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Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana

Why in News

- On August 02, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami duly launched the 'Mukhyamantri Vatsalya Yojana' for the **destitute children** during the Covid-19 period.

Key point

- In a program organized at the Janta Darshan Hall located at the Chief Minister's residence, the Chief Minister transferred an assistance **amount of Rs 3,000** to the bank accounts of the children identified in the scheme by DBT.
- Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs 3 thousand per month has been allowed to the children covered from July 01, 2021, till the age of 21 years. Along with this, arrangements for free ration, free education are also being made for them.
- The DMs of the districts will protect the property of these children. Uttarakhand is the first state to introduce five percent horizontal reservation in jobs for orphans. The government will also focus on the skill development of these children.
- MIS portal is being made for the operation of 'Mukhyamantri Vatsalya Yojana', in which the details of all the children will be filled online by the districts.
- Under this scheme, a total of 2347 boys/girls have been identified from birth to 21 years of age till August 01, 2021. A total of 1062 children have been benefited in the first phase on the occasion of the launch of the scheme.

Uttarakhand Kranti Dal (UKD)

Why in news

- **Kashi Singh Airi** has been elected as the new president of the **Uttarakhand Kranti Dal (UKD)**.

Key Points

- Uttarakhand Kranti Dal played the most important role in the formation of Uttarakhand, and is deeply connected with the sensibilities of the people.
- This party was established in the year 1979 by Bipin Chandra Tripathi, Prof. Devidutt Pant, Indriyadhani and Kashi Singh Airi.

Orchid Conservation Center

Why in News

- On July 30, 2021, the **first orchid conservation center** of **Uttarakhand** was inaugurated at **Mandal in Chamoli district**.

Key Points

- **Objective:** Conserve orchid species as well as create venues for tourism and the livelihood of local people.
- **Developed by** the research wing of the state forest department, this center has four parts — a conservation and demonstration area, a 1.25 km long orchid trail, an interpretation center, and an orchid nursery.
- Presently, the center has 70 different orchid species, mainly of which are medicinally and ecologically important. A good number of these orchid species like **Lady's Slipper Orchid** come under the **threatened category**.
- The orchid has the same place in the plant kingdom as Tiger has in Animal Kingdom. However, orchids are very sensitive to ecological changes and thereby they are considered to be good indicators of the health of any ecosystem.

India's First Earthquake Early Warning Mobile App

Why in News

- On August 04, 2021, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the '**Uttarakhand Earthquake Alert**' app to provide early warning of earthquakes in the state.

Key Points

- This is the **country's first** early warning mobile application, which can **alert users before an earthquake**. With this, Uttarakhand has become the **first state in the country** to launch an earthquake alert app.
- This app has been **developed by Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority** and **Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee**.
- Some of the **main features** of this app are as follows-
 - This application uses Earthquake Early Warning (EEW), a real-time earthquake information system, which can detect the onset of an earthquake.

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- This app will give **early warning of earthquakes 30-40 seconds before** the earthquake, for which about 64 sensors have been installed in the entire state.
- It is capable of warning of an **earthquake of magnitude 5 or more on the Richter scale**.
- The app can also help provide the **location of people trapped** inside a structure after an earthquake.
- It disseminates information about the occurrence of an earthquake as well as the likely time and intensity at the location of the earthquake to prevent any loss of life.
- It is compatible with both Android and iOS platforms and is available in two versions.
- Uttarakhand is an earthquake prone state, so this app can make a significant contribution to the authorities to carry out rescue operations during earthquakes.

Tilu Rauteli Awards

Why in News

- On August 08, 2021, the Uttarakhand government honored women and adolescent girls of the state with the '**Tilu Rauteli Samman**'.

Key Points

- The annual award is given to women for their exemplary performances in their field of work in Uttarakhand.
 - It was started in 2006 under the name of Veerbala Tilu Rauteli.
- Under this award the state government gives an amount of Rs. 31,000 and a citation.
 - From 2022 the prize money for the award will be increased from Rs 31,000 to Rs 51,000.
- The winners of the award from different fields are-
 - **Sports:** Vandana Kataria (Haridwar), Ruchi Kalakoti (Bageshwar), Kanika Bhandari (Almora).
 - **Social Work:** Anuradha Walia (Dehradun), Uma Joshi (Udham Singh Nagar), Deepika Bohra and Chipika Chufal (Pithoragarh), Renu Gadkoti (Champawat).
 - **COVID related work:** Chandrakala Tiwari (Chamoli), Parvati Kirola (Nainital), Babita Punetha (Pithoragarh).
 - **Self employment:** Mamta Mehta (Bageshwar), Anjra Rawat (Pauri), Bhavna Sharma (Almora).
 - **Education and women awareness:** Dr. Rajkumar Bhandari Chauhan (Dehradun).

