

Uttar Pradesh

Specific Current Affairs

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Uttar Pradesh Ranks Second in Bajra Production

• On September 2, 2022, the Official Spokesperson of Uttar Pradesh informed that Uttar Pradesh stood at the second place in terms of Bajra production in the country. About 50 lakh metric tonnes of bajra is produced in the state, which is 19.69 percent of the total millet production in the country.

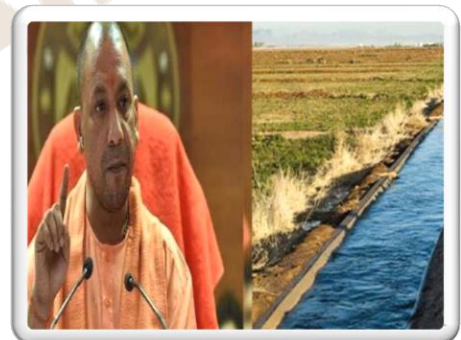


• It is worth mentioning that the United Nations (UN), acting on India's proposal, has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

• Uttar Pradesh government is planning to organize several programs to popularize bajra and other nutritious cereals in the state. The Action Plan for the International Millet Year 2023 focuses on strategies to increase production, consumption, exports and branding, among others.

Uttar Pradesh Government will use Drain Water for Irrigation

• On September 3, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh directed officials to prepare a plan to use drain water for irrigation of crops in the state.



• The Jal Shakti Minister stressed on ensuring that drain water does not flow into the rivers and is used for irrigation.

• He said that this will not increase pollution in the rivers and at the same time the cost of irrigation will also be reduced significantly. This will also help in conserving water used in irrigation.



- Directing officials to monitor 848 drains flowing in the state, the minister said a five-member committee should be formed to monitor the drains. People living around the drains and associated with the society should be made members of the committee.
- He said that the Namami Gange department would also look after the ongoing Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) works across the state.
- Anurag Srivastava, Principal Secretary, Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department, while directing the engineers said that they should implement CCTV surveillance on the Ganga land from this month and monitor every STP 24 hours from the control room.

Deoria's Khurshid Ahmed honoured with 'National Teachers Award'

- the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu honoured Khurshid Ahmed, a teacher of Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh with the National Teacher Award-2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It is worth mentioning that this year 46 teachers from across the country were selected for the National Teacher Award, including the only teacher from Uttar Pradesh, Khurshid Ahmed.
- Khurshid Ahmed was presented with a silver medal, a check of Rs 50,000 prize money and a certificate by the President.
- Khurshid Ahmed of Composite School Sehwa in Deoria has been given this award for innovation in science education. He has been selected alone among the basic and secondary school teachers of the state.



- It is worth noting that on Teacher's Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on 5th September, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.

Now the perfume of Kannauj will spread to Europe and the Middle East

- On September 6, 2022, a spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government said that the state government would host the first International Perfume Festival in February next year with the aim of establishing the perfume of Kannauj in the global market under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme, in which delegations from all the leading countries including Europe and the Middle East, including France, a leader in the perfume industry, will be invited.



- At the International Perfume Festival, visitors from different countries will be introduced to the process of manufacturing the perfume of Kannauj, the basic ingredients used in it, among other features.
- The festival will provide a platform to the perfume makers and entrepreneurs of Kannauj to do business with foreign companies. Through this, perfume traders of Kannauj will also get an opportunity to showcase their products to foreign buyers and explore the possibilities of global trade.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be responsible for bringing the foreign delegation for the International Perfume Festival.
- Under this event, there will be a one-day program in Lucknow, in which various seminars will be organized. After this all the foreign guests will be taken to Kannauj. Here they will get a chance to meet perfume entrepreneurs, perfume manufacturers and exporters.



Income Limit Ended in the Schemes of SC Finance and Development Corporation

- On September 11, 2022, Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (Anugum) said that the condition of maximum income limit has been abolished to take advantage of self-employment schemes of Anugum.



