



Uttar Pradesh to Commemorate Partition Horrors | Uttar Pradesh | 12 Aug 2024

Why in News?

According to the sources, The **Uttar Pradesh** government is preparing to observe [Partition Horrors Remembrance Day](#) on **14th August, 2024**.

Key Points

- In order to **pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the partition** of India, it has been decided to commemorate the '**Partition Horrors Memorial Day**'.
- It serves as a powerful **reminder to eliminate discrimination, animosity, and ill will**, while also **inspiring unity, social harmony, and the empowerment of humanity**.
- On this occasion, the state government will organize various events and programs across the 75 districts of the state.
 - **Films and documentaries related to the 'Partition' will be screened** in schools, colleges, and universities, as well as at the exhibition site.
 - **Students of various educational institutions will be taken on a tour of these exhibitions** and they should be made aware of this historical event.

Partition of India

- The **Partition of India in 1947** was a **pivotal moment in South Asian history**, leading to the **division of British India** into two independent countries: India and Pakistan.
 - This **separation was based on religious distinctions**, with India emerging as a predominantly Hindu nation and Pakistan being established as a separate homeland for Muslims.
- The partition was a response to **escalating religious tensions** and the demands for distinct nations.
- The process was characterized by widespread **violence and mass migrations**, as **millions of people moved between the two newly formed nations**.
- The **partition triggered one of the largest and most tragic human migrations in history**, accompanied by **communal riots and interreligious conflict**.
 - The legacy of the partition continues to influence the region, with ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, especially over the contested **region of Kashmir**.

UP Targets Five-Fold Growth in Tourism by 2028 | Uttar Pradesh | 12 Aug 2024

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According to the sources, the **Uttar Pradesh government is revitalizing tourist destinations and infrastructure**, with the goal of **increasing tourism** fivefold by 2028.

- The target is to achieve a **Gross Value Added (GVA) of ₹70,000 crore** and **attract 80 crore tourists**.

Key Points

- The state government has been concentrating on **revitalizing tourist destinations and enhancing transport infrastructure** over the past seven and a half years to boost tourism in the state.
 - This initiative has resulted in a substantial rise in tourist footfall, with over **48 crore visitors** opting to discover the captivating beauty of **Uttar Pradesh in 2023**.
- Tourism has surged in cities of spiritual importance, such as **Kashi, Ayodhya, Mathura, Chitrakoot, Prayagraj, Naimisharanya, and Gorakhpur**.
 - The government is improving top-notch infrastructure in these cities and motivating tourists to discover various destinations.
 - The **One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative** is vital in showcasing local products to travelers.
- The government is also concentrating on **increasing the accessibility of hotels, guest houses, and homestays**.
- Simultaneously, they are planning to **revitalize government-operated tourist and Rahi bungalows** to cater to the rising number of tourists.

One District One Product (ODOP) Initiative

- ODOP is an **initiative to boost economic growth at the district level** by promoting and branding one product from each district of the country.
 - The idea is to **leverage the local potential, resources, skills, and culture of each district and create a unique identity for them** in the domestic and international markets.
- The concept of ODOP was **first launched by the Uttar Pradesh government in January 2018**.
- **Over 1000 products have been selected from all 761 districts in the country**. The initiative covers a wide range of sectors, **including textiles, agriculture, processed goods, pharmaceuticals, and industrial items**.
- Also, multiple ODOP products were displayed at the **World Economic Forum** in January 2023 in the **Indian Pavilion at Davos in Switzerland**.