



# New Initiative of the Postal Department in Dehradun

## Why in News?

On 6 June 2023, Uttarakhand Postal Service Director Anusuya Prasad Chamola informed that the Postal Department is now delivering speed post and parcels to Delhi through air service. For this, the Postal Department has signed an agreement with an air company. So far this work was done by train.

## Key Points:

- Significantly, the Postal Department had started a special Rail Mail Service (RMS) in collaboration with the Railways. Under this, speed posts and parcels coming to the main post office in Doon from hilly districts including Dehradun were transported from Dehradun to Delhi through two trains (Mussoorie Express / Yoga Express). But, the Mussoorie Express takes a long time to reach Delhi.
- In view of this, the Mussoorie Express has been removed from the RMS. In return, the Postal Department is now sending speed posts and parcels from an airline flight. Although speed posts and parcels are being sent by the Yoga Express train running from Haridwar, the department is also exploring the option of another airline in place of this train.
- It is known that at present, those parcels and mail are being transported to Delhi by air service, which is important. Due to this, speed posts and parcels reaching throughout the week are reaching the people in a few days. While other speed posts and parcels are being transported to Ahmedabad by train after reaching Haridwar by departmental vehicle.
- More than 100 parcels are being booked in GPO throughout the day. These include parcels that are going abroad. While in other post offices in the hilly areas including Doon, parcels booked for the country also come to GPO late in the evening.

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