage Sites have been Selected in the Second Phase of the 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme'

Why In News?

On November 30, 2022, Renu Dwivedi, Director, Directorate of Archaeology, Uttar Pradesh, informed that **10 heritage sites have been selected in the second phase of 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme'** in the state.

Key Points

- Renu Dwivedi said that in the second phase of 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme', **Potra Kund (Mathura), Kalpa Devi and Astik Baba Temple (Sitapur), Buddhist Caves of Deogarh (Lalitpur), Raj Mandir Guptar Ghat (Ayodhya), Lakshmi Temple (Jhansi), Tahrauli, Alambagh Bhawan of Lucknow Fort (Jhansi), Balabehat Fort (Lalitpur), Digara Garhi (Jhansi) and Shiv Mandir (Tikait Rai Bithoor Kanpur)** have been included.
- He said that a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed with Smarak Mitra, under which work will have to be done on the adopted heritage. Along with preserving the heritage, memorial friends will also be able to earn income through temporary construction and other means there.
- State Assistant Archaeology Officer Dr. Rajiv Trivedi said that the work to be done on the monuments has been fixed by the memorial friend. Signage, drinking water, electricity, sewerage, public facilities, Wi-Fi, benches, dustbins, lighting, approach roads and pathways, cafeterias, ramps and wheelchair arrangements for the differently-abled will have to be done at the site.
- A memorial committee has also been constituted to monitor the work done by the memorial friends on the adopted heritage, which will inspect from time to time.
- Smarak Mitras will not be able to maintain and preserve the adopted heritage. This work will be done by the department according to archaeological standards. Memorial friends will be able to get temporary construction done but cannot impose any entry fee on the monument.
- Renu Dwivedi said that the scheme of adoption of heritage was started in collaboration with the State

Directorate of Archaeology, Tourism Department and other stakeholders to provide high-level tourism facilities at monuments and archaeological sites. In the **first phase of the scheme, 11 monuments and archaeological sites of the state were selected for adoption.**

GIDA gets Rs 40,000 crore investment target in GIS 2023

Why In News?

On December 1, 2022, **Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA)** CEO Pawan Agarwal said that GIDA has got a target of investing Rs 40,000 crore in the proposed **Global Investors Summit (GIS)** in February 2023.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that in the foundation day celebrations of GIDA on November 30, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has strengthened the door of development among entrepreneurs by gifting investment and development projects worth crores of rupees that create employment.
- In addition to speeding up investment projects worth Rs 504 crore, the Chief Minister also distributed allotment letters of land of more than 2.42 lakh square meters for future investment projects of Rs 1200 crore.
- In these projects, investments of Rs 1071 crore are proposed by M/s Varun Beverages, franchisee of globally reputed company PepsiCo, and Rs 40 crore by Central Warehousing.
- By laying the foundation stone of a multi-purpose plastic park and a flatted factory of readymade garments in GIDA, the Chief Minister has opened the way for setting up about 172 industrial units. The plastic park, which is being built at a cost of about Rs 70 crore, will have 92 units and 80 units in the flattened factory complex costing about Rs 34 crore.
- Along with attracting investors from the country and the world for the Global Investors Summit, the focus of the government is also on encouraging the investors of the state. The Chief Minister himself is constantly calling upon the local entrepreneurs of Purvanchal, including Gorakhpur, to participate in GIS-2023 and come forward to invest more.

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- Regarding investment and large-scale employment generation through it, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given clear instructions to the officials that the problems of entrepreneurs should be resolved by meeting every month at the district level and every three months at the mandal level. In the same sequence, GIDA has also got the target of maximum investment in GIS 2023 from entrepreneurs.

Padma Shri Irshad Mirza

Why In News?

On December 4, 2022, Padma Shri Irshad Mirza, who brought international recognition to red tape, leather exporter and chairman of Mirza International, passed away due to illness. He was 87 years old.

Key Points

- Irshad Mirza started the company in 1979, which works for leather making and tanning and finishing. The leather made in the company is also exported abroad. His name has come in forbes magazine's list of influential industrialists.
- Irshad Mirza started his career as an exporter of leather goods (saddle products) in the year 1973. Over a period of 32 years, he set up an export business with a turnover of about Rs 350 crore. In this, 11000 people are directly and indirectly associated with employment. In the year 1975, he developed a contemporary saddlery internationally and took it to Australia, where it was well-liked.
- Irshad Mirza has also served as the chairman of the State Minorities Commission in the Rajnath Singh-led Uttar Pradesh government.
- Irshad Mirza has established an educational institution, a Sahitya Prachar Akademi and many other institutions. He has also been the president of the Kanpur chapter of the Rotary Club.
- With mirza foundation, he has also built a 100-bed hospital near his factories to provide high-quality medical facilities to the workers and villagers of rural areas.
- He has held the responsibilities of Chairman of Leather Export Council, President of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Uttar Pradesh, Managing Committee Member of Federation of Indian Export Organizations and Director of Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Corporation.

Uttar Pradesh Government Presents Rs 33,700 crore Supplementary Budget

Why In News?

On December 5, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government presented a supplementary budget of Rs 33,769 crore for the financial year 2022-23 in the assembly with the aim of urbanization, industrialization and developing religious heritage sites in the state.

Key Points

- On the first day of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature session, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna presented the supplementary budget.
- Out of the corpus of Rs 33,769 crore, Rs 14,000 crore has been allocated for new schemes. A sum of Rs 296.56 crore has been proposed for the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit to be held in February next year.
- With the corpus for the Global Investors Summit in the supplementary budget, the government said it aims to build a \$1 trillion economy in the state. For this, a provision of reimbursement of Rs 14.35 crore has been made to the consulting agency appointed to guide the government.
- The state government has earmarked Rs 4,000 crore for infrastructure and overall development of 'New Cities' in this budget.
- Funds will also be allocated for incentives given under the new policies announced for sectors such as tourism, electric vehicles, solar energy, startups and setting up of industrial parks.
- A fund of Rs 300 crore will be allocated to provide financial assistance to investors investing in setting up industrial parks, while Rs 100 crore has been earmarked for incentives related to setting up startups.
- In the supplementary budget, a provision of Rs 899 crore has been made for the Smart City Mission and Rs 2.5 crore for the development of Ayodhya Solar City in line with the government's plan to set up a solar city under the new Solar Policy 2022 .
- In its supplementary budget, the government has allocated Rs 100 crore for subsidy under the newly announced electric vehicle policy, Rs 200 crore for the purchase of 1,000 new buses, Rs 20 crore for developing eco-tourism in the state and Rs 1 crore for developing Kukrail Night Safaris.

