



UP Cabinet Approves Key Development Projects

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** approved a range of transformative decisions aimed at [empowering women](#), boosting education, developing infrastructure, and advancing defence initiatives.

Key Points

- **Stamp Duty Exemption for Women:** The Cabinet approved a **1% stamp duty exemption for women** purchasing property worth up to ₹1 crore, a significant increase from the previous limit of ₹10 lakh.
 - The new exemption will allow women to claim up to ₹1 lakh in rebates on property registration, promoting property ownership among middle-class women.
- **Tata Technology Centres in Polytechnics:** The partnership between the Uttar Pradesh government and Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) will result in the upgrading of 121 **government polytechnic institutes**.
 - TTL will invest ₹6,935.86 crore, with 87% of the cost borne by TTL and the remaining ₹1,063.96 crore funded by the state.
 - The initiative will enhance [technical skills](#) and [employability](#) by integrating industry-aligned curricula, with 45 institutes to be upgraded in the first phase.
- **Tablet Distribution for Youth Employment:** The previous plan to procure 25 lakh smartphones under the [Swami Vivekanand Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana](#) was scrapped.
 - In place of smartphones, tablets with advanced features will be distributed to youth, with an allocated ₹2,000 crore budget for the 2025-26 financial year.
 - The tablets will aid in employment opportunities by supporting software like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Google Sheets, thereby enhancing [digital literacy](#) and job readiness.
- **Chitrakoot Link Expressway Construction:** The Cabinet gave the go-ahead for the ₹939.67 crore **Chitrakoot Link Expressway project**, which will stretch over 15.172 km and connect Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot to Ahmadganj village.
 - The project, initially designed as a four-lane expressway (expandable to six lanes), will improve connectivity between the **Varanasi-Banda National Highway** and NH 135 BG, enhancing travel and trade routes in the region.
- **Incentives for Export-Oriented Investments:** The Cabinet approved incentives for two companies—Aquabridge, UAE-based, which will set up an [aquaculture project](#) in Unnao, and Innova Food Park from Karnataka, which will establish an [agri-export hub](#) near the Jewar International Airport.
 - These investments will not only **bolster exports** but also provide significant **support to local farmers**, enhancing agricultural development in the region.
- **Defence and Drone Manufacturing Expansion:** The Cabinet approved the sale of a land parcel to RAPHE mPhibr Pvt Ltd for ₹4.67 crore.
 - The firm, which already invested ₹800 crore in [defence and drone manufacturing](#), will relocate the dairy unit and contribute an additional ₹10 crore to the local economy.
 - The Cabinet also approved a token lease for 10 hectares of land in the [UP Defence Corridor](#) to [Defence Research and Development Organisation's \(DRDO\) Instruments Research & Development Establishment \(IRDE\)](#), which will create 150 direct and 500 indirect jobs.

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