



Jammu & Kashmir Budget 2026-27 | Jammu & Kashmir | 07 Feb 2026

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Key Points:

- **Macro-Economic Aggregates & Fiscal Position:** The total budget outlay for 2026-27 is estimated at **₹1,27,767 crore**.
- **Gross Budget Estimates:** **~₹1,27,767 crore** (including advances and overdrafts).
- **Net Budget Estimates:** **₹1,13,767 crore** (excluding overdrafts/Ways & Means).
 - **Revenue Expenditure:** **~₹80,640 crore**.
 - **Capital Expenditure:** **~₹33,127 crore**.
- **Revenue Structure**
 - **Own Revenues:** **~₹31,800 crore** estimated from tax and non-tax sources.
 - **Central Assistance:** **~₹42,752 crore**, plus **₹13,400 crore** under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).
 - **Projected GSDP Growth:** **~9.5%**.
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- **Fiscal Deficit:** Targeted at **3.69% of GSDP**, aligning with the FRBM Act guidelines.
- **Sectoral Allocations (Top Priorities):** The budget follows a "**Bottom-Up**" approach, prioritizing rural infrastructure and human capital.
 - **Infrastructure & Roads:** Allocated **₹6,528 crore**. Key projects include the Z-Morh Tunnel and connecting "unconnected" habitations under PMGSY.
 - **Health & Medical Education:** Allocated **₹1,866 crore** (Capital). A major milestone is the scheduled commissioning of **AIIMS Awantipora (Kashmir)** by June 2026.
 - **Agriculture & Allied Sectors:** Allocated **₹1,878 crore**. The focus remains on the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), aiming to create 2.87 lakh jobs in the sector.
 - **Education:** Earmarked **₹1,513 crore** (Capital) to implement the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and upgrade 2,000 schools into "Smart Schools."
- **Major Welfare Initiatives & Social Security:** The Chief Minister announced **32 New Welfare Measures** aimed at the most vulnerable populations.
 - **AAY Support:** Six free LPG cylinders per year for **Antyodaya Anna Yojana** families.
 - **Education for All:** Full tuition fee waiver for AAY students in Classes 9-12 and Government Degree Colleges.
 - **Marriage Assistance:** The State Marriage Assistance Scheme (SMAS) grant increased to **₹75,000**.
 - **Orphan Support:** A monthly stipend of **₹4,000** for orphans under non-institutional care via DBT.
 - **Transit Accommodation:** Completion of **6,000 transit flats** for Kashmiri Migrant employees under the PM Development Package.
- **Power Sector Reforms:** J&K faces significant challenges in **Transmission & Distribution (T&D)** losses.
 - **Smart Metering:** The budget aims for **100% smart metering** in urban areas by December 2026 to curb AT&C losses.

- **Generation:** Funding provided to expedite the **850 MW Ratle** and **624 MW Kiru** hydroelectric projects via the Chenab Valley Power Projects (CVPPPL).
- **Tourism as an Economic Pillar:** Tourism is recognized as a **key driver of economic growth and employment**:
 - Proposals for **Rs 180 crore** allocation for Amarnath Yatra infrastructure.

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India's First Indigenous Green Urea Plant in Andhra Pradesh | National Current Affairs | 07 Feb 2026

Why in News?

India's first large-scale indigenous green urea plant will be developed and operationalized at the Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub in Andhra Pradesh.

Key Points:

- **Strategic MoU:** NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a subsidiary of NTPC Ltd., and **Assago Industries Pvt. Ltd.** have signed a MoU.
 - Under the agreement, NGEL will supply **green ammonia, renewable electricity, CO₂, and other utilities** to Assago.
- **Objective:** To produce **green urea** using **green hydrogen and renewable energy**, reducing reliance on fossil fuel-based ammonia.
 - The initiative marks a significant step towards building a **domestic green urea value chain**, reducing dependence on imported fertilizers.
 - Aims to **create jobs**, strengthen the **green energy sector**, and contribute to Andhra Pradesh's industrial development.
- **Environmental Impact:** Expected to **significantly cut carbon emissions** compared to conventional urea plants.
 - Supports India's **Net Zero 2070 goal** and the **Green Hydrogen Mission** under the National Hydrogen Policy.
- **Innovation:** First-of-its-kind **indigenous green urea technology** in India, promoting self-reliance in fertilizer production.

Read More: [Net Zero 2070 goal](#), [Green Hydrogen Mission](#), [NTPC](#), [Green ammonia](#)

PLASTINDIA 2026 BEGINS IN NEW DELHI | National Current Affairs | 07 Feb 2026

Why in News?

PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the **world's largest plastics exhibitions**, commenced in **February 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.

Key Points:

- **Event:** It is the **12th edition** of the **triennial** mega event of the plastics industry, **PLASTINDIA 2026**.
 - The event is structured around **five strategic pillars** — **Trade, Technology, Talent, Tradition, and Tourism**, emphasising industry growth, innovation, skill development, and cultural integration.
- **Organisers:** **Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**, in collaboration with **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** and **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**.
- **Theme :** PLASTINDIA 2026 is held under the theme "**Bharat Next**".
 - Aligning with the **Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat**, aimed at strengthening the domestic plastics industry and manufacturing ecosystem.
- **Sustainability Focus:** For the first time, It is being organised as a **Zero Waste Exhibition**, ensuring segregation, recycling, and reuse of all solid waste generated at the event.

Read More: [Atmanirbhar Bharat, Viksit Bharat, MSME](#)

Kerala CM Launched Invasive Species Detection App | National Current Affairs | 07 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Kerala has officially launched **NeophyteID**, an AI-powered mobile application designed to detect and track invasive plant species across the state.

Key Points:

- **Launch & Developers:** Officially launched on 2nd **February, 2026**, by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the app was developed by the **Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences (MBGIPS)**.
- **AI Technology:** Utilizing the **YOLOv11** machine learning model, the tool provides real-time identification and **geospatial tracking** for nearly **98 invasive species** in Kerala.
- **Functionality & Access:** Users can photograph plants for instant, data-driven identification in both **English and Malayalam**.
- **Ecological Impact:** NeophyteID aims to prevent the destruction of native plants during eradication efforts.
- **Data-Driven Conservation:** The use of AI and **geospatial tracking** provides researchers with **data-rich insights** into invasive species distribution patterns — critical for planning removal and restoration strategies.