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Is the taxman doing a 'money heist' on your pay cheque - and can you save yourself from it, all very legally? While not everyone can be as smart as the Professor, read the **TOI-EY Tax Guide** for some handy hints and tips. Did you know that you could double home loan benefits by splitting it or why switching to the new tax regime makes more sense for people who don't have deductions? For more, turn to P 6-7

CREATING ASSETS | Capital spending is increased by 35% to ₹7.5 lakh crore, nearly doubling from two years ago. Focus on highways, railways, telecom and infrastructure in states

BANKING GOES POSTAL | All 1.5 lakh post offices to be brought within the ambit of core banking in the coming year, with ATMs, online transfer of funds to and from banks becoming possible

CRYPTO GAINS CURRENCY? | 30% tax on gains from 'virtual digital assets' like crypto currencies. RBI to issue digital rupee

NEW ENERGY | Sovereign bonds to fund green infrastructure projects, battery-swapping policy to give a push to e-vehicles

CAPITAL RELIEF | Surcharge on long-term capital gains from sale of any capital asset capped at 15% from the previous 37%

PROGATI GETS SPENDING BOOSTER

With The Economy Largely Vaccinated And Out Of The Isolation Ward, India's Now Ready For The Road From 75 To 100

GAINS & PAINS

FOR TAXPAYERS

Gain | Payment received from employer or any other for Covid-19 treatment to be non-taxable. Payment received by kin for Covid death also non-taxable (subject to aggregate limit of Rs 10L for that received from people other than employer)

- Taxpayers to get 3 yrs from end of relevant fiscal to update tax return and pay addl tax. Extension also available if they miss deadline for filing belated or revised returns
- State government employees eligible for deduction of employer contribution to NPS up to 14% of salary; brings parity with central government employees

Pain | No loss to be set off against undisclosed income from searches, surveys

- Updated returns to be accompanied with payment of addl tax of up to 50% of liability

FOR INVESTORS

Gain | RBI to introduce central bank digital currency in FY2022-23

- Surcharge on long-term capital gains from sale of any capital asset (other than listed securities) capped at 15% from earlier up to 37%. This brings tax on sale of unlisted shares on a par with sale of listed shares

Pain | Any income from transfer (including gift) of virtual digital asset to be taxed at 30%. No deduction/set-off of loss allowed except cost of acquisition of the asset

- 1% TDS on purchase of virtual digital asset subject to prescribed thresholds

FOR BUSINESSMEN

Gain | Benefit of deduction of 100% profits extended to startups incorporated by March 31, 2023

- Beneficial rate of 15% available for newly incorporated domestic mfg cos extended to those commencing production up to March 31, 2024
- Basic custom duty rates to rise over next 4 years to support phased local mfg of wrist wearables, smart watches, hearables, smart electric meters and their parts

Pain | Benefits or perquisites over Rs 20k received in course of a business or profession to attract 10% TDS

- Over 350 customs duty exemptions withdrawn, 40+ to be phased out

FOR CONSUMERS

Gain | Customs duty on import of cut and polished diamonds and gemstones reduced from 7.5% to 5%

Pain | Customs duty on imitation jewellery increased to higher of 20% or Rs 400/kg

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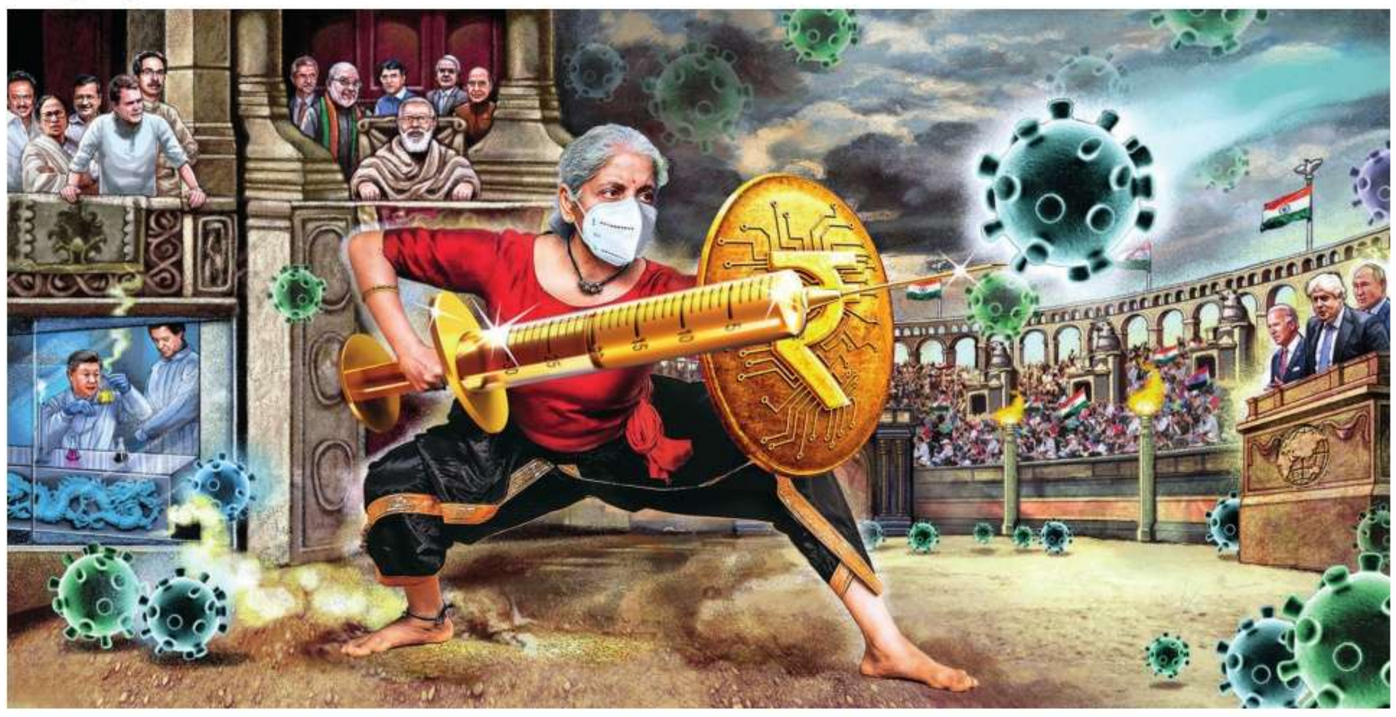

Cryptic on crypto? FM proposes 30% tax on gains, says call on legal status pending

TEAM TOI

The Budget proposed a 30% tax on gains made from transfer of "virtual digital assets", which appeared to signal an implicit legalisation of crypto currency. But later in the evening, the FM said the Centre is yet to decide their legal status, for which consultations have begun.

Underlining that only the central bank can issue a currency, the FM said: "RBI will come up with a digital currency. Outside of it, buying and selling is happening, and profits are being made, nothing stops me from taxing it. Taxing them does not actually bring legitimacy."

For the moment she has proposed:

- While computing income from virtual digital currency, other than acquisition cost, no deduction available
- Loss from transfer of the asset can't be set off against any other income
- Even gift of virtual digital asset is to be taxed in the hands of the recipient
- The tax regime will be applicable from the next financial year
- Above a threshold, 1% tax will be deducted at source for payment made for transferring them
- TDS provision is applicable for consideration of Rs 50,000 or more in case of individuals or HUFs who do not have any business income; or for those whose annual sales do not exceed Rs 1 crore in the case of businesses and Rs 50 lakh for professionals
- For others, the annual income limit is proposed to be fixed at Rs 10,000
- Starting next fiscal, RBI will also issue digital rupee, using blockchain and other technologies

With the digital rupee, RBI will join a select group of central banks with a digital currency. The move will, however, require certain amendments to the law. P 4

You can file an updated return, but at a cost

Based on a trust-based governance mechanism, the Finance Bill enables taxpayers to file an 'updated return' – but this comes at a price – additional tax. This updated return can be filed within two years from the end of the relevant assessment year.

"The option comes with additional tax, equal to 25-50% of differential tax and interest, depending upon delay in filing the return," said Gautam Nayak, tax partner at CNK & Associates. P 2

FM Lifts Cap Off Capex, Signals Digit-All Drive, Skips Populism Amid Polls

TEAM TOI

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday unveiled a Budget that sought to keep the momentum of economic recovery going with a 35% increase in government spending on asset creation. The Budget, which left income tax rates and slabs unchanged and was shorn of populist promises despite coming ahead of assembly polls, appears to be banking on growth.

Sitharaman told reporters the PM's message was clear: "No additional taxes" during the pandemic. If the content of the Budget was an intended booster shot, its focus was unmistakably digital with the use of tech to ensure prompt and targeted delivery running as a constant theme through much of her speech. It also marked a bold move into 'sunrise' spheres: green technology, AI, semi-conductors and drones.

Presenting her fourth Budget, the FM took a 'whole of government approach' on a gamut of infrastructure projects by extending GatiShakti beyond the Centre to the states. GatiShakti, which brings schemes and projects related to seven key sectors on a common platform, has been positioned as a flagship initiative to ensure better delivery of infrastructure, with large dollops of allocation for telecom, highways and railways.

Welfarist measures were not given a go-by, with priority on improvement of infrastructure and quality of life in rural areas. But, relatively speaking, they seemed to have yielded to a focus on infra capex.

The FM said she was laying the foundation for "Amrit Kaal", the 25-year period in the run-up to India at 100, and that the Budget was futuristic and inclusive.

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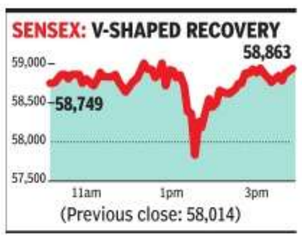

Second biggest sensex seesaw ever on a B-day

The sensex seesawed 1,295 points, its second biggest swing ever on a Budget day. It closed up nearly 850 points, adding Rs 3.2 lakh crore to investors' wealth — the **second largest market cap rise on a B-day**. Tata Steel saw the highest rise at 7.6%, followed by Sun Pharma (6.9%). P 3

Eye on future, govt pushes e-volution, goes clean & green

TEAM TOI

Syncing the Budget proposals with PM Modi's promise at the UN climate conference (COP26) in Glasgow last November, the government on Tuesday aggressively pushed "energy transition and climate action" as one of its four priorities that would lead India's development agenda for the next 25 years, and unveiled a raft of measures to signal a swift shift to green energy and mobility.

In her Budget speech, where she used the word "digital" 35 times while "tech" was mentioned 26 times, FM Nirmala Sitharaman also outlined a broad initiative to deepen digital penetration and improve delivery of services in sectors ranging from agriculture to education to health and digital payments and banking. The fresh digital push and the reliance on green energy and mobility are seen as building blocks of the government's strategy to prepare the economy for future challenges and meet global commitments.

Sitharaman also announced a Rs 19,500-crore production-linked incentive for manufacture of high-efficiency modules to boost domestic manufacturing and meet the goal of installing 280GW of solar capacity by 2030. An open platform for the National Digital Health Ecosystem will be rolled out under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, which will have digital registries of health providers and facilities, unique health identity, consent framework and universal access to health facilities. To bridge the digital divide, particularly in rural areas and for children from weaker sections, the government will expand the PM eVidya TV channel to 200 TV stations to provide supplementary education in regional languages for Classes 1 to 12.

Numbers look conservative but they are realistic, says Sitharaman

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said she has presented a "conservative but realistic assessment" and hopes to stay within the estimates that are part of her fourth Budget.

"The Budgets are being made with realistic numbers. In last year's Budget, it was well-established we gave the numbers, followed it and achieved it... We have also brought on board certain expenditures that were kept out of the Budget. It is a speaking Budget... Estimates are not unrealistic," she told reporters during a post-budget interaction.

> The Budget this year has come with a new confidence of development amidst the once-in-a-century calamity... It aims to ensure pucca house, toilet, tap water and gas connection for every poor household. At the same time focus is on modern Internet connectivity also...
>
> —PM Modi

The FM said the government has not raised taxes for anyone and several steps have been announced for the middle class. "We have given concessions to those who run start-ups... e-passport will be used by the middle class," she said. P 10

THE BUDGET AND YOU: HERE'S THE BOTTOMLINE

The FM may not have announced any changes in income tax rates or slabs, but there are other measures in the Budget that leave you better or worse off. If, for instance, you're among those who have been investing in one of the many crypto currencies around, you'll have to hand over 30% of whatever you gain when you sell it (after deducting the price at which you bought) to the government as tax.

■ Last year, the surcharge on long-term capital gains on sale of listed equity shares and equity-oriented mutual funds was capped at 15%. The Finance Bill, 2022 seeks to extend the benefit of this capped surcharge to long-term capital gains arising on sale of any asset (say unlisted shares or immovable property).

This will take away the sting of the steep surcharge that is otherwise payable by high net worth individuals. Under the current provisions, LTCG on sale of assets (other than listed securities) attracted a tax rate of 20% and then the surcharge and cess kicked in. This inflated the tax on the capital gains as well.

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To illustrate, an individual with total taxable income of over Rs 5 crore will have LTCG on sale of immovable property of Rs 50 lakh. Under the current law, he would have paid tax of Rs 14.25 lakh (tax rate of 20% plus surcharge of 37% plus cess of 4%).

However, with the surcharge rate now capped at 15%, the tax liability stands at Rs 11.96 lakh, leading to a tax saving of about Rs 2.3 lakh.

■ Against these gains for niche sections, the changes in customs duties could eat into your pocket across an array of imported goods. These include umbrellas, imitation jewellery, loudspeakers, headphones and earphones as well as smart meters, all of which will now face higher customs duties as part of the government's attempt to boost manufacturing in India. Unblended fuel for your vehicle too would become costlier by Rs 2 a litre starting October. However, adorning yourself with jewellery is set to get relatively cheaper with customs duty on cut and polished diamonds and gemstones reduced from 7.5% to 5%.

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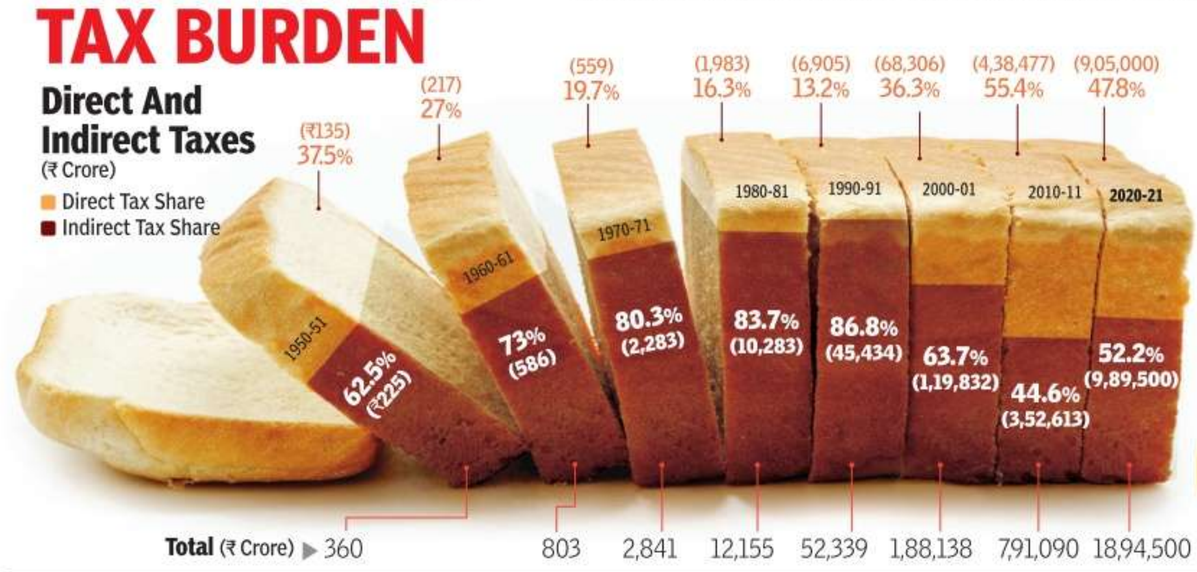
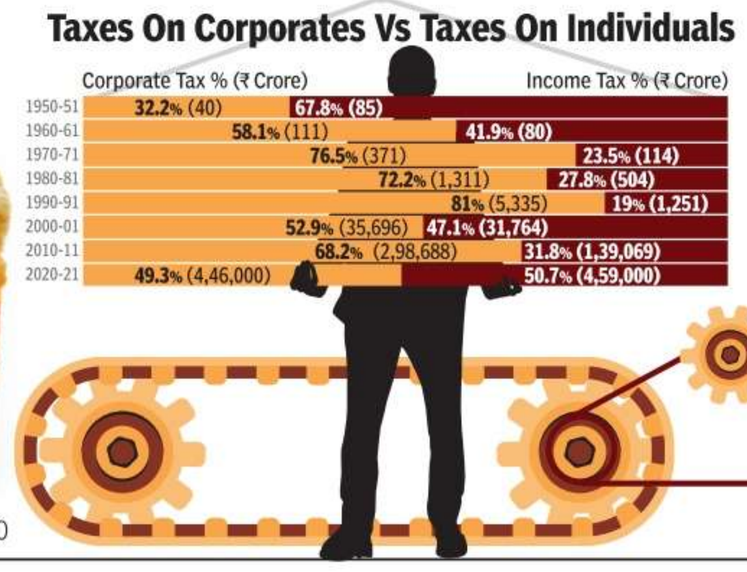
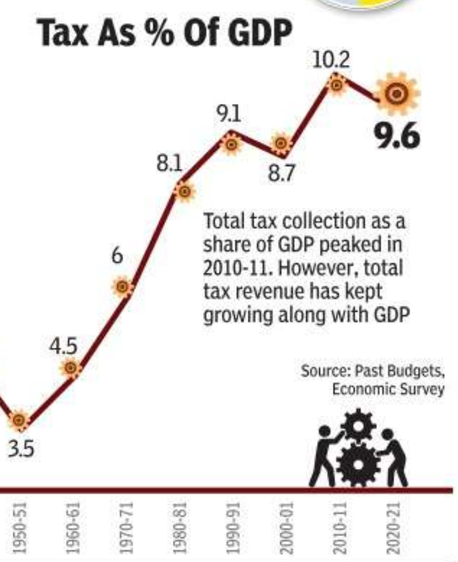
LOOK WHO'S SHOULDERING TAX BURDEN

Newly independent India had few corporates and a tiny base of individual taxpayers, so indirect taxes like sales tax made up most of the tax revenues. The government also collected more personal income tax than corporate taxes. This changed briefly around 2010, but indirect taxes now outweigh direct taxes again, and individuals pay more tax than corporates. Indirect taxes are regressive and pinch the poor more because they pay the same rate as the rich







Happy Belated Returns From I-T Dept, But Only If You Pay Up The Extra Tax

2-Yr Window To Correct Mistakes, Omissions

TEAM TOI

Worried that the taxman will come after you for not reporting your rent income or not including interest from your savings bank account in your tax returns? You can breathe a little easier. Based on a trust-based governance mechanism, the Finance Bill has now allowed taxpayers to file an 'Updated Return' within two years from the end of the relevant assessment year. The earlier window for revising returns was only till three months before the end of the assessment year. However, taxpayers do have to pay the price for omissions or mistakes in the form of additional tax.

A senior I-T official points out that one common omission among taxpayers is failing to include bank interest in their tax return, under the misconception that it is not taxable or that tax has been deducted at source. There are other instances, of rent income not being reported. Such cases earlier could lead to a lengthy process of adjudication and a penalty of 50% or more but now the assessee has a chance to rectify those errors, albeit at a cost.

"This option of filing a belated return was really required, given the short time period available for revising the return of income. Unfortunately, this comes with a steep additional tax, amounting to 25% or 50% of differential tax and interest, depending upon the delay in filing the updated return (up to one year or more than one year from end of the assessment year)," says Gautam Nayak, tax partner at CNK & Associates.

BACK-PEDAL ASANA

Nayak illustrates: Let's take the case of a salaried person who has filed his return for assessment year 2020-21 (financial year ended March 31, 2020), and he has forgotten to include certain interest income of Rs 50,000. Assuming he is in the 31.2% rate slab, the tax on this undisclosed interest income would be Rs 15,600 and penal interest up to April 2022 may be about Rs 5,000. The aggregate liability works out to Rs 20,600. Under the proposed scheme, the additional tax will be Rs 10,300 (50% of Rs. 20,600, as more than one year has lapsed since the end of the assessment year). Thus, the total tax payable will be Rs 30,900.

There are now robust ways of reflecting taxpayer's financial data such as the recently launched Annual Information Statement which captures information on 40-plus financial transactions including bank interest, dividend, rental income, capital gains on trading of securities, to name a few. An updated filing will allow taxpayers to rectify any mismatch between AIS and their returns. However, in many cases, the taxpayer may be disqualified from filing an updated return due to receipt of a notice initiating assessment proceedings. An updated return also cannot be filed if a search has been initiated, or a survey conducted. Further, if the taxpayer has received communication from the I-T officer that as regards his undisclosed income, the provisions of the Black Money Act, Money Laundering Act, or Benami Act apply, an updated return cannot be filed.

"However, as no downward adjustment of income or claim of refund is permitted through an updated return, these provisions may have limited utility for taxpayers," points out Nayak.

GAME CHANGERS

1947 The first Budget of independent India was presented on Nov 26, 1947, by R K Shanmukham Chetty. The Budget speech was dominated by Partition and the food crisis. It seems ironic that the FM was at pains to clarify that the revenue deficit (of a mere ₹26.2 crore) was an aberration due to the unusual situation and would not be a regular feature.

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From RK Laxman

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New tax **deduction for parents of disabled** under Section 80DD

Budget 2022 has introduced a new tax benefit/deduction for the parent/guardian of a disabled person. As per the new tax sop, if the parent/guardian of a disabled person buys a savings life insurance policy with the latter as beneficiary then the parent/guardian would be eligible to deduction from gross income before tax subject to certain conditions. The new tax relief is proposed to be added under Section 80DD of the income tax act. Earlier section 80DD of the Income-tax Act, 1961 allowed deduction where the premium amount was paid by the proposer of the policy if it was a term plan where the disabled person being the beneficiary would get the lump-sum or annuity payment only in case of the death of the proposer (Parent/Guardian) of the policy.

Concessions for **new manufacturing companies extended** by a year

The Finance Bill has extended the concessional tax regime for newly set-up manufacturing companies by one year to March 2024. These companies will pay a tax rate of 17.16% (which includes surcharge of 10% and cess of 4%).

Cess & desist: Firms can't pass it off as biz deduction

TEAM TOI

A retrospective amendment dating back to the financial year 2004-05 means that companies can no longer claim expenditure towards cess and surcharge payment as a business deduction.

The Finance Bill clarifies that the term 'tax' includes surcharge and cess. Earlier, several companies had successfully litigated that surcharge and cess was not a tax and should be allowed as a deduction, thus reducing taxable profits and tax outflow.

Gautam Nayak, tax partner at CNK & Associates, said that in all pending appeals, the courts and tribunal would now hold that such cess is not allowable as a deduction.

The Explanatory Memorandum has devoted several paras to this provision. It refers to the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of K Srinivasan and points out that the provisions of the Finance Act, 2004 and Finance Act, 2011 specified that education cess is an additional surcharge levied on income-tax.

I-T officials **TOI** spoke to could not pin down a number, but stated that the amount paid towards cess and surcharge which was claimed as a deduction is quite significant.

At present, the surcharge figure (which is upward of 7%) varies based on the turnover of the company and whether the concessional regime has been opted for. Education cess is 4%.

Evaders cannot wash off black sins with loss set-off

TEAM TOI

The noose has tightened around tax evaders with the Budget proposing a new rule that will prevent people from misusing the provision of setting off losses on any undisclosed income discovered during a search operation or a survey by the income-tax department.

In her speech, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said: "In order to bring certainty and increase deterrence among tax evaders, I propose to provide that no loss shall be allowed to be set off against undisclosed income detected during search and survey operations."

A new section 79A is proposed to be introduced in the I-T Act in this direction. The explanatory memorandum states that the provision of non-adjustment of loss or unabsorbed depreciation against any undisclosed income detected as a result of a search or requisition or a survey will help in ensuring that proper tax is paid on the income detected and also results in increased deterrence against tax evasion.

The Finance Bill also seeks to plug the pernicious practice of conversion of unaccounted money by crediting it to the books of assesses through a masquerade of loan or borrowing.

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CAN'T CASH IN ON CACHE

Sums such as share application money, share capital and share premium credited in the books of a closely held company are not treated as unexplained money if the source of funds is explained to the income-tax officer. However, as regards loans or borrowings, only the identity and creditworthiness of the creditor were looked into.

The Finance Bill provides that the source of funds of the creditor also needs to be explained. Some exceptions have been carved out, such as if the creditor is a regulated venture capital fund.

Appealing way to cut down on repetitive litigation

TEAM TOI

To cut down on repetitive litigation, the finance minister has proposed that the income-tax department defer filing of appeals with higher judicial authorities in certain cases. Very often an issue, say, determining whether club membership fees should be allowed in the hands of a businessman, results in year-on-year litigation.

The Finance Bill provides that if a tax tribunal order has been passed in favour of the taxpayer (businessman) and an appeal filed by the I-T department with a high court is pending, then the department can defer filing an appeal if the issue is identical, either in the taxpayer's own case for another year, or in case of another taxpayer. In other words, the I-T department would wait till the jurisdictional high court issues its order. A similar step would be taken if an appeal was filed by the I-T department with the Supreme Court.

Anish Thacker, a chartered accountant, explained: "The I-T department would file the appeals after the receipt of the order of the high court or the Supreme Court. If the matter has gone in favour of the taxpayer, the issue would end there. The proposal would result in lowering the number of appeals filed and save time and resources of both the I-T department and the taxpayers."

Freebies to docs at your own cost, pharma cos told

Ram

TEAM TOI

The Finance Bill has pulled the plug on the practice adopted by pharmaceutical companies of claiming as a business deduction the cost of various freebies, including foreign trips provided to doctors.

In other words, since such expenditure can no longer be claimed as a business deduction, it will jack up the taxable profits (or reduce the business loss) of a pharma company and is likely to make handing out of freebies less attractive.

Diving deep into various contrary judicial decisions, the Explanatory Memorandum to the Finance Bill states: "The legal position is clear that the claim of any expense incurred in providing various benefits in violation of the provisions of Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, shall be inadmissible under section sub-section (1) of section 37 of Act being an expense prohibited by the law."

TOI, in its edition dated October 16, 2021, had covered a related decision of the Mumbai Income-tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). The tax tribunal in the case of Macleods Pharmaceuticals had observed that the freebies from pharma companies came with strings attached. Freebies cannot be lawfully accepted by medical professionals under the Medical Council Act and its rules. Therefore, an expenditure on such freebies is for a purpose prohibited by law. An explanation to Section 37(1) of the I-T Act denies claim of any such expense if the same has been incurred for a purpose that is either an offence or prohibited by law. This explanation was inserted by the Finance Act, 1998, with retrospective effect from April 1, 1962.

The tax dispute related to two years and the cumulative sum of the freebie was Rs 248.7 crore. However, given a contrary ruling by a coordinate bench, where the cost of the freebie was allowed as a business deduction, it had referred the matter to a larger bench of ITAT.

The Finance Bill also nixes the claim as a deduction of expenses that are an offence under foreign law. The Explanatory Memorandum points out that, in some cases, the tax tribunals have accepted such a claim.

The exhaustive proposed legislative wording will now ensure that taxpayers cannot claim as a business deduction any expenditure incurred for any purpose that is an offence or is prohibited by any law, whether in India or overseas. They can also not claim as expenditure anything in the nature of a benefit provided to another person (say a doctor), where acceptance of such benefit was in violation of any law or rule governing his/her professional conduct.

State govt staff get NPS parity with central peers

TEAM TOI

Employees of state governments across the country will now get tax breaks on employers' contributions to their National Pension Scheme up to 14% — higher than the 10% currently — of their salary and dearness allowance.

