Rural Children to experiment with science; Mobile Science Lab will be provided by UCOST

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On July 27, 2023, Dr. Durgesh Pant, Director General, Uttarakhand Council of Science and Technology (UCOST), said that even children from remote areas of the state will now be able to learn the experiments of science. For this, a Labs on Wheel program is going to be started.

Key Points:

- For the first time in the state, UCOST's mobile van will go to every district, which will have all the equipment of the lab.
- It is known that there are many schools in the state, where labs are there, but they are not as strong as they should be. In many places, children are not even able to do science experiments. Especially the arrangements for making scientific use of the books which children read up to 8th or 10th standard are less. To overcome this deficiency, UCOST is starting the Labs on Wheels program.
- According to the information, one mobile van will be operated in every district. This van will have all the equipment related to scientific experiments. Each expert's team will also be with you. This team will reach out to remote areas and teach science experiments to children. Will tell the wonders of science.
- Eucost believes that this will develop scientific temper within the children. They will also get inspiration to move forward in the field of science.
- The Science City is being constructed by the National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) on 25 acres of land in the vicinity of Ucost Jhajharia. It will be a unique city of its kind, in which every aspect of life will be explained through science. This type of science city is only selected in the whole country.
- Apart from this, the construction of the Sub Regional Science Center has also started in Almora. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has given five crores for this. Efforts are being made to start it from this year itself.