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## **New Districts will be Formed in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On August 31, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the process of formation of new districts in the state will be started soon.

### **Key Points**

- He said that the demand for formation of new districts has been going on for a long time, it will be discussed with all the public representatives soon. Wherever the districts can be reorganized within the state, new districts will be formed.
- Under this, Rishikesh, Purohita, Roorkee, Kotdwar, Kashipur, Ranikhet and Didihat cities are being considered. He indicated that four new districts may come up in Garhwal and three in Kumaon division.
- At present, there are 13 districts in the state. On August 15, 2011, the then Chief Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' first announced the creation of four districts in Uttarakhand. These included Ranikhet, Didihat, Kotdwar and Yamunotri.
- Reorganization of Almora district was proposed to create Ranikhet, Didihat from Pithoragarh district, Kotdwar from Pauri district and Yamunotri district from Uttarkashi district.
- At the same time, in March 2021, the then Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat had announced to make summer capital Gairsain as the third commissionerate. Chamoli, Rudrapur, Almora and Bageshwar districts were included in this. After this, a fierce protest started regarding the inclusion of Almora in the Gairsain Commissionerate. Meanwhile, after the resignation of Trivendra Singh Rawat and Tirath Rawat becoming the CM, this issue also got suppressed.

## **Uniform Civil Code will be Implemented in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On August 30, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami informed during a media interaction that the Uniform Civil Code will be implemented in Uttarakhand within two months.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that the committee formed on the Common Civil Code is doing its work. The process of preparing the draft is underway. The government will soon make its draft public.
- Significantly, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had promised the public during the assembly elections that he would implement the Common Civil Code in Uttarakhand if the BJP government comes to power. The proposal was approved on March 23.
- After the implementation of the new law, Uttarakhand will become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) after independence. Although this law is also applicable in Goa, but this law was made there before independence.
- Uniform Civil Code means uniform law for all citizens. There will be no separate law for any religion or caste. Once the Uniform Civil Code is implemented, all religions will follow the same law.

## **Pindari Glacier to make Kumaon's Drying Rivers Sadaneera**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 4, 2022, Chief Engineer of Drinking Water Corporation SC Pant informed that the major tributaries of Pindar river originating from Pindari glacier will be connected to the upper catchment area of Gomti river, Kosi, Lodh and Gagans rivers in Baijnath valley of Bageshwar district, which will meet water needs for the next 50 years.

### **Key Points**

- The Pindar river originating from the Pindari glacier will help in making the drying rivers of Bageshwar and Almora districts Sadaneera. Apart from the population of seven big cities, about one thousand villages will also benefit.
- Along with saving the rivers, this scheme will also prove to be helpful in drinking water, irrigation, power generation, increasing greenery in the area. It will also help in preventing migration from villages.
- It is worth mentioning that in the 23rd meeting of the Central Zonal Council chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Bhopal, Chief Minister Pushkar

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Singh Dhama had mentioned this scheme, so that the help of the Center can be taken in taking the scheme forward. The scheme is estimated to cost 250 to 300 crore rupees.

- Under the scheme, about 150 km from Pindar river and its tributaries Sundardhunga Gad and Shambhu Gad (located at an altitude of 22 hundred meters above sea level). Water will be supplied to the near Malla Paya village of Kumaon (height 18 hundred meters above sea level) by laying a 1.5 meter diameter pipeline.
- About 42 cumecs (cubic meters per second) of water from these rivers flows into the Alaknanda River, a tributary of the Ganges. Out of this, one and a half to two cumecs of water will be diverted towards Kumaon through a pipeline.

