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Regional Film City Will Open in Gorakhpur

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on February 28, 2023, on the initiative of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state is preparing to open a regional film city in Gorakhpur in Purvanchal along with the Film City in Noida.

Key points

- According to the information, Mumbai-based businessman Atul Garg has signed an MoU with the state government for the Regional Film City. Under the MoU, businessman Atul Garg will invest Rs 500 crore.
- It has now been decided to make Regional Film City in Gorakhpur only after the filming of the most expensive film in Bhojpuri language. After opening of Regional Film City in Gorakhpur, the talents of Purvanchal will not have to go outside. Let us inform that Gorakhpur region has become the hub of Bhojpuri and Nepali cinema.
- With an investment of Rs 500 crore, more than 2000 people will get direct and indirect employment. In terms of better connectivity, Gorakhpur is being said to be a better option for Film City.
- According to estimates, at present the Bhojpuri film industry has become an industry worth more than two thousand crore rupees. Along with Bhojpuri, there is a possibility of emergence of Awadhi, Bundelkhandi, Braj and other regional cinema in the state in the coming days.

Door-to-Door Campaign

Why In News?

On February 27, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) director Neha Sharma told that to keep the urban areas clean in the state, the Urban Development Department will conduct a 'door to door' campaign in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) from March 4 to 31. Will run the third phase of in this, wet and dry waste will have to be given separately.

Key points

- Mission Director Neha Sharma said that in the third phase of 'Door to Door' campaign in Swachh Bharat

Mission (Urban), fine will be imposed on those who do not separate wet and dry waste and those who spread filth. It will be from 50 rupees to 2000 rupees.

- He informed that from February 1, 100 percent door-to-door collection and a campaign to give information about segregation of garbage was launched.
- There are three phases of this campaign – the first phase was prayer and the second was consent. The second phase will end on March 3.
- In the third and final phase, action will be initiated against those who do not segregate the waste. It has been clarified that those who remove gated colony, RVA colony and bulk waste located in the municipal periphery will be fined. People will be alerted about the challan through posters, banners etc. and the civic officials will inspect it daily and challan those who do not follow it.
- Neha Sharma said that special instructions have been issued for cities with a population of more than 6 lakh. Here the amount of fine is going to be high.
- He said that the lowest penalty will be imposed in Nagar Panchayats. Here there is a low population and at the same time there is a lack of resources. A campaign will also be run in three phases to make people aware.
- The municipal corporation has tied up with private company Sanitation Corporation for door-to-door garbage collection and an agreement has been signed with the Municipal Corporation Feedback Institution to monitor the functioning of the company.
- The company has been given clear instructions to collect the wet and dry waste from the houses separately. The waste will go to the treatment plant in separate containers. Along with this, the Municipal Corporation has run separate vehicles for leather clippings, petha waste and cow dung.

Yogi Adityanath Became the Longest Serving Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On March 1, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set a record for completing the longest tenure as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Yogi Adityanath completed 5 years and 347 days in office leaving behind

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Congress's Dr. Sampurnanand, who was the Chief Minister of the state for 5 years and 345 days from 1954 to 1960.

Key points

- It is known that Yogi Adityanath was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the first time on March 19, 2017. After this, he took oath as the Chief Minister for the second time on March 25, 2022. Prior to this, he was elected MP from Gorakhpur Lok Sabha seat.
- SP chief Akhilesh Yadav was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for 5 consecutive years and 4 days. BSP chief Mayawati has been the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh continuously for 4 years 307 days. Mayawati has become the Chief Minister of the state four times. Mulayam Singh Yadav was the Chief Minister for three consecutive years and 257 days.
- Significantly, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is among the leaders in Uttar Pradesh under whose leadership a single party has formed the government for the second consecutive time. In the 2022 assembly elections, the BJP again came to power with an absolute majority for the second consecutive time and he became the Chief Minister again.
- Yogi Adityanath is the first BJP Chief Minister to hold power in Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. Prior to this, no BJP leader has been the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. Apart from Yogi Adityanath, Govind Ballabh Pant, Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav have been chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. No other leader could complete his five-year term.
- Yogi Adityanath is the second Chief Minister after Congress' Narayan Dutt Tiwari, under whose leadership a single party has formed the government for the second time in the state. 37 years ago, Narayan Dutt Tiwari again formed his government

Gond Caste got ST Status in Four More Districts of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On March 2, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Asim Arun said that after the notification was issued by the Center, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to issue certificates granting Scheduled Tribe (ST)

status to the Gond caste in four more districts of the state Sant Kabir Nagar, Kushinagar, Chandauli and Bhadohi .

