



# Prime Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of International Cricket Stadium in Ganjari, Kashi

## Why In News?

On September 23, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the International Cricket Stadium in Ganjari, Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh.

## Key Points:

- This is the first stadium being built in Uttar Pradesh by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- The International Cricket Stadium in Varanasi will be a step towards realizing the Prime Minister's vision of developing modern world-class sports infrastructure.
- The modern international cricket stadium will be developed at Ganjari, Rajatalab in Varanasi at a cost of approximately Rs 450 crore and will be spread over an area of more than 30 acres.
- The architecture of this stadium is inspired by Lord Shiva, in which the designs of crescent-shaped roof cover, trident-shaped lights, seating arrangement based on ghat stairs and belpatra-shaped metal sheets on the façade have been developed. The capacity of this stadium will be 30,000 spectators.
- On this occasion, 16 Atal Residential Schools of Uttar Pradesh were also inaugurated by the Prime Minister at Rudraksh Convention Center in Banaras.
- The Prime Minister also awarded the winners under 'Kashi Sansad Cultural Mahotsav-2023'.
- This innovative program to honor these cultural workers has taken place for the first time. More than 40,000 artists participated in different programs.
- The Prime Minister also inaugurated the portal and QR code for 'Kashi Sansad Sports Competitions' to be held from October 15 to November 05, 2023.



