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Selection of Two Women Sarpanches of the State for Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media sources on March 1, 2023, Sarpanch Kavita Devi from district Bageshwar and Sarpanch Nikita Chauhan from Dehradun have been declared ODF (free from open defecation) by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. He has been selected for the Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023 for his excellent work and extraordinary contribution towards creating a plus model.

Key points

- On International Women's Day, she will be honored with the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' by the President at a function organized by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on March 4 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- International Women's Day Week will be celebrated from March 4 under Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman by the Union Jal Shakti Ministry.
- Congratulating the two women sarpanches, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that it is a matter of pride for the people of the state, especially the women here, to get this honor.
- This award is a recognition of the extraordinary contribution of women leadership at the grassroots level in Uttarakhand. This honor will inspire all those who are working to make their villages clean and water conservation in the villages. Village heads and sarpanches have an important role in making villages clean, construction of ODF plus model villages, Har Ghar Jal mission and water conservation.
- In Uttarakhand, women village heads, women Sarpanchs, women Swachhagrahis, women self-help groups, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers are making extraordinary contributions to the development of the state through their effective leadership and efficient management at the ground level.

Uttarakhand's First Heli Ambulance Service Will Start from April

Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on March 1, 2023, the state's first Heli ambulance pilot project is going to start in AIIMS Rishikesh by the last week of April. Prime Minister Narendra Modi can inaugurate the project.

Key points

- According to the information, the Union Aviation Ministry has signed a contract with a company to operate the Heli Ambulance. The Central and state governments will jointly operate Heli ambulance service in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- The Central and Uttarakhand government will operate the Heli ambulance service in a partnership of 50-50 percent. The contracted company will provide free Heli ambulances to 45 injured and patients in a month. The Heli ambulance covers 100 km from Uttar Pradesh along with the whole of Uttarakhand. Provide service within the scope of
- The contracted company will provide a single-engine helicopter to AIIMS. The company will also deploy medical resources in it. The AIIMS administration is preparing a Medical Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the operation of Heli ambulances. The first trial run of the Heli ambulance will take place. The service will start after getting the green signal from the AIIMS administration.
- With the introduction of Heli ambulance service, Chardham pilgrims will also get the benefit. Till now, accident and critically ill passengers were airlifted to AIIMS. But now the Heli ambulance will take them to AIIMS.
- Executive Director of AIIMS Rishikesh Prof. Meenu Singh said that the Heli ambulance service will provide timely treatment to the seriously injured and patients of hilly and inaccessible rural areas. The success of the project will also open the way for Heli ambulance service in other states of the country.



Uttarakhand Increased Subsidy on Solar Power Project

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 2, 2023, under the 'Chief Minister Solar Self-Employment Scheme' in Uttarakhand, the guidelines have been changed to connect youth with self-employment, after which people will now be able to set up projects up to 200 kW. The subsidy on these projects has also been increased.

Key points

- ➤ It is worth mentioning that under the 'Chief Minister's Solar Self-Employment Scheme', a target was set to set up 10,000 solar power projects in the state. Under this scheme, there was also a provision of 15 to 25 percent subsidy to the project set up. Under the scheme only projects of 20 to 25 kW could be set up.
- The youth did not show enthusiasm in this scheme, due to which only 120 projects could be taken up against the target. That is why the government has now amended the rules.
- Under the new rules, now subsidy will be available from 15 to 40 percent. Project plants of 50 kW, 100 kW and 200 kW will be set up in place of 20 to 25 kW.
- In order to increase the enthusiasm of the youth, the government has also increased the cost of setting up solar power projects from Rs 40,000 per kW to Rs 50,000 per kW. It is believed that this will increase the interest of the youth in the Mukhyamantri Saur Swarozgar Yojana.

Shailesh Matiani State Educational Award will be given to 17 Teachers of the State

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on March 2, 2023, 17 teachers of the state have been selected for the state level Shailesh Matiani Award for the year 2022-23 for qualitative improvement in education in Uttarakhand. An order in this regard has been issued by the government.

Key points

- For the state level Shailesh Matiani Award for the year 2022-23, it includes 10 teachers from Basic, 6 from Secondary and one teacher from the training institute.
- According to the order issued by the government, Asha Budakoti, principal of Government Primary School Kotlamanda in Pauri district of the state, Sanjay Kumar Kuksal, Headmaster of Primary School Badethi in Uttarkashi, Usha Gaur, Assistant Teacher of Junior High School Doiwala in Dehradun district, Sanjay Kumar, Headmaster of Junior High School Roshanabad in Haridwar district, Uttam Singh Rana, Headmaster of Primary School Ulana in Tehri district, Ravish Chand Pachauli, assistant teacher of Junior High School Bisari in Champawat district, has been included in the award list.
- Apart from these, Suresh Chandra Sati, Assistant Teacher, Junior High School, Pinglo, Bageshwar District, Ganga Arya, Principal, Bhatti Village, Primary School, Pithoragarh District, Yashoda Kandpal, Assistant Teacher, Paura Kothar, Junior High School, Almora District, Dr. Principal, Dhulai Primary School, Nainital District. Asha Bisht will be awarded.
- At the secondary level, Lokendrapal Singh of Inter College Kirti in Uttarkashi district, Sanjay Kumar Maurya, spokesperson of GIC Quanu, Dehradun district, Damayanti, assistant teacher, GIC Badawe of Pithoragarh district, Tribhuvan Chand, spokesperson of GIC Kanda, Bageshwar district, GIC Rayalidhar of Almora district, Spokesperson Prabhakar Joshi, spokesperson of Government Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya Khatima of Udham Singh Nagar district, Nirmal Kumar have been selected for the award.
- Apart from this, Shailendra Singh Dhapola, spokesperson of the District Education and Training Institute, Bageshwar, will be awarded from the training institute.

Those who Report and Stop Violence Against Women and Child Marriage will be Honored

Why In News?

