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## Agniveers to Join Indian Army's Gorkha Rifles | Uttar Pradesh | 05 Jun 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, in Varanasi, **Agniveers** from the third batch marched on to the parade ground of the **39 Gorkha Training Centre (GTC)**, crossing the 'Antim Pag' to join the **3 & 9 Gorkha Rifles** of the [Indian Army](#).

- 3 & 9 Gorkha Rifles are **Gorkha infantry regiments of the Indian Army**.
- These are among the **seven Gorkha regiments** of the Indian Army. The other regiments are **1 GR, 4 GR, 5 GR (FF), 8 GR and 11 GR**.

### Key Points

- **Agnipath Scheme** was launched in 2022. It allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years. The youth joining the army will be called **Agniveer**.
  - Under the scheme, around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers will be recruited annually, and most will leave the service in just four years.
  - It provides for recruiting youths between the age bracket of 17-and-half years and 21 for four years with a provision to retain 25% of them for 15 more years.
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
  - It is only for personnel below officer ranks (those who do not join the forces as commissioned officers).
    - Commissioned officers hold an exclusive rank in the Indian armed forces. They often hold a commission under the president's sovereign power and are officially instructed to protect the country.
  - Aspirants between the ages of 17.5 years and 23 years are eligible to apply.
- **Objectives:**
  - It is expected to bring down the average age profile of the Indian Armed Forces by about 4 to 5 years.
  - The scheme envisions that the average age in the forces is 32 years today, which will go down to 26 in six to seven years.

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## Faculty Induction in IIT-BHU | Uttar Pradesh | 05 Jun 2024

### Why in News?

A 24-day faculty induction programme was inaugurated at **IIT (BHU)**, Varanasi under the **Malviya Mission Teachers Training programme**, sponsored by the [University Grants Commission \(UGC\)](#).

### Key Points

- This intensive programme will host 40 distinguished faculty members from across India, aiming at fostering **professional growth and enhancing pedagogical skills**.
- **Malviya Mission Teachers Training Programme:**
  - The program aims to **enhance the quality of education** by providing customised training for teachers in higher educational institutions.
    - It aspires to equip **15 lakh teachers across India** with the skills needed to meet the goals of the [National Education Policy \(NEP\)](#).
  - Renaming of **Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs)** as [Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training](#) Centres was also announced.

## University Grants Commission

- It came into existence on **28<sup>th</sup> December, 1953** and became a **statutory body by an Act of Parliament in 1956**, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of **teaching, examination and research in university education**.
- The head office of the **UGC is located in New Delhi**.

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