Key points

- Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Hari Om has issued a government order in this regard and sent instructions to the District Magistrates of the concerned districts, stating that the Central Government has approved the Second Amendment to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) and (Scheduled Tribes) order of Uttar Pradesh (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes).
- In this, Gonds (Dhuriya, Nayak, Ojha, Pathari and Rajgond) have been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh. Based on this, along with Mirzapur and Sonbhadra, Scheduled Tribe certificates will be issued to these castes living in four more districts of Sant Kabir Nagar, Kushinagar, Chandauli and Bhadohi.

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.

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- 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.
- 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

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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 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.

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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.
- 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 sportspersons 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

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Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at the Indian Grassland and Grassland Research Institute, Jhansi. Women farmers conference was also organized on this occasion.

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 Lakshmbai, 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 Elon, 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.

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- Dr. Mishra said that work is also going on another app, which will help in attracting young and adolescent students towards Sanskrit.
- 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.

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- 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.

Agreed on the Proposal to Give Two Years Child Care Leave to Single Parent Officers in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On 15 March 2023, according to media information received on the facility to All India Service officers (IAS Uttar Pradesh government, IPS and IFS to provide two years have given its consent to the proposal of the Central Government (730 days) childcare leave - CCL) who are performing the responsibility of single parents.

Key points

- It is notable that the opinion of the states was sought by the Central Government on the proposal to provide Child Care Leave (CCL) facility of two years (730 days) to the All-India Service officers (IAS, IPS and IFS) performing the responsibility of a single parent. Such a facility has already been made available to central employees.
- According to the information, many important changes have been proposed in the existing system of Child Care Leave. The Central Government is going to amend the All-India Service Leave Rules-1955 for this. The Uttar Pradesh government has agreed to all the five amendments proposed in the rule.
- Male guardian is included as unmarried, widowed or divorced. This facility will be available in situations like education or illness of two children up to 18 years of age.
- A senior central government official said that the misuse of this leave had increased. The proposed change will discourage its unnecessary use.

20 New Hi-Tech Prisons Will Be Built in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News

According to information received from the media on March 20, 2023, in a high-level meeting, the Uttar Pradesh Prison Administration and Reforms Department informed that in view of the overcrowded number of prisoners in the state's jails, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to construct new jails in many districts.

Key Points

- For the construction of new jails in the state, 11 such districts of the state have been identified, where there is no jail at present.
- According to the information, new jails will be built in Amethi, Mahoba, Kushinagar, Chandauli, Auraiya, Hathras, Hapur, Sambhal, Amroha, Bhadohi and Shamli.
- Besides, the state government has initiated the process of constructing a central jail and another jail in 9 districts, while the number of barracks is being increased in some jails, official sources said. For this, on the instructions of the government, the government has released a huge budget giving a green signal to the prison department.
- These jails will be built using hi-tech technology in view of the current scenario. Along with this, the target of construction of new jails has been fixed for two to five years.
- It is known that at present, many jails, including the central and district jails of the state, have more prisoners than capacity. In such a situation, there is a need for new jails to provide facilities provided by the prison manual and to protect the human rights of the prisoners.
- At present, the seven central jails have a capacity of 13,669 prisoners, while there are 15,201 prisoners under detention, a ratio of 111 percent, senior officials of the department had said.
- Similarly, 62 district jails have a capacity of 49,107 detainees, against which 95,597 detainees are detained, with a ratio of 194 percent. The two sub-jails have a capacity of 306 detainees, against which 664 detainees are detained, with a ratio of 21.6 percent. The Women's Central Jail has a capacity of 120 detainees against which 148 detainees are detained, with a ratio of 12.3 percent.

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Chief Minister Inaugurated the All-India Police Athletics Championship

Why in News?

On 21 March 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 71st All-India Police Athletics Championship in the state capital Lucknow. This championship will run till 25 March.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that after 10 years the state has got an opportunity to organise the All-India Police Athletics Meet. The Border Security Force (SSB) has started for this event.
- More than 1300 participants from a total of 32 teams from various States, Union Territories and Central Police Forces are participating in this championship.
- The Chief Minister informed that the state has made rapid progress in sports activities. Parliamentary sports and games are being organised here. 2 to 2.5 thousand players engage in creative activities.
- On this occasion, he informed that 500 sports persons would be recruited in government services in the state.



18 Ancient and Historical Sites of Uttar Pradesh Declared Protected

Why in News?

On 23 March 2023, Tourism and Culture Minister of Uttar Pradesh Jaiveer Singh said that the state government has issued a notification declaring 18 ancient and historical sites of the state as protected.