## Chief Minister's Trophy to the Best Performing Schools and Prizes to Meritorious Students

### Why in News?

- On September 5, 2022, the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhama presented the Chief Minister's trophy to the best performing schools and rewarded the meritorious students in a function organized in the Chief Sevak Sadan on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister under 'Pt. Under Deendayal Upadhyaya Educational Excellence Award Scheme, awarded the trophy to IP Inter College Laksar Haridwar, Glorial HS Ddihat Pithoragarh, DNPSS School Bhatrouj Khan Almora at Intermediate level and Devbhoomi Children Academy HSS Sankla Rudraprayag, Gloria HS Ddihat School Pithoragarh and MD SP School Pithoragarh at High School level.
- Diya Rajput of SVMIC Mayapur Haridwar, Anshul Bahuguna of SPVMIC Gopeshwar Chamoli, Sumit Singh Mehta of Vivekanand VMIC Madalsera Bageshwar and Darshit Chauhan of SVMIC Jaspur Udham Singh Nagar got the prize for the 12th examination of Uttarakhand Board.
- At the high school level, Mukul Silswal of Subhash Inter College Tholdhar Tehri Garhwal, Ayush Awasthi of SSS Brahmkhali Uttarkashi, Ayush Juyal of Subhash

Inter College Tholdhar Tehri and Rabina Koranga of Vivekananda VMIC Madalsera Bageshwar were awarded.

- On this occasion, Education Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that 22 thousand primary teachers would be given tablets to connect primary education through digital medium. Apart from this, one thousand science teachers will be given educational training at the National Institute of Science, Bangalore, so that students can be educated in the field of science in a better way.

## 'Balashray Yojana' for Orphans

### Why in News?

- On September 5, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that the state government will start 'Balashray Yojna' for the education system of orphan children from class 1 to 12 in the state.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama made this announcement while rewarding teachers and meritorious students at a function organized at Mukhya Sevak Sadan on Teachers' Day.
- Announcements made by the Chief Minister-
  - The Chief Minister said that free books, school dress, bags, shoes, socks and stationery would be given to the orphan children under the Balashraya Yojana, along with their education up to class 12th.
  - In the first phase, teacher's residents will be built for teachers in 50 schools with high student strength in remote and inaccessible areas in the state. Based on the availability of land in government schools, playing fields will be prepared in the schools with the amount given to the panchayats.
  - Based on the availability of resources, integrated laboratories will be established in 100 schools at the high school level and laboratories for physics, chemistry, biology, geography etc. in 100 schools at the intermediate level.
  - Under the PM Nutrition Scheme, more than six lakh students will now be given milk for two days instead of one day in a week.
  - For the food arrangements of the students in Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kasturba Gandhi

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Residential Girls Hostel and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential Hostel, funds will be given at the rate of Rs.100 per day.

- In addition to the amount to be given under the centrally funded scheme, the expenditure will be borne by the state government.
- Like Kendriya Vidyalayas, arrangements will be made for thematic teachers at the local level to ensure that the education of children in schools is not affected during the long leave of teachers in the secondary schools of the state.
- Suggestion cell will be constituted at the Directorate level to improve education.
- The principal will have a provision of Rs 50,000.

## **Sainik Schools to open in Dehradun and Rudrapur**

### **Why in News?**

- In a meeting chaired by Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Dr. S.S. Sandhu on September 6, 2022, the proposal to open Sainik Schools in Dehradun and Rudrapur in the state was approved. Now it is being sent to the central government for approval.

### **Key Points**

- Education Secretary Ravinath Raman said that it has been proposed to run Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya in Dehradun and AN Jha Inter College in Rudrapur as Sainik Schools.
- The central government has decided to open 100 Sainik Schools across the country. For this, proposals of schools meeting the standards were sought from the states.
- In Uttarakhand, Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dehradun and AN Jha Inter College, Rudrapur are meeting almost all the standards for Sainik School. The proposal of both is being prepared and sent to the central government. After the proposal is sent, the Centre's team will inspect the respective schools.
- It is worth mentioning that there is only one Sainik School in Ghodakhal in the state, whose entire operation is done by the Ministry of Defense. However, the exercise of opening a Sainik School in Jakholi of Rudraprayag district has been going on for the last several years. This school was also approved, but due

to lack of coordination between the Sainik Welfare and Education Department, the matter of building this school has been stalled for a long time.

- Grd World School at Bhauwala in Dehradun was among the 21 new Sainik Schools approved by the Defence Ministry for the academic session 2022-23, but admission to it has been kept in abeyance on the complaint of the school's recognition.
- There was a delay in sending the proposal from the state due to lack of clarity regarding the standards for opening Sainik School. Earlier it was told that 25 acres of land would be required for this, but later it came to know that Sainik School can also be opened in eight acres of land. After the situation was clarified, its proposal was prepared by the department.
- Grants will be given by the central government to open Sainik Schools in the state. This will enable the necessary resources to be raised. However, departmental officials say that both the selected schools meet all the standards of Sainik School.

