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Ranipur Tiger Reserve

Why In News?

On October 31, 2022, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav told through a tweet that another tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh, Ranipur Tiger Reserve has become the 53rd tiger reserve in India.

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- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav has told that this reserve in Uttar Pradesh is located in Ranipur of Chitrakoot district, which covers an area of 529.36 sq.km. spread over the area. 230.32 sq. km. Core area and 299.05 sq.km. This tiger reserve with a buffer zone will strengthen the efforts of tiger conservation. Apart from this, about 300 sq.km. area is being added to it.
- This will also increase the number of tigers in the state, which will also boost eco-tourism in Bundelkhand region. There will be economic, social and cultural development of this region and apart from this, the natural environment will be better protected. This tiger reserve will also provide new employment opportunities to the local people in Bundelkhand.
- Ranipur Tiger Reserve located in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh is located at a just 150 km distance from Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. Tiger, leopard, bear, sambar, spotted deer, chinkara and many birds and reptiles are found in this reserve.
- It is currently the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh after Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh and the latest tiger census in India was done in 2018, according to which there are 2967 tigers in the country and 173 of them are in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is noteworthy that in the cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath, approval was given to develop Ranipur Tiger Reserve last month. It was told in this meeting that due to waterlogging in Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh as a result of Ken-Betwa link project, the tigers here will come towards Chitrakoot, due to which the government is going to build a tiger reserve here.
- Bhupendra Yadav said that after the Ranipur Tiger Reserve was notified, it was part of the Project Tiger of the Government of India. Under this scheme, the central government will give 60 percent and the state government 40 percent in some items. In other items, the central and state governments will provide 50-50 percent of the funds.

Unit of Civil Defence

Why In News?

On November 1, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while reviewing the fire department, civil defence department and prison department in Lucknow, directed that civil defence units will be formed in every district of the state.

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- The Chief Minister said that the Civil Defence Department has played an important role in maintaining peace, harmony and security in the society and for this reason, keeping in view the importance and utility of civil defence, it will be extended to all the 75 districts of the state.
- It is to be noted that at present civil defence units are formed in 27 districts of the state.
- Reviewing the fire department, civil defence department and prisons department, he directed that civil defence units should be restructured considering all urban bodies of the state as the basis.
- In this way, more than seven and a half hundred civil defence units will be functional in the state. Necessary financial incentives will be provided by the state government for smooth implementation of new units.
- The Chief Minister said that the state cabinet had recently approved its new jail manual and it would prove to be an important effort towards prison reforms. Concerted efforts have to be made to establish prisons as better centres of improvement. Examples from 'open prison' and 'high security prison' can be useful in this regard.
- The Chief Minister directed that a list of prisoners lodged in all the jails of the state for more than 14 years should be prepared and made available and the list should also contain separate details of sick, minor and women and differently-abled prisoners.
- He said that the fire department needs to be established as a disaster management and emergency service and the model 'Fire and Emergency Bill' of the state should be prepared on the lines of the central government's model 'Bill on Maintenance of Fire and Emergency Service-2019'.
- He said that in accordance with the policy of Ease of Doing Business, self-certification system should be implemented by the building owner at an interval

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of every six months, provision of fire safety officer according to the type of buildings and the system of annual third party audit should be implemented.

- He said that efforts should be made to set up a special fund for the safety of firefighters and availability of high-level firefighting equipment and try to make more and more cities safe cities by making financial management through convergence with inter-departmental coordination.

Housing Schemes Will Start in Six Cities of Uttar Pradesh including Lucknow, Kanpur, Ayodhya

Why In News?

On November 2, 2022, in the board meeting of the Housing Development Council of Uttar Pradesh, it was decided that housing schemes would be started in Lucknow, Kanpur, Ayodhya, Mathura, Bareilly and Kannauj in the state.

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- It was informed in this meeting that housing schemes in Lucknow, Mathura and Ayodhya will be launched on January 24, 2023 on Uttar Pradesh Day, while schemes for Bareilly, Kanpur and Kannauj will also come in the year 2023.
- The land of Kanpur's Mandhna Awas Yojana will now be taken under compulsory award. Apart from this, the state's largest convention center of 5000 capacity will be built in Lucknow and 15 percent discount will be given in vacant flats of Avadh Vihar and Vrindavan. Awas Vikas Parishad has acquired land for Lucknow, Mathura, Ayodhya scheme.
- Additional Housing Commissioner and Secretary Dr. Neeraj Shukla said that 265 acres of land in Lucknow has been taken on the new jail road. Apart from this, a new housing scheme will come up on 300 acres in Mathura.
- Earlier 1291 acres of land of Manjha Barehta, Majha Sahnawajpur and Tihura villages were being taken for Ayodhya scheme. Now it has been decided to take another 241 acres of land of Majha Barehta. Presently more than 600 acres of land has been acquired.

- He informed that about 300 acres of land is being taken for the prime Mathura housing scheme of Awas Vikas Parishad. It has National Highway No. 2 on one side and Chhatikara Vrindavan Road on the other side. This plan is situated at the main entrance of Vrindavan and is situated on the boundary adjoining one of the main temples of Vrindavan Mata Vaishno Temple.
- 561 hectares of land is being taken for new housing scheme on Bareilly Shahjahanpur Road. This scheme will be developed under the Land Pooling Scheme.
- Kanpur's Mandhna scheme will be developed in 229 hectares and section 28, i.e. acquisition notification was issued in the year 2009 for this scheme. The farmers here are not giving land with mutual consent, so the board has decided to take the land here under mandatory adjudication.
- A new housing scheme is also being brought in Kannauj on 89.52 acres. For this, section 28 has been notified. Under this, land of four villages including Madanpur Badd, Yusufpur Bhagwan is being taken.

