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1. Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School

Under ministry: Defence Minister of India,

Located at: Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh

Purpose: To provide equal opportunities for girls in the field of defence.

Aim: Quality Education, Better career opportunities, & encourage girls to join the Armed Forces

Key Points:

- The school is strategically positioned to play a pivotal role in furthering the Government's initiative to establish 100 new Sainik Schools across all States and Union Territories, aligning with the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy 2020.
- The initiative aims to provide quality education, better career opportunities, and encourage girls to join the Armed Forces.

2. One Time Settlement Scheme

One Time Solution Scheme (OTS) is for the electricity consumers of the State. The scheme will be implemented in three phases from November 8 to December 31, 2023.

Key Points:

- 50 to 100% discount will be available.
- This 100% discount will be available to consumers of 1 kilowatt.
- Domestic consumers with loads more than 1 kilowatt have been given two options of payment in installments along with lump sum payment.
- Commercial consumers up to 3 kilowatt loads will get 80 % discount on full payment of their dues by November 30 and 70 % discount on payment in 3 installments.

3. Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)

Context: Uttar Pradesh has ranked first for the third year straight in recording the highest usage of India's Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).

ICJS: It is the digital platform that enables seamless data sharing across courts, police, prisons and forensic labs. The ICJS platform allows different pillars of the criminal justice apparatus to access common information like:

- FIR
- Trial records
- Court judgments
- Prosecution details
- Forensic data

4. Industrial Corridor at Soraon

Region: Soraon Area of Prayagraj

Key Points:

- A road map is being prepared for its establishment in the areas around the largest Ganga Expressway of Uttar Pradesh. After Shankargarh, this will be the 2nd industrial corridor of the district to be built in Soraon area.
- The Government plans to develop this industrial corridor in the area around the expressway on behalf of UPEIDA in Prayagraj.
- Three villages adjacent to the Ganga Expressway have been identified for this. The three villages that have been identified for this include Malak Chaturi, Judapur Dandu and Bari Sarai Lal.
- Industrial hubs will also be established in the most

backward areas of Prayagraj. The State Government has prepared a roadmap to develop Shankargarh, the most backward area across the Yamuna area of Prayagraj, as an industrial hub.

- It is noteworthy that to develop an industrial hub in Shankargarh area, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited seeks to set up a solar power plant here, the process of which has started.

5. Aqua Park in Gorakhpur

Region: Tal Kandla, Sadar Tehsil, Gorakhpur UP

Key Points:

- To bring substantial advantages to local fish farmers.
- Aqua Park will also be established in Mathura.
- It's noteworthy that the Nishad community has a significant population in Gorakhpur and the surrounding areas.

6. Uttar Pradesh Township Policy-2023

Also called: Hi-Tech Township Policy

Key Points:

- There was a requirement of 500 acres in the integrated policy and 1500 acres in the Hi-Tech.
- Setting up of colonies in cities with a population of less than 2 lakh on 12.5 acres of land in other cities on 25 acres.
- Village society and other Government land will be regularized in 60 days.

7. New UP Sports Policy 2023

Context: Introduced with an aim to promote and foster sports culture in the State and encourage budding athletes to pursue their dreams.

Financial assistance:

- The new strategy provides financial assistance to numerous sports associations and academy.
- The Uttar Pradesh Government will also work with PPP (Public Private Partnership) to construct sports infrastructure facilities.

Key Points:

- 14 centres of excellence, each centred on a certain sport, established.
- Eklavya sports fund created for providing treatment to the players.
- Health insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh from the State Government for every registered player.
- The players will be provided training in three categories as- Ground level, Intermediate level, Elite-class level

8. Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023

Context: Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 was inaugurated by PM on February 10, 2023 at Lucknow along with Global Trade Show and launched Invest UP 2.0.

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 was a three day event from 10 to 12 February 2023.
- The event is important for the State which initially set a target to attract investment proposals of Rs 10 lakh crore at the UPGIS-2023, and later revised it to Rs 17.3 lakh crore.
- 10 acres in cities with a population of more than 1 lakh 50 multipurpose sports complexes will be built.

9. Purvanchal Ki Shaan 2023

In February, 2023 Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak felicitated the personalities who enhanced their glory at the 'Purvanchal Ki Shaan at Lucknow.

List of Awardees-

- Varanasi: Educationist Prof. Ram Mohan Pathak.
- Bhadohi: Carpet exporter Imtiaz Ansari.
- Ghazipur: Sanjay Sherpuria
- Mirzapur: Arun Kumar Dubey, Paritosh Bajaj
- Jaunpur: Gyan Prakash Singh, Dr. Kshitij Kumar Sharma, Rajneesh Srivastava
- Gorakhpur: Dr. Ganesh Kumar, Sagun Kumari, Nitin Matanhelia
- Kushinaga: O.P. Gupta, Dr. Sanjay Gupta.

10. App 'Shastrarth'

- In March, 2023 Dr. Aruney Mishra, created an online game app for learning Sanskrit, which is named 'Shastrarth'.
- The Shastrartha app will be useful for learning Sanskrit also for preparing Competitive exams.

11. Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme

Date: February 19, 2023

Fund: 1000 Cr for the fiscal year 2023–2024

Body Formed:

- Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency (URIDA) will be established to plan, fund, and oversee the civic bodies' roadways.

