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Regional Film City will be opened in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state is preparing to open a regional film city in Gorakhpur in Purvanchal along with the Film City in Noida.

- According to the information, Mumbai-based businessman Atul Garg has signed an MoU with the state government for the Regional Film City. Under the MoU, businessman Atul Garg will invest Rs 500 crore.



- It has now been decided to make Regional Film City in Gorakhpur only after the filming of the most expensive film in Bhojpuri language. After opening of Regional Film City in Gorakhpur, the talents of Purvanchal will not have to go outside. Let us inform that Gorakhpur region has become the hub of Bhojpuri and Nepali cinema.

- With an investment of Rs 500 crore, more than 2000 people will get direct and indirect employment. In terms of better connectivity, Gorakhpur is being said to be a better option for Film City.

- According to estimates, at present the Bhojpuri film industry has become an industry worth more than two thousand crore rupees. Along with Bhojpuri, there is a possibility of emergence of Awadhi, Bundelkhandi, Braj and other regional cinema in the state in the coming days.

Yogi Adityanath became the longest serving Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

- On March 1, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set a record for completing the longest tenure as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Yogi Adityanath completed 5 years and 347 days in office leaving behind Congress's Dr. Sampurnanand, who was the Chief Minister of



the state for 5 years and 345 days from 1954 to 1960.

- It is known that Yogi Adityanath was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the first time on March 19, 2017. After this, he took oath as the Chief Minister for the second time on March 25, 2022. Prior to this, he was elected MP from Gorakhpur Lok Sabha seat.
- SP chief Akhilesh Yadav was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for 5 consecutive years and 4 days. BSP chief Mayawati has been the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh continuously for 4 years 307 days. Mayawati has become the Chief Minister of the state four times. Mulayam Singh Yadav was the Chief Minister for three consecutive years and 257 days.
- Significantly, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is among the leaders in Uttar Pradesh under whose leadership a single party has formed the government for the second consecutive time. In the 2022 assembly elections, the BJP again came to power with an absolute majority for the second consecutive time and he became the Chief Minister again.
- Yogi Adityanath is the first BJP Chief Minister to hold power in Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. Prior to this, no BJP leader has been the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. Apart from Yogi Adityanath, Govind Ballabh Pant, Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav have been chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh for five consecutive years. No other leader could complete his five-year term.
- Yogi Adityanath is the second Chief Minister after Congress' Narayan Dutt Tiwari, under whose leadership a single party has formed the government for the second time in the state. 37 years ago, Narayan Dutt Tiwari again formed his government.

Inauguration of Seed Processing and Storage Facility at Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the seed processing and storage facility of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at the Indian Grassland and Grassland Research Institute, Jhansi. Women farmers conference was also organized on this occasion.



- Three units of such seed processing have been set up at regional research centres at Dharwad and Srinagar, which have been funded by the Ministry of Agriculture with financial assistance of Rs 3.7 crore.
- During the Mahila Krishak Sammelan, agricultural implements worth Rs 50 lakh were distributed to the beneficiary women farmers under the Scheduled Caste sub-project run by the institute/centres.



- The Government of India established the Indian Pasture and Fodder Research Institute in 1962 in Jhansi, the historical city of Veerangana Maharani Lakshmibai, for the development of advanced species of pasture and fodder and their management and maintenance.
- Almost all the major grasses are found in Jhansi, with this view the institute was established here, later in the year 1966 its administrative control was handed over to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
- Keeping in view the regional requirements of climate and agriculture, three regional research centres of this institute have been established in other parts of India, which are located at Ambika Nagar (Rajasthan), Dharwad (Karnataka) and Palampur (Himachal Pradesh).

Four New Private Universities Will Open in Uttar Pradesh

- The Uttar Pradesh government gave permission to open four new private universities in the state. In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, it has been decided to issue letters of intent to four new private universities.
- The Higher Education Department will soon issue them letters of intent and then their construction will start.



- These universities include Varun Arjun University Shahjahanpur, T.S Mishra University Lucknow, Farukh Hussain University Agra and Vivek National University Bijnor.
- In a statement issued in this regard, it has been said that the purpose of issuing letters of intent to new private universities is to improve the standard of education and provide quality education.
- These universities will have to complete all formalities within two years after the letter of intent is issued. If the formalities are not completed, the letter of intent will be cancelled

Online Game App 'Shastrarth' Made for Learning Sanskrit

• Dr. Aruney Mishra, Chairman of the Department of Sanskrit at wing Ewing Christian College (ECC), a constituent college of Allahabad University, Uttar Pradesh, has created an online game app for learning Sanskrit, which is named 'Shastrarth'. Has been given.

