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## Contract Between 'Namami Gange' and Patanjali

### Why In News?

On October 31, 2022, on the occasion of natural farming program organized by Patanjali Organic Research Institute and National Mission for Clean Ganga in Haridwar district of Uttarakhand, a contract was signed between 'Namami Gange' and Patanjali to increase the income of farmers from natural farming.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna and Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, DG Namami Gange Ashok Kumar jointly inaugurated the Natural Farming Program at Patanjali Yogpeeth in Haridwar and on this occasion the Union Minister inaugurated Natural Farming in Ganga Basin. He also released the book Reason (Perspective and Solution).
- Apart from this, the first 20 children participating in Ganga Run were also awarded certificates and prizes.
- On this occasion, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that the MoU signed between Patanjali Research Center and National Mission of Clean Ganga is a historic occasion.
- It is known that Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna have established Yoga and Ayurveda in the world and today there is no field which has remained untouched by Patanjali.
- On this occasion, Acharya Balkrishna said that around 3.60 lakh vegetation is found all over the world and about 20 thousand types of vegetation are found in India and thousands of species are found on the banks of Ganga.
- He told that before doing natural farming, there is a need to think about what to cultivate and where to do which farming, farmers can get more profit.

## Souvenirs For the Devotees Coming to Uttarakhand

### Why In News?

On November 1, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Dr. SS Sandhu told in the review meeting of MSMEs that souvenirs would be prepared for the pilgrims visiting the Chardham Yatra in the state.

### Key Points

- Dr. SS Sandhu informed that lakhs of devotees from all over the country and abroad visit the state during the Chardham Yatra. The preparation of souvenirs for the devotees will open the way for self-employment for the youth and women in the state.
- He said that the focus should be on design, quality, production and marketing for the souvenirs and special attention needs to be given to the size and packaging of the souvenirs so that the devotees do not face any problem in carrying them.
- The Chief Secretary directed to strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism and to give priority to the disposal of complaints at the state level and district level. To bring any kind of scheme, investors should be supported as much as possible, focusing on taking suggestions from investors and resolving the problems faced by them.
- He said that feedback should be taken at the field level regarding other schemes including Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana, so that maximum benefits can be taken from the entrepreneurs.
- He directed to promote one district, two products, link them with growth centers and simplify the departmental process so that investors get benefit from single window.

## MoU between Disaster Management Department and Irrigation Research Institute (IRI), Roorkee

### Why In News?

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Disaster Management and Irrigation Research Institute (IRI), Roorkee, at the State Secretariat, Dehradun, Uttarakhand on November 2, 2022. According to the agreement, water resources data will be shared between the two institutions.

### Key Points

- Disaster Management Secretary Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha informed that under this agreement, sensors will be installed to measure the water level in major rivers of the state. With the help of automatic water

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level recorder, real time data will be available at one place and the system developed for real time monitoring will be directly connected with the control of Disaster Management Department set up in the State Secretariat.

- With this, the disaster control room will continue to receive all the data from all the sensors installed in rivers and dams. Based on the information received by the Disaster Control Room, warnings will be issued in real time during the flood threat situation.
- In the first phase, manual sensors will be removed from all rivers and automatic sensors will be installed in their place. These sensors will be installed under the Central Hydrology Project. All dams in the state will have automatic sensors upstream and automatic sirens will be installed in the downstream.
- He said that the real-time monitoring system to measure the water level of rivers and dams will be very helpful in disaster management and the warning system will be effective by getting data at one place. This mechanism will be ready in two months.
- It is worth mentioning that IRI, Roorkee in the state is developing such a mechanism in the rivers under the National Hydrology Project, which will increase the water level in the major rivers of Uttarakhand, then the Disaster Management Department will get an immediate alert.
- Automatic sensors will also be installed in the downstream of dams and real-time monitoring of major rivers and dams will be done. This will enable development of flood forecasting and early warning mechanism.

## Uttarakhand Becomes First State in the Country to Register Nikshay Mitra

### Why In News?

On November 3, 2022, **Uttarakhand Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat** informed that **Uttarakhand has secured the first position in the country by registering the highest number of Nikshay Mitras** in the **Prime Minister's TB Free India Campaign**.

### Key Point

- Uttarakhand has become the state with the highest number of Nikshay Mitra registrations across the

country based on the average number of TB patients. Any person including elected representatives, political parties, NGOs, corporate institutions can register as Nikshay Mitra.

- As Nikshay Mitra, **each person will support the treatment of one or more TB patients by adopting them for at least one year and Nikshay Mitra** will provide food baskets suggested by the Central Government to the patient every month, estimated to cost one thousand rupees.
- Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that in three districts of the state - **Tehri Garhwal, Chamoli and Champawat**, 100 percent Nikshay Mitras have been linked for patient care and treatment, while in five districts Almora, Bageshwar, Rudraprayag, Udham Singh Nagar and Uttarkashi, more than 95 percent Nikshay Mitras have been linked.
- It is noteworthy that under the **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, 5852 Nikshay Mitras** have been made in the state so far. Of these, 91 per cent of the Nikshay Mitras have been linked to TB patients.

## Uttarakhand got 35<sup>th</sup> Place in the Country in School Education

### Why In News?

Recently, the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2020-21 report was released by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. Uttarakhand has been ranked 35th in the country in this index.

### Key Points

- In the Performance Grading Index (PGI), Uttarakhand has scored 719 out of 1000 marks.
- In the report released by the Ministry of Education, Kerala, Maharashtra and Punjab are first with 928 points in the score of 1000 points, Chandigarh is second with 927 points and Gujarat is third with 903 points.
- This report, which assesses school education at the district and state level, shows that the level of school education in Uttarakhand has never gone up in the last four years.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2019-20, Uttarakhand's score was 752 points in this index, which has now

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dropped 33 points to 719 in the year 2020-21. Earlier this score was 704 in the year 2017-18 and 712 in the year 2018-19.

