



Notification of Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act 2022 | Uttarakhand | 13 Jan 2023

Why In News?

- On January 12, 2023, the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department of Uttarakhand issued a notification of the **Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act 2022**. According to the notification issued, 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs has been approved for women in the state.

Key Points

- Significantly, on January 10, 2023, the Governor of Uttarakhand, Lt. J. Gurmeet Singh (Sen.) had approved the Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Bill 2022, after which this bill became an act.
- After the formation of the Uttarakhand Public Service (Horizontal Reservation for Women) Act 2022, women of the state will get the benefit of 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs. The notification lays down responsibility and power to comply with the Act, power to issue certificates, rule-making power and power to remove difficulties.
- The notification said that due to the heterogeneous geographical structure of the state, people living in remote areas lead a miserable life. Especially the women of the state live in adverse conditions. Because of this, the standard of living of these women is lower than the women of other states.
- Women of the state have not been able to achieve the desired social, economic and political level and the representation of women in government services in the state is also very low. In order to ensure social justice, equality, improvement in living standards, gender equality in public employment, women of the state were given the benefit of 30 percent horizontal reservation in government jobs.

Heli Services will Start at Three More Places in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 13 Jan 2023

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- On January 12, 2023, Uttarakhand **Civil Aviation Secretary Dilip Jawalkar said that in order to gradually increase the scope of Heli Services in the state**, the state government has now decided to run Heli services to three more places.

Key Points

- Civil Aviation Secretary Dilip Jawalkar said that under increasing the scope of Heli Services in the

state, now preparations are being made to connect Dehradun with Nainital and Joshimath and Haldwani with Munsiyari.

- Out of this, two Heli services will operate from Dehradun, including Dehradun to Nainital and Dehradun to Joshimath Heli Service. Apart from this, there is a plan to start Heli service from Haldwani to Munsiyari, finding it suitable for Heli service.
- He said that aerial tour of the valleys of Devbhoomi, which is important from the point of view of tourism and pilgrimage, is now becoming easier and easier. In order to attract tourists, the government is continuously expanding Heli services. In this sequence, new helipads are also being built in the state.
- Secretary Dilip Jawalkar said that the central government's '**UDAN scheme**' has an important role in expanding Heli services in the state. Under this scheme, Heli services are being operated from Dehradun to Chinyalisour, Dehradun to Gauchar, Dehradun to Tehri, Dehradun to Srinagar, Dehradun to Almora and Haldwani to Pithoragarh.
- It is known that Heli services are being operated from Dehradun to Kedarnath and From various places of Chamoli district to Kedarnath and Hemkund Sahib.