UTTARAKHAND

Development, more jobs focus of pre-budget dialogue: Dhami

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DEHRADUN: Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Friday said the state government's pre-budget dialogue focused on accelerating development in hill regions, generating employment and strengthening infrastructure, asserting that the upcoming budget would be shaped by public participation.

Addressing a pre-budget dialogue programme in Pauri district, Dhami said dialogue, cooperation and public suggestions were among the state's greatest strengths and would form the foundation of a people-friendly budget. The five-day Budget session of the Uttarakhand legislative Assembly is scheduled to begin in Gairsain from March 9.

Public representatives from various districts, along with farmers, entrepreneurs, traders, women's self-help groups, tourism professionals, fishermen, agricultural scientists, local body members and stakeholders from different sectors participated in the interaction and offered suggestions for the 2026–27 Budget.

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami addressed a pre-budget dialogue programme in Pauri district on Friday. HT PHOTO

Dhami said the government's objective was to prepare a public-oriented budget aligned with ground realities, regional characteristics and people's expectations. "The Budget is not merely a document of income and expenditure, but a roadmap for building a developed Uttarakhand with the participation of every section of society," he said.

Thanking participants for their inputs, the CM said practical and forward-looking suggestions received during the dialogue would play a key role in shaping policy decisions. "We have resolved to make the budget-making process transparent, participatory and people-centric. By interacting with citizens across the state, including border areas, we are ensuring that development benefits reach the last person," he added.

Highlighting the state's progress, Dhami said the state had registered significant growth in trade, industry, tourism, agriculture and women's empowerment.

For urban areas, recommendations included increasing municipal resources, promoting the solar city concept, strengthening parking and sanitation systems, and upgrading overall urban infrastructure.

In agriculture and horticulture, stakeholders stressed promoting mountain farming, high-value crops and horticulture, protecting crops from wild animals and strengthening post-harvest management and cold storage facilities. Cluster-based farming, technical training for farmers, district-level processing centres and development of Centres of Excellence were also suggested.

In the industry and MSME sector, demands were raised for capital and interest subsidies, concessions on machinery, promotion of service-based industries and incentives for local product-based enterprises in mountainous regions. Participants also called for stronger industry linkages with ITI and polytechnic institutes to generate employment for local youth and curb migration.

Under women's empowerment initiatives, suggestions included establishing district-level training centres, providing interest-free loans and giving priority to women in local services. Proposals were also made to allot land for cow shelters, promote organic fertiliser production and adopt modern fish farming techniques.

Tourism stakeholders sought concessional loans for homestays, expansion of helicopter services, development of alternative routes and smaller tourist destinations, and promotion of Sanskrit villages and cultural sites as tourism hubs. Emphasis was also placed on nature and agri-tourism and the formulation of a concrete marketing policy for local products.

Finance secretary Dilip Jawalkar said the dialogue was aimed at aligning the forthcoming Budget with public aspirations and development priorities while ensuring sound financial management and maximum public welfare. He noted that under Dhami's leadership, the state had made notable progress in infrastructure, tourism, connectivity, self-employment and women's empowerment.

{ HIGHER HIMALAYAN VALLEYS } ABOVE 4,000 METRES

Nearly 100 trek routes to be digitally mapped

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DEHRADUN: In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the winding mountain trails of Uttarakhand will be traced, not just by trekkers, but by satellites, coordinates and digital grids, officials familiar with the matter said.

Under the plan, nearly 100 trekking routes will be digitally mapped, with a primary focus on trails above 4,000 metres, where paths are often unclear and vulnerable to sudden weather shifts. Every ascent, forest stretch and high-altitude campsite will be logged with precision. Officials say the initiative will help identify vulnerable zones, camping sites, nearby villages, accessible stretches and vantage points from where prominent peaks can be viewed. A comprehensive navigation app will also be developed to make the data accessible to trekkers.

The move comes at a time when adventure tourism in the state is witnessing steady growth. From seasoned climbers to first-time trekkers, footfall in remote valleys has increased, bringing both opportunity and risk. Sudden weather changes, unmarked diversions and the lack of reliable route data have frequently posed challenges for visitors and rescue teams alike.

THE GPS-BASED TECHNOLOGY CAN MAP ENTIRE ROUTES IN DETAIL, INCLUDING THE AREAS THAT ARE LANDSLIDE-PRONE

Tourism secretary Dheeraj Garbyal said accurate trail data would enable authorities to regulate trekking activity more effectively, improve rescue response times and plan infrastructure in a responsible manner. "It is happening for the first time since the inception of the state in 2000," he said, adding that the work will be carried out by a third party selected through a tender process.

The initiative follows several tragic incidents in recent years in which trekkers lost their way or were stranded in high-altitude regions. In 2024, nine members of a 22-member team died in a sudden blizzard during the Sahastra Tal trek in Uttarkashi district, prompting the state government to propose SOPs to ensure safer trekking practices.

Garbyal said the government is also training youth from local villages through outdoor leadership courses so they can provide basic medical assistance during emergencies. They are being sensitised to the 'Leave No Trace' principles in an ecological context and trained to guide trekkers on more challenging routes.