Key Points:

- Cities with a population of 1 lakh or more would be the starting point for the Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme.
- Having pothole-free roads and building road infrastructure beside drains for overall development in higher-performing areas with a population of 1 lakh or more.

12. Extension of the UP Defence Industrial Corridor

The UPDIC is planned across 6 cities nodes namely – Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Agra Aligarh, Chitrakoot, which spreads across Central, East, West region of Uttar Pradesh and along the Golden Quadrilateral connecting Delhi – Kolkata supported by networks of Expressways as under:

- Ganga Expressway
- Yamuna Expressway (Greater Noida - Agra)
- Lucknow Expressway
- Purvanchal Expressway
- Bundelkhand Expressway
- Gorakhpur Link Expressway

13. Uttar Pradesh Film Policy 2023

Aims: To make Uttar Pradesh the center of film production.

Key Points:

- **Under construction-** A film city, on 1000 acres land, Noida.
- Subsidy provided for shooting films in the State.
- 2 crore rupees- for 2/3rd of total shooting days for film production.
- 50 lakh- for setting up a Film Training Institute.
- Outdoor shooting units- 25% discount on room rent in guest houses & hotels of the Tourism Corporation.

14. UP Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry Policy, 2023

Aims: To promote the overall development of the pharmaceutical sector, with cost-effective medicines and to create a robust ecosystem for growth and innovation

Financial Assistance:

- The State Government will provide a 50% interest subsidy on loans for land purchases, up to a maximum of seven years.

Key Points:

- The Government will also set up the UP Pharmaceutical Development Cell (UPPDC) as an advisory body for technical guidance and support.
- It aims to identify plots and develop dedicated parks for bulk manufacturing of allopathic and AYUSH products, medical devices, and essential ingredients used in drug manufacturing.

15. Transport Nagar inaugurated at Aligarh

- Transport Nagar was formally inaugurated at District Level Investors Summit held at Habitat Center in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh on January 17, 2023.

- Registration for allotment of plots in Transport Nagar has been started from February 18, 2023. It has a total of 1803 plots.

16. Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman

It is given to the personalities who have brought glory to the State in the country and abroad.

Award Given to:

- Bahraich resident poet Yogendra Yogi.
- Uttar Pradesh girl Shubhi Gupta has brought laurels to India by winning the gold medal in the Under 12 World Cadet Chess championship 2022.
- All India Chess Association President Dr. Sanjay Kapoor will also be honoured with Uttar Pradesh Gaurav for the successful conduct of the 44th Chess Olympiad.

17. Bird Festival 2023

Aims: Inspire and accelerate nature-based ecotourism and appreciation of biodiverse-rich wildlife reserves and sanctuaries of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- Bird Festival 2023 has been organized in Bundelkhand.
- To promote the tourism of Bundelkhand, an event will be held at Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary in Mahoba from February 1-3, 2023.
- The festival in partnership with British Bird Fair and Bird Life International will accelerate nature-based Ecotourism and Conservation.
- Previously known as the UP Bird Fair, this year the UP Forest Department has expanded the showcase at UP Nature and Bird Festival 2023 to include the pristine natural heritage of the region in addition to focusing on the incredible sightings of the avian species.

18. Vandan' Scheme

Under: Urban Development Ministry

Aim: For the development of Cultural, Mythological, Historical and Religious places located in urban bodies.

Key Points:

- Basic facilities including lighting, drinking water, toilets, cleanliness, link roads and benches will be developed at these sites.
- Work on connectivity, resting place, shed, drinking water arrangement, lighting, painting, interlocking, circumambulation path, construction of ghats etc. will be

done in coordination with the Tourism Department.

- A provision of Rs 50 Cr has been made in the financial year 2023-24.

19. Atal Residential School

Context: UP Government approved the development of 18 Atal residential schools on the lines of centrally-run Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Fund: Rs 1,250 crore

Key Points:

- **Capacity** - 1,000 students, including 500 girls and as many boys.
- Standard- 6th to 12th.
- These schools are located in Azamgarh, Basti, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Bulandshahr (Meerut), Gonda, Gorakhpur, Lalitpur (Jhansi), Prayagraj, Sonbhadra (Mirzapur), Muzaffarnagar (Saharanpur), Banda, Aligarh, Agra, Varanasi, Kanpur, Bareilly, and Moradabad.
- The UP Government introduced Atal Residential School and launched the website at the 'Guruvarta Sangam' program of Atal Residential Schools held at Lok Bhawan.

20. Uttar Pradesh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Policy-2022

Context: On September 29, 2022, the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) of Uttar Pradesh issued a Government order to implement the MSME Policy-2022. The policy will remain in force till September 2027.

Key Points

- In September, 2022 Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a Micro Small Medium Enterprises Promotion Policy (MSME) 2022 and Uttar Pradesh Bioenergy Policy-2022 to help setting up of MSMEs and bioenergy projects.
- Under the new policy, subsidies ranging from 10 percent to 25 percent will be made available as capital subsidy to the new MSME enterprises to be set up.
- For the new micro industry, 50 percent of the annual interest payable on the loan (maximum Rs 25 lakh) per unit will be given for five years.
- Entrepreneurs will be given a subsidy of 10 to 25 percent on capital investment, 60 percent on loan interest to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women entrepreneurs.
- Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions, 25, 20 and 15 percent subsidy will be available respectively.
- Madhyaanchal and Paschimchal will have 20, 15 and 10 percent respectively. 2% additional investment incentive assistance will be provided to SC, ST and women entrepreneurs.
- The application period for eligible investment of micro units will be two years, three years for small scale industry and four years for medium industry.

