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## Annapurna Model

### *Why In News?*

According to the information received from the media on June 29, 2023, the Central Government has given instructions to implement the Annapurna model of Bareilly in the whole country. Under this, fair rate shops of ration will be shifted to Annapurna Store.

### *Key Points:*

- It is known that on May 17, Soumya Aggarwal, Commissioner of Bareilly Division and Joginder Singh, Vice-Chairman of Bareilly Development Authority (BDA), presented the model of 52 Annapurna stores being constructed in the division to the Chief Minister. Under the Annapurna model, there will be a fair price shop and public convenience center, which has been named as 'Annapurna Store'.
- Commissioner Saumya Aggarwal said that under the single stage system of doorstep delivery, it is necessary for the vehicles of food grains to reach the fair price shop easily. That's why Gram Sabhas in rural areas and Nagar Panchayats, Municipal Councils, Municipal Corporations in urban areas will get ration shops constructed from their financial resources, schemes like MNREGA etc.
- The state government of Uttar Pradesh has ordered to make these shops such a place where the common people can easily reach them. Means the shops should not be in the streets but should be in open or easily accessible places.
- Shops will be constructed near panchayat buildings in rural areas and community buildings in urban areas. Many shops in Bareilly are currently under construction on this model. These shops will be constructed in all the blocks of the district. The Central Government has given instructions to implement this model in the entire country.
- Income, caste, birth, residence certificate, Aadhaar, pension and other services will be available from the Annapurna store's public convenience center. Different types of bills can be deposited. 5 kg LPG cylinders, e-stamps, fire extinguishers will be available at the Annapurna store. Services of Micro ATM, BC Sakhi etc. will also be available.

## For the First Time Action will be Taken against the Drug Smugglers of Western UP under Pit

### *Why In News?*

According to the information received from the media on June 29, 2023, for the first time in western UP, drug traffickers are going to be prosecuted under PIT (Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988).

### *Key Points:*

- According to the information, a file is being prepared of those smugglers lodged in jails from Saharanpur to Shamli, Muzaffarnagar, Baghpat, Bijnor, Meerut, Hapur and Bulandshahr, who have become habitual offenders of drug smuggling and after coming out of jail, they then can join this business.
- A file of about 20 smugglers is being prepared for Pit's action. This action is taken by ANTF (Anti Narcotics Task Force).
- The smugglers whose files have been prepared by the ANTF for the pit will be sent from the DM to the commissioner and the headquarters. There will be an inquiry at the government level as to how justified is the person against whom the file of Pit's action has come. Action will be taken after the permission of the government.
- According to Deputy Superintendent of Police NNTF Meerut-Saharanpur Rajesh Kumar, such action had not yet taken place in Western UP. After this action, the drug smuggler will remain in jail for at least one year and no consideration will be given to bail or any other kind of petition.
- Apart from this, the property he had collected from the drug business will also be surveyed and confiscated. This action is taken against those criminals, whose stay in jail becomes necessary.
- It is noteworthy that Pit's action is similar to the NSA (National Security Act). Under the NSA, any suspect can be detained without bail for three months. If necessary, the period can be extended by three months, which can be a maximum one year.

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- There is no need to frame a suspect for detention. However, the state government has to tell on what basis this person was kept in jail. This action can be taken by the civil police on the orders of the government, while the pit action can be taken only by the ANTF.

## **New Software Technology Parks will be built in Four Cities of Uttar Pradesh**

### **Why In News?**

On July 3, 2023, Dr. Praveen Kumar Dwivedi, Additional Director of Software Technology Parks of India, informed that work has started on the construction of New Software Technology Parks in four cities of Uttar Pradesh, Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Varanasi. Agra Software Park will start in August.

### **Key Points:**

- Dr. Praveen Kumar Dwivedi said that the status of Uttar Pradesh will be further strengthened in the software sector. For this, the establishment of Software Technology Parks in four more cities by the State Government with the help of the Center has started taking a concrete shape.
- The purpose of opening software parks in small towns is to provide employment to high-tech youth in their own cities on the one hand and to accelerate software exports on the other.
- Presently there are Software Technology Parks in Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Noida and Meerut. New software parks were also approved to be set up in Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Varanasi as a joint initiative of the Center and the State. All these cities passed in the Feasibility Report.
- Currently 400 units are employed in the running software parks. Around 200 units are expected to come up in the new software parks. A minimum of 1200 to 1300 software professionals will get employment in each park.
- In the first phase, buildings of 20,000 square feet each will be constructed in the selected cities. The park in Agra is almost ready. Except Varanasi, work is going on fast in Bareilly and Gorakhpur. Then it will be increased according to the demand. At present, a budget of about Rs 80 crore has been kept for the construction of all the four parks.

- Software professionals in small towns have limited opportunities, so they are forced to leave their homes and work elsewhere. One of the objectives of setting up software parks in small towns is that employment opportunities can be opened for computer-skilled youth in every district. Elderly parents living a lonely life in old age should stay with their children.
- On the other hand, there is a growth of more than 12 percent annually in Uttar Pradesh in the export of software, which can increase to 20 percent. Software exports from Uttar Pradesh have increased from 28 to 34 thousand crores in two years. 28 thousand crore rupees in 2020-21, 31 thousand crore rupees in 2021-22 and 34 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23.

