

Uttar Pradesh Specific Current Affairs November 2021

NALSA and NCW launched pan-India legal awareness programme

- The National Commission for Women (NCW), along with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), on 30 October 2021 launched a pan-India legal awareness programme.
- The programme "Empowerment of Women through Legal Awareness" was launched in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- It will impart practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies provided under various women-related laws.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates 'Vraj Utsav' in Mathura

- UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the 10-day Vraj Raj Utsav in the Vrindavan Kumbh area on November 10, 2021.
- Vraj Raj Utsav will be a joint venture of UP Vraj Tirth Vikas Parishad, a body under the department of tourism UP government, and the district administration.
- More than 100 stalls of Hunar Haat and Shilp Gram were set up in this program.

Two day regional conference organized in Lucknow

- The Dept of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of Uttar Pradesh was organized a Regional Conference on 11-12 Nov'21.
- It was held on the theme "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" in Lucknow.
- The main objective of the Conference is to bring national and state-level training institutes on the same platform.

Three-day national level squash competition was held in Prayagraj

- The first Sanjay Gupta Memorial National Squash Circuit Competition was organized at Amitabh Bachchan Sports Complex (Mayo Hall) in Prayagraj from 12-14 November 2021.
- It was held under the joint aegis of the Directorate of sports, Uttar Pradesh, and Allahabad Squash Racquet Association.
- The competition with ₹1 lakh prize money was divided into five parts in boys and girls category.

Union Health Minister inaugurates 32nd 'Hunar Haat' in Lucknow

- 32nd 'Hunar Haat' was inaugurated by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya in Lucknow on 12 November 2021.
- The programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and aims at promoting and preserving the traditional art and craft of the country.
- 500 artisans and craftsmen from 30 states and Union Territories have brought their indigenous products.

Dr. Jitendra Singh announces district level Governance Index for UP

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced to start the district-level Good Governance Index in Uttar Pradesh on 11 Nov 2021.
- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) will collaborate with the State Govt in establishing District Good Governance Index.
- He also informed that National Recruitment Agency will be established in the country by March 2022.

Uttar Pradesh government approves 735 drinking water supply schemes

- The State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) of Uttar Pradesh on 11th November 2021 approved proposals submitted by the state of worth Rs 1,882 crore for making provision of tap water connections in rural areas.
- These schemes will cover a population of 39 lakh in 1,262 villages of 33 districts.

- 735 schemes have been approved by the committee.

UP's first private sector defence manufacturing facility inaugurated

- Uttar Pradesh got its first operationalised private sector defence manufacturing facility on 14 November 2021.
- It was inaugurated in Lucknow by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The new aerospace and defence manufacturing facility of Aerolloy Technologies Limited is the wholly-owned subsidiary of PTC Industries.
- It will manufacture aircraft engines, helicopter engines, etc.

PM Modi inaugurates Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uttar Pradesh on 16 Nov'21, to inaugurate Purvanchal Expressway at Karwal Kheri in Sultanpur district.
- After the inauguration, he also attended an airshow by the Indian Air Force on the 3.2 km long airstrip constructed on the Expressway.
- The Purvanchal Expressway measures 341 km in length.
- It starts from Chaudsarai village and ends at village Hydaria.

A three-day festival 'Kashi Utsav' was held from 16-18 November 2021

- Kashi Utsav, a three-day festival was organised in Varanasi from 16-18 Nov'21 to celebrate the classic heritage and culture of Kashi.
- A theme has been dedicated to each day of the festival and these are: 'Kashi ke Hastakshar'; 'Kabir, Raidas ki Bani aur Nirgun Kashi' and 'Kavita aur Kahani - Kashi ki Zubani'.
- IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts) hosted the programme.

'Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv' was held from 17-19 Nov in Jhansi

- Rashtra Raksha Samarpan Parv was organized from November 17-19, 2021 in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) formally dedicated a number of schemes to the nation during the celebration.
- The initiatives which was launched and dedicated to the nation include NCC Alumni Association, NCC Border and Coastal Scheme, the mobile app of the National War Memorial, etc.