- The Performance Grading Index (PGI) is an index that measures the performance of states and union territories on a uniform scale to catalyze transformational changes in the field of school education.
- The objective of PGI is to monitor the status of school education in the states and union territories and motivate them to perform better and strengthen the education system at all levels.
- This report contains a total of 1000 marks in 70 parameters, which are divided into two categories. These categories are further divided into five domains. These include 180 points in nine parameters for Learning Outcome and Quality in Domain-1, 80 points in eight parameters for Access in Domain-2, 150 points in 11 parameters for Infrastructure and Facilities in Domain-3, and Equity in Domain-4. For this, 230 marks have been kept in 16 parameters, a total of 640 marks have been kept.
- Apart from this, 360 marks have been included in 26 parameters in the second category Good Governance and Management. Uttarakhand has got the lowest marks in the same category.
- Education Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that all the arrangements in school education in the state are fine, but due to non-availability of internet in the hilly areas, the portal has not been updated.
- Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that Uttarakhand has not performed well in this report in terms of good governance and management. The reason for this is the lack of internet access in many places in mountainous areas.
- It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Education of the Central Government takes all the data from the U-DIS portal. On this portal, all the details are filled by the school, from the performance of the children to the electricity, water and other facilities available in the school.
- Due to the lack of internet, many schools have not been able to fill all this information. Education Department is preparing Vidya Review Center online portal, in which real time data will be filled, all the information will be filled in it in the next six months.

## 'One State One Royalty' Policy of Mining

### Why In News?

On November 6, 2022, Principal Secretary of Uttarakhand Forest and Environment Department R.K. Sundhashu said that the 'One State, Forest Royalty' policy will be implemented in the state to bring uniformity in the royalty rates of mining, one of the major sources of income of the state. The Forest Development Corporation has prepared and submitted its proposal. A final decision is yet to be taken.

### Key Points

- With the uniform implementation of the rates of royalty of mining, while the cases of illegal mining will be reduced, while the construction material being cheaper will provide relief to the people in building houses etc.
- In pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court in the state, the sub-mineral (mining) in the reserved forest areas has been handed over to the Forest Development Corporation by the Forest Department and apart from this, mining is done under the supervision of the Mining Department in the rivers of the revenue area. At the same time, mining is also done on private leases after the permission of the government-administration.
- It is noteworthy that the rates of royalty in all three types of mining in the state are different. The rates of RBM in various rivers of reserved forest areas have been fixed at Rs 20 to 25 per quintal by the Forest Development Corporation. While in revenue and private mining leases, these rates are fixed at Rs 15 to 18.
- It is to be noted that 65 to 70 percent of the sub-minerals released in the state are collected from the rivers originating from the reserved forest areas and mining in the rivers located in the reserved forest areas is done according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- According to the guideline, along with the rates of royalty, all the formalities like demarcation and security compensation, plantation, stamp duty, wildlife mitigation, labor welfare fund, Dharmakanta, computerized weighing, CCTV camera, operating expenses have to be completed, due to which the forest development corporation's royalty. The rates

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are higher than the revenue and private mining leases and now brainstorming is being done to reduce the cost of these expenses, so as to bring uniformity in mining royalties.

- Suggestions given by the Forest Development Corporation-
  - The basic royalty of minerals originating from all sites across the state can be increased to Rs 7 per quintal.
  - The contribution royalty in the District Mineral Trust can be increased to 15 percent.
  - Contribution royalty in compensatory plantation can be increased to 10 per cent.
  - The forest department's contribution to demarcation and protection can be Rs 0.25 per quintal.
  - The Forest Development Corporation has agreed to reduce the operating expenses by Rs 0.25 per quintal.
  - The forest department may consider reducing road fees by 25 percent.
- Principal Secretary RK Sundhashu said that the sale rates of sub-minerals are determined by adding items of revenue, items of forest department, items of Forest Development Corporation, GST and income tax. This is how the rates of the Forest Development Corporation go up with the fulfilment of the conditions of the Forest Act. All aspects of how to reduce these rates are being considered. A decision in this regard will be taken soon.
- Mining Secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that in order to bring uniformity in the royalty of mining, continuous meetings are being held with the Forest Department at the government level, in which the revision of the rates of Forest Development Corporation from the Forest Department is being discussed. With uniformity in royalty, the common people will benefit from it and revenue is also expected to increase.

## Uttarakhand Gaurav Award

### *Why In News?*

On November 6, 2022, In-charge Secretary Secretariat Administration, Uttarakhand Vinod Kumar Suman informed that the state government has announced the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman Puraskar 2022. In this, five personalities have been selected for the award for outstanding contribution in five different fields. Three of them have been posthumously selected for the award.

### *Key Points*

- Vinod Kumar Suman said that the Country's National Security Advisor Ajit Kumar Doval, Film Censor Board of India Chairman Prasoon Joshi will be given this award.
- Former Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, poet, writer and lyricist. Girish Chandra Tiwari and late in the field of literature and journalism. Viren Dangwal has been posthumously selected for the award.
- According to the secretary-in-charge, the date, place and time of awarding the Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman will be released separately later.
- It is worth mentioning that last year for Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman, Dr. Anil Joshi in the field of environment, Bachendri Pal for adventure sports, Narendra Singh Negi, folk singer for culture, Ruskin Bond in the field of literature was announced. While former Chief Minister Late Narayan Dutt Tiwari was posthumously selected for this award, due to non-organisation of the program last year, these personalities will also be honoured this year.

## 2187 Shelters to be Built for the Poor in 12 Bodies of Four Districts

### *Why in News?*

In a meeting of the Technical Committee of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) held under the chairmanship of Director, Urban Development Naveen Pandey on November 7, 2022, the proposal to build 2187 houses for the poor in 12 bodies of four districts in Uttarakhand was approved. The proposal will now be sent to the Centre.

### *Key Points*

- In the meeting, proposals were made to build houses for the poor in different bodies of different districts. In this, 2187 houses of one body of Dehradun, three in Haridwar, five in Udham Singh Nagar and three bodies of Pithoragarh were stamped.
- After the meeting, Urban Development Director Naveen Pandey said that the DPR of 12 bodies has been stamped in the meeting. Now the proposal is being sent to the Centre.