Cabinet Approves Investment Proposals Worth Rs 7,000 crore in IT Sector

Why In News?

On November 3, 2022, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved **investment proposals worth Rs 7,000 crore in the IT sector in the state.**

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- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the state **government will invest Rs 2186 crore in Microsoft, Rs 483 crore in MAQ and Rs 638 crore in Paytm in Noida in the IT sector and through this investment, 14185 people will get employment.**
- Apart from this, two investment proposals were also approved for the data center in the state, in which a Singapore-based company STP will invest Rs 1130 crore for a data center in Noida, while another company SKBR will invest Rs 2692 crore. Through these two projects, 4 thousand people will get employment.
- **The Cabinet has decided to open seven more data centers in the state after north India's first data center opened in Greater Noida recently.** Land grant

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will be arranged for all these data centers and apart from this, the cost of supply of one feeder will also be borne in the supply of dual feeder.

- Additional Chief Secretary (IT and Electronics) Arvind Kumar said that it has been decided to increase the target of data center to 900 MW data center. For this, the definition of FAR has also been changed so that maps can pass quickly. In this, the system of partial completion has been given, while the facilities have also been increased regarding electricity connection.
- Apart from this, funding of up to Ten crore rupees will also be done in the field of Center of Excellence Data Center. These changes in the data center will not only increase investment, but it will also come faster. This policy will be valid for 5 years.
- Arvind Kumar said that three centers of excellence have already been opened in the state and 5 new centers of excellence will be opened, in which these centers will be opened in new areas like 3D printing, 5G, virtual reality, spacetech. Innovative culture will be promoted at the school level itself. Apart from this, the sustenance allowance has been increased from Rs 15,000 to Rs 17.5 thousand.
- A grant of Rs 5 lakh will now be available to make prototypes of the Center of Excellence. Those who affect the rural environment, recycle garbage, environmental protection, renewable energy will be provided 50 percent more incentives. Apart from this, the definition of women-partnered start-up has also been fixed, under which 26 percent women should participate in start-ups.
- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has also approved three new universities in the state, including Karnataka's famous JSS University in Noida, SD Singh University in Fatehgarh-Farrukhabad and SDGI Global University in Ghaziabad. Letters of Intent have been issued to these three universities.

Plan Ready to Make Uttar Pradesh One Trillion-Dollar Economy

Why In News?

- On November 6, 2022, the proposal to make the state a one trillion dollar economy was presented by the Uttar Pradesh government to the state's Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, after which the proposal will be placed in the cabinet soon.

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- To make the state a one trillion dollar economy, the government will spend an amount of Rs 40 lakh crore by 2027, under which this amount will be spent on infrastructure, health, judicial system, education, heavy industries etc.
- According to the government, to achieve a one trillion-dollar economy, the annual growth rate will have to be increased from 30 to 35 percent and the investment of GSDP in the state will have to be increased from 43 to 47 percent every year. Apart from this, the target of manufacturing sector will have to be increased to 45 percent of the present, due to which more and more units will be set up in the state, along with employment will also increase and the economy of the state will be strengthened.
- To woo the investors in the state, a blueprint investment policy has been prepared. It emphasizes infrastructure, manufacturing, service and dividing the new economy into different phases. The infrastructure is divided into two parts, hard and soft. Hard infrastructure includes power and energy along with logistics, while soft infrastructure includes regulatory, judicial system, education, health. Apart from this, tourism, education and health have been included in the service.
- Under the soft infrastructure, the state government will have to spend about Rs 2.1 lakh crore between the year 2022 to 2027 for modern medical system in the entire state, in which 24 lakh bed hospital will be constructed. For this, about 4.35 lakh doctors and 17 lakh nurses will be recruited.
- Under the hard infrastructure, 1092 judges will be appointed in the subordinate courts. Apart from this, 90 new judges will be appointed to the High Court. Rs 13 lakh crore will be spent on electricity, Rs 25 lakh crore on roads and Rs 200 crore on judicial system in the state.

Goddhoia Drain and Ramgarh Tal

Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the restoration of Goddhoia Drain and Ramgarh Tal worth Rs 474.42 crore and sewerage scheme Zone C Part-II, schemes worth Rs 561.34 crore under Gorakhpur Development Projects.

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- It is worth mentioning that Goddhoia Nala in Gorakhpur City was earlier a natural drain, which has been filled with silt as a result of sewage fall and encroachment. For this reason, there is a situation of waterlogging in various areas around here.
- Keeping this in mind, a project for renovation and interception diversion and treatment of Goddhoia Nala/Drain and Ramgarh Tal has been prepared. Under the project, 38 MLD sewerage coming out of 44300 houses will be treated.
- In this, RCC retaining wall will be built on both sides of the drain and sewerage line will be laid on both sides of it. A sewerage treatment plant will be built near it and a boundary wall will be constructed.
- The project will provide relief to around 2.2 lakh families living within a 9.7-km radius of Goddhoia Drain from floods and water-borne diseases. Apart from this, the facility of sewerage treatment plant will be developed keeping in mind the facilities of the population of the year 2025. Rs 561.34 crore will be spent on this. In this, connections will also be given to 43963 houses while laying sewerage lines.

Katarnia Gharial Conservation and Research Center

Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, Akashdeep Badhawan, DFO of Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, said that a gharial conservation and research center will be set up in **Katarniaghat Wildlife Division**.

