

Uttar Pradesh

Specific Current Affairs

April 2022



1. India's first rapid rail for Delhi to Meerut corridor unveiled

- India's first rapid rail for the Delhi to Meerut corridor was unveiled by the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) in March 2022.
- The Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train will run on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor and cover a distance of 82 km in just 55 mins.
- It will also be the first in the country to have a business or 'premium' coach on a regional corridor.



2. IndiGo co-promoter Rakesh Gangwal inks pact with IIT-Kanpur

- IndiGo co-promoter Rakesh Gangwal has signed a pact with IIT-Kanpur to jointly set up School of Medical Sciences and Technology at its campus.
- He will donate Rs 100 crore to establish the college and will also be joining the Advisory Board of the school.
- The school will be completed in two phases.
- Phase I of the project will include setting up a 500-bed super-speciality hospital.



3. Uttar Pradesh CM launches 'School Chalo Abhiyan' from Shravasti district

- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'School Chalo Abhiyan' in Shravasti district on 4 April 2022 to ensure 100 per cent enrolment in primary and upper primary schools in the state.
- Shravasti has the lowest literacy rate in the state.
- The workers will knock from door to door and ask if there is any child who has been deprived of going to school.
- That child will be registered to school.



4. WUS, an IIT Kanpur start-up selected for the Acceleration Program

- WUS, a SAAS (software as a service) based start-up, has been selected for the Acceleration program by Citi's Social Innovation Lab.
- WUS is incubated at IIT Kanpur and the National Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity Technology Development (N-CoE).
- As part of the program, WUS will be receiving mentoring, go-to-market strategy, seed funding, and network and scaling opportunities.



5. Uttar Pradesh government signs lease agreement with AAI

- The Civil Aviation Department of the Uttar Pradesh government has signed a lease agreement with the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- It is regarding the transfer of 317.855 acres of land to AAI on lease for the Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport in Ayodhya.
- 19 airports have been made functional in Uttar Pradesh so far.



6. Ramdarash Mishra selected for Saraswati Samman 2021

- Noted poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra will be awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021, for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun'.
- He was born in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- Instituted in 1991, Saraswati Samman is given every year to an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 yrs.
- It carries a citation, a plaque, and cash prize of ₹15 lakhs.



7. Uttar Pradesh replaces West Bengal as top vegetables producer

- Uttar Pradesh has reclaimed its position as the top producing state in vegetables replacing West Bengal.
- On the other hand, Andhra Pradesh remains the top fruit producer.
- Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Maharashtra are the other leading producers of vegetables, according to statistics.



- Vegetable production in UP is expected to be 29.58 million tonnes (mt) in the 2021-22 crop year (July-June).

8. Uttar Pradesh government to set up medical colleges in Sambhal and Maharajganj

- The Uttar Pradesh government signed an MoU to set up medical colleges in the state's Sambhal and Maharajganj districts under public-private partnership mode.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that for the first time in the state, medical colleges are being established through PPP mode.



- He said that the construction of medical colleges would be taken forward on a war footing with the participation of the private sector. He said that the State Government has set a target of setting up medical colleges in Maharajganj and Sambhal districts by 2024.

9. Uttar Pradesh's biggest mall to come up in Varanasi

- After the completion of Dashashwamedh Plaza, Varanasi Development Authority is preparing to build a mall, where Banarasi sarees, toys, handlooms, handicrafts as well as famous food items will be found.
- Along with this, tourists will get the facility of artificial water sports, adventure riding (jhoola) and other tempting indoor games.



- Actually, due to the famous products of Banaras being found in different areas, tourists coming on short trips are not able to shop. After the construction of the grand form of Kashi Vishwanath, more than one lakh devotees are coming to Banaras on normal days and on special occasions this number is reaching five to 10 lakhs. In such a situation, a large number of devotees will be able to carry Banarasi products through this goods.

10. Uttar Pradesh ranks 13th in State Energy and Climate Index

- Uttar Pradesh ranks 13th in the State Energy and Climate Index, while the score is 41.0.
- This index has been prepared by NITI Aayog on the basis of 2019-20 data.
- Significantly, this index is based on 6 parameters - performance of discoms, energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, clean energy initiatives, new initiatives and access, affordability and reliability tracks the efforts made by states and union territories in the climate and energy sector.



11. India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' established in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh

- With the efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government in Uttar Pradesh, India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been made ready in Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai.
- As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Amrit Sarovar Initiative was launched under which 75 water bodies will be developed and revived.