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## Two nurses from Kumaon get 'National Florence Nightingale Award'

### Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu conferred the 'National Florence Nightingale Award 2021' on two nurses Shashikala Pandey and Ganga Joshi from Kumaon, Uttarakhand.

### Key Points

- Shashikala Pandey, posted at BD Pandey Hospital in Nainital, has been given this honor on her behalf for her dedication to patients and selfless service. Shashikala Pandey, who received the National Florence Nightingale Award for outstanding work in the field of nursing, is the patron of BD Pandey Hospital.
- At the same time, Ganga Joshi is posted as ANM in the sub-district hospital of Khatima. Ganga Joshi has been given this award for her awareness program, special contribution to Covid-19, training of ASHA workers, participation in many trainings at the state and national level.
- Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (retired), who reached Nainital recently, impressed by the condition, work and dedication of Metron's family, gave him a reward of Rs 10,001. On June 15, the Governor had inspected BD Pandey Hospital. During that, Sasikala Pandey had made the Governor inspect the hospital.
- The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India as a recognition for meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals in society.

## Uttarakhand to Host National Cold Games

### Why in News?

On November 8, 2022, Uttarakhand Sports Minister Rekha Arya, while laying the foundation stone of a multi-purpose sports building near the Sports Stadium in Rudrapur of the state, said that once again Uttarakhand has got the hosting of the National Winter Games, which will be held from February 2 to 5 at Auli in Chamoli, the state.

### Key Points

- Sports Minister Rekha Arya said that apart from organizing the National Winter Games in the state, the 'Himalayan Trophy' will also be organized by the International Ski Federation here.
- Teams from various states, including Uttarakhand, will participate in the National Winter Games. The National Skiing Championships 2023 will have a total of four events, in which players from both men's and women's categories will participate. Apart from this, FIS approved giant slalom race for men and women will also be held on February 7-8 under the Himalayan Trophy 2023.
- Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj said that the tourism department has made all the preparations for organizing these games and has also prepared a master plan for Auli, which has been sent for cabinet approval. Apart from this, construction of three and a half km racing slope is also proposed here. With this, Auli will be established as a great skiing destination for skiing professionals.
- Auli also has mountaineering and skiing institutes run by GMVN, where experts groom talent in skiing.
- The Sports Minister said that about 70 percent of the construction work for the National Games to be held in Uttarakhand in the year 2024 has been completed. The remaining construction works will also be completed in six months.
- He informed that Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had implemented 'Mukhyamantri Udeeyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana' on National Sports Day, under which about five thousand players are currently benefiting in the entire state. Apart from this, the government has also worked to provide equal amount of money and facilities to the disabled players.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day of Uttarakhand

### Why In News?

On November 9, 2022, the 23rd Foundation Day of Uttarakhand was celebrated in different parts of the state including Gairsain, the summer capital of Uttarakhand.

### Key Points

- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> foundation day of Uttarakhand state, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated and

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laid the foundation stone of various development schemes worth Rs 166 crore at Gairsain (Bharadisain).

- It is noteworthy that Uttarakhand came into existence on 9 November 2000 as a separate state. Earlier it was a part of the state of Uttar Pradesh. The demand for a separate state of Uttarakhand was fulfilled with the passing of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000 on 25 August 2000. At the time of its formation, it was named Uttaranchal.
- Uttaranchal was converted to Uttarakhand on the passing of the Uttaranchal (Change of Name) Act, 2006 on 21st December, 2006 and came into effect from 1st January, 2007 as per Government of India Notification dated 29th December, 2006.
- It is bordered by Himachal Pradesh in the west, Uttar Pradesh in the south and international borders in the northeast, which meet Nepal and China. There are 13 districts in the state, namely- Dehradun, Haridwar, Uttarkashi, Tehri Garhwal, Rudraprayag, Pauri Garhwal, Chamoli, Bageshwar, Almora, Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Champawat and Pithoragarh.

## **Dandachali will get a New Identity from Eco-Park**

### **Why In News?**

On November 10, 2022, Atul Bhandari, New Tehri District Tourism Officer of Uttarakhand, said that only 15 km from New Tehri. A proposal to develop Dandachali, a major tourist destination located at a distance of 100 km, as an Eco-Park has been sent to the state government by the tourism department. After getting approval, Dandachali will make tourists from India and abroad feel a world-class tourist destination.

### **Key Points**

- Atul Bhandari told that Dandachali area is five square km. It is surrounded by dense forests of deodar and oak. Wildlife rich in this area, wildlife like Gular, Bear, Sehi, Ghural are in abundance. The forest is also full of different species of birds. The weather of Dandachali makes one feel cool even in the heat of June, whereas in December and January, snow freezes up to four to five feet.
- He said that nature tracks will be built in the pine forest here. Parking, viewpoints and adventure sports

facilities will also be available to tourists. Apart from this, Burma Bridge, Wooden and Glass House restaurants and mountain bike tracks will also be built here.

- However, due to lack of arrangements for hotels etc. to stay in Dandachali, tourists have to return to Chamba or New Tehri before dusk. Despite this, the movement of tourists remains constant. A large number of tourists reach Dandachali every year to celebrate the New Year, but due to Dandachali not being on the tourism map, no account is kept of the tourists coming here.
- With the creation of Eco Park in Dandachali, local youth will also get employment and due to the increase in the influx of tourists, shops and homestays will open here, other means of employment will also be developed.

## **In Uttarakhand, Six Services of Transport Department Including Challan Went Online**

### **Why In News?**

On November 11, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched these services in the state by launching six services of the Transport Department online and three mobile apps of the Transport Corporation itself, including the mitigation fee of challans.

