



Uttar Pradesh: First State to Have Fire Stations at Tehsil Level

Why in News?

In an event, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that Uttar Pradesh will soon become the **first state in the country** to have **fire stations at the tehsil level**.

Key Points

- During the event, the CM virtually inaugurated and **laid foundation stones for 38 fire stations**.
 - The **UP Fire and Emergency Services** was **established in** the state in the year **1944**.
 - **Until 2017, only 288 fire stations were established** in the state, while in the **last 7 years, over 70 new fire stations** have been set up.
- CM also flagged off **35 firefighting vehicles**.
- He emphasised the need to prioritise **reducing response times** for fire tenders to mitigate loss of life and property.
- The government also established the **State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)** in the state.

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)

- It constituted under **Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005**, is the primary fund available with State Governments for responses to notified disasters.
- The **Central Government contributes 75%** of SDRF allocation **for general category States/UTs and 90% for special category States/UTs (NE States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir)**.
- The annual Central contribution is released in two equal installments as per the recommendation of the Finance Commission.
- SDRF shall be used only for meeting the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims.
- The headquarter of SDRF, Uttar Pradesh is located in **Lucknow**.