After 32 years, VDA set to launch 3 mega integrated townships in Kashi

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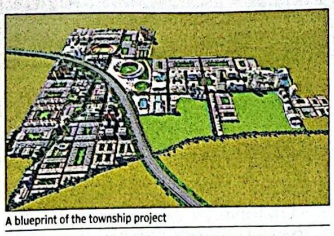
A blueprint of the township project

Varanasi: In its first major township initiative since the launch of the Lalpur Awas Yojana in 1994, the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) is set to develop three integrated townships, including a Sports City near the under-construction international cricket stadium at Ganjari.

Backed by Rs 400 crore in seed capital from the state govt and monitored closely by chief minister Yogi Adityanath, the projects are expected to give a major boost to planned urban development in the city.

VDA vice-chairman Purna Bora said two projects — the 250-acre Anand Kashi Township at Kallipur and the 165-acre Rudra Vihar Township at Madhni — will be launched soon, while pre-launch formalities for the 160-acre Sports City at Ganjari are in the final stage. He added that landowners have contributed 45 acres in Kallipur and Madhni under the land-pooling scheme.

For these township projects, the state govt provided an initial seed capital of Rs 400 crore. Bora said, "So far, VDA has distributed Rs 850 crore among farmers who contributed their land for the projects."

For the first time, VDA has adopted the land-pooling model for township development. Under this system, instead of acquiring land, farmers become partners in the development process and receive developed plots in return.

Bora said that while farmers were initially hesitant about the policy, awareness campaigns highlighting its benefits encouraged them to participate.

The successful participation of owners of 45 acres of land has prompted more farmers to come forward and join the scheme. VDA is investing over Rs 200 crore in each township for infrastructure development. The projects will feature modern road networks, green spaces, civic amenities and other essential urban infrastructure aimed at creating high-quality living environments.

The RERA registration process for Anand Kashi Township is underway, and the project is expected to be launched in July.

In the first phase, more than 300 residential plots ranging from 72 square metres to 450 square metres will be offered, catering to different income groups.

Bora said the township is envisioned as a regional economic hub rather than merely a residential project. It will include space for hotels, hospitals, schools, group housing and commercial establishments, generating employment opportunities and boosting economic activity in the surrounding areas.

Plots in Anand Kashi Township will be allotted through a transparent lottery system.

Once registrations open, interested applicants can participate in the draw, and successful applicants will receive plots at the base rate. Anand Kashi is being developed as Varanasi's first theme-based gated city, inspired by the cultural heritage and spirit of Kashi.

Special emphasis is being placed on sustainable and green development, with expert landscape planners engaged to design an environmentally friendly urban space. Construction of the boundary wall, entry gate and internal road network is currently underway. Meanwhile, the master planning process for the Madhni and Ganjari townships is also progressing.

Bora said that the VDA aims to accelerate planned and sustainable urban development in Varanasi by creating modern, green and well-equipped townships aligned with the city's future needs. After developing the Lalpur Awas Yojana residential township in 1994, the VDA was unable to execute any major residential township project for more than three decades due to various constraints.

FROM EXAM HALLS TO RAILWAY STATIONS

UP Police recruitment exam aspirants crowd platform no-1 at Cantt railway station in the city to board train after appearing for the examination on Monday

Fraudster held for duping people with paramilitary job promises

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Police said that efforts are underway to identify and arrest other members of the gang involved in the racket

Varanasi: Rani Ki Sarai police in Azamgarh district on Monday arrested a member of a gang allegedly involved in cheating people by promising jobs in paramilitary forces through forged documents.

The accused was nabbed in Mau district.

According to police, Pankaj Yadav, a resident of Andhauri village under Rani Ki Sarai police station area, lodged a complaint on May 20 alleging that a group of people defrauded people through fake documents by assuring them of jobs in paramilitary forces.

Based on the complaint, police registered a case under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita(BNS), including Sections 3(5), 319(2), 318(4), 336(4), 340(2), 61(2), 351 (3), 352 and 338.

During investigation, names of several accused surfaced. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Munna Sharma, a resident of Piprakala village under Khajuri police station in Ballia district, near the Mohammadabad railway crossing in Mau district.

Police said Sharma was also wanted in another case registered at Paltan Bazar police station in Assam's Kamrup (Metro) district under Sections 120(B), 468, 471, 472 and 34 of Indian Penal Code.

