



Credit Flow to Startups and Rural Enterprises | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has **eased institutional credit flow to startups and rural enterprises** to provide financial assistance and generate **self-employment opportunities** for the youth.

- Separately, the **state tourism department has also signed two agreements** for improving rural tourism and creating [employment](#).

Key Points

- The state plans to fund about 8,300 enterprises under two credit schemes: **Mukhyamantri Yuva Swarojgar Yojana (MYSY)** and **Mukhyamantri Gramodyog Rojgar Yojana (MMGRY)**.
 - According to a State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) report, **6,259 and 723 units have been approved** under MYSY and MMGRY, respectively.
- Startups and rural enterprises **have got institutional funding worth more than Rs 163 crore**.
 - Under MYSY, the state offers **loans of up to Rs 25 lakh to set up industries and up to Rs 10 lakh for the service sector entities**.
 - UP is **home to nearly 52 government-recognised incubators and more than 7,200 startups** registered with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- The signed agreements **will foster sustainable tourism and community empowerment and augment facilities** and infrastructure, offering tourists an authentic experience of rustic village life.
 - The memoranda of understanding have been **signed with the State Rural Livelihood Mission (UPSRLM)** and Manyawar Kanshiram Institute of Tourism Management.

Cholera Outbreak | Madhya Pradesh | 15 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **panic struck the town of Phoop in Bhind district after a sudden cholera outbreak**, which reportedly resulted in three deaths and at least 70 people falling ill from drinking contaminated water.

Key Points

- Cholera, a **water-borne disease primarily caused by the bacteria Vibrio cholerae strains O1 and O139**, poses a significant public health challenge worldwide.
 - Strain O1 is the predominant cause of outbreaks, with O139 occurrences being rare and mostly confined to Asia.
- It is **an acute diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine**.

- The **infection is often mild or without symptoms**, but sometimes can be severe.
 - Symptoms include Profuse watery diarrhoea, Vomiting, Leg cramps.
 - A person **may get cholera by drinking water or eating food contaminated** with the cholera bacterium.
 - The **disease can spread rapidly in areas with inadequate treatment of sewage** and drinking water.
 - Currently, **there are three WHO pre-qualified oral cholera vaccines (OCV)**: Dukoral, Shanchol, and Euvichol-Plus. All three vaccines require two doses for full protection.
 - A global roadmap to 2030, with a **target to reduce cholera deaths by 90% was launched in 2017**.
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Renaming of Joshimath & Kosiyakutoli | Uttarakhand | 15 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Centre **approved the Uttarakhand government's proposal for renaming** the [Joshimath](#) tehsil in Chamoli district to Jyotirmath, and the Kosiyakutoli tehsil in Nainital district to **Pargana Shri Kainchi Dham tehsil**.

- This step will enhance the religious and cultural significance of these areas, in a state that is already a major destination for religious tourism.

Key Points

- Joshimath was in the news in 2023 **after massive cracks developed in many of the town's roads** and hundreds of buildings due to land subsidence.
 - On the other hand, the **Kosiyakutoli tehsil is well-known for Neem Karoli Baba's Kainchi Dham Ashram**.
- Jyotirmath (also known as Jyotir Peeth) is one of the four cardinal mathas (monasteries) that 8th-century philosopher [Adi Shankaracharya](#) **is believed to have established across India** to promote the Advaita Vedanta philosophy.
 - The Jyotirmath was **established for the preservation and dissemination of spiritual knowledge and practices**.
- Jyotirmath was the hill town's ancient name. Over time, the local population began referring to the area as "Joshimath". This **change was likely gradual and organic, influenced by regional languages**, local dialects and the ease of pronunciation. The transition reflects a linguistic and cultural evolution rather than a specific historical event.
- In recent years, **some residents have demanded a change in the name to honour the town's historical and religious importance**.
 - Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama announced the change during a programme organised in Chamoli in 2023.
- While Joshimath represents a subtle change from an older name, **the case of Kosiyakutoli is about changing a lesser-known name that lacks wider recognition**.
 - Renaming it to Pargana Shri Kainchi Dham **aligns its identity with Neem Karoli Baba's Kainchi Dham Ashram**, which is a major site here that attracts devotees from across the world.
- In the name "Kosiyakutoli", "**Kosi**" **refers to the river of the same name which flows through the Nainital district** and is important for the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand. Along with adding to the scenic beauty, it matters to the local ecology and economy.
 - The term "kutoli" is derived from the local language, **referring to a village or settlement**. In the Kumaoni language, naming a place after a prominent geographical feature **like a river is common practice and the names often have meanings**

GPS Tracking For Medicine Delivery | Chhattisgarh | 15 Jun 2024

Why in News?

In order to strengthen its supply chain and facilitate smooth delivery of medicines, **the Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited (CGMSCL), responsible for procuring and distributing quality tested drugs** and medical equipment to government health facilities in the state, has announced deployment of [Global Positioning System \(GPS\)](#) based tracking system.

Key Points

- In its latest order, CGMSCL has mandated the installation of GPS enabled devices on all its vehicles. The **GPS data coupled with the in-house DPDMIS application enables easy tracking of any shipment** from warehouse to facilities, thus determining accurate location and estimate approximate time of delivery.
- CGMSCL over the years **has taken several initiatives to strengthen its supply chain primarily by augmenting the features of its in-house software DPDMIS** (Drug Procurement and Distribution Management Information Systems), increasing efficiency of its warehouses and by operating vehicles for medical supplies to all hospitals.
- One of the key objectives of CGMSCL is **to ensure availability of required medicines at the right place.**
 - GPS based vehicle tracking system aims to aid store in-charges, warehouse managers and top management **with features like real-time tracking, Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) and proof of delivery.**

Global Positioning System (GPS)

- The GPS was **initiated by the US Department of Defense in 1973.**
- GPS operates through satellite-transmitted radio signals at specific frequencies (L1 and the L2 frequencies at 50 bits/second), **received and triangulated by GPS receivers, enabling precise location determination in three dimensions of space and one of time.**