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- In the budget, a provision of Rs 800 crore has been made to give loans to various industrial development authorities in Uttar Pradesh. Apart from this, Rs 5,900 crore will be set aside for financing projects and schemes in the power sector.
- Four cities in Uttar Pradesh - Varanasi, Noida, Agra and Lucknow - are scheduled to host the G-20 Leadership Summit next year, for which a provision of Rs 25 crore has been made in the supplementary budget. A provision of Rs 804 crore has been made in the budget for the development of information and communication services.
- A provision of Rs 2337 crore has been made for the construction and ramping of roads in the state. Apart from this, Rs 155 crore will be set aside for the development of roads constructed by the Sugarcane Development Council. As part of the government's efforts to promote sports in rural areas of the state, Rs 15 crore has been set aside for building and developing stadiums and open gyms.
- The supplementary budget also has a provision of Rs 190 crore for agricultural credit subsidy.
- Continuing its effort for spiritual tourism, the government plans to spend Rs 5 crore to develop places around religious attractions like development of roads and facilities at Veda Vigyan Kendra in Naimisharanay.

Ganga Mitras Model to be Implemented in Ganga Basin

Why In News?

On December 6, 2022, Prof. B.D Tripathi, chairman of Mahamana Malaviya Gangashodh Kendra and environmental scientist, told that the model of **Ganga Mitras will be implemented in the entire Ganga basin to give an edge to the continuity of Ganga in Uttar Pradesh. For this, in the 315 kilometres long Ganga area from Prayagraj to Ballia**, Ganga Mitra Janata will relate to the concerns of Ganga.

Key Points

- Prof. Tripathi said that under the '**National Mission for Clean Ganga**', the exercise of connecting the people with the uninterrupted, clean, economic, spiritual and ecological Ganga is showing positive effect in just 10 months. Mahamana Malaviya Ganga Research Centre

BHU has proposed to implement this model in the entire Ganga basin.

- It is noteworthy that the '**Ganga Conservation Campaign**' was started from March. 700 are associated with Ganga Mitra campaign. Ganga Awareness Research Centres have been set up at a distance of 21 km between Prayagraj and Ballia at a cost of Rs 90 lakh. Ganga Mitras have selected more than 650 Ganga villages and 100 Ganga wards and made 15,000 water conservation committees and 15,000 water conservators as members.
- He said that common people are also joining this campaign. The thinking and working style of those living on the banks of Ganga has changed a lot due to the efforts of Ganga Mitras. This project has been sent to the National Mission for Clean Ganga. It is planned to be implemented within a radius of 2525 km of the Ganga basin. The plan can also be implemented for the conservation of other rivers.
- **For this, the focus will be on five points-**
 - **Clean Ganga:** Ganga Mitras are giving edge to the Clean Ganga Campaign. Common people are being made aware about Ganga cleanliness.
 - **Uninterrupted Ganga:** Ganga Mitras are making people aware of the uninterrupted Ganga.
 - **Spiritual Ganga:** 4500 women from 75 Ganga Chaupals and 10500 children from 150 schools have been connected to Namami Gange by putting Sanskar's.
 - **Arth Ganga:** Farmers of 75 Ganga villages are being made self-reliant by increasing their income by making them aware of the techniques of conjunctive consumption, vermicomposting, organic farming, Ganga branding of vegetables and fruits and new irrigation methods.
 - **Ecological Development:** Awareness campaign is being conducted for plantation and conservation of aquatic organisms around 150 schools, rivers, ponds, parks and temples. Youth have been trained through eco-skilled technology.
- It is known that the River Ganga originates from Gomukh, which goes through five states to the Bay of Bengal. The area through which the river water passes is called a basin. The Ganga basin is in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.

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Integrated Court Complex

Why In News?

On December 6, 2022, according to the information received from the media, on the lines of the Integrated Court Complex built in Baroda, Gujarat, Integrated Court Complex will be constructed as a pilot project in ten districts of the state. 400 crore rupees have been given for this special project through the supplementary budget passed by the Vidhan Sabha.

Key Points

- The 10 districts selected as a pilot project for the unified court complex are Mahoba, Hathras, Chandauli, Shamli, Amethi, Hapur, Auraiya, Sonbhadra, Sambhal and Chitrakoot.
- The Chief Minister said that according to the different nature of crimes in the states, the number of courts attached to different laws for speedy justice has also increased. In many places, both judicial officers and complainants face problems due to courts in rented buildings. There are also problems in security and administrative arrangements. In view of this, it has been decided to set up a unified court complex for the courts.
- Apart from this, in an order, the Supreme Court has also ordered the construction of such court complexes.
- Public Works, Home and Law and Justice departments are working on the project on the instructions of the Chief Minister in the state. The integrated building will have space for all facilities including court, judges' chamber, meeting hall, video court, parking, canteen.
- The unified court complex, which is going to be built in 10 districts in the state, will have district and subordinate courts, commercial courts, miscellaneous, tribunals, fast track courts and Lok Adalat's etc. Apart from the court building, advocates' chamber, auditorium, there will also be residential colony, parking and food plaza for judges and judicial officers and employees.

Tender Issued for Opening Medical Colleges in 6 Districts of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On December 8, 2022, Principal Secretary of Medical Education of Uttar Pradesh Alok Kumar said that a tender

has been issued for opening medical colleges on PPP model in 6 districts under '**One District, One Medical College**' in the state.

