



Transit Hostels for Home Guards in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

The **Home Guard department in Uttarakhand** is set to provide **residential facilities for its [Home Guards](#)** especially in Udham Singh Nagar and other key districts.

Key Points

- Preparations to **construct hotels in 8 districts** are underway with a budget approval of Rs 13.50 crore received from the government.
- The identified districts span both the Garhwal and Kumaon division. With **Haridwar securing the most extensive plot—approximately 50 bighas of land.**
- The departmental sources revealed that the **Detailed Project Report (DPR)** has been prepared for the construction of hostels in different cities of eight districts, including **Udham Singh Nagar district headquarters, Rudrapur, Nainital, and Haridwar.**
 - As part of the next phase, DPRs for the remaining five districts will be prepared and submitted to the government, ensuring the extension of this initiative across the state.

Home Guard

- On **6th December, 1946**, the first Home Guards Unit was conceived and raised in the erstwhile Bombay Presidency .
- During the turmoil period of civil disorders and communal riots, as a **civilian voluntary force** in aid of administration as an auxiliary to police, **under the stewardship of Morarji Desai**, former Prime Minister.
- It was **reorganised** in India in **1966 after the [Sino-Indian War](#).**

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