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the current year as
Varsh', Transport

Sheetal Peyjal ATM
Yojna, the packaged water bottles will
be available in 500 ml, 1 litre and 2 litre
variants and will be priced at Rs 9, Rs
14 and Rs 22 respectively. The packaged
water bottle service aims at providing
clean and cold water to commuters at

ous passenger plazas and canteens.

RESULTS DECLARED

Lucknow University declared
results of BCom (III), BA (Hons) in
Psychology, Philosophy and Social
work on Tuesday. The results will be

child would perform on stage for the
first time. "I had done a workshop with
some autistic children and understood
their problems. The play is about fam-
ilies and problems they face when they
have an autistic children and how they
will be affected," he added.

now gives me essence I shows: Saurabh



optional visit to Lucknow on Tuesday

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writer from Lucknow
said his hometown gave
in all his shows.

ful show in 'Madhubala',
the city on Tuesday for pro-
show, 'Badtameez Dil', an
dealing with the lives of pro-
were linked in the past.
panied by actors Abir
Purohit.

his success in Mumbai had
with my 22-year stay in

es, we have an edge over the
the language that forms the
twi tehzeeb. All my stories

have an essence of Lucknow and my experi-
ences here show in the story. The hero of this
show, Pearl, was essentially a character that
I knew in Lucknow and I have absorbed his
style of speaking," said Saurabh.

He said he was asked to sign in Vivan for
the show but he found the charm of Lucknow
missing in them. "I auditioned Vivian DSena
and Drishtu Dharmi for this show also but I
think they carried the baggage of Madhubala
and hence lacked the raw charm of Lucknow.
My hero is a boy from Agra," he pointed out.

"We are introducing a new concept by the
way of music in the show as there will be songs
which have been made specifically for the
show," he said. Saurabh said he was tense
about the outcome of the show because there
were a lot of expectations.

effective implementation chh Bharat campaign

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Alok Ranjan on Tuesday
es for effective implemen-
chh Bharat campaign in the
s would be made available
under this mission.

the director of Urban
proposal for the formation
ment unit that would be
monitoring of its progress.
asures should be taken
mate the practice of open
lean the toilets.

was a need for awareness

campaigns on cleanliness and hygiene. He also
called for private participation for inclusion
of general public under this campaign. He said
the state government could make use of mod-
ern technology for the campaign.

Meanwhile, to enable the lekhpals to do
their work efficiently, Ranjan said approval
should be obtained from competent author-
ity and laptops be provided to them. He said
reports on applications for revenue docu-
ments like income, caste, residence certificates
and village maps were conserved and organ-
ised through Jan Suvidha Kendras. He said
through this step, lekhpals would be able to
work in a better way.

Tourism dept developing Mahabharata trail to attract tourists

SHARMILA KRISHNA ■ LUCKNOW

The Tourism Department is
currently working on
developing a Mahabharata
trail with students and histo-
rians as potential tourists. The
DG, Tourism, Amrit Abhijaat,
while talking to 'The Pioneer'
here on Tuesday said that
there were several new projects
which the department was
working on which included
the Mahabharata trail and the
development of cities like
Kampilya, Neemsar Mishra
and Maghar.

The DG, Tourism, said
that the Mahabharata trail
would be related to the lives
and the times of that period.
"We are working on the
Mahabharata trail which will
be related to the lives and
times of that epoch. We will be
carrying out the development
of the trail in association with
the Draupadi Trust," he said.

Amrit Abhijaat said that
the Chief Minister, Akhilesh
Yadav, had shown a keen inter-
est in this project. "The Chief
Minister, Akhilesh Yadav, has
shown a keen interest in the
project. Through this trail we
will develop the cities associ-
ated with the trail which
include Hastinapur and the
places around Meerut. The
Tourism Department will be
developing the infrastruc-
tural facilities in the cities which
are associated with the trail,"
he said. The DG said that they
would be setting up a
Kampilya Tourism Board. He
said that the project had a lot
of scope for the tourists which
included historians and stu-
dents. Abhijaat said that the
department would also show-
case the Mahabharata
Exhibition from September 25
to 27.

Neera Misra from the
Draupadi Trust who has
worked extensively in the
area of Mahabharata trail and
has an ancestry from the birth-
place of Draupadi while talk-
ing to 'The Pioneer' said that
the largest number of cities
which were associated with
Mahabharata were in UP. "The
trail will include the cities of
Neemsar, Kaushambhi,

Hastinapur, Shukrataal in
Muzaffarnagar, Atranji Khara
in Etah and Chakanagar in
Etawah," she said.

Neera said that the
Mahabharata was a significant
period of history because it
represented the soul of India
which lay in the Bhagwad
Gita.

"The whole ambience of
the Mahabharata heritage will
be mooted through this trail
which will signify not only the
cultural heritage and the spiri-
tual aspect but also the social
aspect because Draupadi was
the first woman who stood for
her rights," she said. She also
said that the trail would
encompass the theme parts at
the sites and vocational train-
ing for the people living there
where excavations were car-
ried out by the Archaeological
Survey of India.

"There is a lot of potential
as far as the tourists are con-
cerned. Personally I have seen
several foreign tourists who
are keen on visiting Kampilya,
the birthplace of Draupadi.
The Mahabharata as an epic is
more popular than the
Ramayana in the world," she
pointed out. Neera said that
the formation of the Kampilya
Board was necessary because
that would set up the guide-
lines and take the project
where it was aimed at.

Meanwhile the DG,
Tourism, Amrit Abhijaat, stated
that the number of tourists
to the city of Agra had
increased. "The number of
tourists to the city of Agra
have increased though the
statistical needs are yet to be
worked out as far as the visi-
tors to the Taj are concerned.
We have written to the Central
Government about the dis-
crepancies in the number of
those visiting the Taj Mahal.
The number of tourists visit-
ing Agra during daytime are
certainly on the increase and
this can be judged from the
fact that during the past two
years there have been 1,000
rooms which have been
added," he said. The DG said
that to increase the night stay
of the tourists there were sev-
eral projects in the pipeline.