

# **Disclaimer**

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## Respected Speaker,

1. This is the first budget of Amrit Kaal. On this momentous occasion, I respectfully acknowledge and honour every individual who contributed to the formation of the State of Uttarakhand. This budget serves as a crucial determinant of our role in the journey to establish our nation as a leading country on the 100th anniversary of our independence, under the guidance of our esteemed Prime Minister. By embracing the Prime Minister's mantra of '**Reform, Perform, Transform,**' we stand ready to actively participate and fulfil our role as a leading state in realizing the Prime Minister's vision of a Transformed India.
2. We are privileged that with the guidance of the esteemed Prime Minister, through various central and centrally-sponsored schemes, favourable environment is being created to foster an inclusive development and a robust economy. There has been an increase in capital infusion in various infrastructure sectors. The **National Infrastructure Pipeline** on one side has contributed to maintain this momentum by providing a long-term roadmap for eligible projects and on the other side **the PM Gati Shakti** has integrated the **seven growth engines of development— roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways, and logistics infrastructure** which helped to speed up the development of infrastructure. Overall, this favourable environment is creating a conducive atmosphere for the progress and growth throughout the country including Uttarakhand.
3. Our commitment to make Uttarakhand a "**Sashakt Uttarakhand**" draws inspiration from this unparalleled ecosystem. This source of inspiration is creating a conducive environment. We are constantly motivating to lead the state in all aspects. The journey has begun and we are setting the wheel of growth in motion. With the steps taken by our government, we are poised to achieve speed and **sustainability** in economic development, leading to a better quality of life for our people.
4. We have taken a pledge to transform Uttarakhand as **Sashakt Uttarakhand**. Our vision statement is **Agrini Uttarakhand**. We have initiated a **multi-pronged action plan** to fulfil this vision. On one hand, we are creating the necessary ecosystem to instil the spirit and devotion of **entrepreneurship among businessmen, industrialists, and budding entrepreneurs**, on the other hand, we are ensuring basic facilities and opportunities for the development of the weak and poor people. We aim to successfully intervene in the **development so as to**

**reach the last mile, all sectors, and citizens, especially our youth, women, farmers, and entrepreneurs.** Our Government is moving ahead with transparency, following the mantra of **Sarlikaran, Samadhan aur Nistarikaran** given by the honourable Chief Minister.

5. Under the guidance of the Central Government, we have aligned ourselves with the "**Saptarishi**" vision outlined in the Union Budget. Our focus is on inclusive development, **ensuring it to reach individual, with priority given to those who are underprivileged. We are committed to developing infrastructure, expanding investment potential, promoting green development, inspiring youth, and strengthening the financial sector.** We recognize the importance of these initiatives in addressing the current needs and have made necessary policy changes and budgetary provisions accordingly.
6. In the previous year, we initiated innovative experiments of public participation for budget preparation. To make the process more decentralized, this year we organized district-wise **pre-budget dialogues** instead of the Division. We invited suggestions from the public through **e-mail, the budget directorate's website, and WhatsApp**. These suggestions were examined at the departmental level and we made efforts to incorporate these suggestions relating to the public welfare into the existing plans or new demands.
7. In this budget, our commitment reflects the sustainable development initiatives as outlined in the previous budget and it's our endeavour to move towards our vision of **Agrini Uttarakhand**. We are prioritizing certain goals over the next three years, and are making systematic efforts towards achieving them. Some of these points are highlighted below:
  - Waste management in local bodies.
  - Improved connectivity in all fruit-producing clusters to facilitate transportation to the market.
  - Encouraging the cultivation of horticulture crops through the construction of poly houses.
  - Providing internet connectivity to all government institutions and offices.
  - Cluster-wise construction of excellence schools.
  - Development of parking facilities.
  - Installation of crash barriers for road safety.

- Construction of helipads in important tourist and in sensitive areas prone to disasters.
8. Our commitment to the goal of **Sashakt Uttarakhand @ 2025** reflects the efforts being made in this direction. The priorities of the goals will be mentioned in the upcoming paragraphs.
  9. To make this **Decade, as the Decade of Uttarakhand** and to make Uttarakhand a leading State, we have specially tried to focus this budget **on seven priority points**: -
    - **Investing in human capital**  
For this, we tried to create a favourable environment through making budgetary provisions in many areas such as nutrition, education, training and all-round development.
    - **Capacity building and Inclusive development for overall welfare.**  
Continuous efforts are being made for capacity building of the people at the last mile to provide them with better opportunities in the journey of inclusive development.
    - **Improved accessibility to health facilities**  
The health services and medical education system are being strengthened to provide accessible and better health benefits.
    - **Increased capital expenditure for the creation and maintenance of public assets**  
Capital outlay is being increased, and necessary provisions are being made for the maintenance of assets to meet future requirements.
    - **Seamless and secure connectivity**  
For this, special provisions are being made in road safety, road maintenance and construction etc. Also, various provisions are being made for air connectivity, ropeway and metro rail.
    - **Technology driven development**  
For this, inclusion of modern technology in various fields is being encouraged.

- **Balance of ecology and economy**

We have linked developmental activities with environmental protection and climate change. For the first time, we are making a provision of **0.5% of the capital outlay for “Climate Change Mitigation”**. This is a testimony to our priority to strike a balance between ecology and economy. Besides, solar energy is being promoted by our Government. Assistance is being given to encourage the option of single use plastic, eco-tourism and home stay are being encouraged and provision of new demand has been made in this budget to encourage electrical vehicles.

*"prakrti hamen sanrakshit karate hai,*

*aur ham prakrti ka sanrakshan karenge."*

**Speaker sir,**

10. These seven points of ours are rays of hope. The rainbow that will be formed by these seven rays will reflect an ecosystem that strengthens self-reliance, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
11. In our Government's first budget, we initiated several measures. Building upon this momentum, sufficient allocation has been made in this budget also.
12. It is a matter of pride that our country has received the honour of hosting the G-20 summit this year. We are pleased to inform that three sessions of the G-20 will also be held in our state. This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase our local produce, rich cultural heritage, yoga practices, the spiritual essence of our environment and the vast possibilities of Ayurvedic knowledge on the global stage. This event not only puts Uttarakhand on the tourism map but also presents an opportunity to make Uttarakhand a centre of attraction for the entire world. An allocation of Rs. 100 crores has been made in this budget for this event.

**Speaker sir,**

13. Our Government stands with **the Yuwa Shakti, Anndata, Start Up, Niveshak aur Karmath Karmkar**.

*"ek hee dhyey hai,*

*ek hee aaraadhana*

*agranee raajy kee kaamana,  
ham aage badh rahe hai“*

14. We are constantly striving to achieve good governance. Various effective tools are available with public such as **the Apni Sarkar Portal, E-Cabinet, E-Office, CM Helpline 1905, and Right to Service**. Additionally, the **Anti-Corruption App 1064** serves as an effective tool to check corruption. Serious actions are being taken on complaints.
15. We vow to prevent injustice against Yuwa Pratibha. We have taken strict actions against culprits involved in recruitment scams. To eliminate malpractices in recruitment process, we have implemented the most stringent law in the country. The law provides for confiscation of all property and life imprisonment, for anyone who cheats. We have transferred recruitments from the Uttarakhand Subordinate Services Selection Commission to the State Public Service Commission, and the recruitment process is now transparent and fair. We are committed to conduct recruitment without cheating and with complete transparency and fairness.

**Speaker sir,**

16. The true measure of our strength as a state is our Yuwa Shakti. I am quoting the inspirational statement of Swami Vivekananda on this occasion.

*“Saaree Shaakti tumhaare bheetar hai,  
Aap kuchh bhee aur sab kuchh kar sakate hai,  
us par viswaas karo,  
yah mat maano ki tum kamajor ho”*

17. **The trinity of innovation, incubation, and start-up is driven by the strength of our youth.** They are setting new trends, starting new ventures, and creating employment opportunities for others. **We recognize the significance of this youth strength** and we are committed to preserving and promoting it for the betterment of our state, nation, and humanity. Therefore, our **budget reflects our concern and commitment towards the youth.** Our goal is to create a conducive ecosystem where the youth can become job providers

instead of job seekers and obtain employment or self-employment opportunities based on their skills and capabilities.

18. This budget aims not only for the all-round development of the youth, but also for their physical fitness and health promotion and accordingly we have made the necessary provisions. The focus is on encouraging innovation and expanding capacity.
19. **Speaker sir**, in our state, there is tremendous enthusiasm among students to join the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**. Presently, there are about thirty nine thousand NCC cadets in the state. In the past, they were given a refreshment **allowance of only Rs.15 per cadet per parade**. **Our Government has now increased this allowance to Rs.45 per cadet per parade** and accordingly we have made appropriate provisions in this budget. Additionally, a **provision of Rs. One Crore (Rs. 1.00 crore)** has been made for the "**Construction of building for NCC office**" under a new demand. Speaker sir, the National Cadet Corps leads the way to get employment opportunities in the Armed Forces.
20. We will not allow the dearth of resources for the meritorious students. We have brought many new schemes in this budget. Incidentally, I am mentioning some schemes here: -
  - A provision of Rs eleven crore (Rs. 11.00 crore) has been made for the scholarship of secondary school students through the **Mukhyamantri Pratibha Protsahan Yojana**.
  - A provision of Rs. fifty one crore (Rs. 51.00 crore) has been made for the **Utkrisht Cluster School** in secondary education.
  - Under the New Education Policy, a provision of about Rs. ninety two crore seventy eight lakh (Rs. 92.78 crore) has been made for **PM Shri Yojana**.
  - A provision of Rs ten crore (Rs 10.00 crore) has been made for **Saikshik Karyakarmo ke Antargat Chatravriti**.
  - A provision of Rs. two crore (Rs. 2.00 crore) has been made for the establishment of **Research and Development Cell** under the Higher Education Department.
  - Provision of Rs. Seven crore eleven lakh (Rs.7.11 crore) has been made for promotion of **Udhyamita, Kaushal avam Navachar**.
21. **Speaker Sir**, appropriate budget provision has been made for scholarship through various existing schemes, such as: -

- A budget provision of **Rs. five crore (Rs.5.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for **Rajya Yogyata Chatravriti**.
- A budget provision of **Rs. fifteen crores (Rs. 15.00 crores)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Balikawo ko Shiksha Protsahan (Cycle) scheme**.
- A budget provision of **Rs. twenty five crore sixty two lakh (Rs. 25.62 crore)** has been made for the **Anusuchit Jati ke Dashmottar Kakshao ke Chatro ki Chatravriti** in financial year 2023-24.
- A budget provision of **Rs. eleven crore sixty nine lakh (Rs. 11.69 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Anuchuchit Jati Purva Dasham scholarship** for classes 9 to 10.
- A budget provision of **Rs. eight crores (Rs. 8.00 crores)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 under **Purva Pariksha Prashishan Yojna** of Scheduled Castes candidates.
- A budget provision of **Rs. three crore ninety lakh (Rs. 3.90 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for **Pichdi Jatiyo ke Purva Dasham Kakshao me Adhyanrat Chatro ko Nirdhanta ke Aadhar par Chatravriti**.
- A budget provision of **Rs. eleven crore nine lakh (Rs. 11.09 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for **Anya Pichdi Jati ke Dashmotar Kakshao ke Chatro ke Chatravriti**.
- A budget provision of **Rs. fifty thousand (Rs. 50.00 thousand)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Mukhyamantri Chatravriti Yojana** for NCC Cadets.
- A budget provision of **Rs. twenty one lakh seventy six thousand (Rs. 21.76 lakh)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for **graduation and merit cum means based scholarship** for minority students.
- A budget provision of **Rs. forty nine lakh ninety thousand (Rs. 49.90 lakh)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for **Alapsankhyak Varg ke Purva Dhasham Chatravriti**.
- In the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of **Rs. Six crore ten lakh (Rs. 6.10 crore)** has been made for scholarship to the education of Scheduled Tribe students.



