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Swachh Survekshan 2022 : Ghaziabad Got First Place in The State and 12th in The Country

- In the Swachh Survekshan 2022 ranking released on October 1, 2022, Ghaziabad has secured the first position in the state and 12th in the country, leaving behind Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh among cities with a population of more than one million.



- This is Ghaziabad's best ranking till date. Earlier in the year 2021, Ghaziabad was ranked second in Uttar Pradesh and 18th in the country. Ghaziabad, with a population of more than 16 lakhs, has got a three-star rating and has been declared as ODF Plus.

- Ghaziabad is followed by Meerut, Prayagraj, Lucknow, Varanasi, Agra and Kanpur among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.

- Only Ghaziabad and Meerut are included in the top 15 clean cities of the country in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Ghaziabad is at number 12 and Meerut is at number 15. At the same time, Indore remained at number one.

- Similarly, in the city with a population of one lakh to 10 lakh, Noida is fifth in the country and number one in the state. Aligarh is second, Mathura third, Firozabad fourth and Gonda fifth. Apart from Noida, Aligarh and Mathura, no city has been able to make it to the top 100 in the cities with a category of one lakh to 10 lakh.

- Uttar Pradesh's position in the overall ranking has worsened compared to last year. Up was ranked sixth in the 2021 survey, while Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 10th in the 2022 survey .



- Among cities with less than one lakh population, Bijnor got the first position in the best Ganga city, while Varanasi got the second place among ganga cities with a population of more than one lakh.
- Lucknow Cantonment Board has been selected in the Best City for Innovation and Best Practices.

Three Police Stations in Varanasi Commissionerate in IGRS Police Station Ranking

- On October 7, 2022, Varanasi Police Commissioner A. Satish Ganesh said that in the ranking of IGRS police stations, three police stations of Commissionerate Varanasi have come first in the state by scoring 100 percent marks.
- According to Police Commissioner A. Satish Ganesh, Sigra, Adampur and Dashashwamedh police stations of Commissionerate Varanasi have got the first place in the IGRS disposal ranking. The in-charges of these three police stations will be honoured with citations.
- The Commissioner of Police said that the reasons for the poor ranking of the three police stations – Kotwali, Chitapur and Tourist – which come at the very bottom of the IGRS ranking – will be reviewed by a DCP level officer. Action is also fixed against the in-charge of the police station if negligence is found. Warning notices have been issued to all the three in-charges.
- Varanasi police stations are at the top across the state in time-bound and quality disposal of complaints received on the Uttar Pradesh government's online grievance system Jan-Sunwai portal.
- The COMPLAINTS received from the Public Hearing Portal is forwarded online to the concerned police stations by the IGRS cell formed in the police office. The police station in-charge sends the investigation of the references received to the concerned according to the time given online. The complaints



received on the Jan-Suni portal are addressed by the officers and staff of the IGRS cell.

Central Government Approves Eight New Projects for Uttar Pradesh

- On October 7, 2022, an official spokesperson of Uttar Pradesh informed that the central government has approved eight new projects, including sewerage management, in the state under the National Mission for Clean Ganga Project.

- The spokesperson said that in the 45th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, four projects for sewage management have been approved, including one in Varanasi.



- The project also includes construction of 55 MLD capacity STP for exploitation of Assi Nullah. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 308.09 crore.

- A government spokesperson said the Varanasi project aims to achieve the target of zero untreated discharge from three drains — Assi, Samne Ghat and Nakhi.

- Other projects include construction of 13 MLD STPs and renovation of existing structures. These Mathura-Vrindavan projects envisage blocking and diversion of 11 drains polluting the Yamuna river. Sewage treatment plants (STPs) will be constructed at Vrindavan and Kosi Kalan in Mathura.

- A mega project to set up Bio-diversity Parks in four districts- Hapur, Bulandshahr, Budaun and Mirzapur has also been approved. These are Mohanpur Biodiversity Park in Mirzapur, Ramghat Biodiversity Park in Bulandshahr, Alamgirpur Biodiversity Park in Hapur and Ujhani Biodiversity Park in Badaun.