On March 2, 2023, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, while launching the Women Empowerment and Safety Week under International Women's Day, announced that the state government will



honour those who report violence against women and children and try to prevent child marriage.

Key points

- Speaking at the event, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the person who tries to prevent incidents of mental and physical violence against women and children by informing them at a competent level will be known as women safety watchdog. Such an individual or group will be honoured on special occasions by the government.
- Apart from this, a reward of Ten thousand rupees will be given to the person or institution who gives information about the evil of the society, child marriage to the police or tries to stop it. Commendation certificates will also be given to the employees and officers who have made special contributions in these works.
- In the program, the Chief Minister launched the e-paper 'Apni Vani' on women empowerment and child development and released a short film made on women's self-defence.
- During the program, he honoured those who have done excellent work for preventing child marriage and social concerns.
- > Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Development Rekha Arya said that efforts are being made to empower women economically, socially and politically. For this, many schemes are being run by the department. Single women also need to be empowered. The government has resolved to start a scheme for this.

Uttarakhand Contract Labor (Regulation and Abolition) (Amendment) Rules, 2023 Approved

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 2, 2023, the Uttarakhand Government has approved the Uttarakhand Contract Labor (Regulation and Abolition) (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

Key points

 Under the Uttarakhand Contract Workers (Regulation and Redressal) (Amendment) Rules 2023, contractors

- providing services to workers in Uttarakhand and establishments availing the services of workers will now get a license from the Labor Department within 20 days.
- The new rules provide that if an online application for registration of establishments is made online with relevant records with proof of pre-determined fee on the official website of the Chief Employer, Labour Department and the officer 20 days, then it does not take a decision on that application within will be automatically considered registered.

Three-Day Vasantotsav begins in Uttarakhand

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Uttarakhand Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh (Retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the three-day Vasantotsav at the Raj Bhavan complex in Dehradun.

Key points

- Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh (Retd.) launched toll free farmers helpline number 18003135685 on behalf of Horticulture Department to solve the problems of farmers.
- He released a book titled 'Dry Floral Commercial' handbook of the Horticulture Department and a short film on Nakshatra Vatika. At the same time, the Postal Department released the special postal cover of Timru selected for this year and inaugurated the postage stamp exhibition.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that Vasantotsav gives the message of connecting with nature and encourages people to protect the environment. Through this festival, the products of Uttarakhand agriculture and horticulture will be promoted.
- In the cultural evening organized at Raj Bhavan, school children along with culture department presented mesmerizing programs and dances. Cultural artists presented folk dances like Jhumelo, Chhapeli, Chanchari, Tandi, Harul etc.
- 698 participants in cut flower (Traditional) competition,
 191 participants in cut flower (non-traditional) category,
 22 in potted plant category (private nursery),
 42 in loose flower category,
 17 in potted plant (non-floral)



- category, 13 in cactus and seclant category, 27 in hanging pot category, 22 in spot on photography, 17 in lawn category, 8 participants participated in fresh petal rangoli and 946 participants in painting competition.
- In the cultural evening organized at Raj Bhavan, school children along with culture department presented mesmerizing programs and dances. Cultural artists presented folk dances like Jhumelo, Chhapeli, Chanchari, Tandi, Harul etc.
- During the Vasantotsav organized at Raj Bhavan from March 3 to 5, many types of competitions will also be organized along with the flower exhibition.



Rudraprayag and Tehri Most Landslide Affected Districts

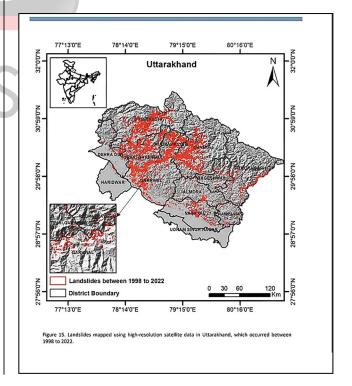
Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, Dr. D.P. Doval, former scientist at Wadia Himalayan Ground Science Institute, said that the recently released landslide map report of the National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC's) of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) revealed that Uttarakhand has revealed that Uttarakhand K Rudraprayag and Tehri districts are the most affected districts of landslides in the country.

Key points

➢ It is known that the city of Joshimath of Chamoli district is in the grip of the danger of landslides these days. Scientists are interacting with its technical investigation and sensing the danger. However, the reports of pictures taken from the satellite are showing that Uttarkashi is at 21st position in the country. Pauri is the 23rd of Garhwal and 29th ranking of Dehradun district.

- Rudraprayag is the highest landslide density district in the country. That is, this district is in danger of the most social and economic damage to this district. The same situation is also in Tehri district. Both the districts are geographically smaller than other districts. In this sense, landslide density has also appeared large.
- Rudraprayag is the district with the highest landslide density in the country. That is, this district is most at risk of social and economic damage from landslides. The same is the case with Tehri district. Both these districts are geographically smaller than the other districts. In this sense also, the landslide density has appeared large.
- According to the atlas, Rudraprayag and Tehri are the first two districts most risky in terms of landslides in the country. So, the least sensitive districts are Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar are also in the state.
- NRSC's landslide risk analysis includes 11 districts of Himachal in 147 districts. Mandi district is the biggest threat from landslides in Himachal. The rank of this district in the state is 16th.
- Among the Himalayan states, 14 districts of Jammu and Kashmir are included in the list of landslide risk districts. Among them, Rajouri is the fourth most landslide-affected district in the country and Poonch is the sixth most landslide-affected district.





- There are a total of 10 districts in Kerala in the list of 147 sensitive districts, where landslides are threatened. The list of 10 most landslides risk districts include three districts in Kerala.
- Former scientist Dr. D.P. Doval said that the entire Himalayan region is sensitive to landslides. Detailed studies should be done based on this report of NRAC. What is the actual loss from landslides? How many populations is he affecting? With this, policy regulators can decide what kind of plan they must make.
- > The most affected district of Uttarakhand (In red)-

Cath Lab will open in All Medical Colleges of Uttarakhand

Why In News?

