

Uttar Pradesh

Specific Current Affairs

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Asim Arun handed over the charge of chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission

- July 1, 2022, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has given Asim Arun, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Social Welfare, the charge/responsibility of the Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission with immediate effect.

- The state government has assigned the post to Arun till he is appointed as the regular chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.



- Aseem Arun is a 1994 batch IPS officer. He formed the SWAT team for the first time in Aligarh in 2009. Aseem Arun has served in Hathras, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, Agra, Aligarh and Gorakhpur.

- He was the first Commissioner of Police of Kanpur. Prior to the Uttar Pradesh elections, he had quit his IPS job and joined the BJP.

- The BJP declared him as its candidate from Kannauj Sadar seat. From here, Aseem Arun won by defeating three consecutive Samajwadi Party MLA Anil Dohre.

- Mar 25, 2022 Asim Arun was sworn in as minister of state for independent charge in the Yogi cabinet and on March 28, he was given the responsibility of social welfare, SC and ST affairs.



Communicable Disease Control and Dastak Campaign

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Communicable Disease Control and Dastak campaign from BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur. He also flagged off the rally of special communication campaign.
- The communicable disease control campaign will run from July 1 to 31 and the door-to-door Dastak campaign in the state from July 16 to 31 to prevent the spread of Encephalitis, Malaria, Dengue, Filariasis and Chikungunya .
- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that 95 percent of the deaths due to Encephalitis in the state have been controlled and the remaining 5 percent will be controlled and the disease will be completely eradicated from the state.



Van Mahotsav Campaign

- In Chitrakoot district of Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath started the Van Mahotsav campaign by planting Harishankari saplings in Kodand forest area located in Sehrin village, the ashram of Maharishi Valmiki.
- On this occasion, he said that natural farming and horticulture would be promoted in Bundelkhand. This experiment has been successful in the districts along the banks of the Ganges. The problem of Anna cattle will be solved. Along with this, pesticides will be prepared from cow dung and cow urine, which will be used in agriculture.
- It may be mentioned that under this campaign, the target is to plant 35 crore saplings in the state. In



this, 25 crore saplings were planted in a day (July 5) and on August 15, 5 crore saplings will be planted.

- 7 lakh drumstick plants will be planted in front of PM and CM residences free of cost in the state. It is known that Tiger Reserve Park is being built in Chitrakoot, where Tigers will be brought.

Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival-2022

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on July 4, 2022, launched the four-day 'Uttar Pradesh Aam Mahotsav-2022' at Awadh Shilp Gram, Lucknow. The festival was held till July 7, 2022.



- All dimensions of increase in production, processing, marketing, export and quality of mangoes through the Mango Festival was communicated to them by the concerned Departments/Officers/Scientists in consultation with the mango growers.

- Processed mango products and plants were also available for sale at the festival.

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister directed the officials of the Horticulture Department to organize a mango festival from 1st to 7th July every year and invite and felicitate mango gardeners from different states of the country.

- At the event, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced the creation of a mega cluster of mangoes in Lucknow. The project will be completed in the next five years. An amount of Rs 100 crore has been sanctioned from the Centre for this project.



Uttar Pradesh ranks second in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'

- In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Uttar Pradesh is ranked second in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.



- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.

- Tripura ranks first among special category states/UTs with a score of 0.788. It is followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim at the third position with a score of 0.710.

- Also, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.

- The index seeks to document the status and progress of the implementation of NFSA across the country and various reform initiatives after consultation with the states.

- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.



Biggest Mall of North India

- On July 10, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated North India's largest 'Lulu Mall' in Lucknow at a cost of Rs 2 thousand crores.
- The mall has been constructed in about 22 lakh square feet on Shaheed Path in Sushant Golf City. Its main attraction is not the largest hyper market and gaming zone of the state built here. Apart from this, the wedding arena for wedding shopping and the 11-screen superplex for entertainment have also been prepared here.
- Here, with international standards and facilities, the purchase of brand goods from India and abroad can be done. Inside the mall there are also 15 restaurants, 25 outlets along with a food court built with a seating capacity of 1600 people. It has a parking capacity of 3,000 vehicles. 50,000 people can shop together.
- The company is also considering to provide shuttle service to tourists. From groceries to fashion and electronics, home decoration items are also available here.
- This is the fifth shopping mall of the Lulu Group. The company is also working on new shopping malls in Prayagraj and Varanasi. Apart from retail projects, Lulu Group has also announced a food processing hub, which is under construction in Greater Noida with an investment of around Rs 500 crore.



