



Uttarakhand To Offer Jobs To Agniveers

Why in News?

According to the **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister the state government **is going to bring a proposal** for the **reservation of [Agniveers](#)**.

Key Points

- Agniveers from the state would be **given jobs in the government departments and the Police Department after they serve the nation**.
- On the occasion of **[Guru Purnima](#)**, the Chief Minister along with his mother **planted a tree** under the campaign '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**'.
 - This campaign symbolises **respect for nature as well as for mothers**.

Agnipath Scheme

- The term "**Agniveer**" translates to "Fire-Warriors" and is a **new military rank**.
- It is a scheme of **recruiting army personnel below officer ranks** such as **soldiers, airmen, and sailors** who are not commissioned officers to the **Indian Armed Forces**.
- They are recruited for a period of **4 years**, after which, **upto 25%** of these recruits (called Agniveers), can join the services on a **permanent commission** (another 15 years), subject to merit and organisational requirements.
- At present, **all sailors, airmen, and soldiers**, except the technical cadre of the medical branch, are recruited to the services under this scheme.

Guru Purnima

- According to the Hindu calendar, Guru Purnima generally **falls on a full-moon day in the Hindu month of Ashadh**.
- It is dedicated to Maharshi Veda Vyasa, the sage **who is believed to have edited the sacred Hindu text, the Vedas and created the 18 Puranas, Mahabharata and the Srimad Bhagavatam**.
- For Buddhists, the **festival marks the first sermon of Lord Buddha**, which is said to have been delivered at Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, on this very day.
- It is also believed to **mark the onset of [monsoons](#)**.