On March 7, 2023, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the setting up of Cath Labs in all government medical colleges of the state at a program organized at main Seva Sadan in Dehradun on Jan Aushadhi Diwas.

Key points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that complete arrangements for MRI and CT scan will be made in all the districts and medical colleges and hospitals of the state. With this, the shortage of technicians will be met.
- ➤ In the program, the Chief Minister felicitated Dr. Puneet Dhamija, who did excellent work in the field of Jan Aushadhi in 2022-23, Mukul Agarwal, who did excellent work as Jan Aushadhi Mitra, and Kusum Goyal, who did excellent work in the field of Jan Aushadhi Jyoti. awarded to.
- On this occasion, State Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat told that the government is giving assistance of five lakh rupees in all the Jan Aushadhi Kendra's being opened in the state. 225 Jan Aushadhi Kendra's have been opened and the state has yet achieved the target of opening 400 Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- He informed that all 670 Nyay Panchayats opened in co-operative societies inone Jan Aushadhi Kendra will be of the state.

- > The Chief Minister said that at present Jan Aushadhi Yojana has become a powerful medium of both service and employment. This scheme has benefited not only men but also women. There are more than one thousand Jan Aushadhi Kendra's across the country, which are run only by women. This scheme is also emphasizing the self-reliance of daughters.
- So far, 70 health and wellness centers have been established in the state with the help of the central government under the Ayushman Yojana. Along with all the services related to Yoga, Ayurveda, Panchakarma, facilities like lab testing and Jan-Aushadhi Kendra have also been added to these centers for the medical facilities of the general public.



Chief Minister Single Women Empowerment Self Employment Scheme

Why In News?

On March 7, 2023, Uttarakhand's Women Empowerment and Child Development Minister Rekha Arya said that the Chief Minister has announced 'Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Sashakt Swarozgar Yojana' to make single women self-reliant and empowered, to give them self-employment in the village itself.

Key points

Women Empowerment and Child Development Minister Rekha Arya said that women from minimum 25 years to maximum 45 years will be eligible for ' Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Sashakt Swarozgar Yojana' and Uttarakhand native, permanent resident, single, widow, abandoned, divorced, Crime and acid victim's women will also be eligible for this scheme.



- The objective of this scheme is to strengthen the economic status of women and improve their standard of living by providing them social security. For this, a corpus fund of Rs 50 lakh has been created, which will be proposed in the Cabinet to increase it.
- Minister Rekha Arya said that the monthly income of the eligible woman should not exceed Rs 6000 per month. Apart from this, he should not be working in any organized service, non-government, government undertaking etc. They do not receive state, family pension. However, widows, disabled etc. women who get pension from welfare schemes will also be eligible for the scheme.
- Under the 'Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Sashakt Swarozgar Yojana', women will be given 50 percent subsidy on projects ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh. Before the start of the project, 50 percent loan and 25 percent grant money will be given as the first instalment, while the repayment instalment of 50 percent loan will start three months after the start of work on the project.
- The Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Development informed that after successful repayment of 12 months, loans at the rate of one percent interest for 25 percent subsidy will be given in the form of second instalment.
- Single women can start horticulture, agriculture, poultry, sheep, goat, animal husbandry, fisheries, horticulture, fruit, food processing and other businesses for self-employment.

Inauguration of Famous Maa Purnagiri Fair

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the three-month-long famous Maa Purnagiri Mela.

Key points

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said at the function held at Thuligad, the birthplace of Maa Purnagiri, that 50 lakh devotees reach for darshan during the six-month long Chardham Yatra. During the three-month fair period, 35 lakh devotees visit Purnagiri Dham.

- Maa Purnagiri Temple is situated at an altitude of about 3000 meters on the top of Annapurna Chhoti in the mountainous region of Tanakpur in Champawat district of Uttarakhand. The temple is considered a Shaktipeeth and is one of the 108 Siddhapeeths. It is believed that the navel of Sati Mata had fallen at this place.
- Purnagiri is also known as Punyagiri. This temple is situated near the Sharda River. Purnagiri temple is also well known for its miracles.

38th National Games will Be Held in Uttarakhand

Why In News?

On March 12, 2023, Uttarakhand Olympic Association General Secretary D.K. Singh said that in the meeting of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chaired by P.T. Usha in Haldwani, it has been decided that in the year 2024, the 38th National Games will be held in Uttarakhand.

Key points

- It is known that Chhattisgarh had also claimed to host the National Games, but the IOA has hosted Uttarakhand.
- Apart from the development of sports in the country, other key points were also discussed in the meeting of the Indian Olympic Association. The National Games were also discussed during which it was decided that the September-October National Games will be held in Goa in 37th this year.
- The IOA has immediately nominated IOA Joint Secretary Alaknanda Ashok to test its preparations for the National Games in Uttarakhand.
- ➢ It is known that after Kerala in 2015, Goa and Uttarakhand were to organize these games, in both these states, these games were postponed from but due to incomplete preparation 2018. The 36th National Games were allotted to Goa, 37th Chhattisgarh, while the 38th National Games to Uttarakhand in 2014 were allotted, but Goa withdrew from holding the 36th Games and the National Games continued to slip due to incomplete preparations in Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand.



It is known that in view of the continuous delay in the National Games, the then President of IOA, Haldwani resident Rajeev Mehta, after talking to the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat, got the National Games organized in Gujarat in September 2022 in a very short time.

Brave Women of Uttarakhand and Soldiers who Received Gallantry Awards will be Able to Travel Free of Cost in Roadways Buses

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on March 11, 2023, in the order issued by Uttarakhand's Military Welfare Secretary Deependra Kumar Chaudhary, it has been said that 1130 brave women of the state and 1727 soldiers and ex-servicemen who have received gallantry awards will be sent to Uttarakhand Transport Corporation buses. Will be able to travel for free.