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- For this, a 10-member research and trainee team has reached Katarnia. Staying here for three months, the team will prepare a documentary film on gharials.
- A research paper will be prepared by researching the increase of gharial clans in the aquatic area and their living conditions. Based on this, the government will finalize the nature of the tourist destination and the plan up to the Gharial Research Center.
- The Katarniaghat wildlife division is attached to the Indo-Nepal border. In 551 sq km, the division is home

to a variety of rare wildlife and birds including tigers, leopards, elephants, rhinos. The six-kilometer area of the Gerua river, which flows between Katarnia, is inhabited by gharial. From the very beginning Katarniaghat is known across the country for Gharial Conservation .

- Now preparations are being made to shine this identity on the national and international level. Under this, along with increasing the clans of gharials, plans are also being made to change the size of the gharial center.
- The 10-member team includes three researchers, six trainee researchers and a movie maker. This team will stay in Katarnia for three months and will work on research. Based on the research report, the nature of the center will be prepared.
- The film has been made at Katarniaghat, but preparations are being made to make a documentary film for the first time, especially on gharials. The film will also include research papers from Katarnia, so that students can easily get research material in future.
- There are 12 pools in Gerua. Three of these pools are inhabited by turtles, while one is occupied by crocodiles. At the same time, there is a family of gharials in six pools. With the rapid increase in their numbers, pools are getting smaller in size. Large alligators are four to five feet long. No more than six can stay in a pool.
- Trishala Ashok, a Bangalore-based expert in movie making associated with wildlife for decades, has also accompanied the team, the DFO said. College students will also be added to the research. It will increase the curiosity of students interested in movie making by sharing expert information.

Uma Singh of Gorakhpur Climbs Mount Friendship by Bicycle

Why in News?

Recently, Uma Singh of Gorakhpur district has created history in the field of mountaineering, conquering the peak of Mount Friendship in Manali in Himachal Pradesh with a bicycle and thus becoming the first mountaineer to reach the top of this mountain on a bicycle.

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- Uma Singh, a resident of Godsaira village in Bansaon Tehsil area of Gorakhpur, started the journey on a bicycle on October 25. He cycled about 1400 km and reached Manali on November 2. From there, his campaign started on November 2. The entire journey took a total of 12 days.
- The top of the 17,346 feet high Mount Friendship stands like a wall for about two hundred meters. So it was not possible to get there. As per the instructions of the guide, he returned from 200 meters below the top after hoisting the tricolor.
- Earlier, Uma Singh had travelled from Kashmir to Kanyakumari (3629 km) between July 15 and 17. He cycled four himalayan peaks between August 12 and 15 to become the first Indian and the world's third climber by cycling four peaks of the Himalayan mountains.
- Apart from this, he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (19340 feet), the highest peak of the continent of Africa, on August 15, 2021 and hoisted the tricolor.
- It is known that between November 30, 2020 and February 10, 2021, Uma holds the record of completing 12,271 km by cycle in 73 days. During this, he made his knock to all the states of the country and their capital.

Sitakund Dham to be Directly Connected to Ayodhya-Chitrakoot Dham Route

Why in News?

On November 8, 2022, Santosh Mani Tiwari, executive engineer of the Public Works Department provincial section of Uttar Pradesh, said that Sitakund Ghat located on the banks of Adiganga Gomti in Sultanpur of the state will be directly connected to the Ayodhya-Prayagraj-Chitrakoot Dham road.

Key Points

- Santosh Mani Tiwari said that the Public Works Department has planned to convert two link highways coming inside the city from Dwarkaganj and Tatanagar into four lanes to reduce the traffic jam on the route and strengthen the traffic system. The plan covers a distance of 10 km from Dwarkaganj to Golaghat and also from Tatanagar to Ratanpur Tendhui.

- An amount of Rs 50 crore has been earmarked for four lane construction in 10 km distance from Golaghat to Dwarkaganj, in which many bridges and culverts have also been included.
- This link highway four-lane will be constructed to connect Sitakund Dham with Ayodhya-Chitrakoot Dham road. The width of this route will be 50 feet inside the city and 75 feet from the middle of the road outside the city and the occupants will not get compensation within the prescribed limit.
- An amount of Rs 10 crore has been earmarked for a distance of about three km from Tatanagar to Tendui. In this also a bridge and several culverts have been included. On the demand of the government, the Public Works Department, Provincial Division has also prepared Steemit.

National Child Health Program Approved in Urban Area

Why In News?

On November 9, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak informed that the National Health Mission has approved the operation of the National Child Health Program (RBSK) in urban areas. Under this, congenital diseases of children will be identified and treated.

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- Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak said that in the first phase, the scheme will be implemented in 15 districts of the state. In the second phase, 16 more districts will be included.
- Under the first phase, National Child Health Program will be implemented in the year 2020-21 in Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Ayodhya, Firozabad, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Kanpur Nagar, Lucknow, Meerut, Moradabad, Saharanpur and Varanasi.
- A total of 40 mobile health teams will be kept in 15 districts. Each team will have four members. In which one woman and one man will be AYUSH doctors. About 60 doctors and paramedical staff will be recruited on contract.

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- In the second phase, in 2022-2023, child health program will be started in Azamgarh, Banda, Barabanki, Bulandshahr, Chandauli, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur, Gonda, Hathras, Jalaun, Kushinagar, Mathura, Mirzapur, Rampur, Shahjahanpur and Sitapur.
- It is noteworthy that under RBSK, child health screening and screening in Early Intervention Services is done, in which other diseases including cleft lip, palate, neural tube defects, Down syndrome, anemia, vitamin A-D deficiency, malnutrition, congenital cataract and heart are identified.
- Under the program, children up to 18 years of age are identified and provided treatment for certain diseases. Under the scheme, the mobile health team will visit the identified places and check the health of the children. In case of illness, referral will be made to higher government institutions for treatment so that timely treatment can be given.

