



Uttarakhand CM Initiates First Phase of Scholarship Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand Chief Minister provided an **amount of Rs 33 lakh 52 thousand** through [Direct Benefit Transfer \(DBT\)](#) to the **account of 241 students** in the **first phase of the Chief Minister's Higher Education Promotion Scholarship Scheme**.

Key Points

- This amount was provided to the students entering their **first year of graduation** at the **university campuses and government colleges in the state**.
- The students having a **minimum of 80% of the faculty-wise merit list** prepared at the college level, **monthly scholarships of Rs 3000, 2000 and Rs 1500** will be provided to the **first, second and third** respectively.
- **Scholarships distributed** for other classes will be done **after verification on the [Samarth Portal](#)** from the concerned institute level.
- The **main objective** of starting this scheme is **to bring forward the talents of students from ordinary families**.

Chief Minister's Higher Education Promotion Scholarship Scheme

- It was **announced on 31st May 2023** by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama.
- The main objective behind launching the Scheme is **to encourage students to pursue higher education** by providing them monthly financial assistance.
- Only **Graduate and Post Graduate Students are eligible** for scholarship.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

- It is an initiative **launched by the Government of India on January 1st, 2013**, with the aim of reforming the government delivery system.
- It is **designed to streamline and expedite the transfer of information and funds to beneficiaries** while also reducing fraudulent practices within the system.
- DBT **enables the direct transfer** of government subsidies, benefits, and assistance to the intended recipients, ensuring a more efficient and transparent delivery mechanism.