

## **1. Uttarakhand's Anti Cheating Laws**

### **Why in News?**

- Recently, a protest in Dehradun over paper leaks and scams in government recruitment tests turned violent.

### **Highlights**

- The ordinance has provisions for fines up to Rs 10 crore and life imprisonment for the guilty
- The ordinance is aimed at preventing offences related to obstructing the sanctity of examinations, use of unfair means, leakage of question papers, and other irregularities.
- It covers public examinations for recruitment to posts under the state government, autonomous bodies run by the government, and authorities, corporations, and institutions operated with grants of the state government.
- The offences are cognizable, non-bailable, and non-compoundable. The law is expected to prevent irregularities in recruitment exams and ensure that they are conducted transparently and fairly.
- The Uttarakhand Governor gave his assent to the Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Control and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance, 2023 to prevent the use of unfair means in exams.
- The use of technology for cheating is also a growing concern, with cases of impersonation, hacking, and the use of electronic devices during exams.
- In this context, the use of generative AI (artificial intelligence) has also raised concerns about its potential to create fake identities, images, and even written content that can be used to cheat.
- Generative AI is a technology that uses algorithms to create new content that mimics human-generated content, such as images, text, and even voice.
- While this technology has many legitimate uses, it can also be misused to create fake identities and content that can be used for cheating.
- Therefore, as technology advances, it is important for authorities and governments to also keep up with the latest developments and implement measures to prevent its misuse.
- This includes investing in new technologies and training personnel to detect and prevent the use of unfair means in exams and other contexts.