Convention Centre in Gorakhpur

Why In News?

On November 10, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed to build a large convention center in Gorakhpur in the state, with a seat capacity between three thousand and five thousand.

Key Points

- The capacity of the convention center to be built in Gorakhpur will be more than the capacity of Rudraksh Convention Center built in Varanasi (1200).
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the convention center of Gorakhpur will be such a convention center with state-of-the-art facilities, in which big events of national and international level can be held. For this, the Gorakhpur Development Authority (GDA) has also started searching for land.
- With the construction of this convention center in Gorakhpur, seminars, exhibitions and other public events of national and international level will be easily organized.
- The convention centre can act as a hub to promote art, culture, trade and industry. This convention center can also be rented out for the marriage program.

Khelo India National University Games

Why In News?

On November 9, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Secretary (Sports) Navneet Sehgal informed that the Khelo India National University Games to be held in April 2023 in the country will be held in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The National University Games will be held in four cities of the state - Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida. About 20 sports competitions including rowing, basketball, judo, kabaddi, wrestling, swimming, boxing will be organized.
- Around 4,500 athletes from around 150 universities from across the country will participate in the games. Under-26 players will participate in the National University Games. There will be a special focus on women's games.
- Kabaddi, Judo, Archery and Fencing will be organized in Noida. Sports competitions related to Wrestling, Mallakhamba and Yoga will be organized in Gorakhpur and Varanasi. Other competitions will be held in the capital Lucknow.
- According to Additional Chief Secretary Sports Navneet Sehgal, organizing the University Games will create an atmosphere of sports in the universities and the players here will get an opportunity to become international level players. Organizing such competitions will also promote sports culture in the state.
- It is worth mentioning that this event is being given to Uttar Pradesh from the Sports Ministry, in such a situation, the Sports Authority of India's Khelo India headquarters located in Delhi will also play an important role in the University Games.
- Earlier, the first edition of the University Games has been held in Odisha (2020) and the second edition in Karnataka (2021). In the 20 events held in Karnataka, 4,500 players from 190 universities from all over the country participated.

Lakshpati Mahila Karyakram

Why In News?

According to media information on November 13, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to start

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'Lakshpati Mahila Karyakram' to make the women of the state financially more capable, through which 15 lakh women will be made millionaires in the first three years.

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- Such efforts will be made in the state through 'Lakshpati Mahila Karyakram' so that the annual family income of women can be reached more than one lakh rupees. Its responsibility has been entrusted to the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission and a presentation has been made to Chief Secretary Durgashankar Mishra regarding the outline of this program, which is planned to be implemented in mission mode and the results will be achieved soon.
- In the first phase of 'Lakshpati Mahila Karyakram', it will be launched in 11 districts, including Aligarh, Sultanpur, Bahraich, Banda, Basti, Lakhimpur Kheri, Mirzapur, besides Varanasi and Prayagraj. Hamirpur and Sonbhadra are included. In these districts, women of self-help groups will be identified by conducting a campaign in a phased manner and efforts will be made to increase the annual income by linking them with various types of schemes. Apart from this, they will also be given training in various government schemes.
- A time frame has also been set to ensure that the programme reaches its conclusion at the earliest. Under this, task forces will be formed at the district and development block level. By November 15, task forces will be formed at the district and development block level and it will be reviewed after March 30.
- The Task Force will be headed by the District Magistrate at the district level, while the Chief Development Officer will be the Secretary. Deputy Commissioner Self Employment, Deputy Commissioner MGNREGA will be its member. Apart from this, members of Agriculture Development, Horticulture, Panchayati Raj, Women and Child Development, Social Welfare, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry will also be involved in this task force.
- The work progress of this task force will have to be reviewed monthly. The task of the task force will be to upload the self-declared income of all self-help group members of the development block on the Lakshpati Mahila App and review the implementation of private and collective livelihood promotion schemes included in MNREGA.

Police Commissioner System Implemented in the Entire Area of Kanpur City and Varanasi including Lucknow

Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh DGP headquarters approved the restructuring of Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar and Varanasi police Commissionerate's. One zone each has been extended in Kanpur Nagar and Varanasi, while police stations in Lucknow Rural have been accommodated in Lucknow.

Key Points

- ADG Law and Order Prashant Kumar said that changes have been made in the earlier structure of the Commissionerate in all the three districts. Lucknow will now have 52 police stations, 16 circles and five zones. The Kanpur Nagar police Commissionerate will have 49 police stations, 14 circles and four zones. The Varanasi police Commissionerate will have 30 police stations, nine circles and three zones.
- Central zones have been created in Kanpur and Gomti in Varanasi. In Kanpur, the post of one DCP, one ADCP and four ACPs has been increased. Similarly, in Varanasi, the post of one DCP, one ADCP and three ACPs has increased.
- No new zone has been created in Lucknow Police Commissionerate. Seven police stations in the rural have been included in different zones. However, the post of three ACPs has been increased in Lucknow.
- Gomti will be the new zone in Varanasi. With this, the number of zones in Varanasi has now increased from two to three. The number of circles has also increased from six to nine. There are 13 police stations in Kashi zone, 10 police stations in Varuna zone and seven police stations in Gomti zone. There will be four circles in Kashi zone, three circles in Varanasi zone and two circles in Gomti zone.

New Technology of Clothes Made from Enzymes

Why in News?

