



Sustainable Public Procurement

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- On the occasion of World Environment Day, **a new product category of Green Room Air Conditioners was launched on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) under the 'Sustainable Public Procurement' (SPP) program.**
- 'Sustainable Public Procurement' (SPP) is a process by which public authorities seek **to achieve the appropriate balance between the three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental, when procuring goods, services or works at all stages of the project.** These three pillars are called Triple Bottom Line.
- This innovation can provide financial savings for government buyers and will **meet evolving environmental challenges by moving towards a circular economy.** The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has been active in the promotion of Sustainable Public Procurement at regional, national and global levels since 2005.
- Public procurement spend in India is nearly 15-20% of its GDP. Introducing SPP to this huge quantum of government procurement **will further complement the country's climate policy objectives.**

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