Uttar pradesh govt. to conduct special drive to make roads 'pothole-free'

• The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to conduct a 30-day special drive from September 15 to November 15, 2021, to make the roads in the state "pothole-free".

• As per the ministry of road transport and highway (MoRTH), Uttar Pradesh (UP) made up for the largest share - 15% of total road accident deaths in the country in 2019.

Smriti Irani inaugurates 'PM Matru Vandana Week' programme

• Union Minister Smriti Irani on 5 September 2021 inaugurated the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana (PMMV) Week' programme organised at the community health centre in Amethi.

• In the programme, pregnant women were given information related to healthy living and better care.

• Under PMMV, assistance amounting to Rs 14.52 crores has been given to 42,000 beneficiaries in Amethi.

Former Minister Atmaram Tomar passes away

• Former minister, Atmaram Tomar, who had contested the Uttar Pradesh assembly elections, passed away in September 2021.

• He has also served as the principal of Janata Vedic College was a senior BJP leader from Uttar Pradesh.

• In 1993, Atmaram Tomar had contested elections on a BJP ticket from the Chhaprauli constituency.

• A few years later, he served as a BJP Minister in the state in 1997.

Foundation stones laid for UP National Law University

• President of India, Ram Nath Kovind visited Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh on 11 September 2021.

• During his one-day visit, President laid the foundation stones for Uttar Pradesh National Law University and the new building complex of Allahabad High Court.
• He also laid the foundation stone for multi-level parking, advocate chamber library, and an auditorium.

Uttar pradesh govt. declares 22 wards of MVNN as holy pilgrimage sites
• The Uttar Pradesh government declared 22 wards of the Mathura-Vrindavan Nagar Nigam (MVNN) area as holy pilgrimage sites.
• Mathura and Vrindavan are the birthplace and 'krira sthal' of Lord Krishna.
• Dwarkapuri, Vankhandi, Arjunpura, Jagannathpuri, Gaughat, Manoharpur, Bairagpura, Radhanagar, Badrinagar, Mahavidya Colony, Krishna Nagar I are some of the wards among others.

Uttar pradesh Chief minister inaugurates and lays foundation stone of multiple projects
• Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects in Sant Kabirnagar and Kushinagar districts on 12 September 2021.
• He informed the state government that will soon roll out 90,000 more jobs.
• He also informed that the work on the international airport in Kushinagar is in the final stage and it will be inaugurated soon.

PepsiCo commissions Rs 814 crore food plant in Uttar Pradesh
• Soft drinks and packaged foods company PepsiCo commissioned its greenfield food plant in Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, built at a cost of Rs 814 crore on 15 September 2021.
• The plant has been inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
• The food plant is PepsiCo’s largest greenfield investment in manufacturing in India and will be used for making Lay’s potato chips.

UNDP, HDFC and Greater Noida Authority ink pact
• The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), HDFC Bank and the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) have inked a pact.
• They will set up a facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in the city every month.
• The material recovery facility (MRF) in Greater Noida will come up at a cost of Rs 3 crore and will be funded by the HDFC bank.

Uttar pradesh Chief minister distributes tool kits to 21,000 beneficiaries under VSSY

• On the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 17 September 2021 distributed tool kits to 21,000 beneficiaries under ‘Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana’ (VSSY).

• Under VSSY, youths are imparted training in traditional work like carpentry, tailoring, blacksmith, goldsmith, pottery shop, and running sweat meat shop.

KVIC launches SPIN Scheme to empower potters' community in Varanasi

• Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched a unique scheme called SPIN (Strengthening the Potential of India) on the occasion of "Sewa Diwas", the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• It also set up a pottery cluster under SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries Scheme) in Varanasi to empower over 1100 people of the marginalized potters' community.

Metro train services in Agra and Kanpur to start operations by November

• In Uttar Pradesh, two more cities Agra and Kanpur will have Metro rail service by November 2021.

• It was informed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Gorakhpur while virtually unveiling the first prototype train for the two projects.

• These prototypes Metro trains were received from Vadodara in Gujarat.

• In Agra the Metro rail in first phase will run in the stretch of 6 kilometer.

Uttar pradesh govt. to set up electronic park in 250 acres near Jewar Airport

• The Uttar Pradesh government will set up an electronic park in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) area.

• It is expected to attract an investment of ₹50,000 crores.

• The Uttar Pradesh government had earlier announced a medical device park in Noida.
• Yeida has earmarked 350 acres of land for the first medical device park in Uttar Pradesh that will be built in two phases.

Uttar Pradesh’s homeopathic doctor awarded with IPA 2021

• World Against Corruption (WAC) People Council and WAC Global Human Rights Foundation awarded Dr. Bhasker Sharma with the International Prestigious Award (IPA) 2021.

• Dr. Bhasker Sharma is a renowned homeopathic doctor of Uttar Pradesh.

• WAC People Council is a Maharashtra-based non-profit foundation registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt.

President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhada Parishad Narendra Giri passes away

• President of the Akhil Bhartiya Akhara Parishad and Mahant of Bade Hanuman temple of Prayagraj, Narendra Giri, passed away in September 2021.

• He belonged to Shri Panchayati Akhara Niranjani, one of the ancient monastic orders of the country.

• Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad is the apex decision-making body of the 13 recognized Hindu monastic orders of the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap University and Defense Corridor in Aligarh

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap University and Defense Corridor during his visit to Aligarh on 14 September 2021.

• The university is being established by the state government in the memory and honor of the great freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh.

“Nirbhaya-Ek Pahal” program launched in Uttar Pradesh

• Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched “Nirbhaya-Ek Pahal” program under Mission Shakti-Phase 3 in Lucknow.
• During this, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told that 75,000 women would join the state banks, get loans at affordable interest rates and avail the state subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana for 3 months.

Home minister Amit Shah launches projects in Uttar Pradesh

• The Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched several development projects in Uttar Pradesh on 1 Aug’21.

• He laid the foundation stone for Vindhyachal Corridor Project and inaugurated a ropeway in Mirzapur.

• He also laid the foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh Institute of Forensic Sciences, (UPIFS) in Lucknow.

• UPIFS would help provide assistance to maintain the law and order situation in the state.

Uttar Pradesh to provide Rs 2,500 per month to children

• The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal to provide financial assistance of Rs 2,500 per month under the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Bal Seva Yojana (general) to children below 18 years who lost their parents due to reasons other than COVID-19.

• The Cabinet also decided that monetary help will be provided to adults between 18 to 23 years who have lost their parents or guardians due to COVID-19.