## **Underpass for Elephants on the Road to the Nepal Border**

### **Why in News?**

- On September 6, 2022, Yogendra Sharma, Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) informed that in view of the unhindered movement of wildlife, especially elephants, underpass will be constructed on a four km long stretch from Jagbuda in Banbasa to Nepal border (Chandni Dudhara) by NHAI.

### **Key Points**

- Nhai Project Director Yogendra Sharma said that there is a plan to construct underpasses at 25 places in a length of 750 meters for the movement of wildlife. The concerned work is targeted to be completed in 18 months.
- NHAI officials claim that for the first time in Kumaon, an underpass will be built for the movement of wildlife. The tender process for this ambitious scheme is underway.
- Significantly, the Nepal government is building a dryport in Chandni Dudhara. To connect this dryport with India, NHAI is going to build a 4 km four-lane road from Banbasa to Nepal border.

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- According to NHAI officials, a bridge will also be built on the Sharda river. A railway overbridge will also be prepared. A joint check post (immigration, forest, police, SSB and customs) will also be set up here.
- Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt said efforts are being made to make the movement better and convenient. Work is proposed to construct an important road up to the Nepal border. The scheme will cost Rs 225 crore. The final line survey work for the Bageshwar-Tanakpur railway line is underway, which is expected to be completed by December.

## **Uttarakhand releases Rs 594.75 Crore Revenue Deficit Grant**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 6, 2022, the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance released the sixth monthly instalment of post-transfer revenue deficit (PDRD) grant of Rs 594.75 crore to Uttarakhand as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

### **Key Points**

- Significantly, the Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended revenue deficit grant for the financial year 2022-23 to 14 states after a total transfer of Rs 86,201 crore.
- Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, States that have been recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission for post-transfer revenue deficit grants during 2022-23. Uttarakhand and West Bengal.
- The recommended grant amount will be released in 12 equated monthly installments to the states recommended by the Department of Expenditure.
- With the release of this sixth installment, the total amount of revenue deficit grant released to the states in the year 2022-23 has increased to Rs 43,100.50 crore.
- The sixth instalment released to Uttarakhand for September 2022 is Rs 594.75 crore and the total post-transfer revenue deficit grant (PDRDG) released to the state during 2022-23 is Rs 3568.50 crore.
- It is noteworthy that under Article 275 of the Constitution, revenue deficit grant is provided to the states after transfer. This grant amount is released to

the states as per the successive recommendations of the Finance Commissions to meet the gap in the revenue accounts of the states after transfer.

- The eligibility of the states to receive this grant and the quantum of grant for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26 was determined by the Fifteenth Commission keeping in mind the gap between the assessment of the revenue and expenditure of the state.

## **The Amount of Sports Awards Increased in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 8, 2022, an order was issued by the Uttarakhand Sports Department regarding the increase in the amount of awards for the players and coaches of the state who have won medals in national and international games. The amount of sports awards has been increased from 30 to 100 percent.

### **Key Points**

- According to the order of the Director of Sports, the sportsperson of the state who won the gold medal in the Olympic Games will be given a prize money of Rs 2 crore, while the silver medalist will be given 1.5 crore and the bronze medalist will be given Rs 1 crore. Fifty lakh rupees will be given to the player participating in the Olympic Games.
- The amount of awards for sportspersons who have won medals in World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships, National Games etc. has also been increased.
- The gold medal winners in the World Cup and World Championships will be given a prize of Rs 30 lakh, silver medal winner Rs 20 lakh, bronze medal winner Rs 15 lakh and the player who participates in the world cup and world championship will be given a prize of Rs 7.5 lakh.
- According to the government order, 50 percent of the amount payable to that player will be given equally to the coaches as much as the amount fixed on the basis of medals in all these sports.
- The order also states that after selection in Olympics, World Cup, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, the athlete will be provided 20 percent of the funds

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valid for participation in the respective competition in advance. It will be adjusted in the amount received for participation in the competition or winning a medal. If the player does not participate in the concerned competition, then the amount provided earlier will have to be returned.