Key points

- In the order issued by the Secretary of Military Welfare, Dipendra Kumar Chowdhary, it has been told that the expenses incurred on free travel in the buses of the Transport Corporation of Indian soldiers and their women who have received gallantry awards, will be paid and reimbursed by the Department of Military Welfare as per the rules. Will be done on behalf of the Transport Corporation.
- It has been said in the order given to the Director of the State's Military Welfare and Rehabilitation Department that a proposal should be prepared and made available to the government in time for making budget arrangements through new demand in the income and expenditure of the Military Welfare Department.
- Significantly, the highest number of 203 brave women (war widows) are in Pithoragarh district in the state. In this, 185 brave women are the wives of martyred soldiers, 17 JCOs and one martyred army officer.
- Apart from this, 82 in Almora, 97 in Bageshwar, 32 in Champawat, 115 in Chamoli, 143 in Dehradun, 13 in Haridwar, 150 in Lansdowne, 69 in Nainital, 70 in

- Pauri, 43 in Rudraprayag, 63 in Tehri, 40 in Udham Singh Nagar. There are 10 Veer Naris in Uttarkashi.
- There is no dearth of brave soldiers in the state who displayed indomitable courage for the security of the country. 1727 soldiers and ex-servicemen have received various gallantry awards like Mahavir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra, Sena Medal etc. in the state.

IIT Roorkee Discovered Unique Antibacterial Molecule

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on March 11, 2023, researchers at IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand have discovered an antibacterial molecule that, when used with drugs, will not only prevent infections caused by Staphylococcus aureus and Pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteria, rather, it will also end drug resistance.

Key points

- The institute has named this molecule as IITR 00693. The findings of this research by IIT Roorkee have been published in the prestigious American Chemical Society Journal ACS Infectious Diseases.
- The research team includes Ashish Kothari and Balram Umar from Rishikesh AIIMS, besides Varsha Gupta from Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh. Mehak Saini and Amit Gaurav from IIT Roorkee are also part of the team.
- Professor Ranjana Pathania, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Roorkee, who led the research team, told that they are now working to develop the molecule as a behavioural therapeutic agent. Its clinical trial can be started soon.
- This new molecule of IIT will also have an effective effect on Gram-positive and negative bacteria. Apart from lung, intestine, joint and skin infections, this molecule will also give better results when given with other antibacterial medicines in infections spreading in the burning state.
- This new molecule will soon eliminate resistance to the drug during the treatment of deadly infections in delicate parts of the body and skin.



Uttarakhand Solar Energy Policy- 2023

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on March 13, 2023, the cabinet meeting held in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand approved the new solar energy policy (Uttarakhand Solar Energy Policy - 2023).

Key points

- In the Uttarakhand State Solar Energy Policy-2023, the government has expressed the expectation that by December 2027, 2500, MW of electricity will be generated in the state from this project. These will create new employment opportunities in the field of solar energy and will also increase the livelihood opportunities of the villagers.
- Under the new solar energy policy, solar power projects can also be installed on government or private land for private use or third-party sale.
- Solar power projects can also be set up outside the state from the level of UPCL. This provision has been made because IT is mandatory for UPCL to buy a certain percentage of its purchased electricity from solar power projects.
- The new policy also guarantees employment for local youth. It has been told that whoever takes government land on lease and installs his solar project, he will have to provide employment to 70 percent of the local youth. UREDA will issue this condition in its tender.
- The policy also provides that UPCL will prepare a green tariff proposal for solar energy, which will be sent to the Regulatory Commission. The regulatory commission can give consumers the option to choose green tariffs.
- Apart from this, feed in tariff can encourage those who give solar energy to the grid in peak hours. Virtual Net Metering (VNM) and Group Net Metering (GNM) can be used for easy access and monitoring.
- The responsibilities of UREDA have also been increased in the new policy. Under this, UREDA will have to set up a solar policy cell, under which solar projects will be passed through a single window. UREDA will have to be made a landbank and make a list of all government lands and buildings where solar power projects can be set up. Similarly, such private land will

- also have to be identified on which a private person can set up his project on lease.
- Benefits of the New Policy:
 - Solar energy projects will be installed through a single window portal.
 - Land use conversion fee, court fee, registration, land use approval, external development fee, investigation fee and infrastructure development fee will be exempted.
 - Whatever project will be taken up, UPCL will have to compulsorily buy power from it. This will reduce the risk of investors.
 - Consumers generating additional power through feed in tariffs will get compensation. At the same time, Deendayal Upadhyay Home Stay Development and Self Employment Scheme will also benefit from this.
 - There will be free access for our own use and for collective use and exemption from SGST and electricity charges.

Air Force's Three-Day Exercise Begins in Chinyalisour

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on March 13, 2023, a three-day exercise of the Air Force started at Chinyalisour airport in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand along the India-China border.

Key points

- ➤ Sources associated with the Air Force said that the landing and take-off of the Air Force's multi-purpose aircraft AN-32 will be practiced here in a three-day long exercise. Although the Air Force has successfully landed and taken-off AN-32 aircraft here earlier also. This is the first exercise of this year.
- Significantly, the Chinyalisour airport in Uttarkashi district along the India-China border is very important from a strategic point of view. This is the reason that the Indian Air Force wants to make this airport its Advance Landing Ground (ALG) and exercises its aircraft here from time to time.



It is noteworthy that the full name of the AN-32 aircraft of the Air Force is Antonov-32. These were bought by the Air Force from the Soviet Union. It is a twin-engine military transport aircraft capable of operating in temperatures of 55 °C and altitudes of up to 14,500 feet, carrying five crew members including pilot, co-pilot, gunner, navigator and engineer and 50 people. This aircraft equipped with GPS also has radar and modern navigation system.

Budget- 2023-2024

Why In News?

On March 15, 2023, Uttarakhand's Finance Minister Premchand Aggarwal presented a budget of 77407.08 crores for the year 2023–24, in which employment, investment, and tourism have been kept at the centre.