Key Points

- Through the tender process, investors will be selected to open medical colleges in **Mahoba, Mainpuri, Bagpat, Hamirpur, Hathras and Kasganj** in the state.
- It is known that under the Central Government's Viability Gap Funding Scheme, in-principle consent has been received to open medical colleges in these 6 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh is the first state to issue a tender for opening a medical college on PPP model. The details of the tender have also been uploaded on the GeM portal.
- He said that about Rs 1525 crore will be spent to open medical colleges in 6 districts. Out of this, the central government will bear the burden of about Rs 1012 crore as subsidy. A college will get an average subsidy of Rs 160 crore.
- The work of selecting investors for opening medical colleges in Maharaj Ganj and Shamli of the state has started. Treatment is likely to start in Maharaj Ganj by next year. Apart from this, medical colleges in Shamli and Mau are under process.
- The Principal Secretary said that this is a big step towards providing better and accessible medical services to the common people of The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The approval of the proposal by the central government will save the state's money.
- He said that the state district hospital and land will be given on lease for 33 years. After this, the investor will return the medical college to the government. It will be the property of the state as well as give stamp duty exemption and equipment subsidy.

'One District-One Wetland'

Why In News?

On December 9, 2022, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Animal Husbandry Arun Kumar Saxena informed that the government has now launched '**One District-One Wetland**' on the lines of '**One District-One Product**' in the state. I have decided to work on it. In this regard, instructions have been given to provide proposals to all divisional forest officers of the state.

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- Minister of State (Independent Charge) Arun Kumar Saxena said that under this scheme, work will be done to decorate a wetland in every district, so that it can become a center of attraction in terms of tourism.
- It is the effort of the state government to develop a wetland in each district under eco-tourism, so that this wetland can get a special place in the tourism map. This will further expand the scope of eco-tourism of the state. This initiative of the government will rejuvenate the wetlands which are still in neglected condition or have not been noticed by anyone.
- Along with this, the work of shifting **the Zoological Park and Night Safari in Kukrail in the capital Lucknow** will start soon. The state government has set a target of setting up Kukrail Zoo and Night Safari by the end of the year 2023 and it has been decided to celebrate the next foundation day of Lucknow Zoo in Kukrail.
- The Forest Minister directed to set district-wise targets for setting up wood-based industries in the state to achieve the target of Ten thousand crores given to the Forest Department regarding the One Trillion Economy. Also, discussions were held regarding the establishment of wood art board.
- He enquired about the progress of zoo establishment in Bareilly. At the same time, he directed to provide a proposal for the formation of a society-trust for better management of Sandi Nawabganj Samaspur Bird Vihar, Sarnath Deer Park, Indira Gandhi Botanical Garden, Rae Bareli.

'Pehchan'

Why In News?

On December 11, 2022 District Inspector of Schools, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, Ritu Goyal said that the website of **all the colleges of the state has been made with the aim of making a separate identity for the schools** of the Uttar Pradesh Board on the lines of CBSE. It has been named '**Pehchan**'. Information related to the school can be obtained with one click.

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- Ritu Goyal said that on the instructions of the state government under the Secondary School Renewal Mission, the board has uploaded the web page of the schools on its website under the name 'Pehchan'.

- Its purpose is to give people an opportunity to know about the schools in their area as well as to motivate them to contribute to its flourishing. The work of creating web pages of schools was also included in the **Chief Minister's 100-day action plan**.
- Now the horoscope of government, aided and unfunded schools affiliated to the Uttar Pradesh Board will be easily available at one click.
- He said that every information related to the school is available on the portal. Year of recognition of school, Google location, distance from district headquarters, facilities, strict students-teachers data, stringent five-year board exams, ten-year results and graph presentation of registration, achievements of the school, facility of registration of students, Information such as critical infrastructure facility, important hyperlinks etc. are available.
- Identity report card of each school is available on the portal. The identity report card also contains information about ranking at the state and district level. In this, the school has been ranked at the state and district level as well as rating out of seven stars, grading on six points.

Uttar Pradesh Tops in the Country in Providing Employment

Why In News?

According to information given by the Rural Development Department on December 12, 2022, Uttar Pradesh has performed the **best in the country in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**. Uttar Pradesh **ranks first in the country** in creating human days and providing 100 days of full employment.

Key Points

- According to the Rural Development Department, **2438.62 lakh** man days have been created against the annual target of **2600 lakh man days under employment generation for the financial year 2022-23**. In the financial year 2022-23, the state has spent an amount of Rs 7809.74 crore.
- In the financial year 2022-23, the state has provided employment to **61.53 lakh families**. Not only this, in

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the financial year 2022-23 , 2,77,878 families have been provided 100 days of full employment and Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the country in providing 100 days of full employment.

- Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has directed the departmental officers to take concrete steps keeping in view the need for effective participation of line departments and convergence at the field level for the works to be carried out under MGNREGA Convergence. Along with this, progress should be increased under MGNREGA convergence.
- It is worth mentioning that under MGNREGA convergence, a financial target of Rs 1802.97 crore has been set in the year 2022-23 .
- Under MGNREGA convergence, labour, SRLM, groundwater department, public works department, Panchayati raj, horticulture, fallow land development, basic education, animal husbandry, youth welfare, silk, agricultural remote sensing application centre, child development and nutrition, Work is done by more than 24 departments like Greater Sharda Sahayak, Rural Engineering Dairy, Irrigation, Minor Irrigation etc.
- Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has directed the officials concerned to register with the BOCW Board (Labour Department) and benefit from the welfare schemes of the Labour Department.

Scheme Approved in Yamunapar Area of Rs 624 Crore

Why In News?

