

UP Specific Current Affairs: February 2021

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”.

Highlights of the UP Budget:

Gross State Domestic Product

- The fiscal deficit for FY22 is estimated at Rs 90,730 crore.
- It is 4.17% of the estimated Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), while the state’s debt liability is estimated to be 28.1% of GSDP.
- There is a modest increase of Rs 37,410 crore or 7.3% over FY21 Budget size

Expenditure

- Rs 3.95 lakh crore as revenue expenditure while Rs 1.55 lakh crore is capital account.

Total receipts

- The total receipts are estimated at Rs 5.06 lakh crore, which includes
 - Rs 4.18 lakh crore by way of revenue receipts and
 - Rs 87,841.40 crore by way of capital receipts.

- Rs. 3.05 lakh crore for government's own tax revenue
- Rs 1.19 lakh crore would be the state's share in central taxes.
- Rs. 5,500 crores from receipts into Public Account.

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Revenue Savings

- It is estimated to be Rs. 23,210.09 crore.

Consolidated Fund

- After Revenue deduction there is an estimation of Rs. 44,088.94 crore in total deficit.

New Scheme / Policy in Budget 2021-2022

- **Mukhyamantri Pravasi Shramik Udyamita Vikas Yojana**
 - The major aim of the scheme is to provide employment and self-employment to the migrant workers who had come from other states.
 - Around 40 lakhs were transported to their native districts during the lockdown.
 - Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for this scheme.
 - Rs. 12 crores will be spent under the **Mukhyamantri Durghatna Kalyan Yojana**.
- **Aatmanirbhar Uttar Pradesh**
 - This scheme is equivalent of Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme.
 - Under this scheme, the state government will emphasize upon social welfare, public health, women security, employment generation etc.

Sector-wise expenditure

Agriculture and allied activities

- **Agriculture and Allied Activities (in 2021-22):** Rs. 100 crore also proposed in the budget for doubling the farmers' income by 2022 under the Atma Nirbhar Krishak Samanvit Vikas Yojana.
- Rs. 600 crores are proposed for the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Yojana.
- Rs. 700 crores have been allocated for supplying free water to the farmers.
- Rs. 400 crores are passed to give away easy loans to the farmers at subsidized rates.
- Under PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Scheme, 27, 123 crore rupees has been transferred to state farmers through DBT.
- Uttar Pradesh has been declared as the Best Inland State on the occasion of World Fisheries Day 2020.

Medical and Health Infrastructure

- The Uttar Pradesh government has made a provision of Rs 12,242 crore for strengthening medical and health infrastructure in the state.
- Rs 5,085 crore have been provided for the construction of medical colleges in as many as 39 districts and creating diagnostic infrastructure for primary healthcare facilities.
- Rs 7,157 crore has been allocated for various health schemes like
 - Rs 5,395 crore for Rashtriya Gramin Swasthya Mission,
 - Rs 1,300 crore for Ayushman Bharat Yojana,
 - Rs 142 crore for Ayushman Bharat Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Yojana and
 - Rs 320 crore made for Pradhanmantri Matritva Vandana Yojana.

Education

- Rs. 1,950 crores has been allocated for the construction of new medical colleges in 13 districts – Bijnor, Kushinagar, Sultanpur, Gonda Lalitpur, Lakhimpur-Kheri, Chandauli, Bulandshahar, Sonbhadra, Pilibhit, Auraiya, Kanpur Dehat, and Kaushambi.
- Rs. 100 crores are passed to build the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, Lucknow.
- Rs. 48 crores have been allocated to build medical colleges of 16 unserved districts of the state to make them operational in PPP mode.
- Rs. 23 crores are given to spend under National Digital Health Mission.
- Rs. 960 crores are passed to build medical colleges in Etah, Hardoi, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Siddharthnagar, Deoria, Ghazipur, and Mirzapur.

- Rs. 175 crores are proposed to be spent to build new medical colleges in Amethi and Balrampur.
- National Law University will be established in Prayagraj.

Transport

- The Uttar Pradesh Budget 2021-22 has made provision of Rs 10,650 crore for various expressways.
- Rs 3,450 crore has been allocated for the three under-construction expressways in the state.
 - Rs 1,492 crore for the 296-km long Bundelkhand Expressway,
 - Rs 1,107 crore for the 340-km long Purvanchal Expressway and
 - Rs 870 crore for the 91-km long Gorakhpur Link Expressway,
- Rs 7,200 crore has been allocated for the land acquisition of the 594-km long Ganga Expressway project and Rs 489 crore for its construction work.