- **Education, Research & Development:** Dr. Kanchan Negi (Dehradun).
- **Women's Health and Nutrition:** Namita Gupta (Udham Singh Nagar).
- **NGO:** Binduvasini (Udham Singh Nagar).
- **Mountaineering:** Reena Rawat (Uttarkashi).
- **Girl's Education:** Rekha Joshi (Pithoragarh).
- **Living in difficult conditions:** Poonam Doval (Tehri).
- **Women Self Help Groups:** Shyama Devi (Dehradun).

Vandana Kataria

Why in news

- **Vandana Kataria** from Uttarakhand, who was a **member of the Indian women's hockey team in the Tokyo Olympics**, has been made the **brand ambassador of the State's Women's Empowerment Department**.

Key Points

- On the occasion of Tilu Rauteli Samman ceremony, **State Women Empowerment Minister Rekha Arya** appointed Vandana Kataria as the brand ambassador of the said department along with **Tilu Rauteli Samman**.
- Vandana Kataria is the **first Indian female hockey player to score three goals in a single match**.
- Vandana Kataria from Roshnabad (Haridwar), Uttarakhand, has been a **part of the senior women's hockey team since 2006**.
- The Uttarakhand government has announced to give her **Tilu Rauteli Samman and Rs 25 lakh** for her outstanding performance.

Dedicated Satellite Channel for Tribals

Why in News

- Recently, the Jharkhand government has launched the first satellite TV channel '**Tribe TV**' for the tribal communities in their own language.

Key Points

- This channel will be broadcasted in the **Santhali/Santali** language.
 - Santhali is one of the **22 languages notified** in the Indian Constitution.

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- After Santhali, Tribe TV will also be launched in other popular tribal languages like **Mundari, Kurukh** etc.
- Its headquarters will be at Raiganj, North Dinajpur in Bengal and it will be run by an organization named **Kalyani Solvex**.
- The focus of Tribe TV will be in **Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Bihar** as a large number of Santali tribes reside in these states.

KCC and Chief Minister Livestock Distribution Program

Why in News

- On August 9, 2021, **Chief Minister Hemant Soren** distributed a total of Rs. 734 crore under **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Chief Minister Livestock Distribution Program** to about 2 lakhs farmers.
 - This amount was distributed to the farmers on the occasion of **'World Tribal Day'**.

Key Points

- The main goal of the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Chief Minister's Livestock Distribution Program** is to reduce poverty in the state by increasing the income of farmers. Along with this, the problem of malnutrition present in the state is also to be solved through livestock distribution.
- On this occasion, the commitment of increasing the contribution of the agriculture sector to the GDP of the state was expressed by the Chief Minister by strengthening the economic condition of the farmers in Jharkhand.

Samman Pension Scheme

Why in News

- On August 9, 2021, Chief Minister Dharami, in a conference held at the Town Hall of Dehradun, renamed the **'Kutumb Pension Scheme'** to the dependents of the freedom fighters of the state as **'Samman Pension Yojana'**.

Key Points

- Expressing respect for the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, the name of this scheme has been changed to Samman Yojana.

- On this occasion, the dependents of the freedom fighters were honored and their contribution was appreciated.
- The main objective of this scheme is to improve the standard of living of the dependents of freedom fighters and to provide them financial assistance.

Wi-Fi in Government Colleges

Why in News

- Recently, the **Uttarakhand government** has decided to **equip all the government colleges** in the state with Wi-Fi facilities.

Key Points

- Higher Education Minister Dhan Singh Rawat has set up a high-powered committee in this regard, that would oversee the implementation of the process of setting up the facility in 105 Government colleges of the state.
- The committee would be headed by the director of the Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA) and would include the director, higher education or his nominee, joint secretary/ deputy secretary-level officer and two technical experts of ITDA.
- A committee headed by ITDA director Ashish Srivastava would complete the process of purchase for setting up the WiFi connectivity.
- The executing agency will hand over the said process to the Higher Education Department. The work order will be given to the executing agency by the Higher Education Department. The entire cost of all these works will be borne by the Higher Education Department.

