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Uttar Pradesh Government to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations in each and every district

- These Police Stations will be given enough powers to register the case and investigate the matter independently.
- State government is going to establish 40 new anti-trafficking units which will work like police stations in districts and will conduct investigation after registering the cases.
- Earlier, only 35 districts in the state had Police stations of anti human trafficking unit which was established in 2011 and 2018.
- The new Police stations are being established after directives from women safety division of Union Government.

Uttar Pradesh government secures first rank in disbursing loans under the PM Atmanirbhar Nidhi Scheme (SVANidhi Scheme)

- UP State has ranked first in all the categories - Applications, Sanctions and Disbursements of the loans under the scheme. As many as 6,22,167 applications were received under the scheme in the state which is highest in the country, out of which sanctions were given to 3,46,150 applicants while the loans were disbursed to 2,26,728 beneficiaries.
- Seven cities of the state also find place in the list of top 10 cities of the country. Varanasi, Lucknow and Aligarh are the top three cities in the list even as other cities of the state include Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad and Kanpur.
- **About PM SVANidhi:** It was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on June 01, 2020 for providing affordable Working Capital loan to

street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19 lockdown.

- It aims at facilitating working capital loan up to Rs. 10,000 at a subsidised rate of interest.
- **Note:**The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs signed MoU with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in order to engage SIDBI as the Implementation Agency.

Uttar Pradesh becomes top tourist destination for Indians, third for foreigners in 2019

- Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top destination for attracting the highest number of domestic tourists in 2019. The Indian Tourism Statistics (ITS) 2020 has announced that as many as 53.6 crore domestic tourists visited Uttar Pradesh in 2019.

List of top three states with domestic tourist visits in 2019

1. Uttar Pradesh - 23.1%
 2. Tamil Nadu - 21.3%
 3. Andhra Pradesh - 10.2%
- **Uttar Pradesh also secured the third position in attracting foreign tourists** with a record footfall of nearly 47 lakh foreigners visiting last year. **Tamil Nadu got top position** with nearly 68 lakh foreigners visiting last year. **Goa came last** on the list with over 9 lakh foreign tourist visits in 2019.

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath launched ‘Mission Shakti’ for security of women in the state

- Uttar Pradesh government launched a six months long women empowerment campaign ‘Mission Shakti’ to raise awareness and tackle crime against women.
- Under this campaign, various awareness and training programs will be conducted regarding various schemes for the respect, protection and self-reliance of women and girls.

India's first Vulture Conservation and breeding centre in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

- The establishment of the centre dedicated to red-headed king vulture will be under the control of Gorakhpur forest department, Uttar Pradesh and Bombay Natural History Society and technical help will be provided by the Wildlife Research Institute.
- Note: The Red-headed vulture is also known as Pondicherry Vulture, Asian King Vulture and the Indian Black Vulture. According to censuses 2013-14, approximately 900 vultures were found in 13 districts of Uttar Pradesh.