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Connecting realities, building perspectives

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2 Jasujang - Master Artisan Embroidery

The 8 Scenes of the Life of the Buddha by Master Artisan Yu-hyeon Choi is unique for its inclusion of more people and its use of natural landscapes and buildings from the Joseon Dynasty.

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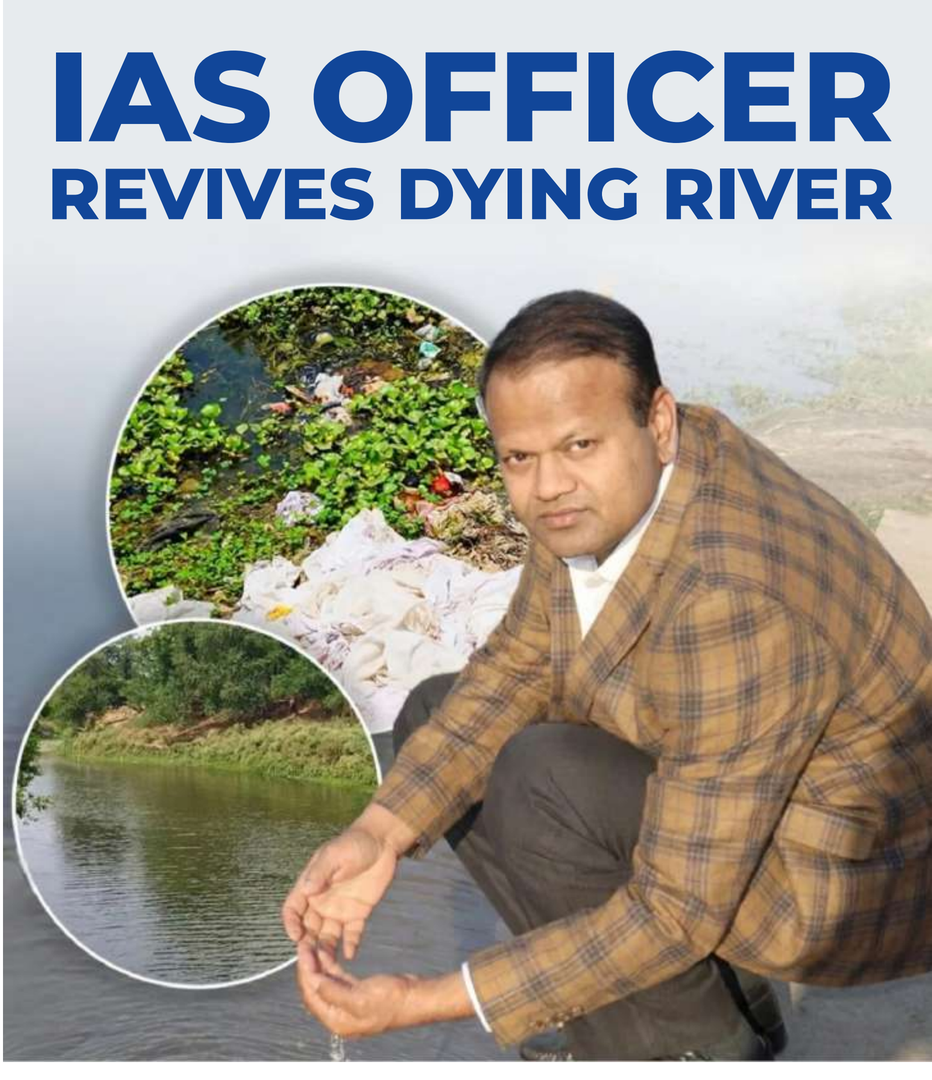
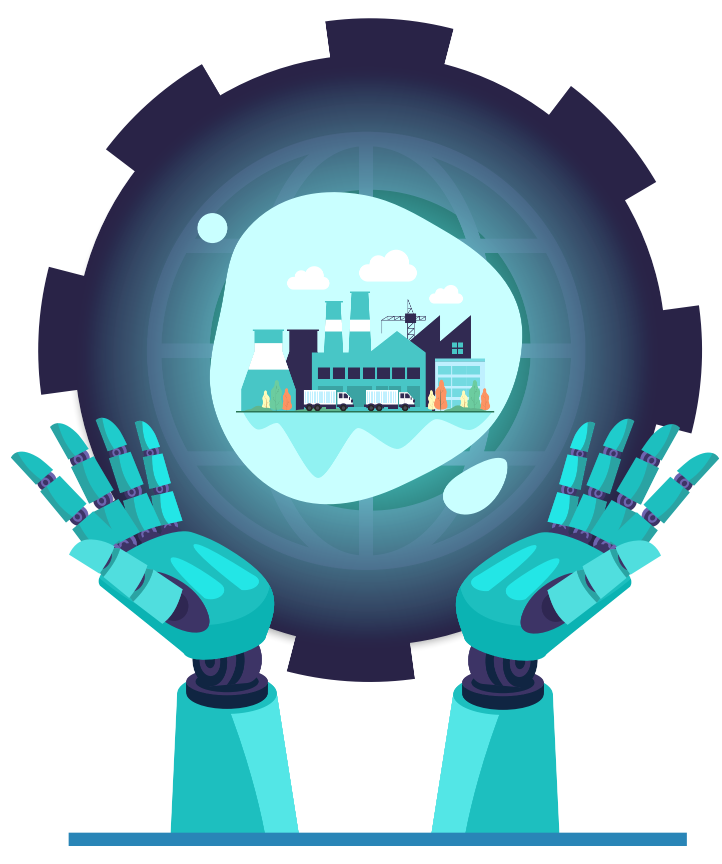
3 Story of Social Change: IAS Officer Revives Dying River with 111 Villages in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh



In Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, the Tamsa River was slowly dying. Plastic waste, silt and years of neglect had almost stopped its flow. Then came a powerful intervention. IAS officer Ravindra Kumar brought together 111 villages to restore the river. Villagers cleared garbage, removed plastic waste and desilted the riverbed. They also planted 65,000 fruit trees along the riverbanks, ensuring long-term ecological restoration. And in just two months, something incredible happened. The Tamsa River started flowing again.

4 Sarvam AI Powering a Made-in-India AI Revolution - Advancing India's Sovereign, Multilingual AI Ecosystem for Public Good

India's emergence as a global digital power now hinges on its ability to build artificial intelligence systems that are indigenous, inclusive and aligned with national priorities. As AI increasingly shapes governance, public services, industry and citizen engagement, the need for homegrown foundational models has become important. These models must be trained on Indian languages, local data and real-world contexts to ensure relevance and effectiveness.



5 Cabinet approves Rupees One Lakh Crore Urban Challenge Fund to Drive Market-Led Urban Transformation

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, yesterday approved the launch of the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) with a total Central Assistance (CA) of Rupees One lakh crore. CA will cover 25% of the project cost, subject to raising a minimum 50% of the project cost from the market. This will lead to a total investment of Rs. Four lakh crore in the urban sector in the next five years, marking a paradigm shift in India's urban development approach from grant-based financing to market-linked, reform-driven and outcome-oriented infrastructure creation.