

# (UTTAR PRADESH CURRENT AFFAIRS)

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh). He was a social reformer and revolutionary who participated in the Balkan War. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in 1932.
- President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of Ambedkar Memorial and Cultural Center in Lucknow.
- Meerut was selected for the Khelo India Center by the Sports Authority of India.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Railways to change the name of Jhansi station to Rani Laxmibai.
- Uttar Pradesh government is planning to set up **health ATMs** to provide better health facilities to the people.
- A proposal has been sent by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to include **Bakhira Bird Sanctuary** which is located in Sant Kabir Nagar in Ramsar site.
- Uttar Pradesh has prepared the Population Control Bill 2021.
- The Pandav Fort, located in the Meerut district, is now going to be an iconic site.
- Rakhi Tyagi of Meerut had joined the Olympics as a coach with Kamal Preet.
- Satish Kumar, the first player to participate in the Olympics in the super heavy weight category, is a resident of Uttar Pradesh.
- First IAS officer to participate in Tokyo Para Olympics is Suhas LY DM, Gautam Budh Nagar.
- Recently Brain Best Intelligence Test was made with the help of IIT Kanpur.
- Recently, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation stone of Sainik School in Gorakhpur at a cost of 154 crores.
- 84 Kosi Parikrama Marg has been declared as National Highway in Ayodhya, Parikrama Marg, will cover Barabanki, Gonda, Basti districts.

## Heads of important organizations/institutions of Uttar Pradesh

Chief Secretary	Rajendra Kumar Tiwari
Chairman of Public Service Commission	Sanjay Shrinet
Chairman of Staff Selection Board	Praveen Kumar
Lokayukta	Justice Sanjay Mishra
Chief Information Commissioner	Bhavesh Kumar Singh
Advocate General	Raghavendra Singh
Chief Election Commissioner	Sushil Chandra
Election Commissioner 1	Rajiv Kumar
Election Commissioner 2	Anup Chandra Pandey (June)2021
Chairperson of the State Human Rights Commission	Justice Bala Krishna Narayana

Chairperson of Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Women	Vimla Batham
Chairman of Scheduled Castes and Tribes Commission	Rambabu Harit
Chairman of Backward Classes Commission	Jaswant Saini
Chairman of Minorities Commission	Ashfaq Saifi

- The amount, Rs. 25 lakh has recently been announced by the Uttar Pradesh government to all the players participating in the Tokyo Olympics: 2 Crore–Gold, 1.5 Crore–Silver, 1 Crore–Bronze
- It has been decided to set up ATM Commando Training Center at Deoband (Saharanpur) in Uttar Pradesh on August 17, 2021.
- The country's first dolphin breeding center has been announced in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh.
- Swami Vivekananda Subharti University of Uttar Pradesh with Synergy University of Russia has recently tied up for educational research and curriculum development. :
- Recently, Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority has tied up with Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University to bring behavioral and social change on disaster management.
- Recently, the proposed 84 Kosi Parikrama Marg in Ayodhya has been named NH 227 B.
- Agriculture Ministry has given permission to open Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Rae Bareli.
- Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh where a plant is proposed to be set up to produce ethanol from grain.
- Hindi film based on the Chauri-Chaura incident of Gorakhpur, whose production has been decided.
- Balai village (Bahraich) of Uttar Pradesh, which has been decided to be made the center of eco-tourism.
- The amount of Rs. 2400 crore the Ministry of Jal Shakti recently allocated to Uttar Pradesh for the financial year 2021-22 under the Jal Jeevan Mission:
- Piyush Dubey, who was the assistant coach of Indian hockey in the Tokyo Olympics, belongs to Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh.
- Israel's advanced technology is being used to grow disease-free vegetable seedlings in Uttar Pradesh.
- The 97th anniversary of the historic Kakori incident was celebrated on August 9, 2021.
- Recently Firozabad the district of Uttar Pradesh whose name has been decided to be changed to Chandranagar:
- Recently, researchers from Banaras Hindu University and Deen Dayal Upadhyay University succeeded in making oxygen and hydrogen through electrolyte based on potato starch.
- In the recent survey conducted under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, the highest number of street vendors were found in Uttar Pradesh.
- Cities of Uttar Pradesh where HDFC Bank has recently announced to set up oxygen plants: Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Bhadohi and Lucknow
- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has changed the name of 'Kakori Train Case' to Kakori Train Action.
- The disabled cricketer from Uttar Pradesh, Sanjeev Singh wrote and sang the theme song of the Indian Paralympic team 'Kar De Kamal Tu'.

