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Resolution for Tobacco-free Uttarakhand

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day in Uttarakhand on May 31, 2022, more than 5 lakh people pledged to abstain from tobacco.

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- On this occasion, a state level programme was organized at Government Doon Medical College (GDMC), which was inaugurated by The Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Admiral (Retd), D. K. Joshi addressed as the chief guest.
- To create a tobacco-free society, the tobacco-free Uttarakhand programme is being run under which the state government has set a target of reducing the consumption of tobacco by 15 per cent by the year 2025.
- Under this programme, the state government has set a target to make two villages of each block tobacco-free.
- Speaking on the occasion, Uttarakhand Health and Education Minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that an awareness campaign is being carried out in different parts of the state under tobacco-free Uttarakhand.

Yellow Alert of Heat Wave Issued in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

- On June 2, 2022, the maximum temperature of Dehradun was recorded at 41.1 degrees Celsius, in view of which the Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for the heat wave in the valley areas of Garhwal division.

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- Dehradun's temperature reached 41.1 degrees Celsius, breaking the record of the last ten years, as this is the first time since the maximum temperature of June 2012 was 42.2 degrees Celsius, when the temperature has reached 41 degrees Celsius.
- Doon's record of the highest temperature so far is 43.9 degrees Celsius, which was recorded on June 4, 1902.
- Significantly, the summer wave is a condition of abnormally high temperatures in which the temperature

remains higher than normal and mainly affects the northwestern parts of the country.

- In India, the summer wave usually lasts between March-June, but sometimes even till July.
- The Indian Meteorological Department has fixed the temperature at 40 degrees Celsius in plains and 30 degrees Celsius in hilly areas as the standard of summer wave. Where the normal temperature remains below 40°C, there are normal when the temperature rises from 5 to 6°C and severe summer wave events when the temperature increases above 7°C.

Chief Minister Dhami Won by a Record Margin of Votes in Assembly By-Election

Why in News?

- On June 3, 2022, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami won the results of the by-election to Champawat seat in Uttarakhand with a record 92% of the votes.

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- A total of 62,898 votes were polled in the may 31 by-election to champawat assembly seat.
- Out of this, 58,258 votes went to Chief Minister Dhami, while 3233 votes went to Congress candidate Nirmala Gahtori.
- It is worth mentioning that Dhami's victory is the biggest ever victory in terms of vote percentage and vote difference in the Uttarakhand Assembly elections and by-elections.
- It is also worth noting that in the Assembly elections held in February 2022, the BHARATIYA Janata Party had won 47 out of 70 seats, but Chief Minister Dhami lost from his Khatima assembly seat.

India's first Liquid Mirror Telescope set up in Nainital

Why in News?

- On June 2, 2022, the director of Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Science (ARIES), Nainital, Prof. Dipankar Banerjee told that with the help of the four-meter diameter Liquid Mirror Telescope installed in Devasthal, Aries will help in uncovering the big mysteries of space.

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- Besides India it is a joint project of four other countries - Belgium, Canada, Poland and Uzbekistan.
- Under the project which started in 2017, this telescope has been built at a cost of Rs. 50 crore.
- In its first phase of testing, clear images of the NGC-4274 galaxy 95 thousand light-years away have been obtained, as well as clear pictures of the stars of its own Milky Way galaxy.

India commissions its first Liquid Mirror Telescope

Why in News?

- India has recently launched its first '**Liquid Mirror Telescope**' International Liquid Mirror Telescope (**ILMT**) at the Devastha Observatory complex in Nainital, Uttarakhand.

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- It is Asia's largest International Liquid Mirror Telescope (**ILMT**), which is installed at an altitude of 2,450 meters above sea level.
- The telescope has been installed at devasthal observatory complex owned by Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (**ARIES**), Nainital.
- It is the world's first liquid-mirror telescope developed for astronomy research. It is the only telescope of its kind to be commissioned anywhere in the world.
- This telescope will be used to observe galaxies and other celestial elements present on the edge of the world.
- The telescope has been set up by India in collaboration with Belgium, Canada, Poland and Uzbekistan. It was designed and built in Belgium at the Advanced Mechanical and Optical Systems Corporation and the Centre Spatial de Liez.
- Traditional telescopes have glass mirrors polished with a combination of single or curved surfaces and are used to observe special celestial bodies on specific nights, while liquid mirror telescopes are made up of reflective fluids, such as mercury, and stars, galaxies, supernova explosions, Observes a strip of the sky capturing all possible celestial bodies, from asteroids to space debris.

Uttarakhand ranks 7th in Food Security Index, 2021-22

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Food Day (June 7, 2022) Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released the 4th State Food Safety Index (**SFSI**) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**), in which Uttarakhand has been ranked 7th.

Key Points

- Mandaviya launched various innovative initiatives including The Eat Right Research Awards and Grants Phase-II, Eat Right Creativity Challenge Phase-III, a competition at the school level by FSSAI.
- Tamil Nadu topped the Food Security Index, 2021-22 among 17 large states with 82 points, while Gujarat is second with 77.5 points and Maharashtra is third with 70 points.
- Uttarakhand is at the 7th position with 55 points in the category of big states.
- Among the smaller states, Goa retained its top ranking, while Manipur and Sikkim secured the second and third positions. Among the Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh secured the top three ranks.
- It may be recalled that the states have been assessed on five parameters of food security - human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing facilities, training and capacity building and consumer empowerment.
- The Food Security Index was launched in 2018-19 with the aim of bringing about a competitive and positive change in the food security ecosystem in the country. The move was also taken to motivate the states and Union Territories to work towards ensuring safe food for citizens.

Amrit Sarovar will also be Built in less than One Acre of Land in Devbhoomi

Why in News?

- On June 7, 2022, Mohammad Aslam, state coordinator of Mission Amrut Sarovar, informed that the Central

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Government has relaxed the standard of area earmarked for construction of sarovar in Uttarakhand under the ambitious programme Mission Amrit Sarovar. Now, in Uttarakhand, lakes can be built in less than one acre of land.

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- The Centre has given this exemption in view of the heterogeneous geographical conditions of the state of Uttarakhand.
- The renovation and rejuvenation of the lakes will cost Rs 132.91 crore.
- It may be recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced Mission Amrit Sarovar on April 24 this year with a view to conserve water for the future.
- Combining it with the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, a target has been set to build 75 Amrit Sarovar in each district. These reservoirs are to be constructed before 15th August next year.
- As per the prescribed standard, the area of a lake (reservoir) should be one acre or more.
- In the plains of Uttarakhand with heterogeneous geographical conditions, there is availability of one acre or more of land for reservoir construction, but this was not happening in the mountains. On this, the state government requested for relaxation in the standard of area, which was accepted by the Centre.
- Mohammad Aslam, state coordinator of the mission, said that 1017 lakes have been selected against the target of 975 lakes set for all the 13 districts. So far, 530 lakes have been sanctioned, out of which work has started on 333.
- Construction and revitalization of other lakes will begin soon. Most of the lakes will be constructed under MGNREGA.

Uttarakhand to become Third State to Launch Food Grain ATM Scheme

Why in News?

- On June 8, 2022, Uttarakhand's Food and Civil Supplies Minister Rekha Arya informed that under the World Food Scheme, the Uttarakhand Food Department is soon going to launch the Food Grain ATM scheme in the state.

Key Points

- It is to be noted that Uttarakhand will be the third state in the country to launch the Food Grain ATM scheme. At present, the Food Grain ATM scheme is running only in the state of Odisha and Haryana.
- Minister Rekha Arya said that the eligible people for free ration from the government ration shop will no longer have to make rounds of the shops, just as the common man withdraws money for his need from the ATM machine, now the eligible people can take the food grains.
- This system will work like an ATM machine. It will also have a screen like an ATM machine on it. Ration Card holders will be able to come here and extract wheat, rice and pulses like an ATM machine. The scheme is being launched under a pilot project.

Plastic up to 75 Microns Banned in the State from July 1

Why in News?

- On June 9, 2022, Director, Directorate of Urban Development, Uttarakhand, Lalit Mohan Ryal said that under the instructions of the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment, instructions have been issued to all the bodies to ban plastic up to 75 microns from July 1.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that in a letter sent by the Ministry of Forest and Environment to the Directorate of Urban Development on June 4, it has been said that after June 30, plastic up to 75 microns should be banned in the state.
- Under this, the Directorate has sent a letter to all the corporations, bodies asking them to revise the guidelines of the old 50 microns and issue a new notification.
- Lalit Mohan Ryal said that under the instructions, 13 bodies have issued notifications related to the ban. The directorate will launch a campaign to issue new notifications related to plastic bans in all other corporations of the state.
- From July 1, plasticized ear buds, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene decorative materials will be banned in the state.

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- Apart from this, cutlery like plastic plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives, straws, plastic film wrapping sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packs, banners made of plastic less than 100 microns thick will be banned.
- It is worth noting that in the past, 50 micron plastic use has been banned across the state.

Centre Approves Investment for Jamrani Project

Why in News?

- On June 10, 2022, Investment approval was given to the ambitious Jamrani Dam project of Uttarakhand in a meeting on investment approval proposals held under the chairmanship of Water Resources Secretary in New Delhi.

Key Points

- Officials of NITI Aayog and Central Water Commission attended the meeting. It considered proposals for investment clearance for projects in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Manipur.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project worth Rs.2584.10 crore was approved in the meeting. The approval is given on 90:10 (Centre:State) basis.
- The project aims to generate 63 million units of electricity and will provide additional irrigation facilities for 57,065 hectares of land.
- This project will also provide 42 MCM of drinking water to Haldwani city by the year 2055. The government has set a target to complete the project by the year 2027.
- It is worth mentioning that the construction of a multipurpose Jamrani dam project is proposed on the Gola river in Nainital district of Uttarakhand state. Construction of Gola Barrage in the first phase of the project, 244 km. Reconstruction of canal and construction of Damuva and Amritpuri colonies have been completed. The main dam will be constructed in the second phase.

Many Important Decisions Taken in the Cabinet Meeting

Why in News?

- On June 10, 2022, several important decisions were taken in the meeting of the State Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami at the Secretariat. A total of 23 points were considered in the meeting.

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- The cabinet gave its approval to outsource the SitarGanj sugar mill to be operated through a public-private partnership method in future.
- The Council of Ministers approved the presentation of the state's annual budget in the Assembly.
- =Apart from this, the amount of one-time grant given to the gallantry award winners was also increased, which are as follows-
 - One-time grant for Param Vir Chakra recipients increased from Rs.30 lakh to Rs.50 lakh.
 - For Ashok Chakra recipients increased from Rs.30 lakh to Rs.50 lakh.
 - For Mahavir Chakra recipients increased from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.35 lakh.
 - For Kirti Chakra winners increased from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.35 lakh.
 - For Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra increased from Rs.15 lakh to Rs.25 lakh.
 - For Army Gallantry Medal increased from Rs.7 lakh to Rs.15 lakh.
 - For Mention in Dispatch increased from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.
- The cabinet has also given its approval to the companion service manual of the Irrigation Department. Apart from this, it also gave its approval to introduce the Uttarakhand Zamindari Abolition and Land Reform Act Amendment Bill, 2022 and the Uttarakhand Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Amendment Bill, 2022 in the Vidhan Sabha.
- The Council of Ministers approved the introduction of the relevant Bill in the Legislative Assembly regarding amendment to the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies Act, 2003.
- The cabinet also directed the one-time settlement scheme for compounding of nursing homes, clinics, childcare centers, nursery schools etc. from single residential-commercial buildings should be completed within the stipulated time frame.

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33 Gentlemen Cadets from Uttarakhand Become Officers

Why in News?

- 33 youths from Uttarakhand became officers in the Indian Army after the Passingout Parade (POPs) at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) on June 11, 2022.

Key Points

- A total of 377 cadets from across the country and abroad participated in the parade. A total of 288 Gentlemen Cadets (GCs) belonging to 150 regular courses and 133 Technical Graduate Courses (TCCs) became proud officers of the Indian Army after the passing out on June 11.
- 89 Gentlemen Cadets from eight friendly countries have also passed out and joined the armies of their respective countries. Among the friendly countries, 43 cadets from Afghanistan, 18 from Bhutan, 1 from Kyrgyzstan, 3 from Maldives, 1 from Nepal, 3 from Sri Lanka, 19 from Tajikistan, 1 from Tanzania passed out.
- Uttar Pradesh topped the table of state-wise representation of the GC with 50 officers. Uttarakhand with 33 GCs was second in the passing out team, while Bihar finished third with 28 GCs and Haryana fourth with 25 GCs.
- The all-round gentleman cadet of the course, Mausam Vats, a resident of Samastipur, Bihar, was awarded the gold medal to Neeraj Singh Papola, a resident of Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand, for securing the first position in the prestigious Sword of Honour and Order of Merit.
- A total of 2724 cadets from 34 friendly countries have passed out of the Indian Military Academy so far, while the Indian Military Academy has so far given 63 thousand 568 military officers to the country.

Dhami Takes Oath as Member of Legislative Assembly

Why in News?

- On June 13, 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami took the oath of assembly membership. Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan administered the oath to him at the Assembly Building.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Dhami, who won the by-election to Champawat assembly seat by a record vote percentage on June 3, 2022, has become an MLA for the third time.
- In the Assembly elections held in March, 2022, the BJP had won 47 of the 60 seats with a thumping majority, but Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lost his Khatima assembly seat to Congress candidate Bhuvan Kapri.
- Champawat MLA Kailash Chand Gahtori had resigned and vacated the seat for Chief Minister Dhami after losing the Khatima assembly elections.

Nanda Gaura Yojana

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Uttarakhand's Women Empowerment and Child Development Minister Rekha Arya told that the state government has made a provision of Rs 500 crore in the budget to give the benefit of 'Nanda Gaura Yojna'.

Key Points

- With this, more than 61 thousand daughters of poor families of the state will get the benefit of 'Nanda Gaura Yojana' for the year 2022-23. Through the scheme, an amount of 11 thousand is given on the birth of daughters coming from general category to scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and other backward classes and 51 thousand on passing Inter, so that the daughters continue their further studies after passing Inter.
- Due to lack of budget in this welfare scheme, 61,890 daughters of poor families could not get the benefit of 'Nanda Gaura Yojana' from the year 2019-20 to the year 2021-22. On behalf of the department, 1421 daughters in the year 2019-20, 16,336 in the year 2020-21 and 44,133 in the year 2021-22 did not get the benefit of the scheme.
- According to a report of the department, in the year 2019-20, 27,239, in the year 2020-21, only 31,043 daughters have been given financial assistance under the scheme, while in the year 2021-22, not a single eligible daughter got the benefit of the scheme.
- According to departmental officials, a demand of Rs 375 crore was made from the government so that

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daughters could get the benefit of the scheme, but on the contrary, only Rs 60 crore was received.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Inaugurated 'Nabh Netra'

Why in News?

- On June 17, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the mobile ground control station 'Nabh Netra' from the Chief Minister's Camp Office.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that Uttarakhand is a disaster-sensitive state and in case of any disaster, this mobile ground control station based on drone technology will prove to be effective in collecting disaster related data.
- ITDA Director Amit Sinha said that Uttarakhand faces challenges like collecting data, processing and monitoring the situation at the time of natural calamity or emergency. Now the help of drone technology can be taken on a large scale for all these fronts. For this, the Drone Application Research Center has developed a mobile ground control station, which will be used to use drones during disaster or emergency situations and collect data through drones.
- In addition, pre-disaster and post-disaster maps will be prepared through drones in the disaster affected areas.
- This station is installed entirely on a vehicle. This ground control station has been equipped with high speed workstations for data processing, bandwidth aggregation and VSAT for areas without network zones.
- The vehicle will be used by the Uttarakhand government for disaster management and 3D mapping of all sensitive disaster prone areas.

Har ki Pauri Selected Among 75 Heritage Sites Across the Country

Why in News?

- On June 17, 2022, District Magistrate of Haridwar Vinay Shankar Pandey said that under the Amrit

Mahotsav of Independence being celebrated to commemorate the 75th Independence Year, Har Ki Pauri of Uttarakhand state was also selected among 75 heritage sites across the country on international yoga Day has been done.

Key Points

- Under this, a yoga programme will be organised at Malviya Ghat in Har Ki Padi of the state.
- The International Day of Yoga will be organised at five places in Haridwar to mark the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.
- On the occasion of International Day of yoga, 17 yoga teachers including Mamta Anand, Acharya Bipin Joshi, Seema Johar, Sanjeev Chandana, Swarup Singh Bhandari, Shashikant Dubey, Manoj Jaiswal, Trilok Saini were also felicitated by the Human Rights and Social Justice Organization.

Appointment of New Chief Justice of Uttarakhand

Why in News

- On January 19, 2022, a notification was issued by the Central Government for the appointment of Justice Vipin Sanghi of the Delhi High Court as the Chief Justice of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- The appointment of a new Chief Justice by the Central Government has been approved within a month of the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramanna.
- Article 217 of the Constitution states that the appointment of a High Court Judge shall be made by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the Governor of the State concerned.
- In the case of appointment of a judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.
- At present, the appointment of High Court judges is recommended by a collegium, consisting of the CJI and two senior-most judges. However, the proposal for appointment of judges is initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court in consultation with the two senior most colleagues.

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- The number of permanent judges in the Uttarakhand High Court is nine and the number of additional judges is two.

500 Water ATMs to be Installed at Tourist Places in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

- Recently, Uttarakhand Drinking Water Department Secretary Nitesh Jha informed that state-of-the-art water ATMs will be installed at every tourist place to reduce the use of plastic water bottles in the state, to provide self-employment to the villagers and clean water to the tourists.

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- On behalf of the department, the responsibility of operating 500 state-of-the-art water ATMs to be installed in the first phase at tourist places of the state will be given to the Gram Panchayat of the concerned tourist place.
- The quality of that water will be displayed at all water ATMs. Tourists will know what level of water they are drinking.
- It is worth noting that in order to reduce plastic waste in the state, under the directive issued by the State Urban Development Department, from July 1, 2022, Plastic straws, Spoons, Plates, Thermocol and things made of thermocol will be banned.

Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress

Why in News?

- On June 22, 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 15th and 16th Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress organized in the Graphic Era.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released a book based on the Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress and the valuable products of Uttarakhand.
- It is worth noting that last year the Science Congress could not be organized due to Corona epidemic,

so the 15th and 16th Science Congress was jointly organized by UCOST.

- Calling upon the scientists and research scholars present in the program, the Chief Minister said that through this program, make resolve a power and move forward with the motto of 'resolve without choice'.
- He said suggestions from all scientists and researchers in the field of 'Science and Technology' are invited to make Uttarakhand a leading state by 2025.

Ropeway Projects in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

- Kedarnath, Hemkund Sahib and Chandidevi ropeway projects were approved in the 17th meeting of Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on June 21, 2022.

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- The meeting approved the approval of these three important ropeway projects as well as the referral of them to the National Wildlife Board.
- Kedarnath is 13 km from Sonprayag. Under the ropeway project, 26.43 hectares of forest land is to be transferred, while about 12.5 km from Govindghat to Hemkund. 27.4782 hectare forest land is to be transferred for the ropeway project and 0.29 hectare forest land is to be transferred for the ropeway project from Har Ki Pauri to Chandidevi in Haridwar.
- In the meeting, approval was given to transfer 7.20 hectares and 3.4214 hectares of forest land respectively for the construction of an operational track from Rocky Nav to Muligala and from Sumama Y Junction to Thangla-II falling under protected forest area in Uttarkashi district.
- The meeting also approved land transfer for four motorways to be constructed under Almora district. A proposal for transfer of forest land to 48.895 hectares for the Ring Road to be constructed in Haridwar and 400.89 hectares for the Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project will also be sent to the National Wildlife Board after approval.
- At the same time, the proposals for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Power, Hydro, Sub-Mineral Chugan, Industrial Development were approved after discussion.

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- It was also decided in the meeting that a Centre of Excellence for Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation and a Centre of Excellence for Wildlife Health Will be set up in the state. Apart from this, primary response teams will be formed in collaboration with local communities, who will work on forest and wildlife conservation as well as prevention of forests.
- Guidelines will be made regarding the behaviour of tourists in tiger reserves, protected areas and other tourist forest areas so that sanitation and waste management can be carried out in a better manner.

Sahastradhara

Why in News?

- Recently, the Uttarakhand High Court has partially allowed a proposal to cut thousands of trees to widen the road connecting Sahastradhara, an important tourist destination in Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- A division bench of acting Chief Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra and Justice Ramesh Chandra Khulbe approved the proposal on the condition that these precious trees would be replanted and taken care of by the state.
- Sahastradhara, which literally means 'Thousand Fold Spring', is a famous tourist destination situated at a distance of 16 kms from Dehradun on the Baldi River.
- Sahastradhara is a natural sulphur water spring, which has various medicinal properties, such as treatment of skin diseases and stomach disorders is possible by using its water.
- The waters of the Sahastradhara form a projected mountain range from limestone residues. Here the cave situated in a temple on the hill is known as Drona Cave, which has many miniature Shivalingas carved out of the rock.

Bagnath to be developed on the lines of Badri-Kedar

Why In News?

- On June 25, 2022, Uttarakhand Tourism Secretary Dilip Jawalkar informed that under the Prasad scheme of the Central Government, the development of Bagnath temple in Bageshwar will be done on the lines of Badrinath and Kedarnath.

Key Point

- Under the scheme, all the shops in the temple complex will be developed in a similar manner in the traditional hill style.
- The ghats will be constructed on the banks of river Saryu, while the temple complex will also feature light and sound shows and construction of museums.
- A precursor and murals around the temple will be used to give the temple a new look.
- Construction of ropeway from Chandika Temple to Neeleshwar Temple, beautification of bridges and souvenir shop for prasad will also be facilitated.
- It may be recalled that the Ministry of Tourism had launched the '**National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Enhancement**' in the year 2014-15 with the objective of overall development of identified shrines, which was renamed as '**Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Promotion Campaign**' (i.e. 'Prasad') National Mission in October 2017.

22nd Meeting of Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council

Why In News?

- The 22nd Board Meeting of the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council was held on June 27, 2022 under the chairmanship of Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj.

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- In the 22nd meeting of the Board, a number of proposals were approved, the details of which are as under:
- The Kedarnath ropeway from Sonprayag will be constructed at Rs 1200 crore and from Hemkund Sahib to Govindghat ropeway will be constructed at Rs 850 crore.
- Rs 1.50 crore was sanctioned for the preparation of a Master Plan to develop Auli as a training hub for adventure activities.
- A total budget of Rs.55 crores was passed for conducting the activities of the Council for the financial year 2022-23.
- A proposal to organise paragliding, mountain biking, adventure summit, skiing championship, Tehri Lake Festival, Yoga Festival was placed on the board.

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- Apart from these, some other important decisions have also been taken-
- Under the Hunar Se Rozgar Yojana, 200 persons will be trained for cooking, service, housekeeping, front office management.
- It was also decided to train the youth in Caravan Tourism, Tea Garden Tourism, Home Stay Tourism, Nature Guide.
- The proposal for high and low altitude tracking training with Ganga Kyak Festival at Rishikesh, Canoeing Festival at Tehri, Kyaking Championship at Bour Reservoir, Yoga Festival, Chota Kailash Mount Niy Ring Campaign, Track of the Year at Pindari were agreed upon.

Newly Appointed Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi took Oath

Why in News?

- On June 28, 2022, Uttarakhand Governor Lt. Gen Gurmeet Singh administered the oath to the newly appointed Chief Justice of Uttarakhand Justice Vipin Sanghi at the Raj Bhavan.

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- Speaking on the occasion, State Chief Secretary Dr. S.S. Sandhu read out a notification on behalf of the President of the country to make Justice Vipin Sanghi the Chief Justice of Uttarakhand high court.
- It is to be noted that on May 17, 2022, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the appointment of Justice Vipin Sanghi, a senior judge of the Delhi High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court. Vipin Sanghi has taken oath as the 12th Chief Justice in place of former acting Chief Justice of Nainital High Court Sanjay Kumar Mishra.
- Justice Vipin Sanghi was born on October 27, 1961 in Nagpur. He did his schooling in Delhi and passed

Inter from Delhi Public School in 1980 and BSc Mathematics (Hons) from Delhi University in 1983 and then LLB from Delhi University Law Faculty. In the same year he joined the Delhi Bar Council as a lawyer.

- Sanghi was also appointed as a Central Government Panel Counsel in the Supreme Court. In December 2005, he was nominated as a Senior Advocate by the Delhi High Court. He has participated in many International Law Conferences.
- Justice Vipin Sanghi was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court with effect from 29 May 2006 and as a Judge on 11 February 2008. Served as Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court from March 13, 2022.

17th Meeting of Uttarakhand Wildlife Board

Why in News?

- On June 21, 2022, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the 17th meeting of the Uttarakhand Wildlife Board was held in the Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Auditorium, Secretariat.

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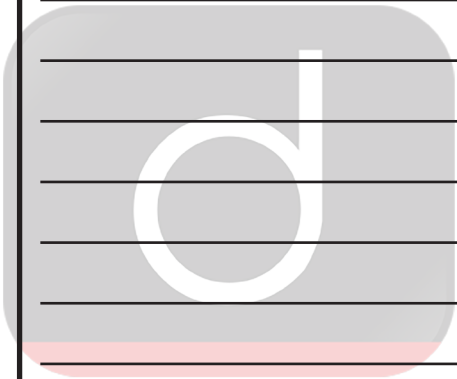
- It was decided in the meeting that the Centre of Excellence in Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation and Centre for Excellence in Wildlife Health would be established in the state.
- Guidelines will be made regarding the behaviour of tourists in tiger reserves, protected areas and other tourist forest areas.
- Primary Response Teams (PRTs) will be formed at the village level by the state government to protect wildlife as well as prevent forest fires.



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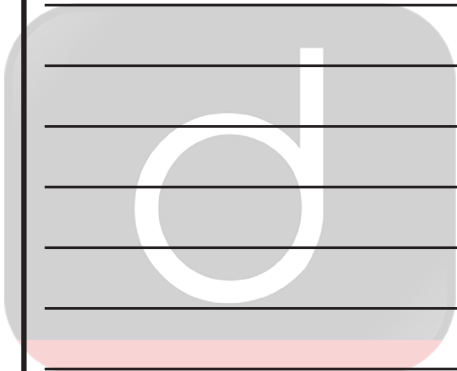
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