



Generic Aadhaar Stores will also Open in Government Hospitals of Uttar Pradesh | Uttar Pradesh | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

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.

Key Points

- 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.
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Knowledge Smart City will be built in Uttar Pradesh | Uttar Pradesh | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

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

Key Points

- 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**.

Raxaul-Haldia Expressway will Start in 2023 | Bihar | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on December 18, 2022, Bihar is going to get the gift of a new expressway soon. DPR is being prepared for the construction of greenfield expressway from Raxaul in the state to Haldia in West Bengal. Construction of the expressway will begin in 2023.

Key Points

- According to information received from sources, about **695 km**. The Raxaul-Haldia expressway will be constructed at a cost of about Rs 54,000 crore. Along with this, the deadline for completion of this road has been fixed at 2025.
- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved the **Raxaul to Haldia Expressway to enhance connectivity from Nepal Port to Haldia Port in West Bengal**. With the construction of this road, the distance from Deoghar to Kathmandu will be completed in just 12 hours.
- Raxaul-Haldia Expressway will pass through several districts of Bihar and reach Haldia in Jharkhand and West Bengal. During this time it will pass through about nine districts of the state. These include West Champaran, East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Saran, Patna, Biharsharif, Sheikhpura, Jamui and Banka. After this, this expressway will enter Jharkhand and go from Saraiyahat, Nonihat and Dumka to Haldia Port from Panagarh in West Bengal.
- In fact, most of the goods for Nepal come from other countries other than India, but to go to Nepal, the goods land at Haldia Sea-Port. At Haldia Port, goods disembark from the ship and reach the Dryport at Sirisiya in Raxaul by truck and train. From here, goods are delivered to Raxaul and nearby cities of India. At the same time, goods coming to Nepal are sent to Jharkhand and West Bengal from Raxaul Dryport. The construction of the new expressway will also facilitate the transportation of goods.

Bihar's Green Budget decreased by 3.26 Percent Compared to Last Year | Bihar | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

On December 16, 2022, Bihar's third financial year 2022-23 green budget was presented in the winter session. There has been a decrease of **3.26 percent in the green budget as compared to the previous years.**

Key Points

- There has been a decrease in budget allocation on schemes and programs of the departments identified under the Green Budget. In the year 2021-22, the budget was Rs 79359 crore, which has come down to Rs 79255 crore in 2022-23, while the total budget allocation for programs has also come down from Rs 29337 crore to Rs 28380 crore.
- Significantly, Bihar is the first state in the country, which has been presenting a green budget. This helps in the implementation of the schemes being run by the departments for environmental protection. With the help of this budget, budgetary provisions are studied and assessed from an environmental point of view.
- The state government is focusing on this budget keeping in mind climate change. Bihar is one of the few states in the country that is also promoting agriculture according to climate change.
- The highest allocation in the scheme items in the Green Budget is made by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. In the current financial year, out of Rs 663 crore allocated for the scheme item in this department, Rs 655 crore has been reserved for green schemes. This is 98.74 percent of the total scheme item.
- In this case, the Sugarcane Industry Department is in second place. The allocation for the scheme item in the department was Rs 100 crore, out of which Rs 98.70 crore was allocated for green schemes. At the same time, small water resources is in third place, out of the total allocation of Rs 827 crore for the scheme, Rs 796 crore has been allocated for green schemes.

Inauguration of State Level Development Exhibition | Rajasthan | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

On December 17, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the **state-level development exhibition organized at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur** on the completion of four years of the state government.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister visited all the stalls of 25 departments and inspected the development work, achievements and innovations done by the departments and instructed all the departmental officers to spread maximum awareness about the schemes and extend the benefits to the last person.
- In the development exhibition giving the message of '**Seva Hi Karma, Seva Hi Dharma**', he told about the development works and schemes carried out in various areas during the tenure of the present government, including photos, sketches, models and publications.
- In this development exhibition, he also launched the Sujas App, Sujas Bulletin, **Sujas e-Bulletin and Sujas Podcast 'Awaaz'** of the Information and Public Relations Department.
- He said that about one crore people are being given pension for social security in the state. The work of establishing an accountable and transparent good governance in the state using IT has also been done. Under the '**Indira Rasoi Yojana**', nutritious food is being served to the general

public with respect for Rs 8.

