

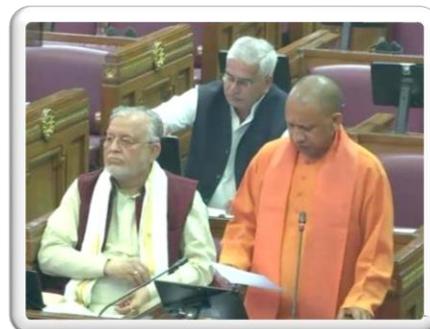
Uttar Pradesh Specific Current Affairs

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Uttar Pradesh Government Presents Rs 33,700 crore Supplementary Budget

- On December 5, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government presented a supplementary budget of Rs 33,769 crore for the financial year 2022-23 in the assembly with the aim of urbanization, industrialization and developing religious heritage sites in the state.



- On the first day of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature session, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna presented the supplementary budget.

- Out of the corpus of Rs 33,769 crore, Rs 14,000 crore has been allocated for new schemes. A sum of Rs 296.56 crore has been proposed for the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit to be held in February next year.

- With the corpus for the Global Investors Summit in the supplementary budget, the government said it aims to build a \$1 trillion economy in the state. For this, a provision of reimbursement of Rs 14.35 crore has been made to the consulting agency appointed to guide the government.

- The state government has earmarked Rs 4,000 crore for infrastructure and overall development of 'New Cities' in this budget.

- Funds will also be allocated for incentives given under the new policies announced for sectors such as tourism, electric vehicles, solar energy, startups and setting up of industrial parks.

- A fund of Rs 300 crore will be allocated to provide financial assistance to investors investing in setting up industrial parks, while Rs 100 crore has been earmarked for incentives related to setting up startups.

- In the supplementary budget, a provision of Rs 899 crore has been made for the Smart City Mission and Rs 2.5 crore for the development of Ayodhya Solar City in line with the government's plan to set up a solar city under the new Solar Policy 2022.

- In the budget, a provision of Rs 800 crore has been made to give loans to various industrial development authorities in Uttar Pradesh. Apart from this, Rs

5,900 crore will be set aside for financing projects and schemes in the power sector.

- Four cities in Uttar Pradesh - Varanasi, Noida, Agra and Lucknow - are scheduled to host the G-20 Leadership Summit next year, for which a provision of Rs 25 crore has been made in the supplementary budget. A provision of Rs 804 crore has been made in the budget for the development of information and communication services.
- A provision of Rs 2337 crore has been made for the construction and ramping of roads in the state. Apart from this, Rs 155 crore will be set aside for the development of roads constructed by the Sugarcane Development Council. As part of the government's efforts to promote sports in rural areas of the state, Rs 15 crore has been set aside for building and developing stadiums and open gyms.
- The supplementary budget also has a provision of Rs 190 crore for agricultural credit subsidy.
- Continuing its effort for spiritual tourism, the government plans to spend Rs 5 crore to develop places around religious attractions like development of roads and facilities at Veda Vigyan Kendra in Naimisharanay.

Integrated court complex will be built in Uttar Pradesh

- On December 6, 2022, according to the information received from the media, on the lines of the Integrated Court Complex built in Baroda, Gujarat, Integrated Court Complex will be constructed as a pilot project in ten districts of the state. 400 crore rupees have been given for this special project through the supplementary budget passed by the Vidhan Sabha.
- The 10 districts selected as a pilot project for the unified court complex are Mahoba, Hathras, Chandauli, Shamli, Amethi, Hapur, Auraiya, Sonbhadra, Sambhal and Chitrakoot.
- The Chief Minister said that according to the different nature of crimes in the states, the number of courts attached to different laws for speedy justice has



also increased. In many places, both judicial officers and complainants face problems due to courts in rented buildings. There are also problems in security and administrative arrangements. In view of this, it has been decided to set up a unified court complex for the courts.

- Apart from this, in an order, the Supreme Court has also ordered the construction of such court complexes.
- Public Works, Home and Law and Justice departments are working on the project on the instructions of the Chief Minister in the state. The integrated building will have space for all facilities including court, judges' chamber, meeting hall, video court, parking, canteen.
- The unified court complex, which is going to be built in 10 districts in the state, will have district and subordinate courts, commercial courts, miscellaneous, tribunals, fast track courts and Lok Adalat's etc. Apart from the court building, advocates' chamber, auditorium, there will also be residential colony, parking and food plaza for judges and judicial officers and employees.

Tender Issued for Opening Medical Colleges in 6 Districts of Uttar Pradesh

- On December 8, 2022, Principal Secretary of Medical Education of Uttar Pradesh Alok Kumar said that a tender has been issued for opening medical colleges on PPP model in 6 districts under 'One District, One Medical College' in the state.