22. To provide opportunities to the **Yuwa Shakti** in the highest services of the Country, our government is providing financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 to the candidates who have passed written examinations of the Union Public Service Commission, NDA, CDS and their equivalent, for the preparation of interviews.

**Speaker Sir,**

23. The use of science and technology is being encouraged for various developmental programs. In this regard, notable institutions including the Uttarakhand Space Application Centre, the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology, the Uttarakhand Science and Research Centre, and the Uttarakhand Biotechnology Council have been provided adequate budget.
24. Our commitment towards youth education and training is based on the principle to consider Yuva Shakti as the central focus of development. The youth aspire employment opportunities and for this, we have made various budgetary provisions in diverse sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, dairy, industry, medium and small industries, tourism, energy, rural development, etc. We are striving to create a holistic environment full of hope, which will constantly inspire the Yuwa Shakti.
25. In this context, I am mentioning some schemes here :-
- A budget provision of **Rs. one hundred crore (Rs. 100.00 crore)** has been made for the Uttarakhand Work Force Development Project in the financial year 2023-24.
  - A budget provision of **Rs. fourteen crore (Rs. 14.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Mukhyamantri Sukshm Khadya Udyam Unnayan Yojana**.
  - A budget provision of **Rs. forty crore (Rs. 40.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Mukhyamantri Swarojgar Yojana**.

**Speaker Sir,**

26. **Shiksha Hamara Dharm Hai.** We appreciate that appropriate education and training is the nucleus to provide opportunities, motivation and a healthy environment **of self-reliance** to our youth.

27. There are budgetary provisions to take care of nutrition in childhood stage to coaching and training in adulthood. The Government is committed to create a conducive teaching and learning environment in secondary education and as part of this effort, government secondary schools are being developed as **Utkrisht Cluster Vidyalaya**. Smart classes, computers and related equipment, sports facilities, etc., are being planned under this initiative. A provision of Rs. fifty one crore (Rs. 51.00 crore) being made in this budget as a new demand for "**Utkrisht Cluster Vidyalaya**".
28. Under the Samagra Shiksha Yojana, a provision of **Rs. eight hundred and thirteen crore eighty-three lakh (Rs. 813.83 crore)** has been made.
29. A total of **Rs. one hundred sixty nine crore four lakh (Rs. 169.04 crore)** has been allocated to provide education for underprivileged children in private schools of the state under the Right to Education. About 1 lakh children are benefiting from this.
30. Provision has been made in the current year to provide furniture in the government primary schools in a phased manner. In this background, a budget provision of **Rs. six crore (Rs. 6.00 crore)** has been made for the coming year.
31. In the Education Department, a provision of **Rs. twenty five crore (Rs. 25.00 crore)** has been made for providing free text books to general and backward classes students of 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in government and aided educational institutions. Additionally, a provision of **Rs. ten crore (Rs. 10.00 crore)** has been made to provide free text books to scheduled castes students and **approximately Rs. one crore twenty four lakh (Rs. 1.24 crore)** has been allocated to provide free text books to scheduled tribes students.
32. The budget provision **Rs. forty five crore (Rs. 45.00 crore)** has been made from NABARD under capital head for the construction of secondary schools and hostels.

**Speaker Sir,**

33. Our Government has decided to strengthen higher education. For this, on the one hand attention is being paid to the development of infrastructure, while on the other hand modernization, digitization and schemes to encourage meritorious students have been made. Provision has been made in the budget to provide scholarship to meritorious

students studying in government colleges to make a career in the field of higher education.

34. The current focus of the Directorate of Higher Education is to enhance the functionality of the "**EDUSAT**" office which is operated under its jurisdiction by upgrading it to "**ICT Cell**". This will enable the department to update departmental information on various educational portals run by the Central Government and to digitize information for other departmental portals. This includes carrying out online work through platforms such as M.I.S., etc.
35. As per the provision of the National Education Policy, 2020, we are making efforts to **NAAC Accreditation** to every higher educational institution.
36. There is a target to provide **4G/5G internet connectivity** in all government colleges. **MIS portal** will be expanded for non-government colleges.
37. In order to bring transparency in the recruitment process of government degree colleges, the process of making appointments through the Public Service Commission is underway.

**Speaker Sir,**

38. There is a direct relation between employment and technical education. Therefore, we have geared up to strengthen the technology. In this regard, we have identified some priorities for technical education. I am mentioning a few such priorities here: -
  - Efforts are being made to saturate the state-run polytechnic and engineering institutes with infrastructure facilities as per the standards of regulatory bodies,
  - The process of starting the operation of the Integrated Technical Institute in Government Polytechnic Narendra Nagar is underway to provide diploma as well as engineering graduate and master's degree opportunities to the youth of the state under one roof, and
  - As per the demands of the industries, efforts are being made to conduct new courses in new technologies such as automation and robotics, construction automaton, cloud computing and big data, gaming and animation, artificial intelligence and machine learning etc. in the coming years.

39. The process of preparing ranking framework for polytechnic institutions of the state is in progress. Under this, the ranking of the state's polytechnics will be determined under various standards. With the ranking of polytechnic institutions, the prestige of the institutions with good ranking will increase and **employment opportunities will also increase for the students studying there.**
40. To provide employment opportunities to maximum students, the state-level training and placement centre under the Department of Technical Education is currently underway in Upper Aamwala, Dehradun.

**Speaker Sir**

41. We are committed to the all-round development of youth. In this regard, our Government has made provision of Rs. fifteen crore (Rs.15.00 crore) for the "**Khel Mahakumbh**" event and Rs. Five crore (Rs.5.00 crore) for the "**Mukhyamantri Yuwa Mangal Dal Swawlamban Yojana**" in the upcoming financial year.

**“karmaveer ke lie hai aasaan,**

**Chhoo lena apanee manjil,**

**Aise karmaveeron ko ham nit aage badhaayenge,**

**Unakee hee shaakti ke dam par,**

**Apanee manjil paayenge,**

**Sashakt Uttaraakhand banaayenge”**

42. Realizing the concept of inclusive development, our Government is making necessary provisions in the areas of **women's welfare, child welfare, social welfare, minority welfare, youth welfare, scheduled caste and tribe welfare, soldier welfare and labour welfare etc.**
43. **Speaker sir**, women are the backbone of progress of society and nation. We are doing efforts to empower them to take decisions. We believe in necessity of **getting rid of gender inequality**. In this background our Government is taking special care of women and child welfare through proper budget provision. With the inspiration of the Central Government, we also intend to empower women. We have ensured 30 per cent women's reservation in government services and serious efforts for **economic empowerment through various schemes** are being made towards their nutrition, education and training.

44. **Under the Saksham Anganwadi and Nutrition 2.0 program**, training of the ICDS 33,415 Anganwadi workers, mini Anganwadi workers, and Anganwadi Sahayika Bahne are contributing a pivot role in the vital task of maternal and child welfare. Our Government values their significant role in this holy mission. Starting from November 2021, the State Government has raised the **honorarium of Anganwadi workers** sisters by an additional **Rs. 1800/- per month**, and that of **mini Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi Sahayika Bahne** by an **additional Rs. 1500/- per month**.
45. With this increment, the Anganwadi worker sisters now receive Rs. 4800/- from the State Government in addition to **Rs. 4500/-** from the Central Government, making **the total honorarium Rs. 9300/-**, Mini Anganwadi worker sisters are now receiving Rs. 2750/- from the State Government along **with Rs. 3500/- from the Central Government**, making their total honorarium Rs. 6250/-. Similarly, **the Anganwadi Sahayika Bahne are receiving Rs. 3000 from the State Government in addition to Rs. 2250/- from the Central Government**, making **their total honorarium Rs. 5250/-**.
46. Under the Saksham Anganwadi and Nutrition 2.0 program, a supplementary **nutrition program** is being implemented. In this program, supplementary nutrition is being provided to **approximately 8,47,000 beneficiaries** aged between 6 months to 6 years through Anganwadi centers. In the financial year 2023-24, a **comprehensive provision of Rs. two hundred eighty eight crore twenty four lakh (Rs. 288.24 crore)** has been made for the program.
47. A provision of **Rs. forty-two crore forty-three lakh (Rs. 42.43 crore)** has been allocated for the **National Nutrition Mission** to further enhance the nutritional status of women and children and raise awareness on nutrition-related issues among the masses.
48. With the important support of the Central Government, the **Mission Shakti Yojana** for empowering women is being implemented through two sub-schemes: "**Sambal**" and "**Samarthya**". The sub-schemes include various initiatives such as **Rashtriya Mahila Helpline 181, One Stop Center, Nari Adalat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Sakhi Niwas, and Palna Yojana, etc..**
49. The **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana** provides financial assistance to support women's nutrition and healthcare during delivery.

A provision of **Rs four crore forty three lakh (Rs 4.43 crore)** has been made for the scheme in the financial year 2023-24.

50. To promote child health under **Mukhya Mantri Aanchal Amrit Yojana**, milk is being provided four days in a week to the children aged 03 to 06 years who attend Anganwadi centers. A provision of **Rs ten crore (Rs 10.00 crore)** has been allocated for the scheme in the financial year 2023-24.
51. The primary objective of the **Mukhya Mantri Bal Poshan Abhiyan Yojana** is to minimize the rate of malnutrition in the state. This scheme provides banana chips twice a week and eggs two days a week to the children between the ages of 3 and 6, only at the Anganwadi centers. A budget of approximately **Rs. twenty six crore seventy two lakh (Rs. 26.72 crore)** has been allocated for this scheme for the financial year 2023-24.
52. Under the **Nanda Gaura Yojana**, there is a provision to provide Rs. 11,000/- to the first two girls of the eligible family at the time of birth and Rs. 51,000/- on passing class 12th. **Speaker sir**, in the financial year 2022-23, a **total of 334 crore 96 lakh 22 thousand (Rs. 334.96 crore)** has been paid directly into the accounts of the 82,601 beneficiaries who were left out from 2017-18 to 2021-22. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. two hundred and eighty-two crore fifty lakh (Rs. 282.50 crore)** has been made for the scheme.
53. In the **Mukhyamantri Mahalakshmi Yojana**, kits containing essential materials are made available to mothers and infant daughters after delivery for the purpose of encouraging care and nutrition. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. nineteen crore ninety five lakh (Rs. 19.95 crore)** has been made for the scheme.
54. Under the **Mukhyamantri Mahila Poshan Yojana**, there is a provision to provide two day eggs and two day dates in a week to the registered pregnant/lactating women in Anganwadi centers. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. twenty crores (Rs. 20.00 crores)** has been made for the scheme.