Infrastructure

- The government has allocated over Rs 2,100 crore for airports in the state.
- Rs 2,000 crore has been allocated for the international airport in Jewar.
- Rs 101 crore has been provisioned for the expansion of the airport in Ayodhya.
- The state government has allocated Rs. 140 crore for the development of Ayodhya.
- Other Allocations-
 - Rs 597 crore for Kanpur Metro Rail Project,
 - Rs 478 crore for Agra Metro Rail project and
 - Rs 1,326 crore for the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor.
 - Rs. 100 crores has been proposed for the metro rail project in Varanasi and Gorakhpur.
- Uttar Pradesh Police and Forensic Science Institute will be established in Lucknow.

Tourism

- Rs. 200 crores has been allocated for the Mukhyamantri Tourist Places Development Scheme.
- Rs. 100 will be spent on the beautification of Varanasi and Ayodhya respectively.

Culture

- The provision of Rs. 15 crores for Chauri-Chaura Shatabdi Mahotsav.
- Uttar Pradesh Tribal Museum will be established in Lucknow.

Rural and Urban Development

- Rs 10,029 crore has been allocated for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban).
- Rs. 2031 crore will be spent on Swachh Bharat Yojana (Gramin).
- Rs. 1400 crore will be spent on Swachh Bharat Yojana (Gramin)
- Rs 2,200 crore for AMRUT Yojana.
- Rs 2,000 crore for Smart City scheme in 10 cities.
- Rs 1,000 crore for Mukhya Mantri Samagra Sampada Vikas Yojana.
- Rs 7,000 crore for PM Awas (rural) and Rs 5,000 crore for PM Sadak Yojana.
- Jal Mission (urban) will be initiated from FY 2021-22 with the budget allocation of Rs. 2000 crore.

MSME Sector

- Rs. 250 crores has been allocated for One District-One Product Scheme.
- Rs. 100 crores for Mukhyamantri Yuva Swarojgar Scheme.
- Rs. Rs. 30 crores for Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana.

Health and Family Welfare

- The government has allocated 5.5% of its expenditure on health in 2020-21, which is marginally higher than the average allocation for health by other states (5.3%).
- The National Rural Health Mission: Rs 3,845 crores allocated.
- Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for Mukhyamanti Jan Aarogya Yojana.

Social Security and Welfare

- A total expenditure of Rs 3,578 crore is planned from the State Disaster Response Fund.
- Police Quarters in every district will be renamed after the great revolutionary Thakur Roshan Singh.
- Rs. 25 crores has been allocated under Palanhar Yojana for disabled persons.
- Rs. 250 crores for Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana.
- Rs. 400 crores for Social Forestry Scheme.

Labour

- Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for Mukhyamantri Pravasi Kshramik Udhyamita Vikas Yojana.
- Rs. 12 crores will be spent on Mukhyamantri Durghatna Bima Yojana.

Youth Empowerment

- Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Yojana has been started from 2021-22 to help the students compete in various competitive exams, along with eligible candidates will be given free tablets.
- Rs. 8.55 crores has been allocated for the Yuva Khel Vikas Aur Protsahan Yojana.
- Rs. 25 crores are proposed to build up the rural stadium and open gym.
- Rs. 20 crores are passed allocated to build a new sports university at Meerut.
- Rs. 10 crores have been allocated to buy books and magazines among the youth of UP.

Women Empowerment

- Rs. 32 crores will be spent on the establishment of Mahila Shakti Kendras.
- Rs. 1,200 crores has been allocated for the development of Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana.
- Rs. 200 crores are to be spent under the Mahila Samarthya Yojana for the financial year 2021-22.
- Rs. 100 crores have been allocated under the Mukhyamantri Saksham Suposhan Yojana.
- Pushtahar Programme has been allocated Rs. 4094 crore and National Nutrition Scheme has been allocated Rs. 415 crores.

Panchayati Raj

- Rs. 25 crores has been allocated for Mukhyamantri Panchayat Protsahan Yojana.
- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Panchayat Empowerment Scheme to spread e-governance in rural areas.
- Rs. 653 crores has been allocated for National Rural Empowerment Scheme.

Some Important Questions

- 1. How many times the Present Government of Uttar Pradesh has presented the Budget?**

Ans. 5 times

2. **In which district of Uttar Pradesh, the National Law University will be established?**

Ans. Prayagraj

3. **What is the budget allocation for Mukhymantri Krishak Durghatna Yojana?**

Ans. Rs. 600 crores

4. **As per the Uttar Pradesh Budget the fiscal deficit for FY22 will be**

Ans. Rs. 90, 730 crores

5. **The budget allocation for Atma Nirbhar Krishak Samanvit Vikas Yojana is**

Ans. Rs. 100 crores