- 'Saras Aajeevika Mela' was organized in Noida from 26 February to 14 March 2021.
- 'Gangatat' was declared turtle wildlife sanctuary in Prayagraj's fair
- Justice B.K.Narayan: Former judge of Allahabad High Court who took over as the chairman of Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission on June 5, 2021.
- **Sanjay Shrinet:** Indian Revenue Service officer who was appointed as the chairman of Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission in April, 2021.
- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in a report released in June 2021, praised the development works in Sonbhadra, Chandauli and Fatehpur districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- After Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar, it has been decided to implement the commissionerate system in Varanasi, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh, which will get irrigation facility under the Ken-Betwa link project agreement signed in the past.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has set a target to connect all gram panchayats of the state with broadband by December 31, 2022.
- 'Bandai Dam' was inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lalitpur.
- The country's first freight village is being developed in Varanasi in about 100 acres of land.
- Lucknow Municipal Corporation of Uttar Pradesh which got listed on Bombay Stock Exchange on 2nd December 2020.
- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve of Uttar Pradesh which was awarded the 'TX2' International Award in November, 2020.
- On 17 October 2020, the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath started the 'Mission Shakti' campaign from Balrampur in the state.
- In the Delta ranking released by NITI Aayog on August 31, 2020, sonbhadra tribal district of Uttar Pradesh has got the top position in the country in the Delta Rankings for the month of July
- On September 13, 2020, the Government of Uttar Pradesh issued a notification for the formation of a new security force 'UP SSF'.
- According to a report presented by the Uttar Pradesh Economic and Planning Department in February 2020, the GDP is estimated to be 4-4 percent in the financial year 2019-20.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath started Kisan Kalyan Mission to double the income of farmers.
- Resolution passed for construction of speaking roads in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- To develop water tourism activities, 'Alaknanda Coup' is being operated in Varanasi by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- It was decided to make Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh free from plastic waste using German bubble barrier technology.
- India's first urban development bank has been established in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh

## Uttar Pradesh Events

### President laid the foundation stone of AYUSH University in Gorakhpur.

- On August 28, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Ayush University in Pipri-Tarkulha village of Bhahat block of Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

- For the first time in the state, the syllabus of AYUSH systems is being regulated.
- The total number of AYUSH colleges in the state is 94, out of which Ayurveda colleges are 67 (8 government and 59 private), Unani colleges 15 (2 government and 13 private) and homeopathy colleges 12 (9 government and 3 private).

### Book 'Prayagraj Kumbh' released by Chief Minister

- On August 25, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath released the book 'Prayagraj Kumbh' focused on Prayagraj Kumbh, 2019 at his official residence.
- This book has been published by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

### DRDO to produce BrahMos missiles in Lucknow

- On August 24, 2021, the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of BrahMos Aerospace announced the production of BrahMos's next generation missile in Lucknow under the Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor in the near future by KTQ.

### Third phase of 'Mission Shakti' launched

- On August 21, 2021, the third phase of 'Mission Shakti' was launched in a Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh.
- This phase of 'Mission Shakti' will be conducted till December 31, 2021.
- During this program, the amount of grant was transferred online in the account of eligible beneficiary girl child under 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangal Yojana'.
- On this occasion, various programs including the inauguration of 'Mission Shakti Cell' in 59 thousand gram panchayats, foundation stone of Veerangana Avantibai Battalion's courtyard in Badaun were completed.
- It is to be known that for the safety, respect and self-reliance of women and girls, 'Mission Shakti' is being run by the state government.

### National Youth Award

- On the occasion of International Youth Day on August 12, 2021, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur honored the lone participant **Neha Kushwaha** from Uttar Pradesh with the National Youth Award for the year 2017-18.
- She was given this honor for her contribution towards environmental protection, even before that she has been honored with Environment Protection Mitra and Mahila Gaurav Samman.