**Speaker Sir,**

55. **Our Matra Shakti and girls are making remarkable contributions in various fields. In order to recognize their great work and to inspire other women a special award has been instituted in the name of Veerangana Teelu Rauteli. This year, 12 selected women**

have been awarded a cash prize of Rs. 31,000/- along with a citation, and 35 Anganwadi workers who have demonstrated exceptional performance in their centres have been honoured with cash Rs. 21,000/- and felicitations. A provision of **Rs. twenty six lakh fifty thousand (Rs. 26.50 lakh)** has been allocated for this scheme in the financial year 2023-24.

56. In continuation of Nutrition, Education and Training initiatives, our Government is actively engaged for the welfare of working women. To provide secured, affordable, and convenient residential facilities for working women, we are operating working women's hostels through public-private partnership (PPP) mode in Haridwar and Dehradun districts, while in Uttarkashi district, it is being operated on a rental basis. Adequate provisions have been made for this scheme in the financial year 2023-24.

**Speaker Sir,**

57. The message is clear: **Overall welfare**, including women and child welfare is our priority. This commitment to inclusive development is evident in the new provision made for old-age pensions. Now, elderly individuals whose sons and grandsons are above 20 years of age, but who are living below the poverty line or have a monthly income of less than Rs. 4,000/-, have been entitled for pension.
58. In the financial year 2023-24, a comprehensive provision of **Rs. one thousand six hundred eighty six crore and seven lakh (Rs. 1,686.07 crore)** has been made to provide pensions to the present and newly eligible elderly individuals, destitute widows, and persons with differently able, economically weak farmers, abandoned women, and others. The aim is to provide pensions to **approximately 5,70,000 elderly individuals, 2,15,000 destitute widows, 97,000 persons with differently abled, 29,000 farmers, and 6,500 abandoned women.**

**Speaker Sir,**

59. Under the Department of Social Welfare, in the financial year 2022-23, a total expenditure of **Rs. 22 crore 25 lakh 51 thousand** has been incurred towards scholarships and the payment of stipends to students belonging to Scheduled Castes, backward classes, and economically weaker sections of backward classes. **By providing Scholarships and stipends 55,503 students have been benefitted.**

60. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. twenty seven crore** (Rs. 27.00 crore) has been made for the "**Anushuchit Jati ke Prarthiyo ki Putriyo ki Shadi hetu Yojana**" and **Rs. nine crore** (Rs. 9.00 crore) for the "**Nirashrit Vidhwao ki Putriyo ki Shadi hetu Anudan.**"
61. In the financial year 2022-23, to provide free accommodation and meals for destitute elderly individuals, the construction work of **Rajkiya Vridh Ashakt Awas Griha** in Uttarkashi has been completed and will be soon operational. Additionally, the construction work for the government-run senior citizens' residential facility in Dehradun district is underway. A provision of **Rs. Twenty crore (Rs. 20.00 crore) in capital item** has been allocated in the budget for the construction of the government-run senior citizens' ashram.
62. In the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of **Rs. thirty crore (Rs. 30.00 crore)** has been made under the scheme, **Anushuchit Jati Bahulya Chetro mein Avasthapna Suvhaidhaya Ka Vikas** for infrastructure development.

**Speaker Sir,**

63. **Sarlikaran Samadhan aur Nistaran** is the guiding principle of our Government. The Government is vigilant and alert in implementing schemes at grass-root level. With a focus on public welfare, many schemes have been simplified through necessary modifications. In this regard, in the financial year 2022-23, **under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for Scheduled Tribes, the annual income limit for applicants has been increased from Rs. 32,000/- to Rs. 48,000/- and the cost of house has been increased from Rs. 38,500/- to Rs. 130,000/- for mountainous regions, and from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 120,000/- for plain regions.**
64. Similarly, the monthly income limit of the applicant has been increased from **Rs. 1,250/- to Rs. 4000/-** under the assistance scheme for marriage of daughters of scheduled tribes. A provision of **Rs. Six crore (Rs.6.00 crore)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24.
65. The Central Government has initiated the **Prime Minister's Special Development Program for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM-PVTG)** to bring about improvements in the social and economic conditions of vulnerable tribal communities. This initiative will promote the development of specific vulnerable tribal communities



such as the Boksa and Raji communities residing in the state. Efforts are underway to formulate new proposals in this regard.

66. With the support of the Central Government, **16 Government Ashram Padwati schools** have implemented smart classrooms, enabling students to get information of global events beside activities related to their subjects, and get assistance in choosing various dimensions of their careers.
67. With the assistance of the Central Government, the implementation of e-learning classrooms is underway in **16 State Ashram Padhatti Schools, 03 State Tribal Industrial Training Institutes, and 04 State Tribal Hostels through the "Analytics Powered Virtual Classroom Project."** This project encompasses educational programs, career counselling, skill development programs training program for teachers and staff, as well as the promotion of other public utility schemes within the departmental institutions. A central studio established in the Dehradun district will oversee the project, benefiting tribes and organizations residing in remote areas of the state.
68. The Central Government has granted approval for the establishment of **Eklavya Adarsh Residential School** in the village of **Mehrawana, in the Chakrata development block.** Eklavya Adarsh Residential School, located in Mehrawana, Dehradun, will commence operations from the academic session of 2023-24. This initiative will benefit approximately 400 boys and girls belonging to the Scheduled Tribe community. The construction work for the school is currently in progress.
69. A budgetary provision of **Rs. nine crore forty lakh (Rs. 9.40 crore)** has been allocated for the financial year 2023-24 to support various scholarship schemes catering to Scheduled Tribe students.
70. In the financial year 2023-24, a budgetary provision of approximately **Rs. forty-one crore seventy-one lakh (Rs. 41.71 crore)** has been made for revenue and capital items under various schemes supporting **Rajkiya Ashram Padhatti Schools.**
71. A provision of about **Rs. Six crore fifty four lakh (Rs.6.54 crore)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24 towards operational cost for Tribal Welfare Department's Industrial Training Institutes.

**Speaker sir,**

72. Provisions have also been made in this budget for many new demands in view of our commitment to tribal welfare. I am mentioning the new demands on this occasion:-

- A provision of **Rs. two crore fifty lakh (Rs. 2.50 crore)** has been made for the development of "**particularly vulnerable tribal groups**" and
- A provision of **Rs. one crore (Rs. 1.00 crore)** has been made for "Tribal Research Institute".

**Speaker sir,**

73. Upholding the principle of "**Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, aur Sabka Prayas**", our Government is implementing various centrally-sponsored and state-funded schemes to address the issues faced by minority communities and promote their social, cultural, and economic development.

74. The Department of Minority Affairs is running state-sponsored scholarship schemes, **including the centrally-sponsored Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, and Merit-cum-Means scholarship schemes**, through online platforms. The scholarship amounts are being directly credited to students' accounts through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for all scholarship schemes.

75. "**Madarsa Aadhunikaran Yojna**" is being implemented to connect Madrasas with modern education. Under this scheme, water purifiers, furniture, computers, generators, fans etc., are being made available in the Madarasas. A provision of **Rs two crore (Rs 2.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24.

76. "**Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram Yojana**" is being run by the Government of India for the development of infrastructure facilities in Alapsankhyak Bahulya Kshetra. Under this, infrastructure facilities are being developed towards education, health, drinking water, sports, energy etc.

**Speaker sir,**

77. It is the good fortune of the state that we have a lot of trained and disciplined human resources available in the form of ex-servicemen. Our Government is trying to increase the participation of ex-

servicemen in the development of the state. The State Government is making efforts through various schemes for the welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependents. Budgetary provision in select major schemes is enumerated below:-

- Rs. twenty crores (Rs. 20.00 crores) for Shaurya Sthal,
- Rs. two crore (Rs. 2.00 Crore) for construction of Sainik Rest Houses,
- Rs. one crore (Rs. 1.00 Crore) for establishment of CSD in Khatima.
- Rs. one crore (Rs. 1.00 Crore) for the construction of Shahid Dwar / Monuments,
- About Rs. seven crore thirty eight lakh (Rs. 7.38 crore) for the pension of ex-servicemen of Second World War and their dependent widows, residents of Uttarakhand.
- Rs. Five crore fifty lakh (Rs. 5.50 crore) for a free grant / annuity to the soldiers of the state who have been awarded War-to-Army Medal,
- Rs. one crore fifty lakh (Rs. 1.50 crore) for Uttarakhand Shahid Kosh,
- Rs. Fifty lakhs (Rs. 50.00 lakhs) for the renovation of military rest houses, and
- A provision of Rs. ten lakh (Rs. 10.00 lakh) has been made as a new demand for the facility of free travel for gallantry awardees and their brave hearts.

**Speaker sir,**

- 78.** It is a reality that most of the employment is in the unorganized sector. With the inspiration of the Honourable Prime Minister, for the first time, an effective detailed scheme of social security has been made for the workers working in unorganized sector. **E-Labour portal** has been started to create a national database for unorganized workers and directions have been given to the State Governments for registration of workers of the unorganized sector. Under the scheme, there is a provision to give pension after attaining the age of 60 years. It is a pleasure to inform that 29 lakh 72 thousand 971 unorganized workers have been registered on this portal in the state. This situation was not achieved spontaneously, but for the mobilization camps organized

under the aegis of Labour Department. In this way a large population of the state is being provided with the shield of social security.