### **Key Points**

- The online services of the Transport Department in the state are -
  - **Online tax payment** : Taxes of stage carriage vehicles were earlier deposited in the office, but now they will be able to deposit tax online from anywhere through the transport website.
  - **Challan mitigation fee**: Till now the challan fees were deposited in the offices, but now they will be able to deposit the e-challan directly online through the transport department's e-challan website.
  - **Temporary permit online** : Till now, one had to go to the RTO office to get temporary permits of the Transport Department, but now online application and fee payment will be made. Online scrutiny, approval and permits will be downloaded.

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- **Online Contract Carriage Permit** : The Divisional Transport Authority will now be able to apply for contract carriage permit online and will also be able to submit the fee online. These permits will also be available online.
- **Registration of vehicles**: Till now, registration of private vehicles was deposited online fees and taxes after data entry at the dealer point, uploading documents. After this, the dealer had to go to the RTO office with the entire paper. The files had to be kept in RTO offices, but now the entire process will be online. There will be freedom from the pile of papers in the offices.
- **Trade Certificate**: Now you will not have to visit offices to make a business certificate. The entire process will be online. The certificate will be issued online.
- The Transport Corporation has launched Humsafar app for drivers. This app will be installed in the mobile phone in front of the driver. This app will monitor every movement of the driver and alert the driver when he sleeps. It will get rewards on safe bus operations.
- Apart from this, the attendance app has been launched. In this, the employees of the Transport Corporation will be able to make their attendance from their mobile when they come to the geo fencing area.
- Apart from this, the corporation has launched a fleet management system. Under this, CCTV cameras will be installed in buses. Vehicle location tracking device will be installed to see the location of every bus and those traveling without tickets can be caught with the help of CCTV. Fuel sensors will be installed in all buses and all buses can be fully monitored from the central control room.

## 'Apni Sarkar' Mobile App

### *Why In News?*

On November 11, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the mobile app of 'Apni Sarkar Portal' developed by the Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA).

### *Key Points*

- After the launch of 'Apni Sarkar Portal', this app is now also available on Playstore. On this mobile app, 254 services of the state and another 173 services will

be available through web links. By login on this app, you can avail the services from the comfort of your home. Apart from this, the facility of CM Helpline will also be available through the mobile app.

- Through this mobile app, four of Sainik Welfare Department, 15 of Minor Irrigation Department, ten of Home Department, five of Registration Department, 18 of Revenue Department, two of Medical Health and Family Welfare Department, three of Skill Development and Employment Department, Eight services of Directorate of Urban Development, 12 of Panchayati Raj Department, nine of Social Welfare Department, seven of Fisheries Department, nine of Drinking Water Department and 23 of Energy Department will be directly available.
- Similarly, one of State Disaster Management Department, 14 of Technical Education Department, 20 of School Education Department, 12 of Skill Development and Employment Department, three of Minority Welfare Department, 22 of Sugarcane Development and Sugar Industry Department, 13 of Ayurvedic and Unani, Two services of Rural Development Department, five of Agriculture Department, 19 of Agriculture and Agricultural Marketing Department, two of Public Works Department and 16 services of Legal Metrology Department will be available directly through this mobile app.
- Apart from this, state transport department, e-court services, goods and services tax, income tax department, civil aviation ministry nine, PAN service portal nine, Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee eight, External Affairs Ministry passport service eight, Election Commission of India seven, UIDAI seven, agriculture and farmers welfare department six The web link of six services of Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, five of Uttarakhand Self Employment Schemes and four services of Directorate of Urban Development will be available on this mobile app.
- Similarly, three each from State Disaster Management Authority and Higher Education Department, six from Jeevan Praman, five from Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, three from Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, three from Railway Department, three from Right to Information, three from Ukada Uttarakhand, Web link of one service of online registration of Municipal Corporation Dehradun and one of health department will be found on this mobile app.

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- THE ITDA has also prepared the Android mobile app of the CM Helpline, so that people living in inaccessible areas of the state will also be able to send their complaints directly to the Chief Minister. It can be downloaded by writing CM Helpline on the Play Store.
- Three services of ITDA have also started, which are as follows:
  - **DARC Lake:** It is a centralized data storage platform designed to store GIS and drone data. There will also be a list of local drone pilots on it, which any department will be able to access.
  - **SD-WAN:** Internet connectivity will be smooth even if the connectivity of every tehsil, block, headquarters to the district is disrupted. It is a high speed internet system.
  - **ITDA-CALC:** Its first satellite center has been established at Rishikesh. Now these centers will be set up across the state, through which youth will be trained to operate and repair drones.

## PM Shree Schools

### *Why In News?*

On November 13, 2022, Akash Saraswat, the nodal officer appointed for the establishment of PM Shree School in Uttarakhand, told that after the announcement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, PM Shree schools will be opened at the national level. At present, 206 such schools have been selected by the State Education Department at its level.

### *Key Points*

- According to state nodal officer Akash Saraswat, the education department has also selected government schools from each block and municipal corporation area for this. After being selected from the state level, there will now be a final stamp on the basis of the marks received by these schools from the Center.
- According to state nodal officer Akash Saraswat, all these will be model schools, on which most of the expenditure will be borne by the central government.
- On November 10, the Education Department has announced the appointment of Akash Saraswat, Deputy State Project Director of Samagra Shiksha, as the nodal officer for the establishment of PM Shree schools in the state. The Chief Education Officer will be its nodal officer at the district level.

- According to the state nodal officer, the state's Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and various schools run by the state government are to be included in the PM Shri Yojana.
- For this, one government primary school and one middle school from each block have been selected as PM Shree School at the state level considering the various facilities available in the schools such as playground, laboratory, library, class room, rain water harvesting etc. Apart from this, two schools have been selected from each municipal corporation area.
- After the selection of these schools at the state level, these schools will be registered on the central government portal this week. Based on the facilities available in the schools, these schools will be declared as 'PM Shri' schools by the central government.
- According to the state nodal officer, after 206 schools in the state, others will also be developed as model schools. The special thing about these schools will be that students will get all possible facilities in them.

