



Uttarakhand Budget 2025-26

Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government has unveiled a **Rs 1,01,175.33 crore budget** for the financial year 2025-26, aiming to **strengthen infrastructure while ensuring economic stability**.

Key Points

- **Budget Presentation and Vision:**
 - The State Finance Minister presented the **Rs 1,01,175.33 crore budget** in the State Assembly, Dehradun.
 - The **budget outlines a comprehensive roadmap** for the state's economic and infrastructural development.
- **Sectoral Focus Areas:**
 - The government has prioritized **agriculture, industry, energy, infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, and Ayush**.
 - Additional emphasis has been placed on education, health, infrastructure, and rural development to foster growth.
- **Revenue and Receipts Overview:**
 - The budget estimates total receipts at Rs 1,01,034.75 crore, including:
 - **Revenue receipts:** Rs 62,540.54 crore
 - **Capital receipts:** Rs 38,494.21 crore
 - **Tax revenue** is expected to contribute Rs 39,917.74 crore, while non-tax revenue is estimated at Rs 22,622.80 crore.
- **'GYAN' Model for Inclusive Development:**
 - The budget is based on the **'GYAN' model**, focusing on:
 - Gareeb (Poor)
 - Yuva (Youth)
 - Anndata (Farmers)
 - Naari (Women)
- **Boost to Industry and Startups:**
 - To support industrial growth and entrepreneurship, the budget includes:
 - Rs 50 crore for **MSME industries**.
 - Rs 35 crore for the Mega Industry Policy.
 - Rs 30 crore for startup promotion.
 - Rs 500 crore under **the Mega Project Scheme** to drive economic expansion.
- **Major Allocations by Sector:**
 - **Water Resources and Irrigation:**
 - Funds are allocated for **the Jamrani Dam, Song Dam, Lakhwad Project**.
 - Rs 1,500 crore under special capital assistance for states.
 - Rs 1,843 crore for **the Jal Jeevan Mission**.
 - Rs 100 crore for urban water supply improvements.
 - **Roads, Transport, and Infrastructure:**
 - 220 km of new roads to be constructed.
 - 1,000 km of roads to be reconstructed and 1,550 km renovated.
 - Rs 1,200 crore for **road safety initiatives**.
 - 37 new bridges to be built.

- Rs 1,065 crore allocated under [the PMGSY scheme.](#)
- Rs 36.88 crore for [the Civil Aviation Department.](#)
- **Tourism and Cultural Development:**
 - Rs 100 crore for [Tehri Lake development.](#)
 - Rs 25 crore for **the Manskhanda Scheme.**
 - Rs 20 crore for [the Vibrant Village Scheme.](#)
 - Rs 10 crore for **new tourist destinations.**
 - Rs 10 crore for [Char Dham](#) road network improvements.
- **Environment and Sustainable Development:**
 - Rs 395 crore allocated for [the CAMPA scheme.](#)
 - Rs 60 crore for [climate change mitigation.](#)
 - Rs 125 crore for [the Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority \(SARA\).](#)
 - Rs 10 crore for public [afforestation](#) projects.
- **Social Security and Welfare:**
 - Rs 1,811.66 crore allocated for social security schemes.
 - Rs 918.92 crore set aside for various welfare subsidies.
 - Rs 600 crore for **the Food Security Scheme.**
 - Rs 207.18 crore for [the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana \(Rural\).](#)
 - Rs 54.12 crore for [the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana \(Urban\).](#)
 - Rs 25 crore for EWS housing grants.
 - Rs 55 crore for cooking gas subsidies for low-income families.
 - Rs 2 crore for the Environmental Friend Insurance scheme.
 - Rs 40 crore to provide free travel on state transport buses.
 - Rs 10 crore for [the State Food Grain Scheme.](#)
 - Rs 34.36 crore to subsidize salt for [Antyodaya ration card](#) holders.
- **Strategic Focus on Development:**
 - The budget reflects the state government's commitment to **holistic growth and sustainable development.**
 - By emphasizing infrastructure, social welfare, environment, and economic expansion, the government aims to improve the quality of life for Uttarakhand residents.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- **PMGSY is a central government scheme launched in 2000** to provide all-weather road connectivity to unconnected rural habitations.
 - The scheme was originally a 100% centrally-sponsored initiative, but starting from the financial year 2015-16, the funding has been shared between **the Central and State governments in a 60:40 ratio.**
 - Around 800,000 kilometres of rural roads have been built and 180,000 habitations were connected under various phases of the PMGSY scheme.

Vibrant Villages Programme

- It is a **Centrally sponsored scheme**, announced in **the Union Budget 2022-23 (to 2025-26)** for development of villages on **the northern border**, thus improving the quality of life of people living in identified border villages.
- It will cover the border areas of **Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Ladakh.**
- It will cover 2,963 villages with 663 of them to be covered in the first phase.
- Vibrant Village Action Plans will be created by the district administration with the help of Gram Panchayats.
- There will **not be overlap with the Border Area Development Programme.**