**Speaker sir,**

79. Ensuring access to quality healthcare services for the general public, the vision of "**Health for All**" is a top priority for the State Government. To achieve this objective, our Government has undertaken continuous efforts to ensure the reach of healthcare services in remote mountainous regions. In order to make healthcare services easily accessible, our Government has experimented drone technology to deliver medicines from Dehradun to Uttarkashi. **The drone successfully delivered medications approximately in 40 minutes as compared to the nearly 5-hour journey by road. This pilot project holds the promise of timely delivery of essential supplies to inaccessible areas in the future.**
80. For the betterment of health services in the state, hospitals are being developed according to **Indian Public Health Standard**. With the implementation of this system, it will help in resolving the problems in the supply of doctors, Para medical staff, medical equipment and medicines in remote and far remote places.
81. Positive initiatives have been taken by the Government to provide services of experts in the un-served areas of the state. **Under the cluster approach**, specialist medical treatment services have been started in the hospitals of the identified districts of the state. Through the externally aided project Uttarakhand Health System Development Project, the operation of District Hospital Tehri Garhwal, Pauri, and Joint Hospital Ramnagar has been given to private health providers. Two community health centres have also been taken up in each cluster and arrangements have been made to bring patients from other nearby medical units to the district hospital for specialized treatment by three mobile medical vehicles. In addition, to **provide diagnostic facilities like caesarean operation and CT scan in remote areas** 09 mobile health vans **on cluster basis in PPP mode are being provided.**
82. **Speaker sir**, Uttarakhand is the first state in the country, where every family is allowed to avail cashless or free treatment services. Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand Yojana is being operated for free and cashless treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for all the families of the state who are admitted to the hospital during treatment. A provision

**of Rs. four hundred crore (Rs.400.00 crore)** has been made in the Atal Ayushman Uttarakhand scheme.

83. Intensive efforts are underway for the prevention of contagious diseases in the state and the state is striving for the goal of eradication of tuberculosis. Uttarakhand state has got the second position at the national level in the **Nikshay Mitra Yojana**.
84. **E-Sanjeevani OPD** is being operated by the Health Department on the basis of hub and spoke model under telemedicine method. **400 primary health centres (spokes) have been linked with 04 medical colleges (hubs)**. People living in remote areas are getting benefitted by this initiative.
85. Health sub-centres are being upgraded to Health and Wellness Centres under the action plan of the Government of India.
86. **Speaker sir**, for a strong medical system, strengthening medical educational system is also necessary. In this regard, our Government has identified some thrust areas for the next 03 years: -
  - Operationalization of the State Cancer Institute in Haldwani,
  - Operationalization of additional 570-bed ward in Doon Medical College,
  - Operationalization of two new nursing colleges at Bajpur and Kotgi (Guptkati) and
  - To start teaching in State PG Nursing Colleges for more than 50 seats.
87. Eye bank and cornea transplant centre has been established under the **Department of Ophthalmology at Government Medical College, Haldwani**. The process of eye transplant has been started through this centre.
88. With the assistance of the Central Government, "**Skill Labs**" has been established in the Government Medical Colleges Dehradun and Haldwani. Furthermore, the process of establishing a Skill Lab in the Government Medical College, Srinagar Garhwal, is currently underway. The implementation of a "**Lifestyle Clinic**" has already been initiated at the Government Doon Medical College in Dehradun.

89. Cath lab is being established in Government Doon Medical College, Dehradun and Srinagar Garhwal. **Colour Doppler echo machine** has been installed for the cardiology department.
90. Appropriate provisions have been made by the government in several schemes in the coming year to strengthen the health conditions and treatment of the public and to expand services to remote areas. Incidentally, some schemes are being mentioned here: -
- A budget provision of **Rs seven hundred seventy seven crore nine lakh (Rs 777.09 crore)** has been made for the National Health Mission scheme.
  - A budget provision of **Rs. two hundred eighty five crore (Rs.285.00 crore)** has been made for the new medical colleges at Rudrapur, Haridwar and Pithoragarh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
  - Overall a budget provision of **Rs one hundred ninety six crore twenty three lakh (Rs 196.23 crore)** has been made for Doon Medical College.
  - Overall, a budget provision of **Rs. one hundred fifty one crore forty one lakh (Rs.151.41 crore)** has been made for Government Medical College Haldwani and establishment of attached hospital.
  - Under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Infrastructure Mission scheme, a budget provision of **about Rs. eighty-two crore twenty one lakh (Rs. 82.21 crore)** has been made.
  - A budget provision of **about Rs. eighty-two crore eighty-eight lakh (Rs. 82.88 crore)** has been made overall for the Srinagar Medical College.
  - A budget provision of **Rs. ten crore (Rs. 10.00 crore)** has been made for the construction of mental hospitals.

Speaker sir,

91. Ayurveda is not only a medical method but also life style. It not only cures diseases, but also helps to prevent our body from getting sick. Due to the abundance of herbs in the state of Uttarakhand, Ayurveda has more importance here. We are trying to make the benefits of Ayurveda accessible to the general public. Our Government is working on priority for the operationalization of **300 Ayush health and wellness centres** and establishment of **150 Panchkarma centres**. We

**have opportunities for expansion of employment and economy through the development of Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Naturopathy.**

**Speaker sir,**

- 92. We are at important stage in the journey of development. I am informing you about the priority and efforts of our Government towards agriculture, industry and tertiary sector which are important components of the economy. I would like to mention the words quoted by the then Finance Minister Late Mr. Arun Jaitley on the occasion of the Union Budget 2017,:-**

**“Es mod par ghabaraa kar na tham jaie aap,  
jo baat naee use apanaie aap,  
darte hain naee raah par kyon chalne se,  
ham aage-aage chalte hain, aaie aap”**

- 93. Agriculture is the primary point of the developmental journey.** Progress in agriculture and allied activities is directly related to industry and transport. In the next 03 years, our Government has identified important goals related to agriculture and allied activities: -

- We are trying to connect the farmers of the state with natural farming.
- 50,000 poly houses will be set up in the state for cluster based cultivation of vegetables and flowers.
- To reduce the burden of labour on women in the agriculture sector, farm machinery banks and custom hiring centres will be set up under agriculture mechanization.
- Efforts will be made to achieve the target of 100% gender classified semen through artificial insemination in all the ‘Gauvanshiya’ and ‘Mahish vanshiya’ animals of the state.
- Under the National Digital Livestock Mission scheme, we will try to achieve the goal of arranging digital record keeping of all services by registering 100% cattle and domestic animals of all the districts of the state through **UID ear tags and** registering them in the ENAF portal. ,
- We will cover all eligible trout farmers with insurance.
- Mechanical incubation chambers will be set up in all ‘**Chakhi Centres**’ of the state.

- On the concept of "**one country, one market**", efforts will be made to connect the remaining mandis of Uttarakhand with the e-National Market (e-Nam) project and to computerize the mandis.
- We will establish advanced data processing milk collection unit in milk cooperative societies and will make animal fodder available in milk cooperative societies.

94. In order to provide '**Kisan Bhai Bahano ko Umeed Se Paripurna Ikosystem**' our Government has set many ambitious targets upto the year 2025. For this, along with existing schemes, appropriate provisions have been made in this budget for some new schemes.
95. It is a matter of pleasure that many important provisions have been made in the Union Budget keeping the farmers in mind. Most of the farmers in our state grow coarse grains. For the promotion of coarse grains, "**Shri Anna**" is mentioned in the Union Budget. **We are seeing this as a new door of possibilities for our Annadata farmer brothers and sisters.** Undoubtedly, this step will expand the market for the traditional produce of the state and our farmers will be able to prosper.
96. Our Government is implementing the **State Millet Mission**. Through various schemes, we are creating a conducive environment to encourage the production of millets and have made provision of specially in **budget for fifteen crore rupees (Rs. 15.00 crore) in state millet mission. Additionally, a provision of twenty crore rupees (Rs. 20.00 crore) has been made under the Local Crop Incentive Program.**

Speaker sir,

97. Under the ambitious scheme of Hon'ble Prime Minister, **Rashtriya Prakritik Krishi Mission**', farmers are being encouraged in the state to increase importance, quality, and commercial potential by growing the traditional crops through natural farming system.

Speaker sir,

98. Under the **Mukhyamantri Rajya Krishi Vikas Yojana**, an amount of approximately 16 crore rupees (Rs. 16.00 crore) is being utilized to promote **kiwi fruit production**. Orchards are being established through the "**Mission Apple Scheme**" to boost high-density apple cultivation. Continuous efforts are being made to ensure the



availability and production of potatoes, ginger, and pea seeds in the state. I am pleased to inform you that our Government has allocated **thirty-five crore rupees (Rs. 35.00 crore)** for the Mission Apple Scheme and **two hundred crore rupees (Rs. 200.00 crore)** for the horticulture department for poly-house saturation, and other objectives of the nursery development in the upcoming budget.

99. In this budget we have brought many new schemes for horticulture development: -

- There is a **plan to encourage the production of high quality fruits like kiwi, dragon fruit, apple etc.** under the scheme of ‘**Uchha Gunwatayukt Fal Paudh ki Yojna**’. A provision of **Rs Nineteen Crore (Rs 19.00 Crore)** has been made for this item through new demand.
- A budget provision of **Rs fourteen crore (Rs 14.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for the **Mukhyamantri Sukshm Khadya Udyam Unnayan Yojana**, and
- A provision of **Rs. two crore thirty lakh (Rs 2.30 crore)** has been made for the next financial year for the timely delivery of horticulture produce on the nearest road through the construction scheme of ropeway / trolley.

Speaker sir,

100. Presently, through **Sagandh Paudha Kendra**, aromatic farming is being done in 109 clusters by more than 24 thousand cultivators on 8,600 hectare land in the state. For the processing of aromatic crops, 194 distilleries have been set up. A turnover of about Rs 85 crore is being earned through aromatic farming in the state.

101. There is an action plan to develop **six crop-specific aroma** valleys in the next three years: -

**Lemongrass and Mint Valley** in Haridwar,

**Cinnamon Valley** in Nainital and Champawat,

**Damask Rose Valley** in Chamoli and Almora,

**Mint Valley** in Udham Singh Nagar,

**Timur Valley** in Pithoragarh and

**Lemongrass Valley** in Pauri.

- 102. Speaker sir,** the climate of Uttarakhand is **favourable for the production of cinnamon and tamarind**. To increase their production, Mission Dalchini and Mission Timru are being started. Through which the income of the farmers of the mountainous region will increase and employment opportunities will be created and with the production of cinnamon & timur, the import will be reduced.

**Speaker sir,**

- 103.** In continuation of **resolution letter**, in the financial year 2022-23, Antyodaya card holders are being provided free facility of 03 gas cylinder refilling in a year. For the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. fifty five crores (Rs. 55.00 crores)** has been made.
- 104.** Currently, under the provisions of the National Food Security Act 2013, door-to-door step delivery services from food warehouses to authorized vendors at appropriate rates are being provided in four plain districts. Furthermore, the implementation of door-to-door step delivery services in the remaining districts is underway.

**Speaker sir,**

- 105.** The fisheries sector, which is being done traditionally in the state, is now being made more commercial with the help of new techniques and rearing of high growth rate species. Earlier only 05 fish species were being reared for fish farming, while at present more than 12 fish species are being reared. For proper marketing of fish, projects for establishment of 03 processing units and 02 cold storages have been prepared through NABARD for cold chain development in the state. Under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**, approval of 17 projects worth **about 48 crores** has been received from the Government of India for the financial year 2022-23.
- 106.** For the purpose of providing loans for fisheries at minimum rates, the facility of Kisan Credit Card has been allowed to 1410 fish farmers. The fishes produced in the state are being sold in and outside the state, which is directly benefiting the fish farmers.

