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## Uttarakhand Drinking Water Corporation is Preparing Water Grid | Uttarakhand | 21 Jan 2023

### Why In News?

- On January 19, 2023, Uttarakhand Drinking Water Secretary Nitesh Jha informed that Uttarakhand Drinking Water Corporation is going to create a water grid like power grid for smooth supply of 24-hour water in the cities of the state. This grid will be exactly like a power grid, to which all the water lines will be connected.

### Key points

- Drinking Water Secretary Nitesh Jha said that the Drinking Water Corporation is preparing a proposal for the creation of a water grid, which will be presented in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) meeting in February so that the project can get funding from ADB.
- It is known that till now there is a shortage of water for several days when the motor of a Tube well is blown in a particular locality or area in the state. People ask for water from tankers. There are many areas where water scarcity starts as the heat increases. In many places, there is a problem of water even in winter.
- To solve all these problems, the Drinking Water Department is preparing a water grid. Drinking water lines of all cities will be connected to this grid. Wherever there is a shortage of water, water will be made available from the grid. This task of connecting drinking water lines is a bit challenging.
- This is how the grid will work-
  - Just as in the power grid, many times electricity is made available from another place in case of power problem in a particular area, similarly the water grid will also work.
  - If there is a shortage of water in a particular area of a city, then water will be made available immediately through the grid. The main drinking water lines of each locality will be connected to this grid.
- It is noteworthy that a water grid is being set up in Marathwada region of Maharashtra. This grid is being created to provide water for drinking, industrial and agricultural purposes throughout the year.
- Marathwada consists of eight districts. There is less rainfall in this area. Because of this, there is a shortage of water here every year. In Gujarat too, work has been done to create a water grid for water supply.
- Work is being done to create a water grid to ensure that water supply is not disrupted for any particular reason in many areas. This will make it possible to provide water 24 hours a day.

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## Now the Dominance of Women in Uttarakhand Home Department | Uttarakhand | 21 Jan 2023

### Why In News?

- According to information received from the media on January 20, 2023, the departments of five officers in the Uttarakhand Home Department have been changed, due to which important posts of the Home Department have now been dominated by women.

## **Key points**

- Additional Chief Secretary Home Radha Raturi, Special Home Secretary Ridhim Agarwal and Nivedita Kukreti have been posted as Additional Secretary.
- Apart from this, the responsibility of ITDA has now been brought from Amit Sinha. A.S. Nitika has been handed over to Khandelwal. Amit Sinha will continue to serve as Director Vigilance.
- At the same time, Harak Singh Rawat, Additional Secretary of Urban Development Department, has also been entrusted with the responsibility of Staff Officer Chairman Revenue Council. Shyam Singh Rana has been removed from this responsibility and has now been given the responsibility of only Smart City Additional CEO.

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