On December 11, 2022 Union Minister of State for Law Prof. SP Singh Baghel told a press conference that a **scheme of Rs 624 crore** has been approved to provide potable water in **Yamunapar area under the joint scheme 'Har Ghar Jal'** of the Central and Uttar Pradesh government to solve the water problem of the residents of Yamunapar area of Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Minister of State for Law said that the Yamunapar area of Agra has been divided into two parts for the scheme, the first part is trans **Yamuna zone**, which includes Sita Nagar, Shahdara, Itimad-ud-Daulah, Prakash Nagar, Naval Ganj, Kachpura and Peela

Khar areas. At the same time, the second zone has been created trans Yamuna Zone 2, in which Trans Yamuna Colony Phase One, Naraich, Nagla Jamuni, Nagla Rambal, Kalindi Vihar, Nai Ki Sarai, Ravi Nagar, Foundry Nagar and Islam Nagar have been included.

- He informed that under the scheme of water works in Yamunapar area, 44 MLD water will be arranged in the area. By the year 2040, if the population is about 4000000, then the demand for water will be 73 MLD. At the same time, if the population becomes 600,000 by 2055, the demand for water will increase to 107 MLD. In view of the increasing population, this plan has been prepared, so that the capacity of water works can be increased to 80 MLD in the future.
- Etmadpur MLA Dr. Dharampal Singh said that land has been identified at Poiya Ghat for construction of water works in Yamunapar area and this scheme has been planned according to the population till the year 2055.
- About 300,000 families of Etmadpur assembly constituency are sure to benefit from this scheme. Under this water works, 3 reservoirs, 14 new overhead tanks will be built and this scheme will be completed by 2024.

PM Inaugurates National Institute of Unani Medicine in Ghaziabad

Why In News?

At the closing ceremony of the **9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC)** in Goa on December 11, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi digitally inaugurated the **National Institute of Unani Medicine in Ghaziabad**, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- At the event, the Prime Minister digitally inaugurated two National AYUSH Institutes of Ayurveda and Homeopathy - **All India Institute of Ayurveda in Goa and National Institute of Homeopathy in Delhi.**
- The National Institute of Unani Medicine at Kamla Nehru Nagar in Ghaziabad, built on the lines of AIIMS, is the largest Unani hospital in north India. There is a facility of 200 beds for patients here.
- Patients will be treated with Unani method in this institute. With this, the people of Delhi-NCR will get

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new facilities in the field of health in the coming time. In this institute, 14 specialist doctors will treat patients.

- With the creation of the National Institute of Unani Medicine, patients from cities like Ghaziabad, Hapur, Noida, Bulandshahr and Meerut will be able to come here and get their treatment. A residence of doctors and staff has also been made in the hospital campus.
- This Unani hospital is built on about 10 acres of land at a cost of 381 crores. Its foundation stone was laid in the year 2019 by the then Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Naik and Union Minister of State General VK Singh.
- There are Piku-Niku wards for children and women in this institution. The Institute has five Operation Theatres, Maternity Wing, MRI, CT scan, Blood Bank, Digital X-Ray, Pathology Lab, ICU, Acupressure Room, Physiotherapy Room, Panchkarma Room, Gymnasium, CSSD, Canteen, Academic & Administrative Block, Tutorial Room, Seminar Hall There are facilities like Museum, Library, Lab, Multipurpose Research Department, Unani Pharmacy. Apart from this, patients here will also be able to avail facilities like steam bath, hip bath, gold bath.
- At present, patients will be treated in OPD in the institute, from the year 2023, studies of Unani mode will start. There will be 14 departments in this institute. Masters and research education will also be available here in the Unani system. These will focus on drug development, quality control, safety evaluation, scientific validation of Unani medicine and practices.
- Along with providing education to the students of **Sri Lanka, Iran, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan and other countries**, the institute will also spread the Unani method. In this, various types of research will be done on Unani medicines. Here, Masters and Ph.D. education will also be imparted in the Unani system.

Generic Aadhaar Stores will also Open in Government Hospitals of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On December 18, 2022 Arjun Deshpande, the operator of generic Aadhaar, said that medical stores of **generic Aadhaar will also be opened in government hospitals** of the state. An MoU will soon be signed between the

Uttar Pradesh government and generic Aadhaar to deliver generic medicines to rural areas.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that Arjun Deshpande, the operator of generic Aadhaar, met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in this regard and told that medicines will be given to patients at a cheaper rate through generic Aadhaar in government hospitals of the state.
- He said that there are about **1800 stores running on generic basis, 150 stores in different districts of Uttar Pradesh**. After talks with the Chief Minister, a target has been set to **increase it to 700 now**. Another store will be opened about five hundred meters away from where this generic store will be located.
- He said that medical stores of generic Aadhaar are running in government hospitals in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Medicines are being provided to patients at affordable rates.

Knowledge Smart City will be built in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On December 18, 2022, members of the delegation from Uttar Pradesh signed an MoU for Knowledge Smart City with Austin University in San Francisco.

Key Points

- The MoU was signed by us-based Saloni Heart Foundation in San Francisco in the presence of state Finance Minister Suresh Khanna and Industrial Development Commissioner Arvind Kumar. At the same time, **Austin University signed an MoU for an investment of Rs 35,000 crore for knowledge smart city in Uttar Pradesh**.
- This knowledge smart city project will be built on five thousand acres of land, it will include the best universities of the world.
- Significantly, the Yogi government of the state has set a target of **Rs 10 lakh crore** through the Global Investors Summit to be held in the capital Lucknow between February 10-12. To achieve this goal, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has sent **8 teams of ministers and officials to 18 countries to attract** investment through road shows and trade shows.

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- Earlier, the Swedish business community has shown keen interest in Uttar Pradesh and has proposed a **total investment of Rs 15,000 crore**. With the arrival of investment in the state, there will be development in different areas, as well as employment will increase.
- These companies investing in Uttar Pradesh are ready to invest in sectors like **film city, retail, tourism, waste management** here. Apart from **Sweden**, Team Yogi has also received **six MoUs worth Rs 1200 crore from Vancouver**, Canada.
- Various B2G and G2G meetings held during the roadshow in Stockholm discussed investments in **defence, textiles and textiles, food processing, automobile and electric vehicles, renewable energy** among others.

