



Annotsav Program | Uttarakhand | 12 Oct 2021

Why in News

- On October 11, 2021, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the '**Annotsav Programme**', by distributing ration kits to six beneficiaries.

Key Points

- The '**Annotsav program**' is an important program **started under the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana'**. Its **objective is to provide food and honor to every beneficiary**.
 - Under this program **being implemented by the Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department** of the state, 14 lakh ration kits will be distributed to the poor beneficiaries of the state through **Fair Price Shops**.
 - It is noteworthy that to deal with the challenges of the Covid-19 epidemic, '[Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana](#)' **was started by the Government of India in 2020**, under which every person would be provided 5 kg free food grains in addition to the 5 kg subsidized food grains under NFSA.
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IVF Facility at AIIMS Rishikesh | Uttarakhand | 12 Oct 2021

Why in News

- The IVF Center in the Department of Gynecology, AIIMS was inaugurated by Dr. Arvind Rajvanshi, Director, AIIMS Rishikesh on October 11, 2021.

Key Points

- With this, **AIIMS Rishikesh has become the first government hospital in the state of Uttarakhand, where the facility of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)** is available.
 - AIIMS Rishikesh will provide this facility for women up to 45 years of age and men up to 50 years of age as per the guidelines of the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**.
 - It is noteworthy that **IVF is an assisted reproductive technology**, under which eggs obtained from the ovaries of a female in the laboratory are exposed to sperms in a fluid medium. The fertilized egg obtained from this process is transferred to the female's womb. The babies born through this whole process are called '**test tube babies**'.
 - **Robert Edward** is considered to be the **father of IVF technology**.
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