Key points

- ➤ State Finance Minister Premchand Aggarwal said that this year's budget of the government will play an important role in making Uttarakhand the leading state of the country in the year 2025. Whatever priorities the government has fixed for the development of the state, its glimpse will be seen in this budget.
- He informed that the budget for the year 2023-24 includes policy changes and budgetary provisions keeping in mind inclusive development, access to the last person and priority to the underprivileged, infrastructure development, expansion of investment capacity, green development, youth power and financial sector. Which has been done keeping in mind the need of the hour.
- > The focus of the budget is on seven points-
 - Emphasis has been laid on investment in human capital.
 - Under inclusive development, to reach the last person standing at the end and provide a platform to use the new opportunity.
 - Health facilities.
 - Promotion and protection of public property in capital expenditure.
 - Seamless and secure connectivity.
 - Technological and modern development.
 - Balance in Ecology and Economy.
 - Important points of the budget for the year 2022-23

- The focus has been on employment, investment and tourism in the budget.
- This is the first full budget of the Dhami government in Gairsain.
- Provision of Rs.51 crore for excellent cluster for secondary schools.
- Provision of Rs 10 crore for scholarship in higher education.
- Provision of two crore rupees for research in higher education.
- Provision of Rs 11 crore for Chief Minister's talent promotion.
- 50 thousand rupees for the preparation of Public Service Commission.
- Stringent laws against scammers in recruitments.
- NCC Cadet Allowance has been increased.
- Special focus has been given on youth power in the budget.
- Scholarship of Rs 1.90 crore for girl students belonging to backward castes.
- Work towards making the state the best by 2025.
- Provision of Rs 100 crore for G-20.
- Provision of Rs.15 crore for the Girl Cycle Scheme.
- Provision of 40 thousand crores for self-employment scheme.



Chamoli's Manshi Negi Won Gold Medal in Walk Race (20KM)

Why In News?

Recently Manshi Negi of Majothi village of Chamoli district won the gold medal in 20 km walk race in the 82nd All India Inter University Athletics Competition held in Tamil Nadu.



Key points

- Manshi Negi, popularly known as the Golden Girl, completed the race in one hour and 41 minutes, dusting off her rivals and winning the gold medal.
- ➤ It is known that Manshi Negi won the gold medal in the under-20 women's 10,000-meter walk race in the 37th National Junior Athletics Championship held in Guwahati from November 11 to 15 last year with a new national meet record of 47:30:94 minutes.
- Manshi's coach Anoop Bisht said that Manshi is a player of Maharana Pratap Sports College Excellent Wing. Manshi is a resident of Majothi village of Chamoli border district. Manshi's father Lakhpat Singh Negi died in 2016.



Names Finalised for Dronacharya, Khel Ratna and Lifetime Achievement Awards in Uttarakhand

Why In News

On March 20, 2023, Uttarakhand Sports Director Jitendra Kumar Sonkar told that for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, three sports coaches of the state will be awarded the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award and three players will be awarded the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna Award. Has been selected for other awards.

Key Points

- Sports Director Jitendra Kumar Sonkar said that the names for the awards will be announced after the approval of the government's high-power committee and sports minister.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will award more than 200 players and coaches in a program organized by the Sports Department at Parade Ground on March

- 24. These players who perform better in national competitions will be rewarded.
- It is known that the players of the state have proved their mettle in various sports including hockey, cricket field to badminton in the country and around the world, but for the last four years, due to Kovid and many other reasons, the players and sports coaches of the state could not get awards. Were. Although applications were sought from time to time by the department, but the names of players and sports coaches could not be finalized.
- According to sports department officials, the department has received eight applications for the Dronacharya Award and 11 applications for the Khel Ratna Award, while six applications have been received for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The wait for Dronacharya, Khel Ratna and Lifetime Achievement Award for sportspersons and sports coaches is about to end, but players will have to wait for Himalaya Putra Award. Despite the mandate in the year 2022, the department has not yet sought applications for this.

Uttarakhand Cabinet Approved Excise Policy 2023-24

Why In News

On March 20, 2023, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the Uttarakhand government approved the Excise Policy 2023-24 for the state.

Key Points

- In the new excise policy, a provision has been made that the licenses of those selling liquor at a price higher than the maximum retail price (MRP) will be suspended. If there is a complaint of recovery of more than MRP of a shop five times, then its license will be suspended.
- ➤ It was decided in the meeting that instead of glass, the pots of country liquor will now be available in tetra packs so that adulteration can be prevented.
- The government has increased the licence fee for departmental stores from Rs 8 lakh in mountains and Rs 15 lakh in plain districts.



- There has been no increase in the fee of bar restaurants in the new excise policy. They will be able to get liquor from the nearest liquor contract only. Prices of sea imported liquor have also been controlled.
- Departmental stores in the state will now be able to take liquor from liquor contracts located in their district, which will curb their arbitrariness.
- In the new policy, a provision has been made to waive the revenue of the shops which are closed during a divine disaster or sit-in protest based on the report of the District Magistrate.
- After the new policy, country and foreign liquor will become cheaper in the state. To curb the smuggling of liquor from Uttar Pradesh and to earn more revenue, the difference between the prices of liquor in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand has been reduced from Rs 150 to Rs 20.
- After the approval of the new excise policy, the price of domestic and foreign liquor will be cheaper by Rs 100 to Rs 300 from April 1.
- Under the Excise Policy 2023-24, Rs 3 per bottle will be charged as cess, which will be earmarked for cow protection, sports and women's welfare in the state.
- Excise revenue target for the year 2023-24 has been kept at Rs 4000 crore.

Cell Broadcast Technology

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 22 March 2023, in a workshop organised by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA), Ronen Daniel, CEO of Utimaco Company, while giving his presentation on cell broadcast technology, said that this technology can be used to alert people in minimum time in times of disaster.

