



## Now 697 gram panchayats of Uttarakhand will be directly connected to the PMO

### Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on December 6, 2023, 697 gram panchayats of Uttarakhand will be able to connect directly with the Prime Minister's Office.

### Key Points:

- For this, after being set up under BharatNet, UPCL is providing electricity connections. So far, connections have been given to more than 200 gram panchayats.
- Under the BharatNet scheme, optical fibre cables were laid to these villages, but due to lack of electricity connection, internet services were not available here.
- After internet services start running, the facility to apply for central and state government schemes will be available in the Gram Panchayat only.
- The youth will also get the opportunity to apply for government jobs and various schemes here.