- Junior players will get half of the prize money of the senior category and sub-juniors will get one-fourth of it as prize money.

Competition	Medal	Amount (first)	Funds (now)
Olympic game	Gold	Rs. 1.5 crore	Rs 2 crore
	Silver	Rs. 1 crore	Rs. 1.5 crore
	Bell-metal	Rs. 50 lakhs	Rs. 1 crore
	Participation	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 50 lakhs
World Championships	Gold	Rs. 20 lakhs	Rs. 30 lakhs
	Silver	Rs. 12 lakhs	Rs. 20 lakhs
	Bell-metal	Rs. 7 lakh	Rs. 15 lakhs
	Participation	Rs. 1 lakh	Rs. 7.5 lakh
Asian Championships	Gold	Rs. 15 lakhs	Rs. 30 lakhs
	silver	Rs. 10 lakhs	Rs. 20 lakhs
	Bell-metal	Rs. 7 lakh	Rs. 15 lakhs
	Participation	Rs. 75,000	Rs. 7.5 lakh

## Important Decisions of Uttarakhand Cabinet

### Why In News?

- On September 9, 2022, several important decisions were taken including cancellation of 5 recruitment examinations under uttarakhand subordinate services selection commission (**UKSSSC**) in the meeting of Uttarakhand Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama.

### Key Points

- The Cabinet has cancelled five recruitment examinations of uttarakhand subordinate services selection commission, which is surrounded by paper leak controversy. Now these recruitments will be done by Uttarakhand Public Service Commission. Along with this, the responsibility of 18 new recruitments has also been entrusted to the Public Service Commission. In the cabinet meeting, it was approved to amend the regulations of the Public Service Commission for this.
- After the meeting, Secretary Personnel Shailesh Bagauli said that it has been decided to divide the recruitments

of Subordinate Services Selection Commission into three categories.

- Uttarakhand Public Service Commission has been given the responsibility of recruitment to a total of 7000 posts. Of these, there are 700 posts whose recruitment examination has been canceled. There are 5340 posts for which only advertisement has been published and 1187 are posts for which advertisement is to be published.
- The Public Service Commission will issue a calendar for all the recruitments. All the rules related to group C will apply in this. Candidates whose fees were deposited, will not have to pay the fees again.
- Several other important decisions were taken in the cabinet meeting held at the Secretariat-
  - For the purpose of setting up a single residential building lower than 500 square meters area or the rules of the National Building Code or Uttarakhand government's residence house for the purpose of setting up a single residential building lower than the setback and geopolitics described in the building construction and development sub-method. Can build buildings.
  - Under the Finance Department, the scheme of Customer Online Reward Scheme, 'Bill Lao and Inam Pao' will be launched to promote GST bills.
  - Under the Urban Department, changes will be made in the rules to bring uniformity in the accounting manual for the municipality and municipal corporation.
  - Changes will be made in the service rules for joint controller, deputy controller, assistant controller under the food department.
  - If the eligible candidate is not selected for the 932 posts created under the Secondary Education Department, now 50 percent promotion for the post of Principal will be selected on the basis of seniority and the remaining 50 percent posts will be selected by the Committee Departmental Examination from the Principals and Spokespersons.
  - The Joint Entrance Examination and Training Research Development Cell set up under the Technical Council of Technical Education, Roorkee will be renamed as 'Research Development and Training Institute'.
  - The Act will be brought to change the designation of civil judge (junior division) as civil judge and civil

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judge (senior division) as senior civil judge under the department of justice.

- Uttarakhand Public Service Commission was allowed to recruit 10 posts through outsourcing for the attendant.
- Construction and operation work in Government Navodaya Vidyalaya Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Bageshwar, Udham Singh Nagar will be done under Society mode from PPP mode.
- Under the Revenue Department, about six hectares of land will be given free of cost to the Housing Department for the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme in Rudrapur.
- From September 17 to September 24, 2022, a massive cleanliness campaign fortnight will be celebrated across the state, which will include all schools, public places, offices. The minister in charge will work in coordination with the DM of his district.
- For the first time on an experimental basis, it was decided to merge Government Higher Secondary School Sumadi, Pauri with Government Inter College Sumadi, Pauri and Government Girls Inter College Pokhari, Pauri with Government Inter College Gangau, Pauri.
- Based on the availability of land and building, it was decided to open Sainik Schools in the hill district.
- A time settlement scheme under the Housing Department will be placed in the next cabinet.

