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## Uttar Pradesh Among Top Three States for MSMEs | Uttar Pradesh | 10 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

According to a report by realty consulting firm CBRE South Asia and real estate developers association CREDAI, **Uttar Pradesh** has emerged **among the top three states** as a **significant contributor to the [Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises \(MSME\) sector](#)**, with a **9% share in total registered MSMEs** in the country.

- Sector-wise, the report highlighted that the **construction sector, contributing approximately 8% to the GDP**, is a strategic opportunity for Indian MSMEs.

### Key Points

- According to the official data from the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, 2.21 crore MSMEs are registered** (excluding registrations via the [Udyam Assist Portal](#)) under the ministry.
  - Several cities in Uttar Pradesh have emerged as **MSME clusters**, with **Agra, Kanpur, Varanasi, Lucknow, Meerut and Ghaziabad** leading in enrolling for the Udyam scheme.
- Out of which **38.09 lakh with a 17.2% share were from Maharashtra** followed by **22.32 lakh with a 10% share from Tamil Nadu** and **20.95 lakh with a 9.4% share from Uttar Pradesh**.
  - **Rajasthan with 16 lakh and Gujarat with 15.96 lakh MSMEs** were the other top destinations for registered units in the country.
- Collaborative efforts between the government, industry stakeholders, and financial institutions **can help create a robust support system, ensuring that the MSMEs receive the necessary resources** and guidance to navigate the evolving economic landscape.

### Udyam Portal

- It is an online system for **registering MSMEs, launched by the Union MSME ministry on 1st July, 2020**.
  - It is **linked to the databases of the [Central Board of Direct Taxes \(CBDT\)](#) and [Goods and Services Tax Network \(GSTN\)](#)**.
    - **GSTN is a unique and intricate IT enterprise** that establishes a channel of communication and interaction between taxpayers, the central and various state governments, and other stakeholders.
  - It is **fully online**, does not require any documentation, and is a step towards [Ease of Doing Business](#) for MSMEs.
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# Swachh Survekshan 2023 | Uttar Pradesh | 10 Jan 2024

## Why in News?

**Prayagraj and Varanasi** will get the **prestigious President's Award** in the [Swachh Survekshan 2023](#) - the cleanliness survey awards in New Delhi.

## Key Points

- Eight cities, including **Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Jhansi, and Firozabad**, have earned a **3-star rating** while **Noida** has earned a **five-star rating**.
- About **648 cities** of the state have **achieved the [Open Defecation Free \(ODF\) status](#)**. **65 cities** secured the '**Garbage Free City**' status.
- Swachh Survekshan's 2023 results reveal that **129 cities** in Uttar Pradesh have **achieved [ODF++ status](#)**, reflecting adherence to open defecation-free standards and sustainable **waste management** practices.
- **435 cities** in the state have **attained ODF+ status**, showcasing the commitment of the government towards cleanliness in the state.
- **Many cities** in Uttar Pradesh are now **moving towards a 7-star rating**.
  - **Continuous efforts** are being made **by the government** to elevate more cities to **achieve 5-star and 3-star ratings**.

## Swachh Survekshan 2023

- Swachh Survekshan was introduced by **the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** in **2016** as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation while encouraging **large scale citizen participation**.
- Over the years, Swachh Survekshan has emerged as the largest **Urban sanitation survey in the world**.

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# Pharma Park in Uttar Pradesh | Uttar Pradesh | 10 Jan 2024

## Why in News?

According to the **Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA)**, the Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a **pharma park in Lalitpur, Bundelkhand**, covering 1,472-acre across five villages.

- The establishment of the Pharma park and the acceleration of associated projects mark a **strategic move by the Uttar Pradesh government towards fostering industrial growth and economic development**.

## Key Points

- The plan will unfold in two phases, with an initial focus on immediate development efforts covering 300 acres of land.
  - The **villages identified for the survey include** Saidpur, Gadolikala, Largan, Karounda, and Rampur.
- **Surveying techniques** include **oil testing, contour mapping and topographical investigation**.

- The utilisation of modern surveying techniques **underscores a commitment to precision and efficiency in the planning and execution of these initiatives.**
- UPSIDA is also taking steps to expedite development projects at site-1 and site-2 in Orai, along with the **Plastic City project in Dibiyapur.**
  - The **plastic park**, spread across 274.4 acres, **encompasses industrial units, residential areas, and basic infrastructure.**

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