

UP Specific Current affairs June 2021

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 Mansarovar 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 of 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.