



## Uttar Pradesh got Third Place in Smart City | Uttar Pradesh | 28 Sep 2023

### Why In News?

President Draupadi Murmu awarded Uttar Pradesh for coming third in the best state category at the Smart City Awards distribution ceremony in Indore on September 27, 2023.

### Key Points:

- The government had announced the India Smart City Awards Contest (ISAC) on August 25. This was a competition in various categories among hundreds of smart cities of the country.
- In the ceremony, Principal Secretary Urban Development Department Amrit Abhijat and Smart City Mission Director Dharmendra Pratap Singh received the award on behalf of the state government.
- Under the Smart City Mission, 10 cities of Uttar Pradesh include Agra, Aligarh, Bareilly, Jhansi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Moradabad, Prayagraj, Saharanpur and Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh has been selected among the top three states of the country in terms of best smart city. Apart from this, Agra has been chosen as the third best smart city of the country.
- Uttar Pradesh has won 10 awards in various categories at the India Smart City Conclave 2023.
- Varanasi has been awarded the number one position as the smartest city in the North Zone. Other cities of the state have also been awarded in different categories.
- Varanasi Smart City ranked first among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.
- Kanpur gets third place for modernization work of Municipal Sports Stadium.
- Lucknow got third place for employment training center work in the economy category. Lucknow Smart City is working on various areas like cleanliness, solid waste management, efficient urban mobility, smart governance etc.
- Smart City Mission was launched on June 25, 2015. Its objective is to provide basic infrastructure, clean and decent quality of life to the citizens.





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## **Didi Adhikar Kendra will open in 174 Blocks of Bihar | Bihar | 28 Sep 2023**

### **Why In News?**

On September 27, 2023, Neeraj Kumar, project manager of Jeevika in Bihar, informed that Didi Adhikar Kendra's will be opened in 174 blocks of Bihar. Adhikar Didi will be a Didi selected from the Jeevika Group.

### **Key Points:**

- Neeraj Kumar said that like the help desks opened in hospitals, Didi Adhikar Kendra's will be opened in the blocks. People will meet Adhikar Didi before going to the block workers. He will give information about the work for which he has come to the block, after which Adhikar Didi will coordinate him with the concerned personnel.
- Many people are unable to reach officers and personnel, due to which their work is not able to be done. Some people don't even know where their work will be. Such people will get help from Adhikar Didi.
- This centre will be in the block premises only. Only Adhikari Didi will monitor the ongoing work and keep an eye on the brokers. At the same time, Cluster Level Federation (CLF) will keep an eye on the work of Adhikar Didi.



## **‘Mukhyamantri GST Bill Puraskar Yojana-2023’ implemented to increase GST revenue | Rajasthan | 28 Sep 2023**

### **Why In News?**

According to the information given by Rajasthan Information and Public Relations Department on September 27, 2023, ‘Mukhyamantri GST Bill Puraskar Yojana-2023’ has been implemented to increase

GST revenue in the state. The scheme will be applicable to bills and invoices issued during the period from October 1 to March 31, 2024.

### Key Points:

- Under the scheme, the bills received by the consumers in respect of taxable goods and services purchased from traders registered under the GST Act in the state will be payable as cash reward on the bills selected by the lottery after uploading it on the online portal or app available by the state government.
- This scheme will be India's largest bill award scheme at the state level, in which bumper prizes of up to Rs 1 crore will be given and prizes up to a total of Rs 45 lakh per month will be given to selected traders.
- The first, second and third prizes are Rs 10 lakh, Rs 5 lakh and Rs 50,000 respectively.
- The first, second and third prizes of Rs 1 crore, Rs 25 lakh and Rs 15 lakh will be given respectively.
- There is a provision of 50 additional 50 districts and 50 awards to give proper representation to each district. A total of 1,000 consolation prizes will also be given.
- For the monthly reward, the consumer will be able to upload the bill within 10 days (about 1 and a half weeks) after the end of the month.

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## Jabalpur will become the Third Metro City of the State | Madhya Pradesh | 28 Sep 2023

### Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while gifting development works worth thousands of crores of rupees to Jabalpur city, said that Jabalpur will be developed as a metro city after Indore and Bhopal.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister said that the development work of Jabalpur is being done continuously. Jabalpur will be developed as a metro city. A metro network will be laid here, which will play an important role in its development.
  - Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan said this while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the fly-over constructed at a cost of Rs 155 crore in Jabalpur.
  - He said that a 116 km (about 72.08 mi) long road will be constructed in Jabalpur city at a cost of Rs 5 thousand crores. Ring roads will be constructed. The flyovers to be built in Jabalpur at a cost of Rs 1100 crore will change the face of the city.
  - The Chief Minister said that there is an airport terminal at a cost of Rs 450 crore, railway station at a cost of Rs 300 crore, technology center at a cost of Rs 200 crore, IT park at a cost of Rs 200 crore, Madan Mahal terminal at a cost of Rs 125 crore. The Geological Park will be built at a cost of Rs 100 crore and the Real Science Center will be built at a cost of Rs 48 crore.
  - A 52 feet high statue of the heroic queen Durgavati will be installed in the proposed museum of Madan Mahal. Along with this, a grand memorial of Rani Durgavati will also be built at a cost of Rs 100 crore, which will be a symbol of her bravery and honour.
  - The Chief Minister said that the fly-over inaugurated will be known as Veerangana Rani Durgavati and in Jabalpur, Barela will be made a tehsil and Majhgawan will be made a nagar panchayat.
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## Ranchi Received the Best Performer Award from Eastern Zone in Smart City. | Jharkhand | 28 Sep 2023

### Why In News?

At the India Smart City Conclave-2023 held in Indore on September 27, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored Ranchi with the award of Best Performer among the smart cities of the Eastern Zone.

### Key Points:

- On behalf of the state government, Secretary of Urban Development and Housing Department and CEO cum Managing Director of Ranchi Smart City Corporation Vinay Kumar Choubey, Director of State Urban Development Agency Amit Kumar and General Manager of Smart City Ranchi Rakesh Kumar Nandkulyar received this honour.
- Ranchi has been given the Best Performer City Award among the smart cities of the Eastern Zone for establishing itself as the best performer in the implementation of the Smart City Mission in the areas of security, traffic management, urban mobility, social aspect and land monetization etc.
- Smart City Mission was launched on June 25, 2015. Its objective is to provide basic infrastructure, clean and decent quality of life to the citizens.





## Formation of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee | Chhattisgarh | 28 Sep 2023

### Why In News?

As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India on September 27, 2023, a State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee has been constituted for the upcoming Assembly General Election-2023 in Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points:

- A seven-member MCMC has been formed under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer Smt. Reena Babasaheb Kangale. The order issued by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the formation of the committee became effective immediately.
- According to the order issued by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Nilesh Kumar Mahadev Kshirsagar has been made the member-secretary of the state level media certification and monitoring committee.
- Press Information Bureau (PIB) Raipur Deputy Director Ramesh Jaibhaye, Press Council of India member Dr. Suman Gupta and scientist at National Informatics Center in Mantralaya, Nava Raipur, Asim Kumar Thawait have been made members of the committee. Along with these, observers appointed by the Election Commission of India and skilled representatives nominated by the committee will also be its members.
- The State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee will take decisions on the appeals received from both the District and Additional/Joint Chief Electoral Officers regarding certification of advertisements. The committee will investigate all cases of paid news on appeal against the decision of the District Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee or cases taken on its

own motion. If cases of paid news are found true, the committee will direct the Returning Officer concerned to issue notice to the candidates.

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## **Sarmoli Got the Award for the Best Tourist Village of the Country | Uttarakhand | 28 Sep 2023**

### **Why In News?**

Sarmoli of Uttarakhand was awarded the best tourism village of the country in a program organized in Delhi on the occasion of 'National Tourism Day' on September 27, 2023.

### **Key Points:**

- Kamakshi Maheshwari, Nodal Officer of Rural Tourism India, Ministry of Tourism, honored village Sarpanch Mallika Viridi with the award.
- A massive cleanliness drive has been planned by the Tourism Ministry. The Government of India identified 108 tourist places for the launch of the cleanliness campaign. Along with these 108 sites, this campaign will also be run at other places of tourist importance.
- The campaign aims to clean up litter, ensure cleanliness and ban single use plastics (SUP) and promote the use of eco-friendly substances. For wider reach, students from schools and colleges and members of Youth Tourism Club (YTC) have also been included.
- The Best Rural Tourism Village Awards were given for promoting and preserving cultural heritage and sustainable development through tourism, which included 35 rural tourism villages from across the country in the gold, silver and bronze categories with 5, 10 and 20 villages respectively. In these, Sarmoli village of Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand was given the gold medal.
- It is noteworthy that in 2004, a community-based home stay and nature program was started under the guidance of Sarpanch Mallika Viridi of Sarmoli village. Mallika Viridi was the Sarpanch of Van Panchayat twice (2004 to 2010 and 2017 to 2022). Under his leadership, work was done to promote nature tourism and increase efforts for forest and water conservation. He made efforts to revive the forest and especially the Mesar Kund.
- From the year 2007 Messer Van started organizing a popular forest fair called Van Kautik as well as a nature and culture festival called Himal Kalasutra. During Himal Kalasutra, bird festival, butterfly and insect festival, traditional food festival, Damo Nagada Dhol festival, an innovative high-altitude marathon called Khaliya Challenge and many such events are organised.



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