

Call to save every drop of water

Yogi dedicates 278 check dams, ponds

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday appealed to the people of the state to save every drop of water and said that conservation of ponds, water bodies and groundwater was like making savings for the future.

The chief minister, who dedicated to people 278 check dams and ponds in various districts of the state virtually from his official residence here, said at present the Atal Bhoojal Scheme had been implemented in 10 districts and the remaining 65 districts of the state would also be covered soon.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath pointed out that 200 development blocks of the state were declared dark zones in 2017 and after investigation, it was found that this was decided on the basis of a survey conducted in 1994.

"A new policy was formulated by the government and it was decided to link all government buildings with rainwater harvesting. A decision was also taken to rejuvenate rivers, drain water and ponds and as a result of working in mission mode, the situation is gradually improving," he said.



The number of critical and semi-critical areas was gradually decreasing and the ground water level was increasing as the work was taken up on a mission mode, he said.

Referring to the importance of pure drinking water, the chief minister said that diseases like Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) reflected to the apathy towards water and by making pure water available, the risk of all such diseases would be eliminated.

Termining the practice of flowing polluted water inside

the ground as harmful for the future, the chief minister stressed on the need to keep the groundwater clean.

Encouraging rainwater harvesting, the chief minister said that in Firozabad and Mathura, where there was a problem of salty water, rain water harvesting was a good means of obtaining fresh water.

He also encouraged the farmers to adopt the drip irrigation system.

Entrepreneurs termed the integrated system as a much-appreciated initiative and thanked the chief minister.

During the interaction, Shivnath Singh of Auriya told the chief minister that after construction of a check dam in his gram panchayat, the water level had not only improved but had helped in irrigation of the fields.

Kuldeep from Moradabad also narrated the beauty of the newly-constructed pond in his locality and apprised the chief

minister about the activities of the fisheries being carried out in it.

The chief minister also launched the web portal <http://ugwonline.com> developed by the Ground Water Department. The web portal is based on the Uttar Pradesh Ground Water Management and Regulation Act, 2019.

On this occasion, Jal Shakti Minister Mahendra Singh informed the chief minister that the geo-tagging of the newly-constructed dams and ponds had been done, enabling the monitoring work.

Over 55,000 frontline workers to be vaccinated in next sessions

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Over 55,000 frontline workers are estimated to receive the Covid vaccine shots from February 5 and preparations for the same are underway. District immunisation officer MK Singh said the vaccination will be done in sessions which will be stepped up in stages. However, he said it is not an easy task because the frontline workers will be vaccinated along with health workers. He said the beneficiaries will include police personnel, PRIs and those from LMC and Revenue department.

Singh pointed out that the days on which Covid vaccination is scheduled, polio vaccines will not be administered. Mayor Sanyukta Bhatia said a list of 10,000 employees has been sent to the CMO office for registration. "The CMO office will decide who will be registered for vaccination. Our priority is employees and they should be vaccinated first," she said.

Meanwhile, director of Ram Manohar Lohia Institute

of Medical Sciences Dr AK Singh, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of Atal Bihari Medical University, said that the number of Covid patients has come down to eight. He said he now wants some portion of the Covid hospital to be isolated for non-Covid facilities so that maternity services can be restarted. He said it's his suggestion to the state government.

Director of Lok Bandhu Hospital Dr Arun Lal also said that the number of Covid patients has come down to four and none of them are in serious condition. "We have two patients in the Covid ward and as many in the gynaeology Covid ward," he pointed out. He said they are prepared to restart the OPD but waiting for government's directives. The OPD was closed in March.

Director of Balrampur Hospital Dr Rajeev Lochan said more than 70 per cent of the health workers have been vaccinated.

Head of Microbiology department, SGPGI, Dr Ujjwala Ghosh pointed out that the number of coron-

avirus samples which they are getting has reduced from 6,000 to 3,000. "The positivity rate has also reduced as only 10 out of 3,000 samples are testing positive now. However, we are still working round the clock because reports have to be submitted in time," Dr Ghosh said.

Meanwhile, the Covid-19 death toll in Uttar Pradesh rose to 8,658 on Sunday with eight more fatalities, while 226 new cases pushed the infection tally to 6,00,299. Of the eight deaths, two were reported from Lucknow, while one each was reported from Varanasi, Meerut, Aligarh, Muzaffarnagar, Pilibhit and Balrampur. Of the new cases, 29 were reported from Lucknow. In the past 24 hours, 369 patients have recovered from the disease, taking overall recoveries to 5,86,116 so far. The count of active Covid cases in the state stands at 5,525, the statement said. In the past 24 hours, over 1.19 lakh samples have been tested, while so far over 2.78 crore tests have been conducted in the state, the statement said.

Kafeel, 80 others on list of history-sheeters

Gorakhpur: Dr Kafeel Khan and 80 others have been included in the list of history-sheeters in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh and they will be on the radar of police, officials said. The 81 people have been included in the list on the instruction of Senior Superintendent of Police Jogendra Kumar, they said.