One horticulture model village will be developed in every development block of Uttar Pradesh



- On October 9, 2022, State's Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture and Agriculture Exports, Dinesh Pratap Singh said to develop one horticulture model village in each development block with the aim of taking horticulture development programmes to all gram panchayats of the state while directing the officers during the departmental review meeting through video conferencing at Udyan Bhawan, Lucknow.



- The Minister of State for Horticulture and Agriculture Exports informed that each model village will be inspected by deputy director and DHO level officers. Also, flex boards will be installed outside the model village for information. This board will show that the concerned village has been marked as model village.

- He directed that in order to increase the potato, seed, production program on the vacant fertile land of the department, a register should be maintained for the assets with full details of the departmental farms and production units. He said that such land and buildings of the Horticulture Department, which are not mentioned in the records of revenue, should be made to be marked.

- He directed that under the innovative programs, emphasis should be laid on increasing qualitative production by expanding the area of crops like dragon fruit, strawberry etc. Farmers should be encouraged to set up cold rooms near the mandi.

- He directed that under 'Per Drop-More-Crop', districts with low progress should be reviewed by giving them week-wise targets. Rabi crop seeds should be distributed by October 20.

- Agriculture Production Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh directed the officers to integrate and develop all dimensions of horticulture development as clusters by implementing departmental schemes more effectively. All deputy directors and horticulture officers should provide a report of the quantity of industrial crops being grown in their district.



- In the review meeting, it was decided to establish a special center of excellence in Lucknow, Barabanki, Kanpur, Hapur and Pali House for the development of beekeeping.

Jagriti Yadav of Lucknow became UK High Commissioner for a Day

- On October 10, 2022, 20-year-old Jagriti Yadav from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh became the High Commissioner in the British High Commission for one day in India in the 'India edition of the High Commissioner competition for one day'.



- The British Embassy said that Jagriti Yadav is the sixth winner of the India edition of the High Commissioner competition for one day.
- Jagriti Yadav spent a day as Britain's top diplomat in India after winning the sixth edition of the High Commissioner's Competition for a day. Jagriti also experienced a wide range of diplomatic activities, including meeting with various stakeholders. During this Jagriti also participated in many programs.
- It is known that this competition is organized annually since the year 2017. The aim of this competition is to empower women for the next generation.
- Along with Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Jagriti also launched a book honoring 75 Indian women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath wins Indian of the Year Award



- On October 12, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was honored with the 'Indian of the Year Award' at the 'Indian of the Year Award' ceremony organized by the media group.



- In the series of awards at the event, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has received this honor for his brilliant work in the politics category. However, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath himself could not be present in this award ceremony. He dedicated this award to 25 crore people of the state.

- The Indian of the Year Award ceremony, organized by the media group, honored Indian personalities who have done inspiring work in categories such as entertainment, politics, sports, startups, social change and climate.

- Many big names were included in this category including Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

Paddy purchase Policy and formation of Uttar Pradesh Natural Farming Board

- In the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on October 13, 2022, with the aim of providing relief to the farmers suffering from rains and floods, many exemptions for the agriculture sector including the announcement of 'Paddy purchase Policy' and the state Decision was taken to constitute 'Uttar Pradesh Natural Farming Board'.



- According to Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi, the state cabinet has announced a new paddy purchase policy, under which the minimum support price for normal grade paddy has been fixed at Rs 2,040 per quintal and for A grade paddy at Rs 2,060 per quintal.



- The Agriculture Minister informed that the paddy purchase period is from October 1 to January 31 in Hardoi, Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Meerut, Saharanpur, Agra, Aligarh and Jhansi districts and Rae Bareilly, Unnao, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Ayodhya, Basti. For Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Varanasi, Mirzapur and Prayagraj, this period is from November 1 to February 28.
- He said that online registration is mandatory for paddy purchase and all purchases from farmers would be done on the basis of computer verified Khatauni and Aadhar card. Paddy will be procured by biometric authentication of farmers through electronic point of purchase machines at the purchasing centres.
- Paddy will be procured through 4,000 procurement centres of six agencies like food department, PCF, PCU, Mandi Parishad, UPS and Food Corporation of India.
- Paddy price will be paid by all purchasing agencies through PFMS portal of Government of India within 48 hours of purchase of paddy.

Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Approves New Textile and Apparel Policy

- On October 13, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, approved a new textile and apparel policy to attract private investment in this sector and ensure development of all units to make the state a textile hub.
- The cabinet has approved the Uttar Pradesh Textile and Garmenting Policy-2022 and has authorized the Chief Minister to make any amendments in it.



- The main objective of the new policy is to establish the state as a global level garment manufacturing hub and sustainable development of all types of units related to the textile industry, such as handloom, powerloom, spinning, weaving, processing and apparel.
- The specific objective of the policy is to attract private investment of Rs 10,000 crore in the textile and apparel sector, create employment opportunities for five lakh people, develop five textile and apparel parks in the private sector and increase the income of handloom and powerloom weavers.
- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said that in the Textile and Apparel Policy-2022 of Uttar Pradesh, there was a provision to give special incentives to the units investing in the textile sector along with financial facilities in various items with the aim of attracting investments and generating employment.
- The policy will be effective for a period of five years from the date of promulgation. The policy will increase investment in the state and create three lakh job opportunities.



CNG to be made from garbage in Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Prayagraj

- On October 17, 2022, Lucknow Municipal Commissioner Inderjit Singh said that on the lines of Indore, orders have been issued to set up CNG manufacturing plants from garbage in three cities of the state – Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Prayagraj.
- It is known that on the lines of Indore, there is a preparation to make CNG from wet waste in 4 cities of Uttar Pradesh. After approval to make CNG from garbage, CNG plants will be set up on PPP model in



Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Prayagraj, while Gorakhpur is also in the queue.

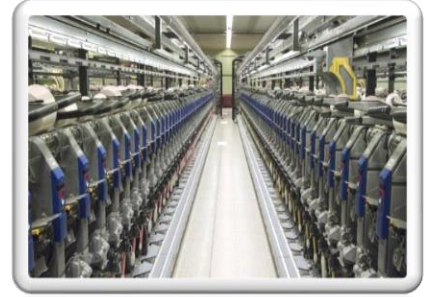
- These will produce 34,000 kg of CNG per day and about 1,000 tonnes of waste will be used daily to make it. This will save 3.65 lakh metric tonnes of waste from going to the garbage disposal plant.
- In Lucknow and Ghaziabad, the same company Ever Enviro Resource Management Private Limited will make CNG from garbage, while in Prayagraj, Indo Enviro Integrated Solution Limited company has been given the responsibility. These companies will have to set up plants at their own expense. No financial help will be given to them by the municipal corporation.
- Lucknow and Ghaziabad municipal corporations will give 12 acres of land each to the company on a lease of one rupee, while Prayagraj and Gorakhpur municipal corporations will have to give 10 acres each. The municipal corporation will also get royalty in lieu of this land. The CNG maker will pay Rs 74 lakh each to Lucknow and Ghaziabad and Rs 56 lakh each to Prayagraj and Gorakhpur Municipal Corporations.
- After the installation of CNG plants from garbage, these four cities will reduce 2.50 lakh tonnes of Carbon Dioxide and Greenhouse Gases daily.
- For Lucknow and Ghaziabad, 300 tonnes of wet waste will be used to make CNG, while plants in Prayagraj and Gorakhpur will use 200 tonnes of waste each daily. In this way, 34000 kg CNG will be generated from 1000 tonnes of waste daily in the four cities.

Uttar Pradesh Announces Textile and Apparel Policy



- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government announced the Uttar Pradesh Textile and Apparel Policy with an aim to attract new investments and make Uttar Pradesh a hub of textile and apparel industry.