### National Health Service Campaign

- Recently, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'National Health Service Campaign' by launching the 'Health Warrior Portal', under which health workers will be trained.

### Organization of food festival

- On August 5, 2021, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Anna Mahotsav was organized in all the districts of the state.

### Former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh passed away

- ❑ Senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Kalyan Singh passed away on August 21, 2021. He was 89 years old.
- ❑ He was born on January 5, 1932 in Madhauri village of Atrauli tehsil in Aligarh.
- ❑ He was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the first time from 24 June 1991 to 6 December 1992. After the demolition of Babri Masjid, he resigned from the post of Chief Minister of the state, taking moral responsibility for it.
- ❑ For the second time, he was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh from December 21, 1997 to November 11, 1999.
- ❑ He was the Governor of Rajasthan from September 4, 2014 to September 9, 2019. He was also the Acting (Additional Charge) Governor of Himachal Pradesh from January 2015 to August 2015.
- ❑ He was a member of Lok Sabha of BJP from 2004 to 2009 from Bulandshahar parliamentary constituency and from 2009 to 2014 as an independent candidate from Etah (U.P.) parliamentary constituency.
- In 2010, he also formed the Jan Kranti Party, later in 2013 it was merged with the BJP.

### Ujjwala 2.0

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of Ujjwala Yojana (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) 'Ujjwala 2.0' by handing over LPG connections in Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing on August 10, 2021.
- Ujjwala 1.0 During the Ujjwala Yojana 1.0, launched in the year 2016, a target was set to provide LPG connections to 5 crore women members of families living below the poverty line.

### Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Child Service Scheme

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with Governor Anandiben Patel launched the 'Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana' at Lok Bhavan, Lucknow on July 22, 2021.
- This new scheme of the state government is for the children orphaned by the COVID-19 epidemic.
- Under this scheme, the state government will provide financial assistance of Rs.4,000 per month and provide free education to the orphaned children.
- Apart from this, an amount of Rs 1,01,000 will be provided to the girls orphaned by COVID-19 at the time of marriage.
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### Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization and Welfare) Draft Bill 2021

The Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission has prepared a draft bill 'Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization and Welfare) Bill 2021' for population control.

- Under this, the norm of two children will be implemented and promoted.
- Under this, any person violating the two-child policy in Uttar Pradesh will be debarred from contesting local body elections, applying for government jobs or getting promotion and receiving any kind of government subsidy.

- As per the draft, several incentives have been provided to people including public servants for adopting the two-child norm through voluntary sterilization:
  1. 12 months maternity or paternity leave with full pay and allowances;
  2. 3% increase in Employers Contribution Fund under National Pension;
  3. Subsidy for plot or site of residence or constructed house; Fee waiver for utilities like water, electricity and house tax.
  4. Free health care facility to a Government servant or common citizen adopting the norm of one child and additional benefit of insurance coverage for the child till the age of 20 years;
- Couples living below the poverty line, adopting the norms of a child through voluntary sterilization, will be eligible for a lump sum payment of Rs 80,000 if a boy is born and Rs 1 lakh if a girl is born.

## Uttar Pradesh Population Policy 2021-2030

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath released the 'Uttar Pradesh Population Policy 2021-2030' on July 11, 2021.
- Aim of the new policy:
  1. Reducing the Gross Fertility Rate from 2.7 to 2.1 by 2026 and to 1.9 by 2030;
  2. Increase the modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 31.7% to 45% by 2026 and 52% by 2030;
  3. Increase male contraceptive use methods from 10.8% to 15.1% by 2026 and 16.4% by 2030;
  4. Reducing Maternal Mortality Rate (per 100,000 births) from 197 to 150 by 2026 and 98 by 2030;
  5. Reducing the infant mortality rate (per 1000 births) from 43 to 32 by 2026 and to 22 by 2030;
  6. To reduce the infant mortality rate under the age of 6.5 (per 1000 births) from 47 to 35 by 2026 and to 25 by 2030.
  7. To increase life expectancy from 64-3 to 66 by 2026 and 69 by 2030 and to increase child sex ratio (0-6 years) from 899 to 905 by 2026 and 919 by 2030.

