

UP Foundation Day 2025

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh, **celebrating 75 years as a state**, was renamed from the **United Provinces** in 1950 and plays a pivotal role in India's politics and economy.

■ The state has grown in **political and economic prominence**, setting ambitious goals like becoming a **trillion-dollar economy**.

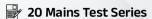
Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day 2025:
 - The theme for Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day 2025 is "Development and Heritage: Uttar Pradesh on the Path to Progress".
 - The state government will confer the 'Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman' award on six individuals from the fields of music, agriculture and education during the state foundation day.
- Historical Significance:
 - Uttar Pradesh, formerly known as United Provinces, was renamed on 24 January, 1950, by the governor general of India through the United Provinces (Alteration of Name) Order, 1950.
 - The state began celebrating 24 January as <u>UP Foundation Day</u> in 2018, following a suggestion by governor Ram Naik.
- Political Importance:
 - The state contributes 80 Members of Parliament to the <u>Lok Sabha</u>, giving it considerable influence in national politics.
 - It has produced nine Prime Ministers, including the current PM, Narendra Modi, who represents Varanasi in Parliament.
- Economic Aspirations:
 - Uttar Pradesh strives to move beyond its BIMARU (economically underdeveloped) tag and achieve a trillion-dollar economy status.
 - BIMARU: Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh
- Introduction of ODOP Scheme:
 - The <u>One District One Product (ODOP) scheme</u> was launched during the first Foundation Day celebrations in 2018 to promote local industries and crafts.
 - The occasion is aimed to launch new schemes and initiatives aimed at boosting the state's development and welfare.











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