One District One Product Mall in Varanasi

Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Industries Joint Commissioner Umesh Kumar Singh said that instructions have been given to prepare a plan for the construction of a **Four-Storey ODOP (One District One Product) Mall** at Chandpur Industrial Institute in Varanasi.

Key Points

- The ODOP Mall is proposed in a park spread over an area of about two acres at Chandpur Industrial Institute in Varanasi. This park used to have coal storage for industries and there was also a plan to build a flatted factory here.
- Due to the ODOP Mall being in the city, there will be better transport facilities here. This will provide relief to weavers, craftsmen in freight.
- Umesh Kumar Singh said that the Industries Department will give space to weavers, artisans and exporters on lease in ODOP Mall. By paying a lump sum amount, weavers and artisans will be able to stay there for a long time. This will relieve the hassle of frequent changes in the cost of rent etc.
- The construction of ODOP Mall will encourage the business of silk products, Meenakari and wooden toys. Saree traders of Chowk area of Varanasi will get the most benefit of the mall.

63rd Session of IHRC held at Uttar Pradesh State Archives

Why In News?

The 63rd session of the **Indian Historical Records Committee (IHRC)** was held at Uttar Pradesh State Archives, Lucknow on December 18-19, 2022.

Key Points

- The 63rd session of IHRC was inaugurated on December 18 by Daya Shankar Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Transport, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- An exhibition titled '**Saga of Independence: Known and Little Known Struggles**' based on original archival sources from the collection of National Archives of India was also inaugurated during the session.
- The two-day session included inaugural and professional sessions on the first day and academic sessions on the next day. Scholars in Indian history in 1600 AD. A total of 24 research papers based on the original sources of the latter were presented on various aspects of history.
- The Indian Historical Records Committee (IHRC) is an all-India forum of creators, custodians and users of records which was established in 1919 to advise the Government of India on all issues relating to the management of records and their use for historical research.
- The National Archives of India, New Delhi, is the secretariat of the Indian Historical Records Committee (renamed as the Indian Historical Records Committee in 1911).
- The IHRC is chaired by the Union Culture Minister and consists of 134 members including representatives of Government of India agencies, Government of India nominees, archives of State/Union Territories, universities and scholarly institutions. The IHRC has so far conducted 62 sessions.
- The Committee has two subsidiary bodies, (i) the Editorial Committee to examine and approve the papers based on archival sources for submission in the sessions of the Committees and (ii) the Standing Committee to review the action taken by the Committee on its recommendations and express its views on the agenda of the Committee's meeting in this regard. The Secretary of the Ministry of Culture serves as the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the IHRC.

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Uttar Pradesh at 31st Place in Making Social Progress

Why In News?

Recently the Prime Minister's Council for **Economic Advice (EAC-PM)** has released a **Social Progress Index report**, in which each state in the country has been given a **rank in terms of social progress**. Uttar Pradesh has been **ranked 31st in this report**.

Key Points

- The Council has based on three dimensions and **12 components to prepare the EAC-PM Social Progress Index**. The first dimension is 'Basic Human Needs'. It consists of four components **(i)** nutrition and basic medical care, **(ii)** water and sanitation, **(iii)** shelter and **(iv)** personal safety.
- The second dimension is the foundation of well-being, the four components involved are **(i)** access to basic knowledge, **(ii)** access to information and communication, **(iii)** health and well-being and **(iv)** environmental quality.
- Similarly, the third dimension is challenge, which includes **(i)** individual rights, **(ii)** personal freedom and choice, **(iii)** inclusivity and **(iv)** access to advanced education as components.
- Uttar Pradesh's performance in all these three dimensions and components was, on average, normal. The state has fared better in providing housing under only two components - **availability of drinking water and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban**.
- Uttar Pradesh, which ranks first in the country in terms of population, has come **at 31st position with 49.16 points** in the Social Progress Index.
- In this index, Pondicherry has got 65.99 points, while Jharkhand, the last state, has got 43.95 points.
- The index's ranking is divided into 6 levels, the first level being very high social progress, second high social progress, third upper middle social progress, fourth low middle social progress, fifth low social progress and sixth very low social progress level. Uttar Pradesh has reached the fifth lowest social progress level in this index of social progress. Along with Uttar Pradesh, the states of Odisha and Madhya Pradesh are also included in this level.
- Significantly, the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister along with the Institute for Competitiveness

and Social Progress Imperative released the Social Progress Index for states and districts of India. The report presents a comprehensive picture of social progress in India by evaluating changes in the performance of some key indicators since 2015-16.

- Further, the report highlights the progress made by the country's 112 aspirational districts, helping them track their social progress and understand areas that need more attention.

Country's First Muslim Woman Fighter Pilot

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 22, 2022, **Sania Mirza**, who hails from a small village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh, has secured **second place in the flying wing with 149th rank in the NDA examination**. Sania Mirza is expected to become **India's first Muslim woman fighter pilot**.

Key Points

- Significantly, this time there are only two seats in the flying wing. Only 19 posts in the NDA are reserved for women. If all goes well, Sania will have the privilege of becoming the country's first Muslim woman fighter pilot after passing out of the NDA.
- It is known that **Sania is a resident of a small village Jasowar in Mirzapur** Dehat Kotwali police station area. He completed his education from primary to 10th class from Pandit Chintamani Dubey Inter College in the village. She has also been a district topper in the Uttar Pradesh Board examination. After this, Sania completed her 12th education from Guru Nanak Girls Inter College in the city.
- Sania took the NDA exam on April 10. He has been selected in the list released in November. She is one of the two women selected in flying. She will join the NDA on December 27 in Pune for training.

NABL Accreditation to CCRAS-CARI, Jhansi

Why In News?

On December 22, 2022, the Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Jhansi, premier institute under the

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Central Council of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) of the Ministry of AYUSH, received the official recognition of NABL.