Financial Assistance for Public Transport Operators

Why in News

- Recently the state transport department of Uttarakhand has decided to **provide financial assistance of Rs 2,000 each** to the registered public transport operators, conductors and sweepers across the state.

Key Point

- The State transport secretary Ranjit Sinha informed that the State Government will spend Rs 12,388.20

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lakh from the **Chief Minister relief fund** for providing financial support for the livelihood of public transport operators which was **affected due to Covid-curfew this year**.

- The operators of all the public transport, including maxi cabs, electric rickshaws, Vikrams, auto rickshaws and buses [except Uttarakhand Transport Corporation (UTC) buses] will receive this financial aid for the next six months.
- Sinha informed that the department will transfer this money to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through regional transport officers and district magistrates.

Registration of Potential Beneficiaries by Transport Department

Why in News

- Uttarakhand Transport Department has started registration of eligible beneficiaries affected due to the lockdown imposed to curb Covid-19.
 - Each beneficiary will be provided with financial assistance of Rs. 2,000.

Key Points

- Uttarakhand Transport Department will do the registration of public transport operators, conductors and sweepers whose livelihood was affected due to the lockdown.
- According to Regional Transport Officer (Enforcement) Sandeep Saini, eligible public transport operators, operators and sweepers can register themselves on <http://uk.gov.in>.
- For this, applicants will have to mention the driving license number of the vehicle on which they work, apart from the bank account details.
- After providing all the required information, the applicant will receive a message on the registered mobile number regarding acceptance or rejection of the application. The reason for rejecting the application will be mentioned in the message. Applicants can re-apply with correct information.
- For easy transfer of funds to the beneficiaries for the next six months, applicants will have to ensure that their name mentioned in bank accounts and in the application are the same.

Mobile e-van Court

Why in News

- On August 15, 2021, on the occasion of **75th Independence Day** of the country, Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court Raghavendra Singh Chouhan launched **Mobile E-Van Court**.

Key Points

- The launch of Mobile Court in North India will be the first of its kind.
- In the first phase, mobile e-courts will be started in five districts of Uttarakhand – Pithoragarh, Champawat, Uttarkashi, Tehri and Chamoli.
- Such mobile courts will prove to be helpful in **speedy disposal of cases** considering the geographical conditions of Uttarakhand.

Lachhiwala Nature Park

Why in News

- On August 14, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the **Lachhiwala Nature Park in Dehradun**.

Key Points

- Appreciating the park, he said that budgetary provision would be made for the second phase of work on the nature park.
- On this occasion a laser and sound show was organized and an Amrit Mahotsav song was also released.
- State Forest Minister Harak Singh Rawat said that Lachhiwala Nature Park is unique and will attract tourists from all over India and abroad.

Pawandeep Rajan: The winner of 'Indian Idol 12'

Why in News

- **Pawandeep Rajan of Uttarakhand** emerged as the winner in the grand finale of the singing reality show '**Indian Idol 12**' that concluded on August 15, 2021. He received a luxury car and Rs 25 lakh as an award.

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Key Points

- Pawandeep, a resident of Champawat in Uttarakhand has inherited music. His father Suresh Rajan and uncle Satish Rajan taught him music.
- His father Suresh Rajan is a famous folk singer from Kumaon and his grandfather, Late Rati Rajan, was also a famous folk singer.
- Pawandeep's maternal grandmother was also a folk singer. Pawandeep's sister Jyotideep is also a singer.
- Pawandeep Rajan is an expert in singing songs as well as playing various musical instruments.

Free Tablets for Class 10th and 12th students

Why in News

- On August 15, 2021, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** made several announcements, including **distribution of free tablets to class 10 and 12 students** of the state on the **occasion of 75th Independence Day**.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement while paying homage to the freedom fighters after hoisting the tricolor (Tiranga) at the police lines in Dehradun.
- He also called for setting up of '**Sunderlal Bahuguna Nature Conservation Award**' in the name of renowned **environmentalist Sunderlal Bahuguna** for his distinguished work in the field of environment and nature conservation and to set up a high level committee to allay the apprehensions about land laws in the state. declare.
- Also, encouraged by the success of **Vandana Katariya**, who performed brilliantly in women's hockey in Tokyo Olympics, also announced a new sports policy to support and nurture the emerging talent in the field of sports.
- Along with this, he also flagged off the '**Desh ke liye race**' (a race in the name of the country) organized by the BJP Yuva Morcha from the pavilion ground.