## **Dolphin Sanctuary in Chambal Sanctuary very soon**

### **Why in News?**

On July 5, 2023, Arushi Mishra, Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) of the National Chambal Sanctuary Project, said that Chambal Sanctuary will soon be declared a Dolphin Sanctuary area. A proposal for dolphin sanctuary has been sent to the government for the conservation of the national aquatic animal dolphin.

### **Key Points:**

- Arushi Mishra said that Chambal Sanctuary which is buzzing with crocodiles, alligators, turtles, birds and natural beauty, will soon be declared a Dolphin Sanctuary area. For the dolphin sanctuary, the area of the National Chambal Sanctuary in Etawah has been selected, where a large number of dolphins are found.
- Chambal Sanctuary in Etawah is about 20 km from Sahasan. A large number of dolphins are found in the area. There is a steady increase in the number of dolphins here. About 50 to 80 dolphins are found in this place.
- In 2012, the number of dolphins in the rivers of Uttar Pradesh was 671, out of which 78 were in Chambal. At present, there are 24 dolphins in the Bah range and 147 in the Etawah range in the National Chambal Sanctuary Area.
- Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) Arushi Mishra said that the National Chambal Sanctuary, declared

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in 1979, is spread over 635 sq km. It is spread over an area. It connects three states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

- Since 2008, the natural hatching of crocodiles has been taking place in it. As a result, the number of crocodiles has reached 2,176. About 6,000 rare species of turtles are found up to Etawah in Uttar Pradesh along with 878 crocodiles. At the same time, the number of dolphins, the national aquatic creature protected in Chambal Sanctuary, has also increased.
- Arushi Mishra said that the Government of India has prioritised two places for dolphin safari. Recently, the presentation of Varanasi and Chambal has been made in front of the Government of India. This is also a big step for the government towards eco-tourism and dolphin conservation.
- Significantly, the dolphin found in the Ganges River is the national aquatic animal of India. The Ganges dolphin was recognized as a National Aquatic Animal by the Government of India in the year 2009.
- **Conservation status:**
  - Hunting of Gangetic dolphins is prohibited under Schedule-I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
  - The Gangetic dolphin has been placed in the IUCN Red List as endangered.
  - The Ganges dolphin is included in Appendix-I of the 'The Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora & CITES'.
  - Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Appendix II (Migratory species in need of conservation and management or that would greatly benefit from international cooperation).
- **Steps taken for conservation:**
  - **Project Dolphin:** The Prime Minister of India announced the launch of Project Dolphin in his speech on Independence Day-2020. This project will be on the lines of Tiger, which helped in increasing the tiger population.
  - **Dolphin Sanctuary:** Vikramshila Ganga Dolphin Sanctuary has been established in the Bhagalpur district of Bihar.
  - **Conservation Plan:** The 'Ganga Dolphin Conservation Action Plan 2010-2020' is one of the efforts to conserve the Ganges Dolphin, under which the

major threats to the Ganges dolphin and their population have been identified as the major threats to the river traffic, irrigation canals and lack of prey etc.



- **National Ganga Dolphin Day:** The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is celebrated on October 5 every year as Ganga Dolphin Day.

## Residential Sanskrit schools to be built in 15 Districts

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 6, 2023, the state government has decided to set up new North Madhyama (Intermediate Level) Residential Sanskrit Schools in many other districts of the state including Mathura and Etah of Braj to emphasize the upgradation of Sanskrit language in the districts being developed as religious places in Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points:

- Apart from Mathura and Etah, preparations have been started to open new residential Government Sanskrit Secondary Schools in 15 districts including Varanasi, Rae Bareli, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Jalaun, Amethi, Moradabad, Hardoi, Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot.
- In these schools, students will get a one-year diploma in Paurohitya (Karmakand/Ritual), Behavioral Vastu Shastra, Behavioral Astrology and Yoga Science. The diploma courses will be conducted on a self-financed basis in recognized schools.
- The course will be divided into one year and two semesters. More emphasis will be laid on practical knowledge through internships. Candidates who have passed the Uttar Madhyama (Class 12<sup>th</sup>) or equivalent examination in these courses will be eligible for admission. Candidates who have passed the higher examination can also take admission to it. There will be no age limit for admission.
- In a major improvement in the examination system, the state government has also decided to introduce an online examination application, advance registration and examination system in Sanskrit Schools under the supervision of CCTVs at the examination centres.

