



Infrastructure Projects in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

According to the official sources, the Centre released **Rs 559 crore for 33 infrastructure projects** in the state.

Key Points

- A letter from the assistant director of the finance ministry stated that the amount has been granted as part of an additional allocation under Part-I of the **'Scheme for special assistance to states for capital investment 2023-24'** for the state.
 - Rs 26 crore has been earmarked for construction of a tunnel parking facility near the popular tourist spot of Kempty Fall.
 - Rs 10.8 crore has been released for development of an inter- state bus terminal at Herbertpur on the outskirts of Dehradun.
 - Rs 17 crore has been allocated for façade enhancement of Mall Road in Mussoorie, while Rs 20 crore is designated for strengthening the police force.
 - Rs 100 crore has been allocated for enhancing health infrastructure at Haridwar Medical College, with Rs 51 crore earmarked for construction of Shaurya Sthal in Dehradun.
 - Rs 88 crore has been allocated for the Song Dam Multipurpose project and Rs 25 crore has been designated for construction of residential buildings for cops in Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar, and Dehradun.

Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment Scheme

- The Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure was launched in FY 2020-21 in the wake of **Covid-19 Pandemic**.
- The scheme has been expanded and continued as 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for **Capital Investment 2023-24'** with allocation of **Rs 1.3-lakh crore**.

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