



Highest Tokens Through ABHA ID | Uttar Pradesh | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Uttar Pradesh** has set a record by **generating one crore tokens** through the [Ayushman Bharat Health Account \(ABHA\) ID](#).

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh is the only Indian state to have achieved the feat of generating a total of 1,43,00,000 tokens to date.
 - Following Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh stands second with 60,33,104 tokens generated, while Karnataka holds third place with 42,57,944 tokens.
- The [Indian Public Health Standards \(IPHS\) guidelines](#), introduced in 2007 and latest update in 2022, **set quality benchmarks for public health facilities** from primary to secondary level health care facilities.
 - These standards ensure **consistent, accessible, and accountable healthcare** services nationwide.
 - The Health Ministry has created a **dashboard to help national, state, and district health institutions quickly monitor compliance with IPHS standards** and take necessary action.

Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA)

- ABHA ID** is a **unique 14-digit number** used to **link all the health records of a person**. It intends to **create a digital health ecosystem** & aims to **promote digitisation of healthcare**.
- Any individual can enroll in [Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission \(ABDM\)](#) to generate a Health ID or ABHA, free of cost.
- Features:**
 - Electronic Health Records (EHR):** ABHA integrates **electronic health records, facilitating the storage and retrieval of patient information**.
 - This helps in **maintaining medical histories** and streamlining healthcare delivery.
 - Portability:** The accounts are designed to be **portable across various healthcare providers** empanelled under the [Ayushman Bharat Scheme](#), allowing beneficiaries to access services seamlessly, regardless of their location.
 - Transparency and Accountability:** By promoting digital transactions and maintaining electronic records, ABHA **enhances transparency and accountability in the healthcare system**.

River Linking Project | Madhya Pradesh | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

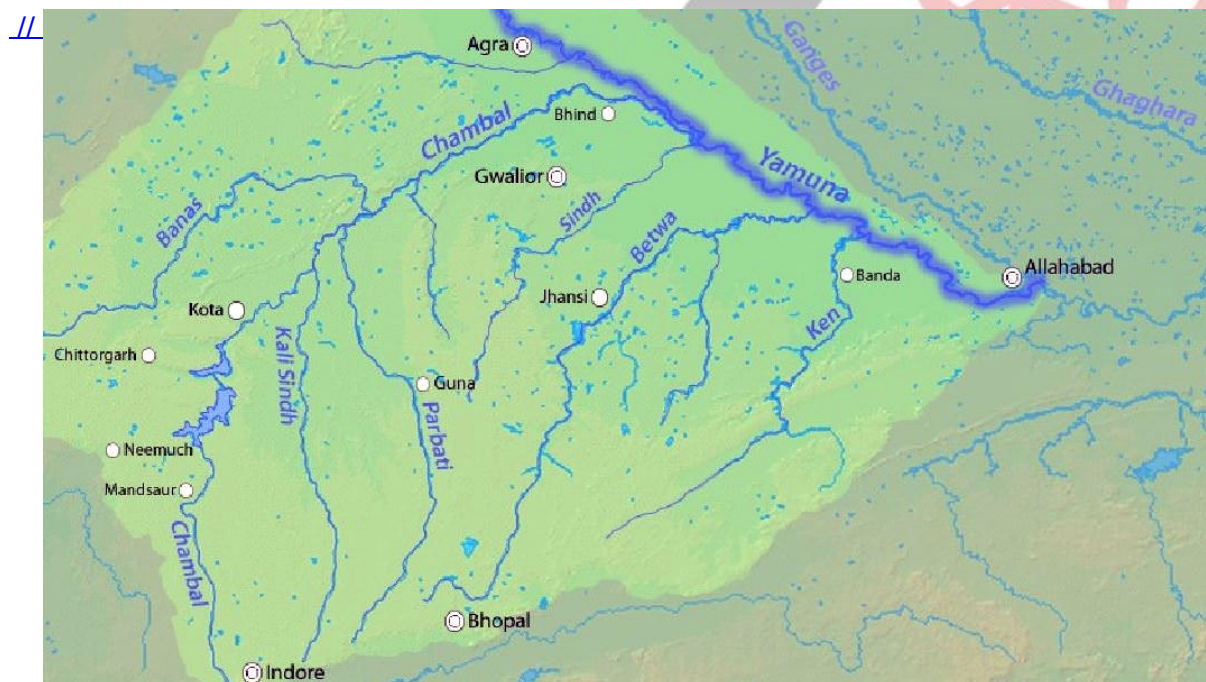
Recently, **Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan** Chief Ministers signed [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) for the implementation of the Rs 72,000 crore **Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal river linking project in Bhopal**.