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- The arrangement of teachers for running diploma courses in Sanskrit schools will be made by the managing committee through its own sources. For the first time, funds will also be given to these schools for decoration and furniture etc. For the first time, there will be a transparent selection process to overcome the shortage of teachers in aided Sanskrit schools.
- The state government has also started giving recognition to new Sanskrit Secondary Schools. Through the online process, new recognition has been given to 48 institutions in the state.
- Arrangements have been made for free textbooks and mid-day meals for students of classes 6 to 8 studying in government and aided Sanskrit Secondary Schools.
- In order to modernize and spread Sanskrit education, a new curriculum has been implemented in Sanskrit Secondary schools by including modern subjects and the NCERT syllabus along with traditional subjects.
- At present, only one Government Sanskrit Secondary and one Government Sanskrit Degree College are operating in the entire state. Apart from this, all other institutions teaching Sanskrit are being run privately.
- It is worth mentioning that the Uttar Pradesh government had announced the opening of Sanskrit schools in the state in the budget year of 2023-24. For this, a provision of Rs 100 crore was made in the budget.

## PM flags off 2 Vande Bharat Trains from Gorakhpur Railway Station

### Why in News?

On July 7, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 2 Vande Bharat Express trains - Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express and Jodhpur-Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) Vande Bharat Express from Gorakhpur Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points:

- The Prime Minister was accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt Anandiben Patel, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Gorakhpur MP Ravi Kishan.
- The Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express will pass through Ayodhya, which will boost Tourism and improve rail-transport connectivity to important cities of the state.

- The Jodhpur-Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express will expand rail-transport connectivity to popular destinations like Jodhpur, Abu Road and Ahmedabad while boosting the socio-economic development of the region.
- The foundation stone for the redevelopment of Gorakhpur railway station at a cost of about Rs 498 crore has also been laid. After being redeveloped, passengers at Gorakhpur railway station will get world-class facilities.



## PM Inaugurates and lays foundation stones of several Development Projects in Varanasi

### Why in News?

On July 7, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over Rs 12,100 crore in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

### Key Points:

- The Prime Minister dedicated the Dedicated Freight Corridor to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Junction-Sone Nagar Railway Line. The new line, built at a cost of over Rs 6760 crore, will facilitate faster and more efficient movement of goods.
- He also dedicated to the nation three railway lines, which have been electrified or doubled at a cost of over Rs 990 crore. These include Ghazipur city-Aunrihar rail line, Aunrihar-Jaunpur rail line and Bhatni-Aunrihar rail line. These projects have helped in achieving 100% electrification of railway lines in Uttar Pradesh.

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- The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation the four-lane widening of the Varanasi-Jaunpur section of NH-56, completed at a cost of Rs 2,750 crore, making the journey from Varanasi to Lucknow easier and faster.
- The projects for which the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone include three two-lane Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) near Chaukhandi, Kadiapur and Harduttpur railway stations; Vyasnagar - Pt. Construction of Deendayal Upadhyay Junction Rail Flyover; And construction and renovation of 15 PWD roads. These projects will be developed at a total cost of about Rs 780 crore.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for 192 rural drinking water schemes to be built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission. This will provide pure drinking water to 7 lakh people in 192 villages.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the redesign and redevelopment of Manikarnika and Harishchandra Ghats. The redeveloped ghats will have provisions for public amenities, waiting areas, timber storage, waste disposal and eco-friendly cremation.
- Other projects for which foundation stones were laid include the construction of a floating changing room jetty on six religiously important bathing ghats on river Ganga in Varanasi on the lines of the floating changing room jetty of Dashashwamedh Ghat and students' hostel at CIPET campus Karsara.
- During the event, the Prime Minister also distributed PM SVANidhi loans, keys to PMAY rural houses and Ayushman Bharat cards to beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh. This will lead to home admission of 5 lakh PMAY beneficiaries, disbursement of 1.25 lakh PM Svanidhi loans to eligible beneficiaries and distribution of 2.88 crore Ayushman cards.



## IIT Kanpur Prepared Suicide Drone

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on July 10, 2023, IIT Kanpur has now developed a suicide drone after the successful operation of the drone giving information about the search of enemies. This drone will explode after going to the enemy's location.

### Key Points

- According to the information, it has been developed by Dr. Subramaniam Sadrela and his team, scientists of the Aerospace Engineering Department of IIT.
- This suicide drone is 100 km from the Indian border. Will attack after setting a distance. 100 km It will take 40 minutes to reach.
- IIT's Aerospace Engineering Department's scientist Dr. Subramaniam Sadrela told that stalled technology has been used in it to not come under the radar of the enemies.
- This drone runs according to the algorithm. Meaning, it will be able to make decisions on its own and it can also be controlled remotely from the base station. The drone can deviate only two meters from the designated target. Apart from day, it is also capable of flying at night.
- Pro. Sadrela said that under DRDO's DYSL project, research work on this drone is going on for a year. It is a two meter long foldable fixed wing drone. It is 100 meters to four and a half kms. Capable of flying up to a height of
- Pro. Sadrela said that this drone has been developed with indigenous technology. It will work on Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. Changes will also be possible in this drone according to the needs of the army.
- Cameras and infrared sensors are installed in the wing of the drone. It can be launched from a catapult or canister launcher. With the help of AI technology, this drone will destroy the target even after the GPS is blocked.
- IIT scientists are continuously doing research on drones. Drones are being developed by doing research according to the needs of the disaster and the army. The drone will be fully ready after six months of trial.



