

Uttar Pradesh Specific Current Affairs January 2022

PM Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University at Meerut in Uttar Pradesh on 2 Jan 2022.
- This university will be established at an estimated cost of ₹700 crores at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut.
- The varsity will have the capacity of training 1,080 sportspersons including 540 female and 540 male ones.

CCEA approves ₹12,031 cr 2nd phase of India's green energy corridors

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the ₹12,031 crores second phase of setting up transmission projects for supplying electricity from renewable energy projects.
- The second phase of the transmission corridors will supply 20 GW of renewable energy to the national grid from 7 states of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.

KVIC rolls out innovative "Mobile Honey Processing Van"

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at village Sirora in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh on 7 Jan'22.
- It has been designed by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary Training Centre, Panjokehra, at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.
- This mobile honey processing unit can process up to 300 KG of honey in 8 hours.

Uttar Pradesh awarded first prize in 3rd National Water Awards

- Uttar Pradesh has been awarded the first prize in the 3rd National Water Awards in the best state category, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
- The first National Water Award was launched by the Jal Shakti Ministry in 2018.
- The Dept of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti gave 57 awards to states, organizations, etc. in 11 different categories.

Uttar Pradesh govt declares 4 villages near Nepal border as revenue villages

- The Uttar Pradesh government has declared 4 villages located near the Nepal border in the Bahraich district as revenue villages.
- These are Bhavanipur, Tedhia, Dhakia, and Bichhia located in Mihinpurwa tehsil.
- These are Vantangiya villages.
- The Vantangiya community comprises people brought from Myanmar during the colonial rule to plant trees.
- A revenue village is a small administrative region with defined borders.

Lal Bahadur Shastri's 56th death anniversary: 11 Jan 2022

- 11 Jan 2022 marked the 56th death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- He served as India's second Prime Minister from 1964 to 1966.
- He was famous for his slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'.
- He was born on October 2, 1904 at Mughalsarai in Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- He died in Tashkent on 11 January 1966, where he had gone to sign a declaration of ceasefire with Pakistani President M Ayub Khan and end the 1965 war.

Kathak dancer Pandit Birju Maharaj passes away

- Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away in January 2022.
- He was born in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh.
- Birju Maharaj was a descendant of the Maharaj family of Kathak dancers which includes his two uncles, Shambhu Maharaj and Lachhu Maharaj, and his father and guru Acchan Maharaj.
- He was the recipient of numerous awards for his contributions to the performing arts, including the Padma Vibhushan in 1986.
- Kathak is a classical dance form of Uttar Pradesh.

Tata Power Renewable Energy commissions 100 MW solar projects in Uttar Pradesh

- Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) has commissioned two solar power projects of 50 MW each at Prayagraj, and Banda in Uttar Pradesh.
- The plants are expected to generate more than 221.26 million units annually.
- Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has already been signed between TPREL and Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, (UPPCL), Lucknow for these two projects.

Lucknow IPL team to be called Lucknow Super Giants

- The Lucknow franchise of the Indian Premier League will be called Lucknow Super Giants.
- The official IPL team of Lucknow, owned by RPSG Group, decided to take public opinions and the name was shared by owner Sanjiv Goenka on 24 Jan 2022.
- KL Rahul will lead the Lucknow franchise in the upcoming IPL.
- Lucknow and Ahmedabad will be the two new teams in the IPL from 2022.

CSIR-CDRI scientists develop OM, the RT-PCR kit for Omicron

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Drug Research Institute (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)'s scientists have developed an indigenous RT-PCR kit called 'Om' for testing the omicron variant.
- The kit is a first by any government institution for the omicron variant.
- It was made within two months and will cost around Rs 150.
- It will give the test results in around two hours.

India's first Para-Badminton Academy started in Lucknow

- India's first Para-Badminton Academy has been established in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. It has all the advanced equipment and facilities.
- This set-up will improve India's medal prospects at the 2024 Paralympics to be held at the Stade de France Stadium, Paris, France.
- The Badminton Center has been launched by Gaurav Khanna, Chief National Coach of the Indian Para-Badminton team in association with Ageas Federal Life Insurance.

India's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot part of IAF tableau

- India's 1st woman Rafale fighter jet pilot Shivangi Singh was part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade 2022.
- She is only the 2nd woman fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau.
- She is from Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- In 2021, Flight Lieutenant Bhawna Kanth became the first female fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau.
- The IAF tableau's theme- 'Indian Air Force transforming for the future'.