### Municipal Bonds of Lucknow Municipal Corporation

- Municipal Bonds worth Rs 200 crores issued by Lucknow Municipal Corporation were listed on BSE on 2nd December, 2020.
- With this, Lucknow has become the 9th city in the country to issue municipal bonds.
- Lucknow Municipal Corporation had successfully issued its first Municipal Bond on November 13, 2020.
- It has been promoted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India under AMRUT Mission (Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Mission).

### Uttar Pradesh Law Against Religion Prohibition Ordinance-2020

- On November 24, 2020, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, approval was given for the 'Uttar Pradesh Law Against Religion Prohibition Ordinance-2020'.

- Provision of maximum punishment of 10 years in cases of conversion of religion by force or cheating or coercion to marry.
- If any person is unable to prove that the conversion of the woman was not done under any pressure, deceit or greed or merely to marry, he shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 1 to 5 years, with a fine of Rs 15,000. Provision.
- If the woman belongs to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe society, then in such a case the punishment of not less than 3 years and maximum up to 10 years and a fine of 25 thousand rupees.
- In the case of mass conversion also, there is a provision of imprisonment of not less than 3 years and maximum up to 10 years and fine of 50 thousand rupees.
- If you want to change religion, you will have to give 2 months prior notice to the District Magistrate.
- Provision for imprisonment of not less than 6 months and maximum up to 3 years and fine of 10 thousand rupees for violation.

### Operation of 18 new flights under UDAN scheme

- On 28 March 2021, 18 new flights were operated on routes like Gorakhpur-Lucknow, Kurnool-Bangalore, Kurnool-Visakhapatnam, Kurnool-Chennai, Agra-Bangalore, Agra-Bhopal, Prayagraj-Bhubaneswar and Prayagraj-Bhopal under the UDAN scheme.
- The UDAN scheme was launched on 21 October 2016, but the scheme was launched on 27 April 2017 in Shimla.

### Arjun Sahayak Irrigation Project

- The launch of Arjun Sahayak Irrigation Project was announced by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on March 11, 2021.
- It is an irrigation project of Rs 2,600 crore. It is being built on the Dhasan river.
- This project will provide irrigation facility to 15 lakh farmers in 168 villages of Banda, Mahoba and Hamirpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- Dhasan River is a right bank tributary of Betwa River. It originates from Begumganj tehsil in Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh. The length of this river is 365 km.
- This river was also known as Dasharna in ancient times.

### Chief Minister Abhyudaya Yojana

- The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to distribute free tablets, computers to the students under the 'Abhyudaya Yojana' in the state budget.
- It is to be noted that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had inaugurated the 'Abhyudaya Yojana' on February 15, 2021, under which students from poor class preparing for competitive examinations (Civil Services, JEE, NEET NDA / CDS) Free coaching classes will be conducted.

## Foundation stone of Suheldev memorial laid

- On February 16, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the virtual foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev's memorial in a program organized on the birth anniversary celebrations of Maharaja Suheldev in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh.
- During this program, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the development plan of Chitaura Lake in the district and inaugurated Maharaja Suheldev Autonomous State Medical College.
- It is noteworthy that Suheldev was the king of Shravasti. He had killed Sayyid Salar Ghazi, the general of Mahmud Ghaznavi in 1034 AD.

## 16 digit Unicode for identification of landholdings

- On February 7, 2021, the Revenue Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh has launched a 16-digit Unicode system, which will be used to identify all types of (agricultural, residential and commercial) landholdings in the state.
- Out of 16 digits of this Unicode number, the first six digits will determine the population dependent on the land, the next 4 digits will determine the unique identity of the land, the digits from 11 to 14 will be the number of divisions of the land and with the help of the last 2 digits the category of the land, Residential, agricultural and commercial land can be identified.

## Uttar Pradesh Workers and Labor (Employment and Employment) Commission

- On June 16, 2020, the Uttar Pradesh government decided to constitute the 'Uttar Pradesh Workers and Labour (Employment and Employment) Commission'.
- This commission has been constituted to achieve the objectives of social and economic security of workers and workers and their all-round development. This commission will be constituted administratively by the state government.
- This commission will be a high-level institution, whose objective is to create more employment and employment opportunities in the government and non-government sector.
- The Chief Minister or the Cabinet Minister nominated by him shall be the Chairman of the Commission.

## Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation to issue country's first green municipal bond

- In April 2021, the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation of Uttar Pradesh issued the country's first green municipal bond.
- Funds of Rs 150 crore were collected from the bonds issued.
- The money collected from these bonds will be used for the construction of Tertiary Water Sewage Treatment Plant.
- The waste water from this plant will be treated and made useful for the use of industries.
- A green bond is a bond issued by any entity whose purpose is to finance environmentally classified projects with the funds collected from the bonds.
- This project has been prepared for Sahibabad Industrial Area of Ghaziabad.



## 14 cities of Uttar Pradesh included in Ease of Living Index, 2020

- In the 'Ease of Living Index, 2020' released on March 4, 2021, a ranking of a total of 111 cities from across the country was released, in which 14 cities of Uttar Pradesh have been considered livable.

## Honor for disposal of maximum cases in National Lok Adalat

- On July 10, 2021, the state of Uttar Pradesh has got the first place in the disposal of maximum cases in the Lok Adalat organized by the National Legal Services Authority.

## Uttar Pradesh government presented supplementary budget

- On August 18, 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government presented a supplementary budget of ₹7,301.52 crore in the state assembly to meet the additional expenditure for the current financial year 2021-22.
- This supplementary budget is only 1.33 percent of the annual budget of ₹ 5.5 lakh crore for the current financial year. The focus of this supplementary budget is on creating new employment opportunities.

## Uttar Pradesh Adopt a Heritage Policy 'Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan' approved

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh Council of Ministers has approved the Adopt a Heritage Policy 'Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan' prepared by the Government of India like 'Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan', the Uttar Pradesh Adopt A Heritage Policy 'Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan'.
- Under this, the terrestrial development, maintenance and management of public facilities will be done by the Uttar Pradesh State Directorate of Archeology (Culture Department) with the participation of public enterprise units and private sector.
- In the first phase under the policy by the Council of Ministers, the Directorate of Archeology (Culture Department) has also given permission to the proposal to select 11 major monuments/sites of Uttar Pradesh State Archeology Department to be made memorial friends.

## President's gallantry medal to nine policemen of Uttar Pradesh

- On the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, 2021, nine policemen of Uttar Pradesh will be awarded President's Medal for Gallantry, four President's Medal for Distinguished Services, while 73 policemen will be awarded medals for their outstanding services.

## Demand to change the name of Aligarh to Harigarh

- The District Panchayat Council of Aligarh passed a resolution on August 16, 2021, demanding the name of 'Aligarh' as 'Harigarh'. The proposal was sent to the state government for approval.
- Aligarh is a division consisting of Aligarh, Hathras, Etah and Kasganj districts.

## 117th Birth Anniversary of Subhadra Kumari Chauhan

- On August 16, 2021, Google honored Indian poet Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, the author of the famous poem Jhansi Ki Rani, by making a doodle on her 117th birth anniversary.

## 'Kakori Train Conspiracy' renamed as 'Kakori Train Proceedings'

- On August 9, 2021, the name of 'Kakori Train Conspiracy' has been changed to 'Kakori Train Action' by the Uttar Pradesh government as the word 'conspiracy' reflects the sense of Crime of this incident under India's freedom struggle.
- The Kakori Train Proceeding or Kakori Conspiracy was a train robbery that took place on August 9, 1925 at Kakori near Lucknow during the Indian independence movement against British colonial rule. This robbery was planned by 'Hindustan Republican Association'.

## My Gov-My Sarkar Portal

- On July 26, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'My Gov-Meri Sarkar' portal.
- Through this portal, the people of the state can give various feedback to the government and the UP government can also inform them about various schemes of the state.
- This portal will be used efficiently to further enhance the engagement of common citizens of the state with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

## Jewar Airport

- The Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop Jewar airport into Asia's largest airport with six runways.
- The state government has proposed Rs 2,000 crore for the Jewar airport in the 2021-22 budget.

