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## Uttar Pradesh Focuses on Gems & Jewellery Growth | Uttar Pradesh | 27 Nov 2024

### Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government, is taking substantial steps to enhance the **gems and jewellery sector**, focusing on **economic value addition** and **export growth**.

### Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh, with its **rich cultural heritage** and **skilled craftsmanship**, is a significant player in India's **gems and jewellery sector**.
  - The state's annual trade in this industry is estimated at **over Rs 1 trillion**, involving more than one million **traders, retailers, craftsmen, and designers**.
- **Major Hubs:**
  - The hubs for **gems and jewellery trade** in Uttar Pradesh include **Meerut, Lucknow, NOIDA Export Processing Zone, Moradabad, Kanpur, and Agra**.
  - These centers are pivotal in both **manufacturing and exports**, contributing significantly to the state's economy.
  - The organized segment of the trade accounts for about **35%** of the overall market, highlighting the importance of structured growth and development.
- **Government Initiatives & Significance:**
  - The CM of Uttar Pradesh has drafted a comprehensive blueprint to **develop Meerut as a major jewellery manufacturing and trading hub** for North India.
  - **Meerut's jewellery industry**, with an annual turnover of over **Rs 2,000 crore**, employs approximately **40,000 goldsmiths, gemstone makers, and jewellery traders**.
  - The proposed hub, spanning **32,000 square meters**, aims to position Meerut as a **key center for gems, precious stones, and gold jewellery**.
  - To support this vision, the government plans to construct a **modern multi-storey flatted factory complex** to foster business growth and encourage startups in the sector.
- **National and Global Significance:**
  - The gems and jewellery sector in Uttar Pradesh is not only vital for the state but also contributes **10-12% of India's total merchandise exports**.
  - In 2023, the domestic market for gems and jewellery was valued at **USD 92 billion**, underscoring its importance in the national economy.
  - Uttar Pradesh's thriving wholesale jewellery market serves clients from other states, further solidifying its role as a key player in the industry.

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## UP Government Boosts Police & Forensic Capacity | Uttar Pradesh | 27 Nov 2024

### Why in News?

On [Constitution Day \(26<sup>th</sup> November\)](#), Chief Minister of UP highlighted the state's commitment to transparent police recruitment and establishing [forensic labs](#) at the **zonal level** during the **National Conference on Forensic Science and Cybersecurity**.

- These initiatives are part of broader efforts to enhance law and order, ensuring timely justice for victims and maintaining [good governance](#).

## Key Points

### ▪ Highlights of the Conference:

#### ◦ New Criminal Laws:

- India has recently implemented **three new criminal laws**: [Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023](#), [Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023](#), and [Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023](#).
- These laws, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, aim to protect citizens by ensuring that no one is declared guilty without proper evidence.

#### ◦ Challenges and Reforms in Law and Order:

- Before 2017, Uttar Pradesh faced significant challenges in maintaining **law and order**, with a high prevalence of hooliganism (vandalism/violence).
- The Uttar Pradesh Government has observed that over half of the positions within the Uttar Pradesh Police were unfilled during previous government. Addressing this situation has become a key focus for the current government.

#### ◦ Transparent Recruitment and Forensic Labs:

- The state government has recruited over **154,000 police personnel** transparently and recently initiated the recruitment of an additional **7,200 policemen**.
- Earlier, **forensic labs** were limited to four locations. Now, high-quality forensic labs have been established at the **zonal level**, with plans to expand them to the **range level**.
- These labs are crucial for gathering evidence in criminal cases and ensuring justice.

#### ◦ Cybersecurity and Forensic Science Initiatives:

- Today, **1,775 police stations** in Uttar Pradesh are equipped with **cyber helplines**, enhancing the state's ability to tackle [cybercrime](#).
- Additionally, the **Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences** has been established to further support **forensic investigations** and improve the **quality of evidence** presented in court.

## Constitution Day

- The **Constitution Day**, also known as **National Law Day or Samvidhan Diwas**, is celebrated in India on **26<sup>th</sup> November** every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.
  - On **29<sup>th</sup> August, 1947**, the **Constituent Assembly** set up a **Drafting Committee** under the **Chairmanship of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** to prepare a **Draft Constitution for India**.
  - On **26<sup>th</sup> November 1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on **26<sup>th</sup> January 1950**.
- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** on **19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**, notified the decision of the **Government of India** to celebrate **26 November** as '**Constitution Day**'.
- The day is observed to spread the importance of the constitution and the thoughts and ideas of [B. R. Ambedkar](#), the chief architect of the constitution.