On November 16, 2022, Director, Department of Uttar Pradesh Institute of Textile Technology, Dr. G. Nalan Killi

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said that the scientist of the department, Prof. AK Patra has discovered a new technique to prepare clothes of favorite color and design from enzymes instead of chemicals. It has also been successfully used in the lab.

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- Prof. Patra said that clothes made with enzyme technology will not harm the human body and environment. In this, environmental friendly enzymes are used as an alternative to various chemicals.
- He said that in case the cloth is damaged or thrown away, this enzyme will mix it in the soil and make it fertile. This enzyme will not harm water or the human body either.
- It is worth mentioning that Kanpur-based scientist Prof. Patra is the head of the Department of Textile Chemistry at the Uttar Pradesh Institute of Textile Technology. He has listed more than 800 such chemicals, which are being used in the textile industry and harmful to the environment. His research paper has been published in a prestigious Journal of England.
- For such works, including finding techniques to protect textiles from chemicals, Prof. Patra will be honoured with the world's highest textile award. The award will be given to him by England's 'The Society of Dyer and Colorist'. Prof. Patra will be the first scientist in the country to receive the Chartered Colourist Award.
- It is noteworthy that the Chartered Colourist Award is given for research in textiles and outstanding work in the academic field.

New Tourism Policy-2022 Approved in Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On November 16, 2022, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the state's New Tourism Policy-2022.

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- In the new tourism policy of the state, investment-based subsidy has been arranged for the hotel industry. A subsidy of up to Rs 2 crore will be given on investment up to Rs 10 crore and up to Rs 40 crore on investment above Rs 500 crore. In this, hotels will get the status of industry and the rates of water, electricity property tax, sewerage tax will also be industrial instead of commercial.

- Under the new tourism policy, all places associated with Lord Ram will be developed as Ramayana circuit, religious places associated with Lord Krishna will be developed as Krishna circuit. The Ramayana circuit will be prominent among the new tourist destinations that will be developed.
- The Ramayana circuit will include Ayodhya, Chitrakoot, Bithoor and other religious places. These sites are seen as symbols of Lord Rama and Mother Sita.
- Similarly, Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Govardhan, Barsana, Nandgaon, Baldev and other religious places will be included in the Krishna circuit and Kapilvastu, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Kaushambi, Shravasti, Ramgram and other places will be included in the Buddhist circuit.
- The new policy also envisages Mahabharata Circuit and Shakti Peetha Circuit, in which places like Hastinapur, Kampilya, Echhatra, Barnawa, Mathura, Kaushambi, Gonda, Lakshagriha have been selected. Under Shaktipeeth circuit Vindhyavasini Devi, taking from Ashtabhujja to Devipatan, Naimisharanya, Maa Lalit Devi, Maa Jwala Devi, Shakumbhari Devi from Saharanpur to Shivani Devi Chitrakoot and Sheetla Mata Mau will be extended.
- Cabinet Minister AK Sharma said that many activities related to tourism, which were not yet included in the category of tourism, have also been included. These include budget hotels, heritage hotels, star hotels, heritage, homestays, eco-tourism units, caravan tourism units, pilgrim dormitories, Dharamshala's, wellness resorts, all-weather seasonal camps, reservoir lakes, wellness tourism, adventure tourism, a total of 22 activities under the new policy. Got a place in

Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy-2022

Why In News?

On November 16, 2022, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy-2022, in which many important provisions have been made to promote solar energy. This policy will be applicable for five years.

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- Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has been designated as the nodal agency for implementation of Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy-2022.

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- Under this policy, government undertakings will be given gram panchayat and revenue land at the rate of Re 1 per acre per year for setting up solar power plants. For the establishment of solar park in the private sector, it will be given on lease for 30 years at the rate of Rs 15,000 per acre per year.
- The state government has set a target of producing 22 thousand MW electricity from solar energy in the next five years. A target has been set to generate 14,000 MW from Solar Park, 4500 MW from Solar Rooftop Residential, 1500 MW from Solar Rooftop Non-Residential and 2000 MW under PM Kusum Yojana.
- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has also approved central financial assistance for installation of grid connected solar system with net metering system at private residences, besides allowing state grant of Rs 15,000 per kilowatt, maximum Rs 30,000 per consumer from the state government.
- Solar rooftops with net metering have been allowed on buildings of government and educational institutions. Under the PM Kusum Yojana, a provision of subsidy has also been made for farmers.
- The Cabinet also gave its nod to 10 percent exemption from electricity duty along with 10 percent exemption in stamp duty payable to land purchased or leased for setting up solar power units.
- It has been decided to exempt solar plants from obtaining environmental clearance, grid connected solar PV projects from obtaining consent and NOC for installation and operation under pollution control rules.
- Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) has been designated as the nodal agency for implementation of this policy.
- According to this policy, solar parks set up with storage systems of 5 MW or more capacity will be provided subsidy at the rate of Rs 2.5 crore per MW.
- Under this policy, Ayodhya city will be developed as a model solar city. Apart from this, 16 municipal corporations of the state and Noida will also be developed as solar cities.
- Under this, a minimum of 10 percent of the estimated total demand of conventional energy of the concerned city will be met from solar power plants installed in the city area.
- For this, according to the 2011 census of the Municipal Corporation area, financial assistance will be given by the State Government to the Municipal Corporations/

Noida City for setting up solar power plants at the rate of Rs.100 per person.

- Additional manpower will be created for the maintenance of solar power plants. For this, 30,000 youths will be given training in maintenance of solar power plants and they will be named as 'Surya Mitra'. In this way employment will also be created for these 'Surya Mitras'.

State-of-the-Art Courts will be Built in 10 Districts

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on November 17, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has instructed the officials to construct court buildings with grand and state-of-the-art facilities in 10 districts of the state.

