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Uttar Pradesh is among the Top Four States in the Country with More than 75 Lakh Tap Connections

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on January 31, 2023, Uttar Pradesh has set a record by becoming one of the four states that have provided more than 75 lakh tap connections. Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department celebrated this big achievement of the state government with enthusiasm in the form of 'Har Ghar Jal, 75 lakh taps' function.

Key points

- In Uttar Pradesh, congratulating the entire team of the department on this achievement, 75 engineers, officers and employees were honored with mementos.
- Apart from this, a film based on the two-year successful journey of Jal Jeevan Mission was unveiled and an e-booklet listing the achievements of the department was released.
- In the program, especially in Bundelkhand, how clean drinking water is being made available to every village in adverse circumstances, it was staged through various cultural programs and efforts were made to reach every household in different rural areas of the state along with eastern, western Uttar Pradesh. The joys received from the festival were presented through cultural highlights.
- Jal Jeevan Mission's Har Ghar Jal Yojana Uttar Pradesh, which has the largest rural population, has achieved a major milestone in a short span of time and has secured the fourth position among the states by providing tap connections to 75,26,740 rural households out of more than 2.62 crore rural households.
- Significantly, Bihar is ahead of Uttar Pradesh with more than 1.58 crore, Maharashtra with more than 1.06 crore and Gujarat with more than 91 lakh tap connections.

PM Shri Yojana will Change the Face of 40 Schools of Gorakhpur

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in Gorakhpur district will be upgraded under the PM Shree Yojana.

Key points

- Ramendra Kumar Singh said that about two crore rupees will be spent on each school for better infrastructure. These will be developed as model schools. These include a secondary and other primary school.
- Two schools from each development block will be selected as model schools on the basis of marks obtained on various parameters.
- It is worth mentioning that a list of four schools from all development blocks has been prepared and sent from the Basic Education Department. Out of the total 80 schools of basic education, 40 will be selected under PM Shri and they will be upgraded.
- Under the New Education Policy-2020 in these schools, children will be taught with child pedagogy based curriculum according to their skills. Concepts like rain water harvesting, solar energy, solid and liquid waste organic farming, plastic free etc. will be developed.
- The PM Shri School Scheme is a central government scheme for the Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaya for Rising India (PM-SRI). In this, two schools will be selected from every block of the country and they will be developed as model schools. In the first phase, the scheme has been implemented for five years (2022-2027).
- Ramendra Kumar Singh said that on the basis of various parameters, only one school AD Girls Inter College has been fulfilled in the secondary schools in the district. Due to this, only AD Girls Inter College is named in the list sent to PM Shri.

55 Bulandshahr Villages to Be Added to YEIDA Territory

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on February 2, 2023, 55 villages of Bulandshahr and Khurja Development Authority of Uttar Pradesh have now joined the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA). Its notification has been issued.

Key points

- The inclusion of these villages in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) will increase

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the scope of logistics, warehousing and cargo hubs of the Yamuna Authority.

- Gautam Buddha Nagar, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Hathras, Mathura and Agra districts are included in the notified area of Yamuna Authority. So far, 40 villages of Bulandshahr district were in the notified area of the authority.
- An airport is also being built in the Yamuna Authority area. Logistics and warehousing hubs will also be developed. There was a plan to connect this hub with rail. For this, the authority had to expand its scope to the Delhi-Howrah railway line. For this, the authority planned to include 55 villages.

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New Vidhan Bhavan will be built in Uttar Pradesh on the Lines of Central Vista

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana said that Uttar Pradesh will soon get the gift of a new Vidhan Bhavan on the lines of the country's new Parliament Building (Central Vista). Members of the 18th Legislative Assembly will get a chance to sit in the new Assembly.

Key points

- Vidhan Sabha Speaker Satish Mahana said that a target will be set to complete the construction of the new Vidhan Bhavan before the year 2027. It will be fully eco-friendly, earthquake resistant and equipped with modern facilities.
- Due to the old building becoming very old, the space is reduced according to the growing needs, due to the pressure of heavy traffic around, a new Vidhan Bhavan is being built elsewhere. For this, initially Rs 50 crore has been kept in the budget.
- The Uttar Pradesh government aims to hold at least one session of the 18th Assembly in the new Vidhan Bhavan. The new Vidhan Bhavan will be constructed according to the growing needs.
- It is noteworthy that the current Vidhan Bhavan is about 100 years old. Its foundation was laid on December 15, 1922, by the then Governor Sir Spencer Harcourt Butler. The building was completed in about six years and was inaugurated on February 21, 1928.
- The present Vidhan Bhavan was constructed by M/s Martin & Co. of Kolkata. Its chief architects were Sir Swinton Jacob and Hira Singh. At that time Rs 21 lakh was sanctioned for the construction of Vidhan Bhavan.
- The present Vidhan Bhavan of Uttar Pradesh is an excellent example of the mixed style of European and Awadhi construction. It currently has a seating capacity of 403 MLAs.