Key Points

- A notification has been issued by the state government declaring all these places protected under Section-3 of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act-1904. These sites are located in six districts of the state
- Among the 18 monuments or sites declared protected by the State Archaeological Department, Jhansi-based Shivalaya, ancient Kolhu Kush Madiya, Champatrai's palace, post-medieval fort Banjaro's temple, Ber, Pisanari Dayi Mud, Pathamarhi, Tehrauli fort, Digara Garhi and Ram Janaki temple are included.
- Similarly, Kot Tila in Sant Kabir Nagar district, Rani's pond in Prayagraj, ancient Vishnu temple built by Ishtika, Gangola Shivala, Shiv Tandav in Mahoba district, Khankra Math, ancient Shiv temple in Farrukhabad district and Shiva temple (Tixi Temple) in Etawah have been declared protected.

PM Inaugurates One World TB Summit-2023 in Varanasi

Why in News?

On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the One World TB Summit - 2023 at the Rudraksha Convention Center in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The One World TB Summit - 2023 was attended online by several state governors, several state health secretaries and managing directors of the National Health Mission.
- The event, also attended by representatives from companies, industries, civil society, NGOs and TB champions, who reiterated India's commitment to eliminate the highly infectious disease by 2025, five years ahead of the global target of 2030.
- The Prime Minister released the 'Annual India TB Report 2023', a compilation of the country's efforts towards making India TB free by 2025.
- A training module on Pulmonary Tuberculosis was also launched at the event. This module has been developed to train health workers at the secondary and tertiary levels in the public and private sector in India.
- The Prime Minister also launched the TB-Free Panchayat Initiative to leverage the support of over 2.5 lakh gram

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panchayats to raise awareness about TB, to eliminate the stigma associated with the disease, and to help monitor and improve services. Preventive therapy has also been introduced as a new treatment to prevent TB infection so that the spread of the disease can be stopped.

- Apart from this, a family-centred care model was also announced to ensure the welfare of families affected by TB.
- Narendra Modi also laid the foundation stone of the National Center for Disease Control and High Control Laboratory in Varanasi and inaugurated the site for the Metropolitan Public Health Surveillance Unit.
- On the occasion, the Prime Minister also felicitated the states and districts for making significant progress on key program indicators to eliminate TB. Karnataka and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir were honored in the States/UTs category and Nilgiris (Tamil Nadu), Pulwama (Jammu and Kashmir) and Anantnag (Jammu and Kashmir) were given district level awards.
- At the event, Narendra Modi pointed out that the ICMR institutes like National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT) have completed the world's largest national TB infection survey, which helped in understanding the TB burden at the state level for targeted programmatic activities.
- India is the only country in the world to implement the Sub-National Certification (SNC) function. It is an innovative scientific method through which districts are verified for their *TB eradication progress*.
- The Prime Minister also informed that under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for TB patients, an amount of more than Rs 2,000 crore has been transferred to the accounts of more than 75 lakh TB patients.



- Significantly, in March 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to eliminate TB from India by 2025, while the rest of the world aims to achieve the TB-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Toll Free Helpline-1962

Why in News?

On 26 March 2023, Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Parshottam Rupala and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flagged off **520 mobile veterinary units** and **toll-free helpline-1962** at a cost of Rs 201 crore under '**Animal Health and Disease Control Scheme**' from Lucknow.

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- In the flag off program of Veterinary Unit, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala said that the Central Government has started Mobile Veterinary Unit for animals at the expense of Government of India and facility like ambulance has been made available for helpless animals by dialing 108. Just as 108 is on everyone's lips for the facility of an ambulance for human diseases, in the same way now 1962 helpline has been started to provide facilities like ambulance to all the animals.
- The Union Minister said that India ranks No. 1 in milk production in the world and Uttar Pradesh ranks No. 1 in India. The reason why India is at the forefront of the world is because of Uttar Pradesh being at the top position in India.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that mobile veterinary units were made available by the Government of India for the protection and promotion of about 6 crore livestock and more than 6,600 cow shelters have been established in the state for the protection of destitute cattle.
- Now mobile veterinary vans will be operated through Integrated Command and Control Center in 05 zones of the state.
- It is known that there are a total of 12 lakh destitute cattle in the state, out of which the Uttar Pradesh government alone is taking the responsibility of protecting 11 lakh cattle.

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Pilibhit Tiger Reserve gets 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' status

Why in News?

On 26 March 2023, **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve's** (PTR) Deputy Director Naveen Khandelwal said that PTR has got the status of '**Conservation Assured Tiger Standards**' from **NTCA** for **conservation, maintenance and better management of tigers**.

