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1. 'Jhatpat' scheme

- The UP-Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) is planning to come up with a new scheme for providing electricity connection easily as well as swiftly.
- 'Jhatpat Connection Yojana' would envisage quick processing of the application by a consumer seeking an electricity connection, essentially though online.
- The consumer may get his application filed online or on the e-suidha or Jan Suidha centers.

2. Medical College at SalempurDeoria

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal for the establishment of the new medical college at Deoria.
- This college would be built at a cost of Rs 250 Crore under phase-II of the centrally sponsored scheme.
- Under the scheme, the criteria for one medical college in every three Parliamentary Constituencies and one Govt. medical college in each state was adopted.

3. 'One District one Product' Summit

- Under the scheme, one product indigenous to every district of Uttar Pradesh was showcased at the three-day UP Diwas event beginning from January 2018.

4. International bird festival at Dudhwa

- A three-day international bird festival will be held at the Dudhwa National Park in UP.
- The purpose behind the international bird festival is to promote eco-tourism in Dudhwa.
- The eminent documentary maker **Mike Pandey** was the brand ambassador of the festival.

5. India hosts world's oldest algae fossil

- Scientists in India have uncovered a pair of 1.6 billion-year-old fossils that appear to contain red algae, which may be the oldest plant-like life discovered on Earth.
- It was found in Chitrakoot region in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Until now, the oldest known red algae were 1.2 billion years old.

6. UP Signs 'Power for All' Agreement With Centre

- The Uttar Pradesh government signed an agreement with the Centre for "Power for All".

About Power for All Scheme

- 24x7 - Power for All is a Joint Initiative of Government of India and State Governments
- The objective of the Scheme: To provide 24x7 powers available to all households, industry, and commercial businesses, public needs, any other electricity consuming entity and adequate power to agriculture farm holdings by FY 19.

7. **Uttar Pradesh deploys ambulances for cows**

- Uttar Pradesh government flagged off an exclusive ambulance service for cows having veterinarians and assistants
- The Gauvansh Chikitsa mobile van service will transport ill or injured cows to gaushalas or to a veterinary facility.
- A toll-free gauseva number has been released for the people to report about cows in distress.
- In its initial phase, the service will be available in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Mathura, and Allahabad.
- The ambulance service is being run in collaboration with the MGNREGA Mazdoor Kalyan Sanghathan, an organization which works for laborers and others employed in the informal sector.

8. **Uttar Pradesh ranks first in Child Laborers: CRY Report**

- According to the report over 8 lakh children in India between the age group 5 and 6 years are engaged in child labor.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of 2,50,672 children engaged in labor, followed by Bihar with 1,28,087 children and Maharashtra where the number stands at 82,847.

About CRY

- Child Rights and You is a non-profit and non-government organization in India working towards the upliftment of underprivileged children.
- The organization got established in 1979 by RippanKapur.

9. **National Mission for Ganga approved 10 projects**

- National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved ten projects in Bihar, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh.
- These projects were approved in the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga.
- Eight of the ten projects pertain to sewage infrastructure and treatment, one to river front development and one to Ganga Knowledge Centre.
- In Uttar Pradesh: Sewage infrastructure work in Chunar, district Mirzapur, and has been approved.
- A project to establish Ganga Monitoring Centres in five riparian Ganga states has also been approved.

National Mission of Clean Ganga

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is the implementation wing of National Ganga Council.
- It works under the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection, and Management) Authorities.
- The aim is to clean the Ganga and its tributaries in a comprehensive manner.

10. UP government launched Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra

- The Uttar Pradesh Government has launched a new awareness drive called Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra.
- The drive will be focusing on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga river and maintain hygiene.

Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra

- The drive has been organized by Uttar Pradesh Home guard volunteers.
- It will help in spreading awareness in about 25 districts situated on the banks of river Ganga in the state.

11. Amit Shah to launch 'Yuva Udghosh' Programme in Varanasi

- 'Yuva Udghosh' programme was launched at Varanasi.
- The programme focusing on the youths who are above the age of 17 and will become new voters before the 2019 general election.