Key Points

- Cell broadcast technology can prove to be effective for the state of Uttarakhand surrounded by potential disasters. Through this, the damage caused after disasters like cloudburst, lightning, avalanche, landslide can be reduced to a great extent. This technology alerts people through mobile phones in case of disaster.
- In such a situation, all the mobiles present in the potential disaster area will start ringing automatically, even if the network in that area has come to a standstill.

- The cell broadcast technology system can disseminate CMAS alerts, which is the best standard in the world for issuing alerts.
- ➤ Utimaco Company CEO Ronen Daniel said that before the CMAS alert, there is a loud beeping sound on the mobile, a continuous vibration in the alarm tone and a pop-up message that does not stop until the concerned person closes it himself. It has the capability to alert millions of people within a few minutes. Meteorological warnings are also issued through this technique.
- ➤ It is known that all the countries of the world like Japan, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Korea, Netherlands, European Union are adopting this technology today. In India, the state of Andhra Pradesh has adopted this technique, where there is a danger of tsunami and cyclone.
- Salient Features of Cell Broadcast -
 - Real time and location-based alerts.
 - Mobile numbers are not required. SMS can reach one million people in a few seconds.
 - There is no subscriber privacy issue, as cell broadcast does not require mobile numbers for transmission.
 - Works even when there is a network jam (effective during flare-ups of communal riots, etc.).
 - Data is not required, works in multiple languages simultaneously.
 - o Complies with all emergency standards.

'Retrofit Solution Technology'

Why in News?

On 22 March 2023, the 'Retrofit Solution Technology' prepared by the Mechanical Cluster of the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, was presented in a workshop organised by the Transport Department of Uttarakhand to prevent vehicular air pollution which will give new life to diesel vehicles more than 15 years old.

Key Points

Prof. Dr. Ajay Kumar of University of Petroleum and Energy Studies said that according to the University's Engine Laboratory, the pollution emitted from diesel vehicles is reduced to the minimum level in 'Retrofit Solution Technology'. Using this technology, vehicles like BS-6 will emit less pollution.



- With this technology, the old diesel vehicles can get new life and they can be made fit to run on the roads again.
- After burning diesel in old vehicles, the poisonous gas released from it spreads pollution in the atmosphere. To clean it, special filters are used in this technique.
- The 'Retrofit Solution Technology' uses a Diesel Oxidation Catalyst, which is a type of filter. It converts carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide. The fine particles in the smoke get trapped in the Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF). Microwave ovens are used to burn these particles.
- > The rays emanating from it burn the microscopic particles. After this they are taken out and the filter is cleaned. Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) filters are also used in this. In this, toxic nitrogen oxides are converted into water using liquid ammonia. This prevents the major elements causing air pollution from being emitted.
- According to the University's Engine Laboratory, this technology burns up to 60 percent of the unburned carbon in the exhaust of diesel vehicles. At the same time, 29 percent of carbon monoxide is converted into carbon dioxide. With this technique, up to 91 percent of the fine particles are destroyed by burning.
- ➤ It is noteworthy that this technology was created in 2020. An application has been made to patent it. After testing in several stages, the process is in the final stage. Through this technology, it has been successful in bringing the air pollution coming out of the vehicles to the minimum level like BS-6 vehicles.

Chief Minister Made Many Important Announcements

Why in News?

On 23 March 2023, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami made several important announcements for the state in a program organised on the completion of one year in office.

Key Points

In the programme, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami informed that the 'Chief Minister's Competitive Examination Transport Scheme' has been implemented in the state, under which the candidates for competitive

- examinations of the state will have to pay only 50 percent fare in roadways buses. This facility will be available for both the journey going for the examination and coming back.
- Now computer and information technology education will be implemented from class six in the state. Apart from this, the pension received by the democracy fighter on his death will be given to the widowed wife.
- During this, the Chief Minister also released a one year new example development booklet of the Information and Public Relations Department.
- ➤ He also laid the foundation stone of the proposed City Forest Scheme at Tarla Nagar in Sahastradhara at a cost of Rs 37 crore.
- > Other announcements of CM Dhami-
 - Mobile laboratory (Lab on Wheels) will be started in all 13 districts of Uttarakhand for government school children.
 - Science and IT Corridor Science technology and information technology corridor will be formed in the state. Science and Technology Innovation Policy will come soon.
 - Sports University -The international stadium built at Goalapar in Haldwani will be upgraded to make it a sports university according to international standards.
 - Chief Minister Horticulture Scheme Chief Minister Horticulture Scheme will be started for the farmers of the state. At the same time, the Chief Minister's State Livestock Mission will start for the cattle rearers.
 - Villages will be connected by roads Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojana will start soon. Under this scheme, the main roads of villages with more than 250 population will be constructed.
 - Skill development scheme Mukhyamantri Kaushal Vikas Evam Rozgar Yojana will start for the youth. In this, graduate pass students will be made proficient.
 - Lake scheme One Amrit Sarovar will be built in all the 70 assembly constituencies. These will be developed as tourist places and centres for water sports.
 - Self Employment Center The District Service Planning and Skill Development Office in all the districts will be developed as the nodal office of the Self Employment Centre.



- Mobile School Mobile schools will be started to make the children of labourers literate, in which teachers will go on the spot and teach the children.
- The road will be widened till Gairsain -The road will be widened from Diwalikhal to summer capital Gairsain, due to which the Karnprayag-Gairsain road will be smooth.
- Importance of folk festivals An integrated policy will be made to give wider recognition to folk festivals of Uttarakhand like Uttarayani, Fuldei, Harela, Egas, Budhi Diwali.

Uttarakhand Khel Ratna, Dronacharya and Lifetime Achievement Award

Why in News?