- This project aims to harvest surplus water available during the rainy season in **rivers in Southern Rajasthan** such as **Chambal** and **its tributaries, including Kunnu, Parvati, Kalisindh**, and use this water in south-eastern districts of the state, where there is scarcity of water for drinking and irrigation.

Key Points

- The project would **provide water to 13 districts in Rajasthan**, and **Malwa and Chambal regions in Madhya Pradesh**.
 - It would also **aid in irrigating at least 2.8 lakh hectares in both states**, including supplementing rural tanks.
- Both the states would benefit from the river linking project, which would also strengthen the relations between the states.
- Efforts will also be made to **build a corridor from Khatu Shyam temple in Rajasthan to Mahakal Shiv temple in Ujjain** in Madhya Pradesh.

Chambal River



- It **originates at the Singar Chouri peak** in the northern slopes of the **Vindhya mountains** (Indore, Madhya Pradesh). From there, it flows in the North direction in Madhya Pradesh for a length of about 346 km and **then follows a north-easterly direction for a length of 225 km through Rajasthan**.
- It **enters Uttar Pradesh** and flows for about 32 km before joining the **Yamuna River** in Etawah District.
- It is a rainfed river and its **basin is bounded by the Vindhyan mountain ranges and the Aravallis**. The Chambal and its tributaries drain the Malwa region of northwestern Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Hadauti plateau in Rajasthan** occurs in the upper catchment of the Chambal River to the southeast of the **Mewar Plains**.
- **Tributaries:** Banas, Kali Sindh, **Sipra, Parbati**, etc.

- **Main Power Projects/ Dam:** [Gandhi Sagar Dam](#), [Rana Pratap Sagar Dam](#), [Jawahar Sagar Dam](#), and [Kota Barrage](#).
- The [National Chambal Sanctuary](#) is located along river Chambal on the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
 - It is known for critically endangered [gharial](#), the [red-crowned roof turtle](#), and the endangered [Ganges river dolphin](#).

Avalanche Hits Gandhi Sarovar | Uttarakhand | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

Recently, a massive [avalanche](#) hit the **Gandhi Sarovar** located four kilometres above the [Kedarnath Dham](#).

- It occurred near the [Chorabari glacier](#) that **fell into the valley** but there was no loss of life or property.

Key points

- The avalanche occurred in the **upper region of the Gandhi Sarovar in [Chorabari glacier](#)**, below the snow-covered [Meru-Sumeru mountain](#) range located at the upper end of Kedarnath valley.
- In 2022, three avalanches hit the area in the months of September and October.
 - Five such incidents of avalanches were reported in the Chorabari glacier in May and June 2023.
- Following this, scientists from the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing** and the [Wadia Institute](#) took stock of the entire situation by **conducting terrestrial and aerial surveys of the area**.
- The team of scientists **described these incidents as “normal”** in the Himalayan region, but they emphasised on **improving security in the Kedarnath Dham area**.

Chorabari Glacier

- Also known as the Chorabari Bamak Glacier lies in the [Garhwal Himalayan region of Uttarakhand](#).
- The [Mandakini River](#) emerges from the Chorabari Glacier.

Avalanche

- An avalanche is a sudden, rapid flow of **snow, ice, and debris down** a mountain or slope.
- It can be triggered by various factors such as heavy snowfall, rapid temperature changes, or human activity.
- Many regions that are prone to avalanches **have specialized teams that monitor and control avalanche risks** by using various methods such as explosives, snow barriers, and other safety measures.

Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG)

- The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology is an **autonomous research Institute of the Department of Science & Technology**.

- **Established in June, 1968** as a small nucleus in two rooms of the Botany Department, Delhi University, the Institute was shifted to DehraDun during April, 1976.

Master Plan to Upgrade Facilities at Badrinath Temple | Uttarakhand | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

According to the **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, a **master plan of Rs 424 crore** has been prepared for the **upgradation of facilities at [Badrinath temple](#)** in the state.

