



# Outline of Uttarakhand Drone Promotion & Usage Policy-2023 gets presented

## Why in News?

On 3 April 2023, the Director of Uttarakhand's Information Technology Development Agency, ITDA, Nitika Khandelwal said that American organization Mackenzie Global has presented the blueprint of Uttarakhand Drone Promotion and Usage Policy-2023 to promote drones in the state.

## Key Points

- With the introduction of Uttarakhand Drone Promotion and Usage Policy-2023, 5000 youths will get employment through drone production and services in the state by the year 2030. A target of one thousand crore investment has been set in this sector.
- Under the Uttarakhand Drone Promotion and Usage Policy-2023, there will be an investment of Rs 500 crore in drone manufacturing and Rs 500 crore in services in this area.
- For the promotion of drones, the State Drone Coordination Cell (SDCC) will be constituted in the state under ITDA. Whereas ITI Kalsi and ITI Kashipur have been selected as centers of excellence for drones through private participation. Here DGCA has given permission to set up a Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO).
- Under this proposal of McKenzie Global, private institutions will be encouraged to run drone-related courses and training courses. Drone schools will be set up in government colleges and private universities certified by NAAC.
- It is noteworthy that the Information Technology Development Agency, ITDA, has released the draft drone policy on its website. Suggestions have been sought from the public and stakeholders on this. After taking public suggestions on this policy by ITDA, it will be finalized.

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