## **Paddy Procurement will Start in Uttarakhand from October 1**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 13, 2022, Uttarakhand Food Minister Rekha Arya said in a review meeting of kharif procurement crop 2022-23 that paddy procurement will start in the state from October 1. The Food Minister said that the target of paddy procurement this season has been kept at nine lakh metric tonnes.

### **Key Points**

- The departmental minister instructed to purchase paddy from government departments from October 1 to 15 and then to purchase paddy from farmers through commission agents.

- He said four agencies — food department, cooperation department, NAFED and NCCF — have been nominated to procure paddy. Around 257 procurement centres have been opened in the kharif season.
- In the meeting, the Minister directed the officials to prepare an action plan for procurement of local products which have been declared support price by the Central Government, including Mandua, Maize, Urad, Groundnut, Soyabean, Sesame, Jowar etc.
- The Minister said that this initiative will prove to be a boon to strengthen the economy of the local cultivators of the hills. This will give a new identity to the local products of the mountain. Also, the farmers of the mountain will also benefit.
- This year, the price of paddy has been increased by Rs 100 per quintal. The price of normal paddy has been increased from Rs 1940 to Rs 2040 per quintal and the minimum support price of grade A paddy has been increased from Rs 1960 to Rs 2060.

## **All The Madrasas will be Surveyed in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 13, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that in view of the complaints coming about the functioning and activities of madrasas in Uttarakhand, a survey of all madrasas in the state will now be done on the lines of Uttar Pradesh.

### **Key Points**

- The state government is receiving all kinds of complaints regarding these madrasas operating in the state. To find out the truth of these complaints, the state government has decided to conduct a survey of all madrasas. At the same time, Social Welfare Minister Chandanram Das has already instructed to investigate the madrasas being operated with the help of the government, but the Chief Minister has said to conduct a survey of all madrasas.
- It is known that recently, Uttarakhand Waqf Board President Shadab Shams had talked about demolishing illegal constructions from the properties of Waqf Board. At the same time, he had demanded a probe into the unregistered madrasas of the state on the lines of Uttar Pradesh, after which the Chief Minister also supported his point.

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- It is worth noting that there are 419 madrasas operating under the Madrasa Board in Uttarakhand. More than half of these are operating without recognition. Of these, only 192 madrasas are financed, which are taking help from the central and state governments. Waqf Board is running 103 madrasas, while more than 500 private madrasas are also reported to be operating.

## **Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Land Revenue Act, 1901) Amendment 2022**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 14, 2022, Additional Secretary, Uttarakhand Revenue Department, Dr. Anand Srivastava informed that the state government has implemented the Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Land Revenue Act 1901) Amendment 2022 through a gazette notification. Now in all municipal areas including Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Nagar Panchayat, land can be filed and rejected like before.

### **Key Points**

- After the recommendation of the Governor, a gazette notification was issued by the Principal Secretary Hira Singh Bonal.
- With the implementation of Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Land Revenue Act 1901) Amendment 2022, the problem of mutation or mutation in urban areas in the state has gone away.
- It is noteworthy that in December 2020, the High Court passed an important order in the Land Revenue (LR) Act, ordering the works of the Revenue Department under the Municipal Corporation Act, 1975 within the limits of the municipal body. It was said that in Article 243Q of the Constitution, the process of forming a Nagar Panchayat, Municipality, Municipal Corporation has been fixed, while according to the Land Revenue Act of 1901, revenue officers are for rural areas.
- After this, confusion had arisen in urban areas regarding land revenue matters. Especially due to non-disposal of cases related to filing-rejection and land-error correction, these cases kept getting pending.
- Now as before, the officers of the Revenue Department have been made the competent authority for revenue related matters, filing-rejection and error related to land records.