21. Uttar Pradesh Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Mobility Policy-2022

Context: In October, 2022 UP govt rolled out new Electric Vehicle Policy-2022 to attract investments and promote faster EV adoption in the State.

Key Points:

- **Aims** - To attract investment of Rs 50,000 crore as well as provide indirect employment to 1 lakh people.
- **Budget** - Rs 500 cr has been arranged in the new policy for EV manufacturing companies and battery and related equipment manufacturers as well as consumers.
- It has also been decided to give a subsidy of 15% on factory price to EVs purchased in UP.

- The policy will provide capital subsidy at the rate of 30 percent on the maximum project investment of Rs 1000 crore for the first two ultra-mega battery projects investing Rs 1500 crore or more to set up a minimum capacity battery manufacturing plant of one GW in the State.
- Apart from this, the policy will provide capital subsidy at the rate of maximum 30 percent to the first two integrated EV projects investing Rs 3000 crore or more to set up integrated manufacturing facilities of EV, EV batteries and related equipment, including research and development and testing facilities.

22. Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy, 2022

Context: UP Government announced Uttar Pradesh Solar Energy Policy in November, 2022

Nodal Agency: Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh aims to generate 22,000 MW solar power over the next five years (2026-27) under the State Government's Solar Policy-2022.
- 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 parks 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 UP Solar Policy-2022 will be applicable for five years or notification of new policy.
- Ayodhya, Noida and 16 Nagar Nigams of State will be developed as Solar Cities.
- 30,000 youths will be given training in maintenance of solar power plants and they will be named as 'Surya Mitra'.

23. Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 Rankings

Conducted by: Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

Key Points:

- Swachh Vayu Survekshan (SVS) is a new initiative by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to rank cities on the basis of air quality and implementation of activities approved under the city action plan (NCAP) in 131 non-attainment cities.
- Cities are declared non-attainment if over a 5-year period they consistently do not meet the NAAQS for PM10 or NO2.
- **Performance:**
- 1st category (1 million plus population) - Indore > Agra > Thane
- 2nd category (3-10 lakhs population) - Amravati > Moradabad > Guntur
- **Comparison with 2022:**
- In SVS 2022, the first three spots (million-plus category) - Lucknow > Prayagraj > Varanasi

24. Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show- 2023

Organized at: Greater Noida

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show is being organized from September 21 to 25, 2023 at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida.
- The Uttar Pradesh Government is organizing the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2023 for the first time.
- More than 2000 manufacturers and exporters from

different sectors will participate in the exhibition.

- More than 400 buyers from 66 countries from different parts of the world are also participating in this trade show.
- Uttar Pradesh ranks first among all the States with more than 96 lakh MSME units.

25. CM's Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

Context: UP Government approved the proposal to expand the 'Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme' (Higher Education) to include all graduate pass youth.

Key Points:

- Reimbursement of Rs 1000 in the stipend given by the private establishments to the trainees by the State Government.
- The stipend has also been increased to Rs 9000/month.
- In this, one thousand rupees will be reimbursed by the State Government, while the remaining amount will be provided by the central Government and entrepreneurs.
- The Government has made a provision of Rs 100 crore for this in 2023-24 and the education department has been made the nodal department for this

26. Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival-2023

Context: Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival- 2023 was organized by the Horticulture and Food Processing Department of Uttar Pradesh at Avadh Shilpgram, Lucknow

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off trucks of mangoes to be exported to Moscow, Dubai and Bahrain.
- It is known that about 1000 varieties of mangoes are produced in the State.

27. Sanskriti Utsav 2023

Date: 25th Dec-26th 2024

Theme: 'Uttar Pradesh Parv: Our Culture - Our Identity'

Organized by: Culture Department Uttar Pradesh

Purpose: to enrich the cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh and to make folk art famous all over the world including the country.

Programs: Folk Dance, Folk Drama, Folk Music, Folk Singing

Key Points:

- Provides a proper platform to folk artists at the village, block, tehsil, district, mandal and State level to showcase their talent.
- Programs will be organized across the State mainly with the spirit of providing support to cultural genres like classical, sub-classical, folk drama and folk music.

28. First Telecom Center of Excellence

Context: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given the green signal to the construction of the country's first Telecom Center of Excellence

Area: Saharanpur campus of IIT Roorkee, UP

Aims: For doing research on connecting 5G with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 6G and to develop and promote new technology and reduce India's foreign dependence in the Telecom sector.

Research will be done on these sectors:

- Fundamentals of Advanced Wireless Communication
- 5G and wireless standards
- Millimeter Wave Transceiver Module Design
- AI/ML for Wireless Communication

29. State Capital Region to be build in line with Delhi NCR

Context: UP Government planning to develop regions surrounding Lucknow in line with the NCR Region.

Legal Aspect: UP State Capital Region and Other Regions Development Authority Bill-2023 draft have been prepared.

Body Formed: State Capital Region Development Authority

(SCRDA)

Members of SCRDA: Chief Minister (chairman), Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Housing and Urban Development), and Vice Chairman of Housing Board.

SCRDA capital: Lucknow

State Capital Regions: Six districts - Lucknow, Unnao, Hardoi, Rae Bareilly, Sitapur and Barabanki districts.