- Free sanitary napkins are being distributed through the Rs 800 crore '**UDAN scheme**' for menstrual health management of women and girls in the state.
- At present, the electricity bill of 46 lakh domestic consumers and farmers in the state is coming down to zero due to government schemes. Relief is being given to the unemployed in urban areas through the '**Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme**'.
- He said that '**Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana**' has been implemented to free the common man from expensive treatment. It offers free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh. The state government is bearing all the expenses by removing the limit of Rs 10 lakh in expensive treatments like kidney, heart, liver transplant. Apart from this, accident insurance up to Rs 5 lakh is also being provided.
- All types of treatment have been made free of cost in IPD, OPD by the state government. Ct Scan of the common man in the state. R. Mother. Expensive tests like scans are being done free of cost. With these historic decisions, Rajasthan has emerged as a model state in the field of health.
- He said that the state government has implemented the old pension scheme (OPS) from the humanitarian point of view in the state, in which the financial management has been excellent, due to which all the schemes are being successfully implemented in the state.
- The '**East Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP)**' is very important for the common man and farmers in 13 districts of the state. This scheme will ensure the supply of drinking water and irrigation water to a large area of Rajasthan.
- The Chief Minister said that in the last budget, a provision of Rs 9600 crore has been made by the state government for ERCP. The state government will take it forward with its limited resources until ERCP gets the status of a national project.

CCTV Cameras and Lights will be Installed on the Streets of all the Villages of Haryana | Haryana | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

On December 18, 2022 Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that **light and CCTV cameras will be installed on the streets of villages** of the state.

Key Points

- Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that there will be no shortage of funds in the development works of villages in the state. For this, development works will be done through e-tender under the zero tolerance policy of the state government.
- He said that even though development works in villages ranging from Rs 1 to Rs 100 crore are done through e-tender, they will all be under the supervision of Sarpanch's.
- He said that 50 percent share in panchayats of the state has been given to women, which is an example of women empowerment. Under the far-reaching thinking of the government, educated panchayats have been formed in the state, in which a lot of participation of the youth has come to the fore.
- He said that lights and CCTV cameras will be installed on the streets of all the villages. Out of the three lakh kilometers of streets across the state, work will be done on one lakh kilometers in the first phase.
- Similarly, the state government has started work under grey water management to deal with the problem of waterlogging in the villages, in which work has started in 1000 villages out of 3500 villages identified as waterlogged. 18 thousand crore rupees will be spent by the government to overcome the problem of water logging.
- He also called upon the panchayat representatives to pay full attention to the maintenance of

public properties like community centers and schools in the village. The state government is renovating and renovating old buildings and buildings. Digital libraries are being opened in villages, where the youth of the village will be able to prepare for the examinations of administrative services like UPSC etc.

Smart Meters will Start Working in Pre-Paid Mode from New Year in Jharkhand | Jharkhand | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 18, 2022, **Smart Meters will start working in pre-paid mode from January in Ranchi**, Jharkhand. In the first phase, 1,000 meters installed under the pilot project will be converted into pre-paid smart meters, which will be started from January 10.

Key Points

- The it cell of Jharkhand **Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL)** found the data sample survey report to be correct, after which the project has got the green signal. A **total of 3.5 lakh smart meters** are to be installed inside Ranchi city. Under its **first phase, 45 thousand smart meters will be installed.**
 - The chip has been installed in the smart meter and its signal will reach the receiver installed in the power companies through mobile towers. Meters are being installed outside the basement to avoid network problems.
 - With the help of network frequency, the meter will first transfer data to the head end system (HES). After this, the generated data will be decoded and sent to the consumer as the final bill with the help of the software after the tariff calculation under the billing cycle through the meter data management system.
 - After smart metering, JBVNL will get rid of line loss due to power theft and other means in Ranchi. Currently, about 20 percent of the power lines go into loss. Apart from this, the problem of errors, wrong bills, etc. during meter reading by energy friends will also be relieved.
 - Consumers will be able to easily assess the current, balance electricity bill, electricity balance and consumption through the display screen installed on the prepaid smart meter.
 - Consumers will be able to use electricity on a minimum recharge of Rs 200 and depending on the consumption, it can be a maximum of 20 thousand or even more for commercial users in special circumstances. After the amount is over, the electricity will be automatically cut off. However, as the money runs out, consumers will continue to receive messages on their mobiles as a warning.
 - It is worth mentioning that after paying the dues on behalf of JBVNL, the ban imposed by the central government on power exchange and modern power has been lifted.
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Three-day 'Goonj Mahotsav' | Jharkhand | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

On December 18, 2022, a three-day '**Goonj Mahotsav**' began at Silli in Ranchi, Jharkhand, which was inaugurated by Jharkhand Governor .