12. Mahapandit Rahul Sankrityayan Jayanti 9 April

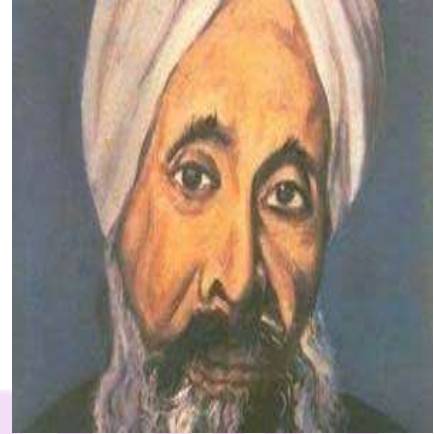
- The great wanderer, Pandit Rahul Sankrityayan was born on April 9, 1893 in Pandha village of Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh. His real name was Kedar Pandey, but the world called him Mahapandit Rahul Sankrityayan.



- He traveled to many countries of the world and read and wrote a lot. Due to this wandering, Mahapandit is well versed in Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit, Tamil, Kannada, Pali, English, Japanese, Russian, Tibetan and French languages. It is said that apart from these, he had knowledge of 20-25 languages.

13. Ayodhya Singh Upadhyay 'Hariudh' Jayanti April 15

• Poet Samrat Ayodhya Singh Upadhyay Hariodh was born on 15 April 1865 in a Gaur family in Nizamabad town of Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh.



• He became Kanungo after passing the examination of Kanungo in 1890 AD. In 1923, after taking leave from the post, he became a professor in Banaras Hindu University. It is said that the role of Hariodh ji proved to be a milestone in the development of a Hindi poet.

• He has successfully used Sanskrit verses in Hindi. By composing Priyaprasas in the Sanskrit Varna circle, where once Emperor Ayodhya Singh Upadhyay Hariudh ji gave the first epic to Khari Boli.

14. Ghar Ghar Dastak campaign started in Uttar Pradesh

• Dastak Abhiyan started in Uttar Pradesh from Friday for effective control of communicable diseases. As part of the campaign, ASHA workers are going door-to-door to identify patients suffering from communicable diseases. Along with this, people are also being made aware about the communicable disease and the way to prevent it.



• If needed, arrangements can be made for investigation. Asha workers will provide medicines to the people and if required they will also be admitted to the hospital.

• They are making people aware about drinking clean water and cleanliness around them. Along with this, people are also being told about the diseases caused by the accumulation of water around them and the way to prevent it is also being told.



15. Uttar Pradesh's first own elephant reserve

• Uttar Pradesh will soon have its own elephant reserve. The Union Forest Ministry has approved the creation of an elephant reserve in Uttar Pradesh. This will be the first Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) of Uttar Pradesh by merging the Terai area of Uttar Pradesh and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve.



• With the coming into existence of the proposed Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) will become the only national park in UP, which will protect and protect four special wild species Tiger, One-horned Rhinoceros, Asian Elephant and Barasingha.

16. Cabinet nod to National Center for Disease Control in Lucknow

• On April 19, 2022, the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the establishment of National Center for Disease Control in Lucknow.

• This center in Lucknow is one of the total six centers to be set up across the country. Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak informed that for this 2.5 acres of land has been given on lease for 30 years to NCDC at Jaitikheda in Sarojini Nagar, Lucknow.



17. Mauritius Prime Minister's three-day visit to Varanasi

• Recently, the Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth was on a three-day visit to Varanasi. During this, he met Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and discussed the possibilities of investment and business in Uttar Pradesh.

• During this he also visited the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor. He immersed the ashes



of his father, former Prime Minister Sir Aniruddha Jagannath, in the Ganges stream amidst Vedic chants.

18. Prayagraj Junction became the best station of North Central Railway

- Prayagraj Division won 16 shields in the 67th Rail Week celebrations organized at North Central Railway (NCR) Headquarters. Also Prayagraj Junction was successful in getting the certificate of best station in the entire NCR.
- 155 Railwaymen for outstanding service including Group Awards were awarded in the Rail Week celebrations.



19. ETS will now do land metering in Uttar Pradesh

- After Bihar and Punjab, this new system of land metering is going to start soon in UP. Yogi government will now get the measurement of land done through Electronic Total Station (ETS).
- Under this new system, five machines will be kept in all the tehsils of UP. The



rays emanating from the ETS will measure the ground.

- Land metering is a big dispute in every village of UP. Due to this dispute many times major accidents happen. The UP government has taken a new step showing its seriousness on land metering.

20. Varanasi ranked first across the country in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana

- On Civil Services Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored Varanasi District Magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This award has been given because Varanasi stood first in the country in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana in the year 2021.



- This is the first time this year that Varanasi has received a country-level award from the Prime Minister. Due to the lockdown during the Corona period, the handcart traders had to deal badly with the livelihood related problem.
- For such people, the central government has started the Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana. In this, loans of up to 10 thousand rupees are given to small shopkeepers and hawkers at an affordable rate. No guarantee needed for loan