Key Points:

- The proposed region will have an area of 28,826 square km and a population of 2.3 crore.
- The State Government looks to develop the region as a 'strategic' hub for economic, cultural and infrastructural advancement.

30. Three Cities of UP amongst Ten most Polluted Cities.

Context: According to the report of Respirator Living Sciences released on October 4, 2023, three cities Noida, Ghaziabad and Meerut are among the ten most polluted cities in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- List most polluted city: Delhi > Patna > Muzaffarpur > Faridabad > Noida > Ghaziabad > Meerut
- The city with the cleanest air is Aizawl, capital of Mizoram.
- List of 10 cleanest cities: Aizawl > Chikkamagaluru > Mandikheda (Haryana) > Shivamogga > Madikeri.

31. Bal Sahitya Samman 2022

Award given under: Children's Literature Promotion Scheme

Key Points:

- The winners of seven Children's Literature Awards have been announced by the institute.
- It includes two litterateurs from Ghaziabad and one each from Lucknow, Bijnor, Varanasi, Aligarh and Basti.
- Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Mahila Bal Sahitya Samman' will be given to Shraddha Pandey of Ghaziabad for the Children's Literature Award 2022.

33. Chief Minister Urban Expansion New City Promotion Scheme

Context: For the development of New Township programme Chief Minister's Urban Expansion New City Promotion Scheme' has been started.

Project: New Townships to be established in Seven Cities that includes Ayodhya, Meerut, Agra, Saharanpur, Varanasi, Moradabad and Kanpur.

Fund Allotted: Rs. 3000 cr

Key Points:

- Under the scheme, the State Government will bear 50 percent of the expenditure on land acquisition for the expansion of the developed township before the development of the new township for a maximum of 20 years.
- The remaining money will have to be raised by the concerned development authority itself.

34. Master Plan 2031

Context: Master Plan 2031 for Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Meerut, Aligarh and Mathura-Vrindavan districts to be developed.

Key Points:

- Green areas should be reserved in the Master Plan of all the cities and new colonies should not be set up in the green belts.
- All types of basic facilities like roads, sewer, electricity and water should be available in the newly developed residential colonies.
- Clusters should be developed in cities to encourage local crafts and traditional products.

35. Chief Minister Fellowship Program

Context: UP Government introduced the 'Chief Minister Fellowship Program' dedicated to "Aspirational Cities" in alignment with the Union Government's Aspirational Development Block initiative.

Available for: It is available for people who have successfully completed their Ph.D. or they have successfully taken into account the final certificate related to post graduation.

Benefits:

- The selected scholar will be paid at a rate of Rs. 30,000/- per month.
- Remuneration to the research scholar, Rs. 10,000/- will be paid per month for field visits.
- Rs. 15,000/- will be provided in a lump sum to purchase tablets for monitoring and evaluation of schemes.
- A residential facility will be provided to the selected researcher.

36. Hot Cooked Meal Scheme

Purpose: a landmark initiative aimed at providing nutritious meals and offering 70 grams of food grains per beneficiary per day.

Targeted Beneficiary: children aged 3 to 6 years at Anganwadis.

Inaugurated At: Composite school in Ayodhya Police Lines

Key Points:

- To encourage the successful implementation of the new initiative, an additional incentive of 0.50 rupees per child per working day will be provided to helpers under the PM POSHAN scheme.
- The Department of Child Development Services and Nutrition will supply necessary ingredients for meal preparation.
- The scheme is projected to benefit around 80 lakh children aged 3 to 6 years in the State.

37. 2024 Magh Mela

Context: 54-day religious fair will feature six main bathing festivals, starting with Makar Sankranti on January 15 and concluding with the Maha Shivaratri bathing on March 8.

Celebrated at: Sangam city

Six major 'snans': Makar Sankranti, Paush Purnima, Mauni Amavasuya, Basant Panchmi, Maghi Purmina, and Mahashivratri.

38. CM GRID Scheme

Context: To further improve the roads of the city's Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Urban (CM GRID) Scheme is launched.

Nodal Agency: Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency (URIDA) has been setup

Fund: 500Cr

Key Points:

- In the first phase work in 17 municipal corporation will be done under this scheme these are - Ayodhya, Aligarh, Agra, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Prayagraj, Firozabad, Bareilly, Mathura-Vrindavan, Meerut, Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Shahjahanpur and Saharanpur work will be done under this scheme.
- In the second phase, Nagar Panchayat and Municipal Council roads will be included.

39. Mission Shakti

Context: For women empowerment the fourth phase of 'Mission Shakti' has been launched by the UP Government.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister felicitated Padmashri Hema Prabha

Sotia, ISRO scientist Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and HCL chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra as symbols of three goddesses at Lok Bhawan.

- A mega event was held in the State with theme on 'Haq Ki Baat, Zila Magistrate Ke Sath'. In this, DMs of all the districts of the State will communicate with women affected by violence.

About Mission Shakti:

- Mission Shakti' is a scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment.
- It seeks to realise the Governments commitment for "women-led development" by addressing issues affecting women on a life-cycle continuum basis and by making them equal partners in nation-building through convergence and citizen-ownership.
- Sub-Schemes: It has two sub-schemes - 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'. While the "Sambal" sub-scheme is for safety and security of women, the "Samarthya" sub-scheme is for empowerment of women.

40. Shri Anna Mahotsav

Date: October 27 to 29, 2023

Context: Before Krishi Kumbh 2.0, a three day Shri Anna Mahotsav and State-level millets workshop will be conducted in UP.

