

UP finance minister presents over Rs 6.15 lakh cr budget for FY23

Synopsis

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Seated next to the chief minister, Khanna said Rs 276.66 crore is proposed for Uttar Pradesh special security force entrusted with the task of security of courts and historical and religious places, including Ayodhya, Kashi and Mathura.

Under the Police Emergency Management System, he said, the second phase of the 112 scheme will start this fiscal and for this, a provision of Rs 730.88 crore is proposed for its strengthening.

For women, Khanna said, the budget has proposed setting up cyber help desks at the district level and a provision of Rs 72.50 crore has been made for the women empowerment scheme.

A provision of Rs 20 crore has been proposed for the safety and empowerment of women and skill development under the Mission Shakti programme in the micro and small scale industries sector, he added.

For farmers, the budget proposed Rs 650 crore under the farmers' accident scheme. There is a provision to provide a maximum of Rs 5 lakh in case of accidental death/disability under the scheme.

Khanna said 15,000 solar pumps will be installed in the financial year 2022-23 and 60.20 lakh quintal seeds are proposed to be distributed to farmers.

The budget has also set a target to distribute 119.30 lakh metric tonne of fertilisers, he said, adding that a provision of Rs 1,000 crore is proposed for the Chief Minister's Minor Irrigation Scheme.

For youth, Khanna said the free tablet and smartphones scheme was started in December last year and till now approximately 12 lakh tablets/smartphones were distributed to them.

He said that as per the party's 'Lok Kalyan Sankalp' Patra, in the next five years, 2 crore smartphones/tablets are to be distributed to the youth.

For Swami Vivekanand Youth Empowerment Scheme, Rs 1,500 crore has been proposed in the budget.

To promote entrepreneurship and innovation in various fields among the youth, under the new UP Startup Policy-2020, a target is to establish a total of 100 incubators and 10,000 startups in the next five years, he said.

With the objective of providing coaching facilities to competitive students near their homes, the Chief Minister Abhyudaya Yojana has been implemented by the state government in all the divisional headquarters.

The scheme is being expanded to all the districts of the state, a provision of Rs 30 crore is proposed for the scheme, the minister said.

A provision of Rs 10 crore is proposed to provide financial assistance to young lawyers for purchasing books and magazines for the first three years of work.

A provision of Rs.95 crore is also proposed for land purchase for the establishment of International Cricket Stadium in Varanasi district, he said.

The foundation stone of Major Dhyani Chand Sports University in Meerut district was laid by the Prime Minister on January 02, 2022, on which an amount of Rs 700 crore would be spent for the development of sports and to prepare players of excellent quality. A provision of Rs 50 crore is proposed for the establishment of the university, he noted.

For the employment generation, Khanna said, under the MNREGA scheme, 26 crore man-days were created in the financial year 2021-22, and a target has been set to generate 32 crore man-days under the scheme in the financial year 2022-23.

Under the Chief Minister's Village Industries Employment Scheme, in the year 2022-23, a target is to provide employment to 16,000 people by establishing 800 units, he said.

In secondary education, 40,402 teachers have been selected and 7,540 posts have been created by ending the interview in teacher selection, Khanna said.

There is a huge potential for employment generation in the field of medical education. About 3,000 nurses have been appointed in government medical colleges/hospitals and about 10,000 posts have been created, which will be filled in the coming years, he added.