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## Important Decisions taken in UP Cabinet Meeting

### Why in News?

On July 11, 2023, a cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in which many important proposals were approved.

### Key Points:

- The major proposals that have been approved are:
  - Two plants of 800 MW each will be set up at Obra Sonbhadra in collaboration with NTPC. This is the state's first ultra-supercritical plant. Its total cost will be Rs 1800 crore. There is a coal mine near this plant, due to which consumers will get electricity cheaper by one rupee.
  - Ranipur Tiger Reserve will be the fourth tiger reserve in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
  - In the cabinet meeting, a comprehensive action plan was made to plant 35 crore saplings.
  - Children living in all types of homes run by voluntary organizations will now be given Rs 4000 per month.
  - The regular 267 class IV employees of Jal Nigam Urban will be accommodated in the vacant posts in the municipal bodies.



## International Temples Convention and Expo to be held in Kashi

### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on July 12, 2023, For the first time, Temple Connect will organize the International Temple Convention and Expo

(ITCX), a conference of the world's largest temples, from July 22 to 24 in Varanasi.

### Key Points:

- Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat will inaugurate the conference on July 22. It included trustees of temples, Prince of Travancore (Padmanabhaswamy Temple), Goa's Tourism Minister Rohan A. Khunte, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Executive Officer Dharma Reddy will also be present.
- Office bearers of more than 450 temples from 25 countries will participate in the conference. Along with Hindus, office bearers of monasteries, temples and gurudwaras related to Sikh, Buddhist and Jainism will also come.
- The entire program will be held at Rudraksh Convention Center. For the first time, International Temples Convention & Expo (ITCX) is being organized by Temple Connect. In this, the development and empowerment of temple management, operation and administration will be discussed.
- Giresh Kulkarni, Founder, Temple Connect, Prasad Lad, Chairman, ITCX and Megha Ghosh, Co-Curator said that best practices would be developed for the teams of the Head of Place of Worship around the world. Along with the establishment, the campaign for development and empowerment will be taken forward.
- The three-day event is part of the Incredible India campaign. The Ministry of Tourism is also cooperating in this. During the conclave, topics like pilgrim experience, crowd management, solid waste management and improvement in basic amenities will also be discussed at temples, monasteries and gurudwaras.
- Representatives of Jain Dharamshalas, major devotional charitable organizations, the Association of Hindu Temples in the United Kingdom, ISKCON Temples, Anna Kshetra Management, priestly federations of various pilgrimage sites and various pilgrimage promotion councils will participate in the conference.
- The conclave will serve as a platform to learn about the diverse cultures, traditions, arts and crafts of places of worship around the world and expose the world to India's rich place of worship heritage.
- Green energy, archaeological architecture, anchor management, and lighting systems will be discussed

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at the conference. Experts in Tirupati Balaji Pooja Sthal's queue management system and social organizations involved in cleaning and maintaining the Ghats of Varanasi will also participate.

- The sessions will be conducted by representatives of Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Mahakal Jyotirlinga, Ayodhya Ram Temple, Patna Saheb Gurudwara, Chidambaram Temple and Virupaksha Temple Hampi.
- International Temple Convention-2023: The International Temple Convention & Expo, (ITCX), powered by Temple Connect, is a gathering of temples from across the world to share their best practices, learnings and invaluable insights on temple management. This is a profound effort towards strengthening and empowering the entire temple ecosystem.
- Additionally, the convention is a wonderful place to learn about the diverse cultures, traditions and arts and crafts of temples around the world.
- It is worth mentioning that Temple Connect is a leading platform and an initiative to connect global Hindu temples and provide the digital format of information to all for the benefit of devotees. It was founded by Giresh Kulkarni in the year 2016.



## Ropeway facility will now be available in Varanasi

### Why in News?

On July 12, 2023, The Divisional Commissioner of Varanasi, Kaushal Raj Sharma, said that in order to get rid of the traffic jam in Varanasi, after operating the first cruise and water taxi to promote water transport in the Ganga, now the ropeway operation for transportation is going to start for the first time in the country.

### Key Points:

- In the first phase, the ropeway will cover a distance of about four km from The Cantt station. In the second phase, there will also be a chance to visit BHU and Sarnath.
- In the first phase, work has started on the ropeway from Cantt to Godaulia, which will be completed by December 2024. After the operation of the ropeway up to Godaulia, in the second phase, a line will be run from Chowk, Maidagin, and Golgadda to Namoghat.
- The second line will be between Namoghat and Sarnath, which will pass through Ashapur. The third line from Godaulia will pass through Madanpura, Sonarpura, Broadway Hotel, Ravindrapuri and Ravidas Gate to the BHU campus.
- Apart from these, there is also a plan to take another line to Ravidas Ghat to connect the ghats.
- Under the ongoing project, there will be five stations on the four-km long route from Cantt to Godaulia. There will also be a mini hotel and locker room near the Cantt station. Tourists coming to visit Vishwanath Temple go to Godaulia Square from this route. The responsibility of construction has been given to the Vishwa Samudra.
- The ropeway project, to be completed in 18 months, is the first project in the country, which will be part of urban transport.
- Three thousand passengers per hour will be transported in the cable car of the ropeway. There will be 228 cabins in the ropeway. A cabin can accommodate 10 people and cover the distance in 17 minutes at a speed of 6.5 metres per second.



