

UP- First Supplementary Budget 2024-25

The Uttar Pradesh government presented the first supplementary budget of ₹12,209.93 crore for 2024-25 that includes an allocation of ₹319.95 crore for new schemes.

Key Points

- ❖ **Size of the supplementary Budget:** The size of the supplementary budget is nearly 1.66% of the state's annual budget (of ₹7.36 lakh crore) presented (on February 5) ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.
- ❖ **Need:** The supplementary budget is presented when funds for the ongoing schemes are insufficient and to earmark funds for items not planned in the annual budget.

Allocations:

- ❖ The allocations in the supplementary budget include ₹7981.99 crore for capital expenditure and ₹4227.94 crore under the revenue expenditure head.
- ❖ A large chunk of ₹7500.18 crore has been earmarked for industrial development, including ₹6071.99 crore for the Ganga Expressway being constructed to connect Meerut with Prayagraj.
- ❖ Amount of ₹2000 crore has been allocated to the energy sector while ₹1000 crore has been earmarked for buying new buses for the UPSRTC fleet ahead of Prayagraj Mahakumbh 2025. The Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) proposes to have 50,000 operational buses by 2030.
- ❖ A sum of ₹100 crore has been earmarked for rural stadiums and open-air gyms, ₹200 crore for training in skill development programmes.
- ❖ For various works of the secondary education department a sum of ₹284 crore has been earmarked.
- ❖ A sum of ₹600 crore has been allocated for the AMRUT scheme of the urban development department.
- ❖ Amount of ₹50 crore has been earmarked for creating facilities for tourists in Ayodhya, Mathura and Varanasi.

Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region

The Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (SCR) and Other Areas Development Authority Bill-2024, related to the formation of Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (SCR) on the lines of the National Capital Region (NCR) Planning Board, has been passed in the Legislative Assembly.

Key Points

- ❖ **Districts involved:** There will be a total of six districts in SCR. Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Unnao, RaeBareilly and Barabanki district have been included in it.
- ❖ Its total population will be 22941300 and area will be 27826 square kilometers.
- ❖ This will lead to proper, systematic and rapid development of these districts.

Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region Development Authority

- ❖ The Chief Minister has been made the Chairman of Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region Development Authority.
- ❖ Its headquarters will be in Lucknow.
- ❖ **Members:**
 - DMs of the respective districts have been made members in it.
 - Along with this, there will be nine more members.
 - Additional Chief Secretary Housing, Principal Secretary or Secretary or ex-officio Secretary of major departments will be members.
 - Divisional Commissioner Lucknow and Ayodhya will be members.
 - Managing Director of Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation will be a member.
 - Divisional Commissioner of Lucknow will be the Member Secretary of the Regional Development Authority.

Special Investment Region

Under the Nodal Investment Region Manufacturing (Construction) Area Bill-2024 passed by the Assembly, the government is going to set up four more Special Investment Regions (SIRs) to attract investment.

What is SIR?

- ❖ Special investment regions are large investment areas where cluster development occurs, and the powers usually held by the state government or other departments are decentralised to the authority level.
- ❖ This decentralisation has two main benefits: first, any changes needed in the master planning can be done there itself. Second, all the NOCs and clearances that usually require state-level approval are also decentralised.

Key Points

- ❖ **Selected areas:** These areas will be developed in Paschimanchal SIR in Aligarh, Madhyachal SIR in Unnao, Purvanchal SIR in Prayagraj and Chitrakoot and Bundelkhand SIR in Jhansi.
- ❖ **Construction Board:** A construction board will also be formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, whose vice-chairman will be the Industrial Development Minister.
- ❖ **Construction area committee:** There will be a construction area committee under the chairmanship of Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC). Its work will be to approve the master plan prepared by the construction area authority.

NIRMAN

- ❖ The Nodal Investment Region for Manufacturing Act (NIRMAN) aims to attract major investors from both within India and around the world to invest in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is likely to promote 'ease of doing business', boost economic development, and create new employment opportunities for the general public.

- ❖ This Act has been created to develop special investment regions in the state. Similar acts are currently in place in three states: Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Karnataka.
- ❖ With this, UP will become the fourth state to implement this Act.

Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters

The Uttar Pradesh government, with the aim of accelerating industrial development, has initiated the process to establish 33 Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters (IMLCs) along expressways across 30 districts of the state.

Key Points

- ❖ **Expressway Included:** According to the plan formulated by the state government, the 33 Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters to be established across 30 districts will be situated along five major expressways. These include the Ganga Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway, Agra-Lucknow Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway, and Purvanchal Expressway.
- ❖ **Defence Industrial Corridor:** Out of these, additional land allotments for the Defence Industrial Corridor will be made in Agra and Aligarh along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.
- ❖ Industrial corridors will also be established as IMLC in Firozabad, Etawah and Kannauj. Additionally, a land node for the Defence Industrial Corridor is proposed in Kanpur along with the construction of an industrial corridor.

UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly passed the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Key Points


- ❖ **Maximum Punishment:** Life imprisonment for fraudulent or forced conversions.


- ❖ **Crimes Classified:** Threatens, attacks, marries or promises to marry or conspires for it, or trafficks a woman, minor or anyone with the intention of conversion, then his crime will be placed in the most serious category
- ❖ **Imprisonment:** Up to 20 years or life imprisonment for these crimes. Earlier the maximum punishment provided for those found guilty of marrying a woman by deceiving her and converting her religion was 10 years with a fine of Rs 50,000.
- ❖ **Monetary punishment:** A provision of compensation of up to ₹5 lakh has also been made in addition to the fine. For repeated offenders, the fine has been doubled.
- ❖ **FIR:** Under the amended provisions, now any person can register an FIR in conversion cases. Earlier, to give information or complaint about the case, the presence of the victim, her parents, or siblings was necessary.
- ❖ **Non bailable:** It has been proposed that such cases will not be heard by any court below the Sessions Court and along with this, the bail plea will not be considered without giving an opportunity to the public prosecutor. Also, all the crimes under the amended Act have been made non-bailable.

Short News


- ❖ The National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued a Letter of Permission (LoP) for admission in **seven new medical colleges in UP in this session**. The state medical colleges of Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Kushinagar, Pilibhit, Sultanpur, Kanpur Dehat and Lalitpur have got permission for admission in the session 2024-25.

Person In News- Appointment

Preeti Sudan	She is an IAS officer from 1983, she has been appointed as the new chairperson of UPSC. She has also served as a Union Health Secretary	
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Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair	She became the first woman to be appointed the Director General of Medical Services.	
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Important Days/Dates

August 1	World Lung Cancer Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Every year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on August 1. ❖ In 2012, the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) decided that every year, August 1 will be observed as World Lung Cancer Day to raise awareness about the disease and the unhealthy lifestyle habits that we must change to stay safe. Since then, August 1 is observed as World Lung Cancer Day every year. ❖ Theme: The theme for this year's World Lung Cancer Day is - Close the care gap: Everyone deserves access to cancer care.
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Sports

Paris Olympics 2024

- ❖ Swapnil Kusale became the first Indian shooter to win an Olympic medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions event. He secured the bronze medal with a total score of 451.4 in the men's final.

Important News- Other States

Tamil Nadu	The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has officially granted permission for the "First Approach to Criticality" of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, India's first indigenous PFBR. This critical milestone includes the loading of fuel into the reactor core and the initiation of "Low Power Physics Experiments."
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Miscellaneous

- ❖ The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) has launched the Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation (E-SeHAT) module. The E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy would enable ECHS beneficiaries to obtain online Tele-consultation for medical treatment from their homes without visiting the ECHS Polyclinic.

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