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## Devasthanam Management Board Dissolved

### Why in News

- On November 30, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the dissolution of the Devasthanam Board by repealing the Uttarakhand Chardham Devasthanam Act.

### Key Points

- The decision to dissolve the Devasthanam Management Board has been taken on the basis of the report submitted by the High Level Committee and the Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted in this regard on November 29, 2021. This act will be withdrawn in the coming assembly session.
- A total of 51 temples including Chardham - Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamanotri and their associated temples were brought under Devasthanam Management Board. The work of this board was to provide maintenance, income-expenditure generation and management of various works and other facilities of these temples.
- The Chairman of this board was made Chief Minister and Vice-Chairman Dharmastha and Culture Minister. In Garhwal divisional commissioner Ravinath Raman was made the chief executive officer of the board.

## Uttarakhand Integrated and Resilient Urban Development Project

### Why in News

- Recently, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of Rs 938 crore for the **Uttarakhand Integrated and Resilient Urban Development Project** (drinking water line and sewer works).

### Key Points

- Under the Uttarakhand Integrated and Resilient Urban Development Project, a drinking water line of about 136 km will be laid in the southern part of Dehradun, which will make the way for about 40 thousand people to get drinking water easier.
- Under this project, water meters will also be installed in 5400 hours.

- Dehradun has 256 km of underground sewer network and 117 km. Rain water network will be prepared, which will provide relief to 1 lakh 38 thousand people of 17 thousand 410 houses in this district.
- With this project of ADB, for the first time, computerized maintenance and management systems will be installed in Dehradun and Nainital, which will work by dividing these districts into four parts, so that management and maintenance can be done faster.

## Saras Mela

### Why in News

- On December 2, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the National Saras Mela-2021 at Gandhi Maidan, Rudrapur in the state.

### Key Points

- Saras Mela has been organized with the aim of empowering women and giving market to the goods produced by Self Help Groups.
- Organized by the Department of Rural Development, this fair will run till December 10.
- In this fair, a package of Rs 119 crore was given by the state government under the National Livelihood Mission to those women groups, who have some skill or the other.
- The Chief Minister has given instructions to the banks to provide loans expeditiously for self-employment and increase in the economic resources of the state.
- The Chief Minister informed that various employment schemes are being run to provide employment and self-employment opportunities.

## Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor

### Why in News

- On December 4, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor (Eastern Peripheral Expressway Junction to Dehradun), Child Friendly City Project Dehradun, in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Also inaugurated the state-of-the-art Perfume and Fragrance Laboratory (Centre for Aromatic Plants) at Doon.

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**Key Points**

- The total length of the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway will be 175 km. The highway will be built at a cost of about Rs 8,600 crore. The highway is being built to encourage economic activities and encourage investment.
- The travel time between Delhi-Dehradun by road will be reduced from eight hours to about two-and-a-half hours.
- It will be Asia's largest 12 km wildlife elevated corridor for uninterrupted movement of wildlife.
- This expressway will have more than 750 rain water harvesting and water recharge points at an interval of 500 meters. It will have six interchanges, four flyovers, six major bridges, 10 minor and two ROries and 10 VUPs.

## Two Day International Conference in Dehradun

**Why in News**

- A two day International Conference on Progress in Chemistry and Biology of Carbohydrates (Carbo XXXV) was organized in Virtual Mode at Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on December 4-5, 2021.

**Key Points**

- The conference was inaugurated by AS Rawat, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.
- The conference was attended by more than 250 participants from academic institutions from India, USA, Germany, UK, Netherlands and Portugal including scientists from FRI, CSIR, IIT, IISER laboratories.
- Speaking on the occasion, AS Rawat emphasized on the role of carbohydrates in various aspects of life including food and medicine and their industrial importance.
- Rawat also stressed on developing new technologies for value-added use of weeds so as to protect forests and create a source of livelihood for the people.
- Two technical sessions were held on the first day of the program with 10 invited lectures and four short lectures by speakers from India, USA, Germany, Netherlands and Portugal.

## Khadi Village Industries and Tourism Sharadotsav Fair

**Why in News**

- On December 7, 2021, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the **Himwant Kavi Chandrakuvar Bartwal Khadi Village Industries and Tourism Sharadotsav, 2021** fair at Chamoli Pokhari.

**Key Points**

- While inaugurating the fair, the Chief Minister clarified the importance of industries and businesses in the hills and said that employment would be created when industries would open in the mountains. He **declared the Chamoli Pokhari fair as a state fair.**
- It is noteworthy that the **Pokhari fair is organized for five days.**
- The Chief Minister has also announced an amount of **Rs. 2 lakh** for organizing this fair.

## Milk Price Promotion Scheme Launched

**Why in News**

- On December 8, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the **Milk Price Promotion Scheme** at IRDT Auditorium, Survey Chowk, Dehradun.

**Key Points**

- During this, he announced to increase the incentive amount to 50 paise per liter of milk for the secretaries of milk societies of plain areas and Re 1 per liter of milk for secretaries of milk societies in hilly areas.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister announced to increase the milk price incentive amount from Rs 4 per liter to Rs 5 per litre. Along with this, an announcement will be made to release funds for the Directorate of Milk Development Department at Haldwani at the earliest.
- It is noteworthy that for the outstanding incentive amount of the milk producers of Uttarakhand, Rs 24 crore has been sanctioned across the state. This amount is being given for dairy development. A total of 52 thousand members have joined this scheme, who will get the benefit of this scheme.

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- At the launch of this scheme, the Chief Minister has given an amount of one crore rupees to the milk producers through DBT.

## Inauguration of State Level Sports Mahakumbh-2021

### Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the state level Khel Mahakumbh-2021 organized at Maharana Pratap Sports College in Dehradun district.

### Key Points

- State level Khel Mahakumbh-2021 has been organized by the Department of Youth Welfare.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has accepted the long standing demand of PRD jawans.
- He announced to give 300 days work in a year to PRD jawans and financial assistance of Rs 2 lac to the next of kin in case of death of any jawan in the line of duty.
- Apart from this, he has increased the honorarium of PRD jawans by Rs 70 per day and also announced restructuring of the structure of the youth welfare department.
- The Chief Minister said that the Uttarakhand government would soon set up a sports university in the state, in which free education would be provided to the students studying in the state.

## MoU Signed Between IISWC and Sparsh Himalaya

### Why in News

- Recently **Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (ICAR-IISWC)** and **Sparsh Himalaya** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to execute inter-organizational collaborative activities for promotion of Himalayan ecosystem, people and resources.

### Key Points

- M Madhu, Director, ICAR-IISWC, stated that the objective of the MoU is to encourage and facilitate cooperation and to promote common programs of mutual interest. That helps advance the interests of the

Himalayan ecosystem and the associated intellectual life and cultural development.

- National and international level collaborative programs and enhanced outreach and awareness of technical outcomes and success stories will be targeted through this MoU.
- Potential areas of cooperation include research, training, capacity building, experience sharing and knowledge management and natural resource based sustainable livelihood promotion in the area of rural development.
- The two organizations are developing a joint plan for a national conference in January 2022 on the technical contributions and success stories of R&D organizations working on the welfare of the Himalayas.

## MoU Signed Between IIT and IWAI to Stabilize Ganga Shipping Channel

### Why in News

- Recently **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)** Roorkee has signed an MoU with **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** for stabilization of shipping channels at 17 locations along a stretch of river Ganga from Varanasi to Sahibganj. It follows an earlier morphological study of the Ganges by the Department of Civil Engineering, an institute sponsored by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

### Key Points

- Under this project, IIT Roorkee will undertake channel stabilization (river training) work at 17 locations along the Ganges river for development of navigation channels with eco-friendly technologies to enhance navigation capability on **National Waterway-1 (NW-1)**.
- The work is a part of IAWI's ongoing Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP), sponsored by the World Bank.
- JMVP envisages creation and improvement of integration opportunities with other surface transport modes such as roads and railways, to improve the overall efficiency of the logistics chain by connecting waterways through various well equipped terminals and ferries.
- Speaking on the occasion, Professor Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee said that this collaboration will

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ensure the progress of the nation's waterways and will especially benefit the farmers and people living in the entire Ganga belt.

- It will promote the development of small scale industries, generate employment opportunities and facilitate transportation of cargo. Thus there will be improvement in logistics through smaller jetties, which will lead to overall development of the area.

## Second Supplementary Budget of the Financial Year Presented

### Why in News

- On December 10, 2021, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Banshidhar Bhagat presented the second supplementary budget of Rs 1,353.7908 crore for the current financial year in the state assembly.

### Key Points

- A provision of Rs 668.36 crore has been made for the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) in the supplementary budget, while a provision of Rs 80 crore has been made for the **Nanda Gaura Yojna** of the Women's Empowerment and Child Development Department.
- Similarly, Rs 100 crore has been kept for the Public Works Department (PWD) for works under the state sector. An amount of Rs 50 crore has been kept for repair and maintenance of bridges under PWD.
- The minister has presented the second supplementary budget of the government in this financial year. Earlier in August 2021, during the monsoon session of the Legislative Assembly, the House had passed a supplementary budget of Rs 5,780.80 crore.
- The then Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat presented a budget of Rs 57,400.32 crore for the financial year 2021-22 in Bharadisain on March 4 this year.

## State's Largest Wildlife Rescue Center to be Built in Corbett

### Why in News

- Recently, Director of Corbett National Park, Rahul said that the wildlife rescue center being developed

in a 30 hectare area in Dhela zone of Corbett National Park will be the biggest center of its kind in the state.

### Key Points

- A staff of 30 people including veterinary surgeons, physicians and anesthesia experts will work at this center.
- Part of the center built so far is already being used to treat tigers, leopards and elephants, while after completion the center will also be able to treat bears, snakes, birds and other wildlife. Presently this center is being used for the treatment of five leopards and two tigers.
- The director of Corbett National Park said that the plan to set up this wildlife rescue center was announced in 2019 after the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The total cost of the project is about Rs 19 crore, out of which about Rs 10 crore has been spent so far.

## Liquid Mirror Telescope

### Why in News

- Recently, Dipankar Banerjee, scientist of **Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (AIRES)**, told that soon Asia's largest Liquid Mirror Telescope, also known as **Devasthali Optical Telescope (DOT)** will be at Devasthal near Nainital in Uttarakhand. , will be installed.

### Key Points

- Dipankar Banerjee said that the telescope could have been installed earlier, but it got delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the state. He said that the construction work of the telescope has been completed and it will be installed and inaugurated soon.
- A liquid mirror telescope coated with mercury is much cheaper than a normal telescope and can only see objects in space that come into its view, as it cannot be moved in different directions.
- It will be used to study celestial bodies such as stars, space debris and satellites that will pass through its focus.
- Currently, the largest such telescope in Asia has a diameter of 3.6 meters, while the telescope will measure four meters in diameter, making it the third largest telescope in the world after installation.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Belgian counterpart Charles Michel launched the telescope in March 2016. It has been built with the joint collaboration of Canada and Belgium at a cost of Rs 10 crore.

## Supreme Court's Nod for Chardham Project

### Why in News

- On December 14, 2021, the Supreme Court gave permission to the ambitious Chardham project of the Uttarakhand government.

### Key Points

- Keeping in view the need of national security, the Supreme Court has given conditional permission to develop 3 national highways of strategic importance (Rishikesh to Mana, Rishikesh to Gangotri and Tanakpur to Pithoragarh) connecting the border with China in the Chardham project in Uttarakhand. .
- The Supreme Court has given permission to the Center to increase the width of the road and build a double lane highway in the all-weather highway project. After getting this permission, India's access to China will become easier under the Chardham project and the Indian Army will be able to reach the borders with China in any weather.
- The central government's Chardham project aims to provide all-weather connectivity to Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath. The cost of this 889 km long project is estimated at Rs 12,000 crore. The Central Government, during the hearing of its petition, told the court that these are feeder roads for the border roads leading to the India-China Line of Actual Control.

## "AYUSH Samvad" – "Uttarakhand AYUSH: Resources and Possibilities"

### Why in news

- On December 16, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union Minister of Shipping and Waterways, AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal, organized 'AYUSH Samvad' by the Department of AYUSH and AYUSH Education at Alaknanda Ghat, Haridwar.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, while mentioning Kedarnath Dham and Badrinath Dham, said that schemes worth Rs 400 crore have been inaugurated and foundation stone has been laid in Kedarnath and in April the third phase of works will start in Kedarnath. Apart from this, projects worth Rs 250 crore have been approved for Badrinath Dham.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister demanded the Union Minister of Shipping and Waterways, AYUSH, Government of India to open an All India Ayurvedic Institute in Uttarakhand.
- Sarbananda Sonowal made several announcements while addressing the program-
  - Under the National AYUSH Mission, a 10-bed Ayush hospital will be set up in Uttarakhand.
  - One **mobile AYUSH unit (AYUSH Rath)** will be operated **in each district of the state.**
  - Under the National AYUSH Mission, a Government Homeopathic Medical College and a 50-bed Unani Hospital will be established in the state.
  - Financial assistance will be provided for setting up 100 AYUSH wellness centers in the state.
  - With the help of the National Medical Plants Board, herbal gardens will be established in 200 schools of the state and thirteen nurseries in thirteen districts.
  - An assistance of Rs 15 lakh will be given to each **forest panchayat** for the establishment of medical plants etc.
- Apart from this, arrangements for marma therapy would be made in **Uttarakhand Ayurved University** and it would become a major center of the country. Uttarakhand is being given assistance by the Government of India for the development of the AYUSH sector.

## Livelihood Festival at Hawalbagh

### Why in News

- On December 17, 2021 Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the two-day **Livelihood Festival at Hawalbagh, Almora**. Also inaugurated the Rural Business Incubator Center located in Hawalbagh.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the

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objective of **Rural Business Incubator Center** is to encourage self-employment in rural areas and to provide support to entrepreneurs from beginning to end for setting up of enterprises. Along with this, **its objectives are to generate employment, business cooperation, promotion of new ideas and technology etc.** to the youth.

- On the occasion of its inauguration, the Chief Minister said that a **Rural Business Incubator Center has been set up at Almora and Pauri** in the state. Efforts will be made to connect the common man with this center. This **will help prevent migration**.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that all the officers and public representatives should work together for the progress of Uttarakhand. All the departmental officers have been instructed to prepare a roadmap for 10 years so that the foundation for the development of Uttarakhand can be laid.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of schemes worth Rs 49.19 crore and also distributed cheques to 27 self-help groups under various schemes.
- Workshops on European Vegetable Cultivation by Horticulture Department, Homestay Scheme by Tourism Department, Commercial Poultry Farming by Animal Husbandry Department, Marketing and Packaging by Industries Department, Value Chain by NRLM and Aajeevika and Tree Ayurveda Agriculture by Agriculture Department were organized during Aajeevika Mahotsav.

## Released the book 'Prevention from Corona: A Cautionary Initiative'

### Why in News

- On December 20, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released the book '**Prevention from Corona: A Vigilant Initiative**' written by Dr. Santosh Kumar at the Chief Minister's residence.

### Key Points

- This book includes the work and experiences done by health workers during the global pandemic Covid-19, prevention of the Covid epidemic and other important information.

- The Chief Minister said that this booklet would be helpful in getting health related information for every section of the society. He said that during the Covid epidemic, commendable work of public service was done by the doctors and health department personnel.

## Star Cricketer Rishabh Pant becomes the Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand

### Why in News

- On December 20, 2021 Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has appointed Indian cricket team wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant as the 'State Brand Ambassador'** with an aim to promote the sport in the state and create mental health awareness among the youth of the state.

### Key Points

- Dhami took to Twitter to share the news of Pant's appointment as the 'State Brand Ambassador' with an aim to encourage the youth of the state towards sports and public health. Dhami made a video call to the young cricketer and invited him for a meeting.
- Rishabh Rajendra Pant is an Indian cricketer who plays as a middle-order wicket-keeper batsman for India, Delhi and Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League. In December 2015, he was named in India's squad for the 2016 Under-19 Cricket World Cup.

## 'Kanda Festival'

### Why in News

- On December 23, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the '**Kanda Mahotsav**' organized at Kanda in Bageshwar district by lighting the lamp and offering prayers.

### Key Points

- In the Kanda Mahotsav, the Chief Minister announced Rs. 2 lakh to the Mela Committee and Rs. 25 lakh for the community building in Kanda. Apart from this, it was also announced to sanction funds for Sanction ANM Center in Sasola and to arrange ultrasound and dialysis to improve health facilities at Government Community Health Center Kanda.

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- Thereafter, the Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 89 schemes costing Rs 27,331.13 lakh for the Kapkot and Bageshwar areas of the Assembly, in a program organized at Kedareshwar Maidan of Kapkot, Bageshwar.
- 33 schemes costing Rs 6843.03 lakh were inaugurated and foundation stone of 36 schemes worth Rs 15632.94 lakh was laid. Apart from this, 4 schemes worth Rs 531.40 lakh were inaugurated and the foundation stone of 16 schemes worth Rs 4323.76 lakh was laid.
- After this, the Chief Minister inaugurated a 500 MPL capacity oxygen generation plant at Community Health Center Kapkot and laid the foundation stone of a 20 bed hospital building and meeting hall.
- The Chief Minister said on the occasion that a young state like Uttarakhand would be India's number one state in the coming times in all fields like education, health, tourism, business, industry.
- He said that there is immense potential for tourism in the district, for which work is being done. The Kapkot region has immense potential for herbs, so this area will be developed as a herbal center. Estimates for the construction of the building of the Polytechnic and the CSD canteen in Kapkot will be done.

## Uttarakhand in Good Governance Index, 2021

### Why in News

- On the occasion of Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021, the Good Governance Index was released by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, in which **Uttarakhand has got the third rank in the category of North-East and Hill states.**

### Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into **four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories.** 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- Uttarakhand has secured the third rank in the category of North-East and Hill states with a score of 4.842 in the overall ranking of the Good Governance Index.
- **This year's score has decreased by 0.5 percent as compared to the previous index (2019) of Uttarakhand.**

Last time its score was 4.87, which has now come down to 4.84.

- **Uttarakhand has basically made reforms in agriculture and allied sector, public health sector and judicial and public security sector.**
- The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which Uttarakhand's ranking and score are as follows-

Sectors	Uttarakhand Ranking	Score
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	7th	0.386
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	3rd	0.650
3. Human Resource Development Sector	2nd	0.607
4. Public Health Sector	7th	0.451
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	8th	0.627
6. Economic Governance Sector	2nd	0.447
7. Social Welfare and Development	6th	0.484
8. Judicial and Public Security	2nd	0.493
9. Environmental Sector	8th	0.138
10. Citizen Centric Governance	1st	0.560

## Uttarakhand in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

### Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, government think tank **NITI Aayog released the fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20**, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, **Uttarakhand ranks 15th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.**

### Key Points

- The report was **divided into three parts - large states, small states and union territories.** Among the **smaller states, Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.**
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.
- In terms of overall health performance among large states, **Uttarakhand ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 19 states with**

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a score of **44.21**. Kerala is first with 82.20 score, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 score and Telangana is third with 69.96 score.

- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance.

## Inauguration of Mega Skill and Employment Fair

### Why in News

- On December 28, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Higher Education Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat and Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development Minister Banshidhar Bhagat jointly launched the Vridha Kaushal and Sewayojan Rozgar Mela in Haldwani. On this occasion, Chief Minister Dhami also distributed appointment letters to 42 youths and women.

### Key Points

- This fair has been organized by the Department of Skill Development and Employment.
- At the fair, Chief Minister Dhami said that employment fairs are being organized continuously by the government in the districts of the entire state. These fairs are providing employment opportunities to the youth. Unemployed youth of the state can register for the employment fair sitting at home.
- Chief Minister Dhami said that the main objective of the government is to increase self-employment along with employment. He said that 3700 homestays are registered in the state, under which 8000 youth and girls are getting self-employment.
- He said that work is being done to fill up the departments where the posts are vacant. The government has made a provision to increase the amount up to Rs 25 lakh in the Veer Chandra Garhwali Yojana for self-employment as well as employment, and work is being done to increase subsidy in homestays.
- He said that the government has increased the age limit for government jobs by one year and the applicant will not have to pay any fee for filling the application fee of the examination form in the state, as well as the preparation of IAS, PCS, MBBS, Public Service Commission. The children who pre-qualify for this purpose are being given 50 thousand rupees by the government for further preparations.

## Kakra Crocodile Trail

### Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the **Kakra Crocodile Trail in Terai Eastern Forest Division at Khatima**. This is the first Crocodile Trail in the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that with the creation of the Crocodile Trail, where there would be conservation and enhancement of the natural habitat of the crocodiles, tourism activities would be encouraged in the area. Its establishment will increase employment and economic activities.
- He said that its construction will help both ecology and economy. With the formation of these, local people will get employment, efforts will also be made to increase tourism activities in the area through homestays.
- Kakra Crocodile Trail Kakra Nala is located on the western border of Surai Ecotourism Zone. This Nala is the natural habitat of Crocodile (Marsh Crocodile). This species of crocodile found in freshwater sources has become extinct in many countries like Bhutan and Myanmar.
- For tourists to see crocodiles easily, 4 km. The long drain has been developed as Kakra Crocodile Trail by channeling fencing. Three viewpoints and several watch towers have been built in this first Crocodile Trail in the state so that crocodiles can be seen up close in a safe manner.

## Jungle Safari Launched in Surai Ecotourism Zone

### Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched Jungle Safari at Surai Ecotourism Zone in Khatima. During this he also did jungle safari. Surai Ecotourism Zone is the first such ecotourism zone in the state, where tourists can enjoy jungle safari.

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- Terai Eastern Forest Division, which is full of biodiversity and wildlife, will be developed in a planned manner

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and converted into an eco-tourism zone so that its natural beauty can be used to provide direct and indirect employment to the local people.

- The Chief Minister said that CM Young Ecopreneur Yojna was launched in Dehradun on October 1, 2021 with the objective of providing self-employment opportunities to the local people by linking forest and wildlife with the economy.
- The implementation of this scheme has been started. As a beginning, jungle safari is being started in Khatima by developing the Surai Ecotourism Zone. The scheme will be operated through village committees.
- The influx of tourists in the Surai Ecotourism Zone will provide direct and indirect employment to the local people. This scheme will be extended to the entire state.
- He said that nature guide, drone pilot, wildlife photographer, ecotourism, wildlife tourism based skills would be converted into enterprise under CM Young EcoPreneur Scheme.
- The forest routes of Surai forest area have been developed as Biodiversity Trail. This area is spread over an area of 180 square kilometers, bordered by **Sharda Sagar Dam** in the east, **Khatima Nagar in the west, Melghat Road** in the north and **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve area** in the south.
- Naturally beautiful, this forest area is rich in sal trees, pastures and water. Due to all these reasons, the movement of tigers continues here. Apart from this, about 125 species of mammals, more than 150 species of birds and about 20 species of reptiles are also found in this forest area.

## PM Narendra Modi Inaugurated and Laid the Foundation Stone of Schemes Worth Rs 17,547 Crore

### Why in News

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of schemes worth Rs 17,547 crore in a program organized in Haldwani

(Nainital), including the inauguration of 06 schemes worth Rs 3420 crore and the foundation stone of 17 schemes worth Rs 14,127 crore.

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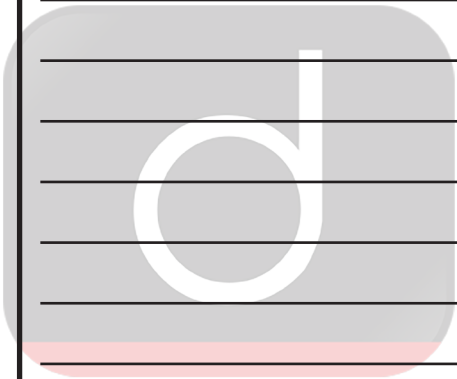
- Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the satellite center of AIIMS and the medical college of Pithoragarh would provide world class health facilities to the people of Kumaon and Terai region. Various road projects will give better connectivity to Kumaon. Work on Tanakpur bageshwar railway line will also start soon.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the Lakhwar multipurpose project worth five thousand seven hundred and forty seven crore rupees is also included in the inauguration and foundation stone of development schemes worth more than seventeen and a half thousand crores made by the Prime Minister.
- This project will generate 300 MW of hydroelectricity, which will not only make the state a 'power house' in the field of energy but will also generate employment on a large scale in the state. Along with this, drinking water will also be available to 6 states from this project.
- The Chief Minister said that Uttarakhand would become the first state in India to establish a satellite center in addition to AIIMS after the Central Government started the satellite center of AIIMS in Kumaon division at a cost of more than 500 crores.
- With the objective of providing high quality health facilities to the inaccessible areas of the hills, the way has also been paved for the construction of a medical college at Pithoragarh at a cost of Rs 455 crore. The government is also trying to build Manas Khand corridor in Kumaon region on the lines of Chardham Corridor. This, on one hand, will boost tourism in the region, while on the other hand the infrastructure of the entire Kumaon will get a boost.
- The Chief Minister said that the Jamrani Dam and Drinking Water Scheme, pending since the last forty-four years, is going to start soon. Due to the sincere efforts of the Central Government for the development of Integrated Urban Infrastructure Development in Haldwani, about twenty one hundred crore rupees have been approved.



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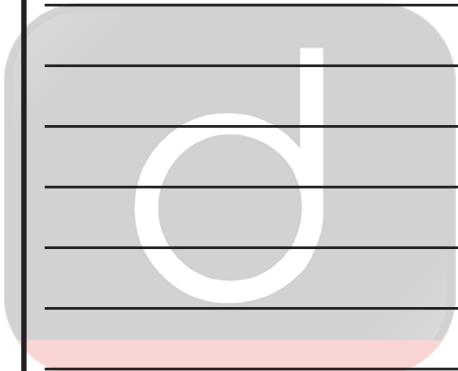


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