The proposed change aims to bring state government employees at par with their central peers. In her Budget speech, the finance minister said: "To provide equal treatment to both, I propose to increase the tax deduction limit from 10% to 14% on employers' contribution to the NPS account of state government employees as well. This would help enhance the social security benefits of the state government employees and bring them at par with central government employees," she said.

"This is a positive move, which will encourage retirement planning and savings. Additionally, the proposal of offering tax deduction on the amount received by the dependent (being a person with a disability) by way of annuity/lump-sum payment from life insurance companies is also a welcome step to provide financial support to the dependent," said Prashant Tripathy, MD & CEO, Max Life Insurance.

According to Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, the discussion on NPS is timely. "I believe that interventions like these on national platforms will enable many more people to realise the benefits of saving towards their retirement needs," said Chugh.

Housing-for-all plan cemented, ₹48k cr for 80L units

TEAM TOI

In a big boost to affordable housing, the Union Budget has set aside Rs 48,000 crore for completion of 80 lakh houses under the PM Awas Yojana in urban and rural areas.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Centre would work with the state governments to cut down time required for land- and construction- related approvals. "We shall also work with the financial sector regulators to expand access to capital along with reduction in cost of intermediation," she said.

However, the government has not extended the popular 'Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme' (CLSS) under which the government gives interest subvention at the rate of 6% on a housing loan of Rs 6 lakh to homebuyers with yearly income less than Rs 6 lakh. The scheme is set to lapse on March 31.

Reuters

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) was launched in 2015 and PMAY-Gramin in 2016 to address housing shortages among the EWS/LIG and MIG category, including slum-dwellers. It envisioned a pucca house to eligible urban and rural households by 2022 with all basic amenities like tap water and sanitation, and electricity to all rural households.

Proposal to tweak TDS norms on sale of immovable property to correct anomaly

One per cent TDS will apply on a non-agriculture immovable property of over Rs 50 lakh on the basis of sale price or the stamp duty value, which ever is higher, after an amendment in the Income-Tax Act.Currently, the TDS is deducted basis only the consideration value of the immobile properties. There is an inconsistency in the Income-Tax Act regarding levy of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS). Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed the amendment to do away the anomaly in the law. As per the Finance Bill, 2022, presented in Parliament along with the other Budget documents, the government proposes to amend Section 194-IA of the Income-Tax Act, in order to remove inconsistency with Section 43CA and 50CA of the law. PTI

As of January 3 this year, against the total assessed demand of 1.12 crore urban houses, 1.14 crore have been sanctioned. Of these, 91.47 lakh houses were grounded for construction and 53.42 lakh were completed or delivered.

According to the ministry, 17.35 lakh beneficiaries availed subsidy on housing loans through CLSS, of which 6.15 lakh are from middle income group and the rest from EWS/LIG. A total of Rs 39,620 crore interest subsidy was released under the scheme: MIG beneficiaries received Rs 12,395 crore and the rest Rs 26,685 went to EWS/LIG beneficiaries.

Under the PMAY(Urban), Rs 1.85 lakh crore was committed so far, out of which Rs 1.16 lakh crore was released. The states have committed Rs 1.40 lakh crore. The total outlay, including contributions from beneficiaries, was to the tune of Rs 7.52 lakh crore, giving a huge impetus to the demand for steel and cement in the country.

Under PMAY-Gramin, the government aimed to deliver 1.95 crore houses by 2022. Between 2016 and 2022, according to government data, the scheme is about to deliver 1.71 crore housing units. It has been extended up to 2024 with a target of 2.95 crore pucca houses, adding 1 crore houses.

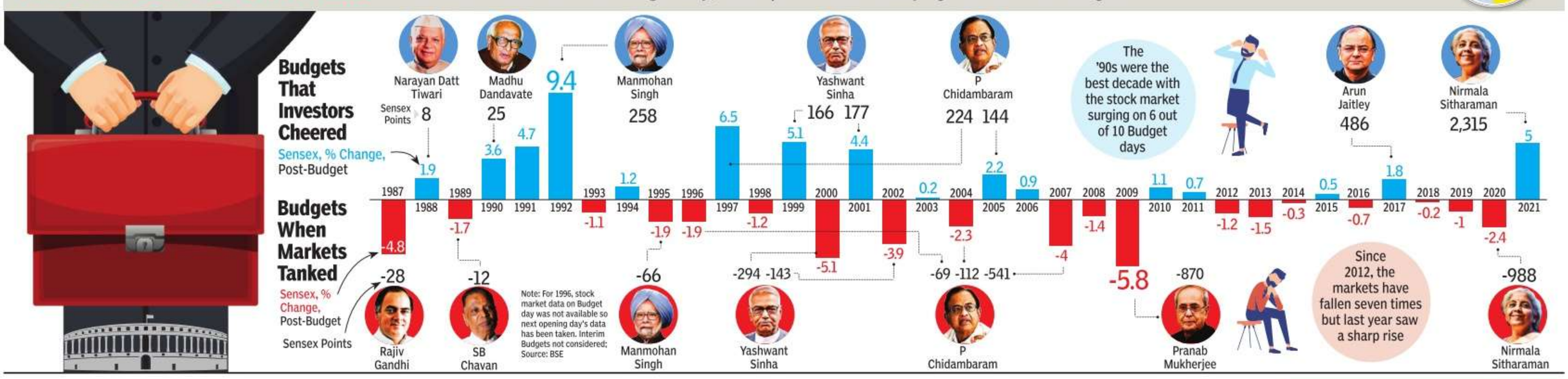
BUDLITE

Sweet Start

Every year, the finance minister would treat ministry officials to halwa as part of a ritual before the Budget papers went for printing. While the Budget has gone paperless, instead of the halwa ceremony this year, sweets were shared around with the staff

HARD TO MAKE MARKETS SMILE

Over the past 35 years, investors have frowned more often than they have smiled at the Budget. Markets closed higher immediately after the Budget in only 16 of these 35 years. Manmohan Singh's second Budget – following 1991's liberalisation – saw the highest jump while Pranab Mukherjee's 2009 Budget triggered the biggest slump. But whatever the market sentiment on Budget day, stock prices have always grown over the long run



8 THINGS INDIA INC SHOULD KNOW

1 The last date for domestic manufacturing companies to commence production to avail the 15% concessional tax rate has been extended by a year to March 31, 2024. This extension factors in Covid-hit business plans

2 One more year to start for startups! The tax holiday of 100% of profits (for a block of 3 years in first 10 years of incorporation) available to startups has been extended by one more year

3 Foreign dividends become dearer, as those received on or after April 1, 2022 from foreign companies (in which an Indian company holds 26% or more shareholding) are proposed to be taxed at normal corporate tax rates instead of a concessional tax rate of 15%

4 Any expenditure incurred for earning exempt income to be disallowed whether or not corresponding exempt income is earned during the year. The proposed amendment to apply retrospectively from tax year 2021-2022

5 Overruling favourable court rulings, it is proposed to 'clarify' with retrospective effect from tax year 2004-05, that education cess is not deductible in computing business income. Taxpayers who received refunds, following favourable judicial orders will need to repay this sum with interest

6 Cooperatives get surcharge booster! The rate of surcharge for cooperative societies having income over Rs 1 crore but not above Rs 10 crore reduced to 7% from 12%

7 No deduction available for expenditure in connection with violation of any law, rule, regulation or guideline, be it Indian or foreign or for compounding any offence. This amendment is retrospectively applicable from tax year 2021-22

8 TDS of 10% introduced on benefits or perquisites to persons other than employees in course of carrying on of a business or profession if value exceeds Rs 20,000 **(Powered by EY)**

V-shaped recovery on D-Street as it weighs capex & borrowing

Sensex Swings 1.3K Pts, Ends 848 Pts Up | 2nd Biggest B-Day MCap Gain

TEAM TOI

It was the second-most volatile market session ever in the wake of a Budget as the sensex swung by 1,295 points. Dalal Street investors gave a thumbs-up to finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman as she unveiled a plan to fire up the economy with government-led investment, but after her speech concluded, there was a sharp selloff, rumoured to be by a foreign fund. Anxiety over the government's borrowing programme added to the effect. This led to a sharp slide but the sensex eventually regained lost ground and closed nearly 850 points up to close at 58,863, while the Nifty gained 237 points to close at 17,577.

The day's rally also added Rs 3.2 lakh crore to investors' wealth with BSE's market cap at Rs 270.6 lakh crore. This was the second-highest addition to investor's wealth on a Budget day, behind last year's Rs 6.4 lakh crore, official data showed.

Top fund managers, who look for a clear growth path, sounded positive on the FM's statement that the Budget was aimed at India@100, that is a journey to be charted over the next 25 years.

"It is a Budget for laying the centenary path for India," said Nilesh Shah, group president & MD, Kotak Mutual Fund. The government will invest for inclusive, future-ready, digital and competitive India. (The plan is for) entrepreneurs, startups, taxpayers to create growth on that path, Shah said. "An extremely conservative revenue estimate on tax as well as non-tax will be fiscally positive."

HOW SENSEX SWAYED ON BUDGET DAYS

Feb 1, 2021	2,331 pts
Feb 1, 2022	**1,295**
Feb 1, 2020	1,275
Feb 29, 2016	849
July 10, 2014	803
Feb 1, 2018	755
Feb 28, 2015	678
July 5, 2019	591
Feb 1, 2017	569
Feb 1, 2019	557

The FM said she was raising the government's capital expenditure plans by a massive 35.4% to Rs 7.5 lakh crore. Top fund managers feel that this would spur private investments and create large employment opportunities.

According to A Balasubramanian, MD and CEO, Aditya Birla MF, it's an investment-led, growth-oriented Budget with higher capex allocation by the government. The government is looking at the private-public-partnership model to implement its capex plans with sectors like railway, digital and urban infrastructure getting a priority, he said.

As a result, cement, steel and other metal stocks witnessed strong buying interest. Among the leading stocks from these sectors, Tata Steel rallied over 7.5%, UltraTech cement closed 4.1% higher, while ACC closed 2.3% up.

Budget proposals are also expected to have multiplier effect to fire up several other sectors. According to Nimesh Shah, MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential MF, through its continual push for domestic manufacturing and infrastructure, this year's Budget prioritises support for growth, which is likely to have a multiplier effect across core sectors.

Insurance guarantees next round of infra build-up

TEAM TOI

Contractors bidding for infrastructure projects will find it easier to get on board with the government accepting surety bonds as a substitute for bank guarantees. The acceptance of surety bonds will also benefit gold importers.

Typically, in projects, successful bidders are asked to provide a bank guarantee that can be invoked if the contractor fails to deliver. Banks treat these guarantees as a form of credit and charge the borrower for the same. "Insurers will be able to provide surety bonds to reduce indirect cost for suppliers and work-contractors thereby diversifying their options and acting as a substitute for bank guarantee," said Tapan Singhel, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

COVER FOR CONTRACTORS

Last month, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) came out with norms that allowed non-life companies to issue various types of surety contracts. "With these surety bonds, I believe, the initial project cost will slightly reduce and the overall project viability will improve," said Singhel.

However, former IRDAI member K K Srinivasan says that caution is the keyword for insurers. "Surety bonds of this type is tremendously riskier than other classes. Expertise will take years to build. The present solvency norms may not be adequate. Risk-based capital norms will be required. Alternatively, additional capital for this class business based on the planned volume of business for the company may be required."

The bonds that insurers have been allowed to issue include advance payment bond, bid bond, contract bond, customs and court bond, performance bond and retention money.

Bond mkt finds no view to a kill in borrowing plan

TEAM TOI

The government bond market witnessed a selloff after the finance minister said that total gross borrowing for the coming fiscal will be almost Rs 15 lakh crore, much higher than the market's expectation of about Rs 12-12.5 lakh crore. Given the fact that global central banks are gearing up for a rate hike cycle, which could likely push up interest rates in India too, bond market players said the whole borrowing programme needs deft handling.

On Tuesday, in the government bond market, the benchmark 10-year gilt yield (maturing in 2032) closed at 6.83%, a more than two-year high and up 15 basis points (100bps = 1 percentage point) from Monday's close at 6.68%. During the day, the high was at 6.87%.

SHAKEN & STIRRED

The new 10-year government bonds were introduced on January 14 this year, at a yield of 6.54%. In less than a month, the yield has now risen nearly 30 basis points, indicating pressure on bond prices because of a combination of domestic and international factors, market players pointed out.

However, the silver lining is that the government has some options to tweak a few things here and there to cushion the negative impact of a rising yield, at least partially. "While the government's fiscal arithmetic seems to have retained some elbow room, both for several revenue and expenditure items, the higher-than-expected deficit and borrowing figures have led to a negative reaction from the bond market," said Siddhartha Sanyal, chief economist, Bandhan Bank.

It'll take more dough to don a smartwatch

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: Prices of headphones, earbuds, and smartwatches being imported may go up by between Rs 100 for entry-level devices to over Rs 1,000 and more for Apple, Fitbit, Bose and other premium makers. The Budget has increased the customs duty to 20% as part of efforts to encourage local manufacturing.

Also, the Budget has done away with import duty on certain key components used in their manufacturing while stipulating a phase-wise duty structure in subsequent years to encourage development of a parts ecosystem within India. The FM said the changes to customs duty is encourage their local manufacturing.

GIFT for Guj: Sops for P-Notes trading

TEAM TOI

To boost trading by global investors at the International Financial Services Centre in Gujarat's GIFT City, the government is giving several tax exemptions, including one that players feel may allow investments by NRIs through participatory notes (P-Notes).

EYES ON NRIs

At present, P-Notes are under Sebi's strict regulatory purview following suspicion that several Indian entities were routing their money through international tax havens to invest in Indian stocks using these instruments.

The FM on Tuesday allowed tax exemptions to offshore derivative instruments (technical name for P-Notes) that are traded by non-resident Indians. These investments in P-Notes would have to be routed through the IFSC to be outside the regulatory purview of Sebi, market players said.

In addition, the FM also announced tax sops for several other activities that are planned to be carried out through the IFSC. According to Tapan Ray, MD & Group CEO, GIFT City, the Budget announcements reiterated the commitment of the government "towards energising the regulatory ecosystem at GIFT IFSC which will have a huge multiplier effect for the country's economic growth".

Ray also said that income tax exemptions for several activities in IFSC "would promote various business activities such as ship leasing & financing, offshore fund management and offshore banking activities".

GAME CHANGERS

1957 The Budget presented by T T Krishnamachari sought to make a distinction between earned and unearned incomes and introduced wealth tax and expenditure tax. The wealth tax kicked in at values above ₹2 lakh for individuals, and above ₹3 lakh for HUFs; the expenditure tax was on spending above ₹24,000 a year for assessee and wife, and ₹5,000 each for dependent children.

The Times of India
NEW TAXES TO NET RS. 93 CRORES
COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR AND FUEL WILL COST MORE
Levy On Railway Fares: Postal Rates Raised
DEPOSITS ON EXPENDITURE AND WEALTH PROPOSED
Budget Presented In Parliament By Sri. T. T. Krishnamachari
TODAY'S NEWS

From RK Laxman

Jan 31, 1986: But they all seem a bit shy about disclosing their identity, Sir

Postcard to the edge: E-bank for all pin codes

TEAM TOI

A large chunk of the Indian population will bridge the digital divide in the current financial year with post offices putting in place a core banking system and banks setting up digital banking units (DBUs) in 75 districts.

The Post Office Savings Bank has 19 crore savings accounts including those under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). While the post office has the reach, its customers do not have access to anytime-anywhere banking, which is available to the urban clientele.

DIGITAL FACELIFT

With all the 1.5 lakh post offices in the country coming under the core banking system, customers can access their accounts through net banking, mobile banking, and ATMs. They will also be able to transfer funds from their post office accounts to accounts in commercial banks.

"The Budget proposal to set up 75 DBUs in 75 districts is in sync with our ongoing digital banking initiatives," said SBI chairman Dinesh Khara.

"For India to become a digital economy, all villages should have the same access to digital resources as urban areas. To augment this, the setting up of DBUs is a commitment to taking high-end tech to the bottom of the pyramid," said Anand Kumar Bajaj, Founder, MD & CEO, PayNearby.

According to bankers, the setting up of DBUs will provide a concerted effort at building up a payment ecosystem that will benefit all the banks in the district. "The Jan Dhan Yojana has ensured that most households have bank accounts. The need now is to build an ecosystem so that they can use their accounts for all transactions without having to draw cash," said a senior banker. He added that the details of the scheme were still awaited.

According to Bajaj, DBUs will ensure that the benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country in a consumer-friendly manner. "The objective of citizen empowerment with digital growth and supporting fintech will directionally encourage delivering of digitisation to India in its 100th year well ahead of time," said Bajaj.

'B-Day Wordle: CAPEX'

"This is futuristic, mature Budget that focuses on long-term growth. Allocation of Rs 48,000 crore for housing reflects immense demand and need for affordable housing. There is downward trajectory of fiscal deficit, while prioritising need for growth, job and continued assistance to Covid-hit sectors

—Deepak Parekh | CHAIRMAN, HDFC

"It's a masterful balance of near-term imperatives and long-term priorities and lays the foundation for sustained 8% growth. The sharp increase in capital expenditure will flag off new investments and herald the 'Capex Mahotsav'. The Budget had bold ideas. My pick for the Budget day Wordle would be 'CAPEX'

—K M Birla | CHAIRMAN, ADITYA BIRLA GROUP

"The booster shot provided by way of significantly large capex outlay will lead to greater demand across industries, push up capacity utilisation & private capex, create jobs, lead to higher private consumption, bring down cost of doing business and lead to a virtuous spiral

—Sanjiv Mehta | PRESIDENT, FICCI & CHAIRMAN, HUL

"It reaffirms government's commitment towards inclusive growth with a multi-pronged plan for world-class physical and digital infra development. Delighted to see that digitisation ran as one of the principal themes across many planned public spending initiatives

—Sunil Mittal | CHAIRMAN, BHARTI ENTERPRISES

"Budget has positive thrust towards increased capex. That's a major boost for infra. The defence opportunity for private sector is welcome. The customs duty on capital goods is also timely because capital goods is the mother industry and India needs to be self-reliant in this segment

—Venu Srinivasan | CHAIRMAN, TVS GROUP

"Focus on mental-health initiatives is welcome. The strategic move towards the development of the edtech sector, clean & renewable energy, building diverse digital finance infra coupled with Ease of Business 2.0 lays a strong foundation for the govt's vision for Independent India@100

—Adar Poonawalla | CEO, SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA

"Substantive enhancement in public expenditure promises to shape a competitive and resilient economy. The futuristic measures to power new age startups, usher in NextGen Agriculture, generate livelihoods and strengthen climate action will build the foundations of a modern and Atmanirbhar Bharat, as envisioned by the PM

—Sanjiv Puri | CHAIRMAN, ITC

"Budget continues to reinforce larger vision to enhance usage of digital payments, especially with the introduction of the digital rupee. The allocation of Rs 1,500 crore to promote digital transactions and boost digital payments in rural and remote areas will be beneficial to the already booming online retail business

—Falguni Nayar | FOUNDER & CEO, NYKAA

MOST THINGS ARE CHEAPER NOW

British rule deindustrialised India, turning it into a source of raw material and a market for British products. As a result, in the early years following Independence, almost everything had to be imported and many items that are necessities today used to be exorbitantly priced luxuries. Only property has escalated exponentially since the 1950s when a car cost as much as a 2 BHK flat in Colaba. However, housing loans and growth of suburbs have made it easier for more people to own homes

ROAD TO 75

Per Capita Income — 1950: ₹274; Today: ₹1,50,326

Real Estate

2 BHK Flat — Colaba, Opposite Strand Cinema

1950 Price: 7,000 — Time To Earn: 25.5 Years

Today Price: 3.5 Crore — Time To Earn: 233 Years

Consumer Durables

1950 Sofa Set, Price: 650, Time To Earn: 2.4 Years

Today Three-Seater Sofa, Price: 20,000, Time To Earn: 1.6 Months

1950 Philips Refrigerator, Price: 1,600, Time To Earn: 5.8 Years

Today Standard Refrigerator, Price: 10,000, Time To Earn: 24 Days

Personal Entertainment/ Management

Kodak Brownie Reflex Camera, Price: 1,600, Time To Earn: 2 Months

Mid-Range Smartphone, Price: 10,000, Time To Earn: 24 Days

Office

Mid-Range Olivetti Typewriter, Price: 575, Time To Earn: 2.1 Years

Mid-Range Laptop, Price: 30,000, Time To Earn: 2.4 Months

Transport

Morris Minor Economy Car, Price: 7,776, Time To Earn: 28.4 Years

Entry-Level Car, Price: 3,25,000, Time To Earn: 2.2 Years

Air Tickets

Trans World Airlines Ticket Prices

1950 Mumbai-US, Price: 2,878, Time To Earn: 10.5 Years

Today New Delhi-New York, Price: 39,630, Time To Earn: 3.2 Months

Air India: Mumbai-Kolkata, Price: 220, Time To Earn: 9.8 Months

Today Mumbai-Kolkata, Price: 2,834, Time To Earn: 7 Days

Mumbai-Delhi (Dakota Service), Price: 155, Time To Earn: 6.9 Months

Today Mumbai-New Delhi, Price: 2,322, Time To Earn: 6 Days

Daily-Use Items

Back in the 1950s, one would have had to think really hard before buying a pair of shoes

1950	Price	Time To Earn	Today	Price	Time To Earn
Kopran Toothpaste	11	15 Days	Toothpaste 500g	227	1 Day
Truefit Shoes	57.5	2.6 Months	Casual Shoes	1,500	4 Days
Omega Watch	190	8.4 Months	Entry-Level Smartwatch	3,000	7 Days
Godrej Soap — Pack Of 12	3.5	5 Days	Dettol Soap — Pack Of 12	591	1 Day

10 THINGS CONSUMERS SHOULD KNOW

1 Adorning yourself with precious diamonds and gemstones is set to become relatively cheaper with customs duty on cut and polished diamonds and gemstones falling from 7.5% to 5%. A half-carat solitaire diamond ring costing Rs 1,30,000 will get you a saving of up to Rs 2,500

2 Wearing imported imitation jewellery will get more expensive with increase in customs duty to 20% or Rs 400/kg, whichever is higher. Imported imitation jewellery set bought from Goa flea market weighing around a kg and costing Rs 1,000 could now be more expensive by Rs 250

3 Be ready to shell out more on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 250gm of Tassyam Turkish hazelnuts may now cost approximately Rs 515 instead of Rs 449 due to increase in customs duty on imported hazelnuts from 10% to 30%

4 Protecting yourself from the sun and rain using an imported umbrella will pinch the pocket with customs duty increasing from 10% to 20%. Loyzo imported umbrella, which was earlier priced at Rs 1,199, may now be available for more than Rs 1,290

5 Gourmet food connoisseurs have reasons to be glum as customs duty on Atlantic salmon has increased from 10% to 30%, becoming dearer by almost Rs 265 on a cost of Rs 1,795 for 450gm

6 Stay warm this winter as duty on imported blankets has fallen from 25% to 10%. So, a Westinghouse electric blanket will cost Rs 500 less at Rs 7,000

7 Customs duty on imported handkerchiefs has reduced from 25% to 20%. A pack of imported Peter England's handkerchiefs (Rs 249) could now be cheaper by Rs 35

8 Listening to music and podcasts will come at a higher price tag with customs duty on headphones set to increase from 15% to 20%. AKG Y500 headphones currently costing Rs 8,999 could now set you back by Rs 9,314

9 Cook up a storm as duty on asafoetida (hing) reduced from 20% to 5%. Afghan hing (Rs 495 for 10gm) will be cheaper by Rs 50

10 Winter dressing will cost less as the customs duty on imported overcoats falls from 25% to 20%. A Zara over-coat costing Rs 7,990 can now be had for 7,740

Methodology: We have taken the retail price of popular brands, factored in a tentative distributors margin and then computed the indicative cost of imported goods considering the impact of Budget announcements

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BudWiser

Tax on ESOPs now lower **when selling startup shares**

Investors, founders and holders of employee stock options at startups are set to enjoy reduced tax burden on sale of shares. The Budget has capped the surcharge on long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax at 15% for all listed and unlisted instruments as opposed to a graded surcharge regime going up to 37% earlier for unlisted securities. "This step will give a boost to the startup community," the FM said. The LTCG on unlisted securities will now be taxed at 23.9%, as opposed to 28.5%, thus reducing the tax burden by 16%. The tax rate, however, remains unchanged at 20%.

Med devices cheaper, **but customs cut bitter pill for Atmanirbhar Bharat?**

Prices of certain medical devices and instruments used in dental, orthopaedic and surgical procedures, tubular needles, catheters, defibrillators, ortho appliances — which are imported — could go down. However, the reduction in customs duty from 10% to 7.5% may facilitate cheaper imports of these devices, which is against the interest of domestic industry and, hence, against the spirit of self-reliance, an industry expert said.

Lower duty for imported cocoa beans, **but chocolates to cost same**

At a time when most decisions in the Budget are about promoting Make in India, a reduction in the basic customs duty on cocoa beans from 30% to 15% would make imports cheaper. Will that make chocolates more affordable? Apparently not and the reason being that chocolate makers import processed cocoa butter to make chocolates, and don't import whole beans. What the move could, however, encourage is imports of beans by entrepreneurs to be processed to cocoa butter in India. In a way, this would encourage Make in India.

BUDLITE

Silicon Switch

Before Nirmala Sitharaman, FMs brought the Budget to Parliament in a brown leather briefcase. She broke the tradition first with a red cloth bag that she termed "bahi khata", and then with a made-in-India iPad

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Cryptic signs: Tax on e-assets opens gateway to brave, new virtual world

Crypto Prices Up Even As Transactions Of Tokens Like NFTs Are To Be Tracked

TEAM TOI

It may not sound logical, but cryptocurrency prices rose in response to the Union Budget's imposition of a 30% tax on income earned from transfer of virtual digital assets (VDAs), and its decision to bring in a TDS mechanism to track such transactions. The Budget's objective was to rein in speculation in cryptocurrency and non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and to protect investor interest. But the markets also saw it as a de facto legitimisation of these new age instruments.

Many in these markets were worried that the government might ban them. The fact that it chose to take what looks like the first step to bringing a regulatory framework around VDAs clearly came as a relief. "There has been a phenomenal increase in transactions in virtual digital assets. The magnitude and frequency of these transactions have made it imperative to provide for a specific tax regime," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her speech. Besides the flat rate of 30% on income from transfer of VDAs, no deduction will be allowed in respect of any expenditure while computing such income except cost of acquisition. Further, loss from transfer of virtual digital assets cannot be set off against any other income.

With NFT artworks gaining popularity, gifts of virtual digital assets are also proposed to be taxed in the hands of the recipient. To capture transaction details, a TDS of 1% will be imposed on all such transactions over Rs 50,000.

The Budget's decision to come out with a central bank digital currency (CBDC) was also seen by the industry as a step toward making India a global hub for the Web 3.0 economy.

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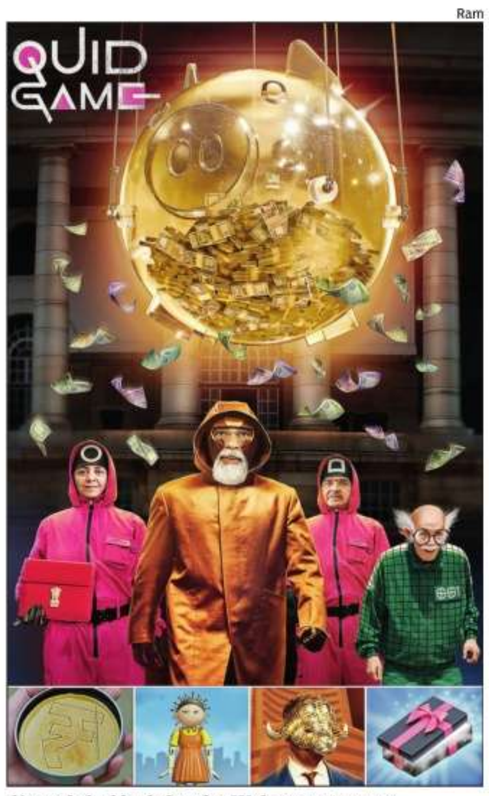


Sumit Gupta, co-founder & CEO of crypto exchange CoinDCX and co-chair of industry body BACC, said that taxation is a "step in the right direction". He said the move provides clarity and confidence to the industry.