On 24 March 2023, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami honoured the sports talents of the state with Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna, Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award and and awarded LifeTime Achievement Award for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 at the Sports Awards ceremony held in Dehradun.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami honoured six sports personalities including Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen with Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna, Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award and LifeTime Achievement Award.
- ➤ Apart from this, 168 medal winning players and 42 coaches at the national level for the years 2021 and 2022 were honoured with cash prizes of more than two crores.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that every possible effort is being made to promote sports in the state. For this, the government has decided to reintroduce the sports quota in government jobs.
- State Sports Minister Rekha Arya said that the state government is committed to give out-of-turn appointments and four percent reservation to medal-winning sportspersons. Due to the order of out-of-turn appointment, medal winning players in Olympics will be able to become DSP and Assistant Director directly.

- Prize money has been increased from 30 to 100 per cent for winning medals in international sports.
- A new sports policy has been formulated in the state, in which traditional sports have also been included.
- > Awards received by -
 - Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna Award -Badminton player Lakshya Sen for the year 2019-20, Athlete Chandan Singh for the year 2020-21.
 - Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award -Badminton coach Dhirendra Kumar Sen for the year 2019-20, Taekwondo coach Kamlesh Kumar Tiwari for the year 2020-21, Archery coach Sandeep Kumar Duklan for the year 2021-22.
 - Lifetime Achievement Award-Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2021-22 was given to Suresh Chandra Pandey for his remarkable contribution in athletics.



State Got 403 Crores for Jal Jeevan Mission

Why in News?

On 22 March 2023, Udayraj Singh, MD of Uttarakhand Drinking Water Corporation, said that the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti has released the third instalment of Rs 403 crore to the state for the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' scheme of tap water from every house in the rural areas of the state.

Key Points

It is noteworthy that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, there is a plan to supply tap water to 14 lakh 94 thousand 375 houses in the state.



- Under this mission, tap water has been supplied to
 9 lakh 95 thousand 477 houses in the state so far.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, more than 17 thousand small and big projects have been made, for which the Ministry of Jal Shakti has already released about Rs 800 crore in two instalments so far.
- MD of Drinking Water Corporation Udayraj Singh said that from the third instalment, work will be done in this financial year as well as in the next financial year. This will speed up the work of the mission.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, water has been provided to about 72 percent of the households in the state through taps, but the pace is comparatively less.

50 Health ATMs to be installed on Travel Routes

Why in News?

On 26 March 2023, an MoU was signed between the Health Department and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) in the presence of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, to install 50 health ATMs on the yatra routes in order to provide better health facilities to the pilgrims visiting Chardham Yatra in Uttarakhand for the first time.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that installation of health ATMs in Chardham Yatra will provide a lot of convenience to the devotees.
- Ankur Malhotra, Director of Hewlett Packard Enterprise, informed that health ATMs are being made available for Chardham Yatra under CSR, in which more than 70 tests can be done.
- Along with the test, specialist doctors can be consulted through telemedicine from the Health ATM. These services will be provided 24 hours by Hewlett Packard Enterprise.
- The Health ATM will be looked after by the company's engineers for the next three months. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will inaugurate it on April 24, 2023.
- The Chief Minister said that the facility of Health ATM should also be provided by Hewlett Packard Enterprise for the holy places Manasarovar Yatra, Baijnath Dham, Kainchi Dham, Purnagiri, Chitai Dham located in Manskhand. On the lines of Kedarkhand,

- Health ATM Medical Kiosk machines will be made available under CSR for Manskhand.
- Health facilities are being constantly improved so that the devotees do not face any health related problems during the Chardham Yatra.

Birth Waiting Home Facility for Pregnant Women

Why in News?

On 25 March 2023, Health Secretary of Uttarakhand, Dr. R. Rajesh Kumar said that under the Maternal Health Program in the state, the central government has approved the proposal to provide a facility of Birth Waiting Home to high-risk pregnant women before the expected date of delivery.

Key Points

- The facility of birth waiting homes will be done in a one stop center and working women's hostel established in all 13 districts of the state.
- To reduce the problem of malnutrition among children in the age group of 1 month to 5 years in the state, a nutrition rehabilitation center will be set up in border district Pithoragarh. In this center, malnourished and highly malnourished children will be admitted, and nutritional care will be provided according to the standards.
- Health Secretary Dr.R. Rajesh Kumar said that the Health Ministry has approved a budget of 150 crores for various schemes under the National Health Mission.
- Under the scheme, pregnant women living in remote areas will get timely medical care. Along with this, pregnant women will be comfortable before delivery. To encourage home delivery in institutional delivery, birth waiting homes will be used in community health centers of hilly districts.
- ➤ The Health Secretary informed that mobile TB vans will be started in Dehradun, Haridwar, Pauri, Udham Singh Nagar and Nainital districts, in which X-ray and TrueNet machines will be installed for testing.
- Almora, Bageshwar, Chamoli, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag, Tehri, Uttarkashi were given consent in the Mobile Medical Unit with Mobile X-Ray. This will make it easier to screen TB patients. Approval has been given to provide mobile van facility for cataract screening in Tehri and Pithoragarh districts.



- ANM and Community Medical Officer will be given training in Basic Life Support. NHM office and training hall has been approved in Chamoli district.
- Queue management systems will be started in 14 hospitals to get rid of long queues for making slips of patients. In this, a token will be given to the patients, so that they do not have to stand in line. Apart from this, vacant posts in Community Health Center Bhupatwala will be filled through NNM.

Dehradun District Tops in Making ABHA ID

Why in News?

On 25 March 2023, Uttarakhand Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that Dehradun district is on top in creating Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA ID) in the state under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Scheme.

Key Points

- State Mission Director and Additional Secretary of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, Arunendra Chauhan said that more than 30.61 lakh people of the state have become a part of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission by creating their ABHA ID. The complete health related details of the ID makers have been registered online.
- State capital Dehradun has the maximum number of 6,61,919 ABHA IDs, while Nainital district ranks second place.
- ➤ It is known that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission was started in the year 2021 in the state. Due to the efforts made by the mission, the speed of digitizing the health records of the people of the state is as per the expectations.
- It is known that Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is the dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the mission, every person's ABHA ID is to be made. By creating an ID, complete information about health tests and treatment will be available online.
- > Advantages of ABHA ID -
 - All health related information will be available online
 - The hospital will be paperless from registration to treatment.