Celebrated at: Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow

Key Points:

- Through this festival, the State Government will honor progressive farmers and also inspire other farmers for millet products
- It will also create awareness about the production, consumption, marketing and export of millet crops.
- In the State-level Millets workshop, 35 FPOs will be given certificates for seed money.

41. UP Fourth Largest Startup Ecosystem

Context: As per KPMG report, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the State with the fourth largest startup ecosystem in the country.

Key Points:

- There are more than 108 unicorn startups in the country, of which 8 are from Uttar Pradesh.
- All the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh have startups, including eight unicorns and many are fast moving towards becoming unicorns.
- According to the KPMG report, PayTM, PayTM Mall, India Mart, Moglix, Pine Labs, Innovator, Info Edge and Physics from Uttar Pradesh have been included in the country's unicorn startups.
- 49 % of startups in Uttar Pradesh belong to tier-2 and tier-3 cities. More than 1 lakh jobs have been created by the startup ecosystem in the State

42. Residential Sanskrit schools

Context: Residential Sanskrit schools to be built in 15 Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Aims: To emphasize the upgradation of Sanskrit language in the districts being developed as religious places in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- UP Government has decided to set up new North Madhyama (Intermediate Level) Residential Sanskrit Schools in many other districts of the State including Mathura and Etah of Braj.
- Apart from Mathura and Etah, 15 districts including Varanasi, Rae Bareilly, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Jalaun, Amethi, Moradabad, Hardoi, Gorakhpur, Ayodhya,

Prayagraj, Chitrakoot are part of program.

- In these schools, students will get a one-year diploma in Paurohitya (Karmakand/Ritual), Behavioral Vastu Shastra, Behavioral Astrology and Yoga Science.

43. Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Scheme

Key Point: Under the scheme, residents of Uttar Pradesh settled abroad will now be able to get community centres, Baraat Ghars and other such construction work done in their native villages in the memory of their relatives and forefathers.

- If a private organization wants to get development work done in a Gram Panchayat and is willing to bear a minimum of 60 percent of the cost then the State Government will bear the remaining 40% cost.

44. Khelo India National University Game

Context: On 3 June 2023, the 3rd Khelo India University Games (KIUG)-2022 concluded at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus in Varanasi-the Spiritual Capital of India, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- The competitions were organized in Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar
- **Mascot:** Jeetu, representing the State animal of Uttar Pradesh, the Swamp Deer (Reindeer).
- Winner: Panjab University, Chandigarh was champion with 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals, 2nd Rank - Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and Jain University, Karnataka 3rd

45. Mission Nand Baba

Context: With an aim to increase the income of milk-producing farmers Mission Nand Baba has been launched.

Fund: 1000cr

Key Points:

- Under this mission, milk producers will provide milk products in their villages through dairy co-operatives.
- The farmers will be given incentives by the Government for purchasing indigenous cows of advanced breeds, fodder and animal feed for cows.
- Committees formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary at the State level and DM at the district level to ensure working of mission.
- This mission will help in the annual growth of more than 25 percent in the field of milk production.
- Uttar Pradesh Dairy Development & Milk Products Promotion Policy- 2022 will be aligned with Mission Nand Baba.

46. U.P. Govt. implemented LADCS system

Context: UP implemented the 'Legal Aid Defence Counseling System for two years under the Uttar Pradesh State Legal Services Authority to provide free legal aid to the people of the State.

Objective: To strengthen court-based legal services to the backward and weaker sections of the society.

Beneficiaries of LADCS:

- A person whose annual income is less than Rs.3,00,000.
- Person detained in custody.
- Industrial workers.
- Juvenile delinquent means a child up to the age of 18 years.

Key Points:

- Legal aid can be provided to the general public on the lines of the public protection system in criminal cases
- Victims will be able to take direct advantage of the illegal trade being done by a person.

47. 2 Start-Ups won Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Dialogue 2022

Winners:

- 'Natti Village – Managing Farm to Create Organic Value Chain in Peanuts by Aman Kumar.
- Digi Swasthya - Telemedicine for Rural India by Sandeep Kumar

Key Points:

- Youth Co:Lab was launched in India in 2019 in partnership with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- Winners from each thematic area received a seed grant of \$5,000; the runner-up received \$3,000.

48. Super State Highway

Context: Super State Highways (SSH) will be built in view of the increasing traffic in the State.

Key Points:

- It will be constructed with the help of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- L4-6 lanes.
- A part of the income from this will be spent on the development of rural roads
- PWD department heads have been instructed to identify State highways which can be given SSH status
- In terms of traffic, these roads will be divided into two categories.
 - o PCU (passenger car unit) is between 20-30 thousand
 - o PCU is more than 30 thousand
- NHAI will construct it with HAM (Hybrid Annuity Model) or EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) mode and the road will remain under NHAI for 25 years.

49. 'Shakti Didi' campaign

Context: 'Shakti Didi' campaign has been launched under Mission Shakti for women's safety under the leadership of Gautam Budh Nagar Police Commissioner Laxmi Singh.

Key Points:

- It is launched with an aim to reduce crime against women.
- It is known that women living in high rise societies are often deprived of the State Government's scheme.
- The benefits of Government schemes for women will also be provided to women under 'Shakti Didi'.
- Under Mission Shakti, 'Shakti Didi' campaign has been started, in which women of all classes of cities, villages and societies will be connected.

