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## UP Approves New Universities, Jobs | Uttar Pradesh | 03 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has approved key **policies and initiatives** to enhance [education](#) quality and [employment](#) opportunities.

### Key Points

- **Policy Approval:**
  - The '**Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Promotion Policy, 2024**' was approved by the cabinet to improve education quality and boost employment.
  - Includes provisions such as:
    - Stamp duty exemptions.
    - Capital subsidies.
    - Special incentives for sponsoring bodies.
    - Additional benefits for top 50-ranked universities.
- **Establishment of New Private Universities:**
  - Two new private universities approved:
    - **KD University** to be established by **Rajiv Memorial Academic Welfare Society** in **Mathura**.
    - **Vidya University** to be set up by **Vidya Bal Mandali** in **Meerut** on a **42.755-acre campus**.
- **Impact on Higher Education:**
  - Aims to enhance private investment to meet increasing demand for local higher education.
  - Provides access to high-quality education within Uttar Pradesh.
  - Expected to create both direct and indirect job opportunities for the youth.
- **Self-Employment Scheme:**
  - New scheme introduced to promote self-employment:
    - Subsidies on **loans up to Rs 5 lakh for projects** in microenterprises and the service sector.
    - Aim to set up **10 lakh micro units in 10 years**.
    - Support for **1 lakh educated and trained youth annually**.
  - **Eligibility and Focus:**
    - Applicants must have at least an **eighth-grade education**.
    - Priority for those with **intermediate-level education**.
    - Scheme aims to [boost employment](#) in rural and urban areas.

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## UP Aims for 'Zero Poverty' Goal | Uttar Pradesh | 03 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister announced a campaign to make Uttar Pradesh the first state in India to achieve [zero poverty](#) within a year.

## Key Points

### ▪ Campaign Objective:

- Identify and support the poorest families in each [gram panchayat](#) to integrate them into the mainstream.
- Families will receive assistance in:
  - Food and clothing.
  - Quality education.
  - Healthcare services.
  - Housing facilities.
  - Stable income sources.

### ▪ Family Identification Process:

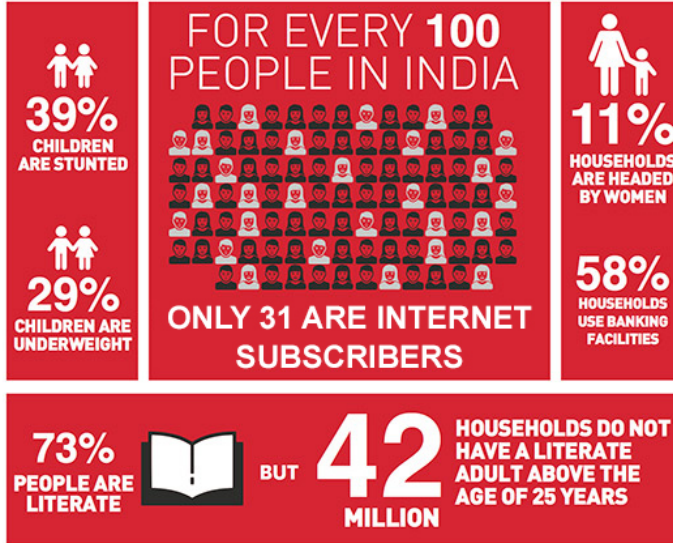
- Targeting the poorest **10-25 families per gram panchayat** using a three-tier, transparent selection method:
  - **Level 1:** Identification through the '**Mop-up**' mobile app based on criteria such as homelessness, landlessness, reliance on daily wages, and lack of resources.
  - **Level 2:** Formation of a **village-level committee comprising five members (gram pradhan, former gram pradhan, local school headmaster, and representatives from [self-help groups](#))**.
  - **Level 3:** Families receive an automated vulnerability rating via a digital system post-committee recommendations.

### ▪ Government Schemes Benefits:

- Eligible families will gain access to various government schemes, including:
  - Ration cards and food supplies from the **Department of Food and Civil Supplies**.
  - Benefits under housing schemes like [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana](#).
  - Educational support such as school admissions and uniforms.
  - Medical facilities through [Ayushman Bharat Insurance](#) and other health initiatives.
- Integration with schemes from the **Labor Department**, [MNREGA](#), [State Rural Livelihood Mission](#), and others.
- Access to skill development initiatives and employment benefits.
- Collaboration with educational institutions to develop tailored sustainable income plans for identified families.
- **Zero Poverty portal (ZeroPoverty.in) will be integrated with the Family ID portal** for efficient data management and support for families needing ration cards.



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## Uttar Pradesh Boosts Solar Energy Production | Uttar Pradesh | 03 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has approved significant [solar energy](#) projects to enhance [renewable energy](#) production in the state.

### Key Points

- **Approval of Solar Parks:**
  - Development of solar parks in [Bundelkhand](#) approved under the new energy policy.
  - Two major solar projects covering over **1,500 hectares of land**.
  - Expected capacity of 450 MW, making it one of the largest solar parks in India.
- **Renewable Energy Goals:**
  - Contributes to Uttar Pradesh's target of reaching **22,000 MW of solar energy production by 2026-2027**.
- **Current Solar Capacity:**
  - As of August 2024, Uttar Pradesh government has installed a total solar [PV capacity of 3,280.15 MW](#), including:
    - Approximately **2,965.12 MW from utility-scale projects**.
    - Over **260 MW from solar rooftop installations**.
    - Around 315 MW from off-grid solar and [KUSUM projects](#) (according to [Ministry of New and Renewable Energy \(MNRE\)](#) data).

