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The 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region will start in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the Conference. The main theme of the conference is the ROLE OF LEGISLATORS. In the Conference, delegates will discuss the Capacity Building of Legislators for Scrutinizing Budgetary Proposals and Enhancing Focus of Legislators on Legislative Business.

Uttar Pradesh Govt. has become the 1st state to shortlist migrants for citizenship.

Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the first state in the country to start the exercise of shortlisting migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, eligible for citizenship under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The exercise will also identify those who are living illegally in the state. All 75 district magistrates have been asked to track down migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who have settled here for decades, without citizenship

Uttar Pradesh government announced to build a 121-acre zoo named after Ashfaqullah Khan

The Uttar Pradesh government has recently announced it will build a 121- acre zoo in Gorakhpur named after the freedom fighter and revolutionary Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan.

About Ashfaqullah Khan

Ashfaq composed poems mostly in Urdu and a few in Hindi, under the pen names Varasi and Hazarat. He was associated with Hindustan Socialist Republican Association and Kakori Conspiracy case.



23rd National Youth Festival 2020

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and State Government of Uttar Pradesh are jointly organizing 23rd National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 at Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow. Theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is 'FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA'

About the National Youth Festivals

- Being organized since 1995.
- It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of youth icon Swami Vivekananda January 12.
- The objective of NYF is to provide a platform to bring the youth of the country together in an attempt to provide the opportunity to showcase their talents in various activities.
- The NYF 2020 intends to focus on bringing the attention of the Youth towards dialogue and discussions on selected thematic interfaces so that the outcome feeds into a National Level.

UP introduces police Commissionerate System

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Commissionerate System of policing for state capital Lucknow, and Noida. The system gives more responsibilities, including magisterial powers, to IPS officers of Inspector General of Police (IG) rank posted as commissioners.

About Commissionerate System:

- In the commissionerate system, the Commissioner of Police (CP) is the head of a unified police command structure, is responsible for the force in the city, and is accountable to the state government.
- The office also has magisterial powers, including those related to regulation, control, and licensing.
- The CP is drawn from the Deputy Inspector General rank or above and is assisted by Special/Joint/Additional/Deputy Commissioners.
- Almost all states barring Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, UT of J&K, and some Northeastern states have a commissionerate system.

Ten more wetlands in India declared as Ramsar sites

Union Environment Minister has announced that India has added 10 more wetlands to sites protected by the Ramsar Convention.

The Ten new ones are:

- Nandur Madhameshwar, a first for Maharashtra
- Keshopur-Miani, Beas Conservation Reserve and Nangal (Punjab)



- **Nawabganj, Parvati Agra, Saman, Samaspur, Sandi and Sarsai Nawar in Uttar Pradesh.** 6 Ramsar sites were added from UP. Now the state consists a total of 7 Ramsar sites.
- The other Ramsar sites are in Rajasthan, Kerala, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Tripura.

NITI Aayog's Aspirational district ranking December

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), a policy think tank of the Government of India, released the ranking of Aspirational Districts of the country for the month of December 2019.

Highlights

- **Chandauli district in Uttar Pradesh has topped the list** of aspirational districts ranked by the government think tank Niti Aayog in December.
- Belangir (Odisha) and YSR (Andhra Pradesh) have been placed at the second and third positions, respectively.
- Sahibganj (Jharkhand) has been ranked at the fourth spot and Hailakandi (Assam) at the fifth place.

Indian airports received international recognition for reducing emissions as per ACI

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) announced that four airports in the country have managed a transition from level 1 to level 2 with a reduction in the carbon emissions by grading their systems as per the Airports Council International (ACI). The airports had adopted the grading system in 2018 and successfully implemented the carbon emission plan

The 4 airports are as follows:

- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport Kolkata, West Bengal
- Biju Patnaik International Airport Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Trivandrum International Airport, Kerala

Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran to become India's first model sports villages

Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran are set to become India's first 'Model Sports Villages' as part of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad's plan to evolve a sports culture in the country. Under the 'Adarsh Khel Gram' program, IMT in association with NGO 'Sports: A Way of Life', will evolve sports culture and increase sports literacy in the twin villages.

This will be carried out by distributing free booklets, sports magazines and books that will provide the villagers with basic knowledge. All verandahs, courtyards will be developed as primary sports ground management.



India's 1st War Memorial for Animals to be set up in Meerut, UP

Meerut city in Uttar Pradesh will be host to India's first war memorial for service animals including dogs, horses and mules. This place will dedicate itself to the contributions and heroics of animals who have helped the army in counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir and in the battlefield during the Kargil War.

Granite tablets with names and service numbers of more than 300 dogs, 350 handlers and a few horses' mules will be inscribed at the memorial.

Uttar Pradesh: SRTC launches women's special helpline 'Damini'

UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) has launched 'Damini' helpline service considering the safety of the women passengers in Uttar Pradesh (UP). As the extension of 'Nirbhaya Yojana' the unique number "81142-77777" has been subscribed for this helpline, which was launched by transport minister Ashok Kataria in Lucknow, UP.

UP Govt launches Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana

Uttar Pradesh Government has launched Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana which will provide financial assistance to family of farmers who die or become handicapped while working in fields.

Important points to remember

- Under the 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana, if a farmer or any member of his family dies while working in a field then they will be given financial assistance of five lakh rupees.
- For the first time, the scheme will also include the Bataidars, who work in the field of other persons and share the crop after it is harvested.
- The scheme will cover farmers and their family members in the age group of 18-70 years and will be implemented from 14th September last year.

UP signs MoU for efficient e-procurement on GeM

Digitising governance further, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the government eMarketplace (GeM), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU) in the state.

The move looks to expedite the procurement guidelines between the two while integrating systems to enable seamless procuring experience. The new PMU will be setup under the MoU making it easier for MSMEs of the state to onboard and transact on GeM.

With this the UP government has become the second state after Punjab to establish a GOTT-PMU to push efficient and transparent procurement system.



RBI gives in-principle nod to Shivalik Mercantile to convert to SFB

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB), becoming the first urban cooperative bank (UCB) to make the transition since the guidelines came out nearly two years ago. It was done under the scheme by the RBI on voluntary transition of urban co-operative bank into a small finance bank.

Noted Urdu poet Ajmal Sultanpuri passed away at the age of 97 in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Ajmal Sultanpuri was awarded the “LifeTime Achievement Award” by Uttar Pradesh (UP) Urdu Academy in March 2016 for his contribution to Urdu poetry. The two popular poems of Ajmal Sultanpuri are “Kahan Hai Mera Hindustan” and “Agar Main Tera Shahjahan”.

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