



Defense Minister Lays Foundation Stone of BrahMos Missile Manufacturing Unit in Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh | 27 Dec 2021

Why in News

- On December 26, 2021, Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of [BrahMos Aerospace Cruise Missile Manufacturing Unit and Defense Technology Test Center of DRDO](#) in Lucknow.

Key Points

- BrahMos is a joint venture between Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) of India and NPOM, Russia to develop next generation supersonic missiles for the Indian Army.
 - The BrahMos project is expected to create 5,500 new jobs, while the supporting supply chain will create an additional 10,000 jobs.
 - It may be mentioned that the three wings of the Indian Defense Forces - the Army, Air Force and Navy - have already inducted the BrahMos advanced weapon system.
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CM Launches Smartphone, Tablet Distribution Work to Students | Uttar Pradesh | 27 Dec 2021

Why in News

- On December 25, 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the distribution of one crore free smartphones and tablets on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in another initiative to empower the youth of the state.

Key Points

- He presented one lakh smartphones and tablets to final year students at Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium in Lucknow.
- It is noteworthy that according to the announcement made by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, one crore youth of the state will be given free smartphones and tablets to make them technologically advanced. Under this, he distributed 60,000 smartphones and 40,000 tablets to the youth in the first phase.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also launched '**Digi Shakti Portal**' and '**Digi Shakti Adhyayan App**'. Digi Shakti Study App is installed on all smartphones and tablets.
- The concerned university or department will provide the study material to the students through Digi Shakti Adhyayan App. Along with this, information about employment related schemes and other similar youth welfare schemes will also be given by the government through boot logo and wallpaper.

Uttar Pradesh in Good Governance Index, 2021 | Uttar Pradesh | 27 Dec 2021

Why in News

- On the occasion of Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021, the **Good Governance Index (GGI)** was released by the **Union Home and Cooperation Minister** Amit Shah, in which **Uttar Pradesh has got 5th rank in Group 'B'**.

Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. **58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.**
- Uttar Pradesh has secured 5th rank in Group 'B' with a score of 4.628** in the overall ranking of Good Governance Index, while **Madhya Pradesh has been ranked first in Group 'B'. Gujarat has secured first rank in Group 'A'.**
- Uttar Pradesh has increased its score by 8.9 percent as compared to the previous index (2019). Last time its score was 4.25, which has now increased to 4.63.
- Uttar Pradesh has basically made reforms in the social welfare and development and judicial and public security sectors.
- The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which Uttar Pradesh's ranking and score are as follows-

Category	Uttar Pradesh Ranking
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	7th
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	1st
3. Human Resource Development Sector	2nd
4. Public Health Sector	8th
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	7th
6. Economic Governance Sector	7th
7. Social Welfare and Development	7th
8. Judicial and Public Security	3rd
9. Environmental Sector	4th
10. Citizen Centric Governance	2nd