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- In July 1935, a separate chamber was proposed for the meetings and office rooms of the Legislative Council. The extension building was constructed by chief architect A.M. Martin. It was completed in November 1937 under the supervision of the Public Works Department. The Legislative Council currently has a seating capacity of 100 members.
- It is known that in the Central Vista project, along with the new Parliament building in Delhi, other central government offices are being constructed. It is believed that this new Parliament building will emerge as a magnificent example of architecture competing with the monuments of the colonial period along with grandeur.

5 Rural Learning Centers will be Built in Bareilly Division of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On March 5, 2023, D.D Mahendra Singh of Panchayati Raj Department of Uttar Pradesh told that five learning centers will be set up in Bareilly division of the state, in which training will be given to the villagers at the village level.

Key points

- D.D. Mahendra Singh of the Panchayati Raj Department said that in order to strengthen the villagers at the economic level, five model panchayat houses of the four districts of Bareilly division are being made learning centres. Under this, learning centers will be set up one each in Bareilly, Pilibhit and Badaun and in two-gram panchayats of Shahjahanpur. Villagers will be taught the nuances of farming and becoming entrepreneurs at the learning center.
- The government has released a budget of Rs 25 lakh to make the Panchayati Raj Department a learning center. Five lakh rupees will be spent to develop a center. All necessary equipment will be provided for training, including projectors.
- Mahendra Singh said that the government is implementing the plan to effectively implement development schemes at the village level. The participation of villagers is being decided in this. The people of the village will be explained how to

take advantage of the government's schemes with information about them.

- He said that such gram panchayats were selected for learning centres, where panchayat building, and community center building were good. Computers, internet, electricity and boundary wall were built in the panchayat house. Health centers, primary and junior schools, Anganwadi centers were present.

The Commission Constituted for the Reservation of Backward Submitted the Survey Report to the Chief Minister

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, the UP State Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission, set up to fix reservation for backward classes in the civic elections, submitted a report to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Key points

- It is known that people had filed a petition in the court objecting to the reservation list issued by the Urban Development Department for the municipal elections. On this basis, the High Court had directed to conduct elections without reservation.
- The government went to the Supreme Court against this decision. The Supreme Court had directed the government to form a commission and prepare a report by March 31 after surveying the districts, but this report has been submitted to the government about 22 days before the deadline. This report of 350 pages has been prepared in 2 months and 10 days.
- the state government had On December 28, 2022, constituted a five-member commission under the chairmanship of retired High Court Judge Ram Autar Singh. After the formation, the Commission conducted a survey of the backward population in all the 75 districts of the state as well as examined the data of backward castes shown in the rapid survey, reservation list issued by the government earlier, cyclical process etc.
- During the visit to the district, the Commission also informed the Chief Minister about the loopholes

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found in reservation and rapid survey process and suggested measures to remove them.

- After getting the report of the commission, it will now be approved in the cabinet. After this, giving the information of the report to the Supreme Court, permission will be sought to hold civic elections in Uttar Pradesh.
- Official sources say that there will be a big change in the reservation of seats based on the report of the commission. The Urban Development Department will make fresh reservation for the seats of Mayor and President based on triple test. Many unreserved seats can go to the account of OBCs.
- A highly placed source of the department says that the state government will place the commission's report in the Supreme Court this month and seek permission to hold elections. As soon as permission is received from the Supreme Court, the work of reservation of the seats of mayor and president will be started. By the end of March, objections will be taken by issuing a provisional notification of reservation of seats, so that it can be finalized.

Cabinet Approves New Scope

Why In News?

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on March 10, 2023, approved the proposal of the state transport department's new vehicle scrapping policy.

Key points

- Minister of State for Transport (Independent Charge) Dayashankar Singh said that vehicle scrapping policy has been implemented to curb air pollution caused by the operation of old vehicles.
- Under this, Uttar Pradesh will receive Rs 300 crore from the central government. Action on three points will fetch Rs 50 crore as the first instalment.
- Under this, scrapping of government vehicles 15 years or more old in the registered vehicle scrapping facility and providing required number of them to the state government, providing tax exemption to the vehicles purchased relative to the deposit certificate and scrap in the registered vehicle scrapping facility. Action has to be taken to provide one-time exemption in the outstanding tax pending on the vehicle to be done.