Key Points

- Badrinath temple is situated in the town of Badrinath in the state and it is one of the **[Char Dham pilgrimage sites](#)**.
- There are many religious sites in Uttarakhand and their location in the **[Himalayan region](#)**, which is **ecologically sensitive, poses a great challenge for the government to address environmental concerns** and the need for better facilities for the pilgrims who arrive from across the country.
- During the meeting, the Chief Minister requested that the Union Minister start the process of expanding **[Pantnagar Airport in Udham Singh Nagar](#)** district soon.
 - Also requested to expedite the process of granting permission for the expansion of **[Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun](#)** and giving the airport the status of an international airport.

Badrinath Temple

- The temple is also one of the **108 Divya Desams dedicated to Vishnu holy shrines** for Vaishnavas who is worshipped as Badrinath.
- It is situated along the **banks of [Alaknanda river](#)**, in **Chamoli district** of Uttarakhand.

Free Coaching for EWS Students | Chhattisgarh | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Labor Minister Lakhan Lal Devangan announced the launch of the **Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramikon Ke Bachon Hetu Nihshulk Coaching Sahaayata Yojana**, targeting **registered beneficiaries of the Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board**.

- It will provide for **free-of-cost coachings for the children from [economically weaker sections](#) in 10 districts** across the state.

Key Points

- Under this scheme, **registered workers and their children can avail [free coaching](#)** for a **period of 4 to 10 months**, as per their educational qualifications.
 - The coaching covers various exams including the **Public Service Commission (PSC), Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board, Staff Selection Commission, and Banking, Railways, and Police recruitment.**
- Children of registered workers (who have passed away before 9th June, 2020) are eligible for this scheme as per previous notifications.
 - While those who are associated with **Nirman Shramik Mrtyu Evam Divyaang Sahaayata Yojana** can also apply to benefit from this initiative.
- The **coaching will be made available in hybrid mode**, which will be easier for the students who wish to have the online class if they live at a distant or offline class if they wish to have the traditional face-to-face learning.
 - The ten districts include, Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Dhamtari, Rajanandgaon, Korba, Raigarh, Janjgir-Champa, Mahasamund.

Nirman Shramik Mrtyu Evam Divyaang Sahaayata Yojana

- It was **started in 2020 by the Chhattisgarh State Government.** With this scheme, **families will be able to get the financial benefits after the death or disability of the construction worker.**
- **Eligibility:**
 - Construction workers between **18 to 60 years of age will be eligible.**
 - The construction worker should be registered as a beneficiary under **Section 12 of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Service Conditions) Act, 1996.**
- **Benefits:**
 - **On Normal Death-** ₹ 1,00,000
 - **Death on work location-** ₹ 5,00,000
 - **Permanent disability on work location-** ₹ 2,50,000

Haryana CM Releases Benefits Under Welfare Schemes | Haryana | 01 Jul 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Haryana Chief Minister** Nayab Singh Saini **released benefits worth ₹100.68 crore to 83,633 beneficiaries** under three welfare schemes at Anaj Mandi in Panipat.

Key Points

- The benefits were distributed at a state-level programme under the **Social Security Pension, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme and Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme.**
 - An amount of **₹22.59 crore** was released as **pension to 75,330 new beneficiaries** of the **[Social Security Pension Scheme.](#)**
 - Under **Dr BR Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme** assistance amount of **₹15.09 crore** was released **to 2,003 beneficiaries for house repairs.**
 - Under the **[Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme.](#)** **6,300 beneficiaries of 100 square yard land each** were given letters of authority and letters of **financial assistance of ₹1 lakh each.**

Dr BR Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme

- It was **started in 2021, by the Haryana state government.**
- The main purpose of this scheme is to **provide grants for the repair of houses to all families** , whose **annual income is less than and equal to Rs 1.80 lakh** in [Parivar Pahchan Patra](#) , whose house needs **repair an amount of Rs 80000** is provided for this purpose.

Haryana Mukhyamantri Shahri Awas Yojana

- Launched in **2023**, the main objective of this scheme is **to provide houses at affordable rates to the weaker and low-income group families of the state.**
- Under the scheme, **plots will be allotted to those who do not have land to build a house.**
- This will lead to **social and economic development of the poor families** of the state and will give them a chance to live a safe and stable life.

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