

July 2020

1. U.P. government has launched 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020' a mega plantation programme.

- Note: CM Yogi Adityanath planted 3 saplings at the Kukrail Reserve Forest's Harishankari Vatika in Lucknow to inaugurate the Mission Vriksharopan-2020.

2. Startup Policy 2020 was approved by Uttar Pradesh.

- Note: Start policy is valid for 5 years which aims to provide generate self - employment to around 1.5 lakh people and direct employment to more than 50,000 people. Uttar Pradesh was nominated as the "Inspiring Leader" in the national startup ranking in 2018.

3. PM Modi to launch 'high throughput COVID-19 testing' facilities in Kolkata, Mumbai, Noida.

- "These three high-throughput testing facilities have been set up strategically at ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida; ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai; and ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata, and will be able to test over 10,000 samples in a day,"

4. Power Finance Corporation, a PSU, has signed an agreement for Training, Research, and Entrepreneurship Development in Smart Grid Technology.

- Power Finance Corporation, PFC, a PSU under Ministry of Power has signed an agreement with Indian Institute of Technology- Kanpur for Training, Research, and Entrepreneurship Development in Smart Grid Technology.
- Under the agreement, PFC will provide financial assistance of worth two crores thirty-eight lakhs and ninety-seven thousand rupees to IIT-Kanpur.

- The aim of the agreement is to provide support to IIT-Kanpur in developing infrastructure for research and development on smart grid technology.

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