193rd birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai: 19 November 2021

- The 193rd birth anniversary of Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi was celebrated on 19 November across the country.
- Rani Lakshuibai was born on 19 November 1828 in a Marathi Karhade Brahmin family of Asighat Varanasi in Kashi.
- She attained martyrdom on 17 June 1858.
- Her birth anniversary is celebrated as Martyr's Day in Jhansi to honour the lives lost in the Rebellion of 1857.

PM Modi lays foundation stone of ultra mega solar park in Jhansi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the 600 MW ultra-mega solar park in Jhansi on 19 November 2021.
- The total project cost of the Jhansi solar park is Rs 3,013 crore of which Rs 313.18 crore will be spent on the creation of the park.
- He also laid the foundation for a 600 MW solar park in Lalitpur and an 800 MW solar park in Chitrakoot.

PM Modi hands over 'Made in India' combat chopper to IAF in Jhansi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the first of the Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) to the Indian Air Force in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi on 19 Nov 2021.
- LCH is the only attack helicopter in the world that can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 m.

- He also handed over 'Made in India' drones to the Indian Army which would be using them for different requirements all across the country.

PM lays foundation of Bharat Dynamics project on Nov 19 in Jhansi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of an upcoming production facility of Bharat Dynamics in Jhansi on November 19, 2021.
- It will be established with an estimated cost of ₹400 crore.
- The facility will be used to make propulsion system for anti-tank guided missiles.
- The plant is spread across 183 acres of land and is expected to provide direct employment to 150 people.

Indira Marathon held in Prayagraj on 19 November 2021

- The 36th All India Prize Money Indira Marathon was held in Prayagraj on November 19, 2021.
- Indira Marathon was started in 1985 in memory of former PM Indira Gandhi.
- The prize money in its early years was ₹50,000 for the winner.
- Later, the prize money was raised to ₹1 lakh for winners and then the same was enhanced to ₹2 lakh for the winner.
- The race covers a total distance of 42.195 km.

PM Modi, Amit Shah & Ajit Doval attended 56th DGP Conference in Lucknow

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 56th Conference of Director Generals of Police (DGP) and Inspector Generals of Police (IGP) at Police Headquarters, Lucknow on November 20 and 21, 2021.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference on 19 Nov'21.
- The conference discussed a wide range of issues including cybercrime, data governance, counter-terrorism challenges, etc.

UP's first anti-air pollution tower inaugurated in Noida

- Union Minister of Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey has inaugurated the first air pollution control tower of the state of Uttar Pradesh in Noida on November 17.
- The tower will clean the polluted air around it and release purified air.
- The tower has come up with joint efforts of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and the Noida Authority.

PM Modi inaugurates multiple development projects in UP's Mahoba

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated multiple development projects in Mahoba district in Uttar Pradesh, on 19 Nov 2021.
- He inaugurated Arjun Sahayak Project, Ratauli Weir Project, Bhaoni Dam Project and Majhgaon-Chilli Sprinkler Project, among others.
- Once fully operational, these will help irrigate around 65,000 hectares of land in the districts of Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda, and Lalitpur.

India's first device for production of ultra-pure Hydrogen developed

- Scientists at IIT BHU, Varanasi have developed a first-of-its-kind device in India for the on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen.
- The device is 100 per cent indigenous
- It is based on membrane technology for the on-site production of ultra-pure hydrogen from methanol.
- The device is easy to use and covers a minimum space of 2 m² (square meter) area.

PM Modi lays foundation stone of Noida International Airport on Nov 25

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh on 25 Nov'21.
- The airport is spread over more than 1300 hectares of land and is slated to be India's largest.

- With this, Uttar Pradesh will become the only state in India to have five international airports.

Indian Railways flagged off Rampath Yatra Express from Pune

- The Rampath Yatra Express connecting Pune with Ayodhya was flagged off on 27 Nov 2021 to promote pilgrimage tourism.
- The train will tour six pilgrim destinations that are associated with Lord Ram -Nandigram, Shringverpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot and Ayodhya.
- The full package would be charged at ₹14,490 which includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, stay, transport, and a guide.

Grameen Foundation India launches 'Catalyst Award' initiative

- Grameen Foundation India (GFI) has launched a special initiative 'Catalyst Award' under its MANDI (Market Enabled Access through Digital Innovation) project.
- It will support and develop the farmer producer organizations (FPOs) in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Catalyst Award is a financial assistance program being offered to select FPOs to support their long-term institutional strengthening and growth.