Ashish Singhal, founder & CEO of crypto bourse CoinSwitch, said the Budget move shows the government's intent to take a business-friendly approach while protecting the interest of consumers and the exchequer. He said they hope to work with the government to help bring crypto asset taxation on a par with other asset classes. The 30% rate is higher than for most other asset classes.

Nischal Shetty, founder & CEO of crypto exchange WazirX, said the government's move "will pave the way for crypto adoption and put India in the front seat of innovation". He also hoped that this would remove any ambiguity for banks, and they would provide financial services to the crypto industry.

However, some noted that the definition of VDA in the finance bill only explicitly mentions NFTs and the decision to include or exclude cryptocurrencies depends on executive action, and taxability does not mean legality. The FM also clarified in the press meet that any cryptocurrency other than the CBDC proposed to be issued by the RBI is not considered as currency by the government.

Dinesh Kanabar, CEO of tax firm Dhruva Advisors, noted that India still does not have a crypto bill, and all it has is a separate regime for taxation of all digital assets on a standalone gross basis, without deduction of corresponding losses.

Nithin Kamath, founder & CEO of online brokerage Zerodha, said that crypto will only be legal after the crypto bill, and until then, regulated entities in India can't offer trading in crypto.

More cash on the table for hospitality, small firms

TEAM TOI

Businesses seeking cash in the wake of the third wave of the pandemic have received fresh support through the extension of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) and the Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).

ECLGS, which has already provided support to 1.3 crore small businesses, has been extended by one year to March 2023. Also, the size of the scheme has been increased by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore with the additional amount earmarked for hospitality and related sectors. The CGTMSE scheme is also being revamped with an infusion of funds to facilitate Rs 2 lakh crore of loans for micro and small enterprises and to expand employment opportunities.

FRESH WAVE OF CREDIT

According to bankers, the proposal will help contact-intensive businesses — particularly the travel, hospitality and other service sectors — who have managed to survive the first two waves but need support now. Those who have already availed relief under the scheme, however, cannot get a second round of relief as this would require a special dispensation from the RBI.

"ECLGS is one of the most successful interventions and it has helped many borrowers and has been instrumental in keeping the stress low in the banking system. Extending it further is a good move," said Rajkiran Rai, chairman, Union Bank of India.

The scheme benefits lenders as they can lend up to 20% of the borrower's credit limit, which will be guaranteed by the government. For the borrower, the advantage is that the interest rate is very low and there is a two-year moratorium, which in the short term has all the advantages of equity.

Discount for kirana stores: UPI free for another year

TEAM TOI

The homegrown payments platforms — Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and RuPay — will continue to be free for small merchants with the government extending financial support for digital payment infrastructure in FY23.

Last year's Budget allocation had compensated banks for zero fees on UPI and RuPay merchant transactions.

Merchant discount rate (MDR) is the fee that is paid by shops to banks for facilitating digital payments. The flip side of zero MDR is that fintechs that facilitate these payments do not receive any revenue on these transactions.

"The continuation of financial support is a big positive as it will continue to deepen the adoption of digital payments across the country and promote the use of economical and user-friendly platforms," said Deepak Chandnani, executive chairman designate, Worldline South Asia & Middle East.

A zero MDR regime benefits small merchants more than retail chains. Although big retailers receive a higher share of their payments in electronic form, they end up paying fees to integrators for enabling multiple instruments including credit, debit cards and UPI.

FM eyes green pathway to finance

TEAM TOI

The government has for the first time unveiled a sovereign green bonds issue. The bonds will be part of the Centre's borrowing programme and proceeds will be passed on to public sector projects that reduce the carbon intensity of the economy.

"Since the word used in the document is "sovereign green bonds" and its proceeds will be deployed in ESG (environment, social and governance)-compliant projects, I think this should logically be an offshore bond issuance. It's only logical that global investors will give the best pricing and commit large funds to this kind of issuance. If this is an offshore issuance, it will surely provide respite to the debt markets," said Ashhish Vaidya, head of treasury, DBS Bank.

GREEN SHOOTS FOR NEW ECONOMY

In addition, the government will promote thematic funds in sunrise sectors such as climate action, deep-tech, digital economy, pharma and agri-tech for providing blended finance with government share being limited to 20% and the funds being managed by private fund managers. The objective is for government to lead the investment and achieve a multiplier effect similar to what funds promoted by government-backed National Infrastructure and Investment Fund and SIDBI Fund of Funds were able to do.

Worldwide, governments have been tapping into sovereign green bonds to raise funds for projects that aid the environment. Close to $100 billion has been raised through issues of sovereign green bonds in 2021 with the UK, Italy and Spain being the large issuers. Green bonds are similar to any borrowing except that end-use of the proceeds is dedicated to projects that contribute to climate mitigation or adaptation. Projects mitigating climate change aim to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases. The issue of these bonds makes sense as there are institutional funds that invest only in sustainable projects.

Ease of undoing biz: Down shutters in just six months

TEAM TOI

If a company wants to wind up its operations, it would be able to do so in six months instead of the current two years as the government plans to hasten the exit process for firms.

"Ease of exit is as important as ease of setting up under the ease of doing business objectives of the government," said Nexdigm's senior executive director Maulik Doshi.

WHEELING OUT FAILED FIRMS

The two-year timeline is a "big bottleneck" currently, he added.

Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) is being established to speed up the voluntary winding-up of companies. "This will help in efficient structuring of M&A transactions," said BDO India partner Samir Sheth. It will also assist companies to significantly reduce the present delays in winding up, said J Sagar Associates partner Aashit Shah.

The government also plans to bring changes in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to enable cross border insolvencies as well as to make dispute resolutions effective.

GAME CHANGERS

1970 Indira Gandhi's only Budget, but one that has become famous for raising income and wealth taxes to their highest levels — 93.5% being the tax on the highest income slab. With no sense of irony, Indira in her speech said: "when income is wholly earned...there will be no ceiling, as the highest marginal tax of 93.5% will leave some room for increase in income after tax at all levels."

THE TIMES OF INDIA

NEW TAXES TO FETCH Rs. 170 CROREs

Rs. 400 cr. more for Plan

THE PROPOSALS IN DETAIL

Common man is both happy & sore

From RK Laxman

Feb 19, 1963: Yes, that's your dinner! You said we should be prepared to pay more taxes. Well, I prepared it on that basis

Balancing Act: No tax sops but sun shines on new sectors

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has delivered a Budget that ticks several boxes. It's focused on maintaining fiscal prudence, improving ease of doing business, boosting infrastructure, and creating a strong digital governance architecture.

Upsides include a 35% ramp-up in capital expenditure outlay, announcement of several big ticket infrastructure projects, continuing PSU disinvestments, 5G spectrum auctions, etc. There were certainly no negative surprises that pleased the stock market, with the sensex responding with an over 800-point rally.

Laying the digital road map

The FM has set the stage for delivering on the promise of creating a strong digital-led economy by 2047. She has focused on measures to build a strong digital architecture that supports digital governance, e-health, ease of doing business through voluntary compliance & building digital trust. At the same time, she talked of investing in digital healthcare & digital education.

Digital health & pharma

I welcome the decision to roll out Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and the National Tele-Mental Health Program with NIMHANS as a nodal center and IIIT-Bangalore providing technology support for the network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence.

The finance minister has identified genomics and pharmaceuticals as sunrise sectors and promised supportive policies. I hope the government enables adequate investments in innovative pharma R&D, health technology, biotechnology. These sectors hold great promise and will need large investments.

BY INVITATION

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
Chairperson of Biocon

The Budget said the government will promote thematic funds for blended finance with the government share being limited to 20% and the funds being managed by private fund managers.I believe research and innovation is critical for spurring exponential economic growth.

Fiscal Prudence

While there were concerns that the government would miss its fiscal deficit target of 6.8%, the finance minister managed to contain the fiscal deficit to 6.9%. With the deficit pegged to be lowered to 6.4% in the next fiscal year, it is good to see the government sticking to the glide path of fiscal consolidation.

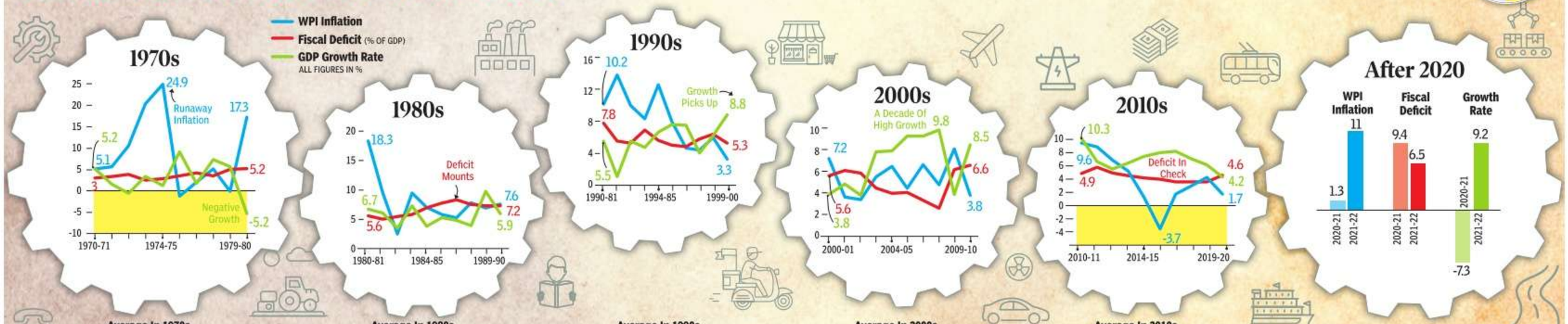
Business as usual for corporate India

Indian Inc had expected the FM to lower corporate tax rates. Private investments have sharply declined despite improved financial performance, so some changes in tax rates could have spurred investment in capital expansion. However, the FM was probably constrained in giving tax relief to corporates as the economy is still not out of the woods yet on the pandemic front. Corporate India is comfortable as there are no negative surprises in the Budget, which is good for overall business sentiment.

Overall, this is a Budget that is well balanced with fiscal prudence and 'ease of doing business' as the main themes.

FINALLY, A GRIP ON THREE LEVERS OF ECONOMY

The '70s was a time of low fiscal deficit marked by high inflation and low growth. Increased spending spurred growth in the '80s but inflation and the deficit spun out of control. In the '90s, liberalisation pushed growth and controlled the deficit, but it wasn't until the 2010s that India found all-round economic stability. The 2020s have started with uncertainty though, but that is largely because of the pandemic



BUDGET 2022 ON TWITTER

Amit Shah: This Budget, brought by the Modi government, is a visionary Budget, which will prove to be a Budget to change the scale of India's economy. This Budget will make India self-reliant and lay the foundation of a new India of the 100th year of independence

Rajnath Singh: It is a Budget which would give fillip to 'Make in India', boost demand and build capacities for a stronger, prosperous and confident India

Rahul Gandhi: M0di G0vernment's Zer0 Sum Budget! Nothing for: Salaried class. Middle class. The poor & deprived. Youth. Farmers. MSMEs

Mamata Banerjee: Budget has zero for common people, who are getting crushed by unemployment & inflation. Govt is lost in big words signifying nothing: A Pegasus spin Budget

Arvind Kejriwal: People had high expectations from the Budget during the Corona period. The Budget disappointed the people. There is nothing in the Budget for the general public. Nothing to reduce inflation

Poll Season, But No Populism

Reason May Be PM's Belief People Trust His Vision

TEAM TOI

Among the striking features of the Budget is one it does not have. Coming amid electioneering in Uttar Pradesh and other states, it was expected to have freebies, especially in a season that has seen contenders in the various battlegrounds seeking to outmuscle each other on populism. But on Tuesday, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman delivered a big surprise by not offering freebies.

There could be several reasons for the restraint, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's lack of conviction about both the desirability and political effectiveness of 'slog over' handouts. It could also be because the government wants to conserve the firepower for closer to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. However, it is just possible that the PM believes that people will be wowed also by demonstrative steps to translate his vision of 'New India' into a reality.

Budgets in the past were said to have "bet big" on growth too. But this one approximates the promise better than its predecessors. The government has put enough money on the table, while it has also proven that it has the drive to ensure the allocations are actually spent. So, the jump in capital expenditure can indeed translate into jobs, undergirding Modi's promise of a better deal, especially because expansive vaccination coverage can, hopefully, buffer the country against the villain of last year's piece— the coronavirus. The attempt to provide building blocks for a nation with improved infrastructure and better connectivity, along with easier and faster compliances, can hope to attract a slice of foreign funds looking for new avenues since the pandemic alerted the world to the need to diversify supply chains, and is "future-compliant" as well.

The push for "green", while crucial for the protection for environment, has the potential to create employment opportunities. Together with the proposals to promote "sunrise" spheres of Artificial Intelligence, drones and semiconductors, it gives the Budget a ring of future-readiness — something

Ajit Ninan

which goes well with the PM's persona of a "far-sighted leader" working hard to usher the country into the 'Amrit Kaal', the 25 years leading to the 100th anniversary of Independence. The move to lure "world class" foreign universities to GIFT city in Gandhinagar by exempting them from domestic regulations and the proposed digital university convey the same earnestness.

But the Budget is also rooted in contemporary reality in that it recognises the need to improve living conditions in rural areas. The vast category of rural voters has reciprocated measures like provision of cooking fuel, free housing and better roads by supporting BJP. In fact, the estimate that the gratitude endures could also explain the resistance to offer goodies. However, farm protests, though limited to a pocket, showed that nothing can be taken for granted. In his post-Budget remarks, the PM spoke about the continued pursuit to improve quality of life with more free houses, toilets, LPG cylinders and water taps in villages which are assured of more hours of electricity and, to boot, are better connected.

The plan for expansion of mobile phone coverage and cheaper data comes with the ambitious objective to reach optical fibre network to all villages by 2025. The FM laid stress on higher procurement of foodgrains under MSP and the government must be hoping that the transfer of Rs 2.37 lakh crore into the accounts of farmers will register better when farmers have vacated the streets.

But it is the inclusion of 1.5 lakh post offices in the banking system — allowing for online transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts — which has the potential of being the game-changer, both in terms of improved "ease of living" and the sense of well-being it will generate.

The Budget may not offer conclusive evidence of a final switch from the politics of placebos represented by freebies, but it certainly marks a desire to try a new tack, at least until when populist pragmatism becomes necessary.

The ease promised to suppliers to government and continuing relief for small businesses should assuage a constituency which , while potentially supportive, is sensitive about its sectional interest and tends to get restive . Of course, job creation can be the larger spin off.

The faith in productivity-linked incentives (PLIs) and the phasing out of customs duty exemptions on more than 350 goods signalled that the "Make in India" push will get only stronger.

Modi: Budget of possibilities, jobs and new opportunities

TEAM TOI

The Budget has brought about a new confidence of development amid the worst calamity in a century, and it will create new opportunities for common people while giving a booster dose to the economy, PM Narendra Modi said.

"The Budget is full of possibilities for more infrastructure, more investment, higher growth and more jobs," the PM said, adding that a key aspect is welfare of the poor. "Every poor person should have a pucca house, tap water, a toilet, gas facility and all these have been given special attention. There is equal emphasis on internet connectivity," he said.

The PM said the quest for modernity and technology in every sphere of life — drones for farmers, Vande Bharat trains, digital currency, 5G services and national digital health ecosystem — will benefit the youth, middle class, poor, Dalits and backward classes. In a first, 'Parvatmala' scheme is being launched in Himachal, Uttarakhand, J&K and the Northeast to modernise transportation in hilly areas, he said.

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10 THINGS INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS SHOULD KNOW FROM PROFESSOR NIRMALA

Taxpayers to get **extra opportunity to file 'updated' tax return** within 3 years from end of relevant financial year on payment of 'additional income tax'. With huge data available with the IT department, this will nudge taxpayers to voluntarily comply thereby reducing litigation.

Atma Nirbhar Bharat becomes more attractive! Benefit of **reduced surcharge of 15% will be applicable on long-term capital gains from all assets.** Earlier, it was applicable only on capital gains from listed equity shares and units of equity oriented fund. This is aimed at encouraging investments in start-ups and other companies.

Any **income from transfer (including gift) of Virtual Digital Asset (VDA) will be taxed at 30% without deduction** or set off of losses except deduction allowed for cost of acquisition. Further, in case of losses from VDA, such losses can neither be set off against any other income nor be carried forward. TDS at the rate of 1% is applicable on transfer of VDA in certain cases. This will **bring the emerging market of digital assets under the tax ambit** resulting in additional tax burden on taxpayers.

Digital Rupee is here! The Reserve Bank of India would introduce **Central Bank Digital Currency, using blockchain** and other technologies, starting financial year 2022-23. This will give a **boost to India's digital economy** and also lead to a more efficient and cheaper currency management system.

A new hope for differently abled! Earlier, tax deduction for insurance premium paid for disabled dependent was available only if the scheme provided for payment of annuity or lumpsum amount on death of the subscriber (being the guardian or parent of disabled dependent). However, now the **deduction will be available even where the scheme provides for payment of annuity or lumpsum amount during the life of subscriber** if the subscriber has attained 60 years of age or more and stops payment to such scheme. This is done to avoid the hardship faced by the disabled who require funds before death of their parents or guardians.

Parity restored! State **Government employees will be eligible for deduction for employer's contribution to NPS up to 14%** of salary. This will bring parity between the central and state government employees with respect to tax deduction for employer's contribution to NPS.

Life becomes more difficult for tax evaders! **No set off of any losses will be allowed against undisclosed income which is detected under any survey or search** initiated by the tax department. This will further deter tax evasion.

Fewer disputes better trust! If a question of law is already pending before jurisdictional high court or the Supreme Court, **further appeal in identical cases for any other taxpayer cannot be filed by tax department** till such question of law is decided. This will reduce litigation and optimise use of time and resources on similar cases.

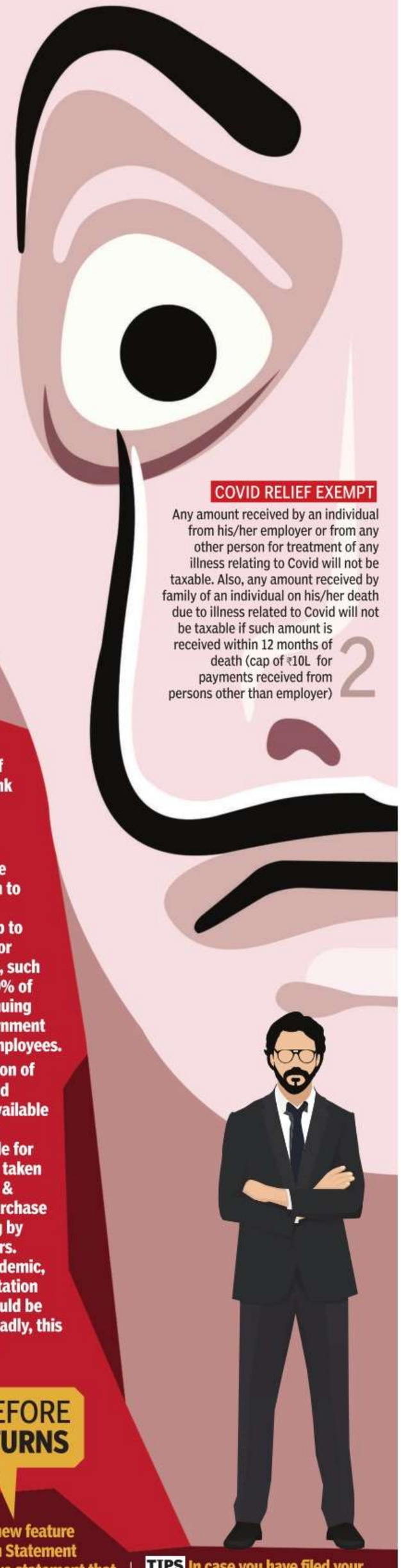
No deduction for expense incurred on exempt income! There was ambiguity on allowability of deduction of expense incurred on exempt income where there is no exempt income accrued / received during a financial year. Clarity has now been brought on this issue stating that **expenses incurred to earn exempt income will not be eligible for deduction** irrespective of year of accrual/ receipt of the exempt income. This will reduce litigation.

On sale of property, tax is computed by considering sale consideration or stamp duty value of property, whichever is higher. However, TDS on such sale of property is required to be deducted at 1% of sale consideration only. To bring in consistency between taxable income vis-a-vis base for TDS, **TDS now needs to be deducted on the sale consideration or the stamp duty value** of such property, whichever is higher.

HOW NOT TO SAY BELLA CIAO TO YOUR MONEY

Taxes are complicated, much like Tokyo and Rio's relationship. This **Times of India – EY Guide** helps you decode the fine print and save more of your moolah from the taxman

MAKE LIFE LESS TAXING WITH THESE TIPS



1 PAY PREMIUM AND SAVE TAX

The pandemic has taught us how important health insurance is. While you do have to pay those premiums, you can claim deduction of up to ₹25,000 (50,000 for senior citizen) under Section 80D for medical insurance paid for you and your family. If you insure your parents, you get additional deduction of up to ₹50,000 if they are 60 or above. No such deduction is allowed for parents-in-law yet. If premium paid on your policy is providing cover for more than one year, the deduction shall be allowed on a proportionate basis.

2 COVID RELIEF EXEMPT

Any amount received by an individual from his/her employer or from any other person for treatment of any illness relating to Covid will not be taxable. Also, any amount received by family of an individual on his/her death due to illness related to Covid will not be taxable if such amount is received within 12 months of death (cap of ₹10L for payments received from persons other than employer)

BIG SWITCH DE-MYSTIFYING THE OLD AND NEW INCOME-TAX REGIME

Design: Karthic R Iyer

Want to be taxed at lower rates? Then you could opt for the concessional personal income-tax regime (introduced FY 2020-21 and often referred to as the new regime) which gives reduced slab rates on annual income up to ₹15 lakh. But there's a catch. To avail this, you have to forgo a lot of exemptions (such as HRA, LTA etc), deductions (such as standard deduction of ₹50,000 on salary, deduction under Section 80C for investment in PF, PPF, LIC premium of up to ₹1.5 lakh) and losses (such as house property loss) available under the general or old regime. But remember switching to the concessional regime is completely 'optional'. So you could opt for the old regime which allows you to avail exemptions, deductions and losses so that your net taxable income is reduced, and such reduced income is subject to tax at applicable slab rates.

HOT TIP: You can switch from old and new regimes every year.
Confused whether to opt for old or new regime? Let's explain with some examples:

Mr A has gross salary income of ₹15 lakh. He does not avail any exemptions or deductions currently. With only standard deduction of ₹50,000, his annual tax liability is ₹2,57,400. He is better-off under the new/concessional regime as he will save tax of ₹62,400.

Ms B also has gross salary of ₹15 lakh, but claims tax exemptions on HRA, standard deduction and Section 80C deduction. Her current tax bill is ₹117,000 with standard deduction of ₹50,000, say a tax exemption on HRA of ₹3 lakh and Section 80C deduction of ₹1.5 lakh. Mrs B is better-off continuing under the old regime as her tax liability will increase by ₹78,000 if she forgoes current exemptions and deductions.

So, if you're not as smart as El Profesor, take a look at this chart to check your salary level vis a vis the regime that will work for you:

Gross salary levels (₹) (before exemptions, deductions and set-off of losses)	Old regime better if you are availing exemptions, deductions and losses of more than: (₹)
7.5 lakh	1.25 lakh
10 lakh	1.87 lakh
12.5 lakh	2.08 lakh
15 lakh or more	2.5 lakh

PERSONAL INCOME TAX GOOGLIES YOU MUST WATCH OUT FOR

- **There is lack of clarity on whether the 'updated' tax return can be filed for modifications which do not impact tax liability such as disclosure of foreign assets, details of bank accounts, details of directorships, holding of unlisted shares, etc.**
- **Tax deduction is available on employer's contribution to NPS for central and state government employees up to 14% of salary. However, for private sector employees, such tax deduction stays at 10% of salary resulting in continuing disparity between government and non-government employees.**
- **An additional deduction of up to ₹1.5 lakh (over and above the deduction available on income from house property) was available for interest on home loan taken between April 1, 2019 & March 31, 2022 for purchase of affordable housing by first-time homebuyers. Considering the pandemic, there was an expectation that this benefit would be further extended. Sadly, this has not happened.**

RAQUEL TO LISBON CHANGING FACE OF TAX INTERFACE

Faceless assessment was introduced in 2020 to provide a different taxpayer experience. Here is how it works...

1. **Eliminates physical interface between tax officer and taxpayer. Scrutiny proceedings conducted through National Faceless Assessment Centre (NFAC) in New Delhi.**
2. **NFAC assigns case through automated allocation system across India. So, a taxpayer in Ahmedabad may get his scrutiny done from a tax officer anywhere.**
3. **Notices to be uploaded on I-T portal; intimation via email and SMS.**
4. **Taxpayer's submissions to also be uploaded on portal. Adjournment requests can be made online. Video-conferencing hearings can be requested for, if required.**
5. **NFAC passes assessment order based on these. It is uploaded on portal and taxpayer intimated via email and SMS.**
6. **For rectification, recovery of tax due, nearest jurisdictional tax officer is in charge.**

Feedback: Initial experience of faceless assessments has been mixed. Some orders are well-reasoned whereas some have newer and difficult-to-comprehend adjustments.

DO THIS BEFORE FILING RETURNS

A CBDT has launched a new feature called Annual Information Statement (AIS). It is a comprehensive statement that can be downloaded from your account on the new income tax e-filing portal.

B AIS captures information on 46 types of financial transactions such as trading of securities, MF, properties, FDs, interest, dividend, rental etc. It's collected from reporting entities such as banks, stock exchanges, employers, RBI. Going through AIS prevents mismatch with data in govt records.

TIPS In case you have filed your FY 2020-21 tax return and some information reflecting in AIS has not been included in it, you can revise your tax return till March 31, 2022. Budget 2022 has introduced 'updated tax return' which permits filing of return till 24 months from end of the relevant assessment year on payment of addl income tax subject to prescribed conditions.

HOUSE RENT

MI CASA, MY TAX BREAKS

With WFH and Zoom school, your apartment might be feeling a little cramped. Splurging on a bigger home in a greener setting or buying a vacation home for those long lockdowns may become easier with these incentives

5 THINGS ABOUT HOME LOAN INCENTIVES YOU SHOULD KNOW

1 Even a loan taken from an employer, friend, private lender is eligible for deduction — but only on the interest and not principal. And you'll need a certificate from the lender.

2 Booking an apartment which is under construction is sometimes cheaper. I-T law permits you to claim the total interest paid during the pre-delivery period as a deduction in five equal instalments starting from the financial year in which the construction was completed or you acquired your apartment (generally this denotes the date of possession). Of course, the maximum you can claim as a deduction per year continues to be ₹2 lakh, in case of self-occupied property (Although, you could be eligible for the additional interest deduction of ₹1.5 lakh for your first house).

3 It makes tax sense to purchase the new apartment jointly — say with your spouse, then each of you is entitled to a deduction of ₹2 lakh for interest funded by each of you, as explained above. In case you have a working son/ daughter and the bank is willing to split the loan three ways, all three can avail deduction up to ₹2 lakh each on self-occupied property. Add to it the additional interest (if applicable for rented or deemed to be let out property) and the savings can be significant.

4 No notional rent will be added to the taxable income for your second self-occupied house property. Thus, if you don't find a ready tenant you can keep it self-occupied. Do note, that this leeway is available only for up to two houses. A third house which is not let out will still attract tax on its 'deemed value'. In other words, tax will be calculated at expected market rent.