Dhami Launches Free Pathology Test Scheme

Why in News

- On August 17, 2021, **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the **free pathology test scheme** for the people of the state at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital (Coronation).

Key Points

- This scheme has been launched under the **Public Private Partnership model**.
- Under this, 207 types of pathological tests will be done free of cost in government hospitals of the state with the funds provided by the **National Health Mission (NHM)**.
- This scheme will be **implemented in two phases**. In the first phase, the scheme will be launched in 38 district sub-hospitals and community health centers in six districts – Almora, Tehri, Dehradun, Nainital, Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar. In the second phase, the free pathology test scheme will be implemented in the remaining districts.

Rare Orchid Species Found in Uttarakhand

Why In News

- Recently, **for the first time** in India, the discovery of a rare species of orchid has been confirmed by the **Botanical Survey of India** in the Mandal area of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- **Cephalanthera erecta var:** This species of orchid named oblansevalata was discovered by the research wing of the forest department at an altitude of 1870 meters in the humus-rich oak-burans (rhododendron-oak) forests in the Mandal area of Chamoli district.
- Although the species was discovered in May 2021, the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has recently confirmed it. Now it has been officially recognized by BSI as the new edition of the List of Indian Flora. BSI has confirmed the addition of **Cephalanthera erecta** to its new edition of Nelumbo Magazine.

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- Chief Conservator of Forests (Research) Sanjeev Chaturvedi said that Range Officer Harish Negi and Junior Research Fellow Manoj Singh have discovered it. These terrestrial orchids were found growing on the soil during the discovery of flowers in the circle.
- Found on the ground, this species of orchid grows from five to 20 cm tall and beautiful white flowers bloom on it in May-June.
- This species has now been found in **India after Japan, China and Nepal.**
- It is worth noting that recently the first orchid conservation center of North India established in the village of Khalla near Gopeshwar in Chamoli district has been dedicated to the public.

Rakhi Gifts for the Women of the State

Why in News

- On August 19, 2021, **Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** announced **Rakhi gifts for ASHA and Anganwadi workers** and all women of the state in the Raksha Bandhan program organized in Khatima.

Key Points

- The Asha and Anganwadi workers of the state would get as a gift of Rs 1,000 on the occasion of Rakshabandhan. On the day, all women would be allowed free ride in the buses of Uttarakhand roadways.
- In the programme a large number of women belonging to the assembly constituency of CM tied Rakhis on the wrist of Dhami.
- In the programme, the CM directed the officials that they should organize multipurpose camps and hold Tehsil Diwas programmes for speedy disposal of the problems faced by the people.

Package for Women Self Help Groups

Why in News

- Recently, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced a relief package of Rs 118.35 crore for **women self-help groups (SHGs)** and people associated with self-employment schemes of the state government.

Key Points

- This package will help 7,54,984 people of women SHGs associated with **Uttarakhand State Rural Livelihood Mission.**
- Under the Rural Livelihood Mission, a one-time grant of Rs 5 lakh will be given to each of the 159 Cluster Level Foundations (CLFs) in the state.
- Similarly, financial assistance will be provided to active SHGs for the next six months. Under this, an amount of Rs 2,000 per month will be given to 42,989 groups.
- The loan account holders of Mukhyamantri Saur Swarozgar Yojana will be provided compensation for the interest paid during this period.
- Provincial Development Dal and Yuva Mangal Dal of Yuva Kalyan will be given financial assistance of Rs 2,000 per month for six months.