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## Kanpur will be directly connected with Intelligence Agencies across the country

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 13, 2023, Kanpur city of Uttar Pradesh will soon be connected to MAC (Multi-Agency Center) to curb criminals and strengthen the security system, so that the picture and complete information of any criminal in the country will be available at a click.

### Key Points:

- By connecting Kanpur city with MAC (Multi-Agency Center), all intelligence agencies like IB, NIA, RAW, and ATS will be able to share inputs directly from this city.
- It is known that earlier this system was limited to state headquarters only, now they will be installed in cities too, so it will be called SMAC (Subsidiary Multi Agency Center). Apart from Kanpur, 78 cities of the state have been included in it.
- The Mac will be installed in the Crime Branch. The system that will be installed in the Crime Branch will have an intranet line, which is a private network. It can only be used by the concerned person with his login ID. Not everyone can use it like the Internet.
- It will have a highly secured telephone line also known as a hotline. One point of contact from each intelligence agency will handle this system.
- With this, information about major crimes like terrorist activities, large-scale smuggling of drugs, gold and fake notes will be available to the police on their system on a call. The police officers sitting in Kanpur will be able to find out what crimes the criminal living here has committed in which cities of the country. Similarly, information about criminals coming from other cities will also be easily available. The police here will be able to give this input to the whole country in a few seconds.
- The MAC was set up after the Kargil War between May 3, 1999 and July 26, 1999. IB was created as its nodal agency.
- It is known that until now MAC was given only to the states. In this, its system was with STF in Uttar Pradesh. However, later a system was also installed in ATS.

- The main purpose of installing this system is to get information about the illegal use of cyberspace, crime-terror nexus, narco-terrorism, terror financing, global terror groups, and the movement of foreign terrorists and share it with the agencies. It has been created on the basis of the CIC (Central Intelligence Agency) of the UN (United Nations).

## Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival-2023

### Why In News?

Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival- 2023 was organized by the Horticulture and Food Processing Department of Uttar Pradesh from 14 to 16 July 2023 at Avadh Shilpgram, Lucknow. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the festival.

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- On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off trucks of mangoes to be exported to Moscow, Dubai and Bahrain.
- Under this, 02 tonnes of mangoes are being exported from Lucknow to Moscow, 12 tonnes of mangoes to Bahrain and 01 tonnes of mangoes to Dubai.
- The Chief Minister felicitated excellent mango producing gardeners, farmers and mango exporters. Also, the souvenir of Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival-2023.
- Through the Mango Festival, we are getting an opportunity to see and understand the hard work of farmers and horticulturists and the possibilities of the state's horticultural crops.
- The Mango Festival is giving a place to the agricultural products of the state in the market of the country and the world. This Annadata is a platform to increase the income of the farmers.
- It is known that about 01 thousand varieties of mangoes are produced in the state. Work is being done to supply these mangoes from the month of June to August as per the demand of the countrymen including the state and other countries of the world.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that export of agricultural products and crops would help in increasing the income of our Annadata farmers.
- It is notable that a delegation led by the Minister of State for Agriculture Foreign Trade and Agriculture

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Export (Independent Charge) of the state participated in the Aamras Festival organized in the Russian capital Moscow from July 07 to 09, 2023. This delegation saw the possibilities of demand for mango species of the state there. The demand for mangoes of Uttar Pradesh is very high here.

- Mangoes of the gardeners/farmers of the state are being bought in Moscow at the rate of Rs.800 per kg. Farmers are getting a net profit of Rs 600 per kg, which is many times more than the market price here. This is the best time to take your agricultural products to Gulf countries and European countries.



## 2 NH Projects with an investment of over Rs 3,300 crore launched in Lucknow

### Why in News?

On July 17, 2023, Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched two National Highway projects with an investment of over Rs 3,300 crore in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh and one of the important cities of the country.

### Key Points:

- These projects include the Madiav-IIM Lucknow-Sitapur section on National Highway 24. The newly constructed 4-lane elevated corridor has been completed six months ahead of schedule.
- This will provide better connectivity from Lucknow to Sitapur, relieve heavy traffic jam at Bhitauli Tiraha and Jankipuram Extension and save more than 30 minutes of time and fuel. Pilgrims will also have the facility to visit Chandrika Devi and Naimisharanya.