50. Samarth Abhiyan

Purpose: To promote digital transactions in 50,000 gram Panchayats under 'Amrit Mahotsav' in Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- It is known that the Ministry of Rural Development is running 'Samarth Abhiyan' to promote digital transactions in 50,000 gram panchayats, which started from 1 February 2023 and will continue till 15 August 2023 under the 'Amrit Mahotsav' of Independence.
- On this occasion, the Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister informed that the NPA of Self Help Groups (SHGs) which was 9.58% in 2013 has come down to below 2% now.
- The major thrust of 'Samarth Abhiyan' is to promote digital transactions in rural areas with special focus on women.

51. Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute

Context: UP to set up a Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute in the State to promote research in the pharmaceutical sector.

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh is the sixth largest State in the country in terms of number of pharma manufacturing units.
- UP contribution to pharma manufacturing in the country is 2 percent, which needs to be increased to 10-12 per cent.
- The construction of a pharma park in the State is underway and a medical device park will also be constructed.
- CM directed the officials to prepare a detailed action plan on the nature of the Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Institute and identify suitable land in the capital Lucknow.

52. Sugarcane Satta & Supply policy issued for Crushing Season 2023-24

Key Points:

- On the basis of the sugarcane supply policy, detailed instructions have been given to the sugar mills for sugarcane supply, including the issue of sugarcane slips to the sugarcane farmers of the State.
- In case of an increase in yield, the maximum limit of Satta has been increased from 1,350 quintals to 1,400 quintals, from 2,700 quintals to 2,800 quintals and from 6,750 quintals to 7,000 quintals respectively for marginal, small and general farmers.
- With this, these satta holders will be able to get the facility of sugarcane supply within 45 days.
- The instructions have been given to the sugar mills for sugarcane supply, including the issue of sugarcane slips to the sugarcane farmers of the State.
- This system will help in stopping the sugarcane mafias.
- 20 percent priority will be given to sugarcane supply to soldiers, paramilitary forces, ex-servicemen and freedom fighters & their legal heirs in the State on the production of certificates issued by the competent authorities
- Only the members of the sugarcane societies formed till 30 September 2023, will get the facility of sugarcane supply in the coming session

53. Uttar Pradesh on 2nd position for tap water connection

Context: Uttar Pradesh has now become the 2nd State to provide maximum tap water connections to rural households, surpassing Maharashtra.

Key Points:

- It is known that the State has achieved this new milestone in the 'Tap to Water Supply Scheme'.
- Uttar Pradesh has given 1,12,97,534 tap water connections, taking the lead among the States in providing maximum tap connections to rural households.
- Uttar Pradesh is eyeing to overtake Bihar sitting on the top.
- The State has the highest rural population of 2,65,93,949 among other States. Even after this, the work of the 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' scheme of the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' is being completed rapidly by the Government.

54. Uttar Pradesh become India's Top Sugar Producing State

The State has surpassed Maharashtra in sugar production.

Key Points:

- In 2022, Maharashtra had overtaken Uttar Pradesh to become India's top sugar producing State in sugar production.
- There are a total of 157 sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh, of which 118 are operational, while in Maharashtra, 210 of the 246 mills are operational.
- In the current season, sugarcane was cultivated in 28.53 lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh and in Maharashtra, half of it was cultivated in 14.87 lakh hectares.

55. UP Government Approves Wheat Procurement Policy

Under this, wheat will be procured at the rate of Rs 2125 per quintal.

Key Points:

- This purchase will be done through 6000 centers.
- A total procurement target of 60 lakh metric tonnes has been set.
- It will be mandatory for the farmers to register on the portal of the Food Department for the sale of wheat.
- Rice Research Center Varanasi, which is working on rice, will now be given additional land. For this, a cabinet-by-circulation proposal was approved.

56. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Power loom Electricity Flat Rate Scheme

Fund: 400cr

Key Points:

- Gives relief to the power-loom weavers of the State and provides a flat rate facility on the electricity bill.
- Power loom connection holders with five-kilowatt connections in cities will have to pay Rs 400 for half horsepower and Rs 800 for one horsepower. In rural areas, it will be Rs.300 and Rs.600 respectively.
- At the same time, up to 80 per cent subsidy will be given on handloom and 60 per cent on the installation of power-loom.
- Power loom connection holders with a load of more than five kilowatts will be given a subsidy of Rs 700 per horsepower, a maximum of Rs 9100 per month.

57. Junk Policy will be implemented in Uttar Pradesh

Context: UP Government to implement the scrap policy based on the standards of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India.

Key Points:

- In this policy, if someone sells his 15 year 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, a vehicle is scrap from a 15-year-old.
- So far, work has started on 12 scrap centers in the entire State. All are private operators

58. One World TB Summit 2023

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

Key Points:

- 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 which is developed to train health

workers at the secondary and tertiary levels.

- The Prime Minister also launched the TB-Free Panchayat Initiative to leverage the support of over 2.5 lakh gram panchayats to raise awareness about TB
- 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.

59. Uttar Pradesh Safe City Project

Key Points:

- As part of the Safe City Project, the Government has identified 17 municipal corporations and 2500 schools in Gautam Buddha Nagar for the installation of CCTV cameras.
- A total of 26,568 CCTVs have been installed in various educational institutions, including Government, aided, and unaided schools.
- Under the project, 5,505 cameras have been installed in 162 higher educational institutions, comprising State degree/PG colleges, aided degree/PG colleges, unaided degree/PG colleges, and State universities.