**Speaker sir,**

- 107.** Jal Hee Jeewan Hai. Providing clean drinking water to the people of the state is one of the topmost priorities of the Government. The Government is working with the help of Panchayati Raj Institutions through public participation for the availability of clean drinking water

and overall development in the field of cleanliness and public health rural areas.

108. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), 5,638 families have been covered with individual household toilets in the financial year 2022-2023 in order to increase sanitation coverage and to improve the quality of life and eliminate open defecation. In the state, 4,011 villages have been made ODF plus, solid waste management works have been done in 1,191 villages, liquid waste management works have been done in 3,468 villages and 255 community sanitation complexes have been constructed.
109. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), a provision of about **Rs. One hundred and five crore forty-three lakh (Rs. 105.43 crore)** has been made in the coming financial year.
110. We are making efforts to complete the under construction water and sewage projects. To provide drinking water to Mussoorie city, the work of Mussoorie Drinking Water Restructuring Scheme, under special assistance program is in the final stage.
111. Under the **Namami Gange** initiative, 131 polluted drains have been tapped in 15 towns along the banks of the river Ganga in the state to ensure cleanliness and protection of the holy Ganga and its tributaries. Under this programme, about 140 MLD sewerage is being treated through 34 functional STPs in the state. Under the Namami Gange programme, 24 bathing ghats and 26 moksha ghats have been constructed and made public utility. For the revival of Ganga ji, Ganga Vatika, Biodiversity Park, and nurseries in the catchment areas of Ganga, approx 12 thousand 6 hundred hectares of plantation and water conservation work has been done.

**Speaker sir,**

112. Along with sustainability, our Government is making efforts to increase irrigation facilities. On the one hand, we are promoting water conservation and on the other hand we are focusing on comprehensive infrastructure development for future needs. We are taking necessary action for the **construction of Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project and Saung Dam Drinking Water Project on priority basis**. Priority is being given to the work of flood plain zoning in about 2 thousand kms length of various rivers and streams flowing in the state. In Dharchula, the work of flood protection at sensitive places is also given

priority to protect the defence establishment from the Kali River flowing near the Nepal border.

113. The process of preparation of master drainage plan of Dehradun, Rishikesh, Haridwar, Roorkee, Haldwani, Bhagwanpur and Almora is progressing in different stages.
114. To execute the important program of Government of India, '**National Hydrology Project**' on the priority basis, establishing **water level measurement sensor** and **underground water monitoring sensor** etc. is under progress.
115. Efforts are being made to systematically activate approximately 30% of non-functional bore wells in the agricultural lands of Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar districts, which have become inactive due to their lifespan, in order to irrigate the agricultural lands.
116. A comprehensive master plan is being prepared for the construction of check dams/stop dams in the small rivers and deep valleys of the state to promote water conservation, water management, and indirect increase in groundwater levels. The implementation of this plan will commence in phases from the upcoming fiscal year.
117. Efforts are being made to start the work for irrigation schemes in a phased manner in the next **financial year to produce electricity through net metering by installing solar panels on such lift schemes**, on which at least 100 square meters of land is available.
118. Under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Maha Abhiyan (PM-KUSUM)** scheme, 316 diesel pump sets operated by individual farmers have been converted into solar pump sets by the month of January 2023. Under the scheme, a budget provision of **Rs. Eight crores (Rs. 8.00 crores)** has been made in the coming financial year.

**Speaker sir,**

119. It is necessary to strengthen the industrial sector for the expansion of the economy. For this, appropriate provisions have been made in many existing schemes, as well as provision for some important new demands have been made in the budget.
120. I am mentioning three important schemes related to the development of industrial sector:-

- A provision of financial assistance of **Rs. Twenty six crores (Rs. 26.00)** has been made through new demands under '**Bibhinn Nitiyo ke tahat Udhyogo ko Anudan**' for the production of alternative products to single-use plastics and encourage private sector industrial development.
- A provision of **Rs. twenty five crores (Rs. 25 crores)** has been made through a new demand for financial incentives as per the Logistics Policy, 2022 (under the **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Gati Shakti Karyakram**).
- Provision of funds of **Rs. Thirty Crore (Rs. 30.00 Crore)** has been made through new demand under the scheme for **Promotion of Investment Start-ups and Entrepreneurship Yojna**.

**121.** Important budgetary provisions have been made for some existing schemes. I am mentioning them incidentally: -

- A provision of **Rs. three crore (Rs. 3.00 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for industrial fair / national and international exhibition, seminar and publicity.
- A provision of **Rs. twenty crore fifty seven lakh (Rs. 20.57 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24 for mining surveillance.
- A provision of **Rs ten crore (Rs 10.00 crore)** has been made for the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (including NVP).
- A provision of **Rs. twenty six crore twenty one lakh (Rs. 26.21 crore)** has been made for the establishment of science city and science centres.
- A provision of **Rs. thirty four crore an ninety lakh (Rs. 34.90 crores)** in revenue and **Rs. Sixteen crore and twenty one lakh (Rs. 16.21 crores)** in capital side has been made for the **strengthening of Information Technology (IT) and subsidy to I.T.D.A.**

**Speaker sir,**

**122.** Under the framework of a **single-window system for investors**, proposals amounting to **Rs. Seven thousand three hundred twenty one crores (Rs. 7321.00 crores)** were approved for 1,707 projects in the micro, small, and medium enterprise category in the fiscal year 2022-23. These projects are estimated to create employment opportunities for approximately 33,000 individuals. Similarly,

proposals amounting to **Rs. Three thousand seventy two crore (Rs.3072.00 crore)** were approved for 16 projects in the large-scale industry category, with an estimated employment generation potential of 3,268 individuals.

- 123. Uttarakhand Logistics Policy, 2022 has been promulgated for the development of Logistics Park, Warehouse, Inland Container Depot, Truck Terminal, Cold Storage and general logistics facilities in the state. Provision of appropriate financial incentives has been made in this policy for the development of logistic facilities.**
- 124. To promote the establishment of projects/industries over Rs. 200 crores in the state and facilitate the process of setting up projects/industries by providing a customized package, the state Government has issued the direction under Disha Nirdesh - 2023 in tune of section 14 of Uttarakhand Udham Ekal Khidki Sugamta aur Anugyapan Adhiniyam.**
- 125. Speaker sir,** having inspired from the Union Budget States **to set up Unity Mall to show cause One District One Product, G-I Products and other handicrafts,** we are making budget provision for the establishment and operation of Unity Mall through a new demand.
- 126. In the financial year 2022-23, an amount of Rs. Twenty one crore forty lakh (Rs. 21.40 crore) has been provided as subsidy by the State Government to 08 industrial units investing under Mega Industrial and Investment Policy, 2015 and Mega Textile Policy, 2016.**
- 127. In order to promote the establishment of private sector industrial estates and areas and to attract investors in the state, "Private Industrial Estate Policy" has been approved.**
- 128. Plastic Park has been developed by SIDCUL on 40 acres of land in Integrated Industrial Estate Sitarganj Phase-2, District Udham singh nagar under Central Government's "Plastic Park Sthapit Karne ki Yojna", in which plots have been allotted to 16 units. The proposed investment in this plastic park is Rs.250 crore. It is estimated that employment opportunities will be created for 2 thousand 5 hundred people.**
- 129. Under the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor Project,** there will be 50:50 equity partnerships between the Government of India and the State Government. An amount of Rs 410 crore is proposed by the Government of India for infra development. With the implementation

of this project, the State Government will get **revenue and new employment opportunities will be created for the youth.**

**Speaker sir,**

130. Availability of energy is the lifeline of the economy. Energy demand is continuously increasing due to economic activities and lifestyle changes. We are however working for **Availability (Uplabdhitta), Access (Pahunch) and Affordability (Vahaneytta)**. We are striving to develop energy infrastructure.
131. Continuous efforts are being made by our Government to increase energy production. **Vyasi Hydro Electric Project (120 MW capacity) has been completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister and Kaliganga - Second Small Hydro Electric Project (4.5 MW capacity)** has been inaugurated by Hon'ble President. Under Renovation, Modernization and Upgradation (RMU), the work of 90 MW Tiloth project has been completed.
132. Letter of Award for the construction of **Lakhwad project** has been issued on 01.02.2023 and a budget provision of **Rs. Five Hundred Crore (Rs. 500.00 Crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24.
133. In order to reduce electricity losses and enhance the modernization of the distribution system, as per the **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme of the Central Government**, the installation of smart prepaid meters and strengthening of the distribution system will have to be completed by the financial year 2024-25. For this purpose, a budget allocation of **Rs. One hundred thirty crore (Rs.130.00 crores)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24.
134. **Saving energy is an important aspect of energy management.** Therefore, energy efficiency and saving measures will be promoted. This will be done in large commercial buildings through the '**Urja Sewa Company Karya Modal**'. It will facilitate capacity building, awareness, performance contracts for energy audits and common measurement and verification protocols.
135. **Speaker sir,** I am happy to inform that the State Government is committed to promote green energy in the state. Through the new demand, a provision of **Rs. Three crore (Rs. 3.00 crore)** has been made for the **Super Energy Conservation Building**. This building

will be a model building in the state which will be "**Zero Emission**" and meet the requirement of energy itself.

136. A provision of **Rs. five crore (Rs. 5.00 crore)** has been made in this budget for the **Pirul Adharit Pariyojana ke Adhyayan** under another new demand.
137. Amendment has been made in the rules of **Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana**. Some amendments have been made in the scheme to increase the enthusiasm of the youth and thus generate solar self-employment. Now the subsidy has been increased to 40 per cent and the cost of setting up solar power projects has also been increased from Rs 40,000 per kilowatt to Rs 50,000 per kilowatt.
138. Establishment of solar water heater plants of 40,000 liters per day capacity in government buildings of Uttarakhand and 3 lakh liters per day capacity in domestic/commercial buildings is proposed on hundred percent subsidy. In order to promote energy conservation in the state, energy conservation based schemes are being implemented for saving energy in government buildings and industries.

**Speaker sir,**

139. **We are promoting knowledge and technology based development.** Innovations are being encouraged. We want to build a great confluence of science with traditional knowledge. **Our Government organized the first Rural Science Congress in Dehradun in February 2023.** This is an initiative to connect science technology and innovation with farmers and artisans. Under this event, the farmers of the state got an opportunity to interact directly with the scientists of Top Scientific Institutes of the country at Village Chaupal. Our farmer brothers learned the use of artificial intelligence, block chain and drones in agriculture. Through coordination of science and traditional knowledge, our Government is making continuous efforts to increase the income of the farmers.
140. Drone based system has immense potential. Drone Application Research Centre is working on these possibilities under the aegis of Information Technology Development Authority. Also work is under progress in the context of '**Data Niti**' and '**E-Waste Niti**'.
141. The e-governance initiative is getting massive success. **E-office** is successfully implemented in many offices including Secretariat.



