



# Uttarakhand Approves New Film Policy

## Why in News?

The Uttarakhand Cabinet under Chief Minister Pushkar Dhama has approved the **new film policy for increasing the subsidy for those making local films in the state.**

## Key Points

- According to the official statement, The Uttarakhand government has **increased the subsidy eight times** for those making **Garhwali, Kumaoni and Jaunsari films** in the state.
- The subsidy for those shooting films in the state in **22 languages** included in the **Eighth Schedule** has also been doubled.
- **Film subsidies** are a form of government intervention that provides **financial support to filmmakers, production companies, and studios.**
- The most common forms of financial assistance are **transferable tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions.**

## Eighth Schedule:

- It lists the official languages of the Republic of India. **Part XVII of the Indian constitution** deals with the **official languages in Articles 343 to 351.**
- The Constitutional provisions related to the Eighth Schedule are:
  - **Article 344:** Article 344(1) provides for the **constitution of a Commission by the President on the expiration of five years** from the commencement of the Constitution.
  - **Article 351:** It provides for the **spread of the Hindi language** to develop it so that it may serve as a medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India.

## Official Languages:

- The **Eighth Schedule** to the Constitution consists of the following **22 languages:**
  - Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santhali, Maithili and Dogri.