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The country's first university for the transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district.

It will facilitate its members to study right from class one to PG and even do research and get a PhD degree. The university is being built by the Akhil Bhartiya Kinnar Siksha Seva Trust (All-India transgender education service trust).

Sign boards in Chinese language put up at 5 ASI protected archaeological sites

Union Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has said that sign boards in Chinese language have been put up at five ASI protected archaeological sites located in Uttar Pradesh. They include Sarnath, the Buddhist relics at Chaukhandi Stupa, Kushinagar and the Mahaparinirvana Temple, Piparahwa and Sravasti. The sign boards of foreign languages will be installed where more than one lakh tourists from a particular country visit those places every year. A total of five such foreign country languages can be included in it.

UP govt announces 25% subsidy & full stamp duty waiver for defence industry

Uttar Pradesh government has decided to provide 25 per cent subsidy and 100 per cent stamp duty waiver for setting up defence industry in the state. The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. State will also provided all facilities including power, road and fencing of land to the companies that will set up defence industries.

UP Cabinet gives nod to setting up 218 fast-track courts

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet cleared a proposal to set up 218 fast-track courts for hearing cases pertaining to crimes against children and rapes. For these fast-track courts, 218 posts of additional session judge have been created, and staff posts for the court will also be created. These special courts will be part of the total 1,023 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) which were proposed to be set up under the POCSO Amendment Act 2019. It is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to expedite trials of rape cases.

PM Modi chairs 1st meeting of National Ganga Council in Kanpur

On December 14, 2019 the PM of India Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 1st meeting of the National Ganga Council (National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga) in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh(UP). This Council has been given overall responsibility to oversee and coordinate efforts towards pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries.





Important Points:

- PM Modi stressed on a three pronged focus on 'swachhta', 'aviralta' and 'nirmalta'.
- Need for a holistic process where 'Namami Gange' evolves to 'Arth Ganga' or a sustainable development model with a focus on economic activities related to Ganga.
- the Central Government had made commitment of Rs. 20,000 crores for the period 2015-20 to the five states through which Ganga passes, to ensure adequate as well as uninterrupted water flows in the river.
- PM suggested the setting up of a Digital Dashboard so that data from villages and urban bodies can be monitored on a daily basis by Niti Ayog and Ministry of Jal Shakti.