- Chairman Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal said that any person belonging to scheduled castes will be able to take advantage of these schemes, but those with an annual income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh will be given priority.
- Self-employment units will have to be set up in clusters and the limit of the grant has also been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000 per beneficiary. Till now, for eligibility in the schemes of Uttar Pradesh Angam, the annual income limit was Rs 47,080 in rural areas and Rs 56,460 in urban areas.
- In July 2018, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had requested the Government of India to increase the income and grant limit. Under this, the central government has made major changes in the income limit and grant amount for eligibility.
- Chairman informed that the schemes of Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation will now be known as 'Pradhan Mantri Scheduled Caste Abhyudaya Yojana'. The Central and State Governments have taken this big step for the economic empowerment of Dalits by taking ambitious schemes to the grassroots level to end Dalit oppression.



18 new police stations and 22 police posts will be built in Uttar Pradesh, tourism station will open in Kushinagar

- On September 14, 2022, Principal Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Home Department, Sanjay Prasad said that the state government has decided to set up 18 new police stations and 22 outposts and open a new tourist police station in Kushinagar to further strengthen the policing system in different districts of the state.



- Sanjay Prasad said that it has been decided to set up 18 new police stations and 22 outposts in different districts of the state to further strengthen peace and order in the state, curb crimes more effectively, provide more safe environment to women and common people.

- Necessary orders have been issued to the Director General of Police and Additional Director General of Police (Police Headquarters) in this regard. Apart from this, separate instructions will be issued regarding the creation of necessary posts in these new police stations and police posts of the state.

- In Ghaziabad district, new police stations have been created in the name of Web City by cutting the area of Mussoorie / Kavi Nagar police station and crossing republic by cutting the area of Vijay Nagar police station. After the division of Khampar and Bankata police stations, Suroli will be the new police station in Deoria.

- A new police station named Baba Bazar has been created by cutting the area of Mawai police station of Ayodhya. The police post established in Rahimabad village of Malihabad police station area of the capital Lucknow has been upgraded and a new police station named Rahimabad has been created. It has been decided to set up an airport police station in Dhoomanganj area of Prayagraj.



Electricity generation starts from first floating solar plant of Uttar Pradesh

- On September 15, 2022, power generation started from a 20 MW floating solar plant at NTPC at Dibiyapur in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh after a multi-phase investigation. This has taken the total capacity of NTPC Auraiya plant to 704 MW.



- NTPC Additional General Manager Sanjay Balyan said that this floating solar plant is the first in the state. NTPC has so far installed floating solar plants on reservoirs in four states – Ramagundam in Telangana, Kayamkulam in Kerala, Kawas in Gujarat and Semadri in Andhra Pradesh.

- NTPC had invited tenders for the floating solar plant at Auraiya in September 2019. The company that received the tender started work on the solar plant in June 2020. In August 2022, the solar plant was ready. After this, the testing and commissioning work was completed.

- panels of 500 watt capacity have been used at NTPC at Dibiyapur. The total cost of the floating solar plant is around Rs 90 crore.

- An on-ground solar plant of 20 MW capacity has been installed at NTPC plant premises at a cost of about Rs.100 crore. 330 MW solar panel modules have been installed in the solar plant on the ground. Commercial power generation from this plant has been started in three phases (in the first phase eight MW on November 10, 2020, seven MW on December 4, 2020, and five MW on February 20, 2021) by grid connectivity.



Nandi Sanctuary to be built in Moradabad Division

- On September 19, 2022, Moradabad Divisional Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh, Anjaney Singh said that an initiative is being taken to create Nandi Sanctuary in Moradabad division to overcome the problem of stray cattle.



- Many gaushalas have been built for the maintenance of cows in the state and their system has been improved, but no arrangement could be made to take care of the Nandi's. In order to solve this problem, a plan has been made to establish these sanctuaries.

- The divisional commissioner said that the initiative is being taken in three districts of Moradabad division – Sambhal, Amroha and Bijnor. The work of establishing Nandi Sanctuary has been started here.

- Nandi will be able to roam in these sanctuaries without any fear. For this, Caraunda trees will be planted around here for the time being. After this, many such plants including bamboo will be planted, which will also generate income.

- Nandi sanctuaries will have their own sources of income, so that there should not be any problem in their operation in future. There will also be arrangements for pastures and hay for grazing the rivers.

- After successful operation in all the three districts, the project will be sent to the state government. If all goes well, such sanctuaries will be built in other districts affected by stray cattle in the future.

- By bringing the Nandi's to one place, these Nandi Sanctuaries will become a witness to the fear-free environment for them. Nandi will move between trees and plants and grass. If there is a reservoir for drinking water, these sanctuaries will also be connected to it. Along with this, tube wells will also be arranged.