Circle officer (City) Shubham Todi said police are continuing efforts to identify and arrest other members of the gang involved in the racket.

BHU Prof to represent India at psychology meet in Taiwan

Varanasi: In a significant international recognition for BHU and Indian psychology, Prof Tushar Singh of Psychology department, Faculty of Social Sciences, has been invited as a distinguished delegate and guest speaker to represent India at the 2026 APPA Summit & Conference (Summit of Psychological Associations in the Asia-Pacific) being held at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, from June 17 to 19.

Prof. Singh will participate in the summit as a representative of the National Academy of Psychology (NAOP), India.

The APPA Summit brings together presidents, senior office bearers, distinguished scholars, and representatives of national psychological associations from across the Asia-Pacific region to deliberate on contemporary challenges and future directions in psychological science, mental health, wellbeing, technology, and society.

At the conference, Prof. Singh will deliver an invited presentation titled "Invisible Disasters: Gender-Based Violence, Social Trauma, and Psychosocial Resilience in the Indian Context." TNN

Alert from Meta, Google helps nab two in rape cases

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DIGITAL ALERT SYSTEM

AZAMGARH

Varanasi: An alert from a global internet platform that flagged the transfer of child porn videos led to the arrest of Zahid alias Rustam, 45, in Azamgarh for raping minor sisters. The same digital alert system helped Gambhirpur police arrest another accused on Monday for raping a 14-year-old girl.

Azamgarh SP Anil Kumar said the cyber crime cell uses alerts from platforms like Google and Meta to track digital crimes. A CyberTipline Report from the US-based National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) helped locate Rustam, who had circulated child sexual exploitation material (CSEAM) after raping minor girls.

Police traced Rustam through IP address tracking, digital log analysis, social media scrutiny, and matching of his digital footprint. When Gambhirpur police surrounded him on June 5, Rustam opened fire to escape but was caught after sustaining a bullet injury to the leg in retaliatory firing. Investigators recovered over 30 video clips of minors being sexually assaulted.

Police said Rustam shot some of the videos himself. He allegedly lured minor girls to a tubewell room and assaulted them there. Police are now working to identify survivors to build a strong case against him.

In the second case, the father of a 14-year-old girl filed an FIR on Sunday accusing Ashish Kumar Prajapati of Tahbarpur of rape and criminal intimidation. An FIR was lodged under relevant BNS sections and the Pocso Act. Kumar said that the cyber crime cell and Gambhirpur police traced Prajapati using a similar platform alert and arrested him from the Kishunpur Kashinath area on Monday. His mobile phone was seized for digital evidence.

Chandauli police crack murder case in 36 hrs, arrest accused

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Chandauli SP announced a cash reward of Rs 25,000 to boost the morale of the police team

Varanasi: The Chakia police in Chandauli district on Monday cracked a murder case within 36 hours and arrested accused Sunil Yadav alias Kavi for allegedly killing Brijesh Yadav alias Bechai(34), to avenge an illicit relationship and public humiliation.

Chandauli SP announced a cash reward of Rs 25,000 to boost the morale of the police team.

According to reports, the accused killed Yadav, while he was sleeping on a cot outside his house at Jogiya Kala village, by striking his neck with a sharp weapon on Sunday midnight. On receiving information, the police team reached the spot. Based on the complainant's written statement and evidence, a case was registered under Section 103(1) of BNS. The police began an investigation into the incident from all angles, including land dispute.

During the investigation, it came to light that Brijesh's wife had extra-marital affair with Sunil Yadav for the past four to five years, leading to marital dispute between the couple. After a fight that took place a week before the murder, the woman had gone to her maternal home along with her children.

Distressed over this, Brijesh started exposing the deeds of accused. Fearing social humiliation, Sunil, who was preparing for the upcoming Pradhan elections, planned to kill Brijesh to take revenge. As per the plan, on June 5, he went to Aharaura in the afternoon and bought an iron axe from a blacksmith's shop. On the same night, he took the iron axe from his field where he was sleeping and reached the deceased's house, where he was sleeping outside on a cot. He later killed him by slitting is throat. After the murder, he buried the murder weapon in his field and slept there itself.

Chandau SP Akash Patel said Chakia police laid a cordon and arrested Sunil near Mokram Bandhi. During interrogation, he confessed to his crime. The police also seized the murder weapon from the field.

