



Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK)

Why in News?

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the **inclusion of private schools under the ambit of the [Vidya Samiksha Kendra \(VSK\)](#)**.

- This initiative aligns with the state's broader vision to **enhance educational outcomes through data-driven governance**.

Key Points

- **Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK):**

- **About:**

- It is a digital infrastructure ecosystem that **tracks and analyses data** about student enrolment, attendance, academic performance, and teacher training to help administrators monitor school education progress.
 - It enables **transformative impact** through data-driven decision-making aligned with the [New Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#) and various education schemes.

- **VSK Implementation in Uttarakhand:**

- Uttarakhand is the first state in India to implement the Gujarat model of VSK.

- **Infrastructure Development:**

- Construction is underway for 141 [Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India \(PM SHRI schools\)](#) and [Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential Schools](#).
 - Virtual classrooms have been **established in several schools across 13 districts** to enable technology-driven learning.

- **Focus on Educational Enhancements:**

- [NCERT textbooks](#) are implemented in all government schools to ensure quality education.
 - Scholarships awarded to meritorious students from Class 6 to 12 in both government and private schools.
 - The new **Medhavi Chhatra Protsahan Scholarship Scheme** sends meritorious Class 10 and 12 students on educational tours across India.

- **Sports and Employment:**

- The state government is emphasizing sports promotion.
 - Players winning **national-level medals** will be offered government jobs as incentives.

State PCS Course



Hindi Medium



English Medium

UPPCS

RAS

MPPSC

UKPCS

BPSC

JKPSC

KPSC

HCS

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PM SHRI School

- PM SHRI School is a **centrally sponsored scheme** to develop over 14,500 schools across India, managed by Central, state/UT governments, local bodies, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS).
- It is being **implemented from 2022-23 to 2026-27**.
- The **scheme aims to provide a safe, inclusive, and resource-rich learning** environment where every student feels welcomed and cared for.
- It **aligns with the NEP 2020**, nurturing students to become engaged, productive, and responsible citizens.
- The scheme **promotes quality school education** and helps inform policy, practice, and implementation.

Schemes Related to Education in Uttarakhand

- Mukhyamantri Medhavi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana:** For meritorious students of Class 10 and 12 to go on educational tours across India.
- Chief Minister Higher Education Encouragement Scholarship Scheme:** Scholarships for meritorious students pursuing graduation and post-graduation in government colleges.
- Nanda Gaura Yojana:** Financial assistance for girls from poor families.
- Child Benefit Scheme (UKBOCWWB):** Financial aid for children of registered building and construction workers. Supports students from Class I to higher education or professional courses.

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