Proposal to Build an International Airport at Nawabganj in Unnao

- On September 20, 2022, Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) Vice Chairman Arvind Singh informed that a proposal has been submitted to build an international airport bigger than Jewar in Nawabganj of Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh.



- On the lines of Delhi-NCR, three more cities – Sitapur, Rae Bareli and Hardoi – have also been included in the Lucknow-Kanpur State Capital Region. Earlier, apart from Lucknow and Kanpur, only Unnao and Barabanki cities were included.

- KDA vice-president Arvind Singh said that about 10,000 acres of land will be required to build the airport. The work of marking the land has started.

- Arvind Singh said that it has taken about 9 months to prepare this project. It is also important to build an international airport near Nawabganj because Amausi Airport cannot be expanded anymore.

- On the instructions of the government, the KDA has made a concept plan under the State Capital Region, in which the minimum distance from Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary to the airport is 5 km. Has been kept, so that there is no effect on the habitat of birds.

- The benefit of this airport will be available not only to the state capital region, but also to Bundelkhand, cities of eastern Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.



Famous Comedian Raju Srivastava Passed Away at the Age of 58

- On September 21, 2022, renowned comedian and actor Raju Srivastava passed away at the age of 58 at AIIMS Hospital in Delhi. He was undergoing treatment for the last 41 days at Delhi AIIMS, where he breathed his last during treatment.



- Raju Srivastava was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi on August 10 after he suffered a heart attack while running on a treadmill at the gym. He was on life support since then and had also shown some signs of improvement.

- Born – December 25, 1963 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India His real name was Satya Prakash Srivastava, professionally known as Raju Srivastava. Raju Srivastava is often referred to as 'Gajodhar Bhaiya'.

- Raju Srivastava was an Indian comedian, actor and politician. He was a member of the Bhartiya Janata Party since 2014. In March 2019, he was appointed as the chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Film Development Council by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh.

- moved to Mumbai in the 1980s to work in the Hindi film industry. He acted in films like Baazigar, Bombay to Goa, Aamdani Atthanni Kharcha Rupaiya etc.

- He became the runner-up in the comedy show 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge'. He won the title of 'The King of Comedy' in its spin-off show 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge-Champions'.



New medical colleges will open in six districts of Uttar Pradesh

- On September 22, 2022, Principal Secretary, Medical Education, Uttar Pradesh, Alok Kumar informed that the Central Government has given in-principle approval to open medical colleges in six districts of the state under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme. This work will be done under the 'One District One Medical College' program.



- The process of opening medical colleges in Mahoba, Mainpuri, Baghpat, Hamirpur, Hathras and Kasganj districts on PPP mode under the 'One District One Medical College' program has started. Investors will be selected through tender for running the medical college.
- Medical colleges are to be opened on PPP model in 16 districts of Uttar Pradesh. About Rs 1525 crore will be spent to open medical colleges in six districts. The central government will give a subsidy of Rs 1012 crore in this. A college will get an average subsidy of Rs 160 crore.
- Alok Kumar said that at present there are 65 medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh including government and private. Among the central institutions are two AIIMS, one BHU and one Aligarh Medical College at Rae Bareli and Gorakhpur.
- Amethi, Auraiya, Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Chandauli, Gonda, Kanpur Dehat, Kaushambi, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Pilibhit, Sonbhadra and Sultanpur districts will get medical colleges by 2022-23. Their construction is going on.
- It is noteworthy that PM Narendra Modi had inaugurated medical colleges in nine districts of Deoria, Etah, Fatehpur, Ghazipur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, Siddharthnagar last year.



CRPC Amendment Bill passed by Uttar Pradesh Assembly

- On September 23, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly passed the CrPC i.e. Code of Criminal Procedure (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2022 bill to curb crimes against women. Under this, the accused in the cases of rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) will not get anticipatory bail.



- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna moved the House to pass the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2022. Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana due to the majority of the ruling members in favor of the bill.

- It may be noted that the Code of Criminal Procedure (Uttar Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2022 was introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the state government on September 22.

- Under the provision of the bill, now the accused of rape will not get anticipatory bail. In this amendment bill, along with changes in section 438 of CrPC, POCSO Act and 376, 376-A, 376-AB, 376-B, 376-C, 376-D, 376-DA, 376-DB, 386-E provides for not granting anticipatory bail to the accused.

