

## Uttar Pradesh Specific Current Affairs December 2021

### Uttar Pradesh gets 2<sup>nd</sup> earth station for Doordarshan Kendra in Gorakhpur

- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra Gorakhpur.
- It would enable it to telecast directly the locally generated programmes across the world through DTH.
- It is Uttar Pradesh's second earth station that is built for Rs 7 cr.
- 3 FM relay centres of 10KW each at Etawah, Gadania in Lakhimpur Kheri and Nanpara in Bahraich districts were also inaugurated.

### India and Russia sign their first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue

- India has signed two major agreements with Russia as the two countries began their first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue on 6 December 2021.
- The two sides signed contracts for the manufacture of nearly 6 lakh AK-203 rifles under a joint venture in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- They also signed an agreement to extend military technology cooperation for the next decade, from 2021 to 2031.

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates AIIMS in Gorakhpur

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Gorakhpur on 7 December 2021.
- The 300-bed AIIMS Gorakhpur costs Rs 1,011 crore.
- The capacity of the AIIMS hospital will be expanded to 750 in the coming days.
- With the inauguration, a 35-bed emergency ward will also come into service, which will provide quick treatment to critical patients.

### **IIT-Kanpur scientist bags “Young Geospatial Scientist” award**

- Ropesh Goyal from IIT-Kanpur won the ‘Young Geospatial Scientist’ award in Dec’21.
- He has been awarded in recognition of his unique contribution to developing the Indian Geoid Model and computation software.
- The ‘Young Geospatial Scientist’ award and a gold medal are being presented every year since 2011 to promising scientists below 35 years of age in the memory of Rachapudi Kamakshi.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Saryu Canal National project in Uttar Pradesh’s Balrampur**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Saryu Canal National Project in the Balrampur district of Uttar Pradesh on 11 December 2021.
- This project will solve irrigation-related problems in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and will be a boon to the farmers.
- The project involves the interlinking of five rivers – Ghaghara, Saryu, Rapti, Banganga, and Rohini.

### **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme**

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a scheme aimed at boosting the agriculture sector.
- Atma Nirbhar Krishak Integrated Development Scheme will be implemented from FY 2021-22.
- Under this scheme, 1,475 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) will be formed in the next three years in each development block of the state.
- Rs 1 lakh crore will be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans.

### **Haiderpur Wetland in Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites**

- The Haiderpur Wetland, about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognized under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
- Haiderpur wetland spreads over an area of 6,908 hectares in Uttar Pradesh.
- It was formed in 1984 on a floodplain of the River Ganga on the Madhya Ganga Barrage.
- Chilika Lake and Keoladeo National Park were recognized as the first Ramsar Sites of India.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a two-day visit to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh from 13 December 2021.
- He inaugurated the rejuvenated and transformed Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham.
- Phase 1 of Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham has been constructed at a cost of around 339 crore rupees.
- The 20-25 feet wide corridor will connect Lalita Ghat on Ganges to the Mandir Chowk in the temple premises.

### **IIT-Kanpur develops portable devices for soil testing**

- IIT Kanpur has developed a portable testing device that can detect soil health in just 90 seconds.
- This first-of-its-kind invention is based on near Infrared spectroscopy technology that provides real-time soil analysis reports on smartphones with an embedded mobile application, named Bhu Parikshak.
- The technology has been transferred to AgroNxt Services Private Limited.

### **PFC partners with GreenCell Mobility to finance 350 buses in Uttar Pradesh**

- Power Finance Corporation Ltd has signed an agreement to lend Rs 275 crore for the deployment of 350 electric buses across nine cities of Uttar Pradesh.
- The agreement was signed with GreenCell Mobility, which is an e-mobility platform supported by Governments of India and UK.
- The buses will be deployed in key cities of Uttar Pradesh including Agra, Meerut, Aligarh, Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Mathura, etc.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates All India Mayors' Conference in Varanasi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and addressed the All India Mayors' Conference in Varanasi via video conferencing on 16 Dec 2021.
- The event was organized by the Department of Urban Development, Uttar Pradesh.
- The theme of the Conference was "New Urban India".
- The govt has launched multiple schemes and initiatives to address the issues of dilapidated urban infrastructure and lack of amenities.

### **Prime Minister Modi lays foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur**

- PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur on 18 Dec'21.
- The 594 km long six-lane Expressway will be built at a cost of over Rs 36,200 cr.
- Starting near the Bijauli village, the Expressway will extend till near the Judapur Dandu village in Prayagraj.
- It will become the longest expressway of Uttar Pradesh, connecting the western and eastern regions of the state

### **NHPC plans clean energy projects of 27GW in 9 states and Nepal**

- NHPC Ltd has decided to set up new hydro and solar projects of more than 27,000 MW capacity in nine states and Nepal.
- The new capacities would come up in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- This was informed by NHPC CMD Abhay Kumar Singh.
- NHPC, under the Ministry of Power, is the largest hydropower company in India.

### **PM Narendra Modi participates in a program on women empowerment in Prayagraj**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Prayagraj on 21 Dec 2021 and participated in a one of its kind program on women empowerment.
- He transferred an amount of Rs.1000 cr in the bank account of Self Help Groups (SHGs), benefitting around 16 lakh women members of the SHGs.
- It was a historic day for UP as the Supplementary Nutrition scheme worth around Rs 4000 cr went into the hands of women completely.