## **New Revenue Code will be Implemented in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 16, 2022, Uttarakhand Revenue Council Commissioner and Secretary Chandresh Kumar Yadav said that the new Revenue Code will be implemented in Uttarakhand. The Revenue Council has prepared its draft and submitted it to the government.

### **Key Points**

- It will now be considered in the meeting of the Law Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. It will then be sent to the cabinet. Once passed by the cabinet, it will go to the Assembly. From where it will become a law after passing.
- Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Zamindari Destruction and Land System Act) 1950 and Land Revenue Act are currently in force in the state. Apart from this, some other Acts are also in vogue. All these Acts are held from Uttar Pradesh.
- From time to time, some sub-sections were added to these Acts, but the state could not fully form its own revenue code, while Uttar Pradesh abolished them and implemented its revenue code in the year 2013. Now its revenue code will be prepared by merging all the acts applicable in the state.

## **New Education Policy can be Implemented in Higher Education**

### **Why In News?**

- According to the information received from the media on September 18, 2022, after the primary level in Uttarakhand, the new education policy can be implemented in higher education this month. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will launch a new policy in higher education.

### **Key Points**

- Uttarakhand Higher Education Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that the curriculum has been prepared under the new education policy in higher education. The annual examination system was implemented

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due to lack of faculty in universities and colleges, but now it will be abolished and the semester system will be implemented.

- In the curriculum prepared under the new education policy, 70 percent of the curriculum will be applicable equally in all universities, while 30 percent of the syllabus will be able to be changed by the universities according to their own. The course has also been made employable.
- It is known that a task force was constituted under the chairmanship of the Secondary Education Minister to prepare the curriculum under the new education policy by the state universities. The Higher Education Minister was made its Vice President.
- Apart from this, a curriculum formulation committee was formed under the chairmanship of Kumaon University Vice-Chancellor NK Joshi by nominating vice-chancellors of Doon University, Uttarakhand Open University, Shridev Suman University and Almora University as members.
- In July 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama had launched 'Bal Vatika' in Uttarakhand under the New Education Policy-2020. This made Uttarakhand the first state in the country to implement the new education policy.
- Under this, 4447 Anganwadi centers running in the primary school premises have been started as Bal Vatika. In Anganwadi centers, pre-primary has been named 'Bal Vatika'. A separate curriculum has been prepared for this.
- At present, there are 21 private universities, three deemed universities, one central university and 12 state universities operating in the state.

## **Ayush Village of 100 Bed Capacity in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 18, 2022, according to the information received from the media, a 100-bed capacity Ayush village will be established in Uttarakhand to promote Ayurveda medicine system and investment. For this, Arya Vaidya Shala of Kerala agreed and talked about signing an MoU with Ayurveda University.

### **Key Points**

- Recently, a delegation of Arya Vaidya Shala from Kerala, working in the Ayurveda sector towards making Uttarakhand an AYUSH hub, visited Rishikul and Gurukul Ayurveda Colleges in Haridwar and agreed to sign an MoU with the university for research work on Ayurveda in collaboration with the state.
- The delegation held a meeting with Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (Sen.), Chief Secretary Dr. SS Sandhu, Secretary Ayush Dr. Pankaj Kumar Pandey and discussed the roadmap for promotion of Ayurveda in detail.
- The Governor told the delegation to promote Panchakarma, Marma therapy and give priority to publicity. In addition, emphasis was placed on the use of aromatic plants and herbs in daily life. He said that more than 179 aromas and more than 200 herbs are found in the state.
- The CEO of Arya Vaidya Shala, Dr. GC Gopala Pillai, who was part of the delegation, suggested the use of 'Wellbeing' instead of the word 'wellness' related to Ayurveda field.

## **110-metre Span Double Lane Motor Bridge over Kali river between India and Nepal**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 19, 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama laid the foundation stone of the proposed 110 meter span double lane motor bridge over Kali river between India-Nepal at Malla Charchhum, Dharchhula.

