

## UP Specific Current Affairs April 2021 (English)

### **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 crore 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.

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