Apparel Park to be built in Noida at a cost of Rs 3,000 crore

- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister of Uttar Pradesh Rakesh Sachan said that an Apparel Park would be set up in Noida at a cost of Rs 3,000 crore.
- In this, 115 textile units will be set up and 2 lac people will get employment.
- At a press conference held at Lok Bhawan, highlighting the achievements of the MSME department for 100 days, Rakesh Sachan said that a new scheme called 'Mukhyamantri Bunkar Saur Urja Yojana' will be launched to encourage power loom operations from solar energy in the state.
- This will reduce the consumption of conventional electrical energy. With the reduction in pollution, the cost of textile production will also come down and the weavers will get economic benefits.
- The draft Textile Policy-2022 incorporating innovation in the Textile Policy-2017 has been prepared and sent to the Government. The new policy will further increase investment in the textile sector in the state and create official employment opportunities.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates Bundelkhand Expressway

- On July 16, 2022 Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bundelkhand Expressway originating from Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh.

- With this, Bundelkhand region has been connected to Lucknow through Lucknow-Agra Expressway and Delhi through Yamuna Expressway.

- More than 250 minor bridges, more than 15 flyovers, 6 toll plazas and more than 12 major bridges and 4 rail bridges have been constructed on this expressway. 24-hour police patrolling and ambulance facility will also be provided.

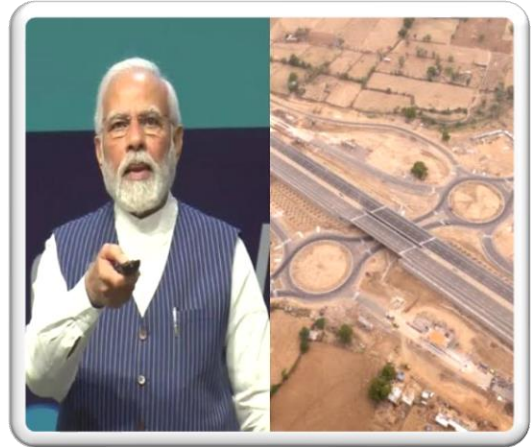
- This is the fourth expressway project in the state, which has been completed in a record 28 months. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the project on February 29, 2020 .

- This 296 km four-lane expressway has been constructed under the aegis of Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) at a cost of about Rs 14,850 crore. Later this can also be expanded to six lanes.

- The Bundelkhand Expressway starts from NH-35 in Gonda village near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district and extends to Kudrail village in Etawah district, where it joins the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

- It passes through seven districts- Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.

- Along with improving connectivity in the region, Bundelkhand expressway will also boost economic development, resulting in creation of thousands of jobs for the local people.



Uttar Pradesh got seventh place in India Innovation Index

- Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 7th in the category of 17 major states in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri on July 21, 2022.

- In Niti Ayog's 3rd India Innovation Index, states and union territories were classified into the category of 17 major states, 10 north-eastern and hilly states and 9 union territories and city-states for effective comparison of their performance.

- In the category of 17 major states, Karnataka is at the top spot with 18.01 points, while Telangana (17.66 points) is second and Haryana (16.35 points) is third.

- In the category of major states, Uttar Pradesh is at 7th position with 14.22 points, Odisha is 16th with 11.42 points and Chhattisgarh is 17th (last) with 10.97 points.

- It may be mentioned that the India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute of Competitiveness is a medium for evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It puts states and Union Territories in order to showcase their innovation, so that there is healthy competition between them.



Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme', in a move in the interest of all government employees of the state. Now all the government employees of the state will be able to avail the benefit of the system of cashless treatment.
- Uttar Pradesh has become the first state to implement this scheme. Now 22 lakh serving and retired government employees of Uttar Pradesh will not have to make rounds of officials to pay their medical expenses
- Apart from the government employees of the state, the government has started this system for pensioners and their dependents as well, that is, about 75 lakh people will be benefited from this scheme.
- Under this scheme, apart from state employees and pensioners, their families will get free treatment up to five lakh rupees per annum in all private hospitals registered under Ayushman Yojana.