Speaker sir,

**“Karm Hee Aaraadhana Hai,  
Agranee Uttaraakhand Kee Kaamana Hai,  
Is Dhyey Mein Ham Anavarat Aage Badhenge,  
Aayegeen Aandhiyaan To Ladenge,  
Ham Nit Aage Badhenge.”**

Speaker sir,

**142.** Smooth communication and connectivity are indispensable to pave the way for the economic development of our mountainous region. Today, we are getting unprecedented cooperation from the Central Government and work is in progress at every level to **provide multi-modal connectivity**. In view of uninterrupted communication and connectivity, we have made provisions under various schemes for innovation and maintenance. In view of road safety, priority has been given to achieve saturation in construction of crash barriers. Also maintenance of road is our priority.

**143.** The National Highway infrastructure in the State has improved significantly in recent years. On the initiative of the State Government, the National Highways Authority of India has started various projects in the State.

**144.** In the first budget speech of our Government, we had mentioned about getting approval for some very important projects. I am pleased to inform that: -

- In the financial year 2022-23, the contract has been signed/constituted by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the month of November, 2022 in package 01 related to the 4-lane widening work from Paonta Sahib to Dehradun.
- The contract for 04-lane widening project of 04 km length in the Indian border connecting Banbasa to Nepal's Kanchanpur in district Champawat has been constituted on 19.10.2022. The target period for completion of the work is 18 months. The land acquisition process is in progress.
- Approval has been received for 04 lane widening work from Bhaniyawala to Rishikesh. The tender for the work has been

received. The target period for completion of the work is 30 months.

- The finalization work of the alignment of Lalkuan-Haldwani-Kathgodam bypass project has been done. The DPR formation is in progress.
- In view of the excessive traffic pressure in Rudrapur City, tender has been invited for the work of Rudrapur bypass. The target period for completion is 24 months.

**145.** During budget making, we received suggestions from the public through various means about asphaltting and renovation work of previously constructed roads.

**146.** In this regard, it is to be informed that **pothole free roads** are the topmost priority of our Government. This not only reduces road accidents but also **accelerates the engine of economic development**. I am happy to inform that for asphaltting and renovation of roads, proper budget provision has been made under the relevant head as compared to previous years.

**147.** Our Government has prioritized maintenance along with infrastructure development. In this regard, for the preservation of previously constructed **PMGSY roads**, we are allocating a provision of **Rs. One hundred fifty crore (Rs. 150.00 crore)** in the "**Maintenance of PMGSY Roads**" under the Public Works Department. Overall, the budget allocation for the maintenance of the Public Works Department has been increased to **Rs. Eight hundred fifty crore forty seven lakh (Rs. 850.47 crores)**, showing an increase of approximately 97 percent compared to the current fiscal year's provision of **Rs. Four hundred thirty crore sixty seven lakh (Rs.430.67 crore)**. It is important to note that the maintenance primarily includes maintenance of roads and bridges.

**148.** Under the **Kendriya Sadak Avasthapna Nidhi Yojna**, the construction work of Bajrang Setu is being executed near the pre-built Laxman Jhula Bridge over river Ganga in district New Tehri. The construction work of the bridge is targeted to be completed by July 2023.

**Speaker sir,**

**149. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** is a very important scheme of the State. The construction of all-weather roads has facilitated access to

our international borders. Where on one hand there has been ease of traffic due to road construction, on the other hand farmers of remote areas have started getting fair prices for their local products due to market access. The economic condition of the farmers has also strengthened. With the construction of rural roads, access to other facilities as well as medical facilities has become easier in rural areas and the benefit of immediate medical facilities is being received.

**150.** I am happy to inform that after obtaining all approvals, there is a target to strengthen the roads worth 2288 km allocated under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-3** by **March, 2025**. We will try to complete the road connectivity of all the eligible unconnected habitations with a population of more than 250 in the next financial year 2023-24.

**151.** In the financial year 2022-23, road connectivity has been provided to 24 habitations with a population of more than 250. Under PMGSY, construction work on 579 km long roads has been completed by spending about Rs 935.00 crore.

**Speaker sir,**

**152.** Our commitment to uninterrupted communication inspires us to prepare the **metro rail plan** in the state capital Dehradun. For this, a provision of **Rs. One Hundred One Crore (Rs. 101.00 Crore)** has been made under capital head in the upcoming budget.

**153.** One form of **multi modal** is Ropeway. It is a matter of pleasure to inform that the contract has been signed by selecting a private firm for the construction of **Yamunotri Ropeway Project** under PPP mode in Uttarkashi district.

**154.** In order to facilitate the journey of Hemkund Sahib and Shri Kedarnath Dham, foundation stone has been laid by the Prime Minister on 21.10.2022 for the construction of ropeway from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib and Sonprayag to Kedarnath.

**Speaker sir,**

**155.** In view of the terrain of the State and for Sashakt Uttarakhand, there is a need for an advanced civil aviation system. We are trying to promote air connectivity. **Our Government is making efforts to saturate the important and disaster sensitive areas with helipads on priority basis.**

156. A budget provision of **Rs. sixty three crore sixty lakh (Rs. 63.60 crore)** has been made through a new demand for payment of compensation to Municipal Corporation Haridwar due to acquisition of land of Municipal Corporation Haridwar for civil aviation helipad.
157. **Jollygrant airport** is being upgraded to international standard and **OLS survey has been done by Airport Authority of India** to develop Pantnagar airport as international airport.

**Speaker sir,**

158. Road accidents are a matter of serious concern. There is a need for well-thought-out plans for road safety. Our Government has addressed this issue holistically by giving priority to safe roads, robust law and order, skilled drivers and fit vehicles. In this context, there are appropriate provisions in the budget for road safety under the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department.
159. In regard to the Transport Department, prevention of road accidents and better measures for road safety are the "**thrust area**". Monitoring is being done at the level of departments related to Public Works Department, National Highways etc. for improving the quality of road construction, setting up of crash barriers etc., in tune of Road Engineering.
160. **Our Government has made serious efforts to prevent road accidents.** Speed control device has been made mandatory in commercial vehicles to prevent accidents caused by over speeding. By January 31, 2023, speed control devices have been integrated in about one lakh nine thousand vehicles.
161. With a view to curb the accidents caused by the carelessness of the drivers, the software "**Harness Automobile for Safety**" has been developed with Microsoft Company. Through this software, there is a system for taking the driver's test automated and CCTV has been arranged for recording the test.
162. Abolishing the check posts established on the borders of the state, the transport department has constituted 29 motorcycle enforcement teams and 09 mobile task forces which will operate round the clock.
163. ANPR cameras are being installed at 10 places for smooth operation of vehicles and to reduce enforcement through human intervention and for electronic monitoring of vehicles. The data obtained through the said

cameras will be used by the Transport Department as well as the State Tax Department, Police Department, Geology and Mining Department and Tourism Department.

164. The online services are being provided to public with transportation-related online services through e-governance. Web-based platforms "Vahan 4.0" and "Sarathi 4.0" have been rolled out in all 19 regional and sub-regional transport offices. Jan Suvidha Kendras have been authorized for online services. All services related to licenses have been initiated online. Of the 13 services related to vehicle registration, six additional services, such as permits, temporary permits, trade certificates, state carriage tax, issuance of appliances for vehicles from other states, and online payment of fines, were introduced in November 2022.
165. Our Government is also making efforts to set up electric charging stations at continuous intervals.
166. I am happy to inform that the construction work of test track at Institute of Driving Transport Research, Jhajhra, District Dehradun and Haridwar has been completed. Track construction work has started in Rishikesh and Kotdwar. The process of approval of DPR for track construction in Almora and Kashipur is in progress.
167. The provision for some important schemes through new demand in the coming financial year, are mentioned here: :-
  - The Transport Department is making efforts to ensure the skill proficiency of vehicle drivers. In this regard, the facility of "Automated Driving Test" is proposed to be developed in all the offices of the licensing authorities. An allocation of **Rs. Twenty four crore (Rs. 24.00 crore)** is being made for the establishment of automated testing lanes and driver training institutes.
  - Improvement in the quality of vehicle fitness testing is also necessary, for which the work of establishing "Automated Vehicle Testing Stations" has been initiated. During the financial year 2023-24, such facilities are proposed to be developed in all districts. An allocation of **Rs. Ten crore (Rs. 10.00 crore)** is being made for the construction of the vehicle testing centres.
  - A provision of **Rs. Sixty lakh (Rs.60.00 lakh)** is being made for the training of vehicle drivers.

- A provision of **Rs fifty lakh (Rs 50.00 lakh)** is being made for rest, medical and other facilities for the drivers on the Char Dham Yatra routes.

**Speaker sir,**

**168.** Devbhoomi Uttarakhand has always been attracting tourists. We have unlimited opportunities for enriching experiences and to explore adventures mixed with pleasure. The diversity we have, is rare elsewhere.

**“Yog Ke Saath-Saath,  
Aayush Ke Gyaan Se,  
Gagan Chumbee Chotiyaan,  
Aur Ganga Mein Snaan Se,  
Divy Ek Pahachaan Hai,  
Apratim Sthaan Hai”**

**169.** With the rich tradition of AYUSH and Yoga, we have immense potential for medical tourism. We also have good potential for rural tourism here. The trend of tourists has also increased towards rural tourism. The open air of the village, greenery and the sweet smell of soil, away from the city crowd, give comfort to the tourists. In this scenario, we are making significant efforts for the development of home-stay and eco-tourism. This step is proving important for various stakeholders related to the state's economy.

**170.** It is the priority of our Government to conduct **Bhavya Surakshit aur Sugam Char Dham Yatra**. For this, smooth connectivity and assuring the availability of basic facilities is priority. Necessary budgetary provisions have been made for the schemes related with drinking water, transport, tourism, health, etc. Water ATMs have been installed on Char-Dham Yatra routes and necessary health facilities are being notified.

**171.** With the continuous efforts of our Government, Uttarakhand is gaining recognition as a preferred destination for film shooting. This is important in the light of the expansion of the state's economy and new employment opportunities. In this budget, a provision of **Rs Eleven crore (Rs 11.00 crore)** has been made for the establishment of the Film Council in the next financial year.