- Approval has been given to the proposal of exemption in the outstanding taxes payable on old and unusable commercial and non-commercial vehicles in the state, under which up to 75 percent exemption will be given in the outstanding taxes on all categories of vehicles registered in the state before the year 2003.
- Under the new vehicle scrapping policy, this exemption will be valid for one year from the date of issue of notification. This exemption will be available only on depositing the amount payable to the vehicle owner in lump sum after the exemption on the vehicle.
- In the proposal approved by the cabinet, a separate category has been created for exemption of outstanding tax payable on non-commercial and commercial vehicles under Section 4 of the Uttar Pradesh Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1997, under which vehicles purchased in or after the year 2003 and There will be 50 percent discount on all categories of vehicles registered in the state before the year 2008.
- Similarly, 50 per cent discount will be applicable on all categories of diesel vehicles registered in the year 2008 or later and in or before 2013 in the districts of the state falling in the National Capital Region (NCR).
- There will be 100% waiver of penalty imposed on vehicles which are scrapped at the registered vehicle scrapping facility center, but this waiver of penalty on vehicles will be admissible on all outstanding taxes payable.

First Sports Policy of Uttar Pradesh-2023

Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet gave the green signal to the state's first Sports Policy-2023 to promote sports and sportspersons and develop sports culture in the state.

Key points

- In the new sports policy, special care has been taken from physical efficiency to their training of the players. Along with this, 'State Sports Authority State Sports Authority of India' will also be formed on the lines of the new and private academies and schools and colleges will be linked to sports.

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- Apart from this, under this policy 40 minutes of time, will be fixed for sports, physical education or yoga in every school. Under PPP, of different sports 14 centers of excellence will be set up in the state and five high performance centers will be set up in the state.
- Additional Chief Secretary Navneet Sehgal said that in the new policy, financial assistance will be provided to various sports associations and sports academies. Financially weak academies and sports associations will benefit from this.
- With the financial assistance from the government, these associations and academies will be able to increase infrastructure and training facilities. The state government (Public Private Partnership) as well will support sports in the state through PPP as in the development of sports infrastructure facilities.
- The 'State Sports Authority' to be constituted under the new sports policy will work on the lines of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Under this, the skills of various sports will be upgraded and training, camps, trainers etc. will be conducted.
- With the implementation of the sports policy, the players of the country and the state will get education and training in sports and employment opportunities will be increased in sports. The establishment of the Sports University will help in creating a pool of qualified managers, administrators and operations personnel in the State.
- Employment in this field will increase through various courses related to sports in the Sports University. The sports department will work closely with sports federations to bring national and international sports events to Uttar Pradesh. This will lead to recruitment of large number of personnel and increase in service providers.
- A 'State Sports Development Fund' will be created for sports in the state with Rs 10 crore, which will greatly benefit the best sports persons of the state. They will be able to buy equipment of international standard and will get an opportunity to train and perform abroad. Apart from this, foreign coaches, physiologists, psychologists etc. will be available to the players.
- The Uttar Pradesh government will also provide financial assistance to the players. As per the sports policy, each registered sportsperson will be given a health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh. The state government will also provide funds for training from the Eklavya Sports Fund or for the treatment of injuries suffered by the players during the competition.
- Players will be prepared according to their skill power for better training. For this, the players have been placed in three categories -
 - The first category will have grass root players. They will be given training at the initial level.
 - The second category will be of development, in which talented players will be discovered and trained by making an action plan to develop them into future players.
 - Elite class players will come in the third category. These would be established players who represent the state in various sports. Such players will be motivated for better performance at national and international level.
- Apart from the sports policy in the cabinet meeting, some other proposals related to sports have also been approved by the Council of Ministers. In this, consent has been expressed on the proposal related to activating various committees for organizing Khelo India University Games.
- Apart from this, it has been decided to frame a policy for construction of stadiums, open gyms, operation management in rural areas, so that facilities are provided to the new generation and promising players leave the village and bring glory to the state.

Inauguration of Seed Processing and Storage Facility at Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute

Why In News?

On March 11, 2023, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the seed processing and storage facility of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at the Indian Grassland and Grassland Research Institute, Jhansi. Women farmers conference was also organized on this occasion.

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Key points

- Three units of such seed processing have been set up at regional research centres at Dharwad and Srinagar, which have been funded by the Ministry of Agriculture with financial assistance of Rs 3.7 crore.
- During the Mahila Krishak Sammelan, agricultural implements worth Rs 50 lakh were distributed to the beneficiary women farmers under the Scheduled Caste sub-project run by the institute/centres.
- The Government of India established the Indian Pasture and Fodder Research Institute in 1962 in Jhansi, the historical city of Veerangana Maharani Lakshmi Bai, for the development of advanced species of pasture and fodder and their management and maintenance.
- Almost all the major grasses are found in Jhansi, with this view the institute was established here, later in the year 1966 its administrative control was handed over to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
- Keeping in view the regional requirements of climate and agriculture, three regional research centres of this institute have been established in other parts of India, which are located at Ambika Nagar (Rajasthan), Dharwad (Karnataka) and Palampur (Himachal Pradesh).

