



Uttarakhand's Diwali Gift

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand announced a festive increase in [Dearness Allowance \(DA\)](#) for state government employees as a Diwali benefit.

Key Points

- **DA Hike:**
 - Uttarakhand raised the DA for government employees by a set percentage, aiming to mitigate inflation's impact on household expenses.
 - The DA has been increased from **50% to 53% per month**.
 - The dearness allowance hike applies to all regular and full-time state employees and [UGC](#)-affiliated officials, retroactive from **1st July, 2024**, with arrears from July to **September 2024** payable in cash.
 - The increased DA is effective immediately, covering employees and pensioners under the state government.
- **Economic Impact:**
 - This increase supports employees' purchasing power, particularly significant during the festive season when expenses are typically higher.
 - Similar DA adjustments are seen across states as they aim to provide financial relief amidst rising living costs.

Dearness Allowance (DA)

- It is the cost-of-living adjustment to offset inflation, provided to government employees and pensioners. It is calculated as a percentage of the basic salary.

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