



Government will Give Awards of Rs 5 to 10 lakh to Colleges

Why In News?

On October 28, 2023, the Uttarakhand state government issued an order regarding giving awards ranging from Rs 5 to 10 lakh to the government colleges of the state.

Key Points:

- This amount will be given according to grading done by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) to encourage assessment and positive competition among colleges.
- It has been said in the order that this amount received by the colleges as a reward can be spent only as per the arrangements given in the Uttarakhand Government College Student Fund Rules 2020.
- The award amount will be given to the colleges which got NAAC assessment done last year and the colleges which get NAAC assessment in future. Arrangements for the award will be made in the budget as per rules.
- According to the government order, this amount will be given to the colleges through the corpus fund constituted under the department. Colleges with B grade will be given an amount of Rs 5 lakh and colleges with A double plus will be given Rs 10 lakh as award.
- Apart from this, Rs 9 lakh will be given on A Plus grade, Rs 8 lakh on A grade, Rs 7 lakh on B Double Plus and Rs 6 lakh on B Plus.
- According to officials of the Higher Education Department, till now 27 colleges of the state have undergone NAAC evaluation. In the year 2022-23, 19 colleges have got NAAC evaluation done.
- Out of the 27 government colleges of the state which have undergone NAAC evaluation, none of the colleges have got A or A+ grade.
- Colleges which have undergone NAAC assessment include Government Post Graduate College Doiwala, College Chaubattakhal, Tanakpur, Lohaghat, Ranikhet, Dwarahat, Agastyamuni, Haldwani, Ramnagar, Pithoragarh, Kashipur, Uttarkashi, Berinag, Women's College Haldwani, Narendranagar, Kotdwar Bhabar, Raipur, Chakrata, Talwadi, Kotdwar, Purola, Tuni, Chandrabadni, Haldu Chaud, Barkot and Government Post Graduate College, Karnaprayag.
- It is noteworthy that Education Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat had given instructions for mandatory NAAC evaluation of all colleges in the department meeting held last year. The minister said that recognition of non-government colleges that do not do so by March 2023 will be terminated, while departmental action will be taken against the principals of government colleges.



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