### **Key Points**

- At the same time when Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama laid the foundation stone of the proposed motor bridge at Charchhum, at the same time, Nepal's Commerce Minister Dilendra Prasad Badu also laid the foundation stone.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that this bridge would be ready within a year. This bridge will be built at a cost of 32 crore 98 lakh 40 thousand rupees.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that this bridge will be the second motor bridge in Uttarakhand after Gadatta post between India and Nepal to be built at Chhachhum. All types of vehicles, small and big, can ply on this bridge.

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- With the construction of this bridge, the traffic between India and Nepal will be easy. This will increase trade relations between India and Nepal. Local people will benefit by increasing tourism and trade in the area.

## Vehicles Coming to Uttarakhand from Other States to Attract 1% Green Cess

### Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, Uttarakhand Transport Minister Chandan Ramdas told the media that the government would impose green cess on vehicles coming to Uttarakhand from other states. A proposal is being prepared for this, which will be brought in the cabinet meeting soon.

### Key Points

- Transport Minister Chandan Ramdas said that one percent green cess will be levied on vehicles coming to Uttarakhand from other states. This cess will be used for road safety works. This will increase revenue, which will strengthen road safety.
- The transport department collects entry tax from commercial vehicles coming from outside, but now one percent green cess will be charged from commercial and private vehicles. For this, the Transport Department is preparing software.
- He said that the green cess will be such that it does not put too much burden on the public. This cess will be levied on all vehicles coming from other states except two-wheelers and tractors.
- This green cess will be levied based on high security number plates of vehicles. For this, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras have been installed at all check posts. With the help of these cameras, the tax of every vehicle entering the border of Uttarakhand can be checked. Based on this, recovery will be made. Wide publicity will also be done for Green Cess.

## Khel Mahakumbh in Uttarakhand

### Why In News?

- On September 22, 2022, Uttarakhand Sports Minister

Rekha Arya told the media in the auditorium of the Assembly that the Khel Mahakumbh will start from October 2 in 662 Nyay panchayats of 13 districts of the state.

### Key Points

- Sports Minister Rekha Arya told that this Khel Maha Kumbh will be inaugurated by Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (Sen.) from Raipur Nyay Panchayat in Dehradun.
- Starting from October 2 till January 25, 2023, the Khel Mahakumbh will see competitions in different age groups. Any player in the age group of 8 to 14 years, 14 to 17 years and 17 to 21 years can participate in the competitions. More than two lakh players will participate in Nyay Panchayat, Block, District and State level competitions.
- Registration in the contest is kept free. Registration can be done in the offices of Gram Panchayats, Primary Schools, Junior High School, Secondary School, Inter College, Youth Welfare, Sports and Education Department.
- The Sports Minister said that this year Pentathlon will also be organized, in which the soldiers of Indian Army, Paramilitary Force, Police, Home Guard etc. in the age group of 17 to 21 years will also be able to participate. Competitions will be organized at district and state level to attract the youth of the state in 1600 meters running, Long jump, High jump, Cricket, Ball throw, Chin-up disciplines.
- This year, under the Khel Mahakumbh 2022, traditional games, Murga Jhapat, Adan, Gulli Danda, Rassa-Kassi etc. have also been included.
  - Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Athletics games have been kept in the under 14 and 17 years age group at the Nyaya Panchayat level.
  - At the block level, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Athletics, Badminton and Boys' Football are included in Under 14, 17 and 21 age groups.
  - At the district level, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Athletics, Badminton, Football, Judo, Boxing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Handball, Basketball and Karate have been placed in the same age group at the district level.
  - At the state level, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Athletics, Badminton, Football, Judo, Boxing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Handball, Basketball, Karate and Hockey have been kept in the Boys category.

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## **National Swachh Survekshan -2022: Haridwar gets Swachhta Award in ganga cities category**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 27, 2022, information about Haridwar being selected for the Swachh award in the category of Ganga cities of Uttarakhand in the National Clean Survey-2022 has been sent by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Development by sending a letter to the Directorate of Government and Urban Development.