IIT-Kanpur approves students ENT policy

• Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur has approved a comprehensive students entrepreneurship policy.

• The policy introduces the path-breaking concept of "innovation and entrepreneurship credit".

• The institute also has a faculty entrepreneurship policy under which the faculty members can start a company while continuing as regular employees of the institute.

Centre releases grant-in-aid to Uttar Pradesh under JJM

• The Jal Shakti ministry has released a Rs 2,400 crore grant-in-aid to Uttar Pradesh against an allocation of Rs10,870 crore for the financial year 2021-22 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
• It is the highest allocation to any state under the JJM.

• JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

R. K. Singh launches e-certification programme

• Power Minister R K Singh has launched an e-certification programme, 'reform and regulatory knowledge base for power sector', to provide regulatory training.

• He also launched a Regulatory Data Dashboard.

• It is an e-compendium of data containing state-wise details of tariff and power discoms (distribution companies) performance, developed by IIT Kanpur.

Uttar Pradesh government renames Kakori Kand

• Uttar Pradesh government has renamed the 'Kakori Kand' to 'Kakori Train action'.

• It has been renamed since the word 'Kand' denotes a sense of insult to this incident under India’s Independence struggle.

• The Uttar Pradesh Government celebrated the anniversary of the 'Kakori Train action' on 9 August 2021 under the program 'Chauri Chaura Mahotsav' which is going to complete 100 years in 2022.

Ghaziabad second most polluted city in 2020

• A recent report prepared by British company HouseFresh has revealed that Bangladesh was the most polluted country across the world in 2020, followed by Pakistan, India, and Mongolia.

• Out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world, the Indian city Ghaziabad in UP has been given the second spot.

• China's Hotan province is the most polluted city in the world.

Uttar Pradesh felicitates Tokyo Olympics medal winners

• The Uttar Pradesh government felicitated the Tokyo Olympics medal winners and contingent members of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow on 19 August 2021.
• A cash prize of rupees 2 crores was given to the gold medal winner, Rs 1.50 crore to the silver medallists, and rupees 1 crore to the bronze medallists.

• Those who stood at fourth place and did better show were honoured with rupees 50 lakh.

Uttar Pradesh setting up ATS training centre in Deoband

• The Uttar Pradesh govt has decided to set up a training centre for Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) commandos in Saharanpur's Deoband, known for its Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband.

• Over one and a half dozen ATS officers, selected from all over the state, will be deputed there.

• The government has already allotted over 2,000 square meters of land for establishing the ATS training center in Deoband.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Kalyan Singh passes away

• Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh died at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI) in Lucknow on 21 August 2021.

• Kalyan Singh was Rajasthan's first governor in five decades to complete his five-year term in the gubernatorial office.

• In 1991, Singh became the first BJP chief minister of the country's most populous state.

Uttar Pradesh launches 3rd phase of 'Mission Shakti'

• The Uttar Pradesh government launched the third phase of 'Mission Shakti' with an aim to promote safety and self-reliance for women.

• The main schemes to be implemented in this phase are the launch of 'Mission Shakti Kaksha' at all the 59,000-gram panchayat bhawans, the formation of one lakh women self-help groups, and the construction of pink toilets in 1,286 police stations, etc.

Road in Ayodhya to be named after Kalyan Singh
• Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has that the road leading to the Ram Janmbhoomi in Ayodhya will be named after the former UP Chief Minister Kalyan Singh.

• Besides Ayodhya, one road each in Lucknow, Prayagraj, Bulandshahr, and Aligarh will also be named after him.

• A two-time UP CM, Kalyan Singh also served as Governor of Rajasthan from 2014-2019.

**Ganga Expressway project receives loan**

• A loan of Rs 5100 c sanctioned by Punjab National Bank was transferred for Ganga Expressway construction in Uttar Pradesh on 21 August 2021.

• The Ganga Expressway will connect Meerut in west Uttar Pradesh to Prayagraj in the eastern part of the state.

• The proposed Ganga Expressway will be around 594 km long, a 6-lane wide (expandable to eight lanes) greenfield expressway.

**Uttar Pradesh govt to build first handicrafts park**

• The Uttar Pradesh government is in the process of building the first handicrafts park of UP in Sector 29 of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

• The maiden handicrafts park of UP would feature workshops, factories, and outlets making, showcasing, and selling the wide-ranging handicrafts of the state to domestic and global visitors.

**Uttar Pradesh's 1st AYUSH University in Gorakhpur**

• President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of UP’s first AYUSH University in Gorakhpur on 28 Aug 2021.

• He also inaugurated the Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Vishwavidyalaya in the city.

• With this, the district will have four Universities and this will be a step forward towards establishing Gorakhpur as an educational hub in the Purvanchal region.

**Ramayana conclave launched in Ayodhya**
• President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Ramayana Conclave in Ayodhya on 29 August 2021.

• The 65 days long conclave will be organised in Gorakhpur, Baliya, Varanasi, Vindhyachal, Chitrakoot, Lalitpur, Shringverpur bithoor, Bijnor, Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Mathura, Garhmukteshwar, Saharanpur and Lucknow.

• It will have special experts who will narrate and discuss the various events of Ramayana.

**Ram Van Gaman Marg’s draft ready**

• The draft of the proposed 'Ram Van Gaman Marg' has been prepared by the Public Works Department in Uttar Pradesh.

• The project seeks to retrace the path believed to have been taken by Lord Ram on his way to exile with Sita and brother Lakshman.

• The route is to be developed till Chitrakoot via Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Shringverpur Dham, Manjhanpur, and Rajapur.

**Uttar Pradesh to get 9 new medical colleges**

• 9 new medical colleges will come up in UP in July 2021 and these will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• The new colleges will come up in Deoria, Etah, Fatehpur, Ghazipur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, and Siddharthnagar districts.

• It is for the first time in the history of UP that such a large number of medical colleges will be inaugurated simultaneously.

**Martyr Captain Manoj Pandey's Sacrifice Day**

• The 21st sacrifice day of Param Vir Chakra winner Captain Manoj Pandey was celebrated on 3 July 2021 in his native village Rura, district Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

• Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey was an officer of the PVC Indian Army, He was posthumously awarded India's highest military honour, the Param Vir Chakra, for his audacious courage and leadership during the Kargil War in 1999.

**New record set during Van Mahotsav**
• Set a new record by planting 25 crore saplings during the week-long Van Mahotsav that ended on 4th July 2021 in Uttar Pradesh.

• To achieve the target of planting 25 crore saplings under the campaign, each district was given its own target.

