



Uttar Pradesh Climate Change Conference, 2021 | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Oct 2021

Why in News

- On October 28, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the two-day Uttar Pradesh Climate Change Conference, 2021 held at the Indira Gandhi Foundation.

Key Points

- The event is being **organized in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Uttar Pradesh and the German Development Agency.**
 - On this occasion, the Chief Minister released a coffee table book based on heritage trees and a book on Plantation of 100 crore trees by the State Government, '**Vriksharopan Jan Andolan, 2021**'. He launched an app based on carbon neutral and also launched three eco tourism circuits in the state.
 - On this occasion, the Chief Minister was handed over the award received by Forest and Environment Minister Dara Singh Chouhan for the management of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve as per international norms.
 - Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that **Van Mahotsav** is organized every year from July 1 to 7 in the state, under which action was taken by the state government for tree plantation in coordination with all the departments. Five and a half crore trees were planted in the first year, 11 crore trees in the second year, 22 crore in the third year, more than 25 crore in the fourth year and more than 30 crore in the fifth year.
 - **3 eco tourism circuits have been launched** in this conference. Among these, **Agra-Chambal circuit, Varanasi-Chandrakanta circuit and Gorakhpur-Sohgibarwa circuit** are important from the point of view of tourism. Through these tourists will get a natural and spiritual environment.
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Uttar Pradesh In-situ Slum Redevelopment Policy, 2021 | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Oct 2021

Why in News

- On October 28, 2021, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Council of Ministers has approved the proposal for promulgation of the Uttar Pradesh In-situ Slum Redevelopment Policy, 2021.

Key Points

- According to this policy 'slum' means a slum as defined in section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh Slum

Areas (Improvement and Settlement) Act, 1962.

- Under this policy, such slums will be valid, in which a minimum of 300 persons are residing.
- The **State Urban Development Agency (SUDA)**, Uttar Pradesh has been designated as the State Level Nodal Agency for implementation of the policy.
- For the implementation of the policy, state level competent authority headed by Chief Secretary, State level evaluation committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation Department, at the urban level under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner for Municipal Corporations and other municipal bodies. For this, a city level competent authority will be constituted under the chairmanship of the district officer.
- A city level technical committee will be constituted under the chairmanship of Project Director, District Urban Development Agency (DUDA) to evaluate the identified slums and provide technical assistance to the city level competent authority.
- In this policy, the **urban local body (ULB)**, the implementing body, the role and responsibility of the private developer along with the development of the project, eligibility of the beneficiaries and their benefits, allocation process, mandatory development criteria and [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Housing for All \(Urban\)](#) Clear provisions have been made regarding the grant to be received from the mission.

Soron Sukar area Declared Pilgrimage Site | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Oct 2021

Why in News

- On October 28, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath declared the **holy Soron Sukar area of Kasganj district as a place of pilgrimage.**

Key Points

- It has been declared as a place of pilgrimage in view of the long standing demand of saints and saints and various organizations to declare Soron Sukar as a place of pilgrimage.
- Preserving this ancient and sacred shrine as a pilgrimage will make it easier to renovate the many smaller temples that come under it. Along with this, **Chakratirtha, Yogatirtha, Suryatirtha, Somtirtha and Sakotkatirtha** will also get benefits.
- With the declaration of the Soron Sukar area as a pilgrimage site, besides development, **new sources of employment will also be available to the local people.**
- With the decision of the state government, the historical heritage of the pilgrimage will be preserved, it will be renovated and infrastructure facilities for pilgrims will be developed and ghats will be developed.
- **Soron Sukar Kshetra is situated in the Braj region of Kasganj and the importance of this area has been mentioned in various Puranas.** The Soron Sukar area is also considered as the pilgrimage of salvation. It is believed that **Soron Sukar Kshetra is the place of Nirvana of Lord Vishnu's third incarnation 'Varaha'**. The Kund (Haripadi Ganga) in Soron Sukar Kshetra is the same place from where Lord Varaha had left for Baikunth Lok and since then the ashes are immersed in this pool after death.