

Uttar Pradesh

Specific Current Affairs

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Rupal Chaudhary Won Bronze Medal in World Athletics U-20

- Rupal Choudhary of Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh won the bronze medal in women's 400 meters race with a time of 51.85 seconds at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships held in Colombia on August 4, 2022.
- With this, 17-year-old Rupal Chaudhary has become the first Indian to win two medals at the World Athletics U-20 Championships.
- Earlier on August 2, Rupal had won a silver medal in the 4x400m relay. The Indian team set an Asian junior record with a time of three minutes 17.76 seconds. The Indian team was second only to the UNITED STATES.



NPCI and IIT Kanpur inks MoU for research collaboration

- IIT Kanpur and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has signed an MoU.
- It has been signed for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and to collaborate on the development of indigenous digital payments solutions.
- The collaboration will help in the augmentation of cybersecurity controls for NPCI and its subsidiaries' products and services.



Commonwealth games 2022 : Annu Rani Won Bronze Medal in Javelin Throw

- On August 7, 2022, Annu Rani, a female javelin thrower from Bahadurpur village in Meerut, created history by winning a bronze medal in the women's javelin throw at the ongoing Commonwealth Games-2022 in Birmingham.
- Annu Rani threw the javelin 60m away in her third attempt to finish third. World champion Kelsey Le Barber of Australia won the gold with a throw of 64.43m, while her compatriot MacKenzie Little won the silver with a throw of 64.27m.
- Annu Rani, popularly known as javelin queen, has become the first woman javelin thrower to achieve this feat in the javelin event of the Commonwealth Games by winning a bronze medal.



Uttar Pradesh number one in the country in testing water samples

- According to the recently released Jal Shakti Ministry report, Uttar Pradesh has reached the first place in the country in the testing of water samples. Uttar Pradesh has left behind states like Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Jharkhand, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh in testing water samples.
- Uttar Pradesh Jal Shakti Minister Swatantra Dev Singh informed that the women of the state have completed the testing of 11,97,890 water samples in 20,756 villages. 69,279 water samples have been found contaminated in the test done with FTK kit. Necessary action has been taken at 12,919 places.
- According to the report of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, women have tested 11,60,940 water samples in 17,823 villages in Chhattisgarh and they are second. In terms of water testing with FTK kits, Kerala is at number three, Odisha at number four and Madhya Pradesh at number five.



10 Policemen From Uttar Pradesh Selected for Union Home Minister's Medal

- 10 policemen from Uttar Pradesh are also included in the list of 151 policemen selected for the prestigious Union Home Minister Medal 2022 issued by the Union Home Ministry on August 12, 2022.
- Significantly, 28 women policemen are also included in the list of 151 policemen announced for the Union Home Minister's Medal 2022.
- The list includes 15 personnel from CBI, 5 from NIA, 11 from Maharashtra Police, 10 each from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Police, 8 each from Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal Police and the rest from other states.
- Policemen who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Deputy Superintendent of Police of Uttar Pradesh Police Sansar Singh Rathi, Deputy Superintendent of Police Saviratna Gautam, SHO Kamlesh Singh, Inspector Ram Govind Mishra, Inspector Santosh Kumar Sharma, Inspector Yogendra Kumar, Inspector Shailesh Kumar Rai, Inspector Bhaiya Shivprasad Singh, Sub-Inspector Neeraj Kumar Pal and Sub-Inspector Suraj Kumar Tiwari.
- It is worth mentioning that the medal was instituted in 2018 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with the objective of promoting high professional standards in crime investigation and recognition of such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.



Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved Water Tariff Rules-2022

- On August 16, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Water Tariff Rules-2022. Under this, now water tariff will have to be paid at the rate of Rs 50 per square meter for passing the map for the construction of the building in the schemes of development authorities.



- It is worth mentioning that earlier this water tariff was not charged in Lucknow and Banaras, but now the people there will also have to pay it.
- According to the rules, in cases of layout plans, water tariff will be charged according to the total area of the land. On the construction of a multi-Storey building, it will be charged on the basis of total area covering all the floors and basements.
- Water Tariff will also be payable on additional construction from the existing built-up area. Water tariff rates will be revised on the basis of the Cost Inflation Index of the Income Tax Department from April 1 every year.
- Water Tariff shall not be payable outside the Development Authority, scheme or where it is unable to supply water. The revised map submitted for approval within the validity period, for which water tariff have already been paid, will not be charged.



Country's First Night Safari to Begin in Lucknow

- On August 16, 2022, the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow.
- Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectare and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.
- Here separate safaris will be made for Tiger, Leopard and Bear. Lucknow's historic Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden will be shifted from the present place to Night Safari. Kukrail river will be developed as a beautiful riverfront. Toy train will also be run in Night Safari.



- This will be the first night safari in the country. At present there are 13 open day safaris in the country, but not a single night safaris.
- The entrance of Night Safari will be grand and attractive. Interpretation center, Butterfly Interpretation Center will also be built here. Apart from this, there are plans to make Leopard Safari in 75 acres, Bear Safari in 60 acres and Tiger Safari in 75 acres.