### **Key Points**

- According to Ravi Shankar Bisht, mission manager of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the state, the category of Ganga cities included 15 municipal bodies in the state. Of these, Haridwar has been selected for the award. Apart from this, the situation in Dehradun city has also improved on the basis of last year's assessment.
- Dehradun has been included in the special mentioned category of cities with a population of 3 to 10 lakh.
- With Haridwar and Dehradun, the number of municipal bodies selected for the swachhta award in the state has increased to six. Earlier, four bodies - Doiwala, Narendra Nagar, Ram Nagar and Landour Cantt - were selected for the swachhata award.
- Urban Development Minister Premchand Agarwal said that Uttarakhand has been included in the first three states in the category of states with less than 100 bodies.
- These bodies have been given to Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (SEN) will be honored on October 1.

## **Uttarakhand gets Best Tourism Destination Award**

### **Why In News?**

- Uttarakhand has been given the Best Tourism Destination Award at the National Tourism Awards event held in New Delhi under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Tourism on the occasion of World Tourism Day on September 27, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- Along with the Best Tourism Destination Award received by Uttarakhand on World Tourism Day, it was also given the first prize for the all-round development of tourism.
- State Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj received the awards from Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Satpal Maharaj said that Uttarakhand invites tourists from India and abroad to come to the state and facilities and opportunities are available here in all categories of tourism. In this context, Himalaya Darshan Service has also been started through helicopter in Mussoorie, the queen of the mountains.
- On the occasion of Tourism Day, the department also informed that online competition of photography and videography will be started in various categories, in which prizes of more than Rs 25 lakh will be given.
- Apart from this, an attractive scheme has been launched for travel influencers. Under this, these persons who make videos not only in English, but also in regional languages will be listed in the department.

## **State Fisheries Development Board will be Formed in Uttarakhand**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 21, 2022, Uttarakhand Animal Husbandry Minister Saurabh Bahuguna told reporters that for the first time, the government will set up a State Fisheries Development Board to promote fisheries business in the state. The structure of the board is being prepared under the chairmanship of Secretary Fisheries.

### **Key Points**

- Animal Husbandry Minister Saurabh Bahuguna said that there is a lot of employment potential in fisheries in the state. For the first time, instructions have been given to the departmental officers to form a separate board to promote fisheries. Implementation and marketing of fisheries schemes will be promoted through the board.
- The decision to constitute the board was taken at a meeting of the Managing Committee of the State Fisheries Development Agency. The exercise of proposing the structure of the board has started, after which the proposal will be brought in the cabinet for approval.

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- It is worth mentioning that about six thousand metric tonnes of fish is produced in the state. The government has set a target of taking fish production to 11 thousand metric tonnes within the coming one year.
- More than 11 thousand people are doing fish business in the state. So far, the production of Common Carp, Silver Carp, Rohu fish is high in the state.
- In view of the increasing demand in the market, the government plans to provide employment opportunities by increasing trout fish production. The state government is now going to form a separate Fisheries Development Board for fisheries on the lines of Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board for animal husbandry development.
- The top three fish producing districts in Uttarakhand are- 1. Udham Singh Nagar (2921.349 MT), 2. Haridwar (1424.89 MT), 3. Dehradun (295.53 MT).
- In a career spanning over 40 years, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has held several command, staff and supporting positions and has vast experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East India.
- Significantly, after the death of former CDS General Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash, this was the largest military post in the country for 9 months, whose responsibility has now been entrusted to retired Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan.
- Born on May 18, 1961, Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981. He is an alumnus of National Defense Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.
- In the rank of Major General, he commanded an infantry division in the important Baramulla sector in the Northern Command. Later as Lieutenant General, he commanded a Corps in the North-East and became the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command from September 2019 and took over till his retirement from service in May 2021.

## Retired Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan of Uttarakhand Became the Second CDS of the Country

### Why In News?

- On September 28, 2022, the Government of India has appointed Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan (Retd), a native of Pauri district of Uttarakhand, as the next (second) Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) of the country.

### Key Points

- According to the information given by the Ministry of Defense, Anil Chauhan will also serve as Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs of the Government of India till the date of his joining and further orders.

- Apart from these command appointments, he also held important staff appointments including the charge of Director General, Military Operations. Prior to this he also served as the United Nations Mission in Angola. He retired from the Indian Army on May 31, 2021. Even after retiring from the Army, he continued to contribute to national security and strategic affairs.
- For distinguished and distinguished service in the Army, Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan (Retd) has been awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Aati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.



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