Key Points

- Before inaugurating the '**Goonj Mahotsav**', Governor Ramesh Bais launched a high-end library and study centre online at Silli College in Ranchi. The study centre will be run by the Jharkhand State Open University.
 - The 'Goonj Mahotsav' saw a cultural performance by 5,001 artistes and a cultural performance by 1,500 youth.
 - Speaking on the occasion, Goonj Mahotsav patron MLA Sudesh Kumar Mahato said that Goonj Mahotsav, which started with efforts to preserve the heritage of Jharkhandi culture and tradition, has played a decisive role in the development of the region and empowerment of the society with its memorable journey. 74 thousand families are associated with its responsible Goonj family.
 - Subroto Das of The India Book of Records, who attended the event, announced the inclusion of Chhau dance as a traditional dance in the records, along with the award to Sudesh Kumar Mahato.
 - Silli Haat has been constructed on the theme of rural surroundings at Silli Stadium, the venue of Goonj Mahotsav. About 100 stalls have been set up in this Haat. Women associated with SHGs have also set up several stalls.
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The Chief Minister released the Books '**Nyay Ke 4 Saal**' and '**Nyay Ke Raste - Sabke Vaste**' | Chhattisgarh | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

On December 17, 2022 Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released two books published by the Public Relations Department titled '**Nyay Ke 4 Saal**' (**Four Years of Justice**) and '**Nyay Ke Raste - Sabke Vaste**' (**Path of Justice - for All**) at a function organized at his residence office on the occasion of Chhattisgarh Gaurav Diwas.

Key Points

- The book 'Nyay Ke 4 Saal' focuses on the achievements of the state government in the last four years and decisions in the public interest. This book contains information about the progress of Chhattisgarh government's flagship scheme as well as other public welfare schemes.
 - Similarly, the book 'Nyay Ke Raste Sabke Vaste' focuses on information about public welfare schemes run by various departments of the government. In this book, information about the name, purpose, condition, eligibility, provision and contact formula of the scheme has been given.
 - These books have been published by the Public Relations Department with the aim of conveying the resolve of justice of the Chhattisgarh government to the people, so that the people are aware of the schemes and programs run by all the departments of the government and they can improve their standard of living by taking advantage of them.
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'Mukhya Mantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana | Chhattisgarh | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

In a virtual program organized on the occasion of Chhattisgarh Gaurav Diwas on December 17, 2022 Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the implementation of '**Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana**' considering the immense potential of promoting commercial use of trees in the state.

Key Points

- The objective of this scheme is to promote wood-based industries by encouraging tree plantation on private land and to increase income and employment opportunities.
 - The Chief Minister directed to prepare a proposal of '**Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana**' to promote tree plantation on private land in the state and present it in the upcoming meeting of the Council of Ministers.
 - The Chief Minister announced a grant of Rs 100 crore for this scheme while announcing 'Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada'.
 - Apart from this, the Chief Minister announced Rs 1000 crore for the maintenance and upgradation of all schools, hostels, ashrams, government buildings and 'Swami Atmanand Excellent ITI Scheme' for upgradation of industrial training institutions to improve the standard of technical education.
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Geo-Fencing Attendance will Start First in Raipur and Haldwani Colleges | Uttarakhand | 19 Dec 2022

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 18, 2022 the **first geo-fencing attendance in Uttarakhand will start in Raipur PG College in Dehradun and MB PG College in Haldwani**. The State Directorate of Higher Education has issued an order in this regard.

Key Points

- Attendance on biometric or register has always been in controversy in degree colleges in all inaccessible areas of the state. Somewhere biometric machines do not work, and somewhere the professors later put attendance together on the register. So far, the attendance of students has been done only on the register. To change this, the state government has started the exercise of attendance through geo-fencing.
- Under this, any teacher or student who enters the college campus will be present from his mobile. For this, it is necessary to come under the scope of mobile geo-fencing.
- As a pilot project, it will be started at Government PG College at Maldevta Raipur in Dehradun and MB PG College in Haldwani. A pilot project is going to start here soon. Once the pilot is successful, it will be implemented in other colleges.
- It is known that geo-fencing is a satellite-based system, in which geo-fencing of a particular area is made. Whichever device comes in this scope, it will come on record. Only when it comes under geo-fencing will the mobile app work, which is related to it.
- When a student or teacher enters the campus with their mobile, they will have to open the attendance app downloaded in it. This app will only work within the college, i.e. when it comes under the geo-fencing scope. After opening this app, an OTP will come on their registered mobile number. Attendance will be available only if you feed it. As soon as students, teachers leave that

campus, their records will be automatically updated.

- It is worth mentioning that earlier the Transport Corporation has implemented it at all its bus terminals, under which geo-fencing of the bus stand has been done.

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