• Under Van Mahotsav, the government aims to plant 30 crore saplings in the year 2021.

75 Major Projects Completed in Varanasi

• The Uttar Pradesh government has completed 75 mega projects worth over Rs 736 crore in Varanasi.

• 75 major projects completed include International Facilitation Center 'Rudraksh'.

• Varanasi is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• Proposals for 64 other major infrastructure development projects worth over Rs 417 crore have already been approved.

Uttar Pradesh Government announces new Population Policy

• The Uttar Pradesh Government announced the new Population Policy 2021-2030’ on the occasion of World Population Day on 11 July 2021.

• According to the policy draft, people having more than two children will not be able to fight local body elections.

• Those who have up to two offsprings will be provided more government facilities and incentives.

Indian Institute of Heritage to be set up

• The govt has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar.

• This was announced by Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy.

• It is being set up as deemed to be a university by integrating Institute of Archaeology (Pt Deendayal Upadhyaaya Institute of Archaeology), School of Archival Studies under National Archives of India, New Delhi, and several other organizations.
India to get its second-longest expressway

• India will soon get its second-longest expressway.

• The new Ganga Expressway will run across the breadth of the state of Uttar Pradesh and will connect some major cities in the state.

• It will be approximately 594 kms long.

• Once the expressway is made operational, the travel time between Delhi and Prayagraj is expected to be cut short from the current 10-11 hours to just 6-7 hours.

Uttar Pradesh government to set up panchayat secretariat

• The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has decided to set up a panchayat secretariat in all panchayats of the state.

• The move is aimed at strengthening rural democracy and providing employment to rural youth.

• Panchayat secretariat will be established in all gram panchayats for the first time in the state.

• There are currently 58,189-gram panchayats in Uttar Pradesh.

Corteva Agriscience inks pact with World Bank

• Global agricultural firm Corteva Agriscience has signed a three-year project with the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) hosted by the World Bank Group, to promote sustainable rice cultivation in 40,000 acres in Uttar Pradesh.

• Corteva will also assist farmers with hybrid seeds and mechanized sowing services as well as help in soil testing and management of weeds and pests on the farms.

'Bai sewa yojna' launched by Uttar Pradesh

• Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with Governor Anandi Ben Patel, launched the “Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Sewa Yojna” at a function in Lok Bhawan on 22 July 2021.

• At present, an advance 3-month allowance (of Rs 4000 for each month) is being given to these 4,050 children, who became orphaned during the pandemic.

• Those studying in schools will be given tablets or laptops.
**Chaurasi Kosi Marg declared a National Highway**

- The Chaurasi Kosi Parikrama Marg in Ayodhya, UP has been declared a National Highway.

- About 80 kms of Ring Road in Ayodhya and 275 kms of Ayodhya Chaurasi Kosi Parikrama Marg will be made National Highway.

- The Parikrama Marg covers districts Ayodhya, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Ambedkarnagar.

- Also, the Parikrama route will connect people living in Bahraich, Raibareli, and Sultanpur as well.

**Government of Uttar Pradesh and Sapio Analytics join hands**

- Department of MSME, Government of Uttar Pradesh, has signed an MoU with government advisory firm Sapio Analytics.

- It will provide licenses of automation software Accloud, worth Rs. 72 crores, to 20,000 MSMEs of the state.

**Foundation laid for Sainik School in Gorakhpur**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on 23 July 2021 laid the foundation stone of Sainik School in Gorakhpur.

- The school, to be built in Gorakhpur Fertilizer Complex, will be the 5th Sainik School in the state.

- He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects of over Rs. 187 crore.

- A Sainik School will come up in each of the Commissionerates of the state.

**IIT Kanpur launches technology innovation hub**

- IIT Kanpur has launched the first technology innovation hub to find cybersecurity solutions for anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection systems, block-chain, and cyber-physical system.
As many as 13 start-ups and 25 research and development principal investigators were selected after a rigorous application process.

"MyGov Uttar Pradesh" portal launched

- Chief minister Yogi Adityanath launched "MyGov Uttar Pradesh" portal on 26 July 2021.
- It aims to take forward the idea of citizen engagement and to achieve the goal of 'Good Governance' in the biggest State of India.
- With this “innovative effort”, now the citizens can share their opinion on the government’s policy and the government can receive their feedback on programs of public interest.

Rs 10 lakh help to families of journalists

- Rs 10 lakh financial aid had been announced for family members of scribes who died due to COVID-19 by CM Yogi Adityanath.
- Families of a total of 36 journalists have received financial assistance which included the family of TV journalist Rohit Sardana.
- The cheque of the financial help was distributed in a function in Lucknow, UP on 31 July 2021.

14 Tiger Reserves get Global CA/TS recognition

- 14 Tiger Reserves in India have received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA/TS).
- The 14 tiger reserves include Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam, Satpura, Kanha and Panna in Madhya Pradesh, Pench in Maharashtra, Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar, Dudhwa in Uttar Pradesh, Sunderbans in West Bengal, Parambikulam in Kerala, Bandipur reserve in Karnataka, etc.

Uttar Pradesh government started welfare scheme

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched a welfare scheme for children who have lost one or both parents due to COVID-19.
- Under the 'Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Sewa Yojana', the government will provide financial assistance to the guardian of the child.
- As a part of the scheme, the state government will give Rs 4000 to the guardian or caregiver of the child till they attain adulthood.

**UP government set a target of planting 30 crore saplings**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of planting 30 crore (300 million) saplings during the Van Mahotsav (afforestation festival).

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made this announcement on 5 June 2021 on the occasion of World Environment Day.

- The Van Mahotsav program will start in the first week of July 2021.

**'Believe' autobiography of Uttar Pradesh cricketer Suresh Raina**

- Cricketer Suresh Raina has come out with his autobiography 'Believe - What Life Taught Me'.

- The cricketer shares a glimpse of his cricketing career in the book which includes stories of success, failure, injuries, setbacks and recovery from them.

- Co-written by Bharat Sundaresan, Suresh Raina narrates his journey from being a schoolboy in Uttar Pradesh to living the dream of playing for India.

**Shooting range will be named after Chandro Tomar**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to name a shooting range in Noida after international shooter 'Chandro Tomar', popularly known as 'Shooter Dadi'.

- Chandro Tomar passed away in April 2021 due to COVID.

- Shooter Dadi started shooting professionally at the age of 60, and went on to win several national competitions.

- She is considered the oldest shooter in the world.

**Munishwar Nath Acting Chief Justice of Allahabad HC**

- The Center has notified the appointment of Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari as the Acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

- Justice Bhandari, the senior-most Judge of the Allahabad High Court, will perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court.