Key Points

- According to the information, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the officers of the Public Works and Planning Department to submit a detailed presentation within 15 days for the construction of new court buildings in 10 districts including Agra, Auraiya, Hapur, Kaushambi, Mahoba, Bahraich, Chandauli, Hathras.
- Instructing the officers, the Chief Minister has said that the design of these buildings should not only be beautiful, but they should be made in vertical shape, so that land can be saved. Also, they should be manufactured keeping in mind the needs of the coming 25 to 30 years.
- The Chief Minister directed the officials that along with beautiful, clean and airy rooms for judges, good chambers for advocates, big library, canteen, parking and seminar hall should also be constructed in the new court buildings. The new court buildings to be constructed should be developed as a model not only in the state but also in the country by making them fully equipped.
- The Chief Minister has also directed the officials to construct new court buildings in 10 districts as well as residential colonies for judges and other judicial officers and employees. It has also asked all courts and registrar offices to be upgraded as e-offices.

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- The Chief Minister has asked the officials to include any good system in any court building in the country in the architecture. Especially in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, be sure to look at the court buildings.
- He has asked to create three categories for new court buildings, in which 40-70 lakh population, 25-40 lakh population and districts with less than 25 lakh population, according to the needs of the next 25 years, the design of court buildings to be prepared
- The Chief Minister has also given instructions to keep the security arrangements of all the courts of the state tight. He has also directed the District Magistrates and Police Captains of all the districts to hold regular meetings with the District Judge. These meetings will be presided over by the District Judge and presence of DM and SP or SSP is mandatory.

GI Tag to Major Food Products of Uttar Pradesh Soon

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on November 18, 2022, the State Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural Foreign Trade has intensified preparations to provide GI tag to special dishes of Uttar Pradesh representing different districts.

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary D.S Mishra made a presentation on the possibilities of agricultural products of the state on the topic 'Invaluable Fund of Incredible India' in the Geographical Indication Webinar on behalf of the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural Foreign Trade.
- After the spectacular success of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's ambitious One District One Product (ODOP) scheme, the state government aims to give wide recognition to local items, leading dishes of the state, such as 'Peda' of Mathura, 'Petha' of Agra, 'Sattu' of Kanpur and 'Will provide GI tags on 'Bukunu' and other dishes.
- Applications for GI tag for agricultural and processed products like 'Chausa Mango', 'Banarasi Paan' and 'Jaunpur Ki Imarti' from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh have already been submitted and the registration process is in the final stages.
- A total of 36 products from the state, including six related to agriculture, have been given the GI tag. At the same time, a total of 420 products of India are registered under the GI tag, out of which 128 products are related to agriculture.
- Currently six products from Uttar Pradesh registered with GI tag are Allahabadi Surkha Guava, Malihabadi Dussehri Mango, Gorakhpur-Basti and Devipatan Black Salt Rice, Western Uttar Pradesh Basmati Rice, Baghpat Rataul Mango and Mahoba's Desawar Paan.
- There are about 15 agricultural and processed products whose registration process for GI tagging is almost in the final stage. These include- Langda Mango of Varanasi, Kathia Wheat of Bundelkhand, Amla of Pratapgarh, Lal Peda of Varanasi, Red Stuffed Chilli of Varanasi, Gaurjit Mango of Uttar Pradesh, Chiraigaon Karonda of Varanasi, Chausa Mango of West Uttar Pradesh, Aadam of Purvanchal Chinese Rice, Banarasi Paan, Thandai of Varanasi, Imarti of Jaunpur, Jaggery of Muzaffarnagar, Tirangi Barfi of Varanasi and Bhanta of Ramnagar.
- Apart from this, the potential agricultural and processed products mentioned for GI tagging include Peda of Malwan, Peda of Mathura, Salt Khatai of Fatehpur Sikri, Petha of Agra, Chamcham Mithai of Aligarh, Sattu and Bukunu of Kanpur Nagar, Murabba of Pratapgarh, Rosogolla of Magalgaon, Sandila laddoo and Balrampur's Tinni rice are included.
- Apart from this, Paniala fruit of Gorakhpur, groundnut, jaggery-sugar, Rose of Hathras, Jamun of Bithoor, Elephant Singar (Vegetable) of Farrukhabad, Yakuti mango of Barabanki, green chilies of Ambedkar Nagar, Maize of Gonda, Sawa kodon of Sonbhadra, Kataria wheat of Bulandshahr, Maize of Jaunpur, Arhar of Bundelkhand are also included.
- The list also includes products like Revadi from Lucknow, Safeda Mango, Groundnut from Sitapur, Sathi Chawal from Ballia, Desi Til from Saharanpur and Radish from Jaunpur. With the efforts of the government, soon these products will be proposed for GI tag nomination.
- The GI tag provides legal protection to an agricultural product found in a region. Unauthorized use of agricultural products can be curbed by GI tag, as it enhances the importance of agricultural products produced in a particular geographical area.

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- The GI tag is considered as a trademark in the international market. It boosts exports as well as increases local incomes and it is easy to export and promote in India as well as the international market by identifying specific agricultural products.

Integrated Check Post (ICP) Land port

Why In News?

On November 20, 2022, Satyendra Kumar, DM of Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh, said that the Integrated Check Post (ICP) landport will be built on the 120-acre campus on the lines of the airport at Sonauli, the international exit point of the Buddhist circuit of Maharajganj.