5 The total loss from house property which can be adjusted with any other income (salary, other source) has been capped at ₹2 lakh. Further, if you are unable to set-off the interest of ₹2 lakh against any of the heads of income, the (surplus) interest which could not be set-off can be carried forward only for eight assessment years. Additionally, such set-off is possible only against 'Income from house property'. It becomes a sunk cost if you haven't let out your house on rent.

TAX BENEFITS ON PRINCIPAL

Equated monthly instalments (EMIs) are typically divided into principal (the amount you took as loan) and interest (the cost of servicing the loan). **The principal is allowed as a deduction from your gross total income** (subject to an overall cap under section 80C with other eligible investments of ₹1.5 lakh).

TAX BENEFITS ON INTEREST PAID

Interest payable on 'self-occupied' property is subject to a maximum deduction of ₹2 lakh under the head 'Income from house property'. **It can be set off against other heads of income, which includes salary income, in the same year.**

This reduces your total tax liability. But to claim this, it is essential that the acquisition or construction is completed within 5 years from the end of the financial year in which the loan was taken; else the deduction will be limited to ₹30,000.

An additional tax deduction of up to ₹1.5 lakh is available for interest on home loan taken during the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022 for purchase of residential house with stamp duty value up to ₹45 lakh. However, the individual should not own any other residential property at the time of sanction of loan. If you still haven't purchased your first home, do so at the earliest.

If you have rented out your property, the difference between the rent you get after adjustment of municipal taxes paid by you, standard deduction and the entire interest on housing loan is your **'loss from house property' which you can set off up to ₹2 lakh against your other income**, say salary.

		Scenario 1			Scenario 2		
		House 1 Let out	House 2 Self occupied	Total	House 1 Self occupied	House 2 Self occupied	Total
Net annual value = Rent less municipal taxes less 30% standard deduction	A	8,00,000	Nil		Nil	Nil	Nil
Interest on housing loan	B	-10,00,000	-6,00,000		-10,00,000	-6,00,000	-16,00,000
Deduction for interest	C	-10,00,000	-2,00,000				-2,00,000
Net income/loss from House Property (HP)	D = A-C	(2,00,000)	(2,00,000)	-4,00,000			-2,00,000
Loss from HP set off available	E			-2,00,000			-2,00,000
Loss eligible to be carried forward to next year for set off with HP income				-2,00,000			Nil
Salary income of current year	F			12,00,000			12,00,000
Total taxable income	G = E+F			10,00,000			10,00,000

(Applicable to a taxpayer who has opted for old regime)

- Deduction of interest on housing loan from a self-occupied house property is **not available under new 'simplified' personal income tax regime.**
- Loss under head House Property shall not be allowed to set off from any other head of income and cannot be carried forward under new 'simplified' personal income tax regime.
- Please note that **no notional rent will be added to the taxable income of your second self-occupied house property.** Thus, if you don't find a ready tenant you can keep it self-occupied. Also, do note that this leeway is available only for up to two houses.

EPF ADVANCE TAX-FREE

Considering the need for funds in the pandemic, govt had said people can claim 'non-refundable advance' from PF account to the extent of basic wages & DA for 3 months or up to 75% of amount outstanding in account, whichever is less. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has clarified that tax is not applicable on any advance (including Covid advance). But no notification has been issued. As per general rule, PF withdrawal after completion of 5 years of continuous service may be considered as exempt subject to other conditions.

NO RETURNS FOR 75-PLUS

Resident senior citizens, aged 75 or above, earning only pension and bank interest income (from the same bank where pension is credited) are not required to file income-tax return. On the basis of the declaration submitted by such a taxpayer, bank has to compute taxable income and deduct tax thereon. Such relief is not available if the senior citizen has more than one bank account or has income other than pension and bank interest.

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LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS (LTCG)

Capital gain on sale of all listed securities in India (other than debt-oriented MFs), held for more than 12 months are treated as LTCG. **Unlisted shares and immovable property have to be held for more than 24 months to qualify for LTCG.** In all other types of capital assets, including debt oriented MFs, sale after 36 months will qualify as LTCG

SHORT-TERM CAPITAL GAINS (STCG)

When securities (listed other than a unit/equity oriented MF/zero coupon bonds) are held for up to a year, the **gain is treated as STCG.** For all other type of capital assets, holding up to 24/36 months will qualify as STCG

Tax implication...	...of income	...of sale: LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS	...of sale: SHORT-TERM CAPITAL GAINS
EQUITY SHARES	Taxable at the applicable slab rates	Gains up to ₹1 lakh are exempt. Balance taxable at 10% without indexation*	15%**
EQUITY MUTUAL FUNDS	Taxable at the applicable slab rates		15%***
DEBT MUTUAL FUNDS	Taxable at the applicable slab rates	20% with indexation	Tax at slab rate
LISTED TAX-FREE BONDS	Interest from notified tax-free bonds is exempt from tax	10% without indexation	Tax at slab rate
LISTED DEBENTURES	Taxable, unless notified		Tax at slab rate

SET-OFF PROVISIONS FOR CAPITAL LOSSES ARE RATHER RESTRICTIVE

- Loss from transfer of a **long-term capital asset** can be set off against gain from transfer of any other long-term capital asset in the same year. But, long-term capital loss cannot be set off against short-term capital gains
- Loss from transfer of a **short-term capital asset** can be set off against gain from transfer of any other capital asset in the same year
- Any **unutilised capital loss** after absorption in the same year can be further carried forward to next eight years and be utilised under the same conditions as above

- You should **file your I-T return before July 31 to carry forward any losses**

*Exemption available if Securities Transaction; Tax paid on sale and STT also paid on purchase, in case of equity shares acquired on or after 1 Oct 2004 (subject to certain exceptions notified)

** If STT of 0.1% each is paid by seller and buyer in both cases

*** If STT of 0.001% is paid by seller

STT rates mentioned above are for delivery-based transactions only

80C YOUR TAX-SAVING WINDOW...

Those with taxable income at 30% can save ₹45,000 by claiming ₹1.5 lakh as deduction under Section 80C and not opting for the new 'simplified' personal income tax regime

1. Your Provident Fund (PF) contribution
2. Principal component of your housing loan from prescribed institutions
3. You can invest ₹500 to ₹1.5 lakh every year in a Public Provident Fund (PPF) account
4. Tuition fees of two children
5. Life insurance premiums for self, spouse and kids
6. Contribution to Unit-linked Insurance Plan for self, spouse and children
7. Invest in National Savings Certificates (NSC) schemes (through post offices)
8. A 5-year term deposit with a bank under a notified scheme or a post office
9. Investment of up to ₹1.5 lakh a year in Sukanya Samriddhi Account in the name of your daughter (limited to two children)

...AND SAVINGS BEYOND 80C

If you have not opted for the new tax regime and your basic salary is over ₹1 lakh a month, **your 80C limit will be used up by provident fund contributions alone.** Want to save more? You can save up to ₹82,500 a year in taxes (excluding surcharge and education cess) over and above the ₹1.5 lakh limit if you invest ₹50,000 in NPS, pay ₹25,000 for medical insurance and also repay interest of ₹2 lakh on housing loan for a self-occupied property

A few more deductions are available:

1. **Interest earned on savings bank account with a bank or post office. If you are less than 60, up to ₹10,000 (even for NRO savings a/c). If you are 60 or more, up to ₹50,000. Interest from FD also exempt for senior citizen**
2. **Interest on education loan. No limit, but deduction available for maximum 8 years**
3. **Disability-related tax benefits ₹75,000 (₹1.25 lakh for severe disability) for expenditure in treatment or training of self, dependent spouse, child, parent or even sibling. This can be claimed by the dependent or the person he/she is dependent on. Deduction also available on amount deposited with LIC or any other insurer, provided payment of annuity/ lump-sum amount is made for the benefit of the dependent, in case of the guardian turning 60 or passing away**
4. **Treatment for certain diseases such as AIDS or malignant cancers for self and dependents up to ₹40,000 (up to ₹1,00,000 for those who are 60 years or more)**
5. **Donation: 100% or 50% of the amount donated (subject to conditions), depending on the institute/fund to which contribution is made. No deduction is allowed if donation is made in cash over ₹2,000**
6. **Deduction of ₹1.5 lakh on the interest paid on loans taken to purchase electric vehicles from any financial institution**

SALARY COMPONENTS — ALL ABOUT MINTING MONEY

House Rent Allowance (HRA)

This is the most common CTC component. Those staying in rented accommodation can avail of an exemption against the HRA received and only the balance will be taxable

THE EXEMPTION IS LIMITED TO THE LOWEST AMONG

1. **Rent paid less 10% of salary***
2. **50% of salary* if the house is situated in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata or Chennai OR 40% of salary in other cities**
3. **Actual HRA received**

*Salary means basic salary and dearness allowance

- If your CTC doesn't contain HRA, deduction for rent paid is available from gross taxable income, subject to various limits (maximum deduction ₹5,000 per month)
- If you live in a house you own, the HRA component is fully taxable

Work From Home Expenses

If you are working from home fulltime and your employer is reimbursing certain expenses such as telephone, internet, printing and stationery expenses **you need not pay tax on these reimbursements.** You may need to provide the requisite bills to the employer for claiming these reimbursements, as per the corporate policy.

While computers and laptops provided by employers do not give rise to any taxable perquisite, provision of any other asset say a swivel chair, computer desk or printer, would be taxed as a perquisite as per Rule 3 (7) (vii) in the hands of the employee, **at the rate of 10% of the original cost of the asset,** reduced by any charges recovered from the employee.

Leave Travel Concession (LTC)

LTC exemption is allowed on **two domestic journeys taken in a block of four years.** The **new block commenced on January 1, 2022.** Restrictions apply. For example, if you are travelling by air, it is limited to economy class airfare for the shortest route to your destination. No exemption is available for hotel and local conveyance expenses.

Employee Provident Fund (EPF)

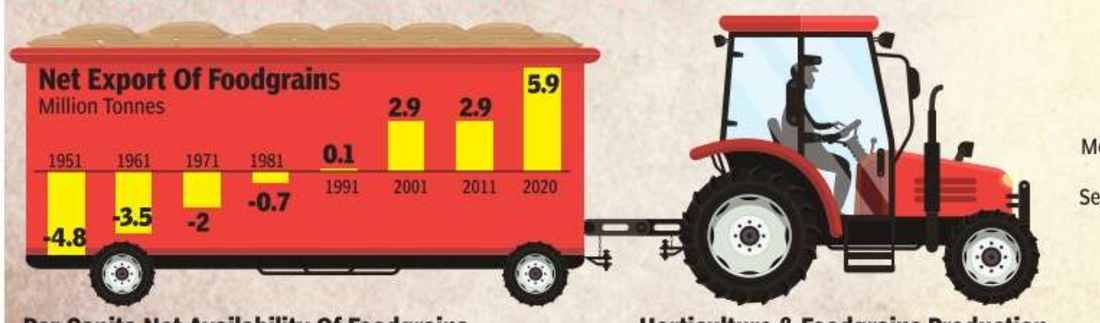
- EPF used to enjoy an EEE (Exempt-Exempt-Exempt) status historically. However, from April 1, 2020, **employer's contribution** to the National Pension System (NPS) account, superannuation fund and EPF account of an employee on an aggregate basis in a financial year **in excess of ₹7.5 lakh will become taxable in the hands of the employee.** Further, the accretion of interest, dividend or any other amount of similar nature on this excess employer's contribution would also be taxable. This came into effect from April 1, 2020.
- From April 1, 2021, **interest on employee's contribution to EPF in excess of ₹2.5 lakh in a financial year also became taxable** in the hands of the employee.

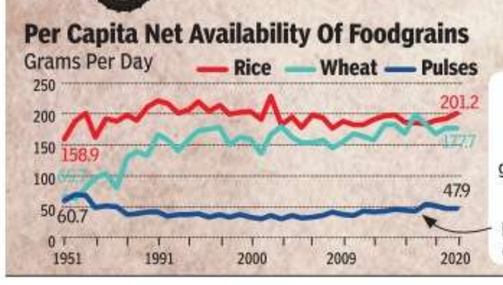
Gratuity

Gratuity received under the Payment of Gratuity Act after completion of 5 years of continuous service is eligible for **exemption of up to ₹20 lakh.** But remember, the exemption is the cumulative of all gratuity payments received by an individual in his/her lifetime.

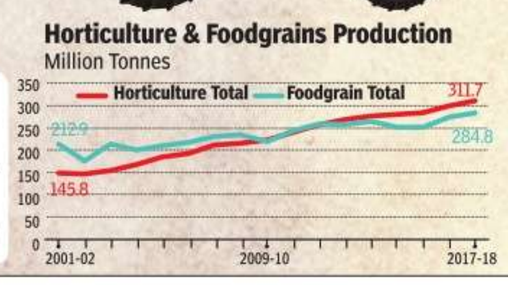
FOR FARM SECTOR, A MIXED HARVEST

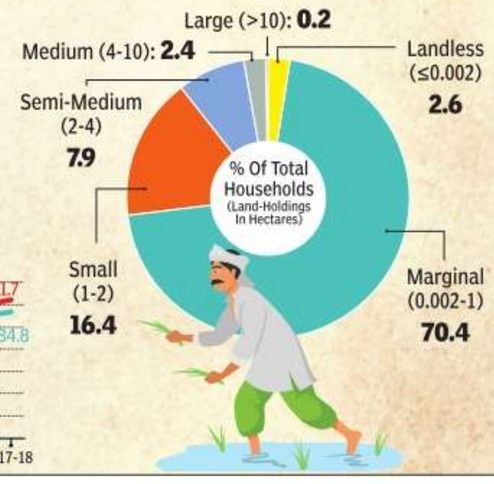
In the 1950s, India used to import foodgrains to stave off famine. By the '90s, the Green Revolution had made it a net exporter, yet hunger and malnourishment persist in the country. There are other contradictions too, like the glut of cereals and shortage of pulses, or the increasing diversification into horticulture and the persistence of marginal farming and indebtedness of agricultural households

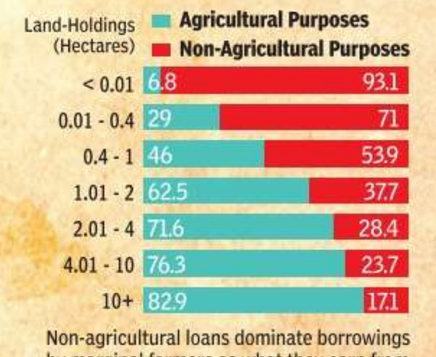




Output of pulses has lagged population growth; their per capita availability has actually come down







Non-agricultural loans dominate borrowings by marginal farmers as what they earn from farming is mostly not enough to support their basic needs. Access to agricultural credit is mainly confined to the big farmers

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, NSS 77th Round, Economic Survey

Sarkari Engine To Drive Economy

Bulk Of Increase In Allocation For Railways, Telecom, Highways And Loans To States

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: With the economy appearing to regain speed, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday decided to sustain the focus on public spending to spur economic activity and demand for inputs such as steel and cement through what is called a "multiplier effect".

Through higher capital expenditure the government is hoping to create conditions for the private sector to start the investment cycle once it exhausts the excess capacity at its plants, a theme that was argued in the Economic Survey on Monday.

As a result, the Centre budgeted to increase capital expenditure by 24.5% to Rs 7.5 lakh crore during the next financial year, compared to a shade over Rs 6 lakh crore in the revised estimates for the current financial year. The revised estimates are roughly 8.5% higher than the budget estimates for the year.

A large part of the revised estimate for this year was on account of the capital infusion and loans of close to Rs 52,000 crore related to Air India, whose books were cleaned during the privatisation process.

Apart from the Centre's own spending, Sitharaman also decided to increase the assistance to the states via grants in aid — through 50-year interest-free loans — for those undertaking capital investment by nearly seven times to Rs 1 lakh crore during the next financial year from the enhanced allocation of Rs 15,000 crore for this year.

Along with higher allocation for capex by railways, telecom and highways, the loans to the states, which will be in addition to normal borrowings, are the biggest contributors to the higher capital investment plan.

Ram

FULL THROTTLE

The biggest jump is in the case of the department of telecom, with a 10-fold increase to Rs 55,150 crore next year, driven by investments in BSNL.

Road transport and highways is also going to see a 55% increase to nearly Rs 1.9 lakh crore, partly due to direct funding from the budget instead of NHAI raising money from the markets. Similarly, railway capex is projected to increase by 17% to around Rs 1.4 lakh crore.

"The renewed emphasis on enhanced capital expenditure is in consonance with improving expenditure outcomes. They will substantially improve our infrastructure — roads; airports; railways; and logistics. This improves the competitive efficiency of our economy and boosts our export capabilities. It has an immediate multiplier effect on job creation, enhanced income and as a growth catalyst. The state governments will reap its multiplier benefits since these projects will be implemented in the states," said Institute of Economic Growth president NK Singh.

Hi-tech season for farming, kisan drones set for takeoff

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: The Budget has given a big technology push to the farm sector, proposing delivery of hi-tech services to farmers in PPP (public-private partnership) mode and use of 'kisan drones' to aid them in various activities.

"Use of kisan drones will be promoted for crop assessment, digitisation of land records, spraying of insecticides, and nutrients," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while presenting the Budget. The government has recently issued standard operating procedures (SOPs) for use of drones in the farm sector.

Though the Centre has increased agricultural credit target to Rs 18 lakh crore for the 2022-23 fiscal from Rs 16.5 lakh crore in the current fiscal, the budget for the agriculture ministry as a share of the total Budget has declined from 3.7% in 2021-22 to 3.3% in 2022-23. If the allied ministry of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairy is included, the share fell from 3.8% to 3.5%.

Promoting chemical-free natural farming starting with farmers' lands close to the Ganga, post-harvest value addition, consumption and branding of millet products, funds with blended capital to finance agriculture startups and rural enterprises, and implementation of Ken-Betwa river interlinking project are the other thrust areas of the Budget for the farm sector.

The Ken-Betwa project will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs 44,605 crore in the water-starved Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The government has allocated Rs 1,400 crore in 2022-23 for the project.

The FM also proposed working on five more such river inter-linking projects. "Draft DPRs (detailed project reports) of five river links, namely Damanganga-Pinjal, Par-Tapi-Narmada, Godavari-Krishna, Krishna-Pennar and Pennar-Cauvery, have been finalised. Once a consensus is reached among beneficiary states, the Centre will provide support for implementation," said Sitharaman.

Though chemical-free farming will be promoted throughout the country, the focus will be on farmers' lands in 5km wide corridors along the Ganga initially.

Since 2023 is the International Year of Millets, the Centre has proposed post-harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption, and branding of millet products nationally and internationally.

AIR SUPPORT FOR GROUND CREW

No increase in funds for NREGA

The budget for MGNREGA has remained frozen at Rs 73,000 crore, which was the initial allocation for 2021-22, even though the actual expenditure in the current fiscal has gone up to around Rs 1 lakh crore. While the allocation is set to be seen as a reduction in the budget of the job guarantee programme, which has been a major safety net for the poor and migrant labour during the pandemic, it also indicates the government is hopeful that demand under the programme will come down in the coming months. Expenditure under the scheme this year overshot its allocation midway through the implementation period, forcing the government to make additional funds available. TNN

Nirmala cuts divestment target, govt banks on big LIC premium

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: The Centre has set a modest target of raising Rs 65,000 crore from stake sales in state-run companies during 2022-23 and revised downwards the receipts this year to Rs 78,000 crore from the earlier estimate of Rs 1.75 lakh crore. For 2022-23, the target is 16.6% lower than the revised target for the current fiscal.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman expressed confidence that listing of Life Insurance Corporation will happen shortly, which means the government is aiming to raise much of the Rs 78,000 crore target from the LIC IPO. So far, the Centre has raised Rs 12,030 crore from disinvestments of state-run entities. Another Rs 42,201 crore has come in as dividend receipts.

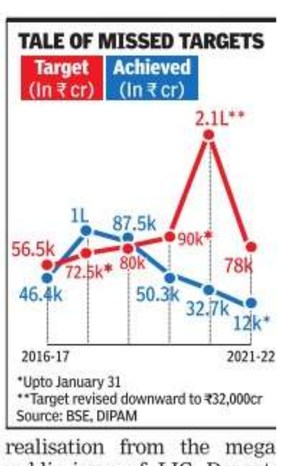
Government sources indicated the Centre has made a conservative estimate on the realisation from the mega public issue of LIC. Department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM) secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the prospectus of the proposed issue is likely to be filed in the next two weeks.

While the government has been pushing privatisation of state-run companies in line with the new policy for public sector companies, several big-ticket asset sales have been held up and some of them such as oil marketing firm BPCL, Pawan Hans, Shipping Corporation of India, BEML and Container Corporation of India have been pushed to the next financial year.

Although bank privatisation was not specifically mentioned in her speech, Sitharaman suggested that it was work in progress. This will require amendments to the law and also a roadmap from the Reserve Bank of India.

The government's record on asset sales has been a tale of missed targets. Since 1991-92, it has achieved the target six times, largely after revising the original target. The latest exercise has been affected by the pandemic as travel has been disrupted and meetings have had to go virtual. There have been calls from the department of investment and asset management against setting targets that are difficult to achieve.

The focus now shifts to the LIC listing. Estimates had shown that the Centre could raise Rs 90,000 crore to Rs 1 lakh crore from it, which would be the country's largest IPO.



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Growth on mind, FM walks deficit tightrope

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: The Centre has revised the fiscal deficit for the current financial year to 6.9% of GDP from the earlier estimate of 6.8% in the Budget estimates for 2021-22.

For 2022-23, the deficit is estimated at 6.4% of GDP, in line with the fiscal consolidation announced last year to reach a deficit level of below 4.5% by 2025-26. "While setting the fiscal deficit level in 2022-23, I am conscious of the need to nurture growth, through public investment, to become stronger and sustainable," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

According to the fiscal policy statement required under FRBM, the fiscal policy for 2022-23, is guided by the principles of sustaining growth momentum while being committed to fiscal consolidation. It is also guided by the macroeconomic imperative of increasing capital investments. Theoretically, investing in capital expenditure tends to have a higher multiplier effect on economic recovery, according to the statement.

Ratings agency Moody's said the fiscal roadmap has some risks ahead. "The announced target for the central government deficit to narrow to 6.4% in FY 23 from a projected 6.9% in FY 22 suggests that the government is relying on strong economic growth to help drive fiscal consolidation in light of the large bump in capital expenditure. This poses some uncertainty given the prevalence of pandemic-related risks," said Christian de Guzman, senior vice president, sovereign risk group, Moody's Investors Service.

More ammo for 'atmanirbhar', startups can play in defence

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: The defence budget saw a modest hike but a strong push for 'atmanirbharta' (self-reliance), with 68% of capital procurements earmarked for the domestic industry, besides 25% of the R&D budget for private industry, startups and academia.

Overall defence expenditure was pegged at Rs 5,25,166 crore ($70 billion), just a 4.4% hike over last fiscal's revised estimates and 9.8% over budgetary estimates.

Military modernisation will continue in a slow but steady manner, with the capital allocation seeing an almost 10% increase over revised estimates to stand at Rs 1.52 lakh crore.

With maritime security being a priority area, Navy and Coast Guard got enhanced capital outlays. The Indian Air Force (Rs 55,587 crore) and Navy (Rs 47,591 crore), in fact, got much bigger allocations than the Army (Rs 32,015 crore). The overall revenue expenditure, however, was at Rs 2.33 lakh crore. The overall defence budget works out to just 2% of the projected GDP for 2022-2023 if the huge defence pension bill of Rs 1.2 lakh crore is also factored in. It drops to 1.5% if excluded.

The government, however, reiterated its resolve to reduce arms imports and promote indigenous production. The FM said 68% of the capital procurement budget will be for the domestic industry in 2022-23, up from 58% last time.

"Private industry will be encouraged to take up design and development of military equipment in collaboration with DRDO and others through the SPV model. An independent nodal umbrella body will be set up for meeting wide ranging testing and certification requirements," the FM said.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said the measures were in line with the 'vocal for local' push. "The proposal to reserve 25% of the R&D budget for startups and private entities is an excellent move," he said.

WALKING THE TALK

Formal roadmap for informal sector

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: With the pandemic putting the spotlight on migrant workers, FM Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the One Nation One Ration Card plan, which allows migrant beneficiaries to claim rations anywhere in the country, will be integrated fully as remaining states come on board in the next few months.

At present, the scheme is being implemented by 32 states and UTs and has reached around 69 crore beneficiaries, accounting for about 86% of the scheme's target.

Sitharaman also reiterated the government's commitment to conducting a proper enumeration of unorganised sector workers. She announced the launch of a portal to collect information on gig, building, and construction workers, which in turn will help formulate the Centre's policies on health, housing, skill, insurance, credit, and food schemes for migrant workers.

With the implementation of the four labour codes expected in the next fiscal, Sitharaman stressed on 'Atmanirbharta' while listing the government's measures to offer inclusive governance and said minimum wages and coverage under the Employees State Insurance Corporation would be extended to all categgory of workers. The FM said the existing National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme will be realigned to provide post-education apprenticeship, and training of graduates and diploma holders in engineering.

BUDLITE

Online Transaction

A government app has made the entire process of publishing the Budget paperless. Where mountains of pages had to be printed and distributed earlier, the app provides instant access to the fine print of the Budget at a click

BudWiser

Budget boost for model schools in tribal districts

Measures to boost tribal livelihoods and education got a significant boost in the Budget allocations for the ministry of tribal affairs. Of the total Budget outlay of Rs 8,451 crore for 2022-23, Rs 2,000 crore has been allocated for the flagship Eklavya Model Residential School programme for students in tribal-dominated districts. To bolster outreach, the Jan Jatiya Vikas Mission, which is aimed at stepping up collection and marketing of forest produce and value addition to tribal products, has been allocated Rs 499 crore.

Subsidies too high to boost farmers' income

BY INVITATION

Ashok Gulati
Agricultural economist

As far as the food and agriculture sector is concerned, this is a Budget that has relied heavily on giving doles (subsidies) rather than focus on investment. There are three big-ticket items that dominate and take almost away Rs 5 lakh crore from the Budget.

The food subsidy budget was Rs 2.43 lakh crore last year, but the revised estimates have gone up to Rs 2.86 lakh crore, while the estimates for FY '23 is Rs 2.07 lakh crore. This is primarily due to extension of the PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana.

Fertiliser subsidy, which was budgeted at about Rs 80,000 crore, has gone up in the revised estimate to Rs 1.41 lakh crore, an increase of more than Rs 60,000 crore. This is primarily to take care of the higher cost of imported fertilisers — urea as well phosphatic and potassic fertilisers. This is to a large extent aimed at protecting the Indian farmer.

The third biggest item is PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, which is more or less what was budgeted and is pegged at Rs 68,000 crore for 2022-23. These are all basically doles. Expenditure on research and development is the most powerful instrument to make agriculture competitive on a sustainable basis, and on that front, the finance minister has disappointed because the allocation remains flat at Rs 8,514 crore.

However, the FM needs to be complimented for keeping transparency in the Budget account and not brushing the increased expenditure on food and fertiliser under the carpet.

In her speech, the FM made the intention to diversify agriculture to high-value commodities, especially fisheries, livestock and fruits and vegetables clear, but the resources allocated for these are rather limited. The amount is limited for fisheries and livestock development because subsidies have eaten away much of the resources. This does not give comfort for doubling farmers' income by 2022-23, which was the promised date.

If doles continue at such a high level, Indian agriculture will not remain competitive to capture global markets. For the last eight years, agriculture exports have remained below the peak that was achieved at $43 billion in 2013-14 — the last year of the UPA government. That is a clear indication we need to invest much more in agriculture R&D, build better infrastructure to create efficient value chains bringing FPOs (farmer producer organisations) and the private sector upfront. Some minor steps have been taken in that direction, but they are not sufficient to augment farmers' incomes significantly on a sustainable basis.

