



Green Cess in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

According to the officials, the **Uttarakhand Government** will soon impose a [green cess](#) on out-of-state vehicles.

- A Green cess is a **form of tax** levied by the government with the **purpose of [environmental conservation](#)**.

Key Points

- **Introduction of Green Cess in Uttarakhand:**
 - The cess will **range from Rs 20 to Rs 80** and will apply to both **commercial and private vehicles**.
 - Two-wheelers, [electric vehicles](#) and [Compressed Natural Gas \(CNG\)](#) vehicles, ambulances, fire brigades, and vehicles registered in Uttarakhand **will be exempted**.
- **Implementation and Technology:**
 - The system is targeted to become **operational by the end of December 2024**.
 - Automatic **number plate recognition cameras** will identify vehicles, and cess amounts will be **deducted directly from** vehicle owners' [FASTag wallets](#).

FASTag

- It is a device that employs [Radio Frequency Identification \(RFID\) technology](#) for making toll payments directly while the vehicle is in motion.
- [National Highways Authority of India \(NHA\)](#) **launched two mobile Apps** - MyFASTag and FASTag Partner to facilitate the availability of FASTags.
- The **tag is valid for 5 years** from the date of issuance and comes in seven different color codes.

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