- Through the tender process, investors will be selected to open medical colleges in Mahoba, Mainpuri, Bagpat, Hamirpur, Hathras and Kasganj in the state.

- It is known that under the Central Government's Viability Gap Funding Scheme, in-principle consent has been received to open medical colleges in these 6 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

- Uttar Pradesh is the first state to issue a tender for opening a medical college on PPP model. The details of the tender have also been uploaded on the GeM portal.



- He said that about Rs 1525 crore will be spent to open medical colleges in 6 districts. Out of this, the central government will bear the burden of about Rs 1012 crore as subsidy. A college will get an average subsidy of Rs 160 crore.
- The work of selecting investors for opening medical colleges in Maharaj Ganj and Shamli of the state has started. Treatment is likely to start in Maharaj Ganj by next year. Apart from this, medical colleges in Shamli and Mau are under process.
- The Principal Secretary said that this is a big step towards providing better and accessible medical services to the common people of The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The approval of the proposal by the central government will save the state's money.
- He said that the state district hospital and land will be given on lease for 33 years. After this, the investor will return the medical college to the government. It will be the property of the state as well as give stamp duty exemption and equipment subsidy.

Preparation of 'One District-One Wetland' on the lines of 'One District One Product'

- On December 9, 2022, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Animal Husbandry Arun Kumar Saxena informed that the government has now launched 'One District-One Wetland' on the lines of 'One District-One Product' in the state. I have decided to work on it. In this regard, instructions have been given to provide proposals to all divisional forest officers of the state.



- Minister of State (Independent Charge) Arun Kumar Saxena said that under this scheme, work will be done to decorate a wetland in every district, so that it can become a center of attraction in terms of tourism.
- It is the effort of the state government to develop a wetland in each district under eco-tourism, so that this wetland can get a special place in the tourism map. This will further expand the scope of eco-tourism of the state. This initiative of the government will rejuvenate the wetlands which are still in neglected condition or have not been noticed by anyone.

- Along with this, the work of shifting the Zoological Park and Night Safari in Kukrail in the capital Lucknow will start soon. The state government has set a target of setting up Kukrail Zoo and Night Safari by the end of the year 2023 and it has been decided to celebrate the next foundation day of Lucknow Zoo in Kukrail.
- The Forest Minister directed to set district-wise targets for setting up wood-based industries in the state to achieve the target of Ten thousand crores given to the Forest Department regarding the One Trillion Economy. Also, discussions were held regarding the establishment of wood art board.
- He enquired about the progress of zoo establishment in Bareilly. At the same time, he directed to provide a proposal for the formation of a society-trust for better management of Sandi Nawabganj Samaspur Bird Vihar, Sarnath Deer Park, Indira Gandhi Botanical Garden, Rae Bareli.

Generic Aadhaar Stores will also Open in Government Hospitals of Uttar Pradesh

- On December 18, 2022 Arjun Deshpande, the operator of generic Aadhaar, said that medical stores of generic Aadhaar will also be opened in government hospitals of the state. An MoU will soon be signed between the Uttar Pradesh government and generic Aadhaar to deliver generic medicines to rural areas.



- It is worth mentioning that Arjun Deshpande, the operator of generic Aadhaar, met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in this regard and told that medicines will be given to patients at a cheaper rate through generic Aadhaar in government hospitals of the state.
- He said that there are about 1800 stores running on generic basis, 150 stores in different districts of Uttar Pradesh. After talks with the Chief Minister, a target has been set to increase it to 700 now. Another store will be opened about five hundred meters away from where this generic store will be located.
- He said that medical stores of generic Aadhaar are running in government hospitals in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Medicines are being provided to patients at affordable rates.

Knowledge Smart City will be built in Uttar Pradesh

- On December 18, 2022, members of the delegation from Uttar Pradesh signed an MoU for Knowledge Smart City with Austin University in San Francisco.

- The MoU was signed by us-based Saloni Heart Foundation in San Francisco in the presence of state Finance Minister Suresh Khanna and Industrial Development Commissioner Arvind Kumar. At the same time, Austin University signed an MoU for an investment of Rs 35,000 crore for knowledge smart city in Uttar Pradesh.



- This knowledge smart city project will be built on five thousand acres of land, it will include the best universities of the world.

- Significantly, the Yogi government of the state has set a target of Rs 10 lakh crore through the Global Investors Summit to be held in the capital Lucknow between February 10-12. To achieve this goal, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has sent 8 teams of ministers and officials to 18 countries to attract investment through road shows and trade shows.

- Earlier, the Swedish business community has shown keen interest in Uttar Pradesh and has proposed a total investment of Rs 15,000 crore. With the arrival of investment in the state, there will be development in different areas, as well as employment will increase.

- These companies investing in Uttar Pradesh are ready to invest in sectors like film city, retail, tourism, waste management here. Apart from Sweden, Team Yogi has also received six MoUs worth Rs 1200 crore from Vancouver, Canada.

