



# Inauguration of SDRF Headquarters and Training Center in Jolly Grant

## Why in News?

On 24 April 2023, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the SDRF Headquarters and Training Center at Jolly Grant, Dehradun and made several other important announcements during this period.

## Key Points

- With the setting up of the SDRF headquarters, relief and rescue operations will be expedited during natural calamities and various accidents in the state. SDRFs of other states will also be given training here.
- With the formation of SDRF, Char Dham Yatra and tourism activities have been secured. SDRF has so far carried out more than 3,000 rescues, 12,000 injured and 2,000 dead bodies. By giving training to 35 thousand trainees of various institutions, 2.5 lakh people have been made aware of disaster relief works.
- State DGP Ashok Kumar said that the first phase of the SDRF headquarters being built in three phases has been completed. In the second phase, the training centre is under construction at a cost of Rs 36 crore.
- Under the World Bank-funded project, the headquarters and training centre of SDRF has been built near the airport at Jolly Grant at a cost of Rs 144 crore.
- The first phase has facilities for reception, office, training block and library, a three-storey training block, demo room, course coordinator, computer lab, lecture room, and library in the first phase.
- There is an electronic charging station, garage and parking for more than a dozen vehicles. There is a canteen facility, fire fighting system, solar system, fencing, watch tower, and residential colony for the police and their families. There is also a petrol pump which will also be useful for the common people.
- **The Chief Minister made these announcements-**
  - Risk Allowance: Gazetted officers of SDRF, who conduct rescue operations at a height of 11 thousand feet or more, will get a risk allowance of Rs 1500 and non-gazetted officers & jawans will get a risk allowance of Rs 1000. It will be payable on the lines of paramilitary forces. Presently 12 SDRF officers and jawans are deployed in Kedarnath Dham. Apart from this, from time to time, one has to go to higher Himalayan regions for rescue operations.
  - Sixth Company: Now there will be six companies in SDRF. The new company will be formed soon. One-third of the women employees will be appointed in this.
  - Deputation Period: The time period of deputation in SDRF will be increased from seven years to 10 years.



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