

Uttar Pradesh Specific Current affairs August 2021

Home minister Amit Shah launches projects in Uttar Pradesh

- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched several development projects in Uttar Pradesh on 1 Aug'21.
- He laid the foundation stone for Vindhyachal Corridor Project and inaugurated a ropeway in Mirzapur.
- He also laid the foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh Institute of Forensic Sciences, (UPIFS) in Lucknow.
- UPIFS would help provide assistance to maintain the law and order situation in the state.

Uttar Pradesh to provide Rs 2,500 per month to children

- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal to provide financial assistance of Rs 2,500 per month under the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Bal Seva Yojana (general) to children below 18 years who lost their parents due to reasons other than COVID-19.
- The Cabinet also decided that monetary help will be provided to adults between 18 to 23 years who have lost their parents or guardians due to COVID-19.

IIT-Kanpur approves students ENT policy

- Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur has approved a comprehensive students entrepreneurship policy.
- The policy introduces the path-breaking concept of "innovation and entrepreneurship credit".
- The institute also has a faculty entrepreneurship policy under which the faculty members can start a company while continuing as regular employees of the institute.

Centre releases grant-in-aid to Uttar Pradesh under JJM

- The Jal Shakti ministry has released a Rs 2,400 crore grant-in-aid to Uttar Pradesh against an allocation of Rs10,870 crore for the financial year 2021-22 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- It is the highest allocation to any state under the JJM.

- JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

R. K. Singh launches e-certification programme

- Power Minister R K Singh has launched an e-certification programme, 'reform and regulatory knowledge base for power sector', to provide regulatory training.
- He also launched a Regulatory Data Dashboard.
- It is an e-compendium of data containing state-wise details of tariff and power discoms (distribution companies) performance, developed by IIT Kanpur.

Uttar Pradesh government renames Kakori Kand

- Uttar Pradesh government has renamed the 'Kakori Kand' to 'Kakori Train action'.
- It has been renamed since the word 'Kand' denotes a sense of insult to this incident under India's Independence struggle.
- The Uttar Pradesh Government celebrated the anniversary of the 'Kakori Train action' on 9 August 2021 under the program 'Chauri Chaura Mahotsav' which is going to complete 100 years in 2022.

Ghaziabad second most polluted city in 2020

- A recent report prepared by British company HouseFresh has revealed that Bangladesh was the most polluted country across the world in 2020, followed by Pakistan, India, and Mongolia.
- Out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world, the Indian city Ghaziabad in UP has been given the second spot.
- China's Hotan province is the most polluted city in the world.

Uttar Pradesh felicitates Tokyo Olympics medal winners

- The Uttar Pradesh government felicitated the Tokyo Olympics medal winners and contingent members of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow on 19 August 2021.
- A cash prize of rupees 2 crores was given to the gold medal winner, Rs 1.50 crore to the silver medallists, and rupees 1 crore to the bronze medallists.

- Those who stood at fourth place and did better show were honoured with rupees 50 lakh.

Uttar Pradesh setting up ATS training centre in Deoband

- The Uttar Pradesh govt has decided to set up a training centre for Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) commandos in Saharanpur's Deoband, known for its Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband.
- Over one and a half dozen ATS officers, selected from all over the state, will be deputed there.
- The government has already allotted over 2,000 square meters of land for establishing the ATS training center in Deoband.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Kalyan Singh passes away

- Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh died at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI) in Lucknow on 21 August 2021.
- Kalyan Singh was Rajasthan's first governor in five decades to complete his five-year term in the gubernatorial office.
- In 1991, Singh became the first BJP chief minister of the country's most populous state.

Uttar Pradesh launches 3rd phase of 'Mission Shakti'

- The Uttar Pradesh government launched the third phase of 'Mission Shakti' with an aim to promote safety and self-reliance for women.
- The main schemes to be implemented in this phase are the launch of 'Mission Shakti Kaksha' at all the 59,000-gram panchayat bhawans, the formation of one lakh women self-help groups, and the construction of pink toilets in 1,286 police stations, etc.

Road in Ayodhya to be named after Kalyan Singh

- Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has that the road leading to the Ram Janmbhoomi in Ayodhya will be named after the former UP Chief Minister Kalyan Singh.
- Besides Ayodhya, one road each in Lucknow, Prayagraj, Bulandshahr, and Aligarh will also be named after him.
- A two-time UP CM, Kalyan Singh also served as Governor of Rajasthan from 2014-2019.

Ganga Expressway project receives loan

- A loan of Rs 5100 c sanctioned by Punjab National Bank was transferred for Ganga Expressway construction in Uttar Pradesh on 21 August 2021.
- The Ganga Expressway will connect Meerut in west Uttar Pradesh to Prayagraj in the eastern part of the state.
- The proposed Ganga Expressway will be around 594 km long, a 6-lane wide (expandable to eight lanes) greenfield expressway.

Uttar Pradesh govt to build first handicrafts park

- The Uttar Pradesh government is in the process of building the first handicrafts park of UP in Sector 29 of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).
- The maiden handicrafts park of UP would feature workshops, factories, and outlets making, showcasing, and selling the wide-ranging handicrafts of the state to domestic and global visitors.

Uttar Pradesh's 1st AYUSH University in Gorakhpur

- President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone of UP's first AYUSH University in Gorakhpur on 28 Aug 2021.
- He also inaugurated the Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath Vishwavidyalaya in the city.
- With this, the district will have four Universities and this will be a step forward towards establishing Gorakhpur as an educational hub in the Purvanchal region.

Ramayana conclave launched in Ayodhya

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Ramayana Conclave in Ayodhya on 29 August 2021.
- The 65 days long conclave will be organised in Gorakhpur, Baliya, Varanasi, Vindhyachal, Chitrakoot, Lalitpur, Shringverpur bithoor, Bijnor, Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Mathura, Garhmukteshwar, Saharanpur and Lucknow.
- It will have special experts who will narrate and discuss the various events of Ramayana.