Corridor of Thakur Banke Bihari temple will be built on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath

• On August 23, 2022, Mathura District Magistrate Navneet Singh Chahal said that the Mathura district administration has proposed to build a corridor of Bankebihari temple on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath after the death of two devotees due to crowd pressure in Bankebihari temple during Mangala Darshan on Shri Krishna Janmashtami.



- The Bihariji corridor in Vrindavan will change the form of Thakur Bankebihari temple. With the construction of the corridor, devotees will get freedom from narrow lanes, as well as public facilities will also be provided. The newly constructed Kashi Vishwanath Corridor is being made the basis for Vrindavan.
- Significantly, the area of Kashi Vishwanath Temple is spread over about five lakh square feet. The Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor also covers 23 buildings and 27 temples. There are four big gates, the glory of Kashi is described on 22 inscriptions in the corridor.
- In this corridor, facilities including Temple Chowk, Mumukshu Bhawan, many passenger facilitation centers, utility buildings etc. Have been provided. After Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar in 1780, the Kashi temple has been given grandeur through the corridor.
- Apart from this, the corridor of Rameswaram Temple in South India is the largest, which is about 400 feet long. The beauty of the corridor built for Rameswaram, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas, is a wonderful example of architecture. The width of this corridor is up to 197 meters.



Khurshid Ahmed of Deoria selected for National Teacher Award

- On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Award 2022. It also includes the name of Khurshid Ahmed of Uttar Pradesh.



- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Award for the year 2022 to the selected teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. As

an award, a sum of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal will be given to the teachers.

- Khurshid Ahmed will be given this award for innovation in science education. He is a teacher at Composite School Sahwa in Deoria. They have been selected alone among the basic and secondary school teachers of the state.

- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.

- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.

Uttar Pradesh govt to build India's first education township

- In a first, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state.

- It will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.

- It will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place.



- Besides, it will provide accommodation and many other facilities to both students and teachers.

Sewage Treatment Plant Based on Hybrid Annuity Mode to be Built on the Banks of Yamuna

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved the construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) based on Hybrid Annuity Mode to deal with the increasing pollution due to large drains falling into Yamuna River.



- Sewage treatment plants will be built on the banks of river Yamuna at a cost of Rs 583 crore, which will treat 177.6 MLD of sewage falling into the Yamuna.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between NMCG Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and Vishwaraj Environment Private Limited in Delhi in this regard. The agreement was signed by Rajkumar Sharma, Superintending Engineer, Jal Nigam, Satyajit Raut of Vishwaraj Environment and Vinod Kumar, Project Director, NMCG.

- It is worth noting that the Taj Mahal in Agra is being attacked by Goldie Chironomus insects due to the swamp created due to drain water in Yamuna. Insect attacks on the Taj Mahal have increased in the last four years. Even after taking suo motu cognizance of Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal, sewerage has not stopped in Yamuna river.

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Director General G. Ashok Kumar said that with the construction of the new sewage treatment plant, the sewer will stop falling without treatment in the Yamuna.

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also included the construction of three new STPs to solve sewer problems, including interception, diversion structure, laying of I&D network, operation and maintenance for 15 years.



NMCG, UP Jal Nigam, Vishvaraj Environment sign tripartite agreement

- A tripartite agreement has been signed between the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam, and Vishvaraj Environment.
- It has been signed for the development of sewage treatment plants for Agra under hybrid annuity mode or (HAM).
- The agreement will take care of the existing sewage problems which cause pollution in the Yamuna.



Cruise will Run in Prayag like Kashi, Heliport will be Built at Sangam

- On August 25, 2022, Minister of Tourism and Culture of the state and in-charge of Prayagraj Mandal, Jaiveer Singh told the journalists that before the Prayagraj Mahakumbh, cruise services and waterways will start here on the lines of Varanasi.
- Minister Jaiveer Singh said that water transport from Prayagraj will also start through the heliport that will be built at Sangam before Kumbh. Ganga Expressway will further facilitate the access of Prayagraj from other districts including Delhi.
- The state government plans to start cruise transport from Prayagraj to Varanasi. It is worth mentioning that cruise service has already been started in the mythological city of Varanasi located in the state.
- It is also the route of National Waterway No.1 (From Prayagraj to Haldia), so in future, in addition to freight, the waterway from here can also be used for the transportation of the common man.
- Minister Jaiveer Singh said that curzon bridge, which has been declared unusable by the railways, will be developed for tourists as a heritage.



U.P. govt to develop Kannauj as perfume tourism destination

- The Uttar Pradesh govt has decided to develop Kannauj as a perfume tourism destination.
- As part of this initiative, the govt will organize an international perfume fair in Kannauj in December 2022.
- The first phase of the perfume park being set up in the district will also be completed by 15 November 2022.
- The perfume of Kannauj comes under the govt's 'One District, One Product' initiative.