- Construction of a 4-lane road from Naviganj to Mitrasenpur of the Aligarh-Kanpur section will facilitate traffic to Naviganj, Kannauj, Mitrasenpur and further to Delhi. Economic development will get a boost in the perfume hub of Uttar Pradesh, Kannauj and surrounding areas.
- Small and medium industries will get a boost in areas like Chhibramau, Gursahaiganj, Jalalabad, and Manimau. Farmers of Kannauj will have easy access to Chhibramau, and Naviganj Mandi and direct access to Delhi will be easy.



## NITI Aayog's report: UP tops among all states in Reducing Poverty

### Why in News?

On July 17, 2023, NITI Aayog released the latest Multidimensional Poverty Index-2023 Report on the progress of all states, in which Uttar Pradesh has topped the entire country in terms of reducing the number of poor.

### Key Points:

- According to the latest report of the Multidimensional Poverty Index-2023, the percentage of poverty across

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the country has come down from 24.85 to 14.96 percent. Multilevel poverty also includes standards of education, health and standard of living.

- In Uttar Pradesh, 3 crores 42 lakhs 72 thousand 484 people have come out of multi-level poverty. Due to this, the percentage of poor in the total population in the state has come down from 37.68 to 22.93 in 2019-21 compared to 2015-16.
- After this, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan have been the major states in removing poverty.
- The percentage of poor on multilevel criteria:

Poverty standards	Year 2015-16	Year 2019-21
Nourishment	30.40	18.45
Infant Mortality Rate	3.81	2.20
Maternal Health	25.20	15.97
School Attendance	9.96	7.62
Fuel	34.24	17.95
Defence	31.74	11.91
Potable Water	2.09	0.93
Electricity	18.34	4.98
Home	33.35	19.56
Property	8.86	4.22
Bank Accounts	4.8	2.96

- 10 districts of Uttar Pradesh with a reduction in poverty:

Districts	Decrease (in %)
Maharajganj	-29.64
Gonda	-29.55
Balrampur	-27.90
Kaushambi	-25.75
Khiri	-25.23
Shravasti	-24.42
Jaunpur	-24.65
Basti	-23.36
Ghazipur	-22.83
Kushinagar	-22.28
Chitrakoot	-21.40

## Pistol, Revolver-cartridge to be made in Aligarh with American technology

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 19, 2023, the production of pistols, revolvers and cartridges will start this year with the technology of American company Smith & Wesson in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor Aligarh Node. For this, India's Veriwin Defense Company has signed an agreement with American arms manufacturer Smith & Wesson.

### Key Points:

- In the Defense Corridor under construction at Andla in Khair Tehsil of Aligarh, the company will launch weapons in the market for the Army, Police and private individuals in December 2023. At the Aligarh node, the company has started chain manufacturing for the sale of pistols, and revolvers.
- Veriwin Defense will be the 1<sup>st</sup> company to start production of weapons at the Aligarh node. The company has completed more than 90% construction of the factory. Stores have been prepared for keeping explosive materials from godowns. The local administration has also sought no objection from the people regarding this. The licenses for pistols, revolvers and cartridges have been approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The head office of Veriwin Defense Private Limited is located in Singapore.
- In a joint agreement with American company Smith & Wesson, Veriwin Defense Company will market a variety of pistols and revolvers for the military, police and private individuals. The company has released the model and specifications of the pistol and revolver. The price will also be more than Rs 1.70 lakh. Although now the company will fix the pricing only after construction, but the primary rates have been fixed.
- Veriwin Defence Private Limited company will also work on hardware units in Aligarh. This is the anchor entity investing in the defence corridor. Small-scale industries will benefit from this. Especially manufacturers doing defence products earlier will get work.

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- Small parts will be required in other defence equipment including pistols, cartridges, and revolvers, which will be taken from auxiliary units.
- It is worth mentioning that Veriwin has invested Rs 85 crore in Aligarh and Rs 127 crore in the Jhansi node. In Aligarh, 4 acres of land have been taken from UPDA.
- Veriwin Defense Company will make 2 lakh cartridges every month in Aligarh. Although the production will depend on the order, but the capacity is to manufacture 2 lakhs.
- 9 mm for police and army, 32, 45 and 380 mm cartridges will be made for civil. The company will manufacture more than 500 weapons in a month. The manufacture of weapons will also depend on the order. The company has a capacity of 500 weapons a month.
- Director Veriwin Defense Private Limited, Mohit Sharma said that Veriwin Defense Company has been working in the field of arms manufacturing for 40 years.



## Under the Sports Policy in the state, 40 Minutes of Sports is Mandatory in all schools

### *Why in News?*

On July 19, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Sports and Youth Welfare Girish Chandra Yadav said that under the sports policy, forty minutes of sports have been made mandatory in all state schools.

### *Key Points:*

- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Sports and Youth Welfare Girish Chandra Yadav said that the aim is to increase the interest in sports among children and to develop their physical and intellectual development.

- It is known that on March 10, 2023, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet had approved the state's first Sports Policy-2023 to promote sports and sportspersons and develop sports culture.
- In the new sports policy, special care has been taken for the physical fitness of the players in their training. Along with this, 'State Sports Authority' will also be formed on the lines of Sports Authority of India and private academies, schools, and colleges will be linked to sports.
- Apart from this, under this policy, 40 minutes of time has been fixed in every school for sports, physical education or yoga. Under the PPP, 14 centres of excellence in different sports will be set up in the state and five high-performance centres will be set up in the state.