Four New Private Universities Will Open in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government gave permission to open four new private universities in the state. In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, it has been decided to issue letters of intent to four new private universities.

Key points

- The Higher Education Department will soon issue them letters of intent and then their construction will start.
- These universities include Varun Arjun University Shahjahanpur, T.S Mishra University Lucknow, Farukh Hussain University Agra and Vivek National University Bijnor.
- In a statement issued in this regard, it has been said that the purpose of issuing letters of intent to new private universities is to improve the standard of education and provide quality education.

- These universities will have to complete all formalities within two years after the letter of intent is issued. If the formalities are not completed, the letter of intent will be cancelled.

Online Game App 'Shastrarth' Made for Learning Sanskrit

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 13, 2023, Dr. Aruney Mishra, Chairman of the Department of Sanskrit at wing Ewing Christian College (ECC), a constituent college of Allahabad University, Uttar Pradesh, has created an online game app for learning Sanskrit, which is named 'Shastrarth'. Has been given.

Key points

- The Shastrartha app will not only useful for learning Sanskrit in sports but also for preparing competitive exams.
- Games can be played among Sanskrit students from all over India through this app prepared under the direction of Dr. Aruney, Chairman of the Sanskrit Department. There are three formats of the game. For all three formats, there will be 30 seconds to answer each question.
- While it will be played only alone in Play Store, play with friends and play online will allow two people to play it online from anywhere on mobile or computer. The one who answers more questions correctly will be declared the winner. If the answer is equal, the person who gives the correct answer in a short time will be declared as the winner.
- Significantly, Dr. Aruney Mishra has designed this app for the promotion of Sanskrit language through healthy competition among students. This game app will also generate interest among students towards Sanskrit.
- Sanskrit language will also prove to be helpful for those preparing for competitive exams. In particular, the purpose of this app is that even economically weak students can perform better in competitive examinations through this app.
- Dr. Mishra said that work is also going on another app, which will help in attracting young and adolescent students towards Sanskrit.

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- It is known that this is the first such app of online games related to Sanskrit language. This app is completely free.
- Dr. Aruney Mishra said that the app will also be updated from time to time according to the curriculum. At present, there is a compilation of 2000 questions on this app. Every month, 1000 new questions will be added along with old questions.
- This app can be downloaded from there by typing 'Shastrartha' on the Play Store.



Uttar Pradesh Township Policy-2023

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 14, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to amend several rules to meet the residential needs of the people in the cities. For this, the proposed Uttar Pradesh Township Policy-2023 was presented before Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Key points

- It is known that the hi-tech township policy has ended in the state. There was a requirement of 500 acres in the integrated policy and 1500 acres in the hi-tech.
- The proposed Uttar Pradesh Township Policy-2023 will allow setting up of colonies on a minimum of cities with a population of less than two lakh 12.5 acres of land in in other cities and 25 acres. To reach the colonies, 24 meters of road will be mandatory and 12 meters inside.
- Under this policy, the land of village society, ceiling or other departments will be taken and left in another place. 50 acres will be licensed to set up colonies on agricultural land and residential land use in master plans up to Projects with an area of more than 50 acres.
- Village society and other government land will be regularized in 60 days. Under the provisions of the Revenue Code, more than 12.5 acres of land will be allowed to be taken.
- 10 acres in cities with a population of more than 50 Multipurpose sports complexes will be built in a minimum of lakh. Sports city, film city, IT city, Medicity, educational hub will be built in cities. The design of all major buildings will be kept of high quality and cultural and historical heritage will be linked to the development of the city.
- In townships settled in private areas, there will be a system of issuing sector-specific i.e., part-wise completion certificates, the map of those who have a certificate of the sector will be passed. If there is no completion certificate, the map will not be passed. Its purpose is to stop illegal construction.
- The scope of turnover is also being increased for obtaining license to set up townships in the private sector. There should be a turnover of Rs 75 lakh for each one acre. Earlier it was Rs 50 lakh.
- The lead member of the township will also not be changed at the development authority and housing development council level. For this, there will be a committee under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Housing. Now the license fee will also be Rs 50 thousand to two lakh per acre and GST will have to be paid. Earlier it used to be Rs 1.5 lakh only. Maximum 20 percent change in the limit of license area will be permissible.
- Keeping in view the interests of the allottees, the agreement will be done on having 75 percent land of the total area of the scheme. Earlier it was only 60 percent. In unavoidable circumstances, permission will be given to acquire 20 percent of the land of the road network.
- Key highlights of the new policy:
 - DM's permission is not required for taking land belonging to SC/ST.
 - Horizontal development will be promoted on the lines of Chandigarh.
 - There will be enough footpaths for pedestrians.
 - Rough or unused land will be made a green belt.
 - Parking facilities near parks, shopping complexes and police stations.
 - Use of treated water for horticulture in parks and green belts.
 - Net zero waste is required to be followed in relation to solid waste disposal.