C-arm diagnostic facility for lung disorders at KGMU

KGMU has started a diagnostic facility for detecting complex lung diseases using C-arm guided radial endobronchial ultrasound. The facility is expected to benefit around 400–500 patients every month.

Earlier, doctors used conventional bronchoscopy and CT-guided biopsy, which had limitations in accessing small or deep lung lesions.

Dr Darshan Bajaj, a faculty member in the department of respiratory medicine, said that KGMU is the first govt institute in the state to offer the procedure. "The technique helps identify small and deep-seated lung nodules and suspicious lesions and allows precise biopsy for diagnosis," he added. He said the procedure involves imaging support that uses controlled radiation, and safety protocols are being followed. He added that additional protective measures, including thyroid shields and specialised headgear, are being planned. TNN

Siddharth Univ VC among world's top 5% scientists

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Gorakhpur: Vice-chancellor of Siddharth University, Kapilvastu, Prof Kavita Shah has been ranked among the world's top 5% scientists in the prestigious SciRank Global Registry 2025, marking a significant achievement for both the academician and the university.

SCIRANK GLOBAL REGISTRY 2025

The SciRank Global Registry evaluates scientists on parameters such as the quality of research publications, international citations, research impact, innovation and overall academic contributions. Inclusion in the list is considered a major global recognition for excellence in scientific research.

Congratulating the VC, members of the university fraternity described the achievement as a source of inspiration for faculty members, researchers and students. They expressed confidence that the university would continue to achieve new milestones under her guidance.

Reacting to the recognition, Prof Shah said Siddharth University is steadily progressing beyond its formative years, with faculty members and research scholars working diligently to strengthen its academic and research ecosystem. She highlighted the institution's growing achievements in securing national and international patents and contributing to the development of the land associated with Lord Buddha.

She also expressed confidence that the university would soon be counted among long-established institutions despite its relatively young age.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (THROUGH NEFT/RTGS) AND DOUMENTS 29/06/2026 at. 10:00 am to 05:00 pm

Auction Sale of Immovable Property Mortgaged to the Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with rules 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002). Possession of the following property has been taken over by the Authorised Officer, pursuant of the Notice issued us 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 in the Borrower Accounts Mentioned below with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "WHAT IS WHERE IS" basis for realization of Banks Dues.

Sr. No.	Name of Branch Borrower (s) Guarantor(s)	Details of Immovable Properties	Possession or Date/ Status of Possession (Physical or Symbolic)	Demand Notice Date & Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Detail of Officer Concerned	Date & Time Of E-Auction
Branch : Katra (0299) Allahabad			01/09/2025 (Symbolic)	13/06/2025 Rs. 23,91,663.17 calculated upto 31-05-2025 (interest charges upto 30.01.2025) plus unapplied interest, charges, cost & expenses etc.	Rs. 18.45 Lacs / Rs. 1.845 Lacs / Rs. 0.10 Lacs	Branch Head Mrs. Anju Mishra Mob.: 9936034589	29.06.2026 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.
1	Borrower(s): Mr. Mohan S/o Sitaram Co-applicant : Mrs. Savita W/o Mohan Address : Both R/o 141 C/1V, Rajrooppur Gayasuddinpur Uparhar, Pargana and Tehsil Sadar Distt. Prayagraj,	All part and parcel of the plot with boundary wall of house situated at part of Arazi No. 200 at Gayasuddinpur Uparhar, Pargana and Tehsil Sadar, Distt. Prayagraj, measuring area 49.00 sq mt and registered in bahi No. 1, zild no. 12796, page no. 359 to 378 vide documents no. 1132 registered on 20.02.2024, in the name of Mr. Mohan S/o Sitaram, Butted & bounded by: East: Plot of others, West: 16 feet wide proposed road, North: Plot of other's, South: Part of Arazi					

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in UCO Bank secured website i.e. website: www.ucobank.com and portal of PSB alliance https://baanknet.com

Place : Prayagraj — Hindi Advertisement published on Amar Ujala newspaper. — Authorised Officer- UCO Bank

ODOC scheme's key component is its marketing promotion support: Official

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The subsidy can be used for installing machinery to improve productivity, packaging and labelling facilities, deep freezers for cold-chain management, food testing infrastructure, cloud kitchens and other related requirements.