Although this is a sector that has remained resilient and registered a 3.9% growth in 2021-22, higher than 3.6% in 2020-21, it deserved a better deal from the point of view of investments but the competitive populism of our Indian politics has pushed the Budget more towards doles, which need to be contained in the years to come if we want faster and inclusive growth on a sustainable manner.

Agriculture is also suffering from climate change and major investments are needed to make our farm sector climate-resilient.

(As told to Surojit Gupta)

GAME CHANGERS

1991 This was a unique occasion on which the Budget was not the most important economic event of the day. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao in his role as industry minister had announced a new industrial policy that started the process of dismantling the 'licence permit raj'. But the Budget made a new beginning too in terms of cutting customs duties, focusing on reducing the fiscal deficit and reducing the government's stake in PSUs.

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BUDGET HITS RICH, GRAZES OTHERS
Licensing scrapped
Taxis, autos may go off road
Anti-people, says opposition
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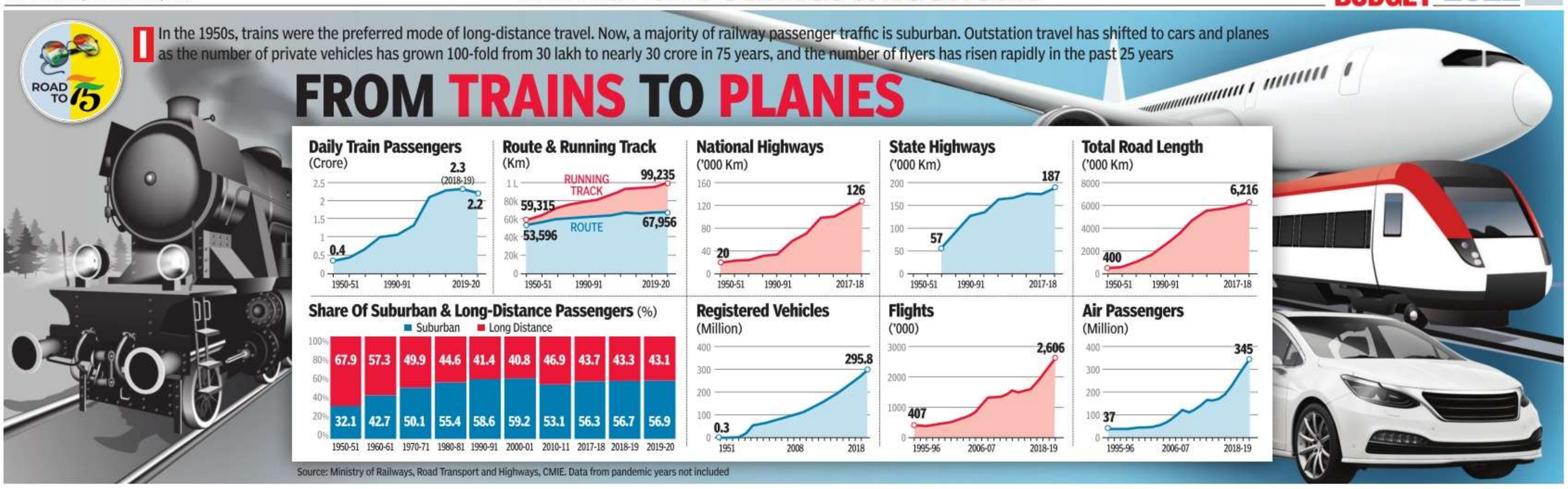
From RK Laxman

June 20, 1988: Gentlemen from revenue department to see you in connection with the violation of Foreign Exchange Act, Excise Act, Customs Act, Sales Tax Act, Income Tax Act...



From roads & rail to ropeways, FM gives thrust to rational integration

Budget To Rev Up GatiShakti & Infra Spend

TEAM TOI

The ambitious upgrade of infrastructure spanning roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics sectors will be implemented under the framework of PM GatiShakti plan to promote synergy between the sectors, which finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman described as the "seven engines".

Referring to PM GatiShakti Master Plan, which will also cover states' infrastructure projects, the FM said it will be a "transformative" approach for economic growth and development leading to huge job opportunities. The programme, which envisages integrated planning, providing last mile connectivity and ultimately to reduce logistics costs, was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sitharaman said the programme will focus on planning, innovative financing, use of technology and speedier implementation. "The touchstone of the Master Plan will be world-class modern infrastructure and logistics synergy among different modes of movement — both of people and goods — and location of projects," she said.

To incentivise states to participate meaningfully in GatiShakti, an additional Rs 1 lakh crore support is tied to reforms in urban infra regime, while also restricting the creation of assets like airports in a far-flung place without adequate connectivity.

Roads & Highways

Sitharaman said the government will frame a GatiShakti Master Plan for Expressways in 2022-23 and add another 25,000 km of roads to the existing 1.4 lakh km highway network. It will be the maximum ever in any fiscal. The government also enhanced the budgetary allocation for road transport and highways by 52% to Rs 2 lakh crore.

The government has also gone ahead with full budgetary support for NH development by provisioning "zero" borrowing for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) amid the fear of the highway construction agency getting into a "debt trap". Earlier, NHAI could borrow up to Rs 60,000 crore to Rs 65,000 crore annually. It is expected to raise Rs 20,000 crore from monetisation of highways during 2022-23, compared to Rs 13,000 crore during the current fiscal.

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POWER PUSH

Railways

Sitharaman said the railways will roll out 400 hundred new generation Vande Bharat trains, which fare better on the twin counts of energy efficiency and passenger experience, in the next three years. Railways will also develop 100 PM GatiShakti cargo terminals for multi-modal logistics facilities by 2024-25. Moreover, 2,000 km of the railway network will be brought under Kavach, indigenously developed train collision avoidance system, in 2022-23.

She also said railways will develop products and efficient logistics services for small farmers and small and medium enterprises, besides taking the lead in integration of postal and railways networks to provide seamless solutions for movement of parcels.

Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the plan will be a "game changer" as the plan envisages integration of a 1.5 lakh post offices and 8,000 railway stations that will help small traders, women self help groups from villages and small towns to send their products to different parts of the world seamlessly. He said there will be a common platform for availing the service and seamless transport of items.

The government has proposed budgetary allocation of Rs 1.4 lakh crore for the railways, an increase of 16% from the 2021-22 RE. Besides, the railways can also raise up to Rs 1.1 lakh crore from the market for its projects.

Ropeways

Sitharaman said the government will take up ropeway connectivity works under the Parvatmala (National Ropeways Development) programme on PPP mode as a preferred ecologically-sustainable alternative to conventional roads in difficult hilly areas. This programme is aimed at improving connectivity and promoting tourism. It is also likely to cover congested urban areas where a conventional mass transit system is not feasible. The programme will be implemented by the road transport ministry. Road transport minister Nitin Gadkari said eight ropeway projects with a cumulative length of 60 km will be bid out during 2022-23.

Multi-Modal Movement

The Budget specified that a mechanism will be set up for data exchange among operators of all modes of transport on Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP). This will provide for efficient movement of goods through different modes, reducing logistics cost and time, assisting inventory management, and eliminating tedious documentation, the finance minister said.

Desi blueprint of how urban India will live in 2047

TEAM TOI

The Budget lays out the roadmap for a 'paradigm change in urban planning' to prepare for 2047 — 100 years of Independence — when 50% of the country's population will be living in urban areas.

"For this, on the one hand we need to nurture megacities and their hinterlands to become current centres of economic growth. On the other hand, we need to facilitate Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities to take on the mantle in the future," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her speech.

An expert panel will be set up to suggest policy interventions, capacity building, governance and implementation for sustainable urban development to keep up with the rapid urbanisation, she said.

The design of Metro rail systems will be 'reoriented' to meet Indian requirements. The new focus will be on connecting Mass Urban Transport Corridors with the railway network, and on promoting public transport in urban areas, which will be complemented by clean tech and governance solutions, special mobility zones with zero fossil-fuel policy, and EV vehicles.

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THE MATRIX RELOADED

The FM said the Centre will provide support to the states for this mission. "Modernisation of building byelaws, Town Planning Schemes, and Transit Oriented Development will be implemented," she said.

The government will designate five institutions as centres of excellence to develop India-specific knowledge in urban planning and design, and to deliver certified training in these areas. These centres will be provided funds of Rs 250 crore each. The AICTE will also take the lead to improve syllabi, quality and urban planning courses in other institutions.

GAME CHANGERS

1997 P Chidambaram's Budget for 1997-98 came to be called the Dream Budget, among other things, because it started the process of reducing personal income tax rates. The rate for the highest slab was reduced from 40% to 30%, a level from which it has not come down since, although slabs have been revised and the threshold moved up in the years since.

THE TIMES OF INDIA
Growth-oriented budget reduces taxes across the board

From RK Laxman

March 11, 1975: That's the spirit. He says he wants a job not because he has four kids and a wife but to pay taxes to help the government

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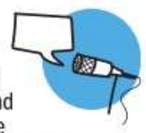
Only One Verse In Budget Speech, **But It Was High On Impact**



Budget speeches, traditionally, have included poems and quotes of saints, intellectuals and poets and authors to illustrate the thinking behind the exercise but in this year's Budget, the finance minister used only one quote from the epic 'The Mahabharata' — "The king must make way for Yogakshema, or welfare of the people" — when she got to the 'direct tax' part. She kept her speech short and to the point.

2L Anganwadis To Get Next-Gen Upgrade: **Clean Energy, Better Infra**

Around 2 lakh anganwadis will get a new-generation upgrade under the 'Saksham Anganwadi' scheme, with the rural childcare centres getting better infrastructure, clean power, audio-visual aids and an enabling environment for early childhood development. The Rs 25,172 crore allocated to the ministry is slightly higher than last year's revised budget estimates of Rs 23,200 crore.

Infra Synergy **With Energy**

Data centres and energy storage systems, including dense charging infrastructure and grid-scale battery systems, will be included in the harmonized list of infrastructure. This will facilitate credit availability for digital infrastructure and clean energy storage.

BUDLITE

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Sovereign Stand

The Budget had been presented at 5pm since the Raj days, for the convenience of the British in Britain, but in 2001 the NDA government scrapped this colonial legacy and Yashwant Sinha became the first FM to present the Budget at 11am

Climate fight gets ₹19.5k cr booster

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: India on Tuesday joined a select group of nations with the Budget announcing the introduction of sovereign green bonds to have its skin in the global climate-financing game for funding public sector infrastructure projects.

The Budget also signalled India's intent to make the energy transition largely on its own steam with a booster dose of Rs 19,500 crore for an expanded PLI (performance-linked incentive) scheme to promote domestic manufacturing of high-efficiency solar modules, compulsory biomass burning at coal power plants, and making energy audit of commercial buildings mandatory to boost energy saving company(ESCo) business.

The additional PLI allocation is expected to help set up of 30-35GW of solar module capacity and 25-30GW of cell capacity by 2024 as the country targets a 280GW solar capacity by 2030.

"This will reduce dependence on imports, which stand at 90% for cells and 75-80% for modules currently. It will make India not only self-reliant for annual module needs but also open up export opportunities for domestic module manufacturers," Hetal Gandhi of CRISIL Research said.

The Budget proposal of mandatory 5-7% co-firing of biomass pellets in coal power plants will reduce emissions and could curb stubble burning, saving an estimated 38 million tonne of CO_2 emission a year. But the availability of pellets can be a hurdle unless states set up infrastructure to turn stubble into pellets.

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WADING BELLS

Battery-swap plan to charge up EV drive

TEAM TOI

To speed up adoption of green vehicles and decarbonise India's economy, the Budget announced a battery-swapping policy with inter-operability at its core.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said 'battery as a service' will be developed as a new business model as the drive to increase fast-charging networks speeds up, especially in urban areas. "The private sector will be encouraged to develop business models for 'Battery or Energy as a Service'. This will improve efficiency in the EV (electric vehicle) ecosystem," Sitharaman said.

The swapping facility will allow riders to exchange a worn-out battery with a fully-charged one for a fee. It could be a game-changer. A clear policy framework will encourage investments from companies such as Reliance BP Mobility and Hero MotoCorp. Kenichi Ayukawa, MD & CEO of Maruti Suzuki, who heads Siam, said the association will work with the government in the area of special mobility zones and battery swapping policy.

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WHEELS OF E-VOLUTION

Defence Research Development Organization (DRPO)
Ministry of Defence
Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS)

NOTICE INVITING EOI

Tender Notice No. DIPAS/MMG/EOI/02/21-22

On behalf of President of India, Director DIPAS, Delhi, invite online EOIs through e-Tendering method from manufacturers/ suppliers for following items /services:

SNO	EOI No. & ID	Due Dates	Name of Item
1.	007/DIPAS/MMG/OPEN/EOI/21-22 defproc Tender ID: 2022_DRDO_503418	Bid submission: **End Date : 07.03.2022 till 1500 Hrs** Bid Opening: **Date : 08.03.2022 at 1500 Hrs**	DEVELOPMENT OF RAPID TEST DEVICE (RTD) FOR THE DETECTION OF BIOMARKER FOR HIGH ALTITUDE PULMONARY EDEMA (HAPE) ON DIPAS DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS.

Note: Further details and complete EOI can also be accessed from website http:/defproc.gov.in. Any corrigendum will be published on the referred website only.

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SBI
Cash Management Product Operations Centre, Survey No.26,
Opp. Hyderabad Central University (Main Gate), Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500019

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

State Bank of India has issued Request for Proposal (RFP) for engagement of Consultant for conducting Comprehensive Audit / review of Accounting Standards/ Processes of CMPOC Hyderabad (RFP Reference No. SBI/CMPRFP/2021-22 /03). Kindly visit Bank's website https://bank.sbi/. Check "Procurement News" section for detailed RFP document. For future announcements, if any, in this regard, please keep referring to the website.

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 02.02.2022

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager (Operations)

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Notice No. 002/TSIIC/HPC/2021-22 Dated: 01.02.2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited invites proposals from reputed firms to undertake development, operation and maintenance of District Cooling System (DCS) through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis within Hyderabad Pharma City being developed in Ranga Reddy District, Telangana. Interested firms may download the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** document from the website of **TSIIC @ www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in.** The last date for submission of proposals is **on or before 16:00 hours IST on 16.03.2022.**

R.O. No. : 2623-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22 Date: 01-02-2022

Sd/- Vice Chairman and Managing Director

बिहार सरकार

स्वास्थ्य विभाग

प्रेस–विज्ञप्ति

नवनियुक्त सामान्य एवं विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सा पदाधिकारियों के लिए आवश्यक सूचना

बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग द्वारा प्रकाशित विज्ञापन सं०–04/2021 से 17/2021 के विरूद्ध अनुशंसित अभ्यर्थियों को **विभागीय अधिसूचना सं०–1190(2), दिनांक–02.09.2021 तथा 1543(2) दिनांक–18.11.2021** एवं **विभागीय अधिसूचना सं०–1530(2) से 1542(2) दिनांक–18.11.2021** द्वारा क्रमशः **सामान्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी** एवं **विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी** के पदों पर नियुक्त–सह–पदस्थापित करते हुए उन्हें यथा निर्धारित समय–सीमा के अन्दर योगदान समर्पित करने हेतु आदेश दिया गया था। उपरोक्त विभागीय अधिसूचनाओं द्वारा यथा निर्धारित समय–सीमा सम्प्रति समाप्त हो चुका है।

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(शैलेश कुमार)
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PR. No. 12586 (Health) 2021-22

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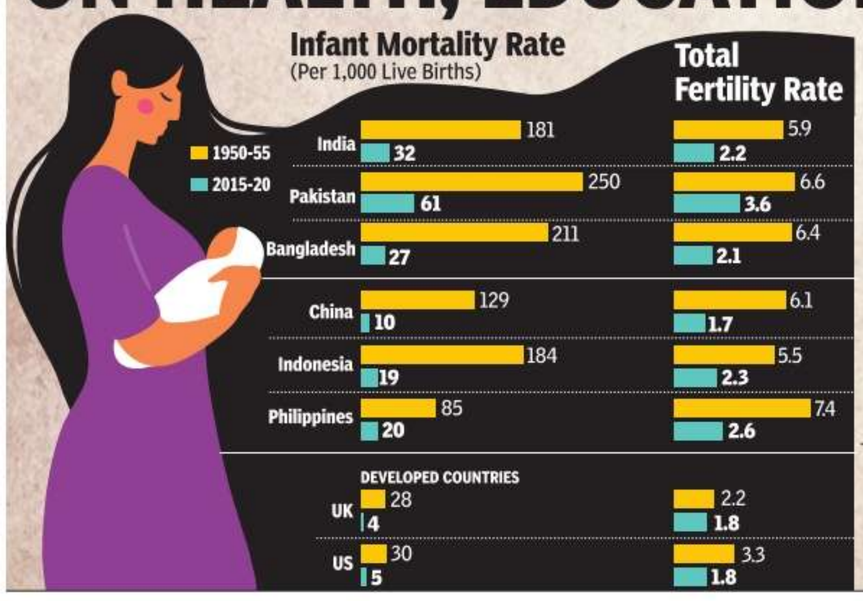
IS INDIA SPENDING ENOUGH ON HEALTH, EDUCATION?

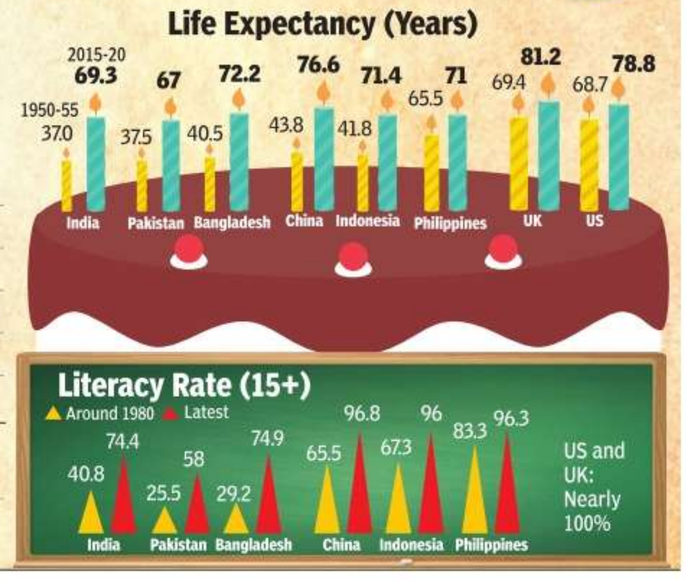
Since the 1950s, most countries have seen steady improvements in their health and education indicators. But a comparison of India with its neighbours, other large Asian countries and the developed world shows there is still room for improvement. High out-of-pocket healthcare expenses and a dependence on private schools are the major barriers to improving the overall quality of life. Like some developed countries have shown, the only way out is to increase public expenditure in these sectors

ROAD TO 75



	Out-Of-Pocket Spend As % Of Health Expenditure	Health Expenditure (% Of GDP)	Private School Enrolment (%, Primary)	Education Expenditure (% Of GDP)
India	62.7	1	45	3.5
Pakistan	56.2	1.1	34	2.5
Bangladesh	73.9	0.5	24	1.3
China	35.8	3	9	3.5
Indonesia	34.9	1.4	23	2.8
Philippines	53.9	1.7	9	3.2
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES				
UK	16.7	8.1	32	5.2
US	10.8	8.5	9	5.5

Source: World Bank, Our World In Data, WHO



From April, fly out safe and sound with a chip in your e-passport

TEAM TOI

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced during her Budget speech on Tuesday that the government will start issuing chip-enabled e-passports with advanced security features to Indian citizens in the financial year 2022-2023.

The personal particulars of the applicants would be digitally signed and stored in the chip, which would be embedded in the passport booklet, according to the government.

"The issuance of e-passports, using embedded chip and futuristic technology, will be rolled out in 2022-23 to enhance the convenience of citizens in their overseas travel," said the finance minister.

India Security Press, Nashik had earlier awarded the contract for procurement of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)-compliant electronic "contactless inlays along with its operating system necessary for manufacture of chip-enabled e-passports".

In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha earlier, minister of state for external affairs, V Muraleedharan had said that in case anyone tampers with the chip, the backend system will be able to identify it, resulting in the failure of the passport authentication.

Jugglery? Capex leaps up, but govt doesn't land fiscally short

Math Assumes Static Revenue Expenditure

TEAM TOI

The Budget for 2022-2023 projects an impressive 35% jump in capital expenditure by the Centre as compared to the revised estimates for 2021-2022 from Rs 5.5 lakh crore to Rs 7.5 lakh crore. Yet, it does so while keeping the fiscal deficit number within reasonable limits without unduly high tax revenue projections or optimistic assessments of disinvestment proceeds. How has this been possible?

The key to the seeming paradox lies in the assumptions about revenue expenditure. In contrast to capital expenditure, it is assumed to remain almost unchanged, rising by under one per cent from Rs 31.7 lakh crore to Rs 31.9 lakh crore.

The combination means that overall expenditure is slated to rise by under 5% from Rs 37.7 lakh crore to Rs 39.4 lakh crore.

The relatively modest increase in overall expenditure means that the fiscal deficit can be contained at Rs 16.6 lakh crore or 6.8% of the GDP. Interestingly, while the Economic Survey presented on Monday pegged growth in 2022-2023 at about 8-8.5%, the Budget assumes nominal growth of 11.1%. While it does not specify how this breaks up into real growth and inflation, it is unlikely that the assumed inflation would be as low as 3%.

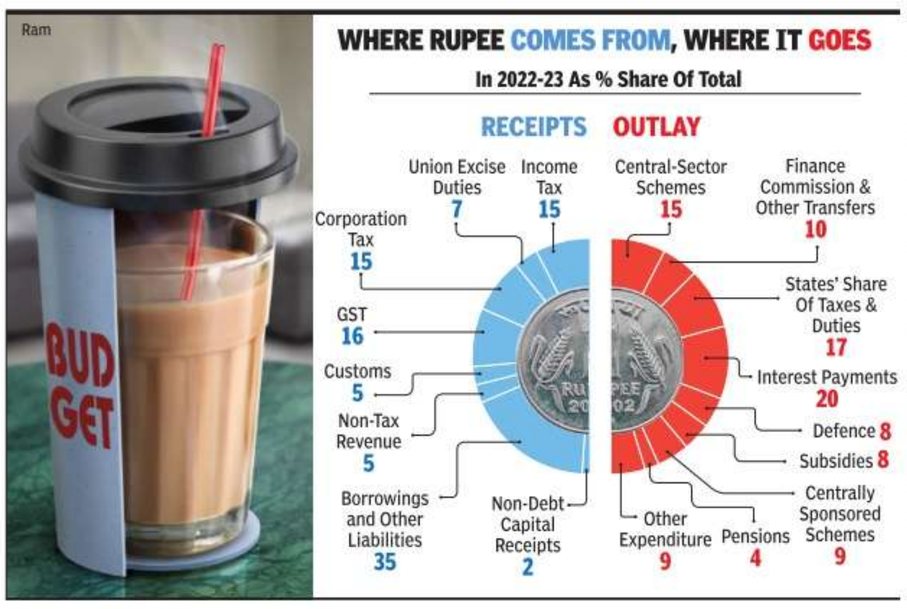
The deficit is not projected to get out of control despite divestment receipts being projected to actually come down from Rs 78,000 crore in the revised estimate for the current year to Rs 65,500 crore.

Tax revenues too are slated to go up by under 10% from Rs 17.7 lakh crore to Rs 19.3 lakh crore. That is because more substantial increases in revenues from corporation and income tax as well as GST and customs duties—all growing between 12% and 16%—are estimated to be partly offset by a decline in collection of union excise duties, presumably because of the petroleum sector.

The real question then is whether the assumption of near-stagnant revenue expenditure is unduly optimistic. A closer look at the breakup of that number shows that the Budget assumes the subsidy bill will come down substantially next year. Food subsidy is projected to fall from roughly Rs 2.9 lakh crore to Rs 2.1 lakh crore. Similarly, the fertiliser subsidy is to drop from Rs 1.4 lakh crore to Rs 1.1 lakh crore.

If the assumption about more or less static revenue expenditure proves to be unreal, the government could be forced to either cut back on capital expenditure to keep the overall spending in check or to let the deficit go beyond what's projected, neither of which is a pleasant option.

A large chunk of the huge hike in capital expenditure is also in the form of higher transfers to states for such spending. Against under Rs 21,000 crore on this head in the RE for the current year, the BE for 2022-23 has over Rs 1.1 lakh crore. This also means that whether or not this actually translates into expenditure on asset creation will depend on the ability of states to absorb this funding and use it for the intended purpose. The capacity to do so varies considerably across states and could be a dampener.



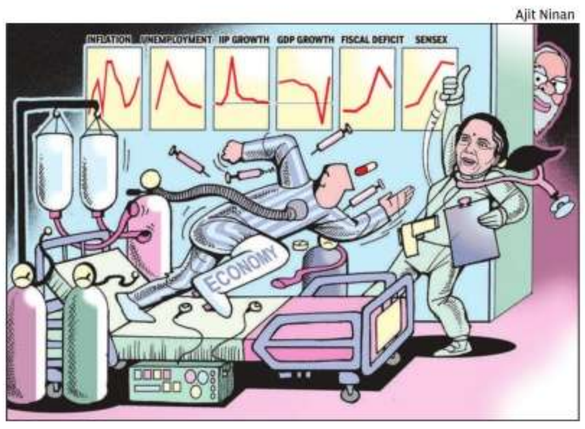
It's a conservative Budget, but estimates realistic: FM

Says Benefits For Middle Class Not Limited To I-T

TEAM TOI

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that she has presented a "conservative but realistic assessment" and hopes to stay within the estimates that are part of her fourth Budget. "The budgets are being made with realistic numbers. In last year's Budget, it was well established that we gave the numbers, followed it and achieved it... We have also brought on board certain expenditures which were kept out of the Budget. It is a speaking Budget... The estimates are not unrealistic," she told reporters during a post-Budget interaction.

Sitharaman has budgeted for a decrease in disinvestment receipts and non-tax revenue during the next financial year. "Conservative is not being overtly and excessively optimistic. We are sure to achieve the numbers; if anything, we will probably better them," she said.



Disinvestment

The FM said the government was working towards privatisation of state-run banks that was announced in the last Budget.

Middle Class Benefits

While a large section was expecting tax benefits for the middle class, the FM said benefits need not be limited to I-T concessions. "If we give concessions to those earning up to a certain level, the benefit will also accrue to those in higher income brackets," she said, adding taxes had not been raised for anyone.

"What is our understanding of middle class? Does middle class include members of a farmer's family or those who run MSME units... We have given concessions to those who run startups, also e-passport will be used by middle class," she said.

Subsidies

The minister also dismissed suggestions that subsidies had been reduced, pointing to some of the numbers presented in the Budget aligned to the Budget estimates for the current financial year, which have been revised upwards in the latest numbers. "We have not reduced anything. The subsidies continue, the welfare schemes continue, if anything, the allocations have increased," she said.

GAME CHANGERS

2001 The process of selling off government's stake in the public sector had started in 1991, but Yashwant Sinha's 2001-02 speech was the first one to talk openly of privatising PSUs, not just disinvestment. The privatisation of PSUs has since moved ahead in fits and starts, but Sinha's speech marked the breaking down of a psychological barrier.

THE TIMES OF INDIA
Sinha's New Deal: Bag the goodies, foot the bill

From RK Laxman

March 15, 1989: My reaction to the Budget? I don't know. I don't read it, but anyway you can say the poor are let down, the salaried class is hit and it's a sellout to the rich

Class of 2022 can log on to digital univ, learn from 200 TV channels

TEAM TOI

The Budget, while announcing an enhanced allocation of Rs 1.04 lakh crore, up from the estimate of Rs 93,224 crore in 2021-2022, has proposed initiatives such as setting up a digital university on a hub-and-spoke model and expansion of the "one class-one TV channel" programme through 200 channels for providing supplementary education in regional languages.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman also announced that five institutions will be recognised as centres of excellence on urban planning and world-class foreign universities will be allowed to offer programmes in financial management, fintech, science, technology, engineering and maths, without having to abide by domestic regulations.

