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## Defense Minister honoured 8 Personalities of the State | Uttarakhand | 20 Jun 2023

### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on June 19, 2023, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh honoured 8 personalities of the state in the Amar Ujala Uttarakhand conservation program.

### Key Points:

- These celebrities were felicitated in the program for making a difference on the basis of their thinking, talent, dedication, hard work and bringing laurels to the state on the national & international stage.
- Honored personalities in various categories-
  - **Category- Emerging Talent**
    - **Rahul Rawat (founder of Digantara Company, resident of Kotdwar):** He received this award for playing a remarkable role in the field of innovation, environment, art and culture.
    - **Hemlata Kabadwal (Mukteshwar resident painter):** Aipan art made by him got a place in the new Parliament House. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of art and culture.
    - **Divya Negi (Tehri resident youth speaker):** Made a brilliant presentation on India's role on G-20 in the National Youth Parliament. She received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of art and culture.
    - **Babita Rawat (Farmer resident of Rudraprayag):** He produced vegetables and mushrooms by ploughing 37,000 square feet of land. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of innovation, environment, art and culture.
    - **Shikayana Mukhiya (young singer resident of Dehradun):** He spread the magic of his voice in the Bollywood world. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of innovation, environment, art and culture.
    - **Rajat Jain-Arpit Jain (Innovator from Dehradun):** He made the world's smallest ECG machine. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of innovation, environment, art and culture.
  - **Category- Culture Worker**
    - **Bobby Cash (Singer-composer, resident of Dehradun):** He made his voice famous in the country and abroad. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of music practice and art.
  - **Category- Social Gratitude**
    - **Prabha Devi Semwal (Rudraprayag resident environment protector):** He grew his own forest on barren land. He received this award for his remarkable contribution in the field of social concern and environment.

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