## Uttarakhand's First Aerocity to be Built Near Jolly Grant Airport

### *Why In News?*

On November 13, 2022, Uttarakhand Additional Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan informed that on the lines of Delhi, the proposal of Aerocity near Jolly Grant Airport is under consideration. With the availability of land, this project will be visible on the ground.

### *Key Points*

- Land is being searched for this project near Jolly Grant Airport. All state-of-the-art facilities ranging from five star hotels, malls, cafes, restaurants will be provided in Aerocity. It will also have accommodation for thousands of people.
- With the implementation of this project, it will be the first world-class state-of-the-art city in the state.
- Jolly Grant Airport is also being expanded. After this the airport will have international connectivity. In such a situation, Aerocity can also emerge as a big business hub of the future. It can also prove effective in taking the local products of Uttarakhand to the international market.

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- The park will be set up here on the lines of foreign countries. The park will have jogging, cycling tracks and huts for meditation. Also, landscaping and planting Australian grass are also under consideration. At the same time, flowers and greenery will be seen in the parks in every season.
- The KLIA Aeropolis Aerocity in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is said to be a great example of this concept. Similarly, Dubai has built Festival City just a mile away from the airport, which provides accommodation, schools, malls etc. for one lakh people.
- Significantly, Aerocity has been established near the Indira Gandhi International Airport in the capital Delhi. All the facilities from five star hotels, malls, hotels to cafes are available here. Due to its proximity to the International Airport, it is fast developing as a business hub as well. Similarly, the work on the project of Aerocity in Mohali (Punjab) is also going on.

## Central Government will give Rs 5,000 Per Hectare for Natural Farming

### Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, Uttarakhand Agriculture Director Gaurishankar said that to promote natural farming in Uttarakhand, the central government will give Rs 5,000 per hectare to the farmers every year. With this amount, farmers will be encouraged towards natural farming.

### Key Points

- Agriculture Director Gaurishankar said that under the scheme, farmers will be given training in farming methods and composting in the first year. 128 clusters have also been selected in 11 districts for natural farming in the state.
- He said that Rudraprayag and Udham Singh Nagar districts have not been included in the natural farming scheme at present. Work on natural farming will be done in another 11 districts. No chemical fertilizers will be used in the selected clusters.
- On behalf of the central and state governments, emphasis is being laid on natural farming to protect the environment, increase the fertilizer capacity of the soil. The central government has issued guidelines for natural farming.

- About 6400 hectares of agricultural area has been selected by the state government for natural farming, in which there will be a cluster of 50 hectares. The state government has started 'Mukhyamantri Prakritik Krishi Yojana' for natural farming. Through this scheme, gap funding will also be done along with encouraging farmers.

## Famous Jauljibi Trade Fair

### Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the historic Jauljibi Fair and Development Exhibition-2022 to be held on the India-Nepal border at Jauljibi, the confluence of Kali and Gori rivers. This fair will be held till November 24.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the International Jauljibi Fair has been promoting mutual trade between India, Nepal and Tibet. This fair gives oxygen to the country's relations by enhancing the culture, civilization, trade relations between India and Nepal.
- On the inauguration of the International Jauljibi Fair, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the Eldhara landslide area of disaster-affected Dharchula would be treated on the lines of Varunavat Parvat in Uttarkashi. A comprehensive plan is being made for the landslide sites of other places on the border including the Kali river of the region. The proposals have been sent to the Ministry of Defense and Home Affairs.
- He said a double-lane motor bridge is being constructed over the Kali river for the development of the frontier region, which will boost trade ties between India and Nepal. National Highways are also being constructed and widened in the area. With the construction of a national highway in this area, the pilgrims going to Kailash Mansarovar will go through this route, which will increase trade and develop the area.

## 70<sup>th</sup> State Industrial Development and Cultural Fair (Gauchar Mela) Inaugurated

### Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 70<sup>th</sup> Government

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Industrial Development and Cultural Fair (Gauchar Mela) and the founder of the fair was journalist Late. Unveiled the statue of Govind Prasad Nautiyal.

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- At the event, the Chief Minister conferred the Govind Prasad Nautiyal Memorial Journalist Award on senior journalist Ramesh Gairola 'Pahari'. On this occasion, the CM on behalf of Devesh Joshi said, 'Kai. He also released a book on 'Dhoom Singh Chauhan'.
- It is noteworthy that Gauchar Mela has been held for almost 75 years. Earlier this fair was famous for trade, but with time the form of the fair changed and now it is celebrated as a cultural fair. The culture of Garh-Kumaon is seen in the cultural programs in the fair.
- The Gauchar Mela has not been held 11 times so far due to different reasons. Gauchar Mela started in November 1943 under the name of Bhotia Trade Fair, which continued with this name till 1953.
- This fair was completely a business fair at that time. Tibetan wool, Tibetan pashmina wool, chialku, goats, Tibetan carpets, dan, asafoetida, Tibetan salt, oysters and Bhotia tea were mainly traded in the fair, but due to tension in relations with China after the 1962 war, Tibet suddenly The trade routes were closed.
- From the year 1947, the fair was organized in November by taking out an auspicious date. After the closure of trade with Tibet, this fair started to be held on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the country in the form of industrial development and cultural fair. This fair has been conducted once by Zilla Parishad Chamoli and twice by Town Area Committee Gauchar.

## Lakshya Sen to get National Sports Award

### Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards for the year 2022. As many as 25 sports persons from across the country, including Lakshya Sen from Almora in Uttarakhand, will receive the 2022 Arjuna Award for outstanding performance in sports and sports.