First District of Uttarakhand to Achieve 100% Vaccination

Why in News

- On August 18, 2021, the **Bageshwar district** became the **second district in the country** and the **first in Uttarakhand** to achieve the unique distinction of **100 percent vaccination.**
 - The **Wayanad district of Kerala** holds the record for being the **first district** in the country to achieve 100 percent vaccination.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami himself declared the unique feat of the Bageshwar district while interacting with the media persons at the State Secretariat.
- He said that the Khirsu block of Pauri has also achieved 100 per cent vaccination target of the adult population. He informed that 1,76,776 beneficiaries have received the first dose of vaccine in the Bageshwar district while 37,789 have got the first dose in the Khirsu block of Pauri.
- Dhami informed that necessary steps are being taken at state, district and block levels to give an impetus to the vaccination campaign in the state.
- Significantly, so far 83 percent of the population above 45 years of age in the state has received the first dose while 48 percent of them have received

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both doses. While 61 percent of the 18 to 44 years age population has received the first dose while 4 per cent have received both doses.

- In the State, a total of 56,61,943 people have received the first dose which is 73 percent of the total adult population.

Sputnik-V Vaccine Launched in Uttarakhand

Why in News

- On August 22, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the use of Sputnik-V vaccine in the state at the Graphic Era Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun.

Key Points

- A total of 100 people were given the Sputnik-V vaccine at the launch event. RC Ghanshala, Chief Patron, Graphic Era Group received the first dose of Sputnik-V Vaccine.
- Dr. Ajay Patel, Principal Medical Officer, Graphic Era Hospital said that the **Sputnik-V vaccine has been declared 95% effective against Covid-19** and in the case of the Delta variant, the vaccine is considered to be about 83% effective.
- After registering on the Cowin app, one can get the Sputnik-V vaccine at Graphic Era Hospital at a fee set by the government.
- To prevent coronavirus infection, **100% vaccination work has been done in Bageshwar district** of Uttarakhand. Along with Bageshwar, **Khirsu block of Pauri district** has also achieved its target and achieved 100% target of first dose in the entire block.
- Significantly, in Uttarakhand, more than 58 lakh people have received the first dose of Covid-19 vaccination so far, while the number of people who have received both the doses is more than 18 lakh.

Country's Highest Medicinal Garden

Why in News

- On August 21, 2021, India's highest medicinal garden was inaugurated at an altitude of 11,000 feet at **Mana**

village, located near the Indo-China border in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- The **research wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department has developed the park** on more than three acres of land given by Mana Van Panchayat. **About 40 species of medicinal value** of the high altitude alpine region of Himalayas have been preserved in this medicinal garden.
- According to the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), **many of these species are endangered**. Some are also included in the list of endangered species of the State Biodiversity Board.
- This park is divided into four sections. In this, the **first category includes species associated with Badrinath (Lord Vishnu)** - Badri Tulsi, Badri Ber, Badri Vriksha and the sacred tree Bhojpatra.
- The **second class belongs to the Ashtavarga species**, a group of eight herbs found in the Himalayan region. These include Riddhi, Vriddhi, Jivaka, Rishabhaka, Kakoli, Kshir Kakoli, Maida and Maha Maida, which are important ingredients of Chyawanprash. Four of these herbs belong to the lily family and four to the orchid family.
- In the **third category are the species of snow lotus**. These include the **Brahma Kamal, which is the state flower of Uttarakhand**. Other species of snow lotus in the park include the Fem Kamal, Neel Kamal and Koot.
- The **fourth group consists of alpine species** including Atisha, Meethavish, Vanakkadi and Choru, all of which are important medicinal herbs and are in high demand.
- It is worth mentioning that Mana is the last Indian village in Chamoli district bordering China and it is **close to the famous temple 'Badrinath'** situated in the Himalayas.

'Nature Vidya' Web Portal

Why in News

- On August 23, 2021, Uttarakhand's Forest and Environment Minister Harak Singh Rawat launched the **'Nature Vidya'** web portal related to environmental education.

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Key Points

- In order to overcome the shortage of environmental Hindi resources for teachers in government schools of Uttarakhand, Prakriti Vigyan Initiative (NSI) in collaboration with JBGVS has started a bilingual Hindi-English website 'Nature Vidya', which is specially designed for environmental education fulfills.
- The portal provides a wide range of simple tools for nature educators to engage children outdoors, covering topics such as ecology, waste, climate change, etc.
- This portal will for the first time provide sophisticated tools in Hindi to the grassroot level teachers, as well as help in any future school disruptions.
- Along with this, Rawat also released a Hindi book on Peepal tree and its ecology named 'Rhasyamai Garden' written by Shruti Rao. This book helps children learn important ecological concepts by looking at trees like peepal.