• The Shastrartha app will not only useful for learning Sanskrit in sports but also for preparing competitive exams.



• Games can be played among Sanskrit students from all over India through this app prepared under the direction of Dr. Aruney, Chairman of the Sanskrit Department. There are three formats of the game. For all three formats, there will be 30 seconds to answer each question.

• While it will be played only alone in Play Alone, play with friends and play online will allow two people to play it online from anywhere on mobile or computer. The one who answers more questions correctly will be declared the winner. If the answer is equal, the person who gives the correct answer in a short time will be declared as the winner.



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- Significantly, Dr. Aruney Mishra has designed this app for the promotion of Sanskrit language through healthy competition among students. This game app will also generate interest among students towards Sanskrit.
- Sanskrit language will also prove to be helpful for those preparing for competitive exams. In particular, the purpose of this app is that even economically weak students can perform better in competitive examinations through this app.
- Dr. Mishra said that work is also going on another app, which will help in attracting young and adolescent students towards Sanskrit.
- It is known that this is the first such app of online games related to Sanskrit language. This app is completely free.
- Dr. Aruney Mishra said that the app will also be updated from time to time according to the curriculum. At present, there is a compilation of 2000 questions on this app. Every month, 1000 new questions will be added along with old questions.
- This app can be downloaded from there by typing 'Shastrartha' on the Play Store.

Mega Textile Park proposal in Hardoi got authorised

- The Government of India announced sites for setting up 7 PM Mega Integrated Textile Region & Apparel (PM MITRA) parks for the textile industry, including Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- With the construction of Mega Textile Park on 1000 acres in Hardoi district of the state at a cost of 1200 crores, all the works and facilities related to the textile industry will be available in a single complex. With this, an investment of Rs 10,000 crore and the employment of lakhs of people are expected in the state.
- Sant Kabir PM Mitra Textile and Apparel Park will be the name of the park that will be constructed in the Hardoi region of Uttar Pradesh under PM Mitra. The state will receive five billion rupees as compensation.



- It is noteworthy that the Central Government has approved the setting up of PM Mitra (Prime Minister's Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park in seven states of the country namely Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- Out of 18 proposals for PM Mitra Parks that were submitted from 13 states, these 7 sites were chosen. For this, the evaluation of eligible states and locations was carried out by a transparent selection system, based on various factors such as connectivity, existing ecosystems, clothing/industrial policies, infrastructure, utility services, etc., taking into account objective standards.
- For this purpose, model connectivity was also used for the verification of the PM Speed Power-Multi-National Master Plan.
- A special pavement wheel (SPV) owned by the central and state government will be established for each park, with 51 percent of the Northern Territory government and 49 percent of the Government of India. SPV will monitor the implementation of the project.
- The Ministry of Textiles will provide financial assistance of up to Rs 500 crore per park as capital assistance for the development of the park SPV.
- Competitive incentive support (CIS) of up to 300 crores per park will also be provided to encourage the rapid implementation of units in PM MITRA Park. The Master Developer and Investor Units will also be facilitated by mixing with other plans of the Government of India to ensure additional incentives.
- The textile park in the province will be developed in PPP mode. The free-of-charge land has been granted to the Handloom and Textiles Department for this. The Additional Chief Secretary, Handloom and Textiles Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh will be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SPV.
- About 1 lakh direct and 2 lakhs of lateral employment is expected to be generated from this park.



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44,000 Primary Schools of the Uttar Pradesh have Been Given the Status of Accomplished Schools

- To improve the level of basic education in Uttar Pradesh, the state government has given a new target to the Basic Education Department, under which 44,000 primary schools in the state will have to attain the status of accomplished schools by the end of this year.



- It is well known that instructions were provided to accomplish this in the past review conducted by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

- It is noteworthy that the Nipun Bharat Mission aims to ensure that every child in the country compulsorily acquires foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of grade 3 by 2026-27.

- The Mission, which has been launched under the aegis of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, will focus on providing access and retention of children in the foundational years of schooling.

- According to the instructions given to the Basic Education Department, each ARP (Academic Resource Person) will have to make 10 schools proficient by December. In this way, the target is to make more than 44 thousand schools proficient by the end of this year itself.

- Similarly, it will be mandatory for teachers to make their schools efficient by July 2023. Through this, there is a target to make more than 41 thousand schools proficient.

- Apart from this, instructions have been given to make at least one block proficient in each district of the state. In this way, a target has been fixed to make 75 blocks efficient by December 2023.

