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Renowned Novelist Ved Prakash Sharma passed away in Meerut, UP

- He was 62 years old
- Ved Prakash Sharma penned 176 novels over 44 years
- Sharma had his own publishing house, Tulsi Books Publications
- He has written many novels, some of his prominent novels are Qaidi No1, Wardi Waala Gunda
- Written scripts for Hindi Movies.
Sharma wrote 176 novels - some of which were adapted into successful films like "Bahu Maange Insaaf" (1985), "Anaam" (1992) and "Sabse Bada Khiladi" (1995). One of his books, "Wardiwala Gunda" (1992) broke all records and sold 15 lakh copies on the very first day of its release. Sharma also wrote the script for Akshay Kumar-starrer "International Khiladi" (1999)

1st book - 'Dahekte Shaher'
Colonel Nizamuddin, an Indian Army Veteran passed away at 116

- He died at his native village near Dhakwa, Azamgarh.
- He had served as driver and guard to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.
- Serves Army between 1943-1945
- One of the most trusted lieutenants of Netaji
Famous Writer and Journalist Pt Dharmshheel Chaurtvedi passed away in Varanasi, UP.

- He nickname was Akkhad Banarasi.
- He was considered as Swayam Mein Banaras (Banaras in Himself)
UP had Urdu Electoral Rolls in 46 constituencies for the very first time.

This is the first time that the State Election Commission (SEC) has decided to include Urdu — so far the electoral rolls were printed in Hindi and English.

- These 46 constituencies covered the 22 districts of UP.
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The expert forest panel of the environment ministry cleared the Ken-Betwa project, India’s first river-linking project, ignoring environmental concerns, including the diversion of around 5,500 hectares from the famous Panna National Park.

Under this, the Ken in Madhya Pradesh will be linked with the Betwa in Uttar Pradesh. The first phase of the project will cost around Rs10,000 crore and is expected to help irrigate about 600,000 hectares of land.

species such as “tiger, vultures and gharial are key flagship species that are likely to be impacted by the project
It also envisages a dam on the Ken river near Daudhan village in Chhattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh which, apart from helping in diversion of water, will also generate 60 megawatts (MW) power.

This will provide relief to the people of **Bundelkhand** region of UP. The surplus water of Ken river (MP) will transfer to irrigate this region through concrete canals.
3rd meeting of G-20 Framework Working Group was hosted by India in Varanasi.

- It took place from March 28 to March 29.
- The meet was presided by G-20 chairperson Angela Merkel.
- The two-day meeting took place under the G20 German presidency, and was co-hosted by the Union Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
This was the fourth occasion that India, hosted the FWG Framework Working Group meeting since its inception in 2009.

India had hosted the G20 FWG meeting in Neemrana (2012 ), Goa (2014) and in Kerala (2015)

Was Inaugurated by Shaktikant Das, the then Union Secretary of Economic Affairs and was the chief Guest.

Economic Affairs Secretary NOW is Subhash Chandra Garg
Formation: 1999

The 12th G-20 Summit - Hamburg, Germany.

13th Summit: Argentina (2018)

14th Summit: Japan (2020)
UP Elections 2017 - Voter turnout of 61.04%

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- Leader's seat: MLC
- Last election:
  - Seats won: 47, 224, 80
  - Seat change: +278, -184, -61
- Popular vote:
  - Seats won: 325, 54, 19
  - Seat change: +278, -184, -61
  - Percentage: 41.4%, 28.0%, 22.2%
  - Swing: +24.7%, -7.35, -3.71%
Yogi Aditya Nath - 21st Chief Minister of UP.

- The oath was administered by Ram Naik, Governor UP at Kanshiram Smriti Upvan in Lucknow.

Yogi, the two deputy chief ministers

Swatantra Dev Singh Minister of State with Independent Charge for Transport & Protocol | Minister of State (Power), Government of Uttar Pradesh

Mohsin Raza: Science and Technology, Electronics, IT, Muslim Waqf, Haj

BJP and its allies had not fielded a single Muslim candidate while contesting the 403 assembly seats of UP.

are not members of either house of the state legislature.
Mohsin Raza, who is a Shia Muslim, is married to a Sunni Fozia Sarwat Fatima

Only Muslim in Cabinet

In 2010 Raza made his own party “Safipur Vikas Manch”

His wife stood as an independent candidate in Safipur but had lost
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More about Yogi Aditynath:

- His real name is Ajay Singh Bisht.
- Pursued Bsc in Maths from HNB Garhwal University.
- Head priest of the Gorakhnath temple in the eastern UP city of Gorakhpur.
- Has been winning the Gorakhpur seat in UP since 1998; at 26, he was the youngest MP in the 12th Lok Sabha.
Important constituencies

- 2 Deputy CMs - NONE
- Siddharth Nath Singh – Allahabad west
- Rita Bahuguna Joshi – Lucknow Cantt
- Shrikant Sharma - Mathura
- Chetan Chauhan – Naugawan Sadat constituency, Amroha district
- (NIFT Chairman till June), Replaced by Rajesh Shah
NEED TO BE PART OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Yogi Adityanath

Keshav Prasad Maurya, MP from Phulpur, Allahabad

Dr Dinesh Sharma – Ex mayor, Lucknow

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Four Holy Cities of UP to get 24*7 light supply.

These cities are:

- Ayodhya
- Varanasi
- Mathura
- Gorakhpur
CM Yogi Adityanath banned Pan & Tobacco in school, colleges and Govt Buildings.

Officers asked to take pledge for devoting 100 hours a year for cleanliness.
Crop Loans waived off by UP Government worth Rs 36,359 Crore.

- Crops loans of up to 1 lakh will be waived off of small and marginal farmers.

- The cabinet also decided to write off Rs 5,630 crore in non–performing assets (NPAs) of 7 lakh farmers.
Gross fiscal deficits of all the states skyrocketed to Rs 4,93,360 crore in fiscal 2016 from Rs 18,790 crore in FY1991, according to the latest RBI data.

Uttar Pradesh had a fiscal deficit of only Rs 3,070 crore in FY91, which zoomed to Rs 64,320 crore in FY16.

UP>Rajasthan

fiscal deficit target of India is at 3.2% of GDP for 2017-18
Yogi Aditya Nath Govt set up an Anti Mafia Land Task Force.

- This task force will take against those encroaching land of others in the name of religion.

- This would be 4 Tier task force headed by Principal Secretary followed by District Magistrate (DM ) and Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM).

DGP – Sulkhan Singh
UP Govt has decided to set up 40 Yoga Wellness Centers in its 40 districts.

- The decision was took on International Yoga Day Celebration.

- Out of 40 centers, 23 will be set up at Ayurvedic hospitals, 12 at homeopathic and 7 at Unani Hospitals & colleges.

- The state government has also planned to start post graduate courses at Government Ayurvedic college and hospital Varanasi, Unani college Allahabad, Government Homeopathy college Allahabad and TT college Lucknow.
First herbal garden of the state would be set up soon near the Government national Homeopathic college and hospital, Lucknow to encourage the farmers to cultivate herbal plants across the state.
UP Govt renamed Gorakhpur & Agra Airports.

- Gorakhpur Airport: Renamed as Mahayogi Gorakhpur Airport.
- Agra Airport: Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Airport.
- The Dept of Disabled Welfare also renamed as Divyang Jan Vikas Empowerment.
Government has decided to set up Central University for Divyangs in UP.

- Announced by HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar

- He also stated that UGC has been instructed to make special arrangements for training of instructors providing education to Divyangs.
UP Govt gave permission to built a music village to honor the legendary Shehnai Player Ustad Bismillah Khan.

- The name of the village would be Bismillah Khan Sangeet Gram.

- The project will be developed at Varanasi with the help of Padma Shri Goma Gosh, the adopted daughter of the legendary.

- The village will have a training cum research centre, Museum centre and other uniqueness related to musical Gharanas.
UP Govt Scraped Samajwadi Pension Scheme started by previous government.

The scheme provides a pension of Rs500 per month to BPL families.
Samajwadi Pension Scheme:

1) Started in 2014 to provide financial assistance to 40 lakh BPL families in UP. It replaced erstwhile Rani Laxmibai Pension Yojana.

2) Under this scheme, BPL families were entitled to monthly pension of Rs 500 for a year.

3) After completion of one year, the pension was to be hiked by 50 Rs till it reached Rs 750 per month. The Rs 50 was subjected to fulfillment of other conditions related to children education, adult literacy and health standards.
4) Non fulfillment of these conditions would result in termination of benefits.

5) The scheme was being administered by Uttar Pradesh State Welfare Department.
UP Govt has signed an MoU with Union Govt for Power for All scheme.