- The Uttar Pradesh Textile and Apparel Policy was approved in a meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on October 13, 2022.



- Announcing the policy, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Rakesh Sachan said the policy is employment oriented and aims to attract fresh investment of Rs 10,000 crore and create over 5 lakh new jobs.

- The main objective of the new policy is to establish the State as a global level apparel manufacturing hub and sustainable development of all types of units related to textile industry such as handloom, powerloom, spinning, weaving, processing and apparel.

- Minister Rakesh Sachan said the textile and apparel policy has been formulated after consulting all stakeholders and taking care of their concerns. To make the policy investor friendly, several processes have been made online and a help desk has been set up for the convenience of investors.

Now Medical Education Will Also Be Done in Uttar Pradesh in Hindi



- On October 19, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Medical Education Shruti Singh said that on the lines of Madhya Pradesh, the government has now formed a three-member panel to present Hindi language textbooks for MBBS courses in medical colleges of the state.

- Director General Shruti Singh said the three-member panel constituted by the state government is reviewing MBBS Hindi textbooks on three subjects. These include biochemistry, anatomy, and medical physiology.



- Apart from this, other MBBS textbooks are being translated into Hindi and a three-member panel committee will examine this translation.

- It is worth mentioning that recently for the first time in the country, medical education has been started in Madhya Pradesh in Hindi.

- The director general of medical education said the committee was formed about a month ago and a government medical college in Meerut is expected to adopt these books first. At present, Hindi textbooks will be limited to MBBS students only.

- He said the move will help students, especially those with Hindi-medium backgrounds, to easily understand concepts and processes in their language.

- Nc Prajapati, additional director of medical education, said the panel was not trying to translate medical terminology and delete text-books. It is not possible to translate the entire text, as it will prove to be complicated for the students.

North Central Railway Becomes Fifth Zone in the Country with 100% Electrification



- Recently, The North Central Railway (NCR) has become the fifth zone in the country to have 100 percent electrification. All the broad gauge railways here have now been fully electrified.

- At present, out of the 18 zonal railways in the country, four zones — East Coast Railway Bhubaneswar, Eastern Railway, West Central Railway and South Eastern Railway — were the only zones that were fully electrified. Now the North Central Railway has also joined it.



- This section covers 76 km between Khajuraho and Lalitpur between Ishanagar-Udaipur. The electrification work, which was left in the last financial year, has been completed by the Central Railway Electrification Organization (CORE) on October 20. Now this route has been ready for the operation of trains with electric engines.

- Now with the electrification of this section, all the broad gauge railway lines of NCR have been electrified. The advantage of this will be that now electric engine trains will start operating from Mahoba-Khajuraho-Udaipura to Lalitpur. Also, MEMU trains will be able to run from Mahoba to Lalitpur via Chhatarpur.

- With the electrification of Ishanagar-Udaipura section, 3222 route km in North Central Railway zone. Broad gauge has been electrified. 110 km on this new route. Trains will be able to run at a speed of 110 km/h from Prayagraj to Lalitpur via Mahoba. This will also save passengers time.

- The North Central Railway in its present form came into existence on April 1, 2003. North Central Railway is spread over a wide area of India including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana. It is headquartered in Prayagraj (Allahabad) and consists of three divisions – Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra.



Centre approves Terai elephant sanctuary

- According to the information given by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department on October 23, 2022, the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment has given its approval to the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER), which covers 3,049 sq km including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve located in Lakhimpur and Pilibhit districts. Will be developed in the area.



- According to the UTTAR Pradesh forest department, the department had prepared the proposal in April and forwarded it to the Centre on October 11, 2022. After getting approval from the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment for TER, a notification will be issued by the state government soon.

- With the terai elephant reserve coming into existence in Uttar Pradesh, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve will be the only national park in Uttar Pradesh that will protect and conserve four iconic wild animal species — Tiger, One-horned Rhinoceros, Asian Elephant and Swamp deer.

