



POLITY PRE-CONTEXT

BUDGET 2025-26

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News: "Budget 2025-26 presented in the Parliament."

About Budget:

- Art. 112:
- President of India to present Annual Financial Statement for each Financial Year (FY) before both Houses of Parliament
- Term "Budget" is no where mentioned in the Constitution.
- Dept. of Economic Affairs under Ministry of Finance prepares Budget.
- No money can be withdrawn from Consolidated Fund of India except under appropriation made by law.
- Without recommendation of President:
- No demand for a grant can be made.
- No money bill imposing tax can be introduced.
- Under FRBM Act 2003: following documents presented along with the Budget annually to Parliament
 - Macroeconomic Framework Statement.
- Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement.
- Fiscal Policy Strategy statement.

Expenditure Budget

Expenditure: The government is estimated to spend *Rs* 50,65,345 crore in 2025-26, 7.4% higher than the revised estimate of 2024-25.

Capital Receipts

- For FY 2025-26: Capital receipts (excluding borrowings) are targeted at Rs 76,000 crore.
- These receipts are essentially two way transactions.
- Debt capital receipts: Money coming from borrowings i.e Internal & External borrowings.
 - Internal borrowings:
 - · Market Loans (Dated govt. securities).
 - Treasury Bills issued by Govt. to RBI.
 - Funded Securities, Cash Management Bills, Ways and Means Advance, Market Stabilisation Scheme, securities against Small Savings Funds etc.
 - External Borrowings:
 - Multilateral Borrowings, Bilateral Loans.
 - Other Liabilities.
- Non debt capital receipts:
 - $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Money coming from recovery of loans & advances.
 - · Disinvestment shares of govt. other than PSUs.
 - For FY 2025-26: Disinvestment targets have reduced for the fifth consecutive year and have not been achieved in any of these years.
 - Disinvestment proceeds of PSUs will be credited to the existing 'Public Account' under the head of National investment fund.

Capital Expenditure

- Central Sector Schemes: Rs. 16 lakh crore.
- Eg. PM-FBY, PM-AASHA, PM-KISAN, PM-KMDY etc. Centrally Sponsored Schemes: *Rs. 5 lakh crore*.
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• Eg. PM-KVY, PM POSHAN, PM SHRI, AMRUT, PM GSY etc.

Finance Commission Grants:

- Rural Local Bodies.
- Urban Local Bodies.
- · Grants for Health Sector.
- Incubation of new cities.
- Disaster Management Grants.
- Revenue Deficit Grants.
- Other Grants.
- Loans to State for capital expenditure.

Revenue Budget

Receipts: The receipts (other than borrowings) in 2025-26 are estimated to be Rs 34,96,409 crore, about 11.1% higher than the revised estimate of 2024-25. *Tax revenue which forms major part of the receipts* is also expected to increase by 11% over the revised estimate for 2024-25.

Revenue Receipts

- Revenue receipts are those receipts which need not to be paid again to the payee by the govt. (one way transactions).
- Tax receipts: Money generated from different taxes.
- For FY 2025-26: Gross tax revenue is budgeted to increase by 10.8% in 2025-26
- Direct Taxes:
 - Income Tax (Personal income tax).
 - Wealth Tax.
 - Corporate Tax.
 - Capital Gains Tax.
- Indirect Taxes:
 - Union Excise Duties: on the following goods manufactured or produced in India, Crude oil, Natural gas, tobacco etc.
 - **Goods and Service Tax:** tax on the supply of goods and services with few exceptions petroleum, electricity, meat, newspapers etc.
 - **Customs Duties:** tax on export and import of commodities from and to the country.
- Other Taxes and Duties.

• Non Tax receipts: Money generated from non taxes.

- Profits and dividends from public sector enterprises and other investments, dividend/surplus of RBI.
- · Interests received on loans given by India.
- **Fiscal services** (currency printing, stamp printing, coin minting) etc.
- Grants in Aid Contributions from foreign governments, multilateral bodies.

Revenue Expenditure

- Expenditure incurred to meet day to day and regular needs of govt.
- Pensions and Salaries, Interest Payments, Grants to States & UTs, Subsidies (Food, Fertiliser, Interest subsidy) etc.
- For FY 2025-26: Interest payments account for 25% of the total expenditure, and 37% of revenue receipts.
- For FY 2025-26: Devolution to states from centre's tax revenue is estimated to be Rs 14 lakh crore
- For FY 2025-26: total expenditure on subsidies is estimated to be Rs 4 lakh crore.
- Note: Loan recovery is part of capital receipts.



Deficits

Fiscal deficit:

- Fiscal Deficit = Total Expenditure Total Receipts except Borrowing and Other liabilities.
- It indicates total borrowing's and other liabilities made by the government.
- For FY 2025-26: Fiscal deficit in 2025-26 is targeted at 4.4% of GDP

Primary deficit:

- Primary Deficit = Fiscal Deficit Interest Payments.
- Indicate how much of the borrowed money government is using for interest payments instead of focusing on long-term growth.
- For FY 2025-26: It is estimated to be 0.8% of GDP.

Revenue deficit (RD):

- Revenue Receipts minus Revenue Expenditure.
- Second five year plan was a revenue surplus.
- For FY 2025-26: Revenue deficit in 2025-26 is targeted at 1.5% of GDP.