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- **Six tiger reserves of the country have been given the status of 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' (CATS)** by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for the conservation, maintenance and better management of tigers. This includes PTR as well.
- According to information, a letter has been issued on behalf of Hemant Singh, Assistant IGF, NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Central Government, six tiger reserves of the country - Kali, Melghat, Tadoba-Andheri, Navegaon-Nagjira, Periyar and Pilibhit have been given CATS status..
- Significantly, Pilibhit was declared a Tiger Reserve in the year 2014. In the year 2014, the number of tigers was only 25. After the formation of the tiger reserve, work was done according to the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority for the protection and conservation of tigers with the favorable environment of the forest. As a result, in the year 2020, the number of tigers increased to 65. For this achievement, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was also discussed in the whole world.
- It is known that on November 2020, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was given the International Level Tiger X-2 Award by Miss Mindori Paxton, Head of Ecosystem and Biodiversity in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
- The special thing about this award was that out of 13 countries where tigers are found, only Pilibhit Tiger Reserve of India got this award for increasing the number of tigers in these countries. After this, the effect of increasing number of tigers was also recorded. The activism of tigers increased in the

forest and outside areas. However, there has been a decrease in human-wildlife conflict compared to the past.

- It is noteworthy that 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' was officially launched in the year 2013. Under this, criteria are set for effective management of target species based on seven standard pillars and 17 basic elements. Under this, the area of conservation of tigers is given an opportunity to test and test.

Junk Policy will be Implemented in Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

On March 28, 2023, Transport Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh, Chandra Bhushan Singh said that the State Transport Department has sent a proposal to the government to implement the scrap policy based on the standards of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, under which the state has been sent from April 1, 2023. The junk policy will come into force.

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- It is known that after the central government, this junk policy is also being implemented in Uttar Pradesh.
- In this policy, if someone sells his 15 years old vehicle at the junk center, then he will get a price of about Rs.22 per kg. Only 65 percent of the total weight of the vehicle will be considered as its original weight and only 90 percent of that amount will be paid.
- In this policy, there is a preparation to send April 1, 2023, vehicles in scrap from 15-year-old. In this, all 15-year-old vehicles of the state government will have to be scrapped. For this, the government has set two goals.
- In the first goal, all government-owned vehicles of this period are to scrap, including vehicles of all government departments, local bodies, undertakings, etc. In the second goal, private vehicles will have to be brought in for which the policy has been voluntarily fixed. That is, if they want, they can take advantage of this policy.
- So far, work has started on 12 scrap centers in the entire state. All are private operators.

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- The age of private vehicles has not been fixed yet. After 15 years, such a vehicle must be fitness. If he is fit, his registration is renewed for the next five years. Similarly, private commercial vehicles, trucks, etc. are also renewed every two years in case they are fitted.
- It is known that this rule has been abolished in the National Capital Region. The age of petrol-powered vehicle has been fixed at 15 years and diesel vehicle at 10 years. After this, their registration will not be renewed. Either they have to be taken out of NCR or sold in scrap.
- As many as 203 government offices across the state have so far sent information about their 15-year-old vehicles. Of these, 3367 vehicles are 15 years old. Most such vehicles are in the police department. The Uttar Pradesh Police has a total of 397 such vehicles. Of these, 366 vehicles are 15 years old and are still running, while 31 vehicles are more than 20 years old.
- Under this policy, if someone will get about sells his 15-year-old bike in scrap, then he 2500 rupees. If the weight of the bike is 180 kg, then its weight will be considered as 65 percent. Similarly, if someone considered starts giving his 15-year-old SUV car and its weight is 2000 kg, then its total weight will be as 1200 kg. He will be given Rs 25740.
- However, a certificate will also be received from the scrap center, which will give an exemption on registering a new vehicle by showing it.

New Rates Announced for MGNREGA Workers

Why in News?

On March 28, 2023, the Additional Commissioner of the MGNREGA office of Uttar Pradesh informed that the Government of India has announced new rates for MGNREGA laborers, under which MGNREGA laborers of Uttar Pradesh will also be given a wage of Rs 230 instead of Rs 213.

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- Under the new rates announced for MGNREGA workers, more than three crore MGNREGA workers of the state will get Rs 17 more per day from April 1.

