



## 'Balashray Yojana' for Orphans

### Why in News?

On September 5, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the state government will start 'Balashray Yojna' for the education system of orphan children from class 1 to 12 in the state.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami made this announcement while rewarding teachers and meritorious students at a function organized at Mukhya Sevak Sadan on Teachers' Day.
- Announcements made by the Chief Minister-
- The Chief Minister said that free books, school dress, bags, shoes, socks and stationery would be given to the orphan children under the Balashraya Yojana, along with their education up to class 12th.
- In the first phase, teacher;s residents will be built for teachers in 50 schools with high student strength in remote and inaccessible areas in the state. Based on the availability of land in government schools, playing fields will be prepared in the schools with the amount given to the panchayats.
- Based on the availability of resources, integrated laboratories will be established in 100 schools at the high school level and laboratories for physics, chemistry, biology, geography etc. in 100 schools at the intermediate level.
- Under the PM Nutrition Scheme, more than six lakh students will now be given milk for two days instead of one day in a week.
- For the food arrangements of the students in Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls Hostel and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential Hostel, funds will be given at the rate of Rs.100 per day.
- In addition to the amount to be given under the centrally funded scheme, the expenditure will be borne by the state government.
- Like Kendriya Vidyalayas, arrangements will be made for thematic teachers at the local level to ensure that the education of children in schools is not affected during the long leave of teachers in the secondary schools of the state.
- Suggestion cell will be constituted at the Directorate level to improve education.
- The principal will have a provision of Rs 50,000.