- Facility to take a token through QR code in the hospital.
- The record related to the treatment of the disease will be safe through digital medium.
- District wise details of ABHA ID in the state –

| District | ABHA id |
|------------------------|---------|
| Dehradun | 661919 |
| Nainital | 398571 |
| Haridwar | 282253 |
| Udham Singh Nagar | 232694 |
| Pauri Garhwal | 183236 |
| Almora | 143166 |
| Tehri | 122741 |
| Pithoragarh | 94285 |
| Chamoli | 75008 |
| Bageshwar | 71453 |
| Champawat | 65452 |
| Uttarkashi | 55736 |
| Rudraprayag | 28832 |
| Non reporting district | 646288 |

Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is a revolutionary step in the field of health. All health information will be available through Abha number. Strict instructions have also been given to the concerned officials to do the work of connecting 100 percent people with the mission in the state on priority.

Assembly will be Paperless in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

On March 27, 2023, Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan told in a meeting with MLAs and officers of Information and Science Technology in the assembly building office room in Dehradun that on the lines of Goa, Himachal and Uttar Pradesh, an e-Vidhan Sabha would soon be formed in the state, which would the assembly session will be paperless.



Key points

- Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan told in the meeting that time and labour are saved using information technology. It will be easier to involve a greater number of people using e-Vidhan Sabha from electronic forum. Apart from the MLAs, the general public will also be able to participate in the process and everyone will be able to put forth their opinion.
- Creating an e-assembly will save paper. A lot of documents are used in assembly works, which costs a lot, but through e-assembly, documents can be available electronically, which can save papers.
- > Apart from this, documents can be easily stored through e-assembly. The use of less paper can also save the environment.
- With the formation of e-Vidhan Sabha, complete information about all the Assembly houses that have been run since the formation of Uttarakhand will also be stored digitally at one place.
- It is known that the technology used in e-Vidhan Sabha in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh has been studied, on the lines of which Uttarakhand Assembly will also be made e-Vidhan Sabha.



The First Meeting of the G-20 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (G20-CSAR)

Why in News?

On 29 March 2023, the first meeting of the G-20 Chief Science Advisors Round Table (G-20 CSAR) was held in Ramnagar, Uttarakhand in which global issues of mutual interest related to science and technology were discussed in depth.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that G-20 CSAR is a flagship event under India's G-20 Presidency which is headed by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.
- The following topics were discussed in the one day round table meeting-
 - Pandemic preparedness plan for strong, adaptive and timely response to pandemics under the theme 'Opportunities in One Health for better disease control and pandemic preparedness'; Integrated disease surveillance systems for humans, livestock and wildlife, One Health's R&D roadmap for diseases and investments in analytics (such as disease modelling, AI/ML tools) and data standards were discussed.
 - o Free, instant and universal access, under the theme 'Coordinating global efforts to expand access to distinguished scientific knowledge'; reducing subscription fees to journals and the essay processing fees they charge; Establishment of interoperable links for national knowledge repositories with international knowledge repositories/archives and mandate of open access to make widely available the knowledge outputs of publicly funded scientific research etc. were discussed.
 - Under the theme 'Facilitating Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access in Science and Technology (S&T)', the participating countries brought together under-represented, under-privileged, disadvantaged, minority communities as well as access to large scientific enterprise shared their efforts to facilitate access to tribal/native communities. The session also discussed ways to incorporate Traditional Knowledge Systems





- (TKS) into formal systems of knowledge through a scientific validation process and to recognize the potential of language diversity and remove barriers to access to scientific knowledge.
- The fourth session discussed the need for an institutional arrangement for an inclusive, sustainable and action-oriented global science and technology policy dialogue.

Several Development Works including the Computerization of MPACS inaugurated in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

On 30 March 2023, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the computerization of Uttarakhand's Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (MPACS), Joint Cooperative Farming, Jan Suvidha Kendras and Janaushadhi Kendras in Haridwar.

Key Points:

- Amit Shah said in his address that for the first time in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the work of computerization of the Primary Agricultural Credit Committee (PACS) started in Uttarakhand on 30 October 2021 and today computerization of all 670 PACS in the state has been completed.
- The work of setting up 95 MPACS in Uttarakhand has already been completed. Along with this, Uttarakhand is the first state to start 95 Jan Aushadhi Kendras and Jan Suvidha Kendras under cooperative societies.
- The Union Home Minister and Cooperative Minister said that the Prime Minister formed a separate Ministry of Cooperatives with the vision of 'Cooperation to Prosperity'. The computerization of all 65,000 active PACS in the country has started through the Ministry. Many facilities including 307 District Cooperative Banks

- have also been computerised. Today, by completing the computerization of 307 cooperative bank branches and 670 MPACS, the Uttarakhand government has achieved the first position in the country in the cooperative sector.
- ➤ He said that computerization would bring complete transparency in the system and online audits would improve the financial discipline of PACS. 95 Jan Suvidha will take more than 300 schemes of the Central Government and State Government directly to the villages. About 50 to 90 percent cheaper medicines will be available to the people through cooperative Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- Union Home Minister and Cooperative Minister Shah also launched the model of integrated collective cooperative farming in 95 development blocks of Uttarakhand.
- The Cooperative Minister said that the government is making National Cooperative University, National Cooperative Policy and Cooperative Database, and multi-state cooperative societies have been formed for marketing of seeds, organic farming and export of farmers' produce. Along with this, multi-state cooperative societies have been formed for the marketing of seeds, organic farming and export of farmers' produce.
- He said that in the coming days, the *Nal Se Jal* (Nal Se Pani) scheme would be handed over to PACS as in the model bylaws of the multidimensional PACS sent by the Government of India, the PACS would also be able to provide water to the village.







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