## Country's first leather park

- The Uttar Pradesh government will set up the country's first leather park in Kanpur district.
- This project will be set up in Ramaipur village of Kanpur district.
- The Leather Park will have a waste water treatment plant of 20 million liters per day capacity so that it does not pollute the river Ganga.
- With the establishment of the Leather Park, the city of Kanpur will be able to consolidate its position among the 10 largest leather manufacturing states of the country.
- More than 150 tanneries are likely to work here, from which leather shoes, purses, jackets and other world class products can be manufactured and exported.
- The park is likely to provide direct employment to 50 thousand people and indirect employment to more than 1 lakh 50 thousand people.

## Scheme for unique culture of Tharu tribe

- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a scheme in December 2020 for the unique culture of 'Tharu tribe'.
- Objective: To bring Tharu Tribal (Pada villages) on the tourism map, to generate employment and to provide economic independence to the tribal population in the area.

## 'Varasat' campaign

- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a special 'Abhiyan varasat' on December 15, 2020, to overcome disputes related to property and land in rural areas.

- Objective: To prevent exploitation of rural people in the name of 'insurance of land and property'.

### **Rural Drinking Water Supply Project in Vindhyachal Region**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing on November 22, 2020.

### **Decision to set up special security force**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to constitute a special security force on September 13, 2020.
- It will provide security to high courts, district courts, administrative offices and buildings, metro rail, airports, banks, financial institutions, educational institutions and industrial units.

### **Inauguration of Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Zoological Park**

- On March 26, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan Zoological Park in Gorakhpur. It is the first zoo in Purvanchal and the third in the state.

### **Organized Black Salt Rice Festival**

- The Uttar Pradesh government organized a three-day long Black Salt Rice Festival in Siddharth Nagar district. The festival began on March 13, 2021. This festival is being organized after the stupendous success of Strawberry Festival in Jhansi and 'Jaggery Festival in Lucknow'.

### **First state to present paperless budget**

- Uttar Pradesh has become the first Indian state to introduce a paperless budget.
- State Finance Minister Suresh Ganna presented the state budget for 2021-2021 in paperless mode on February 22, 2021.

### **Martyrs Memorial in Gorakhpur**

- In the second week of February 2021, 2.5 acres of land was identified and approved for the Shaheed Memorial Park to be built at Golghar, Gorakhpur.

### **Security of Moradabad airport by U.P. Police**

- The responsibility of security of Mudhapande Mini Airport (Moradabad) has been handed over to Uttar Pradesh Police.
- The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is responsible for the security of all other airports in the country.

### **150 crore year old node found in Ghoraval (Sonbhadra)**

- In the first week of February 2021, geologists in Ghoraval (Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh) have discovered an old nodule that is 150 crore years old.
- In geology, this nodule is known as Rohtas Lime Stone.

## Programs/Projects

### 'One step towards nutrition promotion' campaign

1. In Uttar Pradesh from July 1 to September 30, 2021, 'Nutrition Promotion' to improve the health of children of 1 to 5 years of severe acute malnutrition (SAM: Severe Acute Malnutrition) and moderately severely malnourished (MAM: Moderate Acute Malnutrition) Towards a step a campaign was launched.
2. This campaign was run on three themes (the theme of the first month would be 'Matri Poshan', the theme of the second month would be 'Bal Poshan' and the theme of the third month would be 'First Thousand Days').
3. Under this campaign, emphasis was also laid on the health management of identified SAM and MAM children along with their mothers.

### Azadi's Amrit Festival (India 75)

- It is a series of events organized by the Government of India to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence (2022).
- On March 12, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the activities leading to the festival by flagging off a padyatra (freedom march) from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad.
- In this sequence, 4 places of Uttar Pradesh related to freedom struggle are Kakori (Lucknow), Shaheed Memorial (Meerut), Shaheed Memorial (Ballia) and Jhansi Fort/Pt. Amrit Mahotsav is being organized at Deendayal Auditorium (Jhansi).

### Rasin Bandha Project

- On March 10, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 'Rasin Dam Project' built on the Banganga river in Chitrakoot district.
- Along with this, he also inaugurated the Chillimal Modernization Pump Project.

### Fourth 'Uttar Pradesh Day' celebrations

- On January 24, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the fourth Uttar Pradesh Day celebrations on the 71st foundation day of the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- For the first time, Uttar Pradesh Day was organized in the year 2018.