She acknowledged with repeated closure of schools, children, particularly in rural areas, have lost almost two years of formal education. "We recognise the need to impart supplementary teaching...For this purpose, 'one class-one TV channel' programme of the PM eVIDYA will be expanded from 12 to 200 TV channels," she said.

The digital university would be established to provide access to world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience.

The FM proposed 75 skilling e-labs for a simulated learning environment in 2022-2023 to promote critical thinking skills and give space to creativity. The DESH-Stack e-portal will be launched to empower citizens to skill, reskill or upskill through online training.

School education outlay is at Rs 63,450 crore, up nearly Rs 9,000 crore from last financial year's allotment. The country's biggest school education scheme, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, has been allocated Rs 37,383 crore, an increase of more than Rs 6,000 crore. The Centre has allocated Rs 40,828 crore to the higher education department, an increase of 6.6%.

DON'T LET THE NEW SYLLABUS FLY OVER OUR HEADS

Will have states as partners in devpt, SEZ govt

The government on Tuesday proposed to replace the existing law governing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with a new legislation to enable states to become partners in 'Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs'.

This will cover all large existing and new industrial enclaves to optimally utilise infrastructure and enhance competitiveness of exports, said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The government will also undertake reforms in customs administration of SEZs to promote ease of doing business. TEAM TOI

BSNL gets ₹45k cr to hang up on old tech; 5G gets call

The Budget has allocated a massive Rs 44,720 crore to the struggling state-owned BSNL to be spent on 4G spectrum, technology upgrade and restructuring, while also introducing a design-led PLI scheme for 5G technologies expected to roll out in fiscal 2022-23. The capital infusion in BSNL comes at a time when the government is focusing on the Bharat Net project—the fiberisation of broadband across rural and semi-urban areas through public-private partnerships by 2025. TEAM TOI

Dr Nirmala prescribes 2.5x booster shot for Mission Digital Health

TEAM TOI

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has focused on digital health, increasing the allocation for the national digital health mission by more than two and half times to Rs 200 crore for 2022-2023, up from merely Rs 75 crore in the revised estimates for the current financial year.

The overall outlay for the health sector, though, saw a muted hike amid a still looming Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath. Overall, health budget estimates for 2022-2023 stand at over Rs 86,600 crore, up merely 0.8% over the current fiscal's revised estimates of Rs 85,915 crore and 16% over the budgetary estimates.

The FM announced the launch of an open platform for the national digital health ecosystem. "It will consist of digital registries of health providers and health facilities, unique health identity, consent framework and universal access to health facilities," she said. The government has already launched Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission and started creating health IDs for citizens, which will be linked to mobile and Aadhar numbers to maintain personal health records that can be shared with consent.

The outlay for the department of health research, which includes ICMR and other institutes, stands at Rs 3,200 crore, up 3.9%. The FM said the impetus for vaccination facilitated economic growth.

CITIZENS GET A LEG UP

Nat'l tele mental health prog soon

The FM underlined the surge in mental health problems, particularly triggered by the pandemic, and announced the rollout of the National Tele Mental Health Programme to ensure accessibility to care and counselling.

BudWiser

₹60,000cr for tap water connections to 3.8cr rural households under JJM

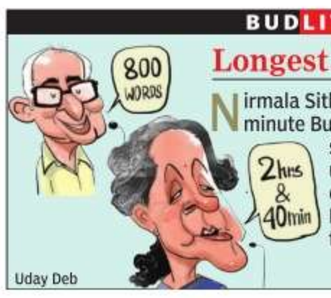
The Budget proposes to provide tap water to an additional 3.8 crore rural households under its ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with increased financial allocation to Rs 60,000 crore. Currently, out of over 19 crore rural households in the country, 8.9 crore are covered under the mission that aims to provide 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd) tap water to all rural households by 2024.

New AVGC taskforce to boost fledgling e-gaming and animation industry

Even as India's e-gaming ecosystem (at 38%) grows faster than social media (11%), the government has said in the Budget that it will set up an 'Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics' (AVGC) taskforce that will "build domestic capacity to serve our markets and global demand". Members of the gaming community feel this could open up new avenues for players and platforms as well as formalise game art education that will help fill void for good programmers, graphic designers or e-sports managers.

BUDLITE

Longest Speech



Nirmala Sitharaman's 2-hour-40-minute Budget speech in 2020 – cut short because she felt unwell – was the longest ever. The shortest was HM Patel's 800-word speech in the 1997 interim Budget

Financing cap expenditure a good directional change

Will Help Pace Up Growth, Catalyse Pvt Investment

BY INVITATION

C Rangarajan
Has been RBI governor and Finance Commission chairman

The emphasis on capital expenditure in the Budget is a good directional change. Nearly 45% of the fiscal deficit is now directed towards financing capital expenditure. This should not only help in growing it, but also provide pace for faster growth in the coming years.

One can look carefully at the revenue projections and the composition of the expenditures to get an idea of how the growth process will be accelerated. Overall, there is a case for improving fiscal consolidation. These are the two major pointers in the Budget.

One important parameter that needs to be estimated before doing the Budget calculations is the expected rate of growth in the economy. The Economic Survey indicated that the growth rate in 2022-23 will be between 8%-8.5%. This appears to me, a bit optimistic. Even in the second half of 2021-22, when there was a base advantage, the growth rate was below 6%. So to expect 8-8.5% GDP growth seems unlikely.

However, the Budget indicates that the nominal growth rate will be 11.1%. This is puzzling because if the real growth is 8-8.5%, this implies an inflation of around 3%. This again, is unrealistic. Perhaps, the rational assessment would have been 13%. This would have given a much higher growth in revenue projections. The low growth rate in nominal GDP assumed in the Budget makes it difficult to calculate the tax buoyancy.

Gross tax revenues are expected to increase by 9.6% over the revised estimates of 2021-22. By and large, the direct tax structure as well as the indirect tax structure remains the same, but the increase in customs duties to protect domestic industries shows " Make In India" in a bad light. The very purpose of liberalisation was to cut import duties and make Indian firms compete in the world market. We should have continued that policy. The exceptions, if any, must be limited.

The capital expenditures are expected to increase by 24.5% over revised estimates. This should help to catalyse private investment. But, increase in total expenditure is modest. The increase is only by 4.6% over revised estimates. Also, the subsidies—both on food and fertilisers—have been brought down. It is not very clear how this will be achieved. With respect to expenditure, the major concern is how well they will be executed.

The Budget does not talk very much about jobs or employment. Of course, I hold the view that job creation can only come out of growth and if the Budget and the actions taken by the government help to accelerate growth, it will automatically help in generating employment.

To some extent, the pattern of expenditure is also relevant. The objective of accelerating growth has to be fulfilled in the context of a prudent fiscal policy framework. At 6.4% of GDP, the fiscal deficit still remains high. One can understand the problems of inability to reduce the fiscal deficit given a difficult situation like the present one. Nevertheless, the medium term goal should be kept in view. The debt to GDP ratio in 2022-23 will touch 60.2%, a far cry from the desired level of 40%. Therefore, a relook at the roadmap for fiscal consolidation is required.

A thought for today

We are sure to achieve the numbers. If anything, we will probably better them

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

Short, Sharp & Smart

FM's big bet on growth is what India needed

Brevity and bravery defined FM Nirmala Sitharaman's fourth Budget. In a short speech, she articulated three excellent strategies. First, GoI is taking a big bet on growth by massively pushing capital expenditure, and is ready to risk high inflation. Growth is the priority now, and most inflation will be via higher energy and commodity prices, over which GoI has little control. Will RBI scupper the growth party? Remember, it has frequently called for fiscal heavy lifting. As inflation rises – retail fuel prices will start rising again after the election hiatus – RBI's MPC may want to increase rates. But that should be done gently. Sharp rate hikes will affect growth without bringing down cost-push inflation. Second, FM was also clear that public capex is needed to spur private investment, which is still low. To further encourage private investment, the Budget offers stability in the direct tax regime. No bad taxes are actually an incentive. Third, she acknowledged that economic recovery is uneven by extending credit guarantee for MSMEs and focussing, within that, on the badly hurt contact-intensive services.

Commendably, the Budget math is realistic. Nominal GDP is expected to grow 11.1% in 2022-23 to Rs 258 lakh crore. Consequently, gross tax revenue is expected to increase 9.6% over the ongoing year's revised estimate to Rs 27.5 lakh crore. Total expenditure is budgeted to increase by a modest 4.6% to Rs 39.4 lakh crore. The interesting question is how FM has found the money for the huge hike in capex. First, via increase in tax revenue. Second, there's a big switch from welfare spending to investment. Allocation towards food subsidy and MGNREGA together have been lowered by about Rs 1.05 lakh crore. In addition, spending on vaccines and Air India will fall in 2022-23, thereby freeing up resources that will be spent on roads and railways. There are two assumptions here. First, there will be no more shocks. Second, growth will reduce the need for high-level targeted support. Those critiquing cuts in welfare spend should remember that GoI can always spend out-of-Budget if the need arises.

What to make of the 30% tax on gains from crypto assets? Post-budget, FM said taxing gains on digital assets doesn't mean legalising them. That's correct in the sense that any gain in income can be taxed. But it is reasonable to think that having brought crypto assets under the taxation regime, GoI will subsequently declare the underlying asset to be legal. Therefore, unless there's a nasty surprise, the Budget has made the first move towards accepting the reality of crypto assets. That's a smart call, as is making the new tax applicable from March 2023. This will give time to crypto asset holders to adjust their portfolios. The crypto move aside, if RBI launches its digital currency in the next financial year, India will have moved up the blockchain technology ladder.

Disappointments? GoI seems to have lost enthusiasm for privatisation, perhaps fearing it can become an electoral liability. But then again, with markets choppy, it's not the best time to sell assets anyway. There's plenty that's good in this Budget – if GoI can spend all the capex it has budgeted for.

Nothing For Middle Class? Not Quite True

Capex will spur opportunities. Sops in next Budget

R Jagannathan

Given elections in five states, including those in UP, the Budget seems to have been prepared on another planet. There are no pre-election lollies, not much pandering to the voter's endless appetite for subsidies, and almost nothing at all for BJP's core middle class constituency.

Even that punt you may have planned on crypto currencies now comes with a heavy tax bill (30% plus surcharges and cess) with no loopholes. Regardless of whether you gain or lose from crypto trades, net-net you lose, either from adverse market movements or a capital gains tax. The government has taken a heads-I-win, tails-you-lose attitude on cryptos.

But if you are then wondering what you have to cheer about in a Budget without tax sops or price relief in the things you may be interested in (gadgets, home loans), here's a thought: What you do not gain directly from swings, you may gain from the expected roundabout.

2018 and 2019 Budgets had many goodies for the middle class, including senior citizens and double home-owners. Nothing for you in 2022 could mean something for you next year, closer to the general election

Here's how it works. The central feature of this Budget is a massive increase in infrastructure spending through higher capital outlays. This spending on highways, urban projects etc, will do two things for the middle class: Those who are already employed in the organised sector will see demand for their services rising, and hence salaries could bump up. The neo middle classes, who were worst hit by the pandemic, can hope to re-enter the job market as the economy opens up after navigating the Omicron wave successfully.

The government's efforts to extend loan guarantees for MSMEs and reforms in government procurement will speed up payment of bills, allowing suppliers to lower working capital costs. This increases the possibility of a revival in the MSME sector, which is the biggest creator of jobs.

There are also two indirect benefits for the middle class. One will come from bringing post offices on a par with banks in terms of back-end technology. Many middle class savers use postal banking services and invest in post office schemes and financial products in order to obtain higher returns than what bank FDs offer.

With the 1.5 lakh post offices being connected through a core banking solution, they will become nearly as good as banks, with money being transacted and transferable seamlessly via digital channels. This is a huge gain for the new middle classes in non-urban areas and also for senior citizens who like post office financial products.

The second indirect benefit is the increased trust the taxman is placing in you. It is allowing those who missed paying the right amount of tax to file updated returns within two years of the last date for filing returns in any fiscal year. This means you no longer have to live in fear. You can make amends without fear of a backlash.

The bad news is that your petrol costs will rise as a new levy of Rs 2 per litre is being imposed on non-blended fuels from October. This levy is only on non-ethanol blended fuels, but then most of the fuel you use is of this kind.

Also, once UP elections are out of the way, there is a good chance that oil marketing companies will raise pump prices. They have been holding back despite big increases in international crude prices. No one will admit it, but they are clearly not raising prices when elections are round the corner. Prices will rise once elections are out of the way.

But here's something to hope for. The fact that there are no free lunches for the tax-paying aam aadmi this year indicates that the government may have something up its sleeve for the 2023-24 Budget, which will be the big one before 2024 general elections. Remember, the 2018 and 2019 Budgets had many goodies for the middle class, including senior citizens and double home-owners. Nothing for you in 2022 could mean something for you next year, closer to the big election.

With the tax-exempt income bracket (Rs 2.5 lakh per annum for general taxpayers and Rs 3 lakh for senior citizens) and 80C deductions frozen solid for several years now, it is not unreasonable to expect a better harvest next year.

So, cheer up. There's always next year.

The writer is Editorial Director, Swarajya magazine

Right Moves For The Big Dream

Easy to imagine India as an economic superpower by the end of this decade

N Chandrasekaran

Chairman, Tata Sons

The Union Budget is the right choice at the right time. Given Covid's effects and a recovery this year, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has appropriately prioritised growth, while keeping the fiscal deficit in check.

This growth-oriented Budget will create numerous jobs, spark enterprise and position India as the fastest-growing of the major economies. The Budget is consistent with our honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making India Atmanirbhar – a digital superpower, a sustainability leader and a healthy nation. This statement of intent is clearly supported by a plan for the future, and backed by allocations – specifically in the areas of infrastructure, digital transition, planet resilience, education and health – to support Indian ambitions.

The Budget presented by FM Sitharaman builds on the excellent Budget last year, continuing the trend towards more productive expenditure. The government's capital expenditure of Rs 7.5 lakh crore, a 35% rise over the previous year, is substantial. This is approximately 2.9% of GDP, the highest in nearly two decades. This emphasis on infrastructure and other capital spending will reap dividends as the benefits multiply. Gati Shakti, the national master plan for multi-modal connectivity, will be central to India's growth in the years to come. The recovery right now is driven by consumption, but it is the government's continued emphasis on boosting infrastructure that will help revive the private investment cycle, spur domestic manufacturing, boost demand, and create further jobs. All of this increases productivity in the economy.

India's dramatically increased IT and telecom allocations are an investment in its future. The rollout of 5G promises to create a foundation for next-generation technologies. Along with an emphasis on semiconductor manufacturing; the introduction of a digital currency using blockchain technology in 2022-23; issuance of e-passports; IT-based land records based on a unique identification number; an open platform for the National Digital Health Ecosystem; hi-tech services for farmers; and data centres being treated as infrastructure, the Budget puts faith in India's technological capabilities. This will enable India to transition to a more digital economy.

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This Budget prioritises shared prosperity. The informal sector, which has borne the brunt of pandemic measures, will be supported with targeted welfare. The notable increase in the allocation for education is much needed. The pandemic rendered our children to learn as best as they could from home, with some lucky to engage in some sort of distance learning, but many students without devices or access to digital infrastructure have lost out on critical years of schooling. The Budget's focus on health, wellbeing and drinking water is also critical. 87 million households receive tap water under the 'Har Ghar, Nal Se Jal' scheme currently, and the Budget aims to add another 38 million in FY23.

The pandemic has brought to attention how interconnected India's systems are, and how vital it is for India to strengthen every part of its economy. To that end, the additional loan guarantee towards MSMEs is a welcome move. For India's recovery to be sustained, its 130 lakh smaller enterprises need support of the kind the Budget offers. Additionally, the Budget supports the idea that skills training has to be seen through the prism of advanced manufacturing, and powering the digital age.

In keeping with the times, sustainability remains one of the top agendas in FM Sitharaman's Budget. The increased budget for solar power, and policies to support a circular economy show the government's commitment to a carbon-neutral economy. Plans to create an EV-charging infrastructure, including a national policy for battery swapping (when combined with the already announced Automotive PLI scheme), further the agenda for green mobility. The Budget also introduces the idea of sovereign green bonds to finance green infrastructure.

This Budget builds on progress India has made over the past few years. Since the pandemic's start, the pace of structural reforms has picked up further. India has undertaken difficult labour reforms, announced a $2 trillion infrastructure pipeline, created a national asset monetisation plan, introduced a PLI scheme to boost domestic manufacturing, initiated higher investment limits for small businesses, instituted power sector reforms, set aggressive disinvestment targets and higher FDI limits in defence. In this vein, recent robust tax collection reflects an economy formalising quickly.

Covid has perhaps delayed India's growth story, but the long-term trends remain firmly intact: youth, consumption, formalisation and digital leapfrogging. India's share in the global middle class will increase to 20% from 10% at present. I strongly believe in the ability of India to outperform in the next decade, given both what's happening domestically as well as geopolitically, including the rebalancing of supply chains. This Budget strengthens the strategic foundations for India's long-term growth. Continuing down this path, it isn't hard to imagine India becoming a digitally forward, sustainable global superpower by the end of this decade.

BUDGET 2022-23

Great On Growth, Not On Jobs

Credit for avoiding populist giveaways, but job-creating MSMEs needed more

Duvvuri Subbarao

Former Governor, RBI

Dear Amma,

It's been many years since you'd gone away. Had you been around, I can imagine you asking, "What's this 'girl' Nirmala done in the Budget?" To answer that question, let me put the Budget in a broader context.

The deadly pandemic – I hope it goes away soon – has taken a devastating toll on the economy. The task for the Budget was to put the economy on a firm recovery track, and importantly ensure that that rapid growth translates to jobs and incomes for the poor. The easy and politically attractive way would have been to support consumption by giving money directly to the poor. It is to FM's enormous credit that she did not succumb to this temptation.

She decided to spend more, but to spend it by way of public investment. Government capital expenditure is slated to go up by a massive 35%. Plus, FM also raised the allocation for interest-free loans to states for capex spending. All told, effective capex spending by the Centre will be an impressive 4.1% of GDP.

Why is this better than just plain consumption spending? Simply because this is a robust path to sustainable growth. Public investment will not only generate growth in the short term but it will also build a base for strong growth in the future.

Thankfully, we are at last seeing some light at the end of the tunnel on the twin balance sheet problem. Banks are now ready to lend and the private sector will be ready to invest once the existing slack in capacity is used up. When that happens, we will potentially get onto a virtuous growth cycle. The key of course is to ramp up execution, which has been our main weakness.

I was happy to see FM focussed not just on hard infrastructure, but also soft infrastructure. She announced several measures to improve the ease of doing business, mostly by leveraging on digital technologies. Individually these measures may not sound dramatic but their combined impact on building trust and reducing transaction costs can indeed be dramatic. Many foreign investors, including those who have come under the PLI scheme, complain that costs of doing business are still high. If we succeed in making investment in India a happy experience, we have a serious shot at becoming a part of the world's China+1 strategy.

Knowing you as well as I do, I can anticipate your next question. What about jobs? Our jobs problem, serious even before the pandemic, has been compounded by it. There are some estimates that nearly 10 million jobs have been lost on account of the growth slowdown and the shift in activity from the labour-intensive informal sector to the capital-intensive formal sector.

Kickstarting private investment will create jobs, but certainly not in the numbers we want. It is the MSME sector that is job-intensive and there is not much in the Budget to support them beyond continuing the existing guarantee schemes. Linking some PLI incentives to job creation would have been something worth trying. Export production too is labour-intensive. But export production behind protectionist walls is seldom competitive. It's disappointing that FM did not roll back import tariffs, at least partially.

The big elephant in the room of course is the fiscal deficit. This is programmed to decline from 6.9% of GDP this year to 6.4% next year. FM reiterated her commitment to bringing it down to 4.5% of GDP by 2025/26 but I wish she had given a glide path to getting there as that would have enhanced credibility and softened the government's borrowing costs.

There has been a lot of speculation over the last few months on GoI's stance on cryptocurrencies. The suspense has finally ended with the Budget imposing tax at a uniform rate of 30% on income from trading in 'virtual digital assets'. For many who feared that the government will totally ban cryptocurrencies, this will come as a relief. Others might think 30% taxation is too harsh but GoI may have deferred to the RBI governor's concern that unfettered speculation in cryptocurrencies could threaten financial stability.

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Simultaneously, FM announced that RBI will come out with an e-rupee, a digital version of the paper currency next year. Since virtually everyone who wants to has already switched to UPI-based fast payment systems, I am not sure the e-rupee will be a gamechanger. But of course, we have to wait and see. In any case, I am certain the crisp currency notes that you were so fond of will continue to be around.

Yes, I can hear you. You want my overall assessment. As someone who handled household budgets, you know that budgets are all about making choices among competing demands. I think FM has made some wise choices under difficult circumstances. It's a level-headed Budget.

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Lynne Twist

Arjun's Wise Choice That Led Us To The Gita

Aruna Narlikar

When all negotiation efforts had failed and war became certain, both the Kaurav and Pandav cousins decided to approach Krishn for assistance. Duryodhan, representing the Kaurav side, arrived first; Krishn was asleep and so Duryodhan took a seat near the Lord's head. Arjun followed, and placed himself at Krishn's feet. When Krishn woke up, his eyes settled first on Arjun. Duryodhan, however, insisted on the first come, first served basis, and therefore, believed his claim on Krishn's help to supersede Arjun's.

The wise Krishn recognised both claims. Duryodhan had arrived first, but Arjun had been seen first. Both would receive his help. And stating this, he offered them a choice: One side could have Krishn's vast army – all hardy, skilled and armed Yadav warriors. The other side could have Krishn. But Krishn would not fight, and he would be alone and unarmed.

Between Narayan and the Narayani Sena, which would the cousins choose? Krishn offered Arjun the first choice as the ancient code was clear: The youngest should be given the opportunity to opt first.

Without hesitation, Arjun chose Krishn. Duryodhan was filled with glee, certain that the already strong Kaurav army would now be invincible with its expanded numbers and weaponry. But Arjun was just as certain that he had made the right choice. And as it would turn out in the great war, having Krishn on their side was crucial to the Pandav victory.

THE SPEAKING TREE

The story offers several important lessons.

Firstly, the son of Pandu placing himself at the Lord's feet was indicative of his humility, while Duryodhan's assumption of a position by the Lord's head suggested hubris.

Secondly, Duryodhan was seduced by the promise of victory, of which he felt assured now that he had Krishn's army and weapons working on his side. In contrast, Arjun chose the path of Dharma and glory, knowing that Krishn embodied these values. The Kaurav king had opted for a path that he believed would fulfil his interests. But the more rewarding choice was the one made by Arjun, not only because it reflected his values, but also because a strong basis in values helped the Pandav side achieve material victory too.

Thirdly, there was also a high level of intelligence reflected in Arjun's choice. While he did not underestimate the importance of having powerful military forces, he probably knew that strategic thinking and cunning would be indispensable for defeating the formidable Kaurav side. And on war strategy, he knew Krishn was unrivalled.

Lastly, having a trusted friend and guide by one's side in times of mental distress can be more effective than owning all the riches and forces of the world. When Arjun was consumed with self-doubt on the battlefield, Krishn – and Krishn alone – could have, and indeed did, persuade him back to do his duty. That act of persuasion took the shape of the Bhagwad Gita. And we are all richer today, thanks to Arjun's choice.

Govt. of Haryana

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PRESS NIT NO: 67 (2021-22)

Item No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in E- procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e procurement
1	Improvement of water pressure in Multan Nagar and in the tail end area of Hari Singh Park by P/L 150/100 mm dia DI water line in Multan Nagar and Hari Singh Park in Ward No. 66 (Rani Bagh) Shakurbasti Constituency AC-15.	Rs. 46,20,103/-	Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_215692_1 on 31.01.2022 at 04:30 P.M	11.02.2022 Up to 3:00 PM
2	Replacement of old deep/ damaged AC water line by D.I water line dia (100mm/150mm dia) in A-4 block (Kothi) Paschim Vihar under AEE M-15.	Rs 45,31,329/-	Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_215692_2 on 31 01.2022 at 04:40 P.M	11.02.2022 Up to 3:00 PM
3	Replacement of old, damaged defective sewer line by P/L 300 mm dia and 400 mm dia DWC HDPE sewer line from J-III MCD Dumping station to G-344 and H-344 to G-151 to J-III block Gurudwara, JJ Colony, Wazipur, Ward No. 74-N (Nimri Colony) in Wazirpur Constituency, AC-17 under EE(NW)-III.	Rs. 40,14,814/-	Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_215692_3 on 31 01.2022 at 04:57 P.M	11.02.2022 Up to 3:00 PM
4	Restoration of 600 mm dia damaged sewer line by pentode/ pipe brusting method from Wazirpur Industrial Area main Drain/ Nallh to CETP(WPIA) near Jailor Wala Bagh in Wazirpur Constituency under AEE (M)-17.	Rs. 98,70,390/-	Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_215692_4 on 31.01.2022 at 05:02 P.M	11.02.2022 Up to 3:00 PM

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PRESS NIT No. 23/WB-I/2021-22

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1.	Boring and Installation of 150 Nos. bore wells at Nilothi and Najafgarh area etc. for the augmentation of water supply under ACE P 4 (Reinvited)	₹ 34,16,74,645/-	44.20 Lakh	₹ 1500/-	01.2.2022 2021_ DJB_215760_1	21.2.2022 At 03:00 PM

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"The immediate problem that needed to be addressed was bolstering domestic demand. People are still out of jobs and earnings have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Unemployment and disillusionment among the youth is massive, which should have been addressed

BISWAJIT DHAR | JNU professor

● It was a good decision to make National Digital Health Ecosystem an open platform to provide universal access to healthcare facilities through digital health professionals. Concessions on customs duty levied on mobile phone parts will help the telemedicine sector reach remote corners of the country

DR GAURI AGGARWAL | Founder of Genestrings Diagnostic Centre

● There are several strands, which, if implemented at scale, can augment clean air and low carbon gains. But this needs more committed funding across sectors. The funding must match the scale and cost of change needed for clean air and 'panchamrit' promises for low carbon pathways

ANUMITA ROY CHOWDHURY | Executive director, CSE

● The restaurant industry was eagerly looking at some immediate liquidity support, restoration of input tax credit on GST, ease of doing business and e-commerce policy. It was very disappointing to see that no specific announcements were made and we are yet again left to fend for ourselves

KABIR SURI | NRAI president and restaurateur

● Most courts offered videoconferencing for hearings during the pandemic. Since the network of the judiciary is humongous, we need substantial budgetary allocation for providing the digital infrastructure. ₹858 crore budgeted for 2022-23 is 10% more than last year, but I don't think it's enough

VIKAS PAHWA | Senior advocate

● The budget neither focused on infrastructure development, nor addressed the overwhelming imbalance in the pupil-teacher ratio. Instead of investing in capacities, infrastructure and existing faculty members, there are promises of new universities. My expectations of re-invigoration of higher education institutions haven't been met

PRATHIT KOLI | Ramjas College student

● We had a lot of expectations, but were left disappointed again. There was no revision in tax slabs, neither was any special package declared to help the business community, which is struggling to survive for the past two years

NITIN GUPTA | President, Kamla Nagar Traders' Association

CM calls Budget disappointment; Sisodia rues it's negative for Delhi

No Hike In Allocation, Centre Remains Indifferent To City, Says Deputy CM

Atul.Mathur@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Terming the 2022-23 budget a huge disappointment, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the Centre had failed to address inflation, while deputy CM Manish Sisodia called it "extremely negative" for Delhi.

Kejriwal said the budget did not have anything for the common man. "People had high expectations from the budget during the pandemic period. It has disappointed people. There is nothing in it for the general public. Nothing to reduce inflation," he tweeted in Hindi.

With Delhi's share in central taxes and duties continuing to stagnate at Rs 325 crore since 2001-02 and no separate grant for municipal bodies, Sisodia said the Centre continued to remain indifferent to Delhi like before.