Founder of Trek The Himalayas Rakesh Pant welcomed the move, saying comprehensive mapping is critical for safety and sustainability. "Trekkers often lose their way in the absence of proper mapping. Camping is also taking place randomly, which is not sustainable for the mountains," he said.

Pant added that GPS-based technology can map entire routes in detail, including landslide-prone areas, water points, designated camping sites and helipad zones for rescue operations. Once downloaded, such maps can be accessed offline during treks.

A guidebook is also expected to be prepared alongside the digital platform.

Tension erupts over offering namaz at under-construction govt building

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DEHRADUN: Tension erupted over offering namaz at an under-construction building owned by the Jyotirmath (previously Joshimath) Nagar Palika in state's Chamoli district on Friday, that triggered local administration to intervene and diffuse the situation, officials aware of the matter said.

The issue began after a video clip showing people offering namaz at the site went viral on social media, following which, local Hindu right-wing groups opposed it and submitted a memorandum to Chamoli district magistrate Gaurav Kumar.

Jyotirmath sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) Chandrashekhar Vashisht said the matter came to his notice after some local residents informed the administration that a few people were offering namaz inside an under-construction municipal building.

"It is a building owned by the local Nagar Palika and a table tennis centre is to be set up at the site," he said.

"The namaz was offered on Wednesday and came to light after the video went viral on social media," he said.

"Following this, we called representatives from both sides, counselled them, and attempted to resolve the issue on Thursday and Friday," he said.

"The matter has been resolved. The Muslim side has agreed to offer namaz at their own properties and not at the site owned by the civic body. No law and order situation arose," the SDM added.

{ KALADHUNGI TOWN } FEB 14 INCIDENT

3 arrested over firing incident in Nainital

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HALDWANI: At least three people have been arrested in connection with the February 14 firing incident in Kaladhungi town of Nainital, and country-made firearms and cartridges have also been recovered from their possession, an officer aware of the matter said on Friday.

Senior superintendent of police Manjunath TC said the Bailparao police outpost received information via Dial 112 on February 14 about a scuffle near the Bailpokhara village intersection on Haldwani Road, during which shots were allegedly fired. A team led by the Ramnagar circle officer rushed to the spot but found no one present. The area was inspected, videographed and empty shells were recovered.

POLICE SAID THE THREE ACCUSED WERE HELD NEAR THE GADAPPU BARRIER IN KALADHUNGI TOWN ON FRIDAY

On February 16, Baljeet Kaur, wife of Lovepreet Singh and a resident of Bachchinagar village in Kaladhungi, lodged a complaint naming three people. An FIR was registered against Ranjeet Singh (31) of Bailpokhara; Mandeep Singh alias Manga (30) of Udaipuri; Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi (33) of Badhapura in Swar, Rampur district; and an unidentified person under Sections 109(1), 126(1), 352 and 351(3) of the BNS.

Police arrested the three near the Gadappu barrier in Kaladhungi on Friday. One country-made pistol with two live cartridges was recovered from Gurpreet Singh; one country-made pistol with two live cartridges from Ranjeet Singh; and a .22 bore pistol with one live cartridge from Mandeep Singh. Additionally, 11 cartridges of .32 bore and two cartridges of .22 bore were recovered from the spot. A separate case under Section 3/25 of the Arms Act has been registered. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the motive..

MAN FOUND WITH GUNSHOT WOUND INSIDE HIS SHOP IN RUDRAPUR: POLICE

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HALDWANI: A 25-year-old shoe dealer was found with a gunshot wound to his head inside his shop in Rudrapur town of Udham Singh Nagar district on Friday morning, police said, adding that the circumstances surrounding the incident are suspicious.

The man, identified as Dhruv Chawla, a resident of Adarsh Colony, owns a shoe store named "Kicks Villa" in the Civil Lines area of Rudrapur. He ran the shop in partnership with Harjinder Singh.

US Nagar SSP Ajay Ganpati said that around 10.45 am on Friday, Harjinder informed the police that upon arriving at the shop at about 10.30 am, he found Dhruv lying in a pool of blood with a gunshot injury to his head.

"Harjinder immediately rushed him to a private hospital from where he was referred to a higher centre due to his critical condition," the SSP said.

On receiving the information, a police team reached the spot and began a preliminary investigation. An illegal country-made pistol was recovered from the shop premises, the SSP added.

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Bomb threats: Courts' security to be audited

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DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand Police has ordered a statewide comprehensive audit of security arrangements on court premises, a senior officer said on Friday. The move follows a series of threats to multiple court complexes, including the state high court's Nainital bench.

Director general of police (DGP) Deepam Seth said strict additional security directives were also put in place.

They include the deployment of adequate police and Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) personnel equipped with security gear at all court premises across districts.

"Entry and exit at court complexes will be regulated through identity card verification in coordination with concerned officials to prevent unauthorised access," Seth said. Personnel from the Local Intelligence Unit (LIU) and other police forces will assist in patrolling, he added.

The directions also call for the deployment of Quick Response Teams and Anti-Terrorism Squad teams within court premises as a precautionary measure against potential terrorist threats or bomb attacks.

