

Uttar Pradesh Specific Current Affairs: December 2020

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.