- The objective of this scheme to provide power supply in the state by 2018.
- To provide electric connection to every house and agriculture field by 2019
- Project Cost : 40 thousand Crore, 20 thousand Cr will be spent by 2018.
- Smart meter will be installed to stop electricity theft and also 1912 helpline was being announced for power related complaints.
UP Govt has launched an ambulance for ill and injured cows.

- Its name is **Gauvansh Chikitsa Mobile Vans**.

- UP has become second state after Madhya Pradesh to start such service for cows.
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IIT Kharagpur collaborates with British Geological survey to turn Varanasi into a smart city.

- 3-D geological model will be prepared for Varanasi in order to build new transport and service Infrastructure.

- Applications of geo-scientific methods like drilling and remote sensing will also be used.
Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination drive has been launched in 38 districts of UP.

- This drive is launched from Khushinagar district.
- Aim to eradicate Japanese Encephalitis.
UP Govt merged local bodies of two temples towns.

The two towns are:

- Cabinet passed Mathura Vrindavan as Nagar Nigam and Ayodhya – Faizabad as a Municipal Corporation – Nagar Nigam.
- Aim to generate more revenue by providing better facilities to the tourists.
The retirement of doctors has been extended from 60 to 62 by UP Govt.

* The decision was taken as the state requires more doctors and hospitals.
Varanasi to get India’s first freight village.

- Will be developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India.
- Will attract companies that require logistics services.
Union Govt approved to build new airport in Greater Noida and Kushinagar

❖ The greenfield airport will set up in Jewar in Greater Noida.

❖ Likely to operate in 5 – 6 years.

❖ This will help to reduce congestion at Delhi International Airport.
Adani Group to set up solar power plant in Mahoba District of UP.

- It is going to be 50 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant.
- The plant has set up under National Solar Mission Scheme.
- Cost : 315 cr
IIT Kanpur Awarded Doctorate Degree to PT Usha.

- The degree was given at the 50th convocation day of the college.
In the first phase of SAGY, the PM had adopted Jayapur village in Sevapuri Assembly segment of Varanasi.

2nd - Nagepur too falls in the same Assembly constituency

PM Narendra Modi adopts wrestlers’ village Kakrahia, his third in Varanasi
No GST on tickets of films shot 50% in Uttar Pradesh

The state government has set a target of making 30 districts ODF by December 31 this year.

The Uttar Pradesh government will have to construct 44,000 toilets per day to make the state open defecation free (ODF) by October 2 next year.
UP Government has fixed a target of providing jobs to 70 lakh people in five years, of which 10 lakh jobs will be provided through the vocational education and skill development departments.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is also signed between the UP government and the Rajasthan Spinning and Weaving Mills, Bhilwara.

As per the MoU, the mill will train 26,000 trainees in the textile, retail and apparel sector over a period of four years.
Cabinet has approved to establish two institutes in Varanasi.

These two Institutes are:

- International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
- South Asia Regional Center (ISARC)

Both the centers will be established at the campus of National Seed Research & Training Center (NSRTC).
Under this proposal, a Center of Excellence in Rice Value Addition (CERVA) will be set up in Varanasi.

1) This center will include a modern and sophisticated laboratory with capacity to determine quality and status of heavy metals in grain and straw.

2) Also undertake capacity building exercises for stake holders across the rice value chain.

3) It is the first International Center in the eastern India.
Lucknow would become the first Metro Network in the country to offer free water and toilet facilities.

- The network will have its own FM Station.
- It will also provide a free Wi-Fi at all the stations to commuters with a “Go Smart Card”.
Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of the UP.

- He replaced Rahul Prasad Bhatnagar, who was appointed by Samajwadi government.
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched UP RERA website.

- UP RERA : Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority.

- Link : [http://www.up-rera.in/](http://www.up-rera.in/)

- Home buyers will get complete information about builders right from registration number of the builders to theirs antecedents.
UP Government launched free power connection scheme for BPL Families.

- It was launched by power minister of the state, Srikant Sharma.

- It will also benefit the poor who do not have BPL card presently. These people will have to pay between Rs 80 to Rs 120 for getting power connection.
Union and UP Govt signed an MoU for opening AIIMS.

- It will set up in Gorakhpur.
- Will have 750 free beds.
- Cost of the project would be Rs 1,750 crore.
In a bid to provide safe journey to women passengers, Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has decided to launch 'Pink' air-conditioned buses.

The union government's Ministry of Women and Child Development has sanctioned funds for the 50 buses from its 'Nirbhaya Fund'.
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