**172.** Policy and budgetary provisions are being made by our Government for the development of tourism. Incidentally, I am mentioning some budgetary provision here: -

- A provision of **Rs Sixty three crore (Rs 63.00 crore)** has been made for the Uttarakhand State Tourism Development Board.
- A provision of **Rs. Sixty crore (Rs.60.00 crore)** has been made for the infrastructure development. With this, the identified temples of Manas khand and Kedar khand will be renovated.
- A provision of **Rs. fifteen crore (Rs. 15.00 crore)** has been made for the development of Tehri lake.
- A provision of **Rs. two crore (Rs. 2.00 crore)** has been made for the Yoga Festival of Uttarakhand.
- A provision of **Rs five crore (Rs 5.00 crore)** has been made for the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (Home Stay) Development Scheme.
- A provision of **Rs five crore (Rs 5.00 crore)** has been made for eco-tourism.
- A provision of **Rs. ten crore (Rs 10.00 crore)** has been made for the construction/development of basic facilities on the Char Dham Yatra/routes.
- A provision of **Rs. Ten Crore (Rs. 10.00 Crore)** has been made for the development of Thirteen District - Thirteen New Destination.
- A provision of **Rs. one crore (Rs. 1.00 crore)** has been made for the construction of Swami Vivekananda International Convention and Wellness City.
- A provision of **Rs. fifty crore (Rs.50.00 crore)** has been made for the purchase of land for Char Dham and various places under the tourism department.

**Speaker sir,**

**“Manushya Ne Nagaron Ka Nirmaan Kiya Hai,**

**Kintu Graam Shrishti karta Kee Kriti Hai”**

**173.** The soul of the State resides in the village. We want to strengthen the foundation of rural development. We believe that only prosperous rural life will ensure balanced urban development. We are trying to provide basic facilities at the village level. Continuous efforts are going on to make available education, medical, uninterrupted energy, communication and connectivity and employment or self-employment opportunities at the village level. We have been continuously

endeavouring to stop migration, promote reverse migration and to improve the village economy.

174. Our Government has started a new scheme "Gramya Vikas Maha Yojana" for the planned development of the villages. Under this scheme, there is a provision of **Rs. five crore (Rs. 5.00 crore)** for the coming financial year.
175. Efforts are underway to make member of women self-help groups "Lakhpatri Didi". We intend to develop **Kisan Utpadak Sangathan** by identifying activities based on various value chains. It is planned to implement the Rural Business Incubators Scheme in all districts through Hub and Spoke models from the financial year 2023-24.
176. There will be an increase in irrigated land for cultivation along with greening of the dry mountains in the Amrit Mahotsav year of Independence, through ambitious projects like Amrit Sarovar. Auxiliary activities of agriculture like fisheries etc., can be promoted and thereby tourism will also develop. It will increase the income of the local people.
177. Our state was given a target of constructing 975 Amrit Sarovars @ 75 Sarovars per district, against which the State has started construction of 1,222 Amrit Sarovars, which is 125 per cent of the target. Till date, the construction work of more than 1,100 Amrit Sarovars has been completed. Taking steps towards connecting Amrit Sarovars with employment in the state, 340 Amrit Sarovars have been given to farmers for fish farming.
178. The target of construction of total 35,074 houses has been given from the second phase of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) from the financial year 2020-21 to 2022-23. Against this, a total of 34,098 houses have been approved till the month of February, 2023 and a total of 15,440 houses have been completed. There is a target to complete 18,658 houses under construction by the month of March, 2024. On completion of the house, an additional assistance of Rs. 5,000/- per beneficiary has been approved for the beneficiaries of 2020-21 and 2021-22 by the State Government for the purchase of necessary equipment and utensils etc. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of about **Rs. Three hundred and eighteen crore seventy four lakh (Rs. 318.74 crore)** has been made for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural).



**Speaker sir,**

- 179.** Under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, the target is to provide employment to the youth of rural poor families by giving them various professional training. In the financial year 2022-23 till the month of February, 2023, a total of 7,552 candidates were trained under the scheme, while 3,807 candidates are under training. A total of 5,914 candidates were linked with employment in the financial year, out of which 3,705 candidates have completed employment of 03 months or more. Under the scheme, training is being provided in 86 trades of total 19 sectors in the state.
- 180.** In the financial year 2022-23, out of the total candidates trained, 4,763 women candidates were provided training and 2,584 women candidates were linked with the employment. Under the scheme, training of sewing machine operator is being provided to the women candidates of Child Improvement Centre of Government Girls Home, Almora.
- 181.** A total of 46 residential training centers are functioning in the financial year 2022-23, out of which 2 centers have been established for differently-abled boys and girls and the training program for differently-abled people is going on in these centres. A total of 359 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) candidates have started training, while 165 PwD candidates completed their training, 48 PwD candidates have been linked with employment and the process of providing employment to rest of PwDs candidates is in progress. In the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of **Rs. Forty six crore sixty six lakh (Rs. 46.66 crore)** has been made for the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gramin Kaushalya Yojana.
- 182.** A provision of **Rs. twenty five crores (Rs. 25.00 crores)** has been made in the upcoming budget for **Mukhyamantri Palayan Roktham Yojana** and **Rs. twenty crores (Rs. 20.00 crores)** under **Mukhyamantri Seemant Chetra Vikas Yojana**.
- 183.** A provision of **Rs. Seven crore (Rs.07.00 crore)** for **Mera Gaon-Meri Sadak Yojana** and **Rs. Ten crore (Rs.10.00 crore)** for **Rural Business Incubator** has been made in the upcoming budget.
- 184.** A provision of **Rs. one hundred crore (Rs. 100.00 crore)** has been made in the upcoming budget for the **Externally Aided Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project**.

185. A provision of **Rs. five crore (Rs. 5.00 crore)** has been made in the upcoming budget for **Mukhyamantri Mahila Swyam Sahayata Samuh Sasaktikaran Yojana**.
186. An overall budget provision of **Rs. Five hundred twenty one crore fifty five lakh (Rs.521.55 crore)** has been made in the upcoming budget for the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**.

**Speaker sir,**

187. Funds have been approved for the construction of 200 panchayat buildings in the financial year 2022-23 to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system. Under the Rashtriya Gramya Swaraj Abhiyan, a budget provision of **Rs. one hundred fifty four crore four lakh (Rs 154.04 crore)** has been made in the financial year 2023-24.
188. The district plays a crucial role in the planning process. Several schemes are being formulated under the district plan. It is the endeavour of our Government to make the district plan more effective. Therefore, a provision of approximately **Rs. Nine thousand twenty five crore sixty lakh ninety eight thousand (Rs 9025.61 crore)**, an increase of about 26 per cent over the **Rs. Seven hundred thirty three crore seventy two lakh (Rs. 733.72 crore)** during the financial year 2022-23 have been made.

**Speaker sir,**

189. As a result of the successful implementation of central schemes by the Urban Development Department, six awards have been given to the state's municipal corporations by the Government of India, including the prestigious President's Award for "Swachh Survekshan - 2022". Under the Deendayal Upadhyay - National Urban Livelihood Mission, Rs 2.00 crore was awarded to the State among the Himalayan state category. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Municipal body Devprayag was awarded in the Himalayan State category at the national level.
190. Under the supervision of the Department of Urban Development, basic primary urban services such as drinking water supply, water and waste management, solid waste management, monsoon water management,

are being carried out and development of infrastructure facilities based on future needs are being carried out in urban areas.

**191.** In view of the increasing pressure on the urban areas, the need for well-planned preparation and necessary infrastructure is being felt. In this background, our Government has come up with new schemes relating to urban development. I am mentioning these schemes here: –

- Preparation of master plans of various cities,
- Establishment and construction of Green Field / Brown Field cities,
- Developing Haridwar as a Tourist City,
- Developing Rishikesh as a Yoga City,
- Externally aided project for the integrated development of Rishikesh City,
- Purchase of land for Haridwar helipad,
- Construction of metro rail,
- Provision of night shelters and
- Construct and operate shelter for destitute animals.

**192.** For planned development of cities in the state, Uttarakhand Transit Oriented Development Policy, 2022 and Uttarakhand Transferable Development Rights Policy, 2022 have been notified.

**193.** Under the development plan for slum areas/civic amenities, funds are being allocated for the development or improvement of basic civic amenities within the jurisdiction of local bodies such as drainage systems, roads, and construction & renovation of canals, which cannot be covered by centrally funded schemes. A budget allocation of **Rs. Twenty five crores (Rs. 25.00 crores)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24 in capital head.

**194.** Under the scheme of Shvaan Pashu Bandhyakaran ke liye ABC Campus ka Nirman Avam Sanchalan, Animal Birth Control (ABC) campus is underway in the municipal bodies. Overall a budget provision of **Rs. three crore (Rs. 3.00 crore)** for the financial year 2023-24 has been made.

**195.** Under the **Rain Basero ka Nirman scheme**, night shelters are being constructed to protect from cold in winter for the homeless and

destitute people in the area of municipal bodies. In the financial year 2023-24, a provision of **Rs. one crore (Rs.1.00 crore)** has been made under the capital head for the construction of night shelters. Apart from this, a provision has also been made under the revenue head for the operation of night shelters through a new demand.

**Speaker sir,**

- 196.** Serious efforts are being made to provide better coverage to the urban life system. For this, efforts have been made to make necessary budgetary provisions in the schemes run under the aegis of various departments.
- 197.** Under the **Gau Sadan ka Nirman** scheme of the Department of Animal Husbandry, construction of cow shelters are being carried out in the local bodies of the state for the protection of destitute cows. A budget provision of approximately **Rs. Fourteen crores fifteen lakh (Rs 14.15 crores)** has been made for the establishment of cow shelters under the establishment head. Under the **Gau Palan Yojna**, a budget provision of approximately **Rs. Two crore seventy nine lakh (Rs. 2.79 crores)** has been made for the cow shelters for over all care, fodder, water and medical expenses of the protected animals. This reflects the priority of our Government towards the welfare of destitute cows.
- 198.** Under the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**, land is provided for construction of individual/community toilets in cities, implementation of solid waste management plan, capacity enhancement of local bodies and publicity. For the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of about **Rs. Two Hundred Twenty Seven Crore Seventy Lakh (Rs. 227.70 Crore)** has been made.
- 199.** Under the **Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Scheme (AMRUT)**, basic facilities such as water supply, sewerage, rain water drainage, park construction, transport system etc., are to be made available to the urban families. Under the plan, 06 Municipal Corporations (Dehradun, Haridwar, Roorkee's Kashipur, Rudrapur, Haldwani-Kathgodam) and Nainital, a tourism city, have been included. For the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of **about Rs. One hundred forty seven crore twenty lakh (Rs. 147.20 crore)** has been made.
- 200.** Under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** (House for All), houses are to be made available to such families who do not have shelter under the

municipal bodies of the state. Under the scheme, 17,217 BLC and 13,180 AHP houses are being constructed. For the financial year 2023-24, a budget provision of about **Rs. One hundred and ninety four crores (Rs. 194.00 crores)** has been made.