- Not only rape and gang-rape but also in cases of sexual offences, misbehavior and sexual abuse will not get anticipatory bail.

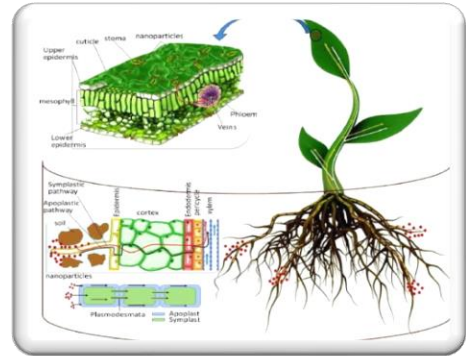
- However, it is necessary to get the approval of the Central Government for implementing this law because it requires the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



India's Second Nano-Fertilizer Plant Set-up in Prayagraj

- According to the information received from the media on September 25, 2022, the country's second nano fertilizer plant has been ready in Phulpur, Prayagraj. Production will start as soon as the government approves it. The plant is expected to be commissioned in November.

- This will be IFFCO's second plant in the country at Phulpur. IFFCO's first nano fertilizer unit in the country was established in Kalol, Gujarat. It was launched by Prime Minister Modi.



- In the second phase, units have been set up at Aonla (Bareilly) and Phulpur (Prayagraj). The production capacity of Phulpur plant is 7 crore and Amla has a capacity of 11 crore bottles per annum.

- A target of producing 70 lakh bottles of manure has been set in Phulpur between November and March next year. IFFCO has set a target of producing 32 crore bottles of nano urea annually from the three plants, which will replace 13.7 crore metric tonnes of subsidized urea.

- Phulpur unit head Sanjay Kudeshia said that nano fertilizer liquid has been prepared in the plant, which will start production from November. This fertilizer will not only help in saving the fertility being destroyed due to excessive use of urea at present, but will also save money, labor and time of the farmers.

- The fertilizer capacity of half a liter of nano manure prepared at Phulpur plant is 45 kg of urea. The weight will be equal to one sack. Argentina and Brazil have also tied up with IFFCO for its supply.



'State Planning Commission' Now 'State Transformation Commission'

- In a meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on September 27, 2022, the State Planning Commission was reconstituted and renamed as the State Transformation Commission.



- Uttar Pradesh Power Minister AK Sharma told reporters that the State Transformation Commission (STC) will be headed by the Chief Minister while the Finance Minister, both Deputy CMs, Agriculture Minister, Social Welfare Minister, Panchayati Raj Development Minister, Industrial Development Minister, Water Resources Minister and Urban Development Minister will be its members.

- The vice-president of STC will be a renowned economist or social scientist. The other members include chief secretary, additional chief secretary and principal secretaries of various departments including finance, agriculture, rural development, medical and health, industrial development and planning.

- commission will also have non-official members, experts in the social sector, agriculture and economy. The term of these nominated members will be three years, which can be extended up to two years.

- Power Minister A K Sharma said the commission will act as a think tank and formulate policies after consultations with experts from various departments. The problems that the state is facing will be identified by the Commission and ways to solve them will be found. The use of PPP model will also be discussed. The present plan and their outcome will be evaluated by the Commission.

- Planning Commission was set up in Uttar Pradesh on August 24 , 1972 and helped the state government formulate policies by identifying need-based areas.



MSME Policy-2022 Implemented in Uttar Pradesh

- On September 29, 2022, the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) of Uttar Pradesh issued a government order to implement the MSME Policy-2022. The policy will remain in force till September 2027.



- MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan said that the state government will bear the one-time guarantee fee charged by banks on collateral free loans (i.e. loans without collateral) of up to Rs 2 crore to entrepreneurs investing in micro, small and medium industries in the state.
- For new micro industry, 50 percent of the annual interest payable on the loan (maximum Rs 25 lakh) per unit will be given for five years.
- Entrepreneurs will be given a subsidy of 10 to 25 percent on capital investment, 60 percent on loan interest to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs.
- In Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions, 25, 20 and 15 percent subsidy will be available respectively. Madhyaanchal and Paschimchal will have 20, 15 and 10 percent respectively. 2% additional investment incentive assistance will be provided to SC, ST and women entrepreneurs.