- Various B2G and G2G meetings held during the roadshow in Stockholm discussed investments in defence, textiles and textiles, food processing, automobile and electric vehicles, renewable energy among others.

'One District One Product' mall to be built in Varanasi

- On December 20, 2022, Uttar Pradesh Industries Joint Commissioner Umesh Kumar Singh said that instructions have been given to prepare a plan for the construction of a Four-Storey ODOP (One District One Product) Mall at Chandpur Industrial Institute in Varanasi.

- The ODOP Mall is proposed in a park spread over an area of about two acres at Chandpur Industrial Institute in Varanasi. This park used to have coal storage for industries and there was also a plan to build a flatted factory here.

- Due to the ODOP Mall being in the city, there will be better transport facilities here. This will provide relief to weavers, craftsmen in freight.

- Umesh Kumar Singh said that the Industries Department will give space to weavers, artisans and exporters on lease in ODOP Mall. By paying a lump sum amount, weavers and artisans will be able to stay there for a long time. This will relieve the hassle of frequent changes in the cost of rent etc.

- The construction of ODOP Mall will encourage the business of silk products, Meenakari and wooden toys. Saree traders of Chowk area of Varanasi will get the most benefit of the mall.



Mirzapur's Sania Mirza will become country's first Muslim woman fighter pilot

- According to information received from the media on December 22, 2022, Sania Mirza, who hails from a small village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh, has secured second place in the flying wing with 149th rank in the NDA examination. Sania Mirza is expected to become India's first Muslim woman fighter pilot.

- Significantly, this time there are only two seats in the flying wing. Only 19 posts in the NDA are reserved for women. If all goes well, Sania will have the privilege of becoming the country's first Muslim woman fighter pilot after passing out of the NDA.



- It is known that Sania is a resident of a small village Jasowar in Mirzapur Dehat Kotwali police station area. He completed his education from primary to 10th class from Pandit Chintamani Dubey Inter College in the village. She has also been a district topper in the Uttar Pradesh Board examination. After this, Sania completed her 12th education from Guru Nanak Girls Inter College in the city.

- Sania took the NDA exam on April 10. He has been selected in the list released in November. She is one of the two women selected in flying. She will join the NDA on December 27 in Pune for training.

Kashi Inter Model Station will be built at a cost of Rs 336 crore

- On December 25, 2022, Suresh Kumar Sapra, Divisional Railway Manager of Northern Railway Division, told that the tender has been issued for the Major Upgradation Project at Kashi Railway Station in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. With this project of about Rs 336 crore, Kashi Inter Model Station will be built.



- Suresh Kumar Sapra said that along with construction of Kashi Inter Model Station, many works including yard remodelling, complex and hotel construction will be done here. Here the work of techno feasibility survey has already been completed. DPR work will also be done by December next year.

- The project also aims to build a concourse (City Center) connecting the first and second entrances. About 10 pairs of trains stop at Kashi station daily. With this rejuvenation, the image of the station will change completely, and it will take two and a half years to rejuvenate this railway station.

- He said that apart from this, the issue of tender for charging center at Cantt station will provide facility of charging electric vehicles at Varanasi Cantt station. Electric vehicle charging facility point will start being built here from January. By March, the facility of charging all small and big vehicles including electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws will be available here.

- At present, there is no facility in Varanasi at government or non-government level for charging e-vehicles. The charging station in Mirza Murad is only for e-

buses. In such a situation, the e-vehicle charging facility point to be built at the Cantt station will prove beneficial for such vehicles.

Gorakhpur Festival will be Organized on Eco-Tourism Theme for the First Time

- On December 27, 2022 Vikas Yadav, DFO, Gorakhpur, said that the Forest Department will for the first time organize Gorakhpur Mahotsav on the theme of eco-tourism to make people understand the importance of forest and environment in the state. The festival will be held from January 11 to 13, 2023.



- DFO Vikas Yadav said that under the Jungle Marathon, children and social organizations, ordinary citizens will be paraded in the middle of the forest for five kilometers. During this time people will be given information about the forest and its environment. The marathon will start from Subba Bazar in Deoria bypass and end at Vinod Van.

- He said that through marathons, photo exhibitions, cinemas and stalls, people will be told and explained about the specialty and natural beauty of the forest. In this, information about the action plans of the Forest Department will be given.

- In addition, five different films directed by Mike H. Pandey, world-renowned environmentalist, awarded with the Green Oscar, will be screened. Efforts will be made to explain the specialty of eco-tourism to the people through the film at Gambhir Nath Auditorium.

- An exhibition of bamboo products prepared by the Forest Department and Bamboo Mission will be organized. Eco-tourism photography stalls will also be set up at the venue. It will have pictures of different beautiful natural sites of the city.