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Uttar Pradesh will do Electricity Banking on a Large Scale

Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Chairman M. Devraj told that on the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation has started power banking from other states on a large scale in order to fructify the efforts to provide uninterrupted power in all areas. has decided.

Key points

- Chairman M. Devaraj said that under power banking, during winters and normal days, when the power demand in the state is average or low, at that time the corporation will distribute surplus power available to Jammu-Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka as well as NTPC. Will give When the demand for power in the state increases, this power will be withdrawn from these states as per the requirement.
- It is noteworthy that in 2014 there were only 1 crore 42 lakh 64 thousand electricity consumers in the state, which have now increased to 3.25 crore. The peak demand for electricity, which was 12327 MW in 2014, has more than doubled to 26589 MW in 2022. There has been a huge increase in the hours of power supply. 24 hours electricity is being provided to the district headquarters and industries, 6 hours more electricity is being provided to the villages.
- With industries getting 24-hour electricity, investors are also eager to come to Uttar Pradesh. The state's economy will get a huge boost if the huge investment proposals received at the Global Investors Summit come to the ground. The output of industries will increase the per capita income as well as the economy of the state.
- It is believed that within two to three years, the economy of the state will reach one trillion dollars. However, with the arrival of industries, the Power Corporation will have to assess the potential growth of electricity demand in the coming years afresh, for which the Corporation has started preparations.
- According to the corporation's chairman M Devraj, after the major decision of power banking, the power corporation will not sell the surplus power available with the state during winter and normal days through the power exchange but will give it to the states with whom agreements are being signed.
- He told that for the first time an agreement has been signed for 249.29 million units from Jammu and Kashmir, 61.56 million units from Tamil Nadu. Agreement is proposed with Karnataka and NTPC. Rajasthan, which is linked to Uttar Pradesh through banking, had tied up for 449.6 million units last year. Now about four times more 1967.8 million units have been tied up for banking. A banking agreement has also been signed with Madhya Pradesh.
- The chairman claims that with this effort, there will be no problem of electricity in the state. In winter, when demand is low, the generating houses will be able to run at full capacity, as other states will lose excess power. Under power banking, the corporation will provide power to these states as per the agreement if there is surplus power. These states will return the electricity taken when Uttar Pradesh needs it.
- The advantage of this will be that even when the demand for electricity is maximum in the state between June and September, there will be no shortage of electricity. Electricity will not have to be purchased at the rate of Rs 12 and more from the power exchange. Always the power rate in the power exchange is very high during the summer days.
- The chairman said that 7413 MW capacity will start by the power generation from the new generation units of 2025-26. 2023-24, By the end of 5000 MW units will be operational.
- Electricity worth Rs 927 crore has been purchased in 2021-22 and Rs 2022-23 crore in 1311.91 so far. By 2030, the contracted generation capacity of electricity in the state is to be increased to 40392 MW. The contracted generation capacity is to be taken to 32356 MW in 2023.
- In 2022-23, the maximum demand for electricity reached 26589 MW, whereas in 2014 the maximum demand was only 12327 MW. The peak demand is expected to reach 27776 MW in 2023-24.

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'Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme'

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on February 19, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government about to launch 'Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme' to provide better road facilities to the people in cities.

Key Points

- A provision of Rs 1000 crore is being made for the 'Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme' in the financial year 2023-24. Apart from this, additional money will also be given to the bodies collecting more house tax.
- At present, there are 17 municipal corporations, 200 municipal councils and 545 Nagar Panchayats in the state, out of which 239 are new and border-expanding bodies.
- The responsibility of creating colonies as well as some routes in cities lies with the bodies. The bodies receive money from road improvement plans and central and state finance commissions, but do not have additional funds. That is why the Urban Development Department wants to create a separate item called 'Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme', so that road facilities can be provided to the people in the cities on the basis of need.
- After getting consent from the higher level, the Urban Development Department has sent a proposal to make provisions for this in the new budget. It has been argued in the proposal that urban roads present the development scenario of the state.
- Pothole-free roads are also among the priorities of the state government and providing road facilities along drains for overall development in better performing bodies with a population of more than one lakh on the basis of delivery of civic amenities etc. Therefore, 'Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme' will be started in cities with population of more than one lakh.
- Apart from this, additional money will be given in this scheme to promote house tax collection in the bodies. For example, 50 per cent of the house tax charged by the civic body will be paid. The Urban Development Department believes that this will

increase the competition for house tax collection in the bodies and increase income.

