

# Current Affairs (2023): Northern India At a Glance

## Haryana

- \* **Haryana State Action Plan on Stubble Burning**- The Haryana Government is gearing up to distribute Pusa bio-decomposer kits to farmers free of charge, covering a substantial paddy cultivation area spanning 5 Lakh acres. These kits play a crucial role in decomposing crop stubble before the rabi crop is sown.
- \* **SYL Canal project**- It is a canal between Sutlej and Yamuna rivers. The canal is a river-sharing mechanism between Punjab and Haryana. After completion, the states of Punjab and Haryana will share the waters of Ravi and Beas.

## Madhya Pradesh

- \* **Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana**- The state Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched a new scheme called Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana to empower women financially. The program aims to enhance the Economic independence of women, improve their health
- \* **Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit**- A 7th edition of 'Invest Madhya Pradesh-Global Investors Summit', a flagship event of the Madhya Pradesh state Government. The theme of the two-day summit is 'Madhya Pradesh-The Future Ready State', showcasing the state's industrial ecosystem.

## Punjab

- \* **Rare Metal Tantalum Discovered in Punjab Soil**- A team led by Dr. Resmi Sebastian, assistant professor at the institute's Civil Engineering Department, has discovered tantalum, a rare metal, in Punjab soil. This discovery holds significance not only for Punjab but for India, given tantalum's widespread use in electronics and semiconductors.
- \* **Pusa-2090**- IARI has introduced a new rice variety, Pusa-2090, which offers an alternative to Pusa-44. This improved variety matures in just 120-125 days, making it a quicker option for farmers.

## Uttarakhand

- \* **Uttarakhand Climate Resilient Power System Development Project**- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has officially signed an agreement for a \$200 million loan aimed at improving the quality, efficiency, and reliability of power supply in the state of Uttarakhand. The funding will strengthen power system infrastructure, helping Uttarakhand achieve its goal of providing 24x7 power to residents.
- \* **Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit 2023**- Uttarakhand Government aims to highlight over 15 investor-friendly policies, emphasizing good governance. The summit at Dehradun is geared towards showcasing investor-friendly policies, good governance, and sustainable practices.

## Uttar Pradesh

- \* **Industrial Corridor at Soraon**- The Government plans to develop this industrial corridor in the area around the expressway on behalf of UPEIDA in Prayagraj. The three villages that have been identified for this include Malak Chaturi, Judapur Dandu and Bari Sarai Lal.
- \* **New UP Sports Policy 2023**- Introduced with an aim to promote and foster a sports culture in the state and encourage budding athletes to pursue their dreams. The state will establish 14 centres of excellence, each centred on a certain

sport. Creation of Eklavya sports fund for providing treatment to the players. Health insurance cover of up to Rs 5 Lakh from the state Government for every registered player.

- \* **Bird Festival 2023**- Bird Festival 2023 have 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.
- \* **State Capital Region**- UP Government planning to develop regions surrounding Lucknow in line of NCR Region. UP State Capital Region and Other Regions Development Authority Bill-2023 draft have been prepared.
- \* CM Yogi Adityanath unveils UP's inaugural floating air-conditioned restaurant in Sangam City, managed by UPSTDC, promising a transformative dining experience along the scenic Yamuna River. The restaurant, managed by the Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (UPSTDC).
- \* **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22nd January 2024 led the 'Pran Pratishtha' rituals as the Ram Mandir was inaugurated in Ayodhya.**