The district now has a total of 1,543 history-sheeters, or persons with a criminal record. Kafeel Khan's brother Adeel Khan, however, told PTI that the history-sheet against the doctor was opened on June 18, 2020, but the information was given to the media on Friday. In a video message released on Saturday, Kafeel Khan said, "The UP government has opened my history-sheet. They say that they will monitor me for life. Good, give two security guards who will keep an eye on me for 24 hours. At least, I will be able to save myself from fake cases."

"In Uttar Pradesh, the situation is such that the criminals are not monitored, but the history-sheet of innocent persons is opened," he charged. Khan was arrested in January 2020 after a speech he had delivered at the Aligarh Muslim University on December 10, 2019 during the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act



(CAA) protests. He was subsequently booked under the stringent National Security Act (NSA).

On September 1, 2020, the Allahabad High Court had quashed Khan's detention under the NSA and ordered his immediate release, saying his speech at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) didn't promote hatred or violence.

In his video message, Khan also said he had written to the state government requesting it to reinstate him at his post in Gorakhpur's Baba Raghav Das (BRD) Medical College.

Khan hit the headlines after the 2017 tragedy at the BRD Medical College, in which several children died due to lack of oxygen cylinders. Initially, he was hailed as a saviour for the children for arranging emergency oxygen cylinders but later, faced action, along with nine other doctors and staff members of the hospital, all of whom were released on bail later. **PTI**

Missing factory owner found hanging

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A missing factory owner was found hanging from a tree alongside a canal in Sarojininagar police station area on Sunday. The deceased, identified as Avanish Kumar Singh (38) of Vrindavan Colony under PGI police station, was hanging with a muffler tied around his neck. His car was found parked near the tree. He ran a dalmoth factory in the Sarojininagar industrial area.

As per reports, Avanish's wife Nidhi Katiyar had lodged a missing report with the PGI police on Saturday, stating that

he left for his factory and did not return. She further stated that she was told that Avanish had left for his home in the evening itself. However, he did not return home.

While the search operation was on, police were informed about the recovery of a body. The police said Avanish was found hanging from a tree in Daroga Kheda Natkur locality on Sunday morning.

It surfaced that Avanish left for his factory around 7 am on Saturday and left for home around 7 pm as he had to purchase medicine for his son, who was not feeling well. Later, his phone was switched off.

WOMAN DEPRIVED OF GOLD BANGLES

Two men sprayed some chemical on a woman at her house in Thakurganj on Saturday and decamped with her gold bangles after she fell unconscious. Vaishali Kapoor of Newazganj opened the doors after someone rang the doorbell. She found two men who told her that they had brought a parcel. One of them asked her to sanitise her hands before accepting the parcel. He sprayed the chemical and the woman fell unconscious in no time. After she regained consciousness after a while, she found her gold bangles missing.

Sanatkada Lucknow Festival kicks off today

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The 12th season of Sanatkada Lucknow Festival will kick off from February 1. Key organiser Madhavi Kukreja said the pandemic has posed challenges across the world but they have taken this as an opportunity to experiment and innovate so that the event can still be enjoyed from the comfort of homes. She said they will be holding an online Crafts Bazaar.

"The fest has become

synonymous with its Crafts Bazaar which has lit up the hallways of Safed Baradari for almost a decade. However, it is going online this year. It will have hundreds of the finest specimens of crafts from all across the country. The past year has been particularly difficult for craftsmen and for us, the organising principle has been to amplify and promote the heritage of skill and art," she said.

In an attempt to familiarise the audiences with the journey of different artisans

and craftsmen and that of their craft, the SLF will hold online craft demonstrations.

"It will be an opportunity for our audience to interact with the artisans and also get a first hand experience of their work spaces, the raw materials used by them, the process involved in their craft of specialisation and most significantly, the story of the crafts person," she said.

She said that the theme of the bazaar is 'Naqsh-o-Nigara-Baradari'. "Over the years, Baradari has come to assume

multiple meanings for us as an organisation and a festival that is driven by the idea of fostering a sense of community through diverse yet interdependent ideas of art, craft and skill. Baradari's role has been particularly significant. It has housed our crafts bazaar and it is safe to say that the crafts bazaar has truly been the heart beat of the festival. Baradari and Craft Bazaar is a coming together of two very distinct art forms that complement each other in multiple ways," Madhavi said.

'Power employees to resort to work boycott on Feb 3 against govt's privatisation policy'

Mathura: Intensifying stir against the Centre's privatisation policy, 15 lakh power employees of the country would resort to "work boycott" on February 3, the All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) said. "Prime Minister (Narendra Modi), through a letter, has also been apprised (of this) besides notice served on Union and state governments," AIPEF Chairman Shailendra Dubey said on Sunday, during a virtual conference. He firmly said the Electricity (Amendment) Bill in its current form is unacceptable.

To build pressure on the government, the Federation earlier held meetings and has resorted to token work boycotts. Unless the government rescinds its decision, the agitation would further be intensified as the steps taken by the government in the name of reforms had placed power distribution companies (discoms) in alarming financial crisis, said the AIPEF chairman.

