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## Frontier Mountain District Children's Science Festival-2022 | Uttarakhand | 21 Nov 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.
- 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.