- Along with the instructions, the toolkit has also been fixed. Under this, the lesson plan mentioned in the directory will have to be implemented in 100 percent of the classes. 100% school-based assessment will have to be completed through a master table.



- Apart from this, spot assessment will be done by mentors, while spot assessment will be ensured by DIET students.

18 Ancient and Historical Sites of Uttar Pradesh Declared Protected

- Tourism and Culture Minister of Uttar Pradesh Jaiveer Singh said that the state government has issued a notification declaring 18 ancient and historical sites of the state as protected.



- A notification has been issued by the state government declaring all these places protected under Section-3 of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act-1904. These sites are located in six districts of the state.

- Among the 18 monuments or sites declared protected by the State Archaeological Department, Jhansi-based Shivalaya, ancient Kolhu Kush Madiya, Champatrai's palace, post-medieval fort Banjaro's temple, Ber, Pisanari Dayi Mud, Pathamarhi, Tehrauli fort, Digara Garhi and Ram Janaki temple are included.

- Similarly, Kot Tila in Sant Kabir Nagar district, Rani's pond in Prayagraj, ancient Vishnu temple built by Ishtika, Gangola Shivala, Shiv Tandav in Mahoba district, Khankra Math, ancient Shiv temple in Farrukhabad district and Shiva temple (Tixi Temple) in Etawah have been declared protected.

Prime minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates One World TB Summit-2023 in Varanasi

- On 24 March 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the One World TB Summit – 2023 at the Rudraksha Convention Center in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.



- The One World TB Summit – 2023 was attended online by several state governors, several state



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health secretaries and managing directors of the National Health Mission.

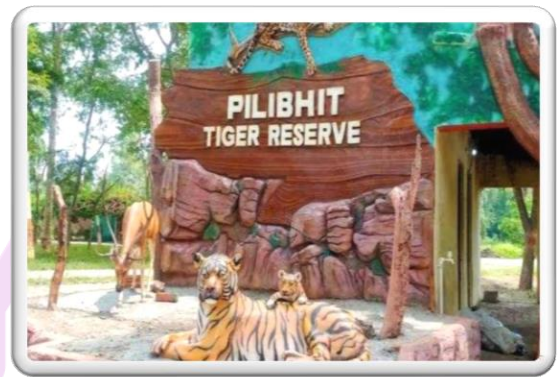
- The event, also attended by representatives from companies, industries, civil society, NGOs and TB champions, who reiterated India's commitment to eliminate the highly infectious disease by 2025, five years ahead of the global target of 2030.
- The Prime Minister released the 'Annual India TB Report 2023', a compilation of the country's efforts towards making India TB free by 2025.
- A training module on Pulmonary Tuberculosis was also launched at the event. This module has been developed to train health workers at the secondary and tertiary levels in the public and private sector in India.
- The Prime Minister also launched the TB-Free Panchayat Initiative to leverage the support of over 2.5 lakh gram panchayats to raise awareness about TB, to eliminate the stigma associated with the disease, and to help monitor and improve services. Preventive therapy has also been introduced as a new treatment to prevent TB infection so that the spread of the disease can be stopped.
- Apart from this, a family-centred care model was also announced to ensure the welfare of families affected by TB.
- Narendra Modi also laid the foundation stone of the National Center for Disease Control and High Control Laboratory in Varanasi and inaugurated the site for the Metropolitan Public Health Surveillance Unit.
- On the occasion, the Prime Minister also felicitated the states and districts for making significant progress on key program indicators to eliminate TB. Karnataka and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir were honored in the States/UTs category and Nilgiris (Tamil Nadu), Pulwama (Jammu and Kashmir) and Anantnag (Jammu and Kashmir) were given district level awards.
- At the event, Narendra Modi pointed out that the ICMR institutes like National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT) have completed the world's largest national TB infection survey, which helped in understanding the TB burden at the state level for targeted programmatic activities.
- India is the only country in the world to implement the Sub-National Certification (SNC) function. It is an innovative scientific method through which districts are verified for their TB eradication progress.