60. One District One Sport' Scheme

Context: One District One Product (ODOP) scheme has received praise at the national level for helping in the revival of traditional crafts in the State.

Eligibility:

- Only natives of Uttar Pradesh are eligible

Key Points:

- One sport will be identified in each of the 75 districts of UP and necessary steps taken to find district-wise sport-specific talents.
- The entire expenditure of this scheme will be covered by the State Government.

61. India's First Pod Taxi

Context: Yamuna Authority recently gave its nod to India's first pod taxi project.

Key Points:

- Personalised Rapid Transit project, an advanced mode of transportation, will be automated and environment-friendly.
- These vehicles are powered by electricity, which makes them a more eco-friendly mode of transportation.
- The pod taxi project will be located between Noida International Airport and the Film City.
- The Pod Taxi initiative is expected to cost approximately Rs.810 crore and is anticipated to be finalized by the conclusion of 2024.
- Several other nations, such as Subai, Singapore, and London, have already implemented pod taxis as an advanced mode of transportation.

62. First Woman General Manager of North Eastern Railway

Key Points:

- Soumya Mathur is the first woman General Manager of North Eastern Railway.
- GM Soumya Mathur entered the railway service through the 1987 batch of the Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS). She has worked on many important posts in the Accounts Department in Western, Northern and Central Railways.
- It is noteworthy that the North Eastern Railway came into existence on April 14, 1952. It was formed by merging the Fatehgarh district of Avadh Tirhut Railway, Assam Railway and the old BB&CI Railway. It was inaugurated by the first

Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru.

- North-East Frontier Railway was formed on January 15, 1958. After this, Gorakhpur was made the headquarters of North Eastern Railway.
- At present there are three divisions in North Eastern Railway, with their headquarters at Varanasi, Lucknow and Izzatnagar.

63. Lucknow Smart City School Health Program

Context: Urban Development Department in Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow Smart City have launched a School Health Program in Lucknow.

Key Points:

- Initiated in three schools in the city as a pilot project, with the aim of checking the physical and mental health of 1765 municipal school students.
- The School Health Program also prepares a digital health report card for each child and provides health insurance worth Rs 25,000 to these children.
- The School Health Program in Lucknow Smart City is unique because it prepares a digital health report card for each child.
- Follow-up of the Digital Health Report is done every six months.
- Each child is given a unique ID card that allows parents, school, and administrative officials to download the digital health card.

64. North India's first Hyperscale Data Centre

Name: Yotta D1

Place: Greater Noida, UP

Key Points:

- India's second and North India's first hyper-scale data centre
- Yotta D1 is the first of the 6 data centre buildings currently being built in the Greater Noida data centre park.
- The first data centre was operationalized in just 20 months with an investment of around Rs.1,500 crore.
- The hyperscale data centre was developed by Yotta Infrastructure – an arm of the Hiranandani Group
- Yotta Infrastructure's data centres will be equipped with an adiabatic cooling system, which will help the chillers to reduce heat.

65. 'Nirbhaya: Ek Pahal'

Launched in: September 29, 2021

Aims: To encourage entrepreneurial skills among women.

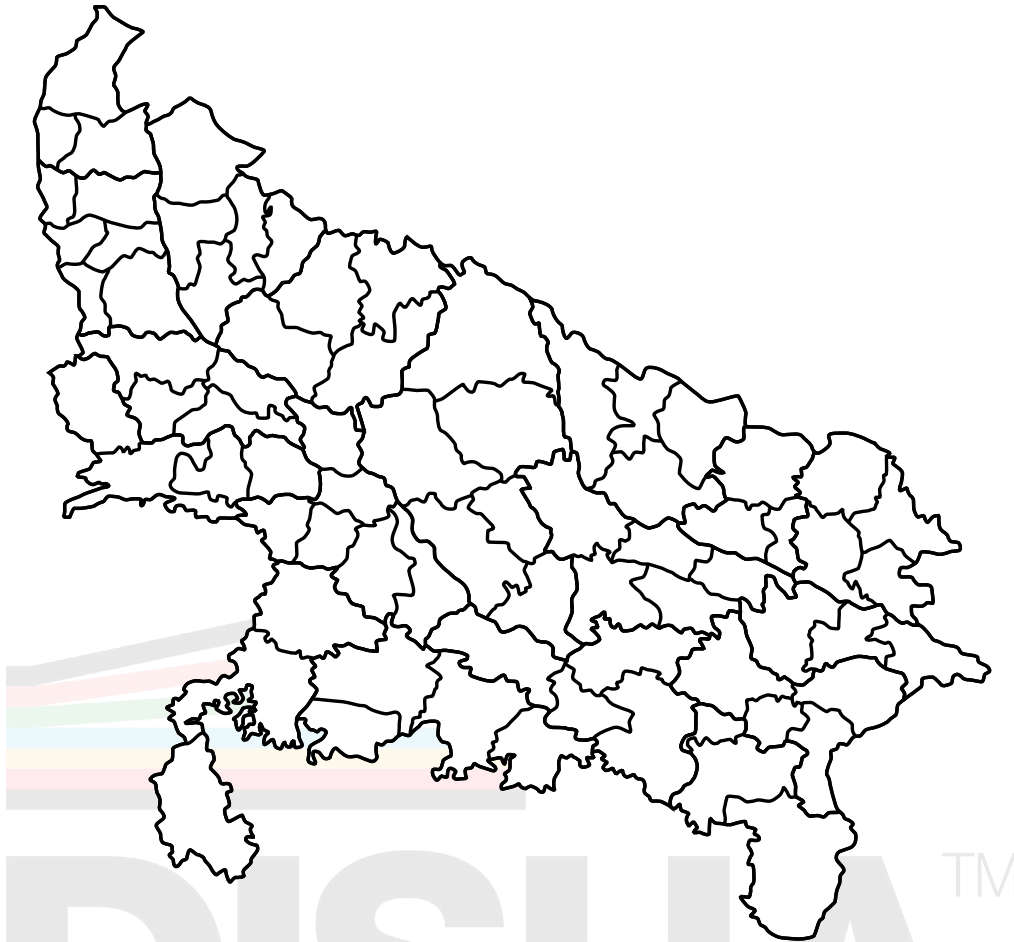
Key Points:

- To ensure safety and dignity of women and girls, Mission 'Shakti' was launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2020. In the third phase of this mission, 'Nirbhaya: Ek Pahal'
- Training kits will be distributed to about 1000 women from each district of the State i.e. a total of 75,000 women.
- The implementation of this three-day special training campaign will be done by the State Department of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Women will be made aware of the central and State Government schemes pertaining to entrepreneurship.

Appendix 1: MoUs of Uttar Pradesh: Different Development Projects

MoUs	Key Points
<p>Uttar Pradesh Sugar Mills Association and World Bank</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Vision and priorities on 'micro-irrigation', a workshop organized in Lucknow for the larger benefit of sugarcane farmers. • 2030 WRG made a presentation about its pilot project 'Drip Irrigation' under the Uttar Pradesh Project. • World Bank is working closely with its Water Resources Group and UPSMA to implement the 'UP Pragati Agri Water Accelerator' <p>The project will primarily focus on the following-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of water efficient practices in sugarcane cultivation. • Promotion of mechanization of sugarcane cultivation. • De-carbonizing the sugar enrichment chain by promoting low carbon ergonomic operations.
<p>UP Govt. & Gyeongsangbuk-do Province of the Republic of Korea</p>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Uttar Pradesh and Gyeongsangbuk-do province of the Republic of Korea, under which educational, economic and cultural relations will be encouraged for progress & development in both the provinces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is known that two thousand years ago, Ayodhya's princess Shriratna traveled to South Korea by water. She was married to King Suro of Jimgwan, after whom she was known as Heo Hwang-ok. • The symbol of the Jimgwan kingdom is the twin fish, found in several historical monuments in the Awadh region of Uttar Pradesh, including Ayodhya. • Thus Ayodhya and Korea's Gimhae city are twin cities.
<p>Shobhit University and AARDO</p>	<p>The main objective of this MoU is to cooperate with each other for Agriculture and Rural Development by solving challenges through technological intervention and capacity building.</p>
<p>NGEL and UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited</p>	<p>Objective of collaborating in the development of Renewable energy parks & projects and Transforming the energy sector.</p>
<p>CSJMU and Russian University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the first one a kind international agreement of the university • In this agreement lecture series, joint research program, faculty exchange program, and students exchange program will be initiated. • Joint Student-Teacher exchange program to develop proactive approach in education system

Appendix 2: Given below are Current Events held in the State of Uttar Pradesh, 2023. Mark these events on the provided map.



1. Banarasi Paan, Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal) and Chandauli's Adamchini Rice got GI Tag
2. Terai Elephant Reserve in UP: 33rd ER in India & 2nd ER of UP is spread over Lakhimpur Kheri, Bahraich, Pilibhit and Shahjahanpur and parts of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
3. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve gets 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' status
4. Three Cities of Uttar Pradesh, Noida, Ghaziabad and Meerut are among the Ten most Polluted Cities.
5. Country's First Night Safari to be developed in Lucknow
6. PM launches India's First Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in Ghaziabad, UP
7. Second Phase of Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District
8. PM Mitra Mega Textiles Park inaugurated in Lucknow and Hardoi districts
9. State's 1st Women University to be built in Gorakhpur | Regional Film City Will Open in Gorakhpur | Gorakhpur's 'Paniyala' Got GI Tag | Aqua Park in Gorakhpur
10. Aligarh new Transport City (Nagar)
11. First Heritage Park at agra: Shriram Chauraha on Agra Cantonment-Pratapnagar Road.
12. Green Field Highway will be Built from Aligarh to Palwal connecting Aligarh
13. Industrial Corridor to be built in Soraon Area of Prayagraj
14. Tribal Museums will be built in Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Maharajganj.
15. Water Taxi to be operated in Kashi, Varanasi between Namoo Ghat to Assi Ghat on the lines of Water Metro in Kerala | First Plant to Make Coal from Waste in Banaras | World's Longest River Cruise MV Ganga Vilas in Varanasi
16. 2 Panchayats of Uttar Pradesh got the National Panchayat Award 2023
 - Gram Panchayat Hansudi Ausanpur of Bhanwapur block in Siddharthnagar district was honoured with the Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sustainable Development Award 2023 at the National level.
 - Milak Amavati, Gram Panchayat of Dilari block in Moradabad district was awarded Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (NDSPSP)