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Foundation Stone of University in Aligarh | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Sep 2021

Why in News

On September 14, 2021, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University at Moosepur village in Aligarh and observed the progress of Aligarh node of Defence Industrial Corridor.**

Key Points

- This university will become a major center for development of technology and manpower related to modern education and depression manufacturing.
- It is noteworthy that **Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh was a freedom fighter who formed India's first government-in-exile in 1915 in Kabul.** In this government, the President himself was Raja Mahendra Pratap and the Prime Minister was Barkatullah.
- Apart from this, the Defense Corridor will be developed in Andala on Khair Road in 1000 acres, for which the responsibility of development has been given to **UPEDA.**
- In the Aligarh node of Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor, new industries are being set up for small arms, drones, aerospace, metal components, defense packaging, this will establish a new identity of Aligarh and the surrounding area.
- Under the Uttar Pradesh Defense Corridor, there is a plan to develop a defense corridor in 6 cities of the state. These six cities are **Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot and Jhansi.**

Corona's Indigenous Drug 'Umifenovir' | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Sep 2021

Why in News

According to a recent report, the **Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow** has claimed to make the **indigenous drug 'Umifenovir'** of Corona.

Key Points

- In fact, after the successful Phase III trial of Umifenovir conducted by **CDRI**, it is being claimed that this drug is very effective in the treatment of mild and asymptomatic patients of corona. Also, useful as a prophylactic for high-risk patients. It eliminates virus load in five days.
- Umifenovir destroys the cell culture of SARS Cov-2 virus very effectively and prevents the entry of this virus into human cells.
- Umifenovir is a broad-spectrum antiviral drug, which has been used as a safe medicine for **influenza and pneumonia in Russia, China and other countries for many years.**