- Now if an MGNREGA worker works for 30 consecutive days in a month, then the total wages received by him will increase by Rs 510.
- It is noteworthy that there are about 3.20 crore job card holders MGNREGA laborers in the state. Of these, about 1.62 crore laborers are actively working under MNREGA.
- During the corona year 2020-21, the demand for employment in the villages had increased a lot when migrant laborers returned from outside, due to which 39.45 lakh man days had to be created for work this year. After this, 32.56 crore laborers worked in the year 2021-22 and about 31 crore man days in the current financial year 2022-23.
- It is known that apart from the works set by the central government under MNREGA, five new works have been started in Uttar Pradesh by this scheme, including revival of rivers, construction of information boards by women groups, women of women groups being made mates in MNREGA. Payment of wages to MGNREGA workers and construction of hi-tech nurseries in the districts is being done by Banking Correspondent Sakhi.

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Approved 22 Proposals

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 29 March 2023, **22 proposals were approved including the revised proposal of OBC reservation for the state body elections.**

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- There are many proposals which give great relief to the farmers. Along with this, the students have been given a gift. Proposals for the purchase of tablets and smart phones, including proposals for improving the power system have also been approved.
- Other proposals approved in the Uttar Pradesh cabinet meeting-
 - Proposals have been approved to change the rules of one-time exemption of duty on electric vehicles and on the vehicles which are to be scrapped in

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registered vehicle scrapping facilities. Vehicles have also been given the facility to obtain fitness certificates in any district.

- Under the **Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme**, the final bid document has been approved in the cabinet meeting to distribute free tablets to 10 lakh youth and smartphones worth 25 lakh. This scheme has been implemented for five years.
- Sugarcane farmers of the state will now get more subsidies for soil treatment and purchase of chemicals in their fields. Under this proposal, sugarcane cultivation (Pedi) management and soil treatment were integrated. Earlier, sugarcane cultivation (Pedi) management and soil treatment were two different subjects. Along with this, the rate of subsidy has been fixed at 50 percent of 1800 per acre i.e. 900 rupees. Earlier it used to be minimum Rs 150 per acre and maximum Rs 500 per acre.
- The distillery will be set up at Mohiuddinpur sugar mill of Uttar Pradesh State Sugar Corporation located in Meerut district. This distillery with a capacity of 60 thousand litres per day will be based on B-heavy molasses.
- New plants will be set up at Gajraula Cooperative Sugar Mill in Amroha district. In this mill, a new plant will be set up to expand the crushing-pressing capacity from 2500 tonnes per day to 4900 tonnes per day.
- In order to increase the birth rate of cow progeny and mostly cows in the state, artificial insemination will be further promoted among cattle rearers. The state government has further reduced the rate of levi of graded semen given to cattle rearers from the Animal Husbandry Department for such artificial insemination. Now its levi rate has been increased to Rs 100 per dose in all the districts.
- Focusing on green energy, the state government will develop **Green Corridor-2** in the state to reduce the dependence on coal for power generation in the coming days, under which 4000 MW solar plants will be set up in Bundelkhand. Many solar parks will be built under the solar projects to be set up. In this, 600 MW solar parks will be built in Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun.

- Cashless facility up to Rs 5 lakh has been allowed for the amount spent annually on the treatment of 11,000 sports persons registered in different districts of the state by including them in the **'Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan'**. For the first time, 11,000 registered players have been included in this scheme.
- The proposal to set up the **State Urban Digital Mission (SUDM-UP)** was approved to provide better online facilities of civic bodies to the urban people.
- The state government will start **'Nishadraj Boat Subsidy Scheme'** for the fishermen and boatmen community. Under the scheme, subsidies will be given to the eligible beneficiaries to buy boats without engines, including nets and life jackets. Under the scheme, a maximum subsidy of Rs 67,000 will be given on the purchase of a 15 to 18 feet long boat without an engine. Subsidy will be given on three thousand boats every year. The benefit of the scheme will be given on priority to **Antyodaya card holders, homeless and Kevat Mallah community people**.



AKTU Students Made Machine Learning Robot

Why in News?

On 30 March 2023, Anuj Sharma, Associate Dean of the Innovation & Incubation Center of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) said that AKTU has developed a robot that can be guided using the fingers of both hands using machine learning techniques.

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- The technology has been developed by Anuj Sharma, Associate Dean, Innovation & Incubation Center of AKTU and his student team.
 - The associate dean of AKTU said that the robot with machine learning technology will not only follow the gestures of the fingers but will also perform all the programmed tasks. People with different disabilities, especially the visually impaired, deaf & mute and senior citizens can also use these robots for various tasks.
- This technology has been developed with the help of computer vision and artificial intelligence. If there is more than one robot with fingers on the right hand, they will be selected. For example, a robot whose information is recorded on the thumb will start. Similarly, the robot will work on other fingers as well.
 - The robot can be operated with the help of a computer and desktop. The right-hand finger will be used to select the robot while the left hand will be used for instructions like asking the robot to turn on the fan using the thumb and so on.



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