Despite failure of privatisation in Agra, Greater Noida and Odisha, the government is

moving ahead without bothering to take feedback of practical aspect from discoms, who are the real sufferers, he added.

In the name of reforms, the government is serving the interest of the private sector, gradually destroying the public sector across the country, the official said.

AIPEF wants the commencement of the withdrawal process of privatisation of electricity from the public sector to private companies in states and Union territories without further delay, he said.

The official said the Federation demands scrapping of the Electricity Bill and standard bidding document for total privatisation of distribution of electricity. It also urged the government to re-merge all power utilities in states with function components of generation, transmission, and distribution like KSEB Ltd and HPSB Ltd. The Federation official also demanded the implementation of old pension scheme for all power sector employees and regularisation of all contractual workers. **PTI**

Weather remains dry

Lucknow: The weather remained dry over Uttar Pradesh, with cold to severe cold day conditions occurring at isolated places over eastern part of the state, the Met office here said on Sunday. Dense to very dense fog also occurred at few places in eastern Uttar Pradesh and at isolated places over western parts of the state, it said. Cold day conditions were also observed at isolated places over western UP, it said. Fursatganj (in Amethi) and

Etawah were the coldest places in the state, where mercury dipped to 2.4 degrees Celsius each. Lucknow recorded a minimum temperature of 5.4 degrees Celsius, while Allahabad recorded a low of 5.5 degrees Celsius. Varanasi's minimum temperature was recorded at 4.6 degrees Celsius, followed by Kanpur which recorded 4.0 degrees Celsius. Churk (in Sonbhadra) recorded a low of 2.6 degrees Celsius, it said. **PTI**

CSIR DG launches new logo of CIMAP

Lucknow (PNS): Director-general of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Dr Sekhar C Mande launched the new institutional logo of Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) on Sunday. CIMAP organised 'Kisan Mela' on Sunday. A logo competition was organised in which many entries were obtained from various parts of the country.

One of the entries signifying the new aspirations of the

institute and representing the amalgamation of the traditional knowledge with science-based discovery was finalised by the committee which inspires the institute to take the greener path forward for prosperity of the society.

During his address to the farmers, Mande stressed that the high quality research in agricultural varieties, technologies and implements by the CSIR laboratories is being disseminated to the general

public by organisation of such fairs, and the fruits of research are helping the farmers increase the farmer's income.

CIMAP director Dr Prabodh K Trivedi spoke about the farmer-centric activities undertaken in various parts of the country. He said that despite Covid-19 pandemic, the scientists and staff of the institute have been able to provide online training, planting materials and services to the farmers, which increased their income.

The Kisan Mela souvenir 'Aas Gyanya' and CIMAP Hindi Patrika 'Aas Vigyan' were also released.

The guest of honour was Law Minister Brajesh Pathak, who also addressed the farmers. He stressed on the role of CIMAP in the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in India and said that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the demand for medicinal plants has risen manifold and hence, the cultivation of these crops need to be increased.



Sikhs partaking langar at Alambagh Gurdwara on the occasion of Guru Gobind Singh Prakash Parv on Sunday

Southeast Asian countries want CISH technology for mgmt of fusarium wilt

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South-east Asian countries are interested in importing technology developed by CISH for management of the most deadly disease of bananas in countries like Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia.

CISH director Shailendra Rajan said that ICAR-Fuscont technology has been found as an effective management tool for this dangerous disease causing economic losses in important banana producing countries. He said India is the biggest producer of bananas and till last decade, it was free from the dangerous fusarium wilt disease. "The wilt disease of bananas created havoc in many south-east Asian countries including Taiwan, Philippines and Indonesia as no effective manage-

ment technique was available. Unfortunately, the wilt disease is prevalent only in the two subtropical states of UP and Bihar, whereas other banana producing areas of the country are somewhat free from this malady," he said. He said that for combating this deadly disease, CISH and CSSRI Regional Station in Lucknow developed an effective technology called ICAR-Fuscont.

"This technology is being commercialised through Agro Innovate, nodal agency of ICAR. Considering the success of ICAR-Fuscont, companies and farmers organisations from southeast Asian countries are interested to get benefit from the technology. The use and technical issues of the technology have been discussed several times at international platforms and stakeholders

are interested to use the technology," he said. The CISH director said that the technology is the only answer to the disease which could not be addressed satisfactorily with various other measures tried. "The disease is spreading dangerously and it has spread in about 20 countries where banana is an important commercial crop. The technology was validated by about 250 farmers of UP and Bihar in fields infected by the disease. In the infected fields, healthy crops were successfully produced with the use of the technology. The news of the restoration of banana health spread among the banana farming community, well connected with each other. As a result, the farmers started contacting ICAR institutes for the rescue," he added.

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 12th February, 2021 at its registered office inter-alia, to consider and approve the Un-audited financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2020.
For Khandelwal Extractions Limited
Place: Kanpur Dinesh Khandelwal
Date: 01.02.2021 Director (Finance) & CFO

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