- The Prime Minister also informed that under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for TB patients, an amount of more than Rs 2,000 crore has been transferred to the accounts of more than 75 lakh TB patients.
- Significantly, in March 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to eliminate TB from India by 2025, while the rest of the world aims to achieve the TB-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Pilibhit Tiger Reserve gets 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' status

- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve's (PTR) Deputy Director Naveen Khandelwal said that PTR has got the status of 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' from NTCA for conservation, maintenance and better management of tigers.
- Six tiger reserves of the country have been given the status of 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' (CATS) by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for the conservation, maintenance and better management of tigers. This includes PTR as well.
- According to information, a letter has been issued on behalf of Hemant Singh, Assistant IGF, NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Central Government, six tiger reserves of the country – Kali, Melghat, Tadoba-Andheri, Navegaon-Nagjira, Periyar and Pilibhit have been given CATS status.
- Significantly, Pilibhit was declared a Tiger Reserve in the year 2014. In the year 2014, the number of tigers was only 25. After the formation of the tiger reserve, work was done according to the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority for the protection and conservation of tigers with the favorable environment of the forest. As a result, in the year 2020, the number of tigers increased to 65. For this achievement, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was also discussed in the whole world.



- It is known that on November 2020, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve was given the International Level Tiger X-2 Award by Miss Mindori Paxton, Head of Ecosystem and Biodiversity in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
- The special thing about this award was that out of 13 countries where tigers are found, only Pilibhit Tiger Reserve of India got this award for increasing the number of tigers in these countries. After this, the effect of increasing number of tigers was also recorded. The activism of tigers increased in the forest and outside areas. However, there has been a decrease in human-wildlife conflict compared to the past.
- It is noteworthy that 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards' was officially launched in the year 2013. Under this, criteria are set for effective management of target species based on seven standard pillars and 17 basic elements. Under this, the area of conservation of tigers is given an opportunity to test and test.

Junk Policy will be Implemented in Uttar Pradesh

- Transport Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh, Chandra Bhushan Singh said that the State Transport Department has sent a proposal to the government to implement the scrap policy based on the standards of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, under which the state has been sent from April 1, 2023. The junk policy will come into force.



- It is known that after the central government, this junk policy is also being implemented in Uttar Pradesh.
- In this policy, if someone sells his 15 years old vehicle at the junk center, then he will get a price of about Rs.22 per kg. Only 65 percent of the total weight of the vehicle will be considered as its original weight and only 90 percent of that amount will be paid.
- In this policy, there is a preparation to send April 1, 2023, vehicles in scrap from 15-year-old. In this, all 15-year-old vehicles of the state government will have to be scrapped. For this, the government has set two goals.



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- In the first goal, all government-owned vehicles of this period are to scrap, including vehicles of all government departments, local bodies, undertakings, etc. In the second goal, private vehicles will have to be brought in for which the policy has been voluntarily fixed. That is, if they want, they can take advantage of this policy.
- So far, work has started on 12 scrap centers in the entire state. All are private operators.
- The age of private vehicles has not been fixed yet. After 15 years, such a vehicle must be fitness. If he is fit, his registration is renewed for the next five years. Similarly, private commercial vehicles, trucks, etc. Are also renewed every two years in case they are fitted.
- It is known that this rule has been abolished in the National Capital Region. The age of petrol-powered vehicle has been fixed at 15 years and diesel vehicle at 10 years. After this, their registration will not be renewed. Either they have to be taken out of NCR or sold in scrap.
- As many as 203 government offices across the state have so far sent information about their 15-year-old vehicles. Of these, 3367 vehicles are 15 years old. Most such vehicles are in the police department. The Uttar Pradesh Police has a total of 397 such vehicles. Of these, 366 vehicles are 15 years old and are still running, while 31 vehicles are more than 20 years old.
- Under this policy, if someone will get about sells his 15-year-old bike in scrap, then he 2500 rupees. If the weight of the bike is 180 kg, then its weight will be considered as 65 percent. Similarly, if someone considered starts giving his 15-year-old SUV car and its weight is 2000 kg, then its total weight will be as 1200 kg. He will be given Rs 25740.
- However, a certificate will also be received from the scrap center, which will give an exemption on registering a new vehicle by showing it.



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New Rates Announced for MGNREGA Workers

•The Additional Commissioner of the MGNREGA office of Uttar Pradesh informed that the Government of India has announced new rates for MGNREGA laborers, under which MGNREGA laborers of Uttar Pradesh will also be given a wage of Rs 230 instead of Rs 213.



• Under the new rates announced for MGNREGA workers, more than three crore MGNREGA workers of the state will get Rs 17 more per day from April 1.

• Now if an MGNREGA worker works for 30 consecutive days in a month, then the total wages received by him will increase by Rs 510.

• It is noteworthy that there are about 3.20 crore job card holders MGNREGA laborers in the state. Of these, about 1.62 crore laborers are actively working under MNREGA.