With the municipal corporations polls being due in April, Sisodia said, "The BJP-led corporations always claim that they will receive funds directly from the Centre. But their promises lie flat today as they have got nothing from the Rs 69,421 crore allocated to municipalities across the country."

CAPITAL'S SHARE

Allocation in 2021-22 Budget
₹957.51 CRORE

Allocation for Delhi in Budget for 2022-23
₹1,168 CRORE

₹325 CR Grants in lieu of share in central taxes and duties

₹15 CR Grants towards contribution to Disaster Response Fund

₹626 CR Central assistance to Union territories

₹200 CR Additional central assistance for externally aided projects (Chandrawal water treatment plant)

₹2 CR Enhanced compensation to victims of 1984 riots

Grants in lieu of central taxes and duties stagnant at ₹325 CR since 2001-02

➤ No allocation for local bodies this year too

₹1.5 LAKH CRORE is Delhi's contribution to central taxes

In revised estimates for financial year 2021-22, the total grants to Delhi were increased to ₹1030.01 CR

"People had high expectations from the Budget during the corona period. It has disappointed them. There is nothing in it for the general public. Nothing to reduce inflation

CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL

In the 2022-23 budget, the Centre has set aside Rs 1,168 crore for Delhi, which is Rs 111 crore more than the last fiscal. Delhi's share includes Rs 626 crore as central assistance, Rs 325 crore as grants in lieu of central taxes and duties and Rs 15 crore towards contribution to the Union Territory Disaster Response Fund. Delhi government also got Rs 200 for Chandrawal water treatment plant for externally aided projects.

In the pre-budget meeting with state finance ministers, Sisodia had requested Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to enhance Delhi's share of central taxes, but to no avail. "While other states get a 42% share in central taxes, Delhi has been getting only Rs 325 crore for the last 21 years. This shows the negative attitude of the Centre towards the people of Delhi," he said.

Terming the overall budget as "most anti-farmer" in the history of India, Sisodia said calling it a disappointment was an "understatement". He termed the Centre's claim of providing 60 lakh jobs in the next five years as a "jumla". "Reducing the income tax slabs could have increased the purchasing power of the already stressed middle class, but the Centre back-stabbed it," he added.

"The Modi government has not just reduced the allocation of MSP, but also reduced the targets and number of beneficiaries. The budgetary allocation for the agriculture sector has also been reduced from 4.25% to 3.8%," said Sisodia, adding that budgetary allocation for the education sector had been reduced from 2.67% to 2.64% crore.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that Sisodia, as Delhi's finance minister, should know that as a parent caretaker, the Centre regularly spends on the capital's road infrastructure, allocates budget for Metro infrastructure and recently gave funds to purchase 100 electric buses. "Several other works, including construction of railway overbridges, are done by the Centre," he added.

February 2, 2022

Government agrees to ban social media for minors as they are harmful for youth of India from 5th Feb 2022

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Bail to two riots accused

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday granted bail to two accused in a case of murder of an elderly woman in connection with the 2020 northeast Delhi riots. Justice Subramonium Prasad, who gave the relief to accused Arun Kumar and Ravi Kumar, denied bail to the third accused, Vishal Singh, in the case. PTI

Excise policy to stay, HC told

New Delhi: Delhi government on Tuesday informed Delhi High Court that its excise policy of 2021 would continue beyond March 2022 and there would not be any "new change" in it for the next financial year. The statement was made before a bench of Justices Rajiv Shakdher and Talwant Singh hearing a batch of petitions challenging the policy.

Senior counsel Parag Tripathi, appearing for one of the petitioners who is a liquor wholesaler, said there was an urgency in the matter as "all will be over after March 31" with the policy coming to an end. Senior advocate Rahul Mehra, representing Delhi government, informed the court that the policy came into operation on November 16 last year and the petitioner's stand with respect to the expiry of the policy was not correct. PTI

Denied any relief, middle class finds no job plan either

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With the Union budget not offering much to the middle class, Delhiites were a disappointed lot on Tuesday. A handful reasoned that the budget's lack of tax sops was because the country's economy needed to be managed in the pandemic era.

"We were expecting some income tax relief, but the budget had nothing," said government employee Akshay Dabas, 30. "There also were no plans to generate employment for the youth. Overall, I am fairly disappointed but will wait for more details in the newspapers tomorrow."

Faran Shikoh, 50, a businessman, argued, "While it is good that the government is pushing for startups in the defence sector, yet just making announcements will not boost investor sentiments. Things have to move forward on the ground, and this hasn't happened for a few years. Big speeches are of no use to the public."

As for the digital rupee that finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke about, many people said that with India's literacy rate and the increase in financial frauds, this might not be the best move. Chartered accountant Dheeraj Saxena, 53, said, "How many people are literate enough to understand about digital currency? What about elderly people who are still trying to understand the smartphone? The focus should have been on generating employment and assisting people to recover their financial losses due to Covid."

Real estate agent Vikram Verma, 50, too criticised the idea of a crypto rupee. "The digital currency idea is fine but it is not for everyone. There is also a major issue of safety and security in the digital environment," Verma said. "The income of people in our sector has taken a major hit during the pandemic, while the prices of commodities have increased. But there is no talk about how to bring these under control."

With schools closed by the coronavirus, the Union finance minister announced the introduction of a specific TV channel that will provide supplementary education to school children. But Ameesh, 34, a government employee, wasn't impressed. "Audio- visual classes are no substitute for the real classroom experience," said Ameesh. "Our children are sitting at home glued to computers and mobile phones. I fear they will not learn any social skills or have any idea about the outside world. Learning has also reduced because teachers and students are engaged in online classes for the sake of it."

HOMEMAKER SAYS

The budget is good, but I was expecting more for the middle class. The government should support small businesses

USHA RAUTHAN

NGT sets up joint panel to check VK drain 'hazard'

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal has formed a joint committee comprising Delhi Pollution Control Committee, the south corporation commissioner and South Delhi district magistrate to look into a complaint regarding an open and stagnant drain posing a health hazard to Vasant Kunj residents. The green tribunal has asked the committee to check the situation on the ground and to explore ways for the sewage treatment.

According to the complaint, which was filed by Dr DS Katara, president of Residents' Welfare Association, Sector E-2, Vasant Kunj, stinking sewage has been seeping through a boundary wall into DDA Housing Complex Society from the drain, which is posing a health hazard to the locals. TNN

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT TO MEMBERS AND PROCESS OF REGISTRATION OF THEIR EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Members of SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited ("the Company") are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act 2013 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and in terms of the General Circular No.14/2020 dated 8th April 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated 15th June 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated 28th September 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated 31st December 2020, General Circular No 10/2021 dated 23rd June, 2021 and General Circular No 20/2021 dated 8th December, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA Circulars"), the Company, for obtaining the approval of the Shareholders by voting through electronic mode ("e-voting/remote e-voting") in respect of the businesses mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice dated January 24, 2022, has dispatched the said Postal Ballot notice on February 1, 2022 by e-mail only, to all the Members/Beneficiaries whose names appears in the Register of Members/Record of Depositories as on the Cut-off date i.e. Friday, January 28, 2022 and whose email addresses are registered with Company/Depository Participant(s)/Depositories/the Registrar & Transfer Agents of the Company.

The Notice of Postal Ballot alongwith the instructions for voting is also available on the Company's website at www.sbicard.com and the website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) i.e. www.evotingindia.com and at the relevant sections of the websites of the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. Shareholders who have not received the said Notice may download the same from the abovementioned websites.

In accordance with the MCA Circulars, physical copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business reply envelope has not been sent to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot and the shareholders are required to communicate their assent or dissent through the remote e-voting system only.

As required, the Company is pleased to offer E-voting facility to all the Members, to enable them to cast their votes electronically. The Company has appointed Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating e-voting to enable the members to cast their votes electronically. Voting Rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up value of shares registered in the name of the Member(s) as on the Cut-off date and any person who is not a member as on that date should treat the Postal Ballot Notice for information purposes only.

The facility to exercise vote on postal ballot by e-voting, will be available for the following period:

Commencement of voting : Wednesday, February 2, 2022 (10.00 A.M. IST)

End of voting : Thursday, March 3, 2022 (5.00 P.M. IST)

During this period, members of the Company holding equity shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e., Friday, January 28, 2022 may cast their vote electronically. E-voting shall not be allowed after 5.00 P.M. on Thursday, March 3, 2022. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.

The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Vineet K Chaudhary (Certificate of Practice no. 4548) Managing Partner of M/s VKC & Associates, Company Secretaries, or failing him Mr. Mohit K. Dixit (Certificate of Practice no. 17827), Partner of M/s VKC & Associates, Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

The Results of the Postal Ballot/E-voting will be declared within two working days from the conclusion of remote e-voting. The Results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the website of the Company at www.sbicard.com and on the website of CDSL i.e. www.evotingindia.com and communicated to BSE Ltd. (www.bseindia.com) and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (www.nseindia.com).

To enable participation in the remote e-voting process by those shareholders, to whom Postal Ballot Notice could not be sent due to non-availability of valid email address, the Company has made appropriate arrangements with its Registrar & Share Transfer Agent for registration of email addresses in terms of the above-mentioned Circulars.

The process for registration of email addresses is as under:

i) **For Temporary Registration:**

Pursuant to relevant circulars the shareholders who have not registered their email address and in consequence the notice could not be serviced may temporarily get their email address registered with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Pvt Ltd. through the link: https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html and follow the registration process as guided thereafter. Post successful registration of the email, the shareholder would get soft copy of the Notice of Postal Ballot and the procedure for e-voting along with the User ID and Password to enable e-voting from CDSL. In case of any queries relating to the registration of E-mail address, shareholder may write to rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in and for e-voting related queries may write to CDSL at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com

ii) **For Permanent Registration:**

It is clarified that for permanent registration of e-mail address, the Members are requested to register their e-mail address:

i. in respect of demat holdings with the respective Depository Participant (DP) by following the procedure prescribed by the Depository Participant.

ii. in respect of physical holding with Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents Link Intime India Pvt Ltd. by sending an email request at rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in along with signed copy of the request letter providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested copy of the PAN card and copy of Share Certificate.

If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022- 23058738 and 022-23058542/43.

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Payal Mittal Chhabra
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Date: February 1, 2022

Place: Gurugram

Police get ₹1.7k crore more, ₹287 crore for tech upgrade

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has been allocated Rs 10,355.29 crore in the Union budget estimates for 2022-23 compared with Rs 8,654.26 crore in 2021-22.

While Rs 9,808.39 crore was allotted for establishment-related expenditure, Rs 287 crore would be given for installation of CCTV surveillance system, procurement of advanced equipment for law and order modernisation, upgrading of communication systems, like cyber highway and digital trunking radio system, besides implementation of Intelligent Traffic Management System and induction of various types of vehicles for policing.

In all, Rs 259 crore would be spent exclusively for police infrastructure for construction of office and residential buildings and operation and maintenance of new police headquarters under public-private partnership mode.

In last year's budget, Rs 8,100.2 crore was earmarked for establishment-related expenditure, around 237 crore for upgrading and expansion of communication infrastructure, modernisation of equipment, installation of traffic signals, upgradation of training and procurement of vehicles for policing.

BIG PUSH TO INFRASTRUCTURE

Recently, Delhi Police launched an e-FIR application system for registration of theft and burglary cases. Earlier this year, the online citizen service was upgraded and automatically generated updates were sent to complainants. On Sunday, commissioner Rakesh Asthana introduced a phonetic keyboard with Hindi voice typing. The speech-to-text feature is synced with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems.

Mental Health Gets Tele Lifeline

Will Reduce Stigma Associated With It: Docs

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New Delhi: The central government's decision to set up 23 tele-mental health centres across the country has been lauded by health experts. Doctors said this showed that the government recognised the crisis posed by rising incidence of mental health disorders and, therefore, the need to augment infrastructure to manage it.

The mention of this health issue in the Union budget will also help reduce the stigma associated with mental health disorders, said Dr Mamta Sood, professor of psychiatry, AIIMS. "Many people do not talk about mental health issues or seek treatment due to the stigma associated with it. By talking about the issue in the Union budget, the government has brought the issue into the open, which is a welcome step," she said.

Presenting the central budget for 2022-23, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the pandemic had accentuated mental health problems and to improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services, a 'National Tele Mental Health Programme' would be launched. Sitharaman added that the programme would include a network of 23 tele-mental health centres, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre and the International Institute of Information Technology, Bengaluru, providing technology support.

Sood said the setting up of the tele-mental health centres would not only provide care to many people, but also create a model for escalating this model of tele-care. "In terms of manpower and infrastructure, mental health resources are lacking. If the new model succeeds, it will help reduce the treatment gap," said Sood.

In the last two years, Dr Rajesh Sagar of AIIMS said many private players had started app-based services to provide counselling for common mental health issues but there was no quality control. "In addition to starting the tele-mental health centres, the government should also come up with detailed guidelines on the infrastructure and manpower needed to run such services," Sagar said.

In 2017, a study published in The Lancet Psychiatry determined that one in seven Indians were affected by mental disorders of varying severity. Sagar, a lead author of the study, said the Covid-19 pandemic was likely to cause a surge in cases of this sort.

A person suffering from mental illness in India might still find treatment but it was near impossible to find guidance for managing functional problems faced in her or his daily life, felt experts. "We need to adopt a localised approach while establishing tele-mental health care facilities. Also, data protection is crucial to running such a programme," pointed out Dr Nand Kumar, professor of psychiatry, AIIMS.

INFRA LACKING

Mental health workforce (rate per 1,00,000 population)

Psychiatrists	0.29	Social workers	0.06
Child psychiatrists	0	Occupational therapists	0.03
Other specialist doctors	0.15	Speech therapists	0.17
Mental health nurses	0.8	Other paid mental health workers	0.36
Psychologists	0.07		

Source: World Mental Health Atlas, 2017

More funds marked for Central Vista

TEAM TOI

Government allocated ₹2,600 crore in Budget 2022-23 for construction of non-residential office buildings, including Central Vista project, Parliament and Supreme Court

New Delhi: The government has allocated Rs 2,600 crore in Budget 2022-23 for the construction of non-residential office buildings including the Central Vista project, the Parliament and Supreme Court. This is nearly Rs 768 crore more than Rs 1,833 crore allocated for the current financial year.

Sources said the increase in allocation is primarily due to the government rolling out more projects. While the Central Public Works Department under the housing and urban affairs ministry has given the bid for the first three buildings under the Common Central Secretariat and for the Vice-President Enclave, it has now invited bids for the Executive Enclave. Officials said the work for the Executive Enclave will be awarded in the next two months.

The Central Vista redevelopment project envisages a new triangular Parliament building, a CCS comprising 10 buildings, revamping of the 3-kilometre Rajpath boulevard, a new Prime Minister's residence, Vice President's Enclave and the Executive Enclave, which will have the PMO, cabinet secretariat and a India House to hold diplomatic and high level engagements.

For residential purposes, the housing ministry has got Rs 873 crore compared to Rs 756 crore in 2021-22. So far the substantial work under the Rajpth revamp has been completed. The remaining works will be done by this month end, sources said.

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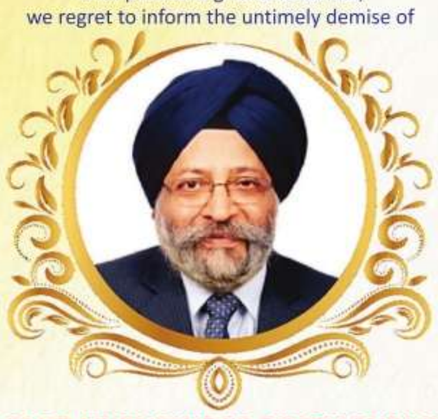

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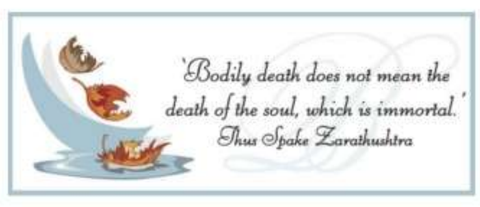

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By Sunit Sinha

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Talent hiring trends

One of the biggest impacts of the pandemic on the hiring process is the shift to the hybrid mode. According to a report by a leading recruitment website, one in every two employers in India hired virtually amid the crisis. Moreover, the report also suggests that remote jobs grew 966% between April 2020 and April 2021.

Technology-enabled hiring has also diverted attention to digital skills of employees, wherein an employer is now increasingly looking for tech-savvy people who bring much value to the remote working nature of most jobs.

The hybrid form of working has given much-needed space and choice to employees (who can now work from anywhere) and employers (who can now hire from anywhere in the world). Furthermore, the hybrid working setup has accelerated performance and productivity, wherein employees are adding much more value than before. As indicated in the 'KPMG 2020 CEO outlook: Covid-19 special edition' report, nearly 3 in 4 CEOs (73%) confirmed that the ability of people to work remotely has widened their potential talent pool and has led to positive results.

This has also meant that the new workforce will have to be managed differently and organisations will have to ensure that employees remain inclusive to the organisational culture and values. Performance and productivity measurement will remain an integral part of the talent nurturing, even for hybrid organisations. It is about looking at a hybrid family of roles including liquid, solid, flexi, gig and neo-gig.

Companies should make safety and well-being of the workforce a top prerogative. Gauging the current trends, companies will surely continue to pay more attention to role and skills-based hiring. While they are already reaping benefits of being an inclusive and flexible workplace, there is no doubt or debate that the future of work is hybrid.

Skilling, reskilling & upskilling talent

A lot has changed in the last 20 months. The future of work is already here — the changes that most businesses anticipated would take at least five years have made headway into the workforce. Business leaders have practised the art of striking a balance between reskilling and utilising the existing skills of employees, thereby increasing efficiency. Digital training modules have come as a boon for scaling up the skilling game.

Moreover, allocating talent more dynamically has been immensely beneficial. For starters, it has broken silos to encourage both inter- and intra-team exchange of ideas, thus fuelling knowledge-sharing to approach problem-solving collectively. Having a diverse group of people working in a team has further scaled employee output.

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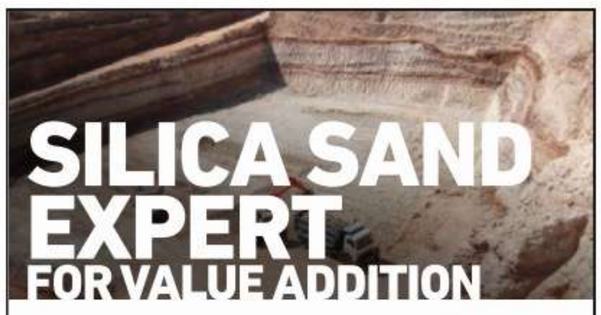

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Extortion over relations: Bizman gets employee killed

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Three people, including a textile businessman from south Delhi, have been arrested for murder in the case of an unidentified body found near Sarojini Nagar Metro Station a few days ago. The accused businessman, who is in his late 30s, is married and has two teenage children.

A probe revealed that the body was of a salesman who was in a relationship with the businessman, who was his employer. The salesman had secretly recorded many videos of their act and was using them for extortion.

The businessmen hired two men, including his nephew, who strangled the salesman, packed his body in a suitcase and dumped it near the Metro station.

"A strained homosexual relationship led to the murder. The deceased was extorting with the threat of making their videos go viral. We solved the case within two days," said DCP (Southwest) Gaurav Sharma.

On January 29, a police team comprising SHO Devender Kaushik and others began the probe. The body was identified to be of a 22-year-old man working with a trader in a well-known market in south Delhi.

CCTV footage and statements from neighbours showed that the youth was last seen alive with his employer. Technical surveillance showed the mobile phone location of both men near Sarojini Nagar Metro Station.

When the employer was questioned, he gave conflicting answers.

"Later, the accused said his nephew from Khurja and a friend helped him commit the crime. The businessman had called the duo to Delhi on January 28. The driver of the cab in which they had travelled has joined the probe," said Sharma.

DCP (SOUTHWEST) SAYS

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"They booked two rooms in a guesthouse at Yusuf Sarai where they gave their voter ID to make entries in the register. CCTV footage showed them entering the premises with a trolley bag," added the DCP.

The businessman later reached the guesthouse with the youth where the two men strangled him with a nylon clothes line. They also used a muffler to ensure he was dead and then put the body in the trolley bag.

"To make the body fit in the bag, they removed his shoes and jacket. The bag was loaded in the taxi they had hired from Khurja and they went towards Sarojini Nagar market. They dumped the body in a secluded place near the Metro station and covered it with a plastic sheet," Sharma said.

The accused took the shoes, jacket, wallet and cap of the deceased and threw most of the stuff near Uttam Nagar East Metro Station.

They left for their homes with the nephew taking away the mobile phone and wallet of the deceased and the empty suitcase to Khurja. He burnt the wallet and other documents and flushed the ash in the bathroom.

After a raid at Khurja, the other accused were arrested. The WagonR car used to transport the body, the deceased's mobile phone and the trolley bag were seized.

The taxi driver claimed that the accused misled him by saying that they were carrying clothes in the trolley bag. The accused disclosed that they had planned to commit the murder on January 19, but postponed it due to heavy security for Republic Day.

Man-made hurdles delay notification of city wetlands

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New Delhi: The International Wetlands Day on Wednesday comes as a reminder that wetlands in Delhi are marred by encroachments and pollution, which is delaying the process of notifying them. Lack of manpower to manage the wetlands, and the Covid pandemic have only made the matter worse, say officials.

According to an RTI, only eight wetlands have been notified across the country since the 2017 wetland rules were notified. Delhi, too, aims to notify 1,040 wetlands and 10 have been prioritised, but none has been notified yet. Experts, however, said they were still hopeful for the conservation of the wetlands in the city.

For notification of a wetland, a brief document is prepared first based on which the ground work is done to ready a final draft. The public opinion is then sought and finally, the union environment ministry notifies it.

"So far, 650 brief documents have been obtained. Good thing is that we have 1,040 wetlands on record. We are yet to do the ground truthing of most of these wetlands, and the 10 wetlands were prioritised on the criteria and parameters like area, biodiversity, pre-existing rights, etc. We are sure that they will be notified soon," said Dr Madhu Verma, chief economist at World Resource Institute, Delhi who is heading the technical committee on wetlands.

Officials said it was yet to be ascertained how many wetlands in Delhi have been encroached upon.

"Wetlands are often neglected. Only after the notification, the entire exercise of the determination of illegal constructions or encroachment can be carried out," said environmentalist and lawyer Akash Vashistha.

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1.	Reader/Associate Professor	Cardiology	01	By composite method [Deputation (ISTC) plus promotion]	Rs. 37,400 - 67,000 plus Grade by Rs. 8,900/- (Revised - Level 12 of Pay Matrix Rs. 78800-209200/-)
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❖ The educational and other qualifications, experience etc. required for the post of Reader/Associate Professor (Cardiology) to be filled up by way of Composite method (Deputation/(ISTC) Plus Promotion), are as under :-

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Notice is hereby given that Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, H-1,24,26,27, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pin -201010, Proposes to disposes of all the Medical Records of all out patients from 01 Jan. 2018 to 31. Dec. 2018 and Inpatients from 01 Jan. 2016 to 31. Dec. 2016. A copy of concerned patients Medical Records will be furnished to any patient / next to kin / legal representative on Written request addressed to Medical Superintendent, H-1, 24,26,27, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, U.P., within 30 days of publication of this notice. Hospital will not comply with any request and cannot be held responsible thereafter as all above old records would have been destroyed. If no such request is received, the record of the said period shall be liable to be destroyed and no claim be entertained thereafter and no further notice shall be given in this regard.
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OMP(ENF.)(COMM.)No. 108/2021
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-----Decree Holder
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M/s 21st Century & Anr.
-----Judgement Debtors
To,
Judgement Debtors
1. M/s 21st Century,
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Whereas the decree-holder has made a petition to this Court for seeking execution of Arbitration Award dated 24.05.2020. And WHEREAS Hon'ble Court issued notice against you and WHEREAS it has been shown to the satisfaction of the court that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore, this notice is given **by publication** directing you to make appearance before the **Hon'ble Court on 08.02.2022 at 10.30 AM.**

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the abovementioned date, the Execution Petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, **in terms of order dated 23.11.2021**
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In the wrong place at the wrong time

I Felt Crackers Were Bursting But Saw Blood On Road, We Ran For Our Lives: Eyewitness

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Photos: Prem Bisht

CAUGHT IN THE MELEE: Aman's relatives (right) said he went on a stroll on Monday night when he was hit by a bullet near Red Fort (left)

New Delhi: The two unwitting gunshot victims of a brawl between groups involved in a road accident hadn't quite expected to be shot at when they were going about their routine activities at Angoori Bagh near Red Fort on Monday night.

Aman, 22, lives with his family of six in a small house nearby. His sister, Nidhi, said the youth, as he did very day after dinner, went out for a walk on Monday night too. "He left the house at 8.30pm. Sometime later, we heard screams and when we went outside to inquire, someone told us that Aman had been shot," Nidhi said. Police confirmed that Aman had suffered back injuries.

Aman's father, Subhash Chandra, who is a security guard at a mall in Chandni Chowk, said, "Till March 2020, my son was working as a helper at a private company in Moti Nagar. During the lockdown, the company shut down and he became unemployed. Later, his eyes were affected by some disease and he was getting treatment."

Aman's mother, Lata Devi, was so shocked that she hasn't eaten food since Monday night, the family claimed. The kin weren't sure about the youth's health condition.

The other victim, 30-year-old Dil Faraz, employed in a handicrafts shop, lives in a rented accommodation in Angoori Bagh with his wife, Zeba, and three-year-old son, Zaid.

Zeba said, "Last night, he went with Zaid to a shop to buy milk and eggs. But a person ran to our house with the news that my husband had been shot in his right thigh."

Zeba added, "I was in shock and didn't know what to do. Zaid was also with my husband at the time of the incident, but when I checked, I was relieved to find he was alright."

A grocery shop nearby has a bullet hole in the steel shutters. The owner, Nikhil, said, "On Monday night, I was about to leave for home when I noticed the scuffle. Then I heard what I thought were firecrackers bursting, but the blood on the road. I and other onlookers ran for our lives."

Another shopkeeper was horrified by the indiscriminate firing. The place where the incident took place is a narrow, congested road with two way traffic. "Sometimes there is heavy traffic pile-up on the road," the shopkeeper said.

According to local residents, the quarrel spot is close to Tikona Park where anti-socials congregate. A police officer said patrolling was done in the area to ensure the safety of residents.

AMAN'S SISTER SAYS

He left the house at 8.30pm. Sometime later, we heard screams and when we went outside to inquire, someone told us that Aman had been shot

Marital rape: Centre told to decide stand

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi high court on Tuesday asked the Centre to "make up its mind" on what stand it wants to take on the issue of "marital rape".

"You need to make up your mind, there are only two ways of closing this issue. One is the legislative route, other is a court decision. There is no third way. You tell us if you want to stick to the position that you have taken in the counter (affidavit) or you will change it. If you want to change it, you must let us know," a bench of justices Rajiv Shakdher and C Hari Shankar told the counsel for the Centre.

The high court's remarks came when the Centre said it was taking a relook at its earlier stand. "The learned solicitor general had said that we will be relooking at the affidavit. These are affidavits quite back in point in time in 2015-2017," Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma, appearing for the Centre, submitted.

However, senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, representing one of the petitioners, pointed out that latest submissions were filed by the Centre on January 12 this year, outlining its position.

Justice Rajiv Shakdher then said that "there is a position on record. You deal with it and if they change it they will come back and tell us." The court asked advocate Karuna Nundy to make her submissions on the basis of the Centre's stand on record.

The court's remarks came when the Centre said it was taking a relook at its earlier stand

ASG Sharma requested the court to allow the Centre to make submissions on the petitions next week. Last week, the court had asked the Centre to inform whether it wished to withdraw its earlier affidavit filed in the matter in view of its latest stand that it was undertaking a "consultative process on the issue".

The Centre had earlier said that India should proceed with caution and not blindly follow other countries on the issue.