Effective Revenue deficit (ERD):

- Effective Revenue Deficit = Revenue Deficit Grants in aid for creation of capital assets.
 - Eg: grants forwarded for implementation of Centrally Sponsored schemes Eg: PMGSY, AIBP, JNNURM etc.

Monetised deficit:

 Govt borrows from RBI to finance budget deficit rather than borrowing from Public (Sale of Govt. Securities in open market).

Public Debt

The Central Govt. *aims* to reduce its outstanding liabilities to *around 50% of GDP by March 2031*.

Trends of Public debt:

- Which was 80% of GDP in 2005, During COVID 19, Govt. borrowed heavily to support economy *Public debt reached* 90% of GDP back to 80% of GDP in 2022-23.
- Currently, **Union Govt. Debt** accounts for 60% of Public Debt and 20% by **States (combined)** in 2023.
- For 2025-26: Public debt are estimated to be 56.1% of the GDP.

It includes both Internal debt + External debt.

Internal debt:

- Market Securities (Dated, Treasury, Cash management Bills).
- Non Marketable securities (securities given to Intl. Fin Institutions etc).
- Currently Internal debt accounts for 90% of overall Public debt.

 External debt

External debt:

- Loans from multilateral agencies like World Bank, IMF, ADB etc.
- External debt currently accounts for 10% of overall Public debt.

Important Highlights of Budget 2025-26

· GDP:

• The government has estimated a nominal GDP growth rate of 10.1% in 2025-26 (i.e., real growth plus inflation).

Changes in new income tax regime:

 Tax slabs under the new tax regime have been modified.
 Annual income of up to Rs 12 lakh will receive 100% rebate on the taxable income. Earlier, this only applied to income of up to seven lakh rupees. The old tax regime remains unchanged.

• Finance and Economy:

• The FDI limit for the insurance sector will be increased from 74% to 100% for companies which invest their entire premium in India.

Governance:

- A high-level committee for regulatory reforms will be set up for reviewing all non-financial sector regulations, certifications, licenses, and permissions.
- An investment friendliness index of states will be launched in 2025.
- Jan Vishwas Bill 2.0 will be introduced to decriminalise over 100 provisions across multiple laws.

Infrastructure:

- Each infrastructure-related ministry will formulate a three-year pipeline of projects that can be implemented in public-private partnership mode.
- A second asset monetisation plan will be launched for 2025-30.
- National Geospatial Mission will be started to modernise land records and urban planning.
- A modified UDAN scheme will be launched to improve connectivity to 120 new destinations and carry four crore passengers in next 10 years.
- A Maritime Development Fund with a corpus of Rs 25,000 crore will be set up, with 49% contribution by the government.
- Broadband connectivity will be provided to all government secondary schools and primary health centres in rural areas.

Agriculture:

- The central government will launch a six-year mission to achieve self-reliance in pulses.
- Central agencies will procure three pulses, as much as offered, from farmers over the next four years.
- Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana will be implemented to improve productivity and crop diversification in 100 low-productivity districts.
- Energy:
 - The Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act will be amended to allow private sector partnerships for development of nuclear energy.



 A Nuclear Energy Mission will be launched for the development of small modular reactors with an outlay of Rs 20,000 crore.

Urban and Rural Development:

 Urban Challenge Fund of one lakh crore rupees will be set up to implement projects for development of cities.

• Labour and Employment:

- PM SVANidhi Scheme to provide affordable loans to street vendors will be *revamped to provide UPI-linked credit cards* with Rs 30,000 limit.
- Gig workers will be provided access to healthcare under Ayushman Bharat.
- A scheme will be launched to provide loans up to two crore rupees to five lakh women, scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes first-time entrepreneurs.
- Another scheme for socio-economic upliftment of urban workers will be implemented to help improve incomes.

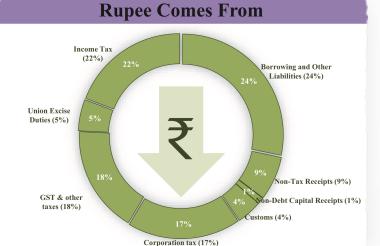
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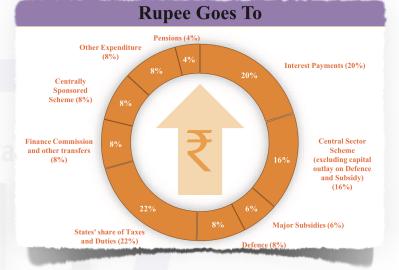
 In the next year, 10,000 additional seats will be added in medical colleges and hospitals with a goal of adding 75,000 seats in next five years.

Industry and Commerce:

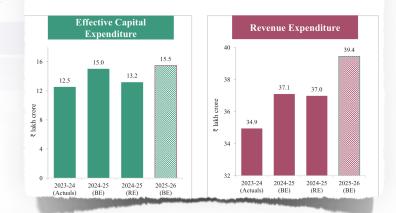
 Improved credit access, credit guarantee cover to MSMEs, Startup's.

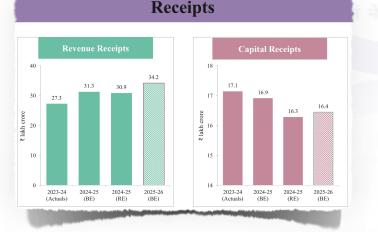
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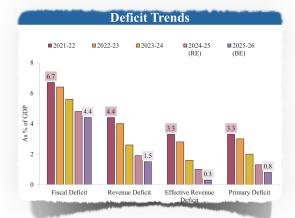




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