- Apart from Dudhwa and Pilibhit Tiger Reserves, the elephant reserve will include Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Dudhwa buffer zone and parts of South Kheri forest division.

- The establishment of the Terai Elephant Sanctuary will be a milestone in terms of wildlife conservation, especially for Asian elephants, as it is located on the Indo-Nepal border, where cross-border movement of elephants is a routine routine.

- The Centre will provide all financial and technical assistance under project Elephant, which will help in handling human-elephant conflicts. The establishment of an elephant sanctuary at Dudhwa will help in adopting an elephant-centric approach towards their conservation.



- Also, the financial and technical assistance received under Project Hathi will be used in managing the elephants present in dudhwa's camp and incidents of human-elephant conflict, which are currently dependent on the state, will be controlled more effectively.
- The Dudhwa Tiger Reserve has attracted wild elephants through various domestic and cross-border corridors for decades, including Basanta-Dudhwa, Laljhari (Nepal)-Sathiyana and Shuklaphanta (Nepal)-Dhaka-Pilibhit-Dudhwa buffer zone corridors. The Terai Elephant Reserve under Project Elephant will help revive or restore these corridors, which have been defunct.

India Food Expo to Be held in Lucknow

- Happened on October 28, 2022 at Vinayak Plaza, Maldahiya in Varanasi, In the meeting of Indian Industries Association, National Chairman of Food Processing Committee of IIA Deepak Bajaj told that India Food Expo will be organized by Indian Industries Association from November 2 to 4 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow.
- Deepak Bajaj said that the India Food Expo will be organized for three days, in which the entrepreneurs related to food processing will be given information related to it and more than 100 entrepreneurs from 45 cities of Uttar Pradesh including Purvanchal will participate.
- This is the country's largest expo of food processing machines and food processing technology and will be attended by hoteliers, restaurant operators, bakery products manufacturers from nearby districts including Banaras.
- Various stalls of ODOP will be set up under MSME in India Food Expo and new innovations on food processing technology, machines of the country and abroad have also been included in it.



- In connection with the India Food Expo, Rk Chaudhary, National Vice President of The Indian Industries Association, asked the government to ease the process of various licenses used in industries such as fire, pollution etc. And release the grant amount of textile policy 2017, so that industries can run smoothly.

Uttar Pradesh set to become Top Ethanol Producer in India

- On October 30, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Additional Chief Secretary (Sugar Industry) Sanjay Bhoosreddy told the media that Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the top ethanol producer in the country. The size of the industry in the state has crossed Rs 12,000 crore.



- Additional Chief Secretary (Sugar Industry) Sanjay Bhoosreddy informed that the ethanol capacity of Uttar Pradesh has been estimated at 2 billion litres per year, which is almost eight times more than 240 million litres per year five years ago. The state's ethanol capacity is expected to reach 2.25 billion litres per annum in the next few years.
- He informed that private sector distilleries have invested about Rs 7,500 crore in the last five years to upgrade the overall ethanol capacity of the state.
- The state government is trying to integrate sugarcane crop with an attractive ethanol value chain to provide remunerative prices to farmers and protect the sector from the cyclical nature of the sugar market.
- Sanjay Bhoosreddy said that in the current 2022-23 sugarcane crushing season, five private mills will manufacture ethanol directly from sugarcane juice without producing sugar. In addition, 71 other mills will produce ethanol from B-heavy molasses.
- Meanwhile, the state's sugarcane area is estimated to increase by 3 percent or 84,000 hectares to over 2.85 million hectares, while sugarcane production in the current season is estimated at 23.50 million metric tonnes. A total of 120



sugar mills- 93 private units, 24 cooperative units and three Uttar Pradesh State Sugar Corporation units will operate during the current sugarcane crushing season.

- It is known that more than 4.5 million rural households are associated with the Uttar Pradesh sugarcane sector, which includes sugar, ethanol, jaggery, power cogeneration, jaggery, khandsari (refined sugar) etc. In its by-product portfolio. The consolidated annual sugarcane economy in the state is about Rs 50,000 crore.