'Purvanchal Ki Shaan 2023'

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak felicitated the personalities who enhanced their glory at the 'Purvanchal Ki Shaan 2023' felicitation ceremony organized by Amar Ujala at a hotel in Lucknow.

Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak said that Uttar Pradesh is constantly setting new dimensions. After the Global Investment Summit, the state is moving towards acquiring first position on the economic front.
- He said that in Uttar Pradesh, Kashi is on one side and Prayagraj Sangam city on the other side. Kabir also reached Purvanchal during last days of his life. The glory of Gorakhnath in Gorakhpur is not hidden from anyone. The state also has its distinct contribution in the freedom struggle.
- Who were honoured -
 - **Varanasi** - Educationist Prof. Ram Mohan Pathak.
 - **Bhadohi** - Carpet exporter Imtiaz Ansari.
 - **Ghazipur** - Sanjay Sherpuria, founder of Youth Rural Entrepreneur Foundation.
 - **Mirzapur** : Arun Kumar Dubey, CMD of Vidya Sarthak Green City Private Limited, Paritosh Bajaj, Director of Seth Dwarka Prasad Bajaj Education Center and Jai Prakash Maurya, Proprietor of Satyam Enterprises.
 - **Jaunpur** - Gyan Prakash Singh, Chairman of Modern Veer Rage Security Force India Private Limited, Dr. Kshitij Kumar Sharma Managing Director of Kumud Girish Hospital Pvt. Ltd. and Rajneesh Srivastava, General Surgeon of Isha Hospital.
 - **Gorakhpur** - Principal of BRD Medical College Dr. Ganesh Kumar, tennis player Sagun Kumari, Nitin Matanhelia of DP Motors.
 - **Kushinagar** : O.P. Gupta, Managing Director, Geeta International Public School and Laparoscopic Surgeon, Krishna Hospital and Trauma Centre, Dr. Sanjay Gupta.

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150 ITIs of Uttar Pradesh will be Upgraded

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on February 21, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to upgrade the State Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) of the state. 150 ITIs have been identified for upgrading.

Key points

- This decision of the state government will benefit thousands of youths of the state and they will be able to get skills and employment according to the needs of the existing industry.
- It is known that under the Department of Vocational Education and Skill Development, a total of 305 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are operating in the state, in which a total of 72 vocational training of different types are being conducted.
- According to the demand of Industry 4.0 proposals, the need to modernize the state industrial training institutes has been told. According to the demand of the modern market, such innovative business/courses should be included in the training, so that the quality of training can prepare skilled manpower according to the local/national/global industrial demand. This proposal of Tata Technology Ltd. (TTL) has been approved by the government.
- Apart from this, a MoA (Memorandum of Agreement) has also been done between Tata Technology Ltd. and the State Government (Vocational Education and Skill Development Department) in this regard.
- Rajeev Yadav, deputy director of the Skill Development Mission, said that under this MoA, a provision has been made that 13 percent of the expenditure incurred in the ITIs which will be upgraded will be given by the state government, while 87 percent will be raised by private company TTL.

Five Historical Buildings of Nawabs to be built as Heritage Hotels in Lucknow

Why In News?

On February 21, 2023, Dr. Renu Dwivedi, director of the Uttar Pradesh Archaeological Department, said that

the government has approved the proposal to convert five historical buildings of the city into heritage hotels to promote tourism in the capital of the state, Lucknow.

Key points

- Director Dr. Renu Dwivedi said that after the proposal was approved, the Tourism Department has put them in the unprotected category and pasted a notice to develop a heritage hotel here. These buildings will be de-notified and the hurdles in the way of their heritage hotels will be removed.
- It is believed that giving these buildings the look of a hotel will not only boost tourism but will also increase the income of the tourism department. In Rajasthan, it has been a great benefit to convert all the historical buildings into hotels. Tourists are increasingly attracted to them.
- Director Dr. Renu Dwivedi told that at present preparations are on to convert Lucknow's Chhatar Manzil, Roshan-Uddaula Kothi, Kothi Gulistan-e-Iram, Kothi Darshan Vilas and Farhad Bakhs into heritage hotels.
- He said that if any person has any objection in the matter of unprotected these buildings, he can file an objection with the department and only those objections which will come within a month of the cancellation of this notification will be considered.
- Dr. Renu Dwivedi said that this model of converting buildings into hotels in other states has helped a lot in saving heritage and made them self-reliant. This will also help in protecting these monuments from being dilapidated.
- The conversion of these historic buildings for commercial use will go a long way in preserving them. The state ASI will ensure that the renovation and reconstruction of the building is carried out without affecting the heritage.
- Principal Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department Mukesh Meshram said that converting these buildings into heritage hotels on the lines of other states will help in their conservation. Also, it will help in increasing the number of tourists in the state capital.
- **Chhatar Manzil Building** - This building was built by Nawab Saadat Ali Khan between 1798-1814 in the name of his mother Chhatar Kunwar. After this, this building was decorated during the reign of Emperor Ghaziuddin Haider from 1827-1837. The roof floor