• During the corona year 2020-21, the demand for employment in the villages had increased a lot when migrant laborers returned from outside, due to which 39.45 lakh man days had to be created for work this year. After this, 32.56 crore laborers worked in the year 2021-22 and about 31 crore man days in the current financial year 2022-23.

• It is known that apart from the works set by the central government under MNREGA, five new works have been started in Uttar Pradesh by this scheme, including revival of rivers, construction of information boards by women groups, women of women groups being made mates in MNREGA. Payment of wages to MGNREGA workers and construction of hi-tech nurseries in the districts is being done by Banking Correspondent Sakhi.



Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Approved 22 Proposals

- In the cabinet meeting chaired by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, 22 proposals were approved including the revised proposal of OBC reservation for the state body elections.

- There are many proposals which give great relief to the farmers. Along with this, the students have been given a gift. Proposals for the purchase of tablets and smart phones, including proposals for improving the power system have also been approved.



- Proposals have been approved to change the rules of one-time exemption of duty on electric vehicles and on the vehicles which are to be scrapped in registered vehicle scrapping facilities. Vehicles have also been given the facility to obtain fitness certificates in any district.

- Under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme, the final bid document has been approved in the cabinet meeting to distribute free tablets to 10 lakh youth and smartphones worth 25 lakh. This scheme has been implemented for five years.

- Sugarcane farmers of the state will now get more subsidies for soil treatment and purchase of chemicals in their fields. Under this proposal, sugarcane cultivation (Pedi) management and soil treatment were integrated. Earlier, sugarcane cultivation (Pedi) management and soil treatment were two different subjects. Along with this, the rate of subsidy has been fixed at 50 percent of 1800 per acre i.e. 900 rupees. Earlier it used to be minimum Rs 150 per acre and maximum Rs 500 per acre.

- The distillery will be set up at Mohiuddinpur sugar mill of Uttar Pradesh State Sugar Corporation located in Meerut district. This distillery with a capacity of 60 thousand litres per day will be based on B-heavy molasses.

- New plants will be set up at Gajraula Cooperative Sugar Mill in Amroha district. In this mill, a new plant will be set up to expand the crushing-pressing capacity from 2500 tonnes per day to 4900 tonnes per day.



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- In order to increase the birth rate of cow progeny and mostly cows in the state, artificial insemination will be further promoted among cattle rearers. The state government has further reduced the rate of levi of graded semen given to cattle rearers from the Animal Husbandry Department for such artificial insemination. Now its levi rate has been increased to Rs 100 per dose in all the districts.
- Focusing on green energy, the state government will develop Green Corridor-2 in the state to reduce the dependence on coal for power generation in the coming days, under which 4000 MW solar plants will be set up in Bundelkhand. Many solar parks will be built under the solar projects to be set up. In this, 600 MW solar parks will be built in Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun.
- Cashless facility up to Rs 5 lakh has been allowed for the amount spent annually on the treatment of 11,000 sports persons registered in different districts of the state by including them in the 'MukhyaMantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan'. For the first time, 11,000 registered players have been included in this scheme.
- The proposal to set up the State Urban Digital Mission (SUDM-UP) was approved to provide better online facilities of civic bodies to the urban people.
- The state government will start 'Nishadraj Boat Subsidy Scheme' for the fishermen and boatmen community. Under the scheme, subsidies will be given to the eligible beneficiaries to buy boats without engines, including nets and life jackets. Under the scheme, a maximum subsidy of Rs 67,000 will be given on the purchase of a 15 to 18 feet long boat without an engine. Subsidy will be given on three thousand boats every year. The benefit of the scheme will be given on priority to Antyodaya card holders, homeless and Kevat Mallah community people.

AKTU Students Made Machine Learning Robot

- Anuj Sharma, Associate Dean of the Innovation & Incubation Center of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) said that AKTU has developed a robot that can be guided using the fingers of both hands using machine learning techniques.



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- The technology has been developed by Anuj Sharma, Associate Dean, Innovation & Incubation Center of AKTU and his student team.
- The associate dean of AKTU said that the robot with machine learning technology will not only follow the gestures of the fingers but will also perform all the programmed tasks. People with different disabilities, especially the visually impaired, deaf & mute and senior citizens can also use these robots for various tasks.
- This technology has been developed with the help of computer vision and artificial intelligence. If there is more than one robot with fingers on the right hand, they will be selected. For example, a robot whose information is recorded on the thumb will start. Similarly, the robot will work on other fingers as well.
- The robot can be operated with the help of a computer and desktop. The right-hand finger will be used to select the robot while the left hand will be used for instructions like asking the robot to turn on the fan using the thumb and so on.

