



International Cricket Stadium to be built in Varanasi | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Apr 2023

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 25 April 2023, a 32-acre International Cricket Stadium will be built at Ganjari in Rajatalab Tehsil of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The process of its construction has started.

Key Points:

- This international cricket stadium to be built in Varanasi will be operated on a PPP model. Its construction will also be done along the same lines. The tender has also been issued by UPCA for the selection of a construction company for construction on the EPC model.
 - The company will be selected for work on EPC i.e. Engineering, Procurement and Design (Engineering, Procurement of Goods and Design) mode.
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 - In online tender, companies can bid online on UPCA's website. Bidding companies will have to deposit Rs 5 crore as a security deposit.
 - The capacity of this stadium will be 30 thousand spectators. Around Rs 400 crore will be spent on the construction of the stadium.
 - It is known that recently the experts along with BCCI Secretary Jai Shah and Vice President Rajeev Shukla had also inspected the proposed land.
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Water Taxi to be operated in Kashi on the lines of Water Metro in Kerala | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Apr 2023

Why in News?

On 25 April 2023, Sanjay Bandhopadhyay, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, said that on the lines of the country's first water metro in Kerala, water taxis between Namoo Ghat (Northernmost) to Assi Ghat (Southernmost) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, will be introduced in Indian inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and will be operated in collaboration with the Department of Tourism.

Key Points

- This taxi will ply from one end to the other of all the 80 Ghats of Varanasi. 4 stations will be built for this in between. The Waterways Authority will provide floating jetties at all ghats. This will make it easier for people to get on and off taxis.
- This water taxi will not only be used for transportation, but people will also be able to take a view

of the beautiful Ghats of Banaras.

- It is to be known that at present cruise and cargo operations are going on in Varanasi. It is used only by tourists. But the people of Varanasi will also be able to use the water taxi to get rid of the jam on the road.
- It is worth mentioning that recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first water metro in Kerala.



Center approves 454 km 4 Lane in Bihar | Bihar | 26 Apr 2023

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 25 April 2023, the Central Government has approved 4 new four-laning of 454 kilometers in Bihar. These four-lanes will pass through different areas.

Key Points

- Bihar will have a new four-laning of 454 km from Valmiki Nagar adjacent to the Indo-Nepal border to Hariharganj on the Jharkhand border. The Center has approved the conversion of the 143-kilometer National Highway -98 from Naubatpur to Hariharganj in Patna into a four-lane.
- It is known that at present the width of National Highway 98 is only 2 lanes. The pressure of vehicles on this highway is very high. This National Highway passes very close to the eastern end of the Son River and reaches Hariharganj via Bikram-Arwal-Aurangabad and Amba.
- This is a very convenient way for those going to Garhwa-Daltenganj and Chhattisgarh in the western end of Jharkhand state, due to which the pressure of vehicles on this highway remains constant.
- According to the information, the Central Government has now approved the preparation of DPR for constructing this National Highway 4 lane. Along with this, an amount of 1 crore 38 lakh has also been approved for this.
- The construction of 195 kilometer-long four-lane highway from Patna to Bettiah at a cost of 5 thousand 6 hundred crores has started. This National Highway is the main part of the Buddha Circuit. There is also a saffron Buddhist stupa on the side of this highway.
- Next to JP Setu, the tender for a 6-lane bridge between Patna's Digha-Sonpur to be built in three and a quarter years at a cost of 2 thousand 636 crores has been done. Apart from this, a tender of 868 crores has been floated for the construction of a bridge between Konhara Ghat in Saran to

Jalalpur in Vaishali on the Gandak river in Sonpur Manikpur. The parts which are yet to be tendered include Manikpur to Sahebganj, Sahebganj to Areraj, and Areraj to Bettiah. The total cost of these three parts is going to be 2 thousand 159 crores.

- With the construction of this new four-lane, the journey from Valmikinagar to Hariharganj will be reduced from 11 hours to just 6 hours. Apart from this, Nepal will be directly connected to Palamu, Chapatra in the western part of Jharkhand. This will greatly facilitate transportation. The traders of Bihar and Jharkhand will be benefited by this.
- This lane will further connect directly to the Varanasi-Kolkata Expressway. Due to this, traders will be able to carry and bring goods. Apart from this, going towards Siliguri and Assam will be easier than ever before.
- A four-lane will also be constructed on the western side of the Gandak River from Sonpur to Areraj, which will facilitate traffic in 2 districts of Saran Commissionerate, Saran and Diara area of Gopalganj.

Inflation Relief Camps Started across the State | Rajasthan | 26 Apr 2023

Why in News?

On April 24, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched inflation relief camps from Mahapura Gram Panchayat of Jaipur district. He distributed Chief Minister Guarantee Cards to the beneficiaries at the camp.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that on April 23, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had launched the registration portal and website of the Inflation Relief Camp at his residence and released the guidelines book of the Inflation Relief Camp.
- Inflation relief camps have been started across the state to provide relief to the common man from inflation. By registering in these inflation relief camps, common people can directly benefit from 10 major public welfare schemes of the state government.
- These inflation relief camps will be organized in all the districts of the state till June 30.
- More and more people are being connected to these inflation relief camps under Chief Minister Gas Cylinder Scheme, Chief Minister Free Power Scheme (Domestic), Chief Minister Free Agricultural Power Scheme, Chief Minister Free Annapurna Food Packet Scheme, Chief Minister Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme, Social Security Pension Scheme, Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme, Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Accident Insurance Scheme and Chief Minister Kamdhenu Animal Insurance Scheme.



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