



Amendment in Uttarakhand Tourism Policy

Why in News?

Recently, The Uttarakhand cabinet approved an amendment in the **state's 2018 tourism policy**, specifying the period during which different industries will get [State Goods and Services Tax \(SGST\)](#) compensations.

Key Points

- According to the amendment, **A, B and B+ category industries** in Uttarakhand will get 100% SGST compensation for five years, after which they will get it at the **rate of 90, 75 and 75%** respectively **for the next five years.**
 - **Large, mega and ultra-mega projects** will get an SGST compensation of 30 and 50% respectively for 10 years.
- The [Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2018](#) aimed to establish a [single-window clearance system](#) for investors in the sector.
 - However, the period for providing SGST compensation to various industries in the state was not specified.
- The state cabinet also decided to:
 - **Extend the service period of specialist doctors** till they attain the age of 65 years.
 - Introduce a [Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority Bill, 2024](#) in the state Assembly for the development, operation and maintenance of the urban transport system.
 - Amend the cooperative committee rules, **reserving 33% posts** in its management committees **for women.**
 - Relocate the families living around **the Mahasu Devta temple.**

Mahasu Devta Temple

- It is located on the **Tyuni-Mori road at Hanol, Dehradun district**, Uttarakhand and was built in the 9th century.
- The temple is dedicated to **Mahasu Devta**. It was constructed in the [Kath-Kuni or Koti-Banal style of architecture.](#)
- It is included in the [Archaeological Survey of India's](#) list of the ancient temples in the Dehradun circle, Uttarakhand.