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UP CM Yogi Adityanath introduces Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on the occasion of Mahanavmi introduced the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana.

Aim: Empowering the girl child for which an amount of 15 thousand rupees will be provided to every family in which a girl child takes birth

Points to Remember: Under the scheme, the state government will direct transfer funds in the account of the registered girls in a phased manner when a girl child will complete various achievements, like vaccination, admission in class 1, 5 and 9, graduation.

UP Culture Dept to organise training & performance programme of KHON Ramlila

The Culture Department of Uttar Pradesh government is going to organise the country's first training and performance programme of world famous KHON (खोन) Ramlila, a masked form of Ramlila art of Thailand in collaboration with Thai government.

Artists will get training from experts of Thailand as part of cultural exchange programme between two nations and will perform at Grand Deepotsav function.

About KHON Ramlila: KHON Ramlila of Thailand is included in the list of UNESCO's Intangible cultural heritage and it's a form of masked dance depicting the scenes of Ramlila. It has no dialogues and background voices narrate the whole story of Ramayana. KHON Ramlila's performance is also a visual delight famous for its beautiful attire and golden masks.

The India Carpet Expo (38th) was held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

The India Carpet Expo is organized twice in a year in Delhi and Varanasi. The expo (largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia) has been organized by the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC). The India Carpet Expo aims to promote the cultural heritage and weaving skills of Indian hand-made carpets and other floor coverings for the visiting overseas carpet buyers.



Union Health Ministry will launch the Mission Indradhanush 2.0.

It will carry out a massive immunization program in 271 districts across the nation and 652 blocks located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It will cover the areas identified as “low immunisation pockets”. Total vaccination program is dedicated for children up to 2 years of age and for all pregnant women

Scientists excavate ‘ancient river’ in Uttar Pradesh

The Union Water Ministry has excavated an old, dried-up river in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad) that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers.

About:

- The “ancient buried river” as it was described at a conference organised by the Ministry, is around 4 km wide, 45 km long and consisted of a 15- metre-thick layer buried under the soil.
- The newly discovered river was a buried paleochannel that joins the Yamuna River at Durgapur village, about 26 km south of the current Ganga-Yamuna confluence at Prayagraj.
- This report concluded that evidence from paleochannels suggested that the mythological Saraswati River did indeed exist.

UP tops in the Crime in India Report 2017

Recently after a delay of two years, the annual Crime in India Report 2017 was published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). Majority of cases under crimes against women were registered under ‘Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives’

- Uttar Pradesh topped the list followed by Maharashtra and West Bengal in the number of cases.
- The NCRB for the first time collected data on the circulation of “false/fake news and rumours.” Under the category, maximum incidents were reported from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala.

Kisan Pathshala: For doubling farmers’ incomes

Kisan Pathshala is popularly known as **Million Farmers’ School (MFS) Programme** is a scheme of Uttar Pradesh Government.

About the Scheme:

It is popularly known as Kisan Pathshala, is an extension programme that the government of UP initiated in 2017. It integrates various facets of agricultural knowledge into a packaged format and delivers it through village-level training across all districts in the state.

The key objective of the MFS is to impart agricultural knowledge and techniques to farmers, which in turn can enhance agricultural production, improve soil health, and promote integrated and diversified farming systems.



SEED Awards 2019

Recently fourteen start-ups have been selected for this year's SEED awards. Under the SEED Low Carbon category, an organization called **Aikya Organics, located in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh has won the award from India.**

The award highlights the contribution of green and social enterprises to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Every year, awards are decided under various categories.

About the Award:

It was founded by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. It is a global partnership for action on sustainable development and the green economy.

Annual Ganges river dolphin census begins

The annual Ganges river dolphin census, undertaken by World Wide Fund for Nature-India in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department along about 250-km-long riverine stretch of Upper Ganga between Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and Narora Ramsar site began in Bijnor.

Unlike previous years, when direct counting method was used, this year the tandem boat survey method is being used.

About Gangetic Dolphin:

The Ganges dolphins (*Platanista gangetica*) that are also called as 'susu' due to the sound they make. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Status: Endangered

India's first plastic to diesel conversion plant in Mathura to be operational from October 11

India's 1st plant to produce diesel from plastic waste in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh has been soft launched by Mathura MP (Member of Parliament) Hema Malini in October 2019, with the aim to fulfill PM Narendra Modi's dream of a Swachh Bharat Mission.

About:

The plant, working on a full scale at the Mathura Municipal Corporation (MMC), built on public-private partnership (P-P-P) model. The specialty of this plant will be that 6 tons of plastic will be used to make diesel every day.



Ayodhya Lights Over 4 Lakh Diyas on Diwali Eve at Ram Ki Paidi, Finds Spot in Guinness World Records

History was created at Ayodhya here as a record six lakh earthen lamps lit up the Saryu river bank on the eve of Diwali. This year's count of the earthen lamps lit on the river bank far surpassed the three lakh-plus number of 'diyas' lit last year.

First National Hindi Science writers conference starts in Lucknow

The first National Hindi Science writers conference started today in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh with an aim to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages in science writing. The conference being organised at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra National rehabilitation university was inaugurated by speaker of the state assembly Hriday Narayain dixit.

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