



Agniveer Horizontal Reservation Rules, 2025

Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government has announced a **10% horizontal reservation** for former **Agniveers** in various uniformed services, along with relaxation in age limits and exemption from the physical efficiency test for recruitment.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The **Agniveer Horizontal Reservation Rules, 2025**, have been notified by the Uttarakhand Department of Personnel and Vigilance.
- The quota applies to direct recruitment under Group C uniformed services for **permanent residents of the state**, covering various posts in police, fire, forest, jail, excise, and secretariat services.

▪ Agnipath Scheme:

- Launched **in June 2022**, the **Agnipath Scheme** is a **short-term recruitment policy** for the Armed Forces.
- Candidates aged **17.5-21 years** are enrolled as **Agniveers** for **4 years**, with up to **25% absorbed** into the permanent cadre.
- Agniveers undergo **basic and specialised military training**, along with up-skilling courses.
- On exit, they receive a **tax-free Seva Nidhi package**, providing financial support for future careers.
- Each Agniveer is covered under a **₹48 lakh life insurance policy** during service.

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