



Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project

Why in News?

Recently, the **Government of India** and the [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#) signed a **USD 200 million loan** to **enhance urban services in Uttarakhand**, including water supply, sanitation, and urban mobility.

- The [European Investment Bank](#) is co-financing the project with a **USD 191 million parallel investment** to further support [urban infrastructure](#) enhancements.

Key Points

- **Objectives of the Project:**
 - The project aligns with India's urban development agenda and Uttarakhand's goals to improve urban services, aiming for greater livability and sustainability in cities.
 - It will **focus on building climate- and disaster-resilient urban infrastructure** to safeguard Uttarakhand's population from risks like [floods and landslides](#).
- **Initiatives Included under the Project:**
 - **Key Upgrades in Haldwani- Economic Hub of Uttarakhand:**
 - In Haldwani, **climate-resilient roads** will be developed, along with an intelligent traffic management system, CNG buses, and electric bus pilots.
 - The project includes **constructing stormwater and roadside drains** and implementing an **early warning system** for improved flood resilience.
 - A **green-certified administrative complex** and bus terminal will enhance public service delivery.
 - **Water Supply and Sanitation Improvements in Four Cities:**
 - In Champawat, Kichha, Kotdwar, and Vikasnagar, the project aims for 100% water service coverage, installing climate-resilient pipelines, tubewells, new reservoirs, and a water treatment plant.
 - Sanitation coverage will be increased through sewage treatment facilities.
 - **Women's Empowerment and Livelihood Opportunities:**
 - The project will provide skill training for women such as bus driving, ticketing, and managing electric charging stations.
 - The project will train women, including those from vulnerable households, in operating and managing water and sanitation services.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- ADB is a multilateral development bank **established in 1966** with a mission to **foster economic growth and cooperation** in the **Asia-Pacific Region**.
- It is **headquartered in Manila, Philippines**, and has **69 members**.
- It is **governed by a board of governors** and funded through member contributions, retained earnings from lending, and loan repayments.

European Investment Bank (EIB)

- It was **established in 1958** and is the **lending arm of the European Union**.

- It is one of the biggest multilateral financial institutions in the world and one of the **largest providers of climate finance**.
- Since **1993, EIB has been supporting India's evolving green ambitions** by investing in sustainable urban transport and renewable energy.

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