### Key Points

- The awardees will receive the award from the President of India at a specially organized ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 30, 2022 .
- Born on August 16, 2001 in Almora, shuttler Lakshya Sen is originally a resident of Rasyara village in Someshwar district. His grandfather CL Sen participated in national level badminton competitions in civil services. At the same time, he has won many titles, while father DK Sen is also currently a coach. Earlier he was the coach of Sai.
- Lakshya won many medals at the national level after district, state. After this, he also made inroads at the international level. At the age of 10, Lakshya won the first international title in Israel as a gold medal.
- Lakshya won the gold medal in men's singles badminton at the Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham on August 8, 2022. In the final, he defeated Ang Jae Yong of Malaysia 19-21, 21-9, 21-16. Lakshya won a bronze medal at the World Championships last year and has won a Super 500 title at the India Open in January in the year 2022.
- Lakshya won Gold in Lining Singapore Youth International Series, Gold in Israel Junior International in double and single, Gold in Senior Category of India International Series, Silver in Yonex German Junior International, Bronze in Dutch Junior, Gold in Eurasia Bulgarian Open, Asia Junior Championships India has won medals in many national and international championships, including gold in the Youth Olympics, bronze medal in the World Championships, etc.
- The National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. The Arjuna Award is given for outstanding performance in sports and sports over a period of last four years and for displaying qualities such as leadership, sportsmanship and discipline.

## Uttarakhand Earthquake Alert App to Be Upgraded

### Why in News?

On November 15, 2022, Piyush Rautela, Executive Director, Uttarakhand Disaster Management Authority, informed that the mobile application 'Uttarakhand Earthquake Alert' app developed by the State Disaster

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Management Authority, Disaster Management Department (USDMA) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee will be upgraded. For this, a proposal of Rs 58 crore has been sent to the central government by USDMA.

### Key Points

- **Uttarakhand is the first state in the country to develop an early earthquake warning system.**
- Girish Joshi, senior disaster management expert at the World Bank project, said the earthquake alert app works on a sensor-based system. So far, there are about 163 sensors installed in the state from Chakrata to Pithoragarh, based on the input received from which the 'Alert App' beeps in the event of an earthquake, but there is a need to increase the sensors to develop an accurate warning system. Sensors will be installed at 350 new locations in different parts of the state to upgrade the **Uttarakhand Earthquake Alert app**.
- He informed that in the coming time the existing network would be made more intensive by installing more than 500 sensors in the state. The objective is to have at least one sensor at a minimum distance of 5-10 km. Not only Uttarakhand, the surrounding states including Delhi will also be benefited by these sensors.
- Seismologist Girish Joshi said that when an earthquake occurs, P waves and S waves travel towards the upper surface (ground landscape) in different directions from the center. The P wave travels faster and triggers sensors mounted in the landscape. The data from the sensor reaches the control room and an alert is issued immediately. In this way, the user gets an alert through the mobile app.
- The USDMA claims that an alert was received on some mobile phones in Delhi, including Uttarakhand, about the 5.4 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal on November 12. The alert was received on those mobiles that updated the app from time to time.

## Abbott Mount Area to be Developed as Bird Watching Trail

### Why In News?

On November 16, 2022, Tourism Development Officer of Champawat district Arvind Gaur said that the area will

be developed as a bird watching trail for the expansion of tourism activities in the Abbott Mount area of the district. A detailed project report has been prepared by the Tourism Development Department and sent to the government for approval.

### Key Points

- Arvind Gaur said that after issuing instructions from the Tourism Secretary for bird watching trail in the past, the department has sent the DPR to the government through the working organization Drinking Water Construction Corporation, which is expected to be approved soon.
- For the proposed bird watching trail at Abbott Mount, the land of the Tourism Department will be demarcated as well as a boundary wall will be constructed for security. The tourism department has also sent a proposal for the construction of the boundary wall to the government through the revenue department.
- Eight eco huts have been constructed by the Tourism Department for the convenience of tourists in Abbott Mount. At the same time, a heliport will also be constructed for tourists in Abbott Mount.
- The proposed heliport at Abbott Mount will provide air services to tourists coming from outside areas, while the heliport will also be used for relief and rescue work in times of disaster.

## Cabinet Approves Uttarakhand Religion Freedom (Amendment) Bill 2022

### Why In News?

The Uttarakhand Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on November 16, 2022, approved the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill 2022.

### Key Points

- 26 proposals came to the meeting, out of which 25 were approved. In these, the law of forced conversion in Uttarakhand has been made strict on the lines of Uttar Pradesh.

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- Under the Uttarakhand Religion Freedom (Amendment) Bill 2022, those who forcefully convert in Uttarakhand will now be punished for up to ten years.
- Forcibly converting a person in Uttar Pradesh is punishable with imprisonment of one to five years and a fine of Rs 25,000, while in Uttarakhand, doing so will result in imprisonment of two to seven years and a fine of Rs 25,000.
- In the case of mass conversion in the state, now there will be a punishment of three to ten years, earlier there was a provision of maximum punishment of three years. Along with this, the victims will also be able to get compensation of five lakh rupees through the court.
- According to the information received from the media, the law of conversion in the state will now come under the category of cognizable and non-bailable offence. Earlier it was a non-cognizable offence. Now the government will put it on the table of the assembly.

## Chief Minister First Village Integrated Development Scheme

### Why In News?

On November 17, 2022, during the review of the Panchayati Raj Department at the Secretariat of Uttarakhand, the Chief Minister of the state Pushkar Singh Dhami told that for the planned development of such villages of Uttarakhand, which are the first villages of India, Chief Minister First Village Integrated Development Scheme' will be started.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called the villages located on the borders of the country the first village instead of the last village. These villages are also sentinels along with the first village in the country.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the first priority of the state is that these first villages of the country should have well-planned development. For cleanliness in villages, Chief Minister 'Paryavaran Mitra' scheme will also be started, in which one Paryavaran Mitra (cleaner) will be deployed in every village and Chief Minister 'Chaupal' will be started for planned development of gram panchayats.

- The Chief Minister told that some days in these villages are of special importance on religious, cultural and historical grounds and programs should be organized with enthusiasm by marking these special days in the villages. The foundation day of the Gram Sabha will be celebrated as a festival. In this, the migrant people living outside those villages should be specially motivated to participate.
- He told that a Chaupal should be set up for well-planned development of gram panchayats. Gram Sabha wise roster should also be prepared for this. Giving top priority to the suggestions given by the local villagers in these Chaupal's, an action plan should be prepared for the development of the villages.
- He told that real India lives in villages. Special attention should be paid to the development of villages for the overall development of the state and a cabinet meeting should also be organized in a village for the development of villages, in which there are proposals related to the development of villages.