- There will be two days programs in the zoo. On one day there will be a nature walk and on the other day there will be a birdwatch program in the zoo wetland. So far, children of five schools have been connected to the programs.

- Eco-tourism means getting closer to and enjoying natural beauty. Under this, tourists are taken to natural areas, so that they can enjoy the beauty of nature. Also, be aware of the protection of the environment.

Gorakhpur's Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat Will Now be Known as Chauri Choura

- On December 27, 2022 Gorakhpur SDM Shivam Singh informed that the name of Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat of Gorakhpur will soon be changed to Chauri Chaura. Taking a decision on the government's proposal, the Union Home Ministry has issued a No Objection Certificate (NOC) regarding the name change.



- SDM Shivam Singh said that Chauri Chaura's name is indelible in the history of Jang-e-Azadi. During the centenary year of retaliation against the excesses of the British rule in Chauri Chaura, a campaign has been launched to correct the facts related to this historical site.
- He said that the name of tehsil and police station is already Chauri Chaura. Earlier the name of the assembly constituency was Mundera Bazar. Before the 2012 elections, the name of this assembly constituency was also changed to Chauri Chaura. Since the main market is Mundera Bazar, the name of Nagar Panchayat has remained Mundera Bazar till now.
- Significantly, the then DM Vijayendra Pandian had sent a proposal to the government to change the name of Mundera Bazar Nagar Panchayat to Chauri Chaura Nagar Panchayat. On the proposal of the administration, the government had sent a proposal for NOC to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- SDM Shivam Singh said that Mundera Bazar is a market which is situated in Chauri Chaura. Earlier, there were voters only in Mundera Bazar and there were a total of 11 wards. Before the election, Bhopa Bazar, Raghopur, Chaura, Bhagwanpur, Bal Bujurg were also included in the extended area, taking the total number of voters to 26 wards and the total number of voters.

Greenfield township will be set up in Ayodhya on the lines of Sabarmati

- According to information received from the media on December 29, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to set up a green field township in Ayodhya on the lines of Sabarmati in Gujarat. The scheme will cover an area of 1438 acres.

- The State Housing Development Council presented it before Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for this scheme. During this, the architects of Gujarat were also called. He gave information about Sabarmati Green Field.



- On the basis of this, the housing development council officials were instructed to prepare the size of the green field township in Ayodhya in such a way that it is completely pollution-free. For this, architects will also be added on the basis of need. Based on the chief minister's directive, the Housing Development Council has started preparations.

- In the first phase, the green field township in Ayodhya is planned to be set up on an area of 583 acres. For the first phase, 487 acres of land has been acquired.

- In the second and third phases, 855 acres of land will be acquired. Apart from this, commercial areas and parks will be arranged around the township, so that people can get facilities on the basis of need.

- It is known that the standard of the Vedic city project will be decided on the basis of Ahmedabad GIFT City. Under the Navya Ayodhya project, many changes are also being made in the proposed Green Field Township Scheme (Vedic City) in Gram Sabha Shahnewajpur and Manjha Barhata located on the side of the highway and standard standards are also being set for this.

70 litterateurs honored on 46th foundation day of Hindi Sansthan

- On December 30, 2022, the 46th Foundation Day celebrations of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan were held. Senior litterateur Dr. Ram Hard Singh, story writer Dr. Sudhakar Adeb and Director of the institute RP Singh felicitated a total of 70 litterateurs of all categories.

- Anand Kumar Singh of Bhopal was given the 'Tulsi Award' for the book 'Atharva, Main Wahi Van Hoon', an epic genre written with 26 years of continuous writing. Shankar Singh was awarded the Shridhar Pathak Award for his collection of poems 'Ram Dhara Par Punah Padharo'. Ghaziabad-based writer Jaivardhan JP received the Bharatendu Harishchand nominated award for his work 'Kalpurush Krantikari Veer Savarkar'.

- Noida-based litterateur Jayshree Purwar won the agnostic award for her book 'Sapnon Ka Shehar of Dreams San Francisco' in the travelogue genre. Varanasi-based writer Shyam Bihari Shyamal was awarded the Premchand Award for the book 'Kantha' in the novel genre.

- Ghaziabad-based writer Shraddha Pandey was awarded the Sur Prize for her book 'Maa Kah Ek Kahani' in the children's literature genre. Former UP DGP and BJP MP Brij Lal, author of history book 'Siasat Ka Sabak', received acharya Narendra Dev award.

- Lucknow-based journalist Harimohan Bajpai 'Madhav' was awarded the Dharamveer Bharti Sarjana Award for his book 'Chronology in Covid Toons'. Ramji Bhai from Lucknow received the Yashpal Award for the book 'Anubhav Ke Bol' of the story collection genre. It has a collection of 51 stories.