He said the scheme's most significant component is its marketing promotion support. Many local sweet-makers, artisans and food entrepreneurs are unable to participate in major food festivals and trade events due to financial constraints. To address this, the government will bear 75% of the expenditure incurred on participation in local, state, national and international exhibitions and events.

SWEET DELIGHT

The assistance will cover stall fees, transportation of products, travel expenses of artisans and entrepreneurs, and costs associated with obtaining food quality certifications and meeting international standards. The objective is to help local producers take Varanasi's traditional flavours from local markets to global platforms. Priyadarshi said there is no educational qualification requirement for applicants. However, the applicant must be at least 18 years old, a permanent resident of the district and should not be a defaulter of any bank. Neither the applicant nor any family member should have previously availed benefits under another self-employment scheme. Applicants will also be required to submit a notarised affidavit on a Rs 10 stamp paper along with their application.

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Rule- 8 (1)

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India-SARB, Allahabad under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. 2002 a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned against account.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the authorised officer State Bank of India, SARB, Allahabad for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. N.	Name of Account/ Borrower & Address	Description of the property mortgaged / charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
1.	Borrower:- M/s Gokul Dham Iron Store Prop. Mr. Abhishek Kumar Yadav S/o Mr. Mahendra Kumar Yadav Guarantor:- Smt. Shanti W/o Mahendra Kumar Yadav	Property owned by:- Property (1) Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building Situated at plot no. 459 revenue Village-Dostpur Dehat (Mauja, Babhnaiya Purab) Pargana, Aldemau & Tehsil-Kadipur, Distict-Sultanpur, in the Name of Abhishek Kumar Yadav S/o Mahendra Kumar Yadav. area 0.01254 hectare Boundary:- East: Land Doner, North: Land of Avinash Kumar Yadav, West: Land of Doner, South: Road Dostpur to Surapur.	06.03.2026	05.06.2026	Rs. 32,22,131/- and further interest from 07.03.2026, costs, etc. thereon.

Property (2) Equitable mortgage of Land & Building Situated at plot no. 459, revenue Village-Dostpur Dehat (Mauja, Babhnaiya Purab) Pargana Aldemau & Tehsil-Kadipur, District-Sultanpur in the name of Smt. Shanti Devi W/o Mahendra Kumar Yadav Area 0.01254 hectare
Boundary:- East: Land of Shanti Devi, West: Land of Rakesh, North: Land of Avinash Kumar Yadav, South: Road Doastpur to Surapur.
Property (3) Equitable Mortgage Land & Building Situated at plot no. 459 revenue Village-Dostpour Dehat (Mauja, Babhnaiya Purab) Pargana, Aldemau & Tehsil-Kadipur, District-Sultanpur in the name of Smt. Shanti Devi W/o Mahendra Kumar Yadav. Area 0.00837 hectare.
Boundary:- East: Land Abhishek Kumar Yadav, West: Land of Donor, North: Land of Avinash Kumar Yadav, South: Road Dostpur to Surapur

Date : 05.06.2026 — Authorized Officer, State Bank of India

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3 AIIMS Gkp faculties' role in study on diarrhoeal diseases

Gorakhpur: Three faculty members of AIIMS Gorakhpur have contributed to a major global study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases, shedding light on the continuing burden of enteric infectious and diarrhoeal diseases across the world.

Dr U Venkatesh, Dr Aroop Mohanty and Dr Abu Bashar were collaborators in the study conducted under the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study 2023. The research assessed the burden of enteric infectious diseases across 204 countries and territories over a period spanning 1990 to 2023.

According to the study, enteric infectious diseases were responsible for an estimated 1.27 million deaths globally in 2023, a significant decline from 3.69 million deaths recorded in 1990. Of these, diarrhoeal diseases accounted for approximately 1.11 million deaths, with South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa continuing to be the most severely affected regions.

The researchers identified rotavirus as the leading cause of diarrhoeal deaths across all age groups worldwide, followed by norovirus and Shigella species. Among children under the age of five, rotavirus, Shigella and adenovirus emerged as the primary contributors to mortality.

The study highlighted that substantial progress has been achieved over the past three decades due to improvements in vaccination coverage, access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities, widespread use of oral rehydration therapy, and overall socioeconomic development. TNN