Key Points

- Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) CCRAS is one of the premier institutes of the Ministry of AYUSH, with state-of-the-art quality control laboratories (Chemistry, Microbiology, Pharmacognosy), Ayurvedic Pharmacy, There are **Central Herbarium and Museum, and National Raw Drugs Repository (NRDR)**.
- In addition to The Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Jhansi, the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), New Delhi has got the official recognition of NABH. **Central Ayurveda Research Institute, New Delhi is the first institute under CCRAS to receive the official accreditation of NABH.**
- Apart from these two CCRAS institutes, National Ayurveda Research Institute for Panchakarma (NARIP), Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur, Kerala also has the official accreditation of NABL M(EL)T for its clinical laboratory services. NARIP, Kerala is one of the premier research institutions under the Central Council of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of AYUSH.
- NABH is the parent board of the Quality Council of India, which has been set up to establish and run accreditation Programs of healthcare organizations . Official accreditation focuses on patient safety and quality of health care based on national/international standards.

Modern Multi-Specialty Command Hospital for Armed Forces in Lucknow

Why In News?

On December 22, 2022, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the construction of a modern multi-specialty command hospital for the armed forces in Lucknow. The Command Hospital will be a **green field multi-storey hospital with technical facilities for 780 inpatient beds as well as 100 crisis expansion beds** to meet emergencies.

Key Points

- The construction of modern multi-specialty hospital in central India will boost the morale of the armed forces and provide desired support to the personnel.
- The existing Command Hospital Lucknow is one of the busiest hospitals of the Armed Forces, a tertiary care referral hospital for **22 military hospitals, two Air Force hospitals and 109 Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics**.
- It caters to the healthcare needs of more than 3.5 lakh dependent customers spread across six states in central India as well as Nepal. Hospital beds are always more than 80% full.
- Apart from being a tertiary care centre for all super specialties of medicines and surgeries, the hospital also has a **Malignant Disease Treatment Centre (MDTC)** for cancer patients. The hospital also trains trainees, postgraduate trainees, MNS cadets and nursing assistants.
- Considering the number of patients in the existing hospital, the Defence Minister approved a special project at an estimated cost of Rs 496.94 crore. Command Hospital, Lucknow has been planned in line with the latest building code and hospital rules applicable in the country.
- It is planned according to the zone for progressive patient care services that reduce and **control patient movement, reduce hospital infection (HAI), planned biomedical waste (BMW) isolation and disposal, disaster evacuation plan in case of emergency** with all disabled friendly services, Safe use of radiation for both diagnosis and therapy is among the many modern specialties included in the hospital.
- Integrated services such as building management system as well as hospital information system have also been included in the project for faster access to data and energy conservation.

Traffic Expansion in National Waterway-1

Why in News?

On December 23, 2022, Sudhanshu Pant, Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

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of Uttar Pradesh, told a Trade meet on Traffic Expansion in National Waterway-1 at Circuit House, Varanasi that Cargo Ships will start operating from Varanasi to Dibrugarh (Bogibeel), the longest Waterway in the country, from January 2023.

Key Points

- Inland Waterways Authority of India will prepare Varanasi-Ghazipur-Majhauan-Barh Waterway on the lines of Patna-Farakka Waterway. Night Navigation System will also be developed for 24-hour smooth movement of Ships on this Waterway.
- He informed that with the operation of Cargo Ships from Varanasi, initiatives will be taken to promote export of GI products of Purvanchal by connecting it with Waterways. The Waterways Authority will prepare its Action Plan by taking suggestions from Central and State Government Departments for maximum use of National Waterway-1.
- In the meeting, Kaushal Raj Sharma, Divisional Commissioner of the State Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, said that various types of grains are exported from Varanasi, for which the Waterway will be used soon. At the same time, if the Ministry of Commerce and Industry provides details of the products exported to South-East Asian countries and their routes, then the export through Varanasi Waterway will be even more enriched.
- A representative of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperation suggested 24-hour operation of Ships in the Ganga to ensure timely export of fertilizers and Urea through Waterways. Officials in the Ministry of Waterways agreed to the proposal.
- Waterways Authority Vice Chairman Jayant Singh said that The Varanasi-Kolkata Waterway is available for operation 300 days a year. This Ganga Vilas will prove to be a milestone in promoting tourism of Varanasi. In this, from January 10 to January 13, the passengers of Ganga Vilas will be given Kashi Darshan.
- He said that from April, preparations have been started to operate Solar Water Taxis connecting the ghats of Kashi. The tender will be issued next month and will be operated on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. A detailed action plan is being prepared for the development of Varanasi-Kolkata and Dibrugarh Waterways.

Kashi Inter Model Station

Why In News?

On December 25, 2022, Suresh Kumar Sapra, Divisional Railway Manager of Northern Railway Division, told that the tender has been issued for the Major Upgradation Project at **Kashi Railway Station in Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh. With this project of about **Rs 336 crore**, **Kashi Inter Model Station** will be built.

Key Points

- Suresh Kumar Sapra said that along with construction of Kashi Inter Model Station, many works including yard remodelling, complex and hotel construction will be done here. Here the work of techno feasibility survey has already been completed. DPR work will also be done by December next year.
- The project also aims to **build a concourse (City Center) connecting the first and second entrances**. About 10 pairs of trains stop at Kashi station daily. With this rejuvenation, the image of the station will change completely, and it will take two and a half years to rejuvenate this railway station.
- He said that apart from this, the issue of tender for charging center at Cantt station will provide facility of charging electric vehicles at Varanasi Cantt station. Electric vehicle charging facility point will start being built here from January. By March, the facility of charging all small and big vehicles including electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws will be available here.
- At present, there is no facility in Varanasi at government or non-government level for charging e-vehicles. The charging station in **Mirza Murad is only for e-buses**. In such a situation, the e-vehicle charging facility point to be built at the Cantt station will prove beneficial for such vehicles.