Bomb Disposal Squads and Dog Squads have been directed to carry out anti-sabotage checks every morning before court proceedings commence.

Seth said the directions also include continuous CCTV monitoring, regular patrols within court premises, and periodic checks of personnel on duty.

24-year-old man from Bihar held for issuing forged docs

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HARIDWAR: A 24-year-old man from Bihar was arrested for allegedly operating a fake Common Service Centre (CSC) from a hotel in Piran Kalyar and issuing forged birth certificates, stamp seals and other government-related documents, a senior police officer said on Friday.

The accused, identified as Shahnawaz, a resident of Muzaffarpur district in Bihar, was running the unauthorised centre from Hotel Aalishaan in the town. He had also displayed a board claiming to be the "President" of the Human Rights Commission to lend credibility to his operations, the officer said.

Acting on suspicion, a joint team of local police and intelligence unit officials conducted a raid at the hotel on Thursday evening. During the search, they allegedly found forged birth certificates, Aadhaar cards and PAN cards being prepared for residents of Haridwar and other states. "To verify the legality of the documents recovered from the centre, we sent the birth certificates to the executive officer of Piran Kaliyar Nagar Panchayat. The documents were confirmed to be forged. The Human Rights Commission identity card recovered from the accused was also found to be fake," said Kaliyar station house officer Ravindra Kumar.

During interrogation, the accused allegedly confessed to preparing forged documents using online tools and software. He told police that he had issued over 1,000 fake birth certificates and other documents, which were used for civic, educational and government-related purposes, the SHO said.

Police recovered 45 forged birth certificates, six Aadhaar cards, a laptop, a mobile phone, seven stamp seals and a fake Human Rights Commission president identity card from the hotel room that was being used as the centre.

A case has been registered under sections 336(3) (forgery of document or electronic record for cheating) and 338 (forgery of valuable security) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Kaliyar police station. Further investigation is underway.

MAN HELD WITH BANNED CAPSULES IN HARIDWAR

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HARIDWAR: A 38-year-old man was arrested with 1,200 prohibited capsules in Pathri area of Haridwar district, police said on Friday.

According to police, the arrest was made around 1 am during a routine checking drive on the Pherupur-Bahadarpur Jat road. A suspicious individual was stopped and frisked by the police team.

"During the search, 1,200 capsules containing Acetaminophen, Tramadol Hydrochloride and Dicyclomine Hydrochloride were recovered from Pramod Kumar, a resident of Ikkad Kalan in Pathri. The capsules were seized on the spot," said Navneet Singh, senior superintendent of police, Haridwar.

The accused was taken into custody and further interrogation is underway to identify other individuals involved in the alleged illegal trade. A case has been registered against him under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at Pathri police station.

In a separate incident, police in Laksar arrested a man, identified as Feroz Ali (34), a resident of Sultanpur in Laksar, during a midnight checking operation on Thursday. He was found in possession of 110 capsules of Acetaminophen, Tramadol Hydrochloride and Dicyclomine Hydrochloride. A case has also been registered against him under the NDPS Act at Laksar police station.

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In respect of loans availed by below mentioned borrowers / guarantors from **CANARA BANK,** which have become NPA with below mentioned balance outstanding on dates mentioned below. We have already issued detailed Demand Notice dated as mentioned below Under Sec. 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post / Speed Post / Courier with acknowledge due to you. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned on one of you as per Sec. 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned below within 60 days. In the event of your not discharging liability as set out herein above the Bank / Secured Creditor may exercise any of the right conferred under section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act., Details of Liabilities are as under:-

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CTR expands Dhikala rescue centre capacity

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RUDRAPUR: The administration of Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) has expanded the animal housing capacity at its Dhikala rescue centre by adding 10 new enclosures, increasing the total number from 20 to 30, officials familiar with the matter said on Friday.

CTR director Saket Badola said the expansion was prompted by a steady rise in the number of rescued wild animals due to escalating human-wildlife conflict in the region. "The number of rescued wild animals has increased in recent years because of man-animal conflict. Earlier, we had 20 enclosures, but the number has now gone up to 30. This will allow us to house rescued animals more comfortably," he said.

The Dhikala rescue centre plays a vital role in the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of wild animals, particularly tigers and leopards, across the Kumaon region. In addition to CTR, the forest department also operates rescue centres at Ranibagh in Nainital and in Almora district.

Forest minister Subodh Uniyal inaugurated the newly constructed enclosures on Thursday. Officials said the added capacity would ease pressure on the facility, which had been facing space constraints over the past two to three years due to a consistent rise in rescue cases.

Alongside the expansion of enclosures, a modern medical laboratory equipped with advanced diagnostic tools has been established at the centre. Previously, veterinary staff had to depend on external laboratories for tests and treatment support. With the new facility in place, immediate medical examination and treatment of rescued animals can now be carried out within the centre itself.

Currently, 13 tigers and 14 leopards are housed at the Dhikala rescue centre. After DNA profiling and behavioural assessment, animals deemed fit and non-conflict-prone are released back into the wild, while those identified as conflict-prone are kept in permanent captivity to prevent further incidents.