### **MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches 7 new Internet exchange nodes in Uttar Pradesh**

- Union Minister of State for Electronics, Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched seven new Internet exchange nodes in Uttar Pradesh on 23 Dec 2021.
- These nodes will be located at Meerut, Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Varanasi and Gorakhpur.
- To date, only one Internet exchange node was operating in Uttar Pradesh at Gautam Buddh Nagar.

- These exchange points will cover all zones of Uttar Pradesh.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of the Banas Dairy Kashi Sankul**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Banas Dairy Kashi Sankul (complex) at the UP State Industrial Development Authority Food Park in Varanasi.
- The dairy will be built at a cost of about ₹475 crores and will have the capacity to process five lakh litres of milk per day.
- He also laid the foundation stone for a biogas-based electricity generation plant.

### **NTPC partners with Greater Noida Authority to recycle plastic**

- NTPC Ltd has signed an agreement with Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) for sourcing combustible parts of municipal solid waste also referred to as 'Refused Derived Fuel' (RFD).
- As per the MoU, GNIDA will be supplying 20 Tonnes per Day (TPD) of RFD to NTPC for the period of ten years.
- RFD shall be fed into the Oxy-Steam Gasification plant to produce syngas.

### **160<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya on 25 Dec 2021**

- 25 December 2021 was observed as the 160<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya.
- He was born on December 25, 1861, in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- He founded the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1916.
- He served on the Imperial Legislative Council for 11 years, from 1909 to 1920.
- Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya had received the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2014.

### **Uttar Pradesh launches 'Free Smartphone Yojana' on December 25**

- The Uttar Pradesh government launched the 'Free Smartphone Yojana' on December 25, 2021.
- Under the scheme, the state government will distribute smartphones and tablets to final year students of graduation and above.
- In phase I of the scheme around one lakh smartphones and tablets will be given to final year students of B.Tech, B.A, B.Sc, MA, ITI, MBBS, MD, M.Tech, PhD in Lucknow.

### **Book titled 'The Monk Who Transformed UP' released**

- A new book "The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh: How Yogi Adityanath Changed UP Waala Bhaiya' abuse to a Badge of Honour" has been released.
- It has been written by author Shantanu Gupta and published by Garuda Prakashan.
- The author has previously written, "The Monk Who Became Chief Minister: The definitive biography of Yogi Adityanath" telling his journey of becoming a politician.

### **3-day Kashi Indian International Film Festival begins in Varanasi**

- The first three-day Kashi Indian International Film Festival began in Varanasi on 27 December 2021.
- Uttar Pradesh Tourism, Culture, and Charitable Affairs Minister Neelkanth Tiwari inaugurated the festival.
- The festival is being organized by Information and Broadcasting Ministry in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh government.
- A panel discussion will be held on the second day of the event.

### **NITI Aayog releases 4<sup>th</sup> "The Healthy States, Progressive India" report**

- NITI Aayog on 27 December 2021 released the fourth edition of “The Healthy States, Progressive India” report ranking states performance for the year 2019-20.
- Among the larger states, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have emerged among the best three performers in terms of overall performance.
- Uttar Pradesh has ranked at the top in terms of incremental performance.

### **Uttar Pradesh wins 11<sup>th</sup> Hockey India junior national championship**

- In Hockey, Uttar Pradesh Hockey was crowned the winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> Junior National Men’s Championship in the final at Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu on 25 December 2021.
- It defeated Hockey Chandigarh by 3-1.
- Hockey Association of Odisha secured third place by defeating Hockey Haryana.

### **Rajnath Singh lays foundation for BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for Defence Technology and Test Centre (DTTC) and BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre on 26 December 2021.
- It is being established by DRDO in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- A first of its kind DTTC is being set up to accelerate the growth of the defence and aerospace manufacturing clusters in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UP DIC).

### **PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Bina (MP)-Panki (UP) Multiproduct pipeline project**

- The Multiproduct pipeline from Bina Refinery (MP) to POL (Petroleum, Oil, & Lubricants) Terminal at Panki, Kanpur was dedicated to the nation by PM Modi on 28 Dec’21.



- The project is 356 km long and has a capacity of around 3.45 million metric tonnes per annum.
- The project will cover 5 districts of Uttar Pradesh: Lalitpur, Jhansi, Jalaun, Kanpur Dehat and Kanpur Nagar, and 2 of MP: Sagar and Tikamgarh.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kanpur Metro stretch, addressed to students in IIT**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the completed section of the Kanpur Metro rail project in Kanpur and attended the convocation ceremony of the IIT Kanpur on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021.
- The entire length of the Kanpur Metro Rail Project is 32km and is being built at a cost of over ₹11,000 crores.
- At the 54<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony of IIT Kanpur, digital degrees issued to all students.

### **Durga Shankar Mishra appointed as Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary**

- Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh on 29 Dec 2021.
- Mishra will succeed incumbent chief secretary Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, a 1985-batch IAS officer.
- The Personnel Ministry named Manoj Joshi as the new Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary in place of Durga Shankar Mishra.

### **Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi railway station renamed after Veerangana Lakshmibai**

- Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi railway station will now be known a 'Veerangana Lakshmibai Railway Station'.
- Laxmibai was one of the most famous leaders of rebellion during the British time.

- She was killed in battle with British forces in Gwalior on June 18, 1858.
- Earlier, UP government renamed Allahabad as Prayagraj, and the Mughalsarai Railway Station as Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Railway Station.

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