## Uttarakhand Solar Energy Policy 2022

### Why In News?

On November 18, 2022, Uttarakhand's Energy Secretary R. Meenakshi Sundaram has sought suggestions while releasing the draft of Uttarakhand Solar Energy Policy-2022.

### Key Points

- R. Meenakshi Sundaram informed that the state has a potential of up to 2000 MW in the field of solar energy. In this, a capacity of 600 MW has been estimated for large projects, 250 MW for residential projects, 750 MW for commercial and industrial projects, 350 MW for institutions and 50 MW for agriculture.
- In the Uttarakhand Solar Policy-2022, provision has been made that UPCL will prepare a green tariff proposal for solar energy, which will be sent to the Regulatory Commission. The regulatory commission may give an option to the consumers to opt for green tariff. Apart from this, feed-in tariff can encourage solar energy providers in the grid during peak hours. Virtual Net Metering (VNM) and Group Net Metering (GNM) can be used for easy access and monitoring.

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- The responsibilities of UREDA have also been increased in the new policy. Under this, UREDA will have to set up a solar policy cell, under which solar projects will be passed through a single window. A fee of Rs 10,000 per MW will be payable for its application.
- UREDA will also have to make a land bank. A list of all government lands and buildings will have to be made where solar power projects can be set up. Similarly, such private lands will also have to be marked on which a private person can set up his project on lease.
- There will be 100 percent exemption in stamp duty on lease deed of land or purchase of land. 100 percent exemption will be given on the fee for change of land use for setting up a solar plant on private agricultural land. Court fees will be completely waived in the papers of registration or lease. 50 percent discount will be given in the lease price to the persons who set up solar powered EV charging stations on government land.
- Employment of local youth has also been guaranteed in the new policy. It has been told that whoever will set up his solar project by taking government land on lease, he will have to give employment to 70 percent of the local youth. UREDA will issue this condition in its tender.
- State Level Screening and Empowered Committee (SLSC) will be constituted under the chairmanship of Energy Secretary for allotment of solar power plants up to 25 MW. State Level Energy Committee (SLEC) will be constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to remove the problems arising out of the approval of the project, to make any kind of amendment in the policy. It will have eight members including the Energy Secretary. Uttarakhand Solar Power Land Allotment Committee (USPLAC) will also be formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to take decisions on land related matters. It will have four members including the Energy Secretary.

## Poultry Valley Scheme

### *Why In News?*

On November 18, 2022, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Secretary of Uttarakhand, Dr. BVRC Purushottam told in a meeting of project directors held in Dehradun that the state government is going to start Poultry Valley scheme in the state after Goat Valley to promote animal husbandry business.

### *Key Points*

- Dr. BVRC Purushottam said that a year ago, a pilot project in the state was made in Chakrata as a pilot project, in which poultry valleys will now be made in other districts if it is successful.
- He said that Aanchal Cafes would be opened in all the districts of the state through the Milk Development Department. Where milk and other products can be found at one place. Aanchal Cafe and Poultry Valley will be launched on 25 November. For this, instructions were given to the officers to complete the preparations.
- He said that 41 places have been selected for Aanchal Cafe. Apart from milk, products made of shake, ice cream, pizza, milk will be available in Aanchal Cafe. The cafe will provide employment to local people. At the same time, the income of farmers will also increase.
- Project Director Dairy Jaideep Arora informed that Aanchal Cafe has been prepared in MDDA Complex at Ghantaghar in Dehradun.

## Frontier Mountain District Children's Science Festival-2022

### *Why In News?*

On November 19, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the two-day Frontier Mountain District Bal Vigyan Mahotsav-2022 under the joint aegis of Uttarakhand State Council of Science and Technology (UCOST) Dehradun and District Administration Champawat at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Champawat, state.

### *Key Points*

- On this occasion, 5 scientists and personalities were honored by the Chief Minister for their outstanding work in the field of science in the festival.
- The Chief Minister said that this festival is the first such science-based festival which is being organized for students studying in remote areas. In addition to all the students, teachers from the marginal 6 districts of the state, scientists and enlightened people participated.

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- He said that the main theme of this festival is traditional knowledge and modern science. Traditional knowledge and modern science are two components of development that serve as a strong foundation for science-based development. This first frontier hill district Children's Science Festival will work to strengthen the scientific concept in the state.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the objective of organizing this science festival is to take scientific technology to every remote area of the state and to develop science to the people and scientific thinking in every child.
- All the children will be exposed to their interests through various competitions (poster making, drama, science quiz, poetry recitation etc.) to be held in the festival.
- He informed that the geographical conditions of Champawat represent the entire state of Uttarakhand. There are plains, high and central Himalayan regions here, that is why the government has decided to first develop Champawat district as a model district for model Uttarakhand, for which all the departments of the state government are working at their level and UCOST is working as the nodal agency in this.
- Science City is being constructed in the state to awaken scientific temper, to promote science education and to encourage innovation research. In order to take research and research activities to every region of the state, the concept of Labs on Wheel has been brought for every district of the state, so that research and research activities can reach even remote areas of the state.
- For awareness in space technology, UCOST and ARIES together are building 'Astro Park' in Haldwani which will be a mix of traditional and modern knowledge and science.
- A sub-regional science center is also being constructed in Almora where science-based activities and programs will be conducted and it is proposed to set up a science center in Champawat so that science-based education and awareness can be spread in the region.

## **Bulk Waste Generators App**

### **Why In News?**

On November 22, 2022, Sunil Uniyal Gama, Mayor of Dehradun Municipal Corporation of Uttarakhand, has launched '**Bulk Waste Generation App**' to segregate waste

from all bulk waste generation- RWAs, apartments, hotels and restaurant premises in Dehradun Municipal Corporation.