- Justice Bhandari was appointed as a judge of the Rajasthan High Court on 5 July 2007.

**Smart City Awards 2020 announced**

- The Central Government has announced Smart City Awards 2020.
• Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Surat (Gujarat) jointly won the award for their overall development.

• Uttar Pradesh topped all the states under Smart City Award, 2020, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

• Chandigarh won the award for Union Territories, while Indore won the "Innovative Idea Award".

Deepak Agrawal first head of the Directorate of Religious Affairs

• Varanasi Divisional Commissioner Deepak Agrawal has been appointed as the first director of the Directorate of Religious Affairs (DRA), which is headquartered in Varanasi.

• The DRA Headquarters will be set up with the help of Kashi Vishwanath Special Area Development Board (KVSADB).

• The sub-office of DRA will be set up at Kailash Mansarover office building in Ghaziabad.

Shambhu Nath appointed President of IFUNA

• Justice Shambhu Nath Srivastava, former judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been appointed as the President of the Indian Association of United Nations Associations.

• It is a non-profit organization to promote the objectives of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

• Shambhu Nath will replace Mukul Sangma, former Chief Minister of Meghalaya.

President Ram Nath Kovind reached Paraunkh in his native village of Kanpur Dehat

• He participated in a Jan-Abhinandan ceremony, in which Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath Yogi and State Governor Anandiben Patel were also with him.

• President Kovind traveled from Delhi to Kanpur in a special train.

• President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Cultural Center in the capital Lucknow.

Anup Chandra Pandey appointed as Election Commissioner

• Union government has appointed Anup Chandra Pandey, as Election Commissioner. He is a retired IAS officer if 1984 batch from Uttar Pradesh cadre. He will serve the office for around three years and will retire in February 2024.

• He retired from civil services in August 2019. He had served as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He also worked as the Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner of UP.

Birth anniversary of freedom fighter Ram Prasad Bismil
Recently, the Ministry of Culture organised a special ceremony at Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh to mark the birth anniversary of freedom fighter Ram Prasad Bismil.

He was born on 11th June, 1897, in a village in Uttar Pradesh’s Shahjahanpur district to Murlidhar and Moolmati.

In 1925, Bismil and his companions Chandrasekhar Azad and Ashfaqulla Khan decided to loot a train in Kakori near Lucknow.

They were successful in their attempt but were arrested alongside a dozen other HRA members within a month of the attack and tried under the Kakori Conspiracy Case. The legal process lasted 18 months. Bismil, Lahiri, Khan and Thakur Roshan Singh were awarded death sentences.

Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam lists itself at BSE

Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam in Uttar Pradesh listed itself at BSE on 31 March 2021 and successfully raised Rs.150 crores by issuing a municipal bond on a private placement basis using BSE BOND.

This is the first-ever green bond issuance by any Municipal Corporation in the country.

The money will be used for the construction of a tertiary sewage treatment plant at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad.

Delhi-Meerut Expressway opened for traffic

The Delhi-Meerut Expressway has been opened for traffic from 1 April 2021.

The Expressway will reduce the travel time between Meerut and Delhi to 45 minutes instead of over two and half hours taken currently.

It has been constructed with over 8 thousand crores rupees and will also help in resolving the problem of congestion and pollution.

Newgen Software partners with Akshaya Patra

Newgen Software and Akshaya Patra Foundation have joined hands to offer mid-day meals and happiness kits.

The company has sponsored around 17378 children in Vrindavan, Lucknow, and Jhalawar by completing the distribution in 2 rounds/phases: 8689 kits in each round.

Till now a total donation of Rs.99,28,428 has been made towards the mid-day meal program.
Uttar Pradesh government launches unique gift scheme

• UP govt has launched a unique gift scheme to promote covid vaccination in the state.

• On World Health Day on 7th April 2021, the state government will conduct a lucky draw for those who have taken the vaccine.

• Where more than 25,000 beneficiaries have taken both doses of vaccine they will be eligible for this gift scheme.

• 4 gifts will be given to the beneficiaries after the lucky draw.

Gita Press head Radheshyam Khemka passes away

• Radheshyam Khemka, the President of Gita Press in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, passed away on 4 April 2021.

• Khemka was also the editor of Kalyan, a famous magazine of Sanatan Dharma for nearly 40 years.

• He was the one, who took Sanatan literature to the masses.

IIT Kanpur develops touch-sensitive watch

• Two researchers from IIT Kanpur have developed a touch-sensitive, tactile, haptic watch that can help visually impaired people learn what time it is by touching the face.

• The watch has been developed by prof Siddhartha Panda and Vishwaraj Srivastava of IIT Kanpur.

• The user has to touch and scan the hour indicator of the watch to know the time.

• The watch provides user privacy.

Ramayana Museum to be established in Uttar Pradesh

• An international level 'Ramayana Museum and Cultural Center' will be established on 10 acres of land at Ramasnehi Ghat between Ayodhya and Lucknow.

• This will enable people to get "grand and divine darshan" of the entire life of Lord Ram in one location instead of flitting from city to city.
• The museum will have performances of the Ramayana through puppets from Russia, Japan, Malaysia, etc.

Eminent historian Yogesh Praveen passes away
• Eminent historian and an expert on Awadh especially Lucknow, Yogesh Praveen passed away in April 2021.
• Awarded with Padma Shri in 2019 he had a long association with All India Radio Lucknow also.
• He wrote more than 30 books on Awadhi culture and Lucknow and contributed several articles in newspapers and magazines.

Surendra Kumar Yadav appointed ‘Deputy-Lokayukta’ in Uttar Pradesh
• Retired judge Surendra Kumar Yadav took oath as third ‘Deputy-Lokayukta in UP on 12 Apr’21.
• The other two Deputy-Lokayuktas are Shambu Singh Yadav and Dinesh Kumar Singh.
• The tenure of a ‘Deputy-Lokayukta is 8 yrs.
• The Lokayukta functions as a statutory authority probing cases primarily related to corruption, government mismanagement, or abuse of power by public servants or ministers.

Agriculture Ministry signs MoU with Microsoft
• Union Agriculture Ministry has signed an MoU with Microsoft for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states.
• These states are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh.
• Under this project, Microsoft will develop a farmer interface for smart and well-organized agriculture, including post-harvest management and distribution.

Uttar Pradesh government decides to establish 10 oxygen plants
• The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to establish 10 oxygen plants for an unabated supply of oxygen to the hospitals.
• A team of DRDO officials will help the state administration in this task.