12. UP: The Theme state of Surajkund Mela - 2018

- 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2018 an annual confluence of India's culture and folk traditions is back in Faridabad, Haryana.
- It is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with union ministries of tourism, textiles, culture and external affairs.
- For the 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2018, the state of Uttar Pradesh was chosen the Theme State.

13. Mahesra bridge connecting Nepal to the east UP

- Chief Minister Yogi inaugurated the long-awaited Mahesra over the bridge at Sonauli-Gorakhpur National highway (NH80).
- The bridge would connect Gorakhpur and other east UP districts to Nepal.

14. Uttar Pradesh becomes 1st State to Clear Projects Digitally

- Uttar Pradesh has become first Indian state where projects will be cleared digitally without human interference.
- It has done with the help of a digital portal **Nivesh Mitra** which was launched during state's first Investor's Summit by Prime Minister in Uttar Pradesh.

Nivesh Mitra

- It is a digital platform that will enable investors to apply for project clearances online which means the chances of corruption will be relatively low.
- The single-window system with absolutely no human interface.
- 20 departments are projected under its ambit and application for 70 clearances can be made through this portal.

15. **22nd National Youth Festival**

- The Festival is organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Gautam Buddha University, Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida.
- This is the first time that the National Youth Festival is being organized in NCR.
- The Theme of the Festival is 'Sankalp Se Siddhi', to capitalize on the demographic dividend of young India, to capture the vibrancy and fresh perspective of youth and to pledge to accomplish the Goal of New India.
- The 1st National Youth Festival was held in 1995 in Bhopal.

16. **International conference 'Agricon 2018' and 'Agriexpo2018' in Kanpur**

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the international conference 'Agricon 2018' and 'Agriexpo 2018' at Chandrashekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology (CSAUT), Kanpur.
- The President emphasized the need to see grain production, dairy farming, animal husbandry, and fisheries, poultry, horticulture and sericulture as part of a composite approach to modern agriculture.

17. **Uttar Pradesh to launch house-to-house campaign against encephalitis**

- To create awareness and beat encephalitis, the government would be launching a house-to-house campaign called
- The campaign would be undertaken in encephalitis-affected districts of UP including Gorakhpur.
- Dastak was a part of the comprehensive Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) strategy embraced by the state government to beat encephalitis.
- Factors lead to a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of encephalitis (number of encephalitis affected kids who die) in UP.
- CFR for UP crosses 12 percent which is also highest in the country.

About Encephalitis

- Encephalitis is an acute inflammation (swelling) of the brain usually resulting from either a viral infection or due to the body's own immune system mistakenly attacking brain tissue.

18. **UP government signs pact with Amazon India for khadi products sale**

- Uttar Pradesh's Khadi and Village Industries Board today signed a pact with Amazon India to facilitate online selling of Khadi products.

19. **State's first butterfly park opens in Kanpur**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has inaugurated the state's first ever butterfly park in Kanpur to preserve the ecosystem.
- A total of 100 species of flowers have been planted in order to attract the butterflies.

20. **State first anti-graft portal**

- The chief minister launched an anti-corruption portal to check corruption, announced the beginning of recruitment for four lakh government jobs.

21. **Uttar Pradesh: Ganga Hariteema Yojana being launched in 27 districts**

- Uttar Pradesh Ganga Hariteema Yojana (Ganga Greenery scheme) launched in 27 districts of the state located on the bank of river Ganga.
- The objectives of the schemes include enhancing green cover in the catchment areas of the river Ganga and to control the land erosion.
- Plantation will be carried out in one-kilometer areas from the banks of the river under the scheme.
- The scheme was carried out by September 16 Ozone Day of this year.
- Department of Forest has been nominated as nodal department for the scheme.