4-5 rounds shot, cops suspect role of six people

▶Continued from P1

An argument ensued and there was a scuffle with Varisha being abused by the men. "Seeing the situation getting out of hand, she called up my family and some of them, including my brother, Abid, 45, reached the spot," said Shahid.

One of the men, too, called up someone and then put his phone on the speaker mode. "The man at the other end started abusing me and my wife. I told him to come to the spot," said Shahid. Four people then arrived on two bikes and there was a scuffle.

When Abid, according to Shahid, asked them to pay up, they started thrashing him. The whole incident was happening in the middle of a small road which attracted other people and a crowd started to gather.

Hoping to resolve the matter, Shahid and his relatives, along with the other group, began moving away from the spot. As soon as we crossed Nagpal Dairy, a few metres away from the spot, one of the men whipped out a pistol and started firing," recalled Shahid.

According to eyewitnesses, the men fired the first round into the air and then turned on the people around them. Abid was hit in the right thigh. Aman, 22, and Dil Faraz, 30, who were passing by, were also injured in the firing. "Aman was shot in the back and Faraz was hit on the right thigh. All of them are receiving treatment. Abid is at Sushrut Trauma Centre and the other two are Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital," an officer said. Aman, who was hit in the spine, is in the ICU and critical.

Police said that four to five rounds were fired and they suspect the role of six people in the case. "The four people who came on two motorcycles were from the trans-Yamuna area and one of them was carrying a pistol," said the officer.

Shahid and Abid are suppliers of diesel pumps, Dil Faraz works at a handicrafts shop while Aman is unemployed. Deputy commissioner of police (north) Sagar Singh Kalsi said they are making all-out efforts to nab the accused. A case under sections 307 (Attempt to murder), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) and 25 and 27 of Arms Act has been registered at the Kotwali police station.

The residents expressed surprise that an incident of this kind could happen in such a sensitive area. One resident, Suresh Kumar, said patrolling in the area was lax, a charge that the cops have denied.

Illustration: Arya Praharaj

1 Shahid and his wife, Varisha, are returning home on a scooty when another scooty with two men on it hits them. Varisha calls her family members, while one of the two men calls his associates

2 On reaching the spot, associates of the two men open fire. Shahid's brother, Abid, and two passersby, Aman and Dil Faraz, get injured in the firing

Dense fog engulfs capital for 3 hrs, visibility drops to 50m

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Dense fog was witnessed in Delhi on Tuesday morning for nearly three hours. It delayed some flights but no cancellation or diversion took place, said Delhi airport sources. India Meteorological Department has predicted dense to moderate fog for Wednesday.

The visibility dropped to 50 metres at Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, between 5.30 am and 8.30 am on Tuesday. At Palam, the visibility dropped to 100 metres. "CAT-III procedures for low visibility were initiated at the Delhi airport. The runway visual range was recorded at 200 metres," said RK Jenamani, senior scientist at IMD.

The maximum temperature was recorded at 20.8 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature settled at 7 degrees Celsius.

Delhi's air quality, meanwhile, continued to remain in the 'very poor' category with an air quality index of 346 on Tuesday.

Medical staff protest for pay

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Unpaid for the last four months, the medical staff, including doctors, nurses and paramedics of east corporation-run Swami Dayanand hospital in east Delhi, protested on Tuesday in the hospital campus, demanding their salaries on time.

The facility, located in Dilshad Garden, is the largest hospital run by East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

The medical staff announced that they are going to continue the strike in the hospital unless their demands are met.

"The staff members have families to take care of, and our salaries have been pending for four months. The corporation healthcare workers have to demand for their payment every time. No other hospital staff has to do that. Had the general provident fund not been diverted, the doctors would at least have had some financial backup," said Dr RR Gautam, president of the corporation's doctors' association.

Speaking on the issue, an EDMC official said that the salary of one month has been provided to all medical and paramedic staff of the hospital on Tuesday. "Some of them are yet to receive two to three months' salary. We are trying to release their dues within a week," said the official.

RECRUITMENT OF CONSTABLE/FIRE (MALE)-2021 IN CISF

Dates of submission of online applications: 29/01/2022 to 04/ 03/2022
Closing date : 04/03/2022 (upto 5:00 PM)

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For complete details of the notification, applicants should go through the advertisement/ notification published in Employment News/ Rozgar Samachar dated 29/01/2022 and CISF website https://cisfrectt.in. Applicants should read and understand all the information carefully before applying for the post.

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Office of the Resident Commissioner
E-Tender notice no. 04

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Identification No. RWS/89/2021-2022
Letter No. 924 / Dated - 29.01.2022
4th Corrigendum

This corrigendum has been made for the NIT-89 invited online vide this office letter No. 7629 / Dated. 22.12.2021 modified vide 3rd corrigendum as date for selling, closing, clarification and opening of the NIT-89 which was on dt. 02.02.2022 (selling date), 22.02.2022 (closing date), 04.02.2022 (clarification date) 23.02.2022 (opening date) to be read as 08.02.2022, 25.02.2022, 10.02.2022 and 28.02.2022 respectively due to unavoidable circumstances. All other terms and condition remain unaltered.

No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Apprx.) Rs. In Lakhs	Cost of Tender Paper	Period of completion
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5.	Date & Time for Pre-bid Meeting	08.02.2022 at 11:00 AM
6.	Pre-bid Query submission	On or before 06.02.2022, 05:00 PM
7.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	02.03.2022 at 05:00 PM
8.	Last Date & Time of submission of Bid Security and Tender fee in form of Bank Guarantee/FDR and Tender Fee in form of Demand Draft of any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank (Hard Copies)	03.03.2022 at 03:00 PM
9.	Date & Time of Pre-qualification bid opening	07.03.2022 at 11:00 AM
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Notification No. 2593/T/SM/60/2021-22 **Dated: Bhubaneswar, the 1st February, 2022**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 4 NOS OF AUTOMATED SAWMILL UNITS INCLUDING DESIGN OF LAY OUT & WORKSHED, OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS

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For Odisha Forest Development Corporation Limited.
Sd/- **Managing Director**

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Long way to go for jheel project, but opening can't wait

Work on amphitheatre, party hall, parking and footpath is pending

Vibha.Sharma@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) inaugurated the partly completed Shahdara Jheel on Tuesday.

When **TOI** visited the site, it found workers still leveling the ground and carrying out construction work. Though the work on the lake, including installation of a sewage treatment plant and boundary, had been completed, the work on the amphitheatre, party hall, parking area, footpath, swings and plantation was still pending.

An EDMC official said work was in progress on the second phase of the project and they had sent a proposal for phase-III to the Centre for allocating funds. "We received Rs 14.2 crore in phase-II under the AMRUT scheme of the Centre and utilised that for waterproofing and laying the geosynthetic layer in the lake, constructing its boundary wall, open amphitheatre, party lawn, sitting area, etc," added the official.

Construction work of one administrative block, three main gates, one fountain, one accumulation centre, footpath, one party lawn was in progress, along with the arrangement of parking and cycle stands. "In the horticulture area, saplings and creepers will be planted. Apart from the electricity system, funds have also been utilised for lighting along the footpaths," said EDMC.

Regarding phase-III of the project, EDMC has demanded Rs 7-8 crore for completing pending works and finishing construction of airconditioning shafts, swings, eating kiosks and other beautification works.

"After receiving the funds, we will invite a concessionaire to run all facilities, including boating, food court, parking, booking of party lawns, meeting hall, open amphitheatre as well as maintenance and security. The revenue will be shared in a certain ratio. The area MP, Manoj Tiwari, has assured to sanction funds for lights and benches," said the EDMC official.

Tiwari said the site would become an excellent picnic spot. "EDMC is making efforts to provide better facilities to people. I have been verifying the status of this project from time to time so that the modern park can be dedicated to people at the earliest,"' he added. The total area of the park is 30.74 acres.

Security up after religion rumour

KASTURBA NGR ASSAULT: No Outsider Allowed In Area

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New Delhi: After a controversy erupted over the religion of the 20-year old victim who was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and paraded in east Delhi, Delhi Police barricaded all lanes leading to the woman's house on Tuesday. A group of Sikh men, including Nihangs, reached Kasturba Nagar from Punjab to extend support to the family. However, the survivor's sister asserted the family was Hindu, not Sikh.

On Monday, some Nihangs from Punjab reached the woman's residence to offer support and even gave the 18-year-old sister a sword as a symbol of resistance. In a viral video, a Nihang can be seen tying a turban on the head of the woman's father. On the wall of their residence, a Nihang wrote, '*Sikh kom jihdi aa, badla lawegi* (wherever the Sikh community resides, there will be revenge)'.

Delhi Police issued a statement stating that the girl was fine, contrary to reports about attempted suicide, and registered cases against the people who had imputed religious tones to the incident.

On Tuesday, **TOI** noted how police along with paramilitary personnel and Civil Defence volunteers had barricaded the road leading to the woman's house. The cops said no 'outsiders', including the media, were allowed into the area.

Tarun Rawat

Police barricaded the roads leading to the house of the survivor

Two policemen posted a notice on the barricade saying Section 144 of the Criminal Procedures Code restricting assembly of people had been imposed in the area, but removed it later. R Sathiyasundaram, DCP (Shahdara) explained, "The notice was put up by mistake. Since some people are trying to give the incident a communal colour, so we don't want outsiders to meet the family. Hence, policemen have been posted there to ensure safety and security."

Many locals felt decisive police action earlier could have helped. "The accused are the same people who were involved in the murder of a policeman in 2019," said a 52-year-old woman. "They have been a source of trouble for everyone, but we can't say too much because we have to live in the locality. We hope the police maintains its presence in the area because there are many troublemakers here."

The Nihangs and several other members of the Sikh community, who were waiting to meet the victim on Tuesday, were asked to go back. But one of them said, "We are here for humanity and we will stand by her and protect her in all ways." Meanwhile, Delhi Police has taken two women, the main accused, into three days' police custody for interrogation.

CM announces ₹10L aid to gang-rape survivor

Times News Network

New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced a financial aid of Rs 10 lakh to the 20-year-old woman who was allegedly gang-raped in Kasturba Nagar, and said that the government would fast-track the case to ensure speedy justice to the survivor.

Later in the day, Delhi revenue and law minister Kailash Gahlot and Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Maliwal also met the survivor.

In a tweet in Hindi, Kejriwal said his government would also appoint a good public prosecutor to pursue the case in the court. "I have ordered financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh for helping this daughter. The Delhi government will make all possible efforts to give her justice. We will appoint a good lawyer for her. This case will be fast-tracked so that the daughter gets justice at the earliest," Kejriwal said in the tweet.

On January 26, the 20-year-old woman was allegedly abducted, gang-raped and paraded by her attackers on the streets of east Delhi's Kasturba Nagar with her hair chopped, face blackened and a shoe garland around her neck. Police said the girl had been assaulted due to personal enmity.

So far, eight women and a man have been arrested and three juveniles apprehended for the crime by Delhi Police.

The survivor on Tuesday informed the revenue minister and DCW chief about the attack on her. After meeting her, Gahlot reiterated that the government will provide Rs 10 lakh assistance to the survivor and send the case to fast-track court where the best lawyer will be engaged.

Maliwal in a statement said that DCW helped the girl file an application in the court for interim compensation. A DCW team is there with the girl 24x7. "We will also rehabilitate the girl. Strongest punishment must be given to the culprits so that no one dares to commit such a crime again," she said.

The state women panel had earlier issued a notice to Delhi Police seeking immediate arrest of all the culprits. It had also recommended that the girl and her family be shifted to a safe house and be provided protection.

Positivity rate at 5.09%, 27 Covid patients die

New Delhi: Delhi on Tuesday reported 2,683 fresh Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 5.09%, while 27 more people succumbed to the viral disease, according to the data shared by state health department.

With this, the national capital's case count increased to 18,32,951 and the death toll climbed to 25,892, the latest health bulletin stated.

The number of Covid-19 tests conducted a day ago stood at 52,736, it said. Delhi had, on Monday, reported 2,779 Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 6.2% and 38 deaths. On Sunday, the city recorded 3,674 cases with a positivity rate of 6.37% and 30 deaths.

The number of daily cases in Delhi has been on the decline after touching the record high of 28,867 on January 13. The city had recorded a positivity rate of 30.6% on January 14, the highest during the ongoing wave of the pandemic. It took just 10 days for daily cases to drop below the 10,000-mark.

Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Thursday had decided to lift weekend curfew and the odd-even system of opening non-essential shops in the city besides allowing restaurants, bars, cinema halls and theatres to reopen with 50%, given the improving Covid situation. TNN

HC calls Delhi govt's order making mask must even while driving alone absurd

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday termed as "absurd" a Delhi government order last year making it compulsory to wear a mask while driving alone.

"It is a Delhi government order, why don't you withdraw it. It is absurd actually. You are sitting in your own car and you must wear a mask? Why is it still prevailing? Take instructions," a bench of justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh said when the counsel for the AAP government highlighted the issue.

"Somebody sitting in the car with rolled-up windows and being challaned for Rs 2,000. That single-judge order is very unfortunate," counsel for the government submitted, informing the bench about a 2021 high court order, which had refused to interfere with Delhi government's decision to impose challans for not wearing a mask while driving alone in a private car. He said the situation was different and now the pandemic was almost over and urged the court to mention the same in its order. However, the bench reminded him that the initial order was passed by Delhi government, which was upheld by the high court.

GOVT COUNSEL SAYS

Somebody sitting in the car with rolled-up windows and being challaned for ₹2,000. That single-judge order is unfortunate

Senior counsel Rahul Mehra then said be it the order of Delhi government or Centre, it was a bad order and needed to be revisited saying the bench should intervene. But the bench, which was hearing a PIL filed by advocate Rakesh Malhotra on Covid-19 management in the city, said the order was not in challenge before it.

"If that order is bad why don't you withdraw it," the bench wondered, saying it expected DDMA to consider all such aspects at its next meeting.

The single judge's 2021 order had come while dismissing four petitions by lawyers who had challenged the imposition of 'challans' for not wearing a mask while driving alone in a private vehicle. It had said that wearing a mask while driving alone in a private vehicle was compulsory in the context of Covid-19 and had described the face covering as a 'suraksha kavach', or protective shield, against the spread of the infection.

The Union ministry of health and family welfare had then told the court that it did not issue any direction asking people to wear masks in a car when they were alone and that health was a state subject and Delhi government had to decide on it.

During Tuesday's hearing, the high court also examined other aspects of Covid preparedness of the government and said it was happy with all round progress.

Govt guidebook to push for e-vehicle chargers at malls

Times News Network

New Delhi: On average, a person spends about 90 minutes inside a shopping mall on each visit and that time can easily be utilised for quick charging of an electric vehicle.

To guide shopping mall owners on how to set up EV charging points in their parking lots to promote green fuel, the Delhi government is going to launch "EV Charging Guidebook for Shopping Malls in Delhi" on February 4.

The guidebook has been jointly developed by Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) of Delhi and World Resource Institute, India. DDC vice-chairman Jasmine Shah, WRI India executive director of integrated transport Amit Bhatt and members of several shopping mall associations are likely to attend the launch.

The document will include the importance of EV charging, assessing its scope at malls, processes involved for effective decision-making and the way forward for the planning and implementation of the option, the government said.

Shah said the government aimed to become the first state government to make shopping malls an integral part of the EV movement. "Availability of EV charging infrastructure at shopping malls will go a long way in making people feel more confident to adopt EVs," he added.

Ninety minutes that a customer spends at a mall is ample time for charging an electric vehicle, Bhatt said. "This is a win-win for both mall developers and customers. While the customers can get their vehicle charged while shopping, the malls can get additional demand that will put them in a premium category."

In Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, the government has targeted to make 25% of the vehicles registered in the city electric from 2024. Besides subsidising purchase of EVs, the government has directed all commercial establishments with a parking capacity of 100 or more vehicles to reserve 5% of the space for EVs with suitable chargers.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Sealed Bids are invited against NIT No: 06 of 2021-22 of AE,PWD,SSKM Hospital Sub-Division for different works. Date & Time of Application is 08.02.2022 & 09.02.2022 from 12 to 2 PM. Details are available in www.pwdwb.gov.in as well as office of the Assistant Engineer, S.S.K.M Hospital Sub-Division, P.W.D. 244, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata-20 Sd/- Assistant Engineer, S.S.K.M Hospital Sub-Division, P.W.D. ICA-T1833(2)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer–II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte. invites eNIQ for "Electrical Installation Work, SITC Air-conditioning Machines and FDA system for setting up Microbiology & Biochemistry Unit and its adjoining areas at 1st floor of the X-Ray building in Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Kolkata-Air Conditioning Work" vide **Tender ID - 2022_WBPWD_362867_1**. Last date of submissions – 16.02.22 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites: **https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.pwdwb.in** and office Notice Board. **Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte.** ICA-T1845(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No : 15/SE(EC)/WS/KMDA/2021-22
e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, East Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, Unnayan Bhavan, Block-C, 2nd Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contactors, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Construction of retaining wall along the existing concrete road beside proposed substation building and existing ESR including construction of approach ramp in the project site of 0.5 MG UGR at Makarsapukur in ward no-1, Madhyamgram Municipality in connection with the project of Augmentation of water supply scheme of Madhyamgram under State Fund., Rs.99,28,165/-, Rs.1,98,564/-, 120 days, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 18.02.2022 upto 18.45 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-790)**
www.kmdaonline.org
www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T1878 (3) / 2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RESOURCES DIVISION
P-16, India Exchange Place, Extn. 1st floor, C.I.T. Annex Bldg., Kolkata - 700 073.
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. - WBPHED/EE/RS/e50/2021-2022
Tender ID : 2022_PHED_362989_1
Sl. No. - 1 to 32: Supply & delivery of ISI marked 10mm dia. Nominal size with Leaded tin Bronze Ferule conforming to IS: 2692-1989 consisting component of Body, Plug, Cap, Water Palte & Nut, resilient washer and copper washer under Resources Division, P.H.E. Dte. for different water supply scheme in West Bengal. Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission starting date (online) (01.02.2022 from 1.00 p.m.). Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission closing date (online) (21.02.2022 upto 4.00 p.m.). For detail Logon to: **www.etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Execute Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T1860(3)/2022

Notice Inviting Tender
Invited by the Secretary Jalpaiguri Zilla R.M.C. for "Engagement of agency for Security Services at the Office of the Jalpaiguri Zilla Regulated Market Committee, for different Checking point, Sub-Markets, Offices etc. under the jurisdiction of notified Market area." vide N.I.T. WBJALRMC/01-SEC/JAL/2021-22(4th call), Dated: 31.01.2022, The Period of Downloading of Bidding document From 02.02.2022, 17-00 Hours(IST) to 18.02.2022, 17-00 Hours (IST). Details may be seen from the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** from 02.02.2022.
Sd/-
Secretary
Jalpaiguri Zilla RMC

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender invited by the Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, P.H.E. Dte. Vide No:- WBPHED/EE/TD/NIeT 26/2021-2022 (SL No. 01 to 07) and Tender ID- 2022_PHED_362886_1 to 2022_PHED_362886_7 details of works shown in the NIeT. Bid submission End date:- 15/02/2022 at 18.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. All details can be obtained from the website- **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, PHE Directorate. ICA-T1863(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/PWD/Purulia Division invites "Online e-tender for 03 (Three) Nos. work related to mtc. of building and Road under Purulia Division PWD." N.I.E.T. NO. 15 Of 2021-2022. Bid submission start date (Online) 02.02.2022. Bid submission closing date (Online) 17.02.2022. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and documents may be downloaded from: http://wbetenders.gov.in Sd /-Executive Engineer Purulia Division, P.W.D.
ICA-T1838(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HALDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Centre, P.O. Debhog, Haldia
Dist. Purba Medinipur, PIN-721657
Toll Free No. 1800-345-3224
TENDER NOTICE
NIT No. 12/HDA/EC of 2021-2022(2nd Call)
Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for **"CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ROAD FROM DWARIBERIA BRINDA MANDIR (NORTH SIDE OF SATE WAY) TO THE HOUSE OF BADAL MAITY UNDER HALDIA BLOCK (LENGTH – 1600MTR, BREADTH – 2.5MTR)." Estimated Cost:** Rs. 86,37,334/-. **Document downloading date:** 03.02.2022 to 18.02.2022. **Starting date of bid submission:** 11.02.2022. **Last date for online bid submission:** 18.02.2022. Information in details is available in the office and website of HDA: **www.hda.gov.in** E-Tender can also be submitted through **www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA.** ICA-T1875(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
E-tender (e-N.I.T 25 of 2021-22, Tender ID no.2022_WRDD_363009_1 , Tender amount Rs.12098972.00 has been invited by the Executive Engineer (AI) Midnapore (AI) Division for Renovation of Jakpur Patua Khal at Kharagpur-II Block in the Disrtict Paschim Medinipur from Bonafide agency. Last date & time of submission is 22.02.2022 upto 6.00 PM .Other details may also be seen from the website wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (AI) Midnapore (AI) Division
ICA-T1881 (3) / 2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIeT- 12/EE/PMD/PHED OF 2021-2022
Online Bid is invited by the Executive Engineer, Purulia Mechanical Divn., P.H.E Dte. Purulia Govt, of W.B. for the works- Supply, delivery and installation of gaseous chlorination system with allied works for augmentation of different waters supply scheme, under PMD PHE Dte., all rates to be quoted, EM-fixed as per NIeT, Documents download start date (online)- **03.02.2022**, Bid submission End date (online)- **18.02.2022** upto **11.00 Hrs.** For details visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in and office of the undersigned. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purulia Mechanical Division, PHE Dte., Govt. of West Bengal.
ICA-T1857(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO: 23 of 2021-2022 OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HOOGHLY DIVISION, P.W.D/Tender reference No: WBPWD/EE/HOOGHLY DIVISION/NIT_23/2021-22. Vertical Extension (i.e. 1st floor) of Dispensary ward at Serampore Sub Correctional Home under Hooghly Division, PWD, during the year 2021-22. Tender ID No: 2022_PWD_362865_1. Bid submission start date (online): 02.02.2022, at 2.30 p.m. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 16.02.2022 upto 2.30 p.m. Details may be downloaded from: **http://etender.wb.nic.in** or may be seen from the office of the u/s in working hours or from the Departmental website **http://pwdwb.in** Corrigendum, if any will be published in website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Hooghly Division. ICA-T1825(3)/2022

Purba Bardhaman Zilla Parishad
e-NIT-26 of 2021-2022
Tender Ref No.-DE-E-NIT-26 of 21-22
e-Tenders (online) are invited from reputed and resourceful contractors for one no Civil work within Purba Bardhaman District. Closing date of bid submission are 15.02.2022. For further details. Please log on website: **https://etender.wb.nic.in**
District Engineer
Purba Bardhaman Zilla Parishad
Memo No. : 24(3)/ICA/PUB/BDN(ADVT) Date : 01.02.2022

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE
A Statutory Authority of Government of India
India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
Ref.No. CA/MAP/287/Print January 31, 2022
Corrigendum
In view of the queries/ clarifications sought by various tenderer on the specifications of MAP and in view of corrections in the same, the tender document published on 15.01.2022 in Times of India for Printing and Packaging of 5 Volumes of Books Titled Manual of Architectural Practice Handbook (MAP), stands revised and is available at Council's website www.coa.gov.in.
The Last Date and time of submission of the tender documents has also been extended upto 09.02.2022 at 17.00 hours.
Registrar

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
Corrigendum No. 3 dated 31.01.2022 for Tender Notice No. DyCE-C-III-JHS-2021-01 **Dated** 13.12.2021
Corrigendum 3rd
Sub: Corrigendum of Tender No. DyCE-C-III-JHS-2021-01 **Dated** 31.01.2022 against **Tender Notice No.** DyCE-C-III-JHS-2021-01 **Dated** 13.12.2021
"All related tenderers are informed that certain Paras are changed in Tender Notice no. DyCE-C-III-JHS-2021-01 dated 13.12.2021 and Minutes of Pre-Bid meeting are also uploaded alongwith corrigendum. Other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. Detailed information of corrigendum is available on website **http://www.ireps.gov.in"** 1301/21(D)
North central railways | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | @CPRONCR

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. S&T/SEE/E-OT/21-22/29 Date : 31.01.2022. The DRM (Sig. & Telecom)/SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of online E-tendering is 23.02.2022 up to 12:00 hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on website - www.ireps.gov.in.
E-Tender No. : S&T/SEE/E-OT/21-22/29. Name of work : SEE Div. : Naziganj-Provision of directional loop line. Approx Cost (In ₹) : ₹3,12,36,973.53, Earnest Money (In ₹) : ₹3,06,200/-, Cost of Tender Document (in ₹) (Non-refundable) : ₹0.00, Completion period : 06 (Six) Month from date of issue of LOA. The above tender notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in. Uploading date 31.01.2022. RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER : Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone/modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.
Divisional Railway Manager/S&T/ECR/Sonpur
PR/01597/SEE/S&T/T/21-22/36

DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE
T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal- 462003
Tel. : 0755-2761448, 2778151, Fax : 0755–2775256
E-TENDERING NOTICE
The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids for **Appointment of Agency for providing and managing Coaching and Support Services in the State of Madhya Pradesh.**
1. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on **www.mptendersgov.in** If there are any queries regarding participation through E-tender process, interested bidder may contact on Toll Free No. 18002588684.
2. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.
M.P. Madhyam/103513/2022 **DIRECTOR**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/21-22/KTPS/CC-263 **Date: 31.01.2022**
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E2053/21-22
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Maintenance Contract for mechanical maintenance of MS-1 to MS-5 for un-interrupted Dry Ash disposal from Main Silo and Housekeeping for two years". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.02.2022 at 11.00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date :** 04.03.2022 at 04.00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. P. Pal, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. **E-mail:** p.pal@wbpdcl.co.in **Mobile No.:** 8336907128
For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** ICA-T1871(2)/2022

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
WBSEDCL
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB20075GC113473, cecorpmont@gmail.com, www.wbsedcl.in
NIT No. : P-37/PC-II/2021-22/ASV **Date: 25.01.2022**
The **Chief Engineer, Procurement & Contracts Department, WBSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan (4th Floor), Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-91**, invites sealed tender for engagement of professional firms for conducting Annual Physical Verification of store items and other allied activities at different store units of WBSEDCL. **Date of receipt and issue of application**: 03.02.2022 to 11.02.2022 (11:00 am to 4:00 pm, except Saturday, Sunday & Holiday); **Pre-Bid Meeting**: 15.02.2022 at 11:30 am; **Bid Submission End Date:** 21.02.2022 up to 1:00 pm; **Bid Opening Date:** 21.02.2022 at 3:00 pm. Tenders are to be submitted & further details of the NIT may be had from the website: **www.wbsedcl.in** and the above-mentioned office (**Phone: 033-23599786**). ICA-T1868(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Department
Nabanna, (6th Floor) 325, Sarat Chaterjee Road
Mandirtala,Howrah-711102.
In continuation of earlier Notice published in two daily News paper on 16.06.2020, in respect of filling up of **One** Administrative member in the WBLR&TT in the pay scale of Rs. 2,05,400-2,11,600-2,17,900-2,24,400/- plus other allowances as admissible as per Rules, applications are once again invited from willing and eligible candidates. For service conditions, application format and other details, Notice No. 218-Estt. (LRTT) dated 31.01.2022 read with earlier Notice no 684-Estt.(LRTT) dated 20.02.2020 and Notice No.. 1243-Estt. (LRTT) dated 16..06.2020 along with the format of the application may be seen on the websites **www.banglarbhumi.Gov.in** . The last date of receipt of application shall be the 30th day from the date of publication of this Advertisement.
This is in continuation of L&LR and R R & R Department's Notice No-1243-Estt.(LRTT) dated 19.06.2020
ICA-N44(2)/2022
Special Secretary to the Govt of West Bengal

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDERTAKING)
First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800 004, E-mail: md@idabihar.com, Website-www.idabihar.com, Phone- 0612-2675933, 2675935, Fax-2675934
बिहार