HMIS service started in 22 Medical Colleges of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On December 26, 2022 Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak launched the **e-Sushruta Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** facility in 22 medical colleges of the state, so that patients admitted

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to medical colleges will now get their health horoscope on mobile.

Key Points

- HMIS was launched by SSPGICH Noida, Autonomous Medical College Etah, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Mirzapur, Hardoi, Basti, Siddharth Nagar, Shahjahanpur, Ayodhya, Bahraich, Deoria, Ghazipur, Firozabad. Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Budaun, Banda, Jaunpur, Kannauj, Jalaun and RIMS Saifai have been set up.
- Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said that with HMIS, doctors in the OPD will be able to see the report online even if the patient does not have a test report. They will be able to know the complete case history of the concerned patient at one click. So far, this system was in 12 medical colleges including SGPGI, KGMU, Lohia Institute.
- He said that HMIS can be downloaded from the Play Store of Android phone and registered in the concerned hospital. With this software, patients will be able to get information about which doctors will be available in the hospital on which day.
- With this arrangement, strong data of all patients will be prepared. This will make it easier to do research, develop resources, monitor the system, plan for the future. Records of ambulances, bed allotment, food, etc. will also be on it. This will bring transparency in the works.
- With HMIS, patients will be able to get online registration, payment, prescription, lab report, pharmacy slip, OPD card, admission ticket, discharge summary on mobile. They will be able to easily get information about the availability of doctors, the timing of special clinics and blood banks etc.
- The software will also link the patient's Aadhaar, Ayushman Bharat Health Account. At the same time, patients will be able to easily prescribe medicines available in hospitals and the expiry list of medicines can also be seen

Gorakhpur Festival will be Organized on Eco-Tourism Theme for the First Time

Why In News?

On December 27, 2022 Vikas Yadav, DFO, Gorakhpur, said that the Forest Department will for the first time

organize **Gorakhpur Mahotsav on the theme of eco-tourism** to make people understand the importance of forest and environment in the state. The festival will be held from January 11 to 13, 2023.

Key Points

- DFO Vikas Yadav said that under the Jungle Marathon, children and social organizations, ordinary citizens will be paraded in the middle of the forest for five kilometers. During this time people will be given information about the forest and its environment. The marathon will start from Subba Bazar in Deoria bypass and end at Vinod Van.
- He said that through marathons, photo exhibitions, cinemas and stalls, people will be told and explained about the specialty and natural beauty of the forest. In this, information about the action plans of the Forest Department will be given.
- In addition, five different films directed by **Mike H. Pandey, world-renowned environmentalist, awarded with the Green Oscar**, will be screened. Efforts will be made to explain the specialty of eco-tourism to the people through the film at Gambhir Nath Auditorium.
- An exhibition of bamboo products prepared by the Forest Department and Bamboo Mission will be organized. Eco-tourism photography stalls will also be set up at the venue. It will have pictures of different beautiful natural sites of the city.
- There will be two days programs in the zoo. On one day there will be a nature walk and on the other day there will be a birdwatch program in the zoo wetland. So far, children of five schools have been connected to the programs.
- Eco-tourism means getting closer to and enjoying natural beauty. Under this, tourists are taken to natural areas, so that they can enjoy the beauty of nature. Also, be aware of the protection of the environment.

Gorakhpur's Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat Will Now be Known as Chauri Choura

Why In News?

On December 27, 2022 Gorakhpur SDM Shivam Singh informed that the name of **Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat of Gorakhpur will soon be changed to Chauri**

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Chaura. Taking a decision on the government's proposal, the Union Home Ministry has issued a No Objection Certificate (NOC) regarding the name change.

Key Points

- SDM Shivam Singh said that Chauri Chaura's name is indelible in the history of Jang-e-Azadi. During the centenary year of retaliation against the excesses of the British rule in Chauri Chaura, a campaign has been launched to correct the facts related to this historical site.
- He said that the name of tehsil and police station is already Chauri Chaura. Earlier the name of the assembly constituency was Mundera Bazar. Before the 2012 elections, the name of this assembly constituency was also changed to Chauri Chaura. Since the main market is Mundera Bazar, the name of Nagar Panchayat has remained Mundera Bazar till now.
- Significantly, the then DM Vijayendra Pandian had sent a proposal to the government to change the name of Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat to Chauri Chaura Nagar Panchayat. On the proposal of the administration, the government had sent a proposal for NOC to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- SDM Shivam Singh said that Mundera Bazar is a market which is situated in Chauri Chaura. Earlier, there were voters only in Mundera Bazar and there were a total of 11 wards. Before the election, Bhopa Bazar, Raghopur, Chaura, Bhagwanpur, Bal Bujurg were also included in the extended area, taking the total number of voters to 26 wards and the total number of voters.

After Tiger, Dudhwa will now be the largest center of Leopard Cat

Why In News?

On December 28, 2022, Sanjay Pathak, director of Dudhwa Park in Lakhimpur, Uttar Pradesh, said that leopard cat found in dudhwa and southern Kheri forests of the state will be scientifically calculated for the first time and given special protection.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that after the workshop held in Dudhwa two months ago, work is now being done towards the conservation of leopard cat at the national level.

- It is known that there is a special work about tigers in Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. Most attention is paid to their calculation, and conservation. But special attention is not paid to the number of leopard cats and their species found in Dudhwa.
- According to experts, many Cat species including Big Cat, Fishing Cat and Leopard Cat are found in Dudhwa. Leopard Cats and Fishing Cats are larger in size than normal Cats. Leopard-like stripes or spots are also seen on them.
- Director of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve Sanjay Pathak said that there is a large number of Leopard Cats, Fishing Cats etc. in Dudhwa. Until now, they were recorded by looking at them, there was no scientific basis for their calculation.

Greenfield Township Will be Set Up in Ayodhya

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 29, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to set up a **green field township in Ayodhya on the lines of Sabarmati in Gujarat**. The scheme will cover an area of 1438 acres.

