



ODOP Mall in Varanasi | Uttar Pradesh | 21 Dec 2022

Why In News?

- 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.

Key Points

- 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.
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63rd Session of IHRC held at Uttar Pradesh State Archives | Uttar Pradesh | 21 Dec 2022

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- The 63rd session of the **Indian Historical Records Committee (IHRC)** was held at Uttar Pradesh State Archives, Lucknow on December 18-19, 2022.

Key Points

- The 63rd session of IHRC was inaugurated on December 18 by Daya Shankar Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Transport, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- An exhibition titled '**Saga of Independence: Known and Little Known Struggles**' based on original archival sources from the collection of National Archives of India was also inaugurated during the session.
- The two-day session included inaugural and professional sessions on the first day and academic sessions on the next day. Scholars in Indian history in 1600 AD. A total of 24 research papers based on the original sources of the latter were presented on various aspects of history.
- The Indian Historical Records Committee (IHRC) is an all-India forum of creators, custodians and users of records which was established in 1919 to advise the Government of India on all issues

relating to the management of records and their use for historical research.

- The National Archives of India, New Delhi, is the secretariat of the Indian Historical Records Committee (renamed as the Indian Historical Records Committee in 1911).
- The IHRC is chaired by the Union Culture Minister and consists of 134 members including representatives of Government of India agencies, Government of India nominees, archives of State/Union Territories, universities and scholarly institutions. The IHRC has so far conducted 62 sessions.
- The Committee has two subsidiary bodies, (I) the Editorial Committee to examine and approve the papers based on archival sources for submission in the sessions of the Committees and (ii) the Standing Committee to review the action taken by the Committee on its recommendations and express its views on the agenda of the Committee's meeting in this regard. The Secretary of the Ministry of Culture serves as the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the IHRC.

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