Announcement of Relief in Electricity, Water and Transport

Why in News

- Recently, during the monsoon session of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama announced **relief in various sectors including electricity, water and transport** in the state.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the **fixed charges of electricity bills under the Energy Department would be exempted for three months**. About 2,24,604 people will be benefited by this. Similarly, exemption will be given for 3 months on late payment surcharge of electricity bills.
- Under the Transport Department, **exemption in service tax will be given for 6 months**. The estimated number of beneficiaries in this is 96,380. Rebate will be given on late fee for 6 months on renewal of registration certificate, fitness certificate, permit and driving license etc.
- Under the **Urban Development Department**, an incentive amount of Rs 2000 will be provided to

Paryavaran Mitras for 5 months. About 8,300 Paryavaran Mitras will benefit from this.

- All the **beneficiaries registered in Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi** will be given **financial assistance of Rs 2,000** each for 5 months. The estimated number of beneficiaries in this is 25,000.
- Under the **Drinking Water Department, 100% late fee will be waived** in case all the water/sewer consumers of the state make one-time payment of the remaining dues by December 31, 2021.

Vocational education program launched in secondary schools

Why in News

- On August 27, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama launched vocational education programs in 200 government secondary schools of the state and also had virtual interactions with students, parents and teachers of various schools of the state.

Key Point

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to increase the amount of Shivanand Nautiyal Scholarship from Rs.250 to Rs.1500 and increase the number of beneficiaries from 11 to 100. He also announced to increase the amount of Sridev Suman State Meritorious Scholarship from Rs.150 to Rs.1000.
- The Chief Minister said that 8 trades have been started in the vocational education program in secondary schools. This will lead to skill development of our children, which will be helpful in their career.
- He said that the government would soon provide mobile tablets with preloaded content to the students of class 10th and 12th of government schools in the state. Virtual classes have been established in 500 schools, while virtual classes are proposed in 600 more schools. NCERT books have been made compulsory in all schools. 189 Atal Schools of Excellence have been started in English medium with CBSE recognition.
- Education Minister Arvind Pandey said that subject wise teachers have been appointed in school education in Uttarakhand, it has been decided to increase the salary of guest teachers from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000.
- It is worth mentioning that Uttarakhand has been ranked fourth in educational quality by NITI Aayog.

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Website of Devbhoomi Himalayan Super 30 Trust

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- On August 27, 2021, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama virtually launched the website <https://www.himalayansuper30.in> of the Devbhoomi Himalayan Super 30 Trust at the Chief Minister's residence.

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- Through Super 30, efforts will be made to prepare the poor students of the state for IIT by making free arrangements for accommodation, food, coaching etc. This will help the students to reach their destination of success.
- It is noteworthy that according to the educational capacity of the talented students of the state, in order to prepare them for admission in higher institutes of technical education, in December 2020, under the guidance of the then Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, the district administration Almora was the first 'Super 30 Himalayan Educational Institution Trust' was formed of the state.
- In this, four to five students who are in merit in the 10th class examination of all the schools of the state will be selected for the state level entrance examination. The top 30 students will be given admission in this institute on the basis of an entrance test among the selected students.
- The main objective of this institute is to provide free training to the poor talented children of the state for admission in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

Chief Minister's Announcement on Sports Day

Why in News

- On the occasion of **National Sports Day on August 29, 2021**, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama made various announcements for the development of sports and sportspersons in the state.

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- The Chief Minister announced that every year 50 girls and boys in the age group of 8 to 14 years would be selected on the basis of their ability and they would be provided **Mukhyamantri Khiladi Utthan Scholarship** every year. Also, the **daily allowance of the players will be fixed at Rs 225**.
- He said that a women's sports college will be established in Udham Singh Nagar district while those who participate in the national games will be provided free travel facility in **Uttarakhand State Transport Corporation** buses. Further, a **five percent sports quota** will be provided in colleges and vocational courses.
- Sportspersons who win medals in National Games will also be provided government jobs provided to medal winners in Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympics.
- Along with this, Dhama announced that a Sports Science Center would be set up in the **State Sports Development Institute** to focus on the scientific and psychological aspects of sportspersons' performance and efforts would also be made to make **Maharana Pratap Sports College**, Dehradun, a sports university.



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