'One Tehsil One Product' Scheme

- Recently, after the success of 'One District One Product' (ODOP) scheme, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to launch the 'One Tehsil One Product' scheme, through which the youth will get new jobs as soon as the product is promoted at the tehsil level.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the MSME department is working in this regard. In the first phase, the district will meet the local administration to prepare a list of special products tehsil-wise.
- It is worth mentioning that most of the tehsils of Uttar Pradesh or any of their particular towns have a product, such as raw bananas from Ramchaura of Campierganj in Gorakhpur, green peas of Farenda Maharajganj, laddu of Sandila of Hardoi, turmeric cultivation in Dudahi block of Kushinagar, etc.
- It is likely that on the lines of ODOP, if the facilities of packaging, designing, branding, marketing, availability of capital as per the need and training to hone the skills of the people associated with them, etc., are provided, then their chances will increase like ODOP (One District One Product).
- With the passage of time, through these products, the brand UP will become stronger in the country and the world. In a way, it will be an extension of 'one district, one product'.



Mukhya Mantri Nagar Srajan Yojana

- Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has decided to launch the 'Mukhya Mantri Nagar Nirman Yojana' for new civic bodies. For this, he reviewed the development works of the newly formed body areas.
- The Chief Minister directed the officials to prepare to launch the 'Mukhya Mantri Nagar Nirman Yojana' for development of basic civic amenities in the newly created, expanded or upgraded civic bodies.
- The scheme will be useful for sewerage, drinking water, parking, sanitation, beautification of intersections, street lighting, community centres, road construction, setting up of schools and anganwadi centres in these new urban areas.



MoU signed between Uttar Pradesh Culture Department and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

- On July 29, 2022, an Agreement (MoU) was signed between the Department of Culture of Uttar Pradesh and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts under 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' and 'Cultural Exchange Scheme'.
- Director of Ayodhya Research Institute of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Lavkush Dwivedi and member secretary on behalf of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. Director Priyanka Mishra signed the MoU as a representative of Sachchidanand Joshi.
- The MoU has paved the way for educational and cultural exchanges between all its institutions in the country, including the headquarters of The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.



- In this MoU it has been first agreed by the Gujarat unit of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts to send the Ramlila of Gujarat to the Deepotsav to be held in Ayodhya.

31 Ancient Forts to be Developed as Tourist Centers in Bundelkhand

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the officials to prepare an action plan to develop 31 ancient forts located in the Bundelkhand region as new tourist centres.
- The Chief Minister said that the entire region of Bundelkhand is endowed with historical and cultural heritage. The new generation needs to be made aware of its importance. Many forts in this area have huge complexes and these can be transformed into great hotels.
- Referring to Kalinjar Fort, the Chief Minister said that Kalinjar Fort is situated in a vast area of 542 hectares. He asked the officials to arrange light and sound shows, camping, trekking, rock-climbing and facade lighting with private participation.
- He directed the officials to revive the dilapidated forts and plan to take up water sports and adventure tourism activities for the lake located at Talbehat Fort and Barua Sagar Sarovar.



Unique River Art Gallery to be Built in Prayagraj

- NHA Project Director Nusratullah informed that River Art Gallery will be built on the six-lane bridge tower under construction on the banks of Ganga in Prayagraj on the lines of Eiffel Tower. Its proposal has been sent to the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

- This will be the only such river gallery in the country, where tourists from all over the country and the world will be able to have a direct interview with the colors of the culture of Kumbh and Prayagraj. Apart from Prayagraj, the color of Kumbh in Nashik, Ujjain and Haridwar will also be shown in this river gallery.

- Before entering Prayagraj, tourists will be able to come to this gallery and get a glimpse of the culture and heritage of the spiritual city as well as art. Tourists will also be able to get acquainted with the paintings of Shankaracharyas and Naga sannyasis of the Akharas and their devotion and meditation etc.

- 10 km under construction at Phaphamau at a cost of 2,000 crore rupees. The construction of the long six-lane bridge will be completed before the Mahakumbh to be held in the year 2025.

- Capsule lifts will be installed on both sides to reach this river art gallery. It is also proposed to build a revolving restaurant on the other side of the gallery.

