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1. Uttar Pradesh government launched U-RISE Portal
   - Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has launched ‘U-Rise’ (Unified Re-imagined Innovation For Student Empowerment) portal.
   - It will guide students in various aspects like learning, career counselling, and getting employment in the state.
   - This portal has been developed by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University.
   - The portal was launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on September 24, 2020.
   - The programme will connect students with practical and technical knowledge.
   - It is estimated that around 20 lakh students and other technical (indulged in vocational and technical education) experts will get benefit from this portal.
   - With the help of this portal, the students can access e-content, e-library, and online courses even in the remote areas of the state.
   - This portal is also helpful for students like it provides information on online exams, digital assessment, digital content, internship, digital examination papers, webinars, e-library, recorded video content as well as employment.

2. Uttar Pradesh Electronics Manufacturing Policy
   - This policy is launched to bring in Rs 40,000 crores of investment in five years.
   - It will also ensure development in backward regions of Bundelkhand and Purvanchal.
   - This policy aims to make Uttar Pradesh a global electronics hub.
Key Features

- Through this policy, the state government will promote MSME units in electronics manufacturing.
- This is to be achieved through rental facilities on the “Plug and Play” model.
- The Uttar Pradesh government will establish three Electronics Manufacturing Clusters.
  - These clusters will focus on the manufacturing of medical equipments, consumer durables, mobile phones, defence equipments and IT hardware etc.
- This policy also envisages to create world class infrastructure through Centres of Excellence, innovation and entrepreneurship in Electronic System Design and Manufacturing.
- The investors will be eligible for capital subsidy of 15%. For the investments that are more than Rs 1,000 crores, additional capital subsidy of 10% is to be provided.

3. Stegodon Fossil discovered from Saharanpur district

- It is estimated that the fossil can be 5 to 8 million years old.
- The fossil was embedded in sedimentary rock-Sandstone.
- The Stegodon Fossil discovered nine well-developed ridges on its surface.
- The enamel of the molar is very thick while the length of the molar is approx 24 centimeters.
- It is noted that the nature of the sandstone reflects the characteristics of the middle Siwalik Range as the lithology found embedded on the fossil is medium grained.
4. **Inauguration of organic food processing unit in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh**

- Recently, an Organic Food Processing Unit has been established in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh.
- This unit will benefit around 5000 farmers in the region.
- It is noteworthy that Uttar Pradesh has designated Barabanki as Food Processing Centre under its Ek Janpad, Ek Upad scheme.
- The state of Uttar Pradesh has the potential in the food processing sector and its diverse basket of agricultural raw material base and agro-climate attributes provide the required platform for the development of the food processing industry.