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building is made up of Indo-Italian architecture. Gombi water used to hit the walls of its ground floor, which kept the building cool. This building was used for the residence of the Begums of Awadh. It is also believed that when the Nawab assumed the umbrella at the time of the ascension, he also installed an umbrella on this palace. In the freedom struggle of 1857, the chhatar manzil was used by revolutionaries.

- **Gulistan-e-Iram - It was built in the early 19th century** by Nasiruddin Haider, the second Nawab of Awadh. It was Naseeruddin's personal library. In the British era, it became the farmhouse of the government. After the freedom struggle in 1857, the British ordered the demolition of Kaiser Bagh, as it was the stronghold of the Nawabs. Gulistan-e-Iram was also demolished under the same order.
- **Kothi Darshan Vilas** - The building in which the Directorate of Health is now located was once a palace. Its construction started during the reign of Nawab Ghaziuddin Haider.
- **It was built by Roshan-ud-Daulah during the reign of Nawab** Nasiruddin Haider (1827-1837) of Awadh's Prime Minister. It was soon taken over by Nawab Wajid Ali Shah. Its architecture shows signs of both British and Mughal art.
- **Farhat Baksh Kothi** - The original name of this kothi was Martin Villa. It was built by Major General Claude Martin in 1781. It is a wonderful specimen of Indo-French architecture. It used to be their place of residence.

Uttar Pradesh Film Policy- 2023

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on February 22, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved the Uttar Pradesh Film Policy-2023.

Key points

- The Uttar Pradesh government has implemented a film policy to create an environment for film production and to develop various necessary resources for shooting.
- Under the Uttar Pradesh Film Policy-2023, to make Uttar Pradesh the center of film production, subsidy will be given for shooting films in the state along with giving a chance to the artists of the state to act in the film.

- A subsidy of two crore rupees will be given for shooting in Uttar Pradesh for two-thirds of the total shooting days for film production. At the same time, a subsidy of up to Rs 50 lakh will be given for setting up a film training institute.
- A film city is being built on one thousand acres in Noida. There is also a plan to develop film production facilities in other districts of the state. Films made in Film City will also be given concession as per this policy.
- Under the film policy, these facilities will also be available -
 - For providing security arrangements for shooting, government guest house, tourist guest house will be arranged on payment as per rules. The difficulties coming from the level of the departments will also be resolved.
 - Outdoor shooting units will be given 25 percent discount on room rent in guest houses and hotels of the Tourism Corporation.
 - In the state, 50 percent subsidy will be given on production for Awadhi, Braj, Bundeli, Bhojpuri regional films, 25 percent subsidy will be given on making films on Hindi, English and other languages. In this, a subsidy of up to one crore rupees will be given if at least 50 percent of the total shooting day is shot in UP.
 - The shooting of the web series will be subsidized up to Rs 10 lakh or One crore per episode. A subsidy of Rs 25 lakh will be given if the five main actors in the web film are from Uttar Pradesh.

Rajeev Raghuvanshi of Ballia became the New DCGI of the Country

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, a resident of Ramnagar of Dokti police station area of Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh, has been appointed as the new Drug Controller General of the country.

Key points

- Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi will replace Dr. VG Somani. His term ended on February 15.
- Significantly, there are more than 250 patent medicines in the name of Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi.

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- Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi was working on the post of Secretary-cum-Scientist of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) had recommended his name for the post of DCGI last month. Taking cognizance of this, the cabinet committee has passed the order.
- The DCGI is the head post of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which is responsible for ensuring the supply of quality medicines across the country. It also has the authority to approve new drugs and regulate clinical trials.

High-Tech Military Hospital will be Built in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on February 23, 2023, a multi-super specialty military hospital with state-of-the-art facilities will be constructed in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh and the capital Lucknow.