• On the other hand, Hindustan aeronautics limited will help state administration in preparing a new covid hospital in Lucknow.

• A 24/7 control room has been made active for this purpose.

**DRDO to set up Covid hospitals in 3 cities**

• DRDO Chairman Dr G Satheesh Reddy informed that work is on to set up a 450-bed hospital in Lucknow, a 750-bed hospital in Varanasi and a 900-bed hospital in Ahmedabad amid the surge in COVID-19 cases.

• Pucca structure is being used to build the wards of the hospital, which has all medical facilities.

• DRDO has also set up a facility in New Delhi with all basic facilities free of charge.

**Uttar Pradesh government to invoke National Security Act**

• UP govt will invoke National Security Act and Gangster Act on those persons who are involved in black marketing and holding of necessary medicines, oxygen, and injections required for covid treatment.

• Very soon the state will get 1.25 lakh doses of remdesivir injection.

• The state health department has issued new guidelines to private and government hospitals for better management.

**Uttar Pradesh government sets up oxygen monitoring system**

• The Uttar Pradesh government has set up an ‘oxygen monitoring system’ in Lucknow.

• Under this system a Command Control Centre has been opened at Home Department in Lucknow.

• The system will help to monitor the live report on the movement of Oxygen tankers on a map.

• It will analyse and inform, if the tanker is getting delayed either in filling or in transportation.
Uttar Pradesh government orders 50 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccines

• Uttar Pradesh government has ordered 50 lakhs doses of Covishield and Covaxin each from manufacturing companies to ensure the availability of adequate doses of Covid-19 vaccine in the state.

Uttar Pradesh won “e-panchayat award 2021”

• The Uttar Pradesh government won the “E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021”, ranking first in Category I. It was followed by Assam and Chhattisgarh at the second position, while Odisha and Tamil Nadu stood third.

• Every year, the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj awards those states, which ensure maximum use of information technology to keep a tab on the work done by gram panchayats.

Uttar Pradesh Government announces free vaccine for all above 18 years from May 1

• The Uttar Pradesh Government on April 20, 2021, announced that it has decided to vaccinate free of cost to all those above the age of 18 years from May 1, 2021.

• The decision was taken at a State Cabinet meeting which was chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The Cabinet also thanked PM Modi for permitting the administering of the vaccine to all those above the age of 18 years.

Renowned Hindustani classical singer Pandit Rajan Mishra Passes Away

• Renowned Hindustani classical singer, from ‘Banaras Gharana’ of India, Pandit Rajan Mishra, has passed away. He was a vocalist in the khyal style of Indian classical singing.

• Mishra was awarded Padma Bhushan in the field of art in 2007. Pandit Rajan Mishra was also a recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, the Gandharwa National Award and the National Tansen Samman.

The founder member of Samajwadi Party and former Uttar Pradesh minister Bhagwati Singh passed away

• Founder member of Samajwadi Party and former UP minister Bhagwati Singh passed away He was 89 years old.
• Singh was not cremated as he pledged to donate his body to King George's Medical University.

Suresh Raina's autobiography will be published in May 2021
• Suresh Raina's much-awaited autobiography titled "Believe - What Life and Cricket Taught Me" is set for release in May 2021.
• This book is co-authored by Raina and sports writer Bharat Sundaresan, this biography will be published by the prestigious publishing house Penguin India.
• In this book, Suresh Raina will talk about his fast rise in the Indian cricket team and the challenges in the way of becoming a record-breaking batsman. The book will also get to know the story of Raina's early days as a rising cricketer in Uttar Pradesh.

Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited started its operations
• Uttar Pradesh based Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited started its operations as a Small Finance Bank (SFB) with effect from 26 April 2021.
• The bank has been licensed under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 of the Reserve Bank of India to run the business of small finance bank in India. The Shivalik SFB’s operating area is in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and some parts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
• Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited MD & CEO is Suvir Kumar Gupta.

UP government orders removal of all roadside religious structures
• Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken strict steps to remove the increasing encroachment on the roads. The UP government has issued orders to remove encroachments on roads in the name of religious places.

Uttar Pradesh government to launch Arjuna Sahayak irrigation Project
• The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath informed on March 10, 2021, that Arjuna Sahayak Irrigation Project worth Rs. 2,600 crores will bring positive changes in the lives of the farmers of Hamirpur, Mahoba, and Banda in the Bundelkhand region which was denied to them by the previous governments.

Shri Ram University will be built in Ayodhya with the help of private sector
• The government of Uttar Pradesh is going to build Sri Ram University in Ayodhya. This university will be the largest center for research on Lord Rama's culture. Proposals were
also sought from private sector for this work. With the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, development has also knocked.

• Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma said that the Sri Ram University will be set up in Ayodhya in the private sector, with research on various Ramayanas. Ritual training will also be given. He said that if the proposal is received from the Ayodhya Festival Trust, then it will be provincialized like Deepotsav.

58,000 bank correspondents Sakhi appointed

• At least 58,000 Bank Correspondent (BC) Sakhis have been appointed in UP under the “Ek Gram Panchayat Ek Banking Correspondent” scheme.

• Through these, promotion and awareness of various financial inclusion products along with banking facilities will be carried out in the future.

Noida airport signs agreement with UP govt.

• Noida International Airport (NIA) and the Government of UP have signed a state support agreement.

• The agreement lays down the state government’s support to establish and continuously improve surface access to the airport.

• In Oct 2020, UP govt had signed a concession agreement with Zurich Airport International (ZAIA) to commence the development of the Noida International Airport at Jewar.

Communicable disease control drive in Uttar Pradesh

• Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched the communicable disease control drive and Dastak Abhiyan in Varanasi.

• The communicable disease control drive will run from March 1-31, 2021.

• The CM also informed that there has been a 75 percent drop in the Japanese encephalitis (JE) cases and a 95 percent fall in the number of JE deaths since 2017.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates ‘Desikan Bhawan’

• Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the new research building ‘Desikan Bhawan’ on 6 March 2021 at ICMR-NJIL and OMD, Agra.

• The building is dedicated to research facilities like animal experimentation, COVID-19 diagnosis, whole-genome sequencing, etc.

• The capacity of COVID-19 Diagnostic Laboratory is around 1200 samples per day.
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurates 27 power substations

- UP CM Yogi Adityanath on 6 March 2021 inaugurated 27 power substations developed at a cost of Rs 1,920 cr by UP Power Transmission Corporation Limited (UPPTCL).

- He informed that electricity is being provided to farmers of the state and it has helped reduce the cost of farming and improve productivity.

