Ram Van Gaman Marg's draft ready

• The draft of the proposed 'Ram Van Gaman Marg' has been prepared by the Public Works Department in Uttar Pradesh.

• The project seeks to retrace the path believed to have been taken by Lord Ram on his way to exile with Sita and brother Lakshman.

• The route is to be developed till Chitrakoot via Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Shringverpur Dham, Manjhanpur, and Rajapur.

Uttar Pradesh to get 9 new medical colleges

• 9 new medical colleges will come up in UP in July 2021 and these will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

• The new colleges will come up in Deoria, Etah, Fatehpur, Ghazipur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, and Siddharthnagar districts.

• It is for the first time in the history of UP that such a large number of medical colleges will be inaugurated simultaneously.

Martyr Captain Manoj Pandey’s Sacrifice Day

• The 21st sacrifice day of Param Vir Chakra winner Captain Manoj Pandey was celebrated on 3 July 2021 in his native village Rura, district Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

• Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey was an officer of the PVC Indian Army, He was posthumously awarded India's highest military honour, the Param Vir Chakra, for his audacious courage and leadership during the Kargil War in 1999.

New record set during Van Mahotsav

• Set a new record by planting 25 crore saplings during the week-long Van Mahotsav that ended on 4th July 2021 in Uttar Pradesh.

• To achieve the target of planting 25 crore saplings under the campaign, each district was given its own target.

• Under Van Mahotsav, the government aims to plant 30 crore saplings in the year 2021.
75 Major Projects Completed in Varanasi

- The Uttar Pradesh government has completed 75 mega projects worth over Rs 736 crore in Varanasi.
- 75 major projects completed include International Facilitation Center 'Rudraksh'.
- Varanasi is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Proposals for 64 other major infrastructure development projects worth over Rs 417 crore have already been approved.

Uttar Pradesh Government announces new Population Policy

- According to the policy draft, people having more than two children will not be able to fight local body elections.
- Those who have up to two offsprings will be provided more government facilities and incentives.

Indian Institute of Heritage to be set up

- The govt has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar.
- This was announced by Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy.
- It is being set up as deemed to be a university by integrating Institute of Archaeology (Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology), School of Archival Studies under National Archives of India, New Delhi, and several other organizations.

India to get its second-longest expressway

- India will soon get its second-longest expressway.
- The new Ganga Expressway will run across the breadth of the state of Uttar Pradesh and will connect some major cities in the state.
- It will be approximately 594 kms long.
Once the expressway is made operational, the travel time between Delhi and Prayagraj is expected to be cut short from the current 10-11 hours to just 6-7 hours.

**Uttar Pradesh government to set up panchayat secretariat**

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has decided to set up a panchayat secretariat in all panchayats of the state.
- The move is aimed at strengthening rural democracy and providing employment to rural youth.
- Panchayat secretariat will be established in all gram panchayats for the first time in the state.
- There are currently 58,189-gram panchayats in Uttar Pradesh.

**Corteva Agriscience inks pact with World Bank**

- Global agricultural firm Corteva Agriscience has signed a three-year project with the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) hosted by the World Bank Group, to promote sustainable rice cultivation in 40,000 acres in Uttar Pradesh.
- Corteva will also assist farmers with hybrid seeds and mechanized sowing services as well as help in soil testing and management of weeds and pests on the farms.

**'Bal sewa yojna' launched by Uttar Pradesh**

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with Governor Anandi Ben Patel, launched the “Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Sewa Yojna” at a function in Lok Bhawan on 22 July 2021.
- At present, an advance 3-month allowance (of Rs 4000 for each month) is being given to these 4,050 children, who became orphaned during the pandemic.
- Those studying in schools will be given tablets or laptops.

**Chaurasi Kosi Marg declared a National Highway**

- The Chaurasi Kosi Parikrama Marg in Ayodhya, UP has been declared a National Highway.
- About 80 kms of Ring Road in Ayodhya and 275 kms of Ayodhya Chaurasi Kosi Parikrama Marg will be made National Highway.
• The Parikrama Marg covers districts Ayodhya, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Ambedkarnagar.

• Also, the Parikrama route will connect people living in Bahraich, Raibareli, and Sultanpur as well.

**Government of Uttar Pradesh and Sapio Analytics join hands**

• Department of MSME, Government of Uttar Pradesh, has signed an MoU with government advisory firm Sapio Analytics.

• It will provide licenses of automation software Accloud, worth Rs. 72 crores, to 20,000 MSMEs of the state.

**Foundation laid for Sainik School in Gorakhpur**

• Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on 23 July 2021 laid the foundation stone of Sainik School in Gorakhpur.

• The school, to be built in Gorakhpur Fertilizer Complex, will be the 5th Sainik School in the state.

• He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects of over Rs. 187 crore.

• A Sainik School will come up in each of the Commissionerates of the state.

**IIT Kanpur launches technology innovation hub**

• IIT Kanpur has launched the first technology innovation hub to find cybersecurity solutions for anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection systems, block-chain, and cyber-physical system.

• As many as 13 start-ups and 25 research and development principal investigators were selected after a rigorous application process.

**"MyGov Uttar Pradesh" portal launched**

• Chief minister Yogi Adityanath launched "MyGov Uttar Pradesh" portal on 26 July 2021.

• It aims to take forward the idea of citizen engagement and to achieve the goal of "Good Governance' in the biggest State of India.
• With this “innovative effort”, now the citizens can share their opinion on the government’s policy and the government can receive their feedback on programs of public interest.

Rs 10 lakh help to families of journalists

• Rs 10 lakh financial aid had been announced for family members of scribes who died due to COVID-19 by CM Yogi Adityanath.

• Families of a total of 36 journalists have received financial assistance which included the family of TV journalist Rohit Sardana.

• The cheque of the financial help was distributed in a function in Lucknow, UP on 31 July 2021.

14 Tiger Reserves get Global CA/TS recognition

• 14 Tiger Reserves in India have received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured|Tiger Standards (CA|TS).

• The 14 tiger reserves include Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam, Satpura, Kanha and Panna in Madhya Pradesh, Pench in Maharashtra, Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar, Dudhwa in Uttar Pradesh, Sunderbans in West Bengal, Parambikulam in Kerala, Bandipur reserve in Karnataka, etc.