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## For the first time in the state, six players will receive the Himalaya Putra Award | Uttarakhand | 13 Nov 2023

### Why in News?

On November 12, 2023, officials of the Sports Department of Uttarakhand said that for the first time in the state, six players will be given the Himalaya Putra Award. In this, this award will be given to players of one disabled person, two team and three individual events. The process of selection for the award has started.

### Key Points

- It may be noted that these players who have excelled in sports are honored with the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna Award, Lifetime Achievement Award and sports coaches are honored with the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award every year, but the players are going to receive the Himalaya Putra Award for the first time.
  - Sports Department officials According to this, the Sports Directorate has received applications for many awards till October 16. After scrutiny of the applications, there will be a meeting of the committee formed for this.
  - The names of the selected players and sports coaches will be sent to the government through the committee. The names for the awards will be announced after the approval of the High Power Committee of the Government and the Sports Minister.
  - **Names will also be announced for these awards:** One player from the state will receive the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna Award, one will receive the LifeTime Achievement Award and one sports coach will receive the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award.
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## Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Centers | Uttarakhand | 13 Nov 2023

### Why in News?

On November 11, 2023, Dr. Deepak Kumar Pandey, Nodal Officer of Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Scheme and Assistant Director, Higher Education, said that Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Centers will be established in all the 119 government colleges of the state.

### Key Points

- Dr. Deepak Kumar Pandey said that the objective of the scheme is to develop an ecosystem of innovation and enterprise in the universities and government institutions of the state in accordance with the National Education Policy-2020.
- Under the Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Scheme, entrepreneurship training will be provided to 90 professors. Under the scheme, after identifying the entrepreneurial qualities of the students, they will be developed.

- It may be noted that 22 faculty members from state higher educational institutions have taken training at EDII, Ahmedabad from November 5 to November 10. Members from Nainital, Tehri Garhwal, Haridwar, Almora, Chamoli, Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal, Bageshwar, Uttarkashi, Champawat, Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag participated in it.
- **The following topics will be focused in the entrepreneurship centres-**
  - Identifying and develop entrepreneurial qualities in students.
  - Identifying start-up opportunities.
  - To develop a curriculum on entrepreneurship.
  - Start-up funding and venture capital.
  - Emerging entrepreneurship opportunities in Uttarakhand and creating their project profiles.
  - Designing skill-development courses as per NEP-2020.
  - Discussion on library resources and IT.

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