



The Newly Created FDA of the Department of Food Safety and Drug Administration. Building and State Drug Testing Laboratory Inaugurated | Uttarakhand | 13 Oct 2022

Why in News

- On October 12, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami approved the newly created FDA of Food Safety and Drug Administration Department at Danda Lakhod, Sahastra Dhara Road. Inaugurated the building and the State Drug Testing Laboratory.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister informed that a big initiative is being taken towards strengthening the Drug Control Organization and State Drug Testing Laboratory for the pharma sector of the state. Keeping in mind the all-round development of this sector, the FDA has been approved at a cost of Rs 6.56 crore. The building has been constructed.
- Apart from this, FDA at a cost of Rs.13.22 crores. State Drug Testing Laboratory has also been established in the building to check the quality of drug samples. The laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment keeping in mind the current requirements.
- The Chief Minister said that it is the endeavor of the State Government to give maximum impetus to the manufacturing of medicines in the State and the possibilities of expansion in this field. As a result of this, the units of drug manufacturing are continuously increasing in the state. About 300 pharmaceutical companies are functioning in the state. All these units are providing employment to thousands of people through their production.
- He said that Uttarakhand has many natural resources. Uttarakhand is not only the land of AYUSH, Yoga, religion and culture, apart from this, it is also becoming the land of industries.
- The Chief Minister said that all possible help would be given by the State Government to the pharmaceutical companies. In the year 2025, when Uttarakhand will celebrate the silver jubilee of the state's establishment, attention will be given to what the pharma sector can contribute to making Uttarakhand an excellent state.
- State Health Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat said that continuous efforts are being made to promote pharmaceutical companies in Uttarakhand. Online process is being adopted to ensure that pharmaceutical companies do not face any problem in getting license.
- A target has been set to make the state tuberculosis free by the year 2024. Uttarakhand is one of the best states in blood donation and institutional delivery.