# Supplementary budget focuses on infra development, energy

## Significant Fund For Devpt Of Religious Places

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Lucknow: With focus on power and infrastructure development, the UP government on Wednesday tabled a supplementary budget of Rs 28,760 crore.

The government's first supplementary budget for 2023-2024 financial year has provision for 97 new projects worth over Rs 7,000 crore while Rs 21,000 crore has been allocated to ongoing projects.

With a purse of Rs 11,000 crore, the maximum chunk of the supplementary budget has gone to the energy department, followed by the Public Works Department. Out of the energy depart-

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

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Size | ₹28,760Cr

For ongoing projects ₹21,000Cr (approx)

For new projects

₹7,000Cr (approx)

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Maximum ₹11000 crore to energy sector
- Focus on development of religious places
- Funds for the state capital region (SCR)

ment's allocation, Rs 1,000 crore was earmarked for municipal corporations for the payment of streetlight bills while the PWD got around Rs 4,300 crore.

Finance minister Suresh Khanna who tabled the supplementary budget, said that 97 big and small new projects have been initiated against the budgetary provision.

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## Online games and casinos to attract 28% GST

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Lucknow: The UP assembly on Wednesday passed a bill to impose 28% GST on the online gaming, casinos, lottery and horse racing events in the state.

The bill, introduced by the state parliamentary and the finance minister Suresh Khanna, envisaged application of 28% tax at the entry level, instead of the gross gaming revenue (GGR) which was levied from the promoter or its agent.

Speaking on the floor of the house, Khanna said that the online gaming, lottery, casinos and horse racing did not qualify as the game of skill, but as game of chance.

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