## CM laid the foundation stone of 42 Development works worth ₹72 crores

### *Why in News?*

On July 23, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation stone of 42 projects, including a mini sports complex and Ramgarhtal Ring Road, from his MLA fund at Bhati Vihar in Gorakhnath area of the state.

### *Key Points:*

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced the construction of Kalyan Mandapam for grandly organizing the auspicious functions of the poor. These Kalyana Mandapams will be equipped with all facilities.
- The Chief Minister has directed the Municipal Corporation and the Gorakhpur Development Authority (GDA) to set up Kalyana Mandapam.
- Initially, Kalyan Mandapams will be built at six different places in Gorakhpur city. The establishment of Kalyan Mandapam will cost ₹1 - 1.5 crores. Hall, room, guest room, parking, lawn with a capacity of 250-300 people etc. will be all necessary facilities for marriage and auspicious functions.

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- Apart from this, the Chief Minister gifted an international stadium to Gorakhpur. The Chief Minister said that along with the establishment of the first mini-sports complex of eastern Uttar Pradesh in Gorakhpur, an international stadium would also be constructed in an area of 150 acres near Baghagada.
- The Chief Minister said that sportspersons are being encouraged by setting up stadiums in every district, mini stadiums in every development block, playgrounds in gram panchayats, and open gyms in villages and parks.
- Along with giving cash prizes to medal winners in the Olympics, Asiad, Commonwealth, and World Championships, government appointments are also being linked. Recently, 500 players were given appointment letters. In the police department, players are getting jobs in posts ranging from deputy SP to constable.
- Referring to the rejuvenation of 63 basic primary schools to be done by the GDA, the Chief Minister said that facilities of buildings, flooring, furniture, toilets, pure drinking water, smart classes and libraries would be made available in these dilapidated schools. After rejuvenation, these schools will also be seen failing the convent.



## Now PhD will be able to do on living writers also, CSJMU Kanpur is preparing list

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 23, 2023, the Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, will now conduct PhD on living writers in a new initiative. For this, a list of well-known litterateurs is being prepared, the decision will be implemented from this session.

### Key Points:

- It is known that so far research is done on those writers who are no more.
- The proposal has been prepared under the direction of CSJMU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinay Pathak.
- The Deendayal Research Centre built in the university will also have a PhD. It has been finalized. Here PhD will be conducted on four personalities who have done excellent work for the country and society.
- These include the names of Deendayal Upadhyay, who gave the message of integral humanism, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the author of the Constitution and Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj, who ended social differences.
- Significantly, many alumni have brought laurels to the university all over the world. Among them, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former President Ramnath Kovind, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, famous poet Gopal Das Neeraj and many scientists, politicians and veterans have held high positions in various companies of the country.

## National Martyr's Memorial unveiled at Jagjivan RPF Academy Lucknow

### Why in News?

On July 24, 2023, Sanjay Chander, Director General, Railway Protection Force, inaugurated the newly constructed National Martyr's Memorial and National Railway Protection Museum at Jagjivan RPF Academy, Lucknow.

### Key Points:

- It is known that this martyr's memorial is spread over an area of 4800 square meters and the names of 1014 martyred RPF personnel have been inscribed on this memorial since 1957 and tribute has been paid to them by RPF.
- A visitor to this museum will get a complete overview of the history, origins, achievements, duties and responsibilities of the Railway Protection Force at a single glance.
- The museum is spread over a total area of 9000 square feet, which includes 37 thematic display panels, 11 display cabinets, info-graphic history of

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the police system, 87 artefacts, 500 pages from the National Archives of India, 36 weapons of the bygone era, 150 railway objects related to security, 15 effigies of various ranks of the Railway Protection Force and many other important items.



- The motto of this museum is 'Gyanvardhanaya-chasarakshanaaya', which continuously inspires the RPF to 'Promote Knowledge and Preserve Heritage'.
- Besides this, the Director General, Railway Protection Force also unveiled the War Trophy T-55 Tank received from Central Armored Fighting Vehicle Depot Kirkee, Khadki, Pune and installed in the Academy premises, newly constructed Badminton and Lawn Tennis Court, Special Band of RPF.



