



Uttarakhand Unveils Rs 89,000 Crore Budget

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttarakhand government unveiled its [budget](#) for the fiscal year **2024-25 in the Assembly**.

- Uttarakhand's **economic growth rate stood at 7.63% in 2022-23**, surpassing the national average.

Key Points

- Allocating Rs 89,000 crore for a range of initiatives with significant emphasis on addressing [poverty](#), [disaster management](#), **infrastructure development**, and improving air connectivity.
- The budget emphasised a dedication to the **“four pillars” of a developed India**- welfare of the poor, youth empowerment, [agricultural initiatives](#), and [women’s empowerment](#).
- Provisions made for each pillar are:
 - **Rs 5,658 crore** has been earmarked for the **welfare of the poor**, encompassing housing initiatives, food grain distribution, and free gas refill schemes.
 - The budget allocates **Rs 1,679 crore** towards **youth welfare, technical and higher education**, and organising [national games](#).
 - Provisions have also been made for **schemes promoting the merit of minority girls** and fostering **employment opportunities**.
 - **Rs 2,415 crore** has been allocated for various **farmer-centric schemes**, including cooperative initiatives, apple cultivation, farmer pensions, and [fisheries development](#).
 - The budget sets aside approximately **Rs 14,538 crore for gender-specific initiatives**.
 - These encompass schemes aimed at [maternal and child welfare](#), and enhancing **women’s economic participation**.

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