Key Points

- The State Housing Development Council presented it before Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for this scheme. During this, the architects of Gujarat were also called. He gave information about Sabarmati Green Field.
- On the basis of this, the housing development council officials were instructed to prepare the size of the green field township in Ayodhya in such a way that it is completely pollution-free. For this, architects will also be added on the basis of need. Based on the chief minister's directive, the Housing Development Council has started preparations.
- In the first phase, the green field township in Ayodhya is planned to be set up on an area of 583 acres. For the first phase, 487 acres of land has been acquired.
- In the second and third phases, 855 acres of land will be acquired. Apart from this, commercial areas and parks will be arranged around the township, so that people can get facilities on the basis of need.

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- It is known that the standard of the Vedic city project will be decided on the basis of **Ahmedabad GIFT City**. Under the Navya Ayodhya project, many changes are also being made in the proposed **Green Field Township Scheme (Vedic City)** in Gram Sabha Shahnewajpur and Manjha Barhata located on the side of the highway and standard standards are also being set for this.

GIS 2023: UPSIDA Receives Investment Proposals Worth Rs 1 lakh Crore, MoUs worth Rs 83,000 Crore Signed

Why in News?

On December 30, 2022, **Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA)** CEO Mayur Maheshwari said that UPSIDA has received proposals worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore from investors for setting up industrial units. Of these, MoUs worth Rs 83,000 crore have also been signed.

Key Points

- MoUs for the projects will be finalised at Global Investors' Summit (GIS) proposed to be hosted in the state capital from February 10 to 12.
- CEO Mayur Maheshwari said that the state government is moving towards making Uttar Pradesh a \$ 10 trillion economy. In order to achieve the target, nine teams of senior officials of UPSIDA were formed and in the first phase, meetings were held with investors and entrepreneurs in 22 districts. During this time MoUs were signed with investors.
- These include food processing, textiles, automobiles, private industrial parks, warehousing, paper industry, medical sector, biofuels, toy products, data centers, IT and electronics sectors. Before the Global Investors Summit, teams will be formed and investment seminars will also be held in other districts.
- The MoUs signed by UPSIDA will provide employment to lakhs of people. Among the major MoUs signed, 10,000 people will get employment by setting up an industrial park in Ghaziabad with an investment of Rs 10,000 crore by the Grapeworkers Network.
- Mobility Infrastructure Group will invest Rs 8,000 crore on setting up a logistics and warehouse park in Gautam Buddh Nagar. This will provide jobs to 1000 people. Mega Leather Cluster Development (UP) Limited in Kanpur will set up a leather industry with an investment of Rs 6000 crore. This is expected to provide employment to two lakh people.
- In Pratapgarh, 50,000 people are expected to get employment by setting up an industrial park with an investment of Rs 9000 crore by Dharitri Solutions, SMRM Innovative Ventures Pvt. Ltd. In Sonbhadra, CityGold Industrial Limited will provide employment to one thousand people through a cement plant with an investment of Rs 3000 crore, while in Lucknow, an investment of Rs 2000 crore by Welspun and Logistics Parks Pvt. Ltd. will provide employment to a large number of people.
- High Flow Industries will invest Rs 3,000 crore each in Agra and Ayodhya, Rs 14,000 crore in Ghaziabad, Rs 1,200 crore in Gorakhpur, Rs 7,500 crore in Kanpur, Rs 3,500 crore in Lucknow, Rs 300 crore in Aligarh, Rs 35,000 crore in Prayagraj, Rs 9,000 crore in Surajpur, Rs 2,000 crore in Varanasi and more than 5 lakh jobs in all districts.
- UPSIDA has prepared a land bank of more than 15 thousand acres to provide land to investors. Indian Corporation has proposed an investment of Rs 2000 crore in Varanasi for setting up logistics and warehouses.
- There have been many more investments in various sectors, such as more than Rs 23,000 crore in renewable energy sector, Rs 21,000 crore in private industrial park sector, about Rs 10,000 crore in logistics and warehousing, Rs 6000 crore in leather and shoe industry, about Rs 4000 crore in non-metallic and mineral products sector and about Rs 850 crore in biofuel sector.
- The state government has increased the investment target from Rs 10 lakh crore to Rs 17 lakh crore through the Global Investors Summit. For this, the old investment targets of all departments have also been revised. UPSIDA's investment target has also been increased from Rs 70,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore. UPSIDA has already received investment proposals worth Rs 80,000 crore even before the target is revised.

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46th Foundation Day of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan

Why in News?

On December 30, 2022, the 46th Foundation Day celebrations of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan were held. Senior litterateur Dr. Ram Hard Singh, story writer Dr. Sudhakar Adeb and Director of the institute RP Singh felicitated a total of 70 litterateurs of all categories.

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- Anand Kumar Singh of Bhopal was given the 'Tulsi Award' for the book 'Atharva, Main Wahi Van Hoon', an epic genre written with 26 years of continuous writing. Shankar Singh was awarded the Shridhar Pathak Award for his collection of poems 'Ram Dhara Par Punah Padharo'. Ghaziabad-based writer Jaivardhan JP received the Bharatendu Harishchand nominated award for his work 'Kalpurush Krantikari Veer Savarkar'.
- Noida-based litterateur Jayshree Purwar won the agnostic award for her book 'Sapnon Ka Shehar of Dreams San Francisco' in the travelogue genre. Varanasi-based writer Shyam Bihari Shyamal was awarded the Premchand Award for the book 'Kantha' in the novel genre.
- Ghaziabad-based writer Shraddha Pandey was awarded the Sur Prize for her book 'Maa Kah Ek Kahani' in the children's literature genre. Former UP DGP and BJP MP Brij Lal, author of history book 'Siasat Ka Sabak', received acharya Narendra Dev award.
- Lucknow-based journalist Harimohan Bajpai 'Madhav' was awarded the Dharamveer Bharti Sarjana Award for his book 'Chronology in Covid Toons'. Ramji Bhai from Lucknow received the Yashpal Award for the book 'Anubhav Ke Bol' of the story collection genre. It has a collection of 51 stories.



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