First flight to Bareilly flagged off

- Hardeep Singh Puri, Civil Aviation Minister, on 8 March 2021, flagged off the first flight from Delhi to the newly upgraded Trishul Military Airbase, Bareilly Airport, Uttar Pradesh.

- The Bareilly airport has been upgraded for commercial flight operations under the Regional Connectivity Scheme of the Government of India.

- It marks the commencement of the 56th airport under the UDAN scheme.

Two-day Gur Mahotsav underway in Lucknow

- Gur Mahotsav or Jaggery Festival, two-day event was inaugurated by CM Yogi Adityanath on 6 March 2021 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- The aim of this event is to motivate the jaggery producers to make high-quality jaggery & its products and create awareness about health benefits of jaggery.

UP govt launches 2nd phase of Mission Shakti

- Uttar Pradesh government launched the 2nd phase of Mission Shakti on the occasion of International women’s day on 8 March 2021.

- Under this Mission, CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated women’s special Police stations in 18 districts along with pink booths and pink toilets.

- The ‘First Adarsh Mahila Barrack’ in Mahila Thana, Muzaffarnagar was also inaugurated.

Uttar Pradesh to get 16 new ITIs

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has issued directives to set up 16 new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) based on a PPP model, across the state.

- The move is a part of the initiative to make the youth efficient and skilled and to provide them with decent job opportunities.

- At present, over 1.72 lakh students are undergoing skill training at 305 ITIs in Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh government launches a campaign
Uttar Pradesh govt has launched a campaign to make golden cards of the Ayushman Bharat scheme across the state.

It aims to drive awareness about Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) across the state.

The campaign will run from 10-24 March’21.

Under this, a free Ayushman golden card will be given to those families who have still not taken the benefit of the scheme.

3000 HP cape gauge locomotive flagged off

Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal flagged off 3000 HP Cape Gauge Locomotive for export to Mozambique on 10 March 2021.

These locomotives are developed indigenously by Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi.

Indian Railways is exporting the first batch of 2 locomotives as part of the total order of 6 locomotives of 3000 HP cape gauge locomotive.

Prof AK Singh: New VC of PRSU, Prayagraj

Prof Akhilesh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of Prof Rajendra Singh (Rajju Bhaiya) University Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

He has been appointed by the Chancellor of the university and UP Governor Anandiben Patel for a term of three years.

‘Kalanamak’ Rice Festival held in UP

The Uttar Pradesh govt organised a three-day ‘Kalanamak Rice Festival’ in the Siddharthnagar district from March 13, 2021.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the festival.

Kala Namak Rice, grown in this region, is One District One Product (ODOP) of some Eastern UP districts.

Those who attended the festival tasted the dishes made with Kala Namak rice and also purchased Kala Namak paddy seeds.

HFCL wins order worth ₹221 crore

Telecom equipment major HFCL has won a ₹221 crore order from the Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation for setting up telecommunication systems for the Kanpur and Agra metro projects.
• It will set up the telecommunication systems for 32.4 km (corridors one and two) of Kanpur Metro and 14 km (corridor one) of Agra Metro projects.

• The work for projects will be completed in the next 33 months.

Memorial of Captain Manoj Pandey

• Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane has dedicated to the people the memorial of Param Vir Chakra awardee Captain Manoj Pandey at his native village Rura in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh.

• Captain Pandey had laid down his life in the 1999 Kargil war.

• The memorial was constructed under the aegis of Surya Command.

Shehnai festival starts at Banaras Hindu University

• As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a 3-day Shehnai festival started at Banaras Hindu University campus Varanasi on 21 March 2021.

• The Sangeet Natak Academy and the music and performing arts faculty of BHU have come together to organize this music festival.

• This musical evening is organized to remember the shehnai Maestro Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan on his birth anniversary.

Uttar Pradesh CM to establish 3 PAC women battalions

• UP CM Yogi Adityanath has announced to establish three PAC women battalions named after female warriors.

• The Provinical Armed Constabulary (PAC) battalions will be established after women warriors- Rani Avantibai Lodhi, Uda Devi, and Jhalkaribai who sacrificed themselves in India’s freedom struggle.

• These will be set up in Badaun, Lucknow, and Gorakhpur.

Uttar Pradesh cabinet approves a proposal

• The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal for the acquisition of another 1,365 hectare land in Jewar for the second phase of the upcoming Noida International Airport.

• The cabinet also approved an expenditure of ₹2,890 crore for the land acquisition, besides resettlement and rehabilitation of the people who will be affected by the expansion of the greenfield project.

Uttar Pradesh CM launches UPFPO Shakti Portal

• UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched UPFPO Shakti Portal as part of Kisan Kalyan Mission.
• The portal, which is the first of its kind in the country, is aimed at benefitting the farmers at the grassroots level.

• The Farmer Producer Organization-centric (FPO-centric) portal will bring farmers, producer groups, traders, and the agriculture and other allied departments on one platform.

Jal Shakti Ministry ties up with UN

• The Jal Shakti Ministry has entered a partnership with the United Nations Office for Project Services and the government of Denmark.

• It will help bring tap water connections to 11 water-scarce districts in Uttar Pradesh’s water-starved Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions under the Jal Jeevan mission.

• The project will include capacity-building support, with the creation of village action plans.

UP government organises ‘banana festival'

• UP government organised a ‘Banana Festival' in Kushinagar from March 22 to 25, 2021.

• It witnessed the participation of at least 35 farmers and entrepreneurs.

• At least 4,000 farmers are linked to banana cultivation and after inclusion in the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme, around 500 people are employed in its processing.

Kanpur to be made police Commissionerate

• The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has given its nod to change two more cities – Kanpur and Varanasi – into police Commissionerate.

• The police Commissionerate system was introduced earlier in Lucknow and Gautam Budh Nagar (Noida) districts.

• The system gives more powers, including magisterial powers, to police officers and is aimed at better and effective policing.

Gram Ujala Yojana started in Varanasi

• Union Power Minister RK Singh launched the Gram Ujala Yojana in Varanasi on 24 March 2021.

• Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a subsidiary company of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) under this program, provides high quality LED bulbs per bulb in rural areas of Varanasi.

• Under the first phase of the Gram Ujala program, 1.50 crore LED bulbs will be distributed in the villages of five districts.
Gorakhpur-Lucknow flight to be flagged off

• UP CM Yogi Adityanath will flag off a flight service from Gorakhpur to Lucknow on 28 March 2021.

• With this new flight service from Gorakhpur, the number of flights to seven major cities including New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Prayagraj will increase to 12.

