



# Chevening Scholarship

## Why in News?

Uttarakhand government has announced its initiative to **support ten outstanding students from the state** in pursuing a **one-year Master's programme in the United Kingdom (UK)** through the prestigious **Chevening scholarship**. The state will cover 50% of the expenses, while Chevening India will fund the remaining expenses.

## Key Points

- The scholarship covers various expenses including academic fees, travel, accommodation, and visa charges, providing a holistic support system for the beneficiaries.
- **Graduates with two years of work experience** will qualify for the scholarship, enabling them to pursue higher education or research at any British university. Initially, five women and five men will be chosen for the programme.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** will be signed between the government and Chevening India. This partnership **marks the first of its kind for Uttarakhand**.
  - It was **done earlier in Jharkhand** as well.

## The Chevening Scholarship

- It is an international scholarship, **funded by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office**, that lets foreign students with leadership qualities study at universities in the UK.
- The stated objective of the scheme is to build a network of friends of the UK, who will be future leaders in their countries.

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