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## Industrial Cultivation of Cannabis in Uttarakhand

### Why in News

- On the occasion of its 14<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on October 31, 2021, U-Turn Foundation has offered its support to the State Government for the **Hemp Mission**.

### Key Points

- In the year 2018, a pilot project for industrial cultivation of **cannabis** was started in Uttarakhand by the then Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, under which an MoU of Rs 1100 crore was signed between the Indian Industrial Hemp Association and the Government of Uttarakhand, in which the next five years During the period, investments were made in the fields of cannabis cultivation, storage, transportation and processing etc.
- By doing industrial cultivation of cannabis, along with almost three times increase in the income of farmers, many other benefits can be obtained, such as-
  - **CBD oil** made from hemp is used to make soaps, shampoos and medicines.
  - Apart from this, paper, ropes, decorative items and biodegradable hemp plastic are made from hemp.

## Mukhyamantri Ghasyari Kalyan Yojana

### Why in News

- Recently, '**Mukhyamantri Ghasyari Kalyan Yojana**' was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his one-day visit to Uttarakhand. Along with this, the work of computerization of all 670 multipurpose primary agricultural credit cooperative societies of the state was also duly completed.

### Key Points

- Under this scheme started under the cooperative department of the state, every woman of the animal husbandry family will be given a kit by the state government, which will include two hoe, two sickles, a water bottle and a tiffin.

- Along with this, nutritious fodder will be supplied for animals in remote rural mountain areas through 7,771 centers under the scheme. Packaged silage and total mixed ration will be provided to livestock farmers in these areas.
- With the implementation of this scheme, women will get freedom from the work of fodder and animal husbandry based economics of the state will improve, because agriculture and animal husbandry is the main source of livelihood of more than 70% population of the state.

## Tungnath Festival

### Why in News

- On November 1, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the **Tungnath Festival** organized at Makkumath, the winter seat of Lord Tungnath.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Dhama announced to make Tungnath Mahotsav a district level festival and to open a health center in Makku village.
- It is noteworthy that in Panchkedar, the Tungnath Festival is **organized on the arrival of the world famous Lord Tungnath's Chalvighraha festival Doli**, the winter seat of Makkumath, in the name of **Third Kedar**.

## Industrial Development, Agriculture and Tourism Festival

### Why in News

- On November 1, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama duly inaugurated the program organized by cutting the ribbon and lighting the lamp at the conclusion of the five-day Industrial Development, Agriculture and Tourism Festival organized in Talla Nagpur area of Rudraprayag district.

### Key Points

- Many announcements were made by the Chief Minister on this occasion, some of the major announcements are as follows-
  - National gold medalist Vichitra Singh Negi will be given an amount of 60 thousand rupees by the government for going to the competition.

Note:

- Tungeshwar temple courtyard will be expanded.
- Action will be taken to connect **Adiguru Shankaracharya** Saterakhal temple with the tourism circuit.
- Announced to give five lakh rupees for the Industrial Development, Agriculture and Tourism Festival fair organized in Talla Nagpur region.
- The Chief Minister said that on November 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi would unveil the statue of Adiguru Shankaracharya along with laying the foundation stone of several schemes in Kedarnath.

## **Model of Earthquake Resistant Building Will be Built in Every District**

### **Why in News**

- On November 3, 2021, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat instructed to prepare a proposal to construct one earthquake resistant building each in the form of a model in every district of the state in the review meeting of the department at DMMC auditorium located in the secretariat.

### **Key Points**

- In view of the sensitivity of the disaster in the state, the following decisions were taken by the Disaster Management Department-
  - With the preparation of models of earthquake resistant buildings in every district, people at the local level will be able to prepare their buildings according to the model.
  - The masons across the state will be given training to build earthquake resistant houses through specialist institutes at the district level.
  - Awareness conferences will also be organized at the district level of Mahila and Yuvak Mangal parties.
  - From the next financial year, the budget of the State Disaster Response Fund will be increased five times to 200 crores.
- Apart from this, according to the information given by the department, a proposal has been sent to the Central Government for the establishment of Gairsain Chamoli, a disaster management and research institute in the state.