22. **GNFC's Neem project**

- State-run Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC) started its socio-economic Neem Project in Kathaurajagdishpur in Amethi District in UP.
- This will be a significant step towards fulfilling the Prime Minister's vision of Neem coated urea in the interest of millions of farmers of the country.
- Earlier a MoU was inked with IFFCO to expand this project in UP.
- Neem project will be implemented in around 15 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Neem project is also running in five states including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Rajasthan.

23. **SHISHU SWAGAT KENDRA-PALNA: UP**

- The government has ordered all government hospitals and orphanages to establish SHISHU SWAGAT KENDRA- PALNA and put up cradles in front of their buildings so that parents can give up unwanted babies safely.
- This will help in tackling the problem of abandoning the infant at the roadside.
- Cradles at medical colleges, district, satellite and sub-district hospitals will be set up to save newborns abandoned by their parents.
- At these Centres, any person, lady or couple can leave the child with disclosing their identity.
- A Gazetted officer will be in charge of these PALNA centers.

24. **Swachh Shakti 2018**

- The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, organized a Women's Convention called Swachh Shakti 2018 on International Women's Day at Lucknow.
- In Swachh Shakti 2018, 8000 women sarpanches, 3000 women Swachhagrahis and women champions from across country were recognized for their outstanding contribution towards making Swachh Bharat.

25. 15th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to be held in Varanasi

- The website for the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019 was jointly inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister for the event from January 21-23.
- The theme of PBD 2019 is the **"Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India"**.
- Mauritian Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth will be the chief guest for the January 22 main event.
- Pravasi Bhartiya Divas celebrated at 9th

26. Ten new Swachh Iconic Places launched under phase III of Swachh Bharat Mission.

- The project is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation with the support of State governments and local administration.
- Ten new iconic sites are
 - (a) Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh)
 - (b) Hazardwari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal)
 - (c) Brahma Sarovar Temple (Kurukshetra, Haryana)
 - (d) VidurKuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh)**
 - (e) Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand)
 - (f) Pangong Lake (Leh-Ladakh, J&K)
 - (g) Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh)**
 - (h) ImaKeithal/market (Imphal, Manipur)
 - (i) Sabarimala Temple (Kerala)
 - (j) Kanvashram (Uttarakhand)
- The third phase of SIP was launched at Mana village which is situated close to the Badrinath temple in Uttarakhand.

27. Gorakhpur launches 'Stop JE/AES' mobile app to check encephalitis

- The Gorakhpur administration in Uttar Pradesh launched an android based smartphone application named 'Stop JE/AES' to combat encephalitis.
- Encephalitis claims the lives of hundreds of children every year in eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The 'Stop JE/AES' app enables users to avail immediate medical help by just pressing a button.
- It could be used on any smartphone even without internet.

How this app Work

- By pressing the help button in the app, an alert will be sent to the control room.
- Then they would call back on the number to collect the details about the patient.

28. UP: Defence industrial corridor Launched in Aligarh

- It will help to develop specialized zones dedicated to defense production in the

State.

- Six nodal points have been identified in the state -Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi for the corridor.

- Another defense corridor was launched in Tamil Nadu early this year.

29. NGT Forms Committee to Monitor Implementation of its Ganga Rejuvenation Orders

- The Committee main seat at Kanpur would oversee the implementation of various directions passed by the tribunal towards the restoration of river Ganga from Haridwar to Unnao.
- It is headed By Former Allahabad HC Judge nominated by the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- The committee shall work towards the implementation of directions passed by the tribunal in the judgment given in M.C. Mehta versus Union of India case on July 13, 2017, related to pollution in Ganga and its tributaries.
- The tribunal has directed the committee to submit quarterly reports about the progress made by it before it.

National Green Tribunal

- The National Green Tribunal has been established on 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010.

30. UP govt to name Bundelkhand Expressway as Atal Path

- To give respect to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to name the upcoming Bundelkhand Expressway as 'Atal Path'.
- It will start from Jhansi and passing through the backward districts of Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur, Auraiya and Jalaun, will reach Etawah and join Agra-Lucknow expressway.
- It is proposed to be developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).
- Vajpayee had been a five-time Member of Parliament from Lucknow.
- He won his first ever Lok Sabha election from Balrampur in 1957.

