

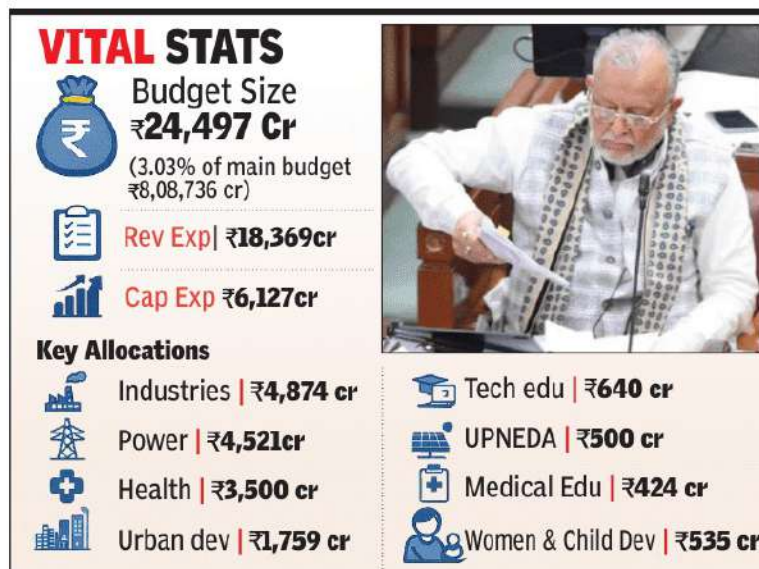
# ₹24K-cr supplementary budget focuses on infra, power, health

## ₹3,200 Crore Allocated For 3 E-ways

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**Lucknow:** With focus on industries, infrastructure development and health, the Yogi Adityanath govt on Monday tabled this fiscal's first supplementary budget worth Rs 24,496 crore. Tabling the budget, finance minister Suresh Khanna said: "It has been introduced to sustain the momentum of development, provide additional resources to essential sectors, and fast-track schemes in response to emerging needs."

"The focus area for the supplementary is industrial development, power sector, health and family welfare, urban development, technical education, women and child welfare, medical education and sugarcane development," he added. The size of the supplementary budget is 3.3% of



the total budget outlay of approximately Rs 8.08 lakh crore presented by the govt in Feb this year, Khanna said.

The finance minister reaffirmed that the Yogi government has consistently adhered to the provisions of the FRBM and has maintained strict fiscal discipline. Citing Government of India estimates, he said Uttar Pradesh's Gross State Domestic Product is projected at Rs 31.14 lakh crore, higher than state govern-

ment's earlier assessments. "Under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath," he added, "the state is steadily moving towards becoming a revenue-surplus state, underscoring its strengthening economic position."

The top two allocations in the budget are for industrial development and the power sector. Khanna said the budget aimed at further strengthening the state's development priorities. "The supplemen-

tary budget emphasizes areas critical to economic growth and public welfare. Allocations include Rs 4,874 crore for industrial development, Rs 4,521 crore for the power sector, Rs 3,500 crore for health and family welfare, Rs 1,758.56 crore for urban development, and Rs 639.96 crore for technical education."

He added, "The budget also gives due attention to social and future-oriented sectors, with Rs 535 crore earmarked for women and child development, Rs 500 crore for UPNEDA to promote solar and renewable energy, Rs 423.80 crore for medical education, and Rs 400 crore for the sugarcane and sugar mill sector."

Giving a major push to the industrial development sector, the UP government has earmarked Rs 1,246 crore for the construction of access-controlled greenfield expressway to connect Jewar Airport with Ganga Expressway. Similarly, Rs 1,835 crore has been earmarked for the Ganga Expressway and Rs 100 crore for Gorakhpur link expressway.