## **Schemes worth Rs. 400 Crore Inaugurated in Kedarnath**

### **Why in News**

- On November 5, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi worshiped and worshiped Baba Kedarnath at Kedarnath Dham. During this, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of schemes worth about Rs 400 crore.

### **Key Points**

- Prime Minister inaugurated the renovated mausoleum and new statue of Adi Guru Shri Shankaracharya ji with the residence of the pilgrim priests, construction of flood protection and ghats on the banks of river Saraswati, load bearing wall for flood protection on the banks of river Mandakini, Mandakini for Garuda Chatti. Inaugurated the construction works of a bridge over the river.
- Among the schemes that were laid by the Prime Minister, redevelopment of Sangam Ghat and Rain Shelter Shed in Shri Kedarnath Dham, First Aid and Tourist Facilitation Centre, Mandakini Water ATM and Mandakini Plaza, Administrative Office and Hospital Building, Museum at Kedarnath shrine. Complex, Saraswati Civic Amenity Building etc.
- The Prime Minister said that the work on the Chardham road project is progressing rapidly, all the four Dhams are being connected with a safe highway. In future, the process has also started so that devotees can come here to Kedarnath through cable car. There is also a preparation to build a ropeway for the easy darshan of the holy Hemkund Sahib.
- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that in Kedarpuri, where works worth Rs 225 crore have been completed in the first phase, works worth Rs 184 crore are in progress in the second phase. Along with this, where more than Rs 245 crore has been approved for the master plan of Badrinath Dham, works worth crores of rupees have also been approved for Gangotri and Yamanotri.
- He said that in the last five years, various projects worth more than one lakh crore rupees have been approved by the Central Government for the state, out of which many schemes have been completed and work is going on on others.

Note:

- The work on the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project and strategically and geographically important Tanakpur-Bageshwar rail project is progressing rapidly. Similarly, work on Char Dham All Weather Road, Bharat Mala Project is also being done at a fast pace.

## Song 'Baatein Kam Kaam Zyada' Released

### Why in News

- On November 8, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the song '**Baatein Kam Kaam jyada**' on YouTube based on his style of behavior, ethics, youthful enthusiasm, positive thinking and development work being done by him.

### Key Points

- The various development works being done by the government and the works being done for each section of the society have been presented in the form of a song.
- The producer of this song is Savitri Baseda and director D.S. There is bass and the work of recording mastering / mixing is done by Pawan Gusai.
- This song has been prepared in Hindi language.
- Music has been given by Rakesh Bhatt and the vocals of this song have been jointly given by Bhupendra Baseda, Manoj Samant, Bhagat Mehta, Sonam and Rajalakshmi and other supporting artists.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of State Foundation Day

### Why in News

- On the occasion of Uttarakhand State Foundation Day on November 9, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, while paying homage to the martyred state agitators in the summer capital Gairsain assembly complex, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development schemes as well as made important announcements for the development of the state.

### Key Points

- The 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the state foundation day was celebrated with full dignity as 'Uttarakhand Mahotsav'.
- On the State Foundation Day, the Chief Minister made the following major announcements-
  - Uttarakhand state agitators, who are getting pension of Rs 3100, will be increased to Rs 4500 and those who are getting pension of Rs 5000, will be increased to Rs 6000.
  - One women's hostel each will be constructed for girl students studying at each district headquarters of the state. In addition, working women's hostels will be constructed at district headquarters.
  - A gift amount of Rs 2000 will be presented to a pregnant woman who stays for 48 hours in hospitals for the safe health of mother and child in government hospitals.
  - THR facility will be provided to adolescent girls in the age group of 11 to 18 years. Sanitary napkin vending machines will be set up in each Anganwadi centers to provide sanitary napkins to adolescent girls in the age group of 11 to 18 years.
  - Medicines taken in the treatment of chronic diseases (long-term and chronic diseases) will be made available free of cost.
  - De-addiction centers will be set up in Dehradun and Haldwani.
  - State Institute of Urban Development will be established in the state.
  - Updating 32 services operated through e-district, a total of 75 services and remaining 190 services notified in the Right to Service Act will soon be operated through '**Apni Sarkar Portal**' to benefit the general public.
  - To encourage sports in the state and to connect the youth with different disciplines of sports, 'Sports Policy, 2021' will be implemented.
  - In Uttarakhand, AYUSH wellness centers will be opened in the tourist houses of Garhwal Mandal Development Corporation and Kumaon Mandal Development Corporation to increase the economy of the state through 'health tourism'.
  - An international training and research institute will be set up under the Bharadisaan assembly constituency.
  - Adibadri and Ghat area will be made Nagar Panchayat.