### Swachh Survekshan, 2020 (Status of Uttar Pradesh)

- On August 20, 2020, the result of 'Swachh Survekshan 2020' was released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
- Under this, 4 cities of Uttar Pradesh have been ranked out of 20 cities in the population category of more than 10 lakhs, including Lucknow (12th place), Agra (16th), Ghaziabad (19th) and Prayagraj (20th).
- The cities in the 1-10 lakh population category include Noida (25th), Jhansi (27th), Aligarh (30th) and Mathura-Vrindavan (39th) in Uttar Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 7th in the category of states having more than 100 urban local bodies.

- Varanasi has got the top position in the ranking of Ganga coastal cities (population more than 1 lakh).
- Kannauj of Uttar Pradesh has got the first place in the category of Ganga coastal cities with population of 50000 to 1 lakh.

### Uttar Pradesh Budget 2021-22 : Important Point

- ❑ To empower women, there is a proposal to start 'Mahila Sahayata Yojana', for this scheme an amount of Rs 200 crore has been proposed in the budget.
- ❑ To tackle the problem of malnutrition among women and children, a new scheme 'Mukhyamantri Saksham Suposhan Yojana' will be implemented from the financial year 2021-22.
- ❑ With the aim of providing accessible medical facilities to the workers of the unorganized sector, 'Mukhya Mantri Jan Aayogya Yojana' is being started. For which a provision of Rs 100 crore is proposed.
- ❑ Gokul village has been established in Varanasi district for the protection and promotion of indigenous animals in the state.
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh has come second in the entire country in the last three years in the Ease of Doing Business ranking.
- ❑ The name of the airport under construction in Ayodhya district will be Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Airport Ayodhya.
- ❑ India is the largest milk producing country in the whole world and the state ranks first in the field of milk production in the country.
- ❑ It has been decided to establish a National Law University in Prayagraj district.
- ❑ Police and Forensic University is being established in Lucknow in the UP Budget 2020-21.

### First in Uttar Pradesh

- ❑ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced to set up the state's first black fungus center at Halat Hospital in Kanpur.
- ❑ The country's first Indian Heritage Institute will be set up in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ India's first pod taxi will be run between Uttar Pradesh Noida Airport to Film City.
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the production of food grains in the country.
- ❑ Uttar Pradesh ranks first in India in terms of sugarcane production.
- ❑ The country's first transgender university will be set up by the Uttar Pradesh government at Fazilnagar in Kushinagar district.
- ❑ The Union Home Ministry has announced to set up the country's first National Police University (NPU) in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ The country's first specialized hospital for arms was formally opened in Churmura village of Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh.

### Important facts related to agriculture of Uttar Pradesh

- Agriculture and animal husbandry contribute the most (41-5%) to the total income of the state.
- Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the production of wheat in the country. Where about 35% of the country's wheat is produced.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of planting 25 crore saplings by July 4, 2021.
- Uttar Pradesh ranks second in the field of paddy production.

- 78 percent of the people in the state are dependent on agriculture.

## Uttar Pradesh: Sports

- Sports University being opened in Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) will be in the name of Dhyan Chand.
- Announcement has been made to open a wrestling academy in Lucknow.
- UP players in Tokyo Olympics and amount given by government

UP players in Tokyo Olympics	
Priyanka (Athletics)	25 lakhs
Saurabh Chaudhary (Shooting)	25 lakhs
Satish Kumar (Boxing)	25 lakhs
Meraj Khan (Shooting)	25 lakhs
Arvind Singh (rowing)	25 lakhs
Shivpal Singh (Athletics)	25 lakhs
Lalit Upadhyay (Hockey)	25 lakhs
Annu Rani (Javelin throw)	25 lakhs
Seema Punia (Athletics)	25 lakhs
Bandana Kataria (Hockey)	25 lakhs

## Popular Places

- **Kanpur:** In April 2021, Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) announced the development of a lightweight bullet proof jacket weighing 9.0 kg by its Kanpur-based lab Defense Materials and Stores and Development Establishment (DMSRDE).
- **Kushinagar:** Banana Festival was organized in Kushinagar by the Government of Uttar Pradesh between 22-25 March, 2021.
- **Varanasi:** On March 24, 2021, Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy (Independent Charge) RK-Singh launched the Gram Ujala Yojana in Varanasi.
- **Pilkhuwa :** On February 22, 2021, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Skill Development (1st Center (SDC) for fire safety training of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) established at Pilkhuwa (Hapur, Uttar Pradesh). In Pilkhuwa. This SDC of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is the first of its kind in India.