Key points

- The purpose of constructing the Multi Super Speciality Military Hospital is to provide better medical facilities to the soldiers, military families engaged in the service of the country.
- It is noteworthy that about a decade ago, the Central Command had expressed the need for a military hospital with state-of-the-art facilities in the western Uttar Pradesh sub-area. A proposal was also made for this in the year 2011-2012.
- In 2012-2013, the proposal was first sent to the Central Command and then to the Defence Ministry. Now the Ministry of Defence has approved the construction of a multi-super specialty military hospital with state-of-the-art facilities on defence land in Meerut, along with a state-of-the-art military hospital in the capital Lucknow, which will be the largest military hospital of the Central Command.
- This multi-super specialty military hospital in Meerut will be constructed at a cost of Rs 379 crore. This hospital will have 545 beds.
- The army has already marked the land between Bhagat Chowk to Augharnath Temple in Meerut for the Multi Super Specialty Military Hospital. The board of 'Site for MH' had already been installed on the land proposed

by the army. This new military hospital will benefit soldiers, ex-servicemen and their families from 14 districts of western Uttar Pradesh.

Indo-Israel Trauma Course Inaugurated

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, Prof. Saurabh Singh, in-charge of BHU Trauma Center, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, explained how people can be taken to trauma centers during disaster management, where they can be treated better. Regarding this, second Indo-Israel trauma course is being organized at BHU Trauma Center from 24 to 26 February.

Key points

- In charge of BHU Trauma Center Prof. Saurabh Singh said that a five-member medical team has been called from Israel for organizing the Indo-Israel Trauma Course.
- He said that before the event, the team members inquired about the arrangements for treatment, investigation, etc. of the patients in the trauma center. In the trauma course, 39 GTC personnel, selected personnel of NDRF, Police, PAC personnel RPF, CRPF will undergo training in the trauma course.
- In the event, Disaster Management will be discussed in detail by Prof. Michael (Mickey) Halberthal, Director, RAMBAM HCC in Israel, along with other members of his team, Prof. Amit Gupta, Senior, Department of Trauma Surgery, AIIMS, New Delhi.

New Policy of Uttar Pradesh Medical Faculty

Why In News?

On February 26, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Principal Secretary of Medical Education Alok Kumar said that admission to auxiliary nurse and midwifery (ANM), general nursing and midwifery (GNM) and paramedical courses in the state will now be done with state-level merit. For this, the Uttar Pradesh State Medical Faculty is making a new policy.

Key points

- Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Medical Education, Uttar Pradesh, said that advice has been sought from

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the college managers and principals on the new policy of the Uttar Pradesh State Medical Faculty.

- It is noteworthy that there are 19,220 seats of ANM and of GNM 18,323 seats in the state. There are more than 20,000 seats in various degree and diploma courses of paramedical. Till now, the college management used to enrol in them, but now the colleges will not be able to take admission on their own.
- In fact, from the year 2023-24, a centralized system is being made, under which students will have to apply course-wise, fill the name of the college in the seniority order.
- In the applications coming to the Uttar Pradesh State Medical Faculty, state-level merit will be made according to the minimum qualification and the marks obtained in the intermediate, then colleges will be allotted through counselling.
- According to Faculty Secretary Prof. Alok Kumar, till now it was alleged that due to collusion of colleges, students with less merit get admission in desired course and college. But this new system will increase transparency and justice will be done to meritorious students.

7 National Highway Projects Inaugurated in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On February 27, 2023, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 7 National Highway projects with an investment of Rs 6500 crore at Chitbada village in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

Key points

- On this occasion, Nitin Gadkari also announced a new link road between Ballia-Ara through 28 kilometer greenfield spur road at a cost of Rs 1500 crore.
- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways said that with the construction of Ballia Link Expressway, now using the Purvanchal Expressway, Patna can be reached from Lucknow in just four and a half hours. Ballia to Buxar can be reached in half an hour, Ballia to Chhapra in one hour and Ballia to Patna in one and half hour.
- He said that with the construction of greenfield highway, eastern Uttar Pradesh will get better connectivity from Chhapra, Patna, Buxar in Bihar.
- With this expressway, the vegetables of the farmers of Ballia will be able to reach the mandis of Lucknow, Varanasi and Patna easily. Vegetable producing farmers will get direct benefit of three multi-modal terminals at Varanasi, Ghazipur and Haldia.
- The Union Minister said that a greenfield road will be built from Chandauli to Mohania at a cost of Rs 130 crore. This road connects Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh and Kaimur district of Bihar to the Delhi-Kolkata GT Road. Will connect with road.
- Similarly, a road will be built from Saidpur to Mardah, through which there will be a direct connection from Mau to Varanasi via Saidpur.
- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways said that better connectivity with other cities of the state will improve the economic and social condition of the state. Also, backward areas of Azamgarh district will also get new connectivity.



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