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# Delhi Unveils “Green Budget” for Sustainable Development

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The Government of Delhi, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, has unveiled the “Green Budget” for the financial year 2026–27, focusing on integrating environmental priorities into overall governance and development planning. The budget aims to address key urban challenges such as pollution, climate change, and rapid urbanisation while ensuring sustainable economic growth.

## Key Highlights of the Budget

The total outlay of the Delhi Budget is about ₹1,03,700 crore, reflecting an increase over the previous year. Around 21% of the budget allocation has been earmarked for green initiatives, highlighting the government’s commitment to environmental sustainability.

## Major allocations include:

Significant funding for infrastructure development (around 30%)

₹1,500 crore allocated for cleaning the Yamuna River

Investments in sectors like education, health, transport, and urban development

## Objectives and Significance

The Green Budget aims to mainstream environmental concerns across all sectors rather than treating them separately. It focuses on promoting:

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Clean energy and electric mobility

Waste management and water conservation

Climate-resilient infrastructure

This approach ensures sustainable urban development and improves the overall quality of life in the national capital.

### **Additional Facts**

A Green Budget integrates environmental impact into financial planning and policy decisions.

Delhi faces major issues like air pollution (PM2.5 levels), water scarcity, and waste management challenges.

The initiative aligns with India's commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement (2015) to reduce carbon emissions.

Similar green budgeting concepts are being adopted globally to promote sustainable governance and climate finance.

Delhi's budget also emphasizes inclusive growth, with welfare schemes and infrastructure expansion alongside sustainability goals.