### **Key Points**

- It is known that there are a large number of flats, apartments, hotels, restaurants in Dehradun, from where a lot of garbage is generated in bulk, but all the garbage is dumped directly in the corporation vehicles without separating, while according to the rules, such institutions, hotels, restaurants have to give garbage separately.
- Under the 'Bulk Waste Generator App', all the bulk generated in the Dehradun Municipal Corporation will have to register on this app. After registration, if someone does not give the garbage separately, then the corporation will not pick up his garbage and will take action on that apartment, hotel, restaurant.
- After registration in this app, the corporation will not only have data of all such institutions, hotels, restaurants, but will also know where the garbage will be picked up. The app will have the number of apartments, hotels, restaurants. For this, they will be given a QR code. When the garbage is collected, the concerned institutions will call and after that the vehicle will reach the spot and pick up the garbage. Garbage will not be picked up without scanning the QR code.

## **Helidrome will be Built on the Lines of International Airport in Sahastradhara**

### **Why In News?**

On November 24, 2022, Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Secretary Dilip Jawalkar informed that a **Helidrome will be constructed with modern facilities in Dehradun Sahastradhara** by the next travel season.

### **Key Points**

- It is noteworthy that the crowd of passengers is increasing in the Heli service being operated from **Sirsi, Guptkashi, Phata for Kedarnath Dham**. In view of this, a proposal is being prepared to operate Heli service from Sahastradhara to Kedarnath, Badrinath from next year.

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- The proposal will be sent to the government through the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA). For operation of Heli service, an offer will be made by UCADA to the aviation company and after getting the permission of DGCA, passengers from Dehradun will also get the benefit of Heli service directly.
- Here passengers will get facilities on the lines of international airports. The Helidrome will have a capacity of 500 passengers. Apart from the parking of the helicopter, passengers will get a variety of facilities at the airport.
- Municipal corporation land will be acquired for Sahastadhara helipad expansion on behalf of UCADA. For this, Rs 13 crore will be paid to the Municipal Corporation in lieu of the land.

## **Corridor will be Built in Uttarakhand to Handle Drone Traffic**

### **Why In News?**

On November 25, 2022, Amit Sinha, Director, Information Technology and Development Agency (ITDA), Uttarakhand, said that with new experiments in drone technology, corridors are being built in all districts to handle drone traffic in the state. On the lines of air services, these will be routes through which government and private drones will be able to fly.

### **Key Points**

- Significantly, in view of the future use of drones, the need is being felt to prepare a way for it. For this, the Information Technology and Development Agency (ITDA) has started the work of creating a drone corridor.
- The ITDA director informed that the corridors that will be built for drone operation in all the districts of the state will be linked together. After this, a complete network of dedicated routes for drones will be ready in the state. Action will also be taken against those who break the rules.
- He said that one of the objectives of creating the drone corridor is that it will create such routes, which do not obstruct air services. Apart from this, being a border state, security will also be provided to all the restricted areas.

- It is known that at present there is no dedicated corridor of drone operation from Uttarkashi to Doon or other places in the state, due to which many drones have to travel long distances. This will take longer and the drone's battery is also in danger of running out soon. With the construction of the drone corridor, the flight time will be reduced, its battery will also help in long-distance flight.
- In view of the rapid development in the field of drones, the Uttarakhand government is going to bring a drone policy soon. The ITDA has sent its draft to the government. Under this, all provisions will be made from drone operation to purchase of drones. The policy is expected to come to the Cabinet soon.

## **Two-Year Agreement Signed between Uttarakhand and American Company**

### **Why In News?**

On November 25, 2022, Uttarakhand Planning Secretary Dr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram said that the state government has signed a two-year agreement with the company, giving the responsibility of **improving the economy of Uttarakhand to the leading international consultant American company McKinsey Global.**

### **Key Points**

- Dr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram said that the state government's tie-up with McKinsey Global would help the state achieve its goal of doubling the economic growth rate (GDP) in the next five years. At present, the GDP in the state is estimated at 7.05 percent.
- In six months, the company will select those areas with potential for development, in which it can invest from renowned expert companies of the country and the world. According to Dr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram, McKinsey Global Company will work for the first time in a state.
- Under this agreement, the company will select those sectors in the state for six months, in which progress can be made through new investments and reforms. Will bring renowned companies to invest in the identified areas in the remaining year and a half.
- The agency will invest in increasing the yield of crops and products and improving their quality. Will also

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work to provide export market to the products. If the company gives better results, then its contract will be extended.

- It is noteworthy that McKinsey Global has international experience. In Vietnam the company has worked on selected products rice, coffee, banana, mushroom. Improve their quality, increase yield and make international market available. This improved the economy there.
- To improve the economy of the state, the company can work in many other areas including New Township, Tourism, Horticulture, Energy, Ayush, Yoga, Wellness Tourism, IT Industry, Hotel Industry.

## **Air Service for Gauchar and Chinyalisaur**

### **Why In News?**

On November 27, 2022, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama met Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in Delhi and urged him to start air services to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur. This was agreed by the Union Minister.

### **Key Points**

- Under the 'UDAN scheme', air services to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur will be started soon. It will operate a 20-seat fixed wing aircraft. The next tender of the scheme will include air service of both places.
- Apart from this, work orders have been issued to SpiceJet and Big Chartered Airline to start fixed wing aircraft services from Pithoragarh.
- The Chief Minister requested the Union Minister to direct Pawan Hans to operate services in Pithoragarh in an uninterrupted and time-bound manner. He informed the Union Minister that the Airport Authority of India has to submit the survey report in December itself to develop Pantnagar Airport as an international airport.
- The Chief Minister urged to take an early decision for the expansion of Pantnagar Airport. In order to expand the Jolly Grant Airport as per the standards of the international airport, it was also requested to conduct a physical survey of the land through the Airport Authority of India. Union Minister Scindia assured the CM that all proposals related to air service in Uttarakhand would be implemented soon.



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