## Awards / Honors

### Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan Awards:

- On 26 February 2021, Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan announced the honors and awards for the year 2019. Major Awards for the year 2019:
- Bharat-Bharti Samman (Rs 5 lakh): Dr. Suryabala (Mumbai): (The award for the year 2018 was given to Dr. Usha Kiran Khan, Patna)
- Lohia Sahitya Samman (Rs 4 lakh) : Dayanand Pandey (Lucknow)

- Hindi Gaurav Samman (Rs 4 lakh): Tarun Vijay (New Delhi)
- Mahatma Gandhi Sahitya Samman (Rs 4 lakh): Dr. Rameshwar Prasad Mishra 'Pankaj' (Bhopal)
- Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Sahitya Samman (Rs. 4 lakh): Dr. Suryakant Bali (New Delhi)
- Avantibai Sahitya Samman (Rs 4 lakh): Dr. Kapil Tiwari (Bhopal)

### Uttar Pradesh Bal Sahitya Samman:

- Uttar Pradesh Bal Sahitya Samman, 2019 was announced by Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan in February, 2021. are award recipients
  - ◆ Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Children's Literature Award: Kiran Singh (Ballia)
  - ◆ Sohanlal Dwivedi Children's Poetry Award: Gaurishankar Vaish 'Namrata' (Lucknow)
  - ◆ Amritlal Nagar Children's Story Award: Dayaram Maurya 'Ratna' (Pratapgarh)

### Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-2020:

- Under this, the Akademi Award is jointly given to Dr. Brijeshwar Singh, Bareilly (upgradation of theatrical arts), Mahant Prof Vishambharnath Mishra, Varanasi and Maharaj Kumar Anant Narayan Singh, Varanasi (upgradation of musical arts). met.
- With this, it was decided to confer the prestigious B-M-Shah Award of Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi to Chandraprakash Dwivedi of Mumbai and Safdar Hashmi Award to Vipul Krishna Nagar of Mumbai itself.

### Prime Minister's National Children's Award-2021

On January 24, 2021, 32 children from across the country were awarded by the Government of India for exceptional ability and outstanding achievements in the fields of innovation, education, sports, art and culture, social service and bravery.

- A total of five children of Uttar Pradesh have been given this award.
  1. Vyom Ahua (Arts and Culture)
  2. Kunwar Divyansh Singh (braver)
  3. Chirag Bhansali (Innovation)
  4. Mohd. Shadab (Educational)
  5. Mohd. Rafi (Sports)

### National Poet Pradeep Samman:2019-20

- On January 25, 2021, this award for the year 2019 has been given by the Cultural Department of Madhya Pradesh to Dr. Kunwar Bechoun of Ghaziabad and Dr. Shivom Amber of Farrukhabad for 2020.

Padma Bhushan 2021		
Name	Category	State
Nripendra Mishra	Civil Service	Uttar Pradesh
Kalbe Sadiq (Posthumous)	Other(Spiritual)	Uttar Pradesh

Padma Shri 2021		
Name	Category	State
Gulfam Ahmed	Art	Uttar Pradesh
Jagdish Chaudhary (Posthumous)	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
Ashok Kumar Shahu	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
Ram Yant Shukla	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
Chandra Shekhar Singh	Other (Agriculture)	Uttar Pradesh
Sudha Hari Narayan Singh	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
Usha Yadav	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh

### First prize to the tableau of Uttar Pradesh

- The tableau on 'Ayodhya: Cultural Heritage of Uttar Pradesh' presented by Uttar Pradesh in the parade organized in New Delhi on the occasion of Republic Day on January 26, 2021, got the first prize in the category of States/UTs.
- It had a glimpse of the nature of Ram temple, 'Deepotsav', the cultural heritage of the ancient holy city of Ayodhya.