• He will also lay the foundation stone for the expansion of the Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Airport terminal building.

UP government to launch rental housing scheme

• The Uttar Pradesh government will start an affordable rental housing scheme for the students, poor people living in cities and the urban migrants.

• A proposal for the Affordable Rental Housing and Complexes (ARHC) scheme was approved by the Uttar Pradesh cabinet on 26 March 2021.

• Preference will be given to people belonging to SC/STs, OBCs, widows, working women and minorities.

Residential Hockey centre of excellence

• A centre of excellence in hockey will be soon set up in the Uttar Pradesh capital, Lucknow.

• This would be the first advanced excellence centre for hockey in the state

• 100-bed hostel for boys and girls, modern sports medicine and physiotherapy centres as well as top coaches would be part of the centre.

• It will be run by the Uttar Pradesh Sports Directorate.

UP State with maximum international airports

• Uttar Pradesh will soon be the state with maximum number of international airports in the country.

• The state will soon have five international airports.

• The Jewar international airport is coming up in the NCR region, will be ready by 2023.

• International airport in Ayodhya is expected to start in early 2023.

• Upcoming Kushinagar airport will be the 3rd licensed international airport in UP.
UP Shaheed Ashfaq Ulla Khan Park inaugurated

• Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Shaheed Ashfaq Ulla Khan Zoological Park in Gorakhpur on 27 Mar’21.
  • This is the 1st zoo in Purvanchal and 3rd in the state.
  • The zoo has been named after great freedom fighter Shaheed Ashfaq Ullah Khan.
  • The zoo also has 7D theatre with state-of-the-art facilities where audience will experience 13 effects, such as rain, lightning, fog & fragrance.

Maharaja Suheldev Memorial foundation laid by Prime Minister

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of the Maharaja Suheldev Memorial.
• Also the foundation stone for the development work of Chittaura Lake in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh had also laid down.

Central Government approves Toy Manufacturing Clusters in Uttar Pradesh.

• Recently, the Central Government has approved 8 toy manufacturing clusters at a cost of Rs 2,300 crore out of which one will be established in Uttar Pradesh.
• These clusters will be established under the “National Action Plan for Indian Toy Story” which aims to reduce import dependence of toys which was around $1.5 billion in FY2020 of which 90% of imports was from China and Taiwan.

Uttar Pradesh state government signed MoU with IKEA

• The Government of Uttar Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IKEA, a Swedish furniture and home applications company, which is set to invest Rs.5500 crore in the state during the next 5 years.
• The opening of IKEA outlets in the various parts of the state is expected to generate various job opportunities and to support and provide opportunity to the farmers, artisans and artists.
• IKEA plans to open around 25 center’s in India by 2025 by investing Rs.10500 crore, most of these stores will be in UP.

Minister of Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan inaugurated ‘Common Research and Technology Development Hub’ at CDRI, Lucknow

• The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated ‘Common Research and Technology Development Hub (CRTDH)’ in Lucknow.
• The hub was established on occasion of the institute’s 70th Annual Day Celebrations.
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched ‘Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Yojana 2021’

- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath has launched ‘Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Yojana 2021’.
- Under this scheme, students can prepare for competitive exams like IAS, PCS, NDS, CDS, NEET & JEE through free-of-cost coaching centres will be established across the state.
- In the First Phase, coaching centres will be set up at the divisional level & during the Second Phase at the district level.
- The major aim of this scheme is to provide assistance to students who want to prepare for various competitive examinations but are unable to prepare due to their financial conditions.

Uttar Pradesh Introduced 16 Digit Unicode to Identify the Landholdings

- Uttar Pradesh has introduced a new system to issue a unique 16-digit unicode to identify the landholding in the state.
- This unicode issued by the state revenue department will be used to check on cases of land dispute and protect people from fraudsters.
  - first 6 digits is based on the population of the land,
  - next 4 digit determines the identity of the land,
  - next 4 digit based on the number of divisions of the land and
  - last 2 digit based on the category of the land (agricultural, residential and commercial land)
- The revenue court is working on marking the disputed plots in the computerised management system.

Shravasti district of Uttar Pradesh tops Niti Aayog's Aspirational Districts Ranking in December 2020

- Shravasti district of Uttar Pradesh topped the Aspirational Districts Ranking of Niti Aayog in December 2020.
- Other rankings- Dhalai of Tripura secured the 2nd position, 3rd place goes to Garhwa of Jharkhand, Baksa of Assam stood at 4th place and Bokaro of Jharkhand remained at 5th position.
- Areas Covered- Health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure.
- The aspirational district programme was launched in January 2018 with an aim to transform the districts with lesser progress in the key social areas and have identified pockets of under development.

The tableau of Uttar Pradesh given the Best Tableau Award on Republic Day Parade
• On 26th January, the Republic Day parade tableau of Uttar Pradesh has been declared as the best tableau among the 32 tableaux.
• Theme of the Uttar Pradesh tableau: “Ayodhya: The cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh”.

Uttar Pradesh Government to set up India’s first mega Leather Park in Kanpur

• A mega leather park will come up in Ramaipur village of Kanpur with an investment of Rs 5,850 crores.
• Recently, the project has received approval from the Union Commerce Ministry. At least 50,000 people will get direct employment and indirect employment for 1.5 lakh people in the leather park to be built under the mega leather cluster project in Kanpur.

“HunarHaat” to be organised at Rampur and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

• Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announced that the next “HunarHaat” will be organised at Numaish Ground, Rampur (UP) from 18th to 27th December, 2020 and Shilp Gram, Lucknow(UP) from 23rd to 31st January 2021.
• Note: Shri Naqvi announced that in the coming days, “HunarHaat” will be organized at Jaipur, Chandigarh, Indore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, India Gate-New Delhi, Ranchi, Kota, Surat/Ahmedabad, Kochi and other places.

Central Zoo Authority recognition to zoo in UP and Bihar

• CZA has given recognition to shaheed Ashfaq ullah khan prani udyan which is located in Gorakhpur and Rajgir Zoo Safari in Nalanda.
• It is the second largest zoo in UP after the Kanpur zoological park.

Uttar Pradesh’s Dandupur railway station to be renamed as ‘Maa Barahi Devi Dham’

• The Dandupur railway station situated between Pratapgarh and Badshahpur on Lucknow-Varanasi rail section will now be named Maa Barahi Devi Dham

Lucknow Municipal Corporation bonds list on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

• With the listing of Municipal Corporation, Lucknow becomes the first city in Northern India and ninth overall.
• The Lucknow Municipal corporation bond will collect around Rs. 200 crore rupees which will be invested in developmental works of the city.
• Note- Municipal corporations are government bodies that typically form the third tier of the government in urban areas after the central and state government. They have their own expenditures and sources of revenue. Typically, municipal bodies provide services like water, sanitation, sewage and solid waste management. Some bigger municipal bodies also run schools.