## BHU's Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal honoured with National Young Geo-Science Award

### Why in News?

On July 24, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious National Young Geo-Science Award- 2022 (NGA) of the Ministry of Mines to Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal, Assistant Professor, Department of Geo-Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi at a grand ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

### Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that the National Geo-Science Awards - 2022 (NGA) honoured 22 Geo-Science s including working professionals and academicians from across the country under three categories - one National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement, one National Young Geo-Science Award and eight National Geo-Science Awards in different fields of Geo-Science.
- The National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement was given to Dr. Om Narayan Bhargava (Honorary Professor, Department of Geo-Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh). He is known for his remarkable work in the Himalayas over the last four decades.
- Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, has been awarded the National Award for Young Geo-Science for his significant contribution to understanding the 'Heterogeneity of the Sub-Continental Lithospheric Mantle (SCLM) beneath the Various Archaean Cratons of the Indian surface.'
- It is worth mentioning that the National Geo-Science Awards (NGA), instituted in 1966, is a symbol of respect & appreciation for exceptional people and organizations who have demonstrated excellence, dedication & innovation in the field of Geo-Science s. These awards are given in the fields of mineral exploration and exploration, basic Geo-Science, applied Geo-Science & mining, mineral beneficiation and sustainable mineral development.
- A total of 173 nominations were received for the National Geo-Science Award-2022. The number of valid nominations under the three award categories is 168. Out of a total of 12 awards, the AMA has finally selected 10 awards, including 4 individual awards, 3 team awards and 3 joint awards. The 4 individual awards include an award for the National Geoscientist Award for Lifetime Achievement and another award for the National Young Geo-Science Award.

S.N.	Category of Award	Number of Awards
1.	National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement	1 Award

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2.	National Geo-Science Awards	8 Award (3 Team Award + 3 Joint Award + 2 individual Awards= 20 awardees)
3.	National Young Geoscientist Award	1 Award
	Total	10 Awards (22 Awardees)



## Disaster Relief Training Center

### Why In News?

On July 26, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said during the review of disaster management works that a **disaster relief training center would be established** in the state. Along with this, regional response centers will be established in **Bareilly and Jhansi**.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister gave necessary instructions during the review of ongoing efforts to make disaster management works effective in the state with mutual coordination between NDRF and SDRF.

- He directed that availability of qualified and skilled personnel is the first requirement for relief work in times of disaster. The more efficient the personnel, the more effective the relief work will be. For this it is necessary to establish a center. Cooperation should also be taken from NDRF in this. It is a big challenge to reduce such loss of life due to lightning.
- It is known that there have been **301 deaths in the year 2022-23 and 174 deaths in 36 districts** so far in 2023-24.
- He directed that early warning systems should be installed in **75 districts** within three months. With this technique, lightning can be detected three to four hours before, one hour before the exact location can be known. There will be no loss of people and money if information is received in time.
- Digital platforms like Damini App, Meghdoot developed by the Central Government should be promoted.
- The Chief Minister informed that Emergency Operation Centers have been set up in all the districts of the state. They should be **integrated with ICCC under Safe City**.
- Establish a public address system in all gram panchayats and urban bodies. These should be linked to the early warning system. The role of **Aapda Mitras** is very important in times of disaster. They should be deployed in the remaining districts.



## Critical Care Units will open in 74 Districts of Uttar Pradesh

### Why in News?

On July 26, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told at his official residence in the presence of Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya that critical units will be set up in 74 districts in the direction of fulfilling the resolution of '**one district, one medical college**' in the state. .

### key points:

- It is known that government medical colleges are functional in **45 districts of the state**. Medical colleges are going to be started soon in **13 districts of the state**.

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- The Chief Minister said that there is a need to strengthen the Community Health Centre. Every medical college should **adopt a minimum of five community health centres**. Doctors should visit there at regular intervals and guide the doctors of the centre.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Health Infrastructure Scheme, a critical care block of **100 or 50 beds will be set up** in a district-level hospital or medical college for the treatment of serious diseases in each district.
- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that Tamil Nadu is such a state, where 11 medical colleges were dedicated in a single day. Now Uttar Pradesh will create a new record with the inauguration of 13 medical colleges.
- It is worth mentioning that after independence only five B.Sc Nursing colleges were operating in the state sector till now. In the year 2021-22, seven and in 2022-23, 11 new government nursing colleges were made operational.
- With the help of the Government of India, 27 new nursing colleges are going to be established here very soon. With this, a huge opportunity will be created for the youth who want to make a career in the nursing and paramedical sector of the state.
- The Union Health Minister said that the Government of India is starting the **'Ayushman Bhava'** campaign from September. Under this there will be **the 'Aapke Dwar Ayushman 3.0' program**.
- Ayushman cards will be made door-to-door in the program. **'Ayushman Sabha'** will be organized in

villages, cities and schools. In this way, the village which will be fully saturated will be declared as **'Ayushman Gram'**.

- Instructing the state to make all necessary efforts for the success of the proposed 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign, the Chief Minister expressed confidence that Uttar Pradesh would be the state with maximum 'Ayushman Gram'.
- Under Ayushman Bharat, now the benefits of the scheme will be given to the beneficiaries on the basis of the verified data provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Ayushman Bharat cards will be made available to all the families whose data will be verified by the state government.
- The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister said that the Government of India has sanctioned Rs 16.81 crore for the establishment of a Trauma Center in Chandauli. On the other hand, Rs 215.62 crore has been sanctioned for setting up a Multi Super Specialty Hospital in Shri Shiv Prasad Gupta Divisional and District Hospital in Varanasi.



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