Key Points

- Satyendra Kumar said that the land acquisition work for the land port has been completed. The construction work of The Chahardawari is underway. Soon after the foundation stone, according to the DPR, the executing body will build the land port.
- The Integrated Check post coming up near the Sonauli border is an important exit point of the Buddhist circuit. It is close to Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha and a popular Buddhist tourist hub. This land port will be developed on the basis of the criteria of making passengers and tourists coming from abroad feel the state-of-the-art facilities in Sonauli.
- After construction, offices of intelligence agencies including customs, SSB, police immigration will remain in the same campus. This will facilitate investigation and speed up trade with Nepal.
- Terminal building in land port, Nepal and India side parking / bus terminal, hotel, inspection shed customs, warehouse for import and export, building for import and export in railway terminal, truck parking, pylon, maintenance shed, helipad, Quarantine blocks, isolation blocks, watch towers and petrol bunks etc. will be constructed.
- In 2004, the Indian government had approved the construction of an integrated check post at the Sonauli border in Indo-Nepal.

Data Centers will be Built in all Districts of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

On November 21, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra said that infrastructure for data centers will be developed by VUEWNOW Infotech Company in every district of the state. In this regard, State Industrial Development Commissioner Arvind Kumar and VUEWNOW Infotech Company MD Sukhvinder Singh Kharaur have signed an MoU worth Rs 13500 crore.

Key Points

- Durga Shankar Mishra said that Uttar Pradesh is fast emerging as the preferred investment destination for global data center operators and after the signing of the MoU, the world's largest network of edge data centers will be established in the state.
- He said that the state government is taking steps to create a world-class technology infrastructure in the state to boost per capita income. In this direction, data centers will be set up in the state.
- The company's MD Sukhvinder Singh said that VUEWNOW Infotech Company is committed to set up 750 data centers in all 75 districts of the state. The first pilot data Centre Morta by the company has already been commissioned in Ghaziabad.
- The IT department has so far attracted an investment of Rs 75,000 crore to set up several hyperscale data Centre parks and units in the state, of which Rs 20,000 crore was launched during ground breaking ceremony 3.0 held in June 2022.

'Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit-2023'

Why In News?

On November 22, 2022, with a resolve to make Uttar Pradesh a growth engine of the country at Sushma Swaraj Pravasi Bharatiya Bhawan in New Delhi, the state's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath formally announced the organization of 'Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit-2023'.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister also unveiled the logo of "Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit-2023" and informed that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra

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Modi, Uttar Pradesh is today on the cusp of a progressive transformative journey.

- The vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' set by the Prime Minister is the main pillar of this rejuvenation. Following the Prime Minister's vision of making India a +5 trillion dollar economy, Uttar Pradesh has set a target of +1 trillion for itself. In this sequence, the Uttar Pradesh government is organizing a Global Investors Summit in Lucknow from February 10 to 12, 2023, so that the country and the world can benefit from the limitless business opportunities available in the state.
- The Chief Minister said that this Investors Summit will prove to be useful in providing an integrated platform to the global industrial world to cooperate in economic development. The three-day global conference will be attended by world-class policy makers, top corporate leaders, business delegations, academia, think tanks and intellectuals and collectively brainstorm business prospects and partnership opportunities.
- He said that so far about 21 countries have expressed enthusiasm to participate in the grand event of the summit. The Netherlands, Denmark, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Mauritius will participate as partner countries at the Global Investors Summit. Apart from this, the state government is also organizing road-shows in 18 countries and 7 major cities of India to invite industrial investors from all over the world to the summit.
- In the program, he informed that Uttar Pradesh has improved its business environment in a big way in the last few years by providing competent policy support and world-class infrastructure. A new online system called 'Nivesh Sarathi' has been developed to monitor the signing and implementation of Memorandums of Understanding (MoU's) for proactive investor connect and handholding. Apart from this, an online incentive management system has also been developed.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released a booklet based on various sectoral policies of the state and investment prospects in the state.

Indore's SWM Model will be Implemented in the Cities of Uttar Pradesh

Why In News?

According to media information received on November 23, 2022, to ensure clean, green and planned

cities in Uttar Pradesh, the state government will implement **Indore's Solid Waste Management (SWM)** model in the urban bodies of the state.

Key Points

- For a comprehensive review of Indore's sanitation model, considered the cleanest city in the country, a team from Uttar Pradesh assessed the strategy of Indore city during their two-day visit recently and also inspected Asia's largest Bio-CNG plant located at the trenching ground.
- Around 13 representatives of urban bodies like Mathura-Vrindavan, Jhansi, Aligarh, Saharanpur, Bareilly, Farrukhabad, Kushinagar, Ikdil Nagar, Moradabad, Gorakhpur went on the tour including Neha Sharma, Director of Swachh Bharat Mission in Uttar Pradesh.
- Officials from Uttar Pradesh were briefed about spot fine and garbage collection charges in Indore city. During the visit, a presentation was made on the initiatives taken for cleanliness in the last six years.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra along with National Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson Adarsh Goel and two other members also visited the bio-CNG plant at trenching ground and understood the functioning of the plant.
- There is a plan to prepare Bio-CNG plants from 300 to 400 tonnes of wet waste through municipal bodies in cities of Uttar Pradesh.

International Agriculture Research Center will be Established in Gorakhpur University

Why In News?

Recently, in a meeting chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of Gorakhpur University, Prof. Rajesh Singh, it was informed that the **Consortium of International Agriculture Research Center (GCIAR)** will be established at the **Institute of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, Gorakhpur.**

Key Points

- With the establishment of the Consortium of International Agricultural Research Center (GCIAR) at the Institute of Agricultural and Natural Sciences,

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Gorakhpur, the development of improved varieties of wheat, maize and paddy seeds in Purvanchal will also provide extensive experience to the students in the field of research.

- Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajesh Singh said that the development of progressive varieties of wheat, maize and paddy in the research center will help in doubling the income of the farmers.

India's First Unmanned Car

Why In News?

According to media information received on November 25, 2022, B.Tech students of **Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT)** located in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, have made **India's first unmanned car**. After the successful phase-I test, Microsoft Asia president **Ahmed Mazhari** will have its first demo on November 27.

Key Points

- Rajesh Kumar, superintending engineer of 1995 batch of MNNIT, said that the first phase of the project of the first unmanned car running without a driver has been completed after two years of tireless hard work. On an experimental basis, the system of this car has been fitted in the golf cart. After the success of coding and programming, this car has been launched to run directly on any road.
- Cameras have been installed in the front and back of this car, so that this car will be able to run automatically on the road without any human driver. The car will see any car coming from the front, man, crowd, animal or pit, cutting everything and if there is any kind of obstruction, it will automatically stop by applying brakes.
- Apart from this, with the removal of the barrier, this unmanned car will also leave for its destination. She will be able to understand all the causes of road accidents. At present, this car will be able to run on the straight path.
- After a month, when the second phase is completed, she will be able to walk on any bend or winding path as well as turn back and forth. After this, based on coding, this car will be able to reach any location without any driver.

- A total of 19 second-year, third-year and final-year students, including B.Tech student Vibhanshu, have teamed up to prepare this car.
- Apart from Rohit Garg, Vice President of RRD Go Creative, a 1995 batch alumnus of MNNIT, Rajesh Kumar, posted as Superintending Engineer, Ministry of Road and Transport, New Delhi, has guided and funded the construction of this unmanned car. Seven lakh rupees have been spent on the construction of this car.

41st Ramayana Fair in Ramnagari Ayodhya

Why In News?

On November 27, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 41st **Ramayana Fair to be held in Ramnagari Ayodhya in a traditional way**. This Fair will run till November 30, 2022.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also released the program poster (cover image) of the second day of Ramayana Fair.
- This Fair is organized every year with the cooperation of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the members of the Ramayana Fair Committee to restore the cultural and spiritual glory of India.
- Ashish Kumar Mishra, convenor of the Ramayana Fair Committee, said that in the poster inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in the sequence of the second day program of the Ramayana fair, the arrival of Ram Baraat, the ritual of worshipping the feet, the fire of the four brothers. And the Leela of all the bride and groom seeking blessings from the sages has been depicted.
- Vaishnavi Gupta and Priya Gupta have done the work of carving this cover image. The cover image displays the folk art of Awadh based on Indian folk art. Earlier, the first poster was launched from the sanctum sanctorum of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi.
- The Ramayana Fair in Ayodhya was started in 1982 by the then Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shripati Mishra. He had announced the **Ram Ki Paidi project** in the inaugural session itself. For four consecutive days at the first Ramayana Fair, the ministers announced

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different development plans, which are prominent in the development plans of this time.

- In the first Ramayana Fair itself, work was started by announcing the construction of Ram Katha Park for the construction of Ram Katha Park for the construction of the parikrama route, extension of the Saryu coast from Naya Ghat to Guptar Ghat and cultural development.
- In the 1980s, the attraction of Ramayana Fair was at its peak. In this fair, Ramlila of many countries including Sri Lanka, Korea, Malaysia was staged, which was the center of special attraction.

Digi Yatra will Start Soon at Varanasi Airport

Why In News?

On November 29, 2022, Varanasi Airport Director Aryama Sanyal of Uttar Pradesh said that the service of **Digi Yatra** will be available at Varanasi's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport from December 1. Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will virtually inaugurate it from Delhi.

Key Points

- The airport director said that under Digi Yatra, passengers will have their face as boarding pass. This will get rid of all the papers to the passengers and save their time.
- First, entry will be given under this Digi Yatra on domestic flights, after which Digi Yatra will be started for international flights. This will save 50 percent of the time taken during the boarding pass.
- He said that passengers at the airport can also register for Digi Yatra from mobile. The Digi Yatra QR code installed at the airport will be scanned from the

mobile. After this, **Aadhaar card, PAN card, mobile number** will be required for registration. For Digi Yatra, passengers can also register at home by downloading the Digi Yatra app from the Play Store. This will save passengers time and give them easy entry into the terminal building.

- Apart from this, the basic data of the passenger will be stored in the machine installed at the airport during Digi travel. After this, whenever he has to travel, he will not need any kind of papers. Passengers will be able to enter the Digi travel machine at the airport by scanning their face and ticket. On December 1, a special reward will be given to the passenger who gets entry through Digi Yatra. Apart from this, gifts will also be given to other passengers.
- Aryama Sanyal said that Digi travel facility will be available only at gate number two of the airport. There will be a separate counter for luggage for Digi passengers. The luggage of these passengers will be delivered to the aircraft from the respective counter.
- Initially, IndiGo Airlines will provide this service. On the first day, air passengers of Delhi will get the facility. After this, Air India and Vistara will serve. At present, only passengers traveling by IndiGo at Varanasi airport are getting the facility of Digi Travel.
- It is noteworthy that Digi Yatra is starting from December 1 at Varanasi Airport. Earlier, Digi yatra was being tested. Since the trial for Digi Yatra started at the airport in January, 5526 passengers have travelled under Digi Yatra. At the same time, 877 passengers have downloaded the app and registered.
- Along with Varanasi, Digi Yatra will also be launched at Delhi and Bengaluru airports. However, Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Babatpur Airport) will be the first airport in the country where services operate under the Airport Authority.



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