‘Ramayan Cruise Service’ will be launched on the river Saryu in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

• ‘Ramayan Cruise Tour’ on the Saryu River in Ayodhya will be launched soon. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways chaired a review meeting for the implementation of cruise service.
• Note: It will be the first-ever luxury Cruise service on the Saryu river (Ghagra/National Waterways-40) in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

World Bank Signs $500 Million funding for 'Green' Highway Corridor Project in India

• India and the World Bank signed a $500 million project to build safe and green national highway corridors in the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
• The Green National Highways Corridors Project will support the ministry to construct 783 km of highways in various geographies by integrating safe and green technology designs such as local and marginal materials, industrial by-products, and other bio-engineering solutions.
• The project will help reduce GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions in the construction and maintenance of highways.

Prime Minister inaugurates New Bhaupur-New Khurja section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 351-km New Bhaupur- New Khurja section in Uttar Pradesh of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC).
• The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor is 1875-km section that connects Punjab’s Ludhiana to Dankuni in West Bengal.
• He also inaugurated the EDFC’s Operation Control Centre (OCC) at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The OCC, which will be the command centre for the entire route, to be one of the largest control centres in the world.
Note: Apart from EDFC, the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor is also being developed. It will connect Mumbai to Uttar Pradesh’s Dadri.

9 states successfully complete implementation of ‘One Nation One Ration Card’ system

- The Ministry of Finance has informed that as many as 9 states have completed the reforms in Public Distribution System (PDS) and have successfully implemented the ‘One Nation One Ration Card System’.
- These 9 states are Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, and Gujarat.
- Note: This was aimed to ensure that the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes, especially the migrant workers and their families, get ration from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country.

Brain Fingerprinting for interrogation

- The brain fingerprinting method is to be conducted on all the four accused in the Hathras Rape Case. A team of forensic experts are to work along with the CBI team to prepare probe short questions for the test.
- Note: The Brain Fingerprinting or Brain Electrical Oscillation Signature is a neuro psychological method used to interrogate an accused in the crime by studying his or her brain responses. The test is carried out through a process called Electroencephalogram that studies the electrical behaviour of the human brain.
- The consent of the accused is first taken in order to perform the test. The accused then has to wear a head cap with dozens of electrodes attached to it and is then showed with visuals or audio clips that are related to the case in order to check if there are triggering neutrons in their brains generating brain waves.
- However, the test can only be used as an aid to question the accused in the Hathras case. The accused cannot be convicted based on the test. The conviction has to be done based on interrogation and other traditional legal practices of CBI.

Inauguration of Honey FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations)

- The Honey FPO Programme of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) was inaugurated by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
• Under the making 10,000 FPOs of the Central government Scheme, 5 FPOs of honey were launched in five states. These are Sundarbans in West Bengal, East Champaran in Bihar, Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, Morena in Madhya Pradesh and Bharatpur in Rajasthan.

• NAFED, through its empanelled Cluster-Based Business Organisation (CBBO) Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP) has initiated the formation and promotion of FPOs of beekeepers and honey collectors.

• Note: National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd is an apex organization of marketing cooperatives for agricultural produce in India. It was established on the auspicious day of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 1958.

UP Government launches massive vaccination drive of 18-44 age group

• Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said a massive coronavirus vaccination drive will be initiated for 18-44 years age group in the state from May 10.

• He said the drive will be conducted in 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar area.

Samsung provides oxygen concentrators to Uttar Pradesh

• Samsung Electronics provided 60 oxygen concentrators to Uttar Pradesh and half of them to Gautam Buddh Nagar district on 13 May 2021.

• The help comes as part of the corporate social responsibility (CSR) of Samsung, which has its biggest mobile phone manufacturing factory at Gautam Buddh Nagar, Noida.

• Samsung has also contributed Rs 7.5 cr for COVID-19 relief measures to the UP govt.

Department of Science and Technology sets up centers

• Several centres are being set up by the Dept of Science and Technology to house major analytical instruments to provide common services of high-end analytical testing.

• Three such centres have been set up at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, and BHU Varanasi.

• These centres have been initiated under the ‘Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)’ scheme.
Subsidy for units making medical equipment

- The UP Cabinet led by CM Yogi Adityanath on 15 May’21 approved a scheme to provide a subsidy of 25% or Rs10 cr, whichever is lower, of the total expenditure.
- Under the scheme, production of items like liquid medical oxygen, regulators, ventilators and cryogenic tankers will be allowed to avail the subsidy.
- UP COVID emergency financial support scheme will be available for a year after order.

Government nod to oxygen concentrators from IIT-Kanpur

- The Department of Science and Technology, with the backing of the Prime Minister’s Office, has sanctioned the production of oxygen concentrators from one of its science incubators at IIT-Kanpur.
- The startup Indeema Fibres Pvt Ltd in Kanpur, along with its sister concern ChemDist Membrane Systems Pvt Ltd based out of Pune, will roll out its 1st batch of 5,500 oxygen concentrators by 25 May’21.

UP imposed Essential Services Maintenance Act

- The UP govt imposed Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) in state on 27 May’21.
- The act will be imposed for next 6 months.
- The Uttar Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act 1966, prohibits strikes by employees in a long list of essential services like railway, airport, post and telegraph.
- It also bans the strike in govt departments, govt run corporations and development authorities.

UP Govt launches Bal-Seva Yojana

- Uttar Pradesh Govt has launched Bal-Seva Yojana for the children who lost their parents due to COVID pandemic.
- The state government will provide financial assistance of Rs. 4,000 per month to such children.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 1,01,000 will be provided for the marriage of girl children who lost their parents in this pandemic.
- Govt will also provide laptop/tablet to such children.
UP Government to take responsibility of children orphaned due to COVID-19

* The Government of Uttar Pradesh has announced that it will take responsibility for those children who lost both their parents during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state.

* The UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stated that such children are an asset to the state and that the current government will take care of them and will also look after their education, health, and security.

Uttar Pradesh Govt Cancels Class 10 Board Exams 2021 In Wake Of Covid-19

* In view of surge in number of Coronavirus cases in the state, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced to cancel the Class-10 Board exams 2021.

* The Yogi government has also decided to promote students of classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,11 to promote to their next class.