201. Under the **Smart City plan**, various initiatives are being undertaken in Dehradun like establishing an Integrated Command and Control Center, Data Center, e-Governance, Integrated Services, Solid Waste Management, Parade Ground Rejuvenation, Water ATMs, Smart Toilets, Drainage Systems, Water Conservation, Smart Roads, Sewerage, etc., works are being carried-out. A comprehensive budget allocation of **Rs. Two hundred one crore (Rs. 201.00 crore)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24.
202. The **City Investment, Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) program** aims to create child-friendly zones to improve the lives of children within smart cities and develop child-friendly city by providing them with accessible transportation and a safe environment. For the financial year 2023-24 a budget provision of **Rs. twenty three crores (Rs. 23.00 crores)** has been made.
203. Under the **Nagriya Awasthapna ka Sudreekaran** (ADB funded), a budget provision of **Rs thirty eight crore seventy five lakh (Rs 38.75 crore)** has been made for the financial year 2023-24.
204. Under the **Nagar Awasthapna ka Sudreekaran (Haldwani) scheme**, a budget provision of **Rs ninety crore (Rs 90.00 crore)** has been made overall for the financial year 2023-24.

**Speaker sir,**

205. We are committed to enforce a strong law and order situation. The strict legal action is being taken against every person who spoils the environment of the Devbhoomi.
206. Six new police stations and 20 police reporting posts were created to establish a regular police system by abolishing the existing revenue police system in certain parts of hilly areas in a phased manner. Along with this, the jurisdiction of 52 police stations and 19 reporting police posts were expanded.
207. To provide the facility of online FIR, Cybercrime Police Station Dehradun has been authorized as "**e-station**" to register e-FIR for the

cases of missing of goods, records and vehicle theft under the **Rashtriya E Sashan Yojna avam Jan Suvidha**.

208. According to the National Crime Records Bureau of India, the national average of recovered stolen property is 30.2 per cent. Among all the states/UTs, **Uttarakhand ranks first** in the recovery of looted/stolen property with 68 per cent.
209. In the year 2022, Banbasa police station of Champawat district of Uttarakhand State has been **given third place** among the top-10 police stations of the country by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
210. In the year 2022, a total of 368 **Inami Apradhi** were arrested by the state police. In the cases of cyber fraud, several big cyber gangs including Nigerian and Chinese gangs were busted by prompt action of state police. Uttarakhand STF exposed the gang of frauds of more than 360 crores in India and abroad including China using Power Bank App and arrested the accused, after which more than 300 FIRs have been registered for this type of fraud in other states as well.
211. Uttarakhand Police has given **Gaura Shakti module** in their Police App under **Gaura Shakti Yojana** for prevention of crimes against women as well as for taking quick and effective action when crime occurs.

**Speaker sir,**

212. Our terrain is such that on one hand we are blessed with natural beauty, on the other hand our state has to bear the brunt of natural calamities. Due to geological features, we cannot prevent disasters, but we can minimize the side effects, give quick relief by introducing alertness and vigilance, and make arrangements for rehabilitation. I can say with great confidence that our Government is effectively managing natural disasters expeditiously in a well-planned manner keeping the humanitarian approach at the centre.
213. This year we faced a landslide in Joshimath. Our Government has increased the amount of Rs. 4,000 per month to 5000 per month for the disaster-affected people of Joshimath to pay rent for a maximum of 6 months for the disaster-affected persons who live on rented houses. The Co-operative bank loan recovery of disaster affected persons was postponed with immediate effect and rehabilitation policy was promulgated for permanent rehabilitation.

214. A district-level committee is conducting an assessment survey of the damage caused by soil erosion and landslides to the property owners. Following this survey, proposal is being sent to the Government of India to provide relief packages for the affected individuals, including assistance for land restoration, reconstruction of buildings, and other necessary support.
215. Speaker sir, our Government is making a budget provision of **Rs. one thousand crore (Rs. 1000.00 crore)** in the financial year 2023-24 under the new demand, for relief work to be done in Joshimath and other places.

**Speaker sir,**

216. Sound financial management is essential to become a leading state. Our commitment to inclusive development gives us a constant motivation to do public welfare works, while on the other hand, rational use of financial resources to augment revenue is an inevitable part of becoming a leading state. Under the efficient guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Central Government is getting unprecedented success in revenue augmentation. As a result, today not only is the state's share in central taxes being transferred to our state on a regular basis, but more funds are also being transferred. We are receiving the blessings of the Central Government through various centrally sponsored schemes.
217. In this sequence, continuous efforts to increase our own resources have been started by our Government. I am happy to inform the House that this year we have achieved the annual target of getting revenue from State Goods and Services Tax and stamp duty. This shows our continued commitment to manage the necessary financial resources to become a leading state.
218. Speaker sir, I am happy to inform this hon'ble House that we have been able to maintain fiscal standards as per the norms set by the Central Finance Commission and the Government of India.
219. We have also been able to keep the gross loan stock within the prescribed limit. The debt GSDP ratio in the revised estimate 2022-23 is 28.11 per cent, which is within the prescribed limit. We will continue to follow the path of fiscal prudence as this is the only way to sustainable economic development.

220. In the current financial year, serious efforts are being made to increase the overall capital investment in the state through various central, centrally funded and state funded schemes. For the future of the state, we are making efforts to increase not only the capital outlay but also trying to improve quality of capital outlay. In this budget, provision of capital outlay of Rs. Thirteen thousand one hundred thirty three crore eighty lakh (Rs. 13133.80 crore) has been made for the coming year, which is 21.16 percent more than the estimates of the year 2022-23.
221. We are grateful to the Central Government for supporting our efforts for infrastructure development. We are making a provision of **Rs. Thirteen hundred crores (Rs. 1300.00 crores)** in the coming year under the **Scheme for Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment**. This money can be used in capital projects operating in various departments. This will work as a *shanjeevani* for the infrastructure development of the state.
222. Moving forward in the direction of sound financial management, we are strengthening the system of audit. New audit manuals are being prepared to strengthen the audit work in the state. **Financial Attest Audit Manual 2021, Internal Audit Manual and Revenue Audit Manual** has been notified earlier. In this sequence, completion of 07 other audit manuals are in progress.

**Speaker sir,**

With strong commitments, our government is continuously dedicated to the development and welfare of the people of the state. Our destination is **Sashakth Uttarakhand. We are in the right direction. We are moving on the path of duty. "Agrani Uttarakhand"** is the **Vikalp Rahit Sankalp** of our Government. Our efforts will be fruitful. Filled with the collective energy of the great people of Devbhoomi, i am presenting the budget estimates of the financial year 2023-2024 for the creation of **Shashakt Uttarakhand:-**

In the financial year 2023-24, the total estimated receipts are **Rs. Seventy six thousand five hundred ninety two crores fifty four lakh (Rs. 76,592.54 crores)**, of which, **Rs. Fifty seven thousand fifty seven crores twenty six lakh (Rs. 57,057.26 crore)** comprised of revenues receipt and **Rs. Nineteen thousand five hundred thirty five crores twenty eight lakh (Rs.19,535.28 crores)** constituted as capital receipt.



Of the total revenue receipts, the tax revenue for the financial year 2023-24 is **Rs. Thirty one thousand four hundred two crores forty eight lakh (Rs. 31,402.48 crores)**, including the state's share of **Rs. eleven thousand four hundred nineteen crores eighty lakh (Rs. 11,419.80 crores)** in central taxes.

The total estimated revenue from own resources for the state is **Rs. Twenty four thousand seven hundred forty four crores thirty one lakh (Rs. 24,744.31 crores)**, with **Rs. Nineteen thousand nine hundred eighty two crores sixty eight lakh (Rs. 19,982.68 crores)** as tax revenue and **Rs. Four thousand seven hundred sixty one crores sixty three lakh (Rs. 4,761.63 crores)** as non-tax revenue.

#### **Expenditure:**

In the fiscal year 2023-24, the estimated expenditure includes **Rs. Eleven thousand two hundred twenty seven crores sixty three lakh (Rs. 11,227.63 crore)** for loan repayments; **Rs. Six thousand one hundred sixty one crores forty lakh (Rs. 6,161.40 crore)** for payment of interest; approximately **Rs. Seventeen thousand three hundred ninety five crores fifteen lakh (17,395.15 crore)** for salaries and allowances of state employees; around **Rs. one thousand four hundred twenty four crores forty nine lakh (Rs. 1,424.49 crore)** for salaries and allowances of aided educational and other institutions employees; **Rs. Seven thousand six hundred one crores ninety eight lakh (Rs. 7,601.98 crore)** expenditure is estimated for pensions and other retirement benefits. Total expenditure **Rs. Seventy seven thousand four hundred seven crores eight lakh (Rs. 77,407.08 crores)** is estimated in the year 2023-2024. Among the total expenditure, **Rs. Fifty two thousand seven hundred forty seven crores seventy one lakh (Rs. 52,747.71 crores)** is of revenue expenditure, and **Rs. Twenty four thousand six hundred fifty nine crores thirty seven lakh (Rs. 24,659.37 crores)** is of capital expenditure.

#### **Consolidated Fund Deficit/Surplus:**

There is no estimated revenue deficit in the budget for the fiscal year 2023-24. Instead, there is a projected revenue surplus of **Rs. four thousand three hundred nine crores fifty five lakh (Rs. 4,309.55 crores)** and an estimated fiscal deficit of **Rs. Nine thousand forty six crores ninety one lakh (Rs. 9,046.91 crores)** which is 2.72% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

#### **Adjustment through Public Accounts:**

To fulfil the deficit of the consolidated fund in the fiscal year 2023-24, an amount of **Rs six hundred crores (Rs. 600.00 crore)** will be adjusted through the public accounts.

**Balance:**

The estimated initial balance for the fiscal year 2023-24 is **Rs. one hundred forty five crores sixty six lakh (Rs. 145.66 crores)** and the final balance, considering receipts and expenditure, is projected to be **Rs. one hundred eighty one crores eleven lakh (Rs. 181.11 crores)**.

**Respected Speaker,**

I express my gratitude to my colleagues in the Cabinet for their support and advice. I sincerely thank the officials and staff of the Finance Department for their assistance in preparing the budget. I am also grateful to the officials and employees of the Accountant General, Uttarakhand, and their subordinates for their support. I would like to extend my thanks to the officers and employees of the Government Press and NIC (National Informatics Centre) for their efforts and cooperation in printing the budget documents.

**Speaker sir,**

To conclude, I dedicate these lines to respect the aspirations of the honourable citizens of the state:-

**Apni Manav Punji Ki,  
Kshamata Ham Badha Rahe Hai,  
Shiksha-Chikitsa, SarvSulabh Kar,  
Sanyojakata Ko Badha Kar,  
Praudyogikee Ke Anuprayogo Se,  
Krishi Va Udyam Badha Rahe Hai .  
Karya Sanskriti Ko Badalkar,  
Navaachaar Ham La Rahe Hai,  
Yuga drishta Pradhan Mantri Ji Ke  
Shaabdon Ko Dhyey Vakya Bana Rahe Hain:  
"Is Dashak Ko Uttaraakhand Ka Dashak Bana Rahe Hai, "  
Ham Is Dashak Par Chha Rahe Hai.**

With these words, respected Speaker, I now present the Budget for the fiscal year 2023-24.

**Date: Falgun 24, Sak Samvad 1944**

**March 15, 2023**