31. U.P. to launch first-ever dial-FIR

- The Uttar Pradesh Police is set to launch a first of its kind dial-FIR scheme in the country.
- It is very helpful for Common people who can now register regular crimes without going to a police station even as it is preparing an online photographic dossier of criminals that will be provided to policemen.
- The aim is to enhance the strength of the anti-terror squad both qualitatively and quantitatively.
- This platform has been launched after two months of the pilot project conducted on it in Ghaziabad.
- UP. is the only second state to prepare such a localized online criminal database after Punjab.

32. Lucknow's Hazratganj Chauraha To Be Renamed After Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- Hazratganj Chauraha which is also referred to as 'The heart of the city' in Lucknow to be renamed after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as 'Atal Chowk'.

Related Information

- The Chhattisgarh Government announced to rename Naya Raipur as Atal Nagar.

33. Taj Mahal Declaration' adopted to check plastic pollution in Agra

- The adoption of the declaration came ahead of the World Environment Day on June 5.
- “Beat Plastic Pollution” is the UN slogan for this year's Environment Day.
- The efforts would be made to make the 500-meter area around the historic ivory-white marble monument litter-free and phase out the single-use plastic.

Related Information

- UNEP Goodwill Ambassador is Diya Mirza.

34. Uttarakhand high court appoints itself legal guardian of cows in the state

- The Uttarakhand high court can now act as the legal guardian of the cows in Uttarakhand and keep a tab on all issues related to cows, especially its directions with regard to their protection.
- The court did this by invoking the ‘parens patriae’ doctrine. Parens patriae in Latin means ‘parent of the country’ and is a doctrine that grants the court inherent power and authority to act as guardian for those who are unable to take care for themselves.
- It is the first time in India that a court has had invoked the ‘parens patriae’ doctrine for cow protection.

35. Samsung inaugurates world’s largest mobile factory in Noida

- Samsung India inaugurated its new mobile phone manufacturing facility in Noida which is the world’s largest mobile factory.

About Samsung

- Samsung Group is a South Korean multinational conglomerate headquartered in Samsung Town, Seoul.

36. “Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan” in Five Ganga Basin States.

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is running “Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan” in five main stem Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- State Forest Departments of these states have been made the nodal agencies for the smooth and effective execution of the campaign.
- Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) have been designated as the district level Nodal Officers and Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) at the State level.

About NMCG

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is the implementation wing of National Ganga Council under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The aim is to clean the Ganga and its tributaries in a comprehensive manner.

37. **Bansagar Canal Project in Mirzapur**

- The Prime Minister dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur.
- This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region.
- It will be greatly beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- This project is a part of the Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchaiYojana.

38. **NABARD launched the Centre for Climate Change in Lucknow**

- NABARD has launched a center for accelerating concerted action on climate change by various stakeholders including government, private and financial sectors.
- It helps in promoting micro-irrigation; soil health cards, integrated farming models and traditional farming would help de-risk farmers.

39. **PM lays the foundation of Mobile Open Exchange Zone at WTC Noida**

- Prime Minister laid the foundation of India's first Mobile Open Exchange Zone (MOX) at World Trade Centre, Noida.
- The Uttar Pradesh government had earlier this year signed a MoU with World Trade Center, Noida, to develop a 'tech zone' as a nucleus of the Mobile Open Exchange Zone (MOX).
- The country had now become the second largest mobile phone manufacturer in the world.
- MoX@Techzone is a dedicated ecosystem for the mobile industry that will provide an integrated platform to manufacturers, research and other allied industries.

40. **Power Grid signs MoU with UP Power Corp for energy efficiency**

- Power Grid Corporation of India signed a MoU with Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation (UPPCL) for energy efficiency and agricultural demand side management programme.

Power Grid

- The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited is an Indian state-owned electric utility company headquartered in Gurugram, India.

41. **21st Central Zonal Council in Lucknow**

- Home Minister chaired the meeting of 21st Central Zonal Council in Lucknow in which Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand while representative ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh participated.

Central Zonal Council

- Central Zonal Council is a zonal council that comprises the states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.
- The headquarter of this zonal council is situated in Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh).
- The States have been grouped into six zones having an Advisory Council to foster cooperation among these States.

42. **4th India International Science Festival in Lucknow**

- It is organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati.
- The theme of this year's festival is "Science for transformation".

Related information

- The 3rd series of IISF was held in Tamil Nadu.

43. **Anup Chandra Pandey to be next UP Chief Secretary**

- Senior IAS officer Anup Chandra Pandey will be the next chief secretary of Uttar Pradesh, a senior official.

44. **Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2018**

- National Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 commissioned by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Haryana was ranked as the best State while Satara District of Maharashtra was ranked as the best district.
- Uttar Pradesh was rewarded for maximum citizens' participation.

The top-ranked States and Districts which received awards are as below:

- Top 3 States-1. Haryana, 2. Gujarat 3. Maharashtra
- Top 3 Districts 1. Satara, Maharashtra 2. Rewari, Haryana 3. Pedapalli, Telangana
- States with maximum citizen participation: 1. Uttar Pradesh 2. Gujarat 3. Maharashtra
- Districts with maximum citizens' participation
1) Nashik, Maharashtra 2) Solapur, Maharashtra 3) Chittorgarh, Rajasthan

45. **Prakash Hai To Vikas Hai- Uttar Pradesh Power Yojana**

- UP government launched a power scheme with slogan Prakash Hai to Vikas Hai on 25th December 2017.
- The power scheme is the part of Pradhan Mantri Saubhagya scheme under which the central government provides electrical connections.
- Under Saubhagya scheme the central government target 4 crore electricity connection in India.
- Uttar Pradesh government has also launched Kisan Uday yojana for the farmers.
- According to this scheme, the 5hp/7.5hp Power connections will be replaced.
- Target set to cover the farmers under this scheme is 10lakh at the end of the financial year 2022.

46. **GAIL commissions India's second-largest rooftop solar plant in UP State**

- GAIL installed a 5.76 MWp (Mega Watt peak) solar plant at its petrochemical complex at Pata in Uttar Pradesh.

- It will help to provide a target of having 175 GW of non-hydro renewables capacity by 2022.
- Tata Power Solar had commissioned a 12 MW solar rooftop project in Amritsar December 2015 which is the largest rooftop solar plant which produces more than 150 lakh units of power annually.

47. **Regional Rail Training Institute Inaugurated at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh**

- Indian Railways has inaugurated Regional Rail Training Institute (RRTI) at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.
- It will provide modern training facilities to the railway employees and would enhance their efficiency.

48. **Black Buck conservations Reserve**

- UP government announced to make India's first conservations reserve for Black Buck is Meja Forest Division of Allahabad.
- The Black Buck is also known as the Indian antelope.
- Black Buck is protected under schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act and Appendix III of the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).
- The reserve in Allahabad is the first ever conservation reserve of its kind in UP.

49. **Jewar AirPort in Jewar**

- The government has cleared a proposal for setting up a Greenfield airport in Jewar, Greater Noida UP.
- It is likely to be operational in the next five to six year.
- On Completion, it will be India's biggest airport in terms of area.

50. **India's first freight Village**

- India's first freight Village will be developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The freight Village, one of its kind infrastructure platforms which will attract companies that require logistic services and can cluster together to improve their competitiveness.

51. **Sankalp Seva' Bus Service**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister flagged off 500 buses under the Sankalp Seva bus services in Lucknow UP.
- The buses launched under this bus service will connect 6,000 villages.

52. **Prayagraj: Allahabad new name is Prayagraj**

- The Uttar Pradesh Government cabinet approved to change the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj.
- Prayag was the original name of Allahabad, one of the oldest cities of UP.
- It was named "Allahabad" or "abode of God" by Mughal emperor Akbar in 1575.

Related Information

- Recently, the UP government renamed the Mughalsarai Railway station, another historic spot, to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction.

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