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## Garhwal University Team Selected in NASA Supported Campaign

### Why in News

- Recently, a team of five students from the Physics Department of HNB Garhwal University has been selected for the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) supported Space Formation Advisory Council asteroid search mission conducted by the International Astronomical Research Collaboration.

### Key Points

- This NASA program is being conducted from November 1 to 26, in which Sanjeev Kumar and Karan Singh (Research Students in Physics), Mahavir Prasad and Shivani Kulsari (Master Students in Physics) and Praveen Kumar (Graduate Students - PCM Group) Senior Under the supervision of physicist Alok Sagar Gautam, he is participating in the search for main-belt asteroids and near-Earth objects.
- Asteroids are small celestial bodies found in the interior of our solar system. They are found revolving around the Sun. Their size is much smaller than normal planets and they do not exhibit all the characteristics of the definition of a planet, which is why they are named asteroids.

## 'Rabi Krishak Mahotsv 2021'

### Why in News

- On November 11, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the 'Rabi Krishak Mahotsav 2021' at Manubans, Haridwar. On this occasion, he also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various schemes.

### Key Points

- Through this Krishi Mahotsav, new technical information of agriculture will be easily available.
- The Chief Minister also inspected the departmental stalls set up to give information about seeds, fertilizers etc. to the farmers. The Chief Minister also presented checks and citations to the beneficiary farmers.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister made several announcements – Haripur Tongia would be made

a revenue village, a bridge would be built over the river in village Tanda Hassan, a bridge would be built over the river in village Rithora, a bridge would be constructed at Lalwala Daboobans, degree college in Buggawala, Primary health center will be established in Manubans, Inter College will be established in village Ibrahimpur Masai.

## National Award for Tourism Sector to Uttarakhand

### Why in News

- Uttarakhand won the prestigious national level awards in three categories at the India Today Tourism Survey and Awards-2021 on November 12, 2021. In these, the state got the award for Best Wildlife Destination, Best Adventure Destination and Best Spiritual Destination.

### Key Points

- Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy presented these awards to Uttarakhand Tourism and Culture Minister Satpal Maharaj.
- India's best tourist destinations were awarded in nine different categories as part of the India Today Tourism Survey and Awards-2021 in New Delhi.
- Uttarakhand's **Corbett Tiger Reserve** was adjudged the Best Wildlife Destination, Rishikesh the Best Adventure Destination and Kedarnath as the Best Spiritual Destination.

## Swami Ram's 26<sup>th</sup> Mahasamadhi Day

### Why in News

- On November 13, 2021, the 26th Mahasamadhi Day of Swami Ram, the founder of Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust (HIHT) was celebrated at Swami Ram Himalayan University (SRHU). Union Minister of State for Defense and Tourism Ajay Bhatt was the chief guest on the occasion.

### Key Points

- Addressing the gathering, Bhatt said that Swami Ram founded the Himalaya Institute in 1989 guided by the principles of love and service. This university

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is one of the few institutes that produces doctors, nurses, engineers and management professionals under one roof.

- In his address, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Vijay Dhasmana, while giving information about the future plans of the Trust, talked about the history of HIHT. He said that the Trust is moving ahead on the path of service to the people as per the goal of Swami Ram.
- Various awards were also presented to the staff members of SRHU for their performance on the occasion. In the program, certificates were also given to the youth trained in the operation of home stay by the university.
- Dhasmana said that in the first phase, 100 youths from all the districts of the state have been trained by the university. The trust aims to train around 1,000 youth. Swami Ram Manav Award was presented to Vinoba Seva Ashram on this occasion. Since 2003, HIHT has been presenting this award to an organization or individual for meritorious work in the economic, environmental, science, social and spiritual fields. Vinoba Seva Ashram in Shahjahanpur area of Uttar Pradesh is dedicated to social service for almost 40 years.

## Shaheed Samman Yatra

### *Why in News*

- On November 15, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and BJP National President JP Nadanna inaugurated the Shaheed Samman Yatra organized for the construction of Sainik Dham at Sawad, Chamoli. On this occasion, tributes were paid to the martyrs at the Martyrs Memorial located in Sawad village and the families of the martyrs were also honored.

### *Key Points*

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that a military Dham is being constructed in the Veerbhoomi of Uttarakhand to always remember the unprecedented contribution of the martyrs.
- By bringing the soil of the courtyard of the house of the martyr soldiers of all the 13 districts, including it in the construction of military Dham, they will work to provide inspiration to the coming generations by their sacrifice.

## Voters Awareness

### *Why in News*

- On November 15, 2021, Sowjanya, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Uttarakhand flagged off a voter awareness van from the state secretariat with the aim of encouraging women and youth to register in the voter lists.

### *Key Points*

- CEO Sowjanya said that in view of the upcoming assembly elections, a special revision program of voter lists is going on at present and these vans will create awareness about this program.
- He said that one van each has been pressed into service in Garhwal and Kumaon divisions. These vans will cover different areas of Garhwal and Kumaon divisions from November 15 to 22.
- He said that a team of artistes would accompany the van and they would create awareness through street plays. The van will also have sweep material and a public address system.

## 'Apni Sarkar' and 'Unnati Portal'

### *Why in News*

- On November 17, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched 'Apni Sarkar' and 'Unnati Portal' in a program to make 75 services of nine departments online towards fulfilling the objective of 'Minimum Government Maximum Governance'.

### *Key Points*

- The Chief Minister said that time and money would be saved with the introduction of online services and all these certificate cabs would be kept in Digi Locker. Now 75 services including income certificate, caste certificate and domicile certificate can be availed sitting at home.
- Information, Science and Technology Secretary R. Of. Sudhanshu said that the portals would help in creating a cashless, paperless and faceless system and would be helpful in reviewing the performance department wise, officer wise and district wise.
- The newly launched portals will be very beneficial for the general public and will also help in establishing coordination between various departments.

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- Every citizen can create his own dashboard on the portal, through which one will be able to see the progress of his file.

## **Garhwali Film 'Sunpat' Selected in International Film Festival of India**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, the Garhwali short film '**Sunpat**', depicting Uttarakhand's especially mountain culture, problems, migration, food, has been selected for the **International Film Festival of India** to be held in Goa.

### **Key Points**

- The film was shot last year in the Birkhal area of Pauri Garhwal.
- It is noteworthy that the International Film Festival of India will be organized in Goa from November 20 to 28. For this, the **Press Information Bureau (PIB)** has selected 44 feature and non feature films to be screened at the film festival, including the Garhwali short film Sunpat from Uttarakhand.
- Originally from Dang village Birkhal and currently resident of Jawahar Colony Faridabad, Rahul Rawat has written the story of the film with direction.
- Director Rahul said that the Garhwali word **Sunpat means 'silence'**. Sunpat is the story of a society based in the villages of Uttarakhand, whose past is lost and the future looks hazy.
- The film's main characters Anuj and Bharatu are school friends. The film gives a glimpse of the rural setting of Uttarakhand, the struggle of life in the mountains and its uncertainties.

## **Dr. Sunil Chamoli**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, Stanford University of America has released the list of top two percent scientists of the year 2021, in which Dr Sunil Chamoli of Uttarakhand has been included.

### **Key Points**

- Dr Sunil Chamoli, included in the list for the year 2021

of Stanford University, is an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, GB Pant Institute of Engineering and Technology, Ghurdodi.

- Research work on food flow and heat exchanger has been done by Dr Sunil Chamoli.
- They are making important contributions in the field of thermal systems as well as energy conservation.
- His more than 50 research papers have been published in national and international journals.
- It may be noted that this year, on the occasion of Teacher's Day, Dr Sunil Chamoli was honored by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in a program organized at Uttarakhand Technical University.
- The report, released by Stanford University, has been prepared by an expert committee led by Prof. John Ioannidis.

## **Sports Policy Approved by Uttarakhand Cabinet**

### **Why in News?**

- On November 23, 2021, in the cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand **Pushkar Singh Dhami**, the draft of the **New Sports Policy 2021** was approved. As a policy, the government will set up **centers of excellence for high priority sports** in different parts of the state.

### **Key Points**

- With the implementation of sports policy, opportunities will open for the players of the state to show their talent at the national and international level.
- In the sports policy, while every year **2600 players across the state will be given a scholarship of Rs 2,000 per month**, on the other hand, **physical and sports aptitude tests** will be implemented to identify the players from the age of eight.
- Sports Minister Arvind Pandey said that '**Uttarakhand Sports Policy 2021**' is excellent and effective for the development and upgradation of sports culture in the state. Nowadays the interest of youth in sports has increased in the country and many possibilities have taken shape, in view of this, Uttarakhand Sports Policy-2021 was formulated by the state government in the interest of youth in the state.

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- State government will select **300 children (150 boys and 150 girls)** in each district of the state in the **age group of 8 to 14 years** and **these 3,900 children will be provided a scholarship of Rs 1,500 per month**. Similarly, **200 children in the age group of 14 to 23 years** will be given a scholarship of **Rs 2,000 per month** by marking them in each district.
- Under the '**Uttarakhand Sports Policy 2021**', children and youth affected by **electronic culture** will be motivated towards sports and move towards play field culture.
- Sports policy includes sports, upgradation of sportspersons, locating, nurturing and nurturing sports talent, increasing interest in sports, planning of sportspersons, arrangement of extra nutrients food diet along with normal diet, employment opportunities for sportspersons and complete Provision has been made to provide facilities.
- Under this policy, the state government has made provision for government jobs for medal winners in all categories of international and national sporting events.

## Dehradun's Poor Performance in NITI Aayog's SDG Urban Index

### Why in News

- Recently, Uttarakhand's temporary capital Dehradun has performed poorly in the first 'Sustainable Development Goal Urban Index' released by NITI Aayog. It is ranked 35th out of 56 cities in the country with a score of 63.71 and is in the 'Performer' category.

### Key Points

- For the first time under this type of sustainable development goal, urban index has been released by NITI Aayog.
- In the index, 56 urban areas of the country have been ranked on the basis of progress achieved in 77 indices, in which Shimla is on the first rank with the highest score of 75.5.
- The cities are divided on the basis of the score obtained out of 100. Cities with scores between 65 and 99 are

classified as 'front-runners', cities with scores between 50 and 64 as 'performers' and cities with scores below 50 as 'aspirants'. At the same time, the city with 100 marks has been kept in the category of 'Achiever'.

- Cities were ranked on the basis of 14 sustainable goals such as good health and well-being, no poverty, quality education, affordable and green energy. Among these sustainable targets, Dehradun has performed poorly in three categories- zero hunger, industry, innovation and infrastructure and climate action with 45, 47 and 31 points respectively.
- Dehradun scored 52 to 59 in five categories - no poverty, good health and well-being, good work and economic development, reduction of inequalities and sustainable city and community. Whereas in the remaining seven categories, the economical and clean energy category has scored 72 to 96 marks with the highest marks.
- The United Nations has set 17 SDG goals to ensure sustainable development. Countries and states are committed to fulfilling the objectives of SDGs.

## Late Dheeraj Naithani Remembrance State Level Badminton Competition

### Why in News

- Pauri district was the champion in the Late Dheeraj remembrance state level badminton competition held in Dehradun from 26-28 November, 2021.

### Key Points

- In this competition held in Dehradun, Pauri was victorious in 50 plus men's category and 40 plus men's category.
- Under this competition, Arjun Singh Bisht of Pauri district became champion by defeating Sagir-Ahmad of Dehradun in 50 plus singles match and in 40 plus match, the pair of Pankaj Rawat and Ajit Singh Gusain of Pauri district defeated Ravi Rawat of Dehradun Education Department and Ravi Rawat of Dehradun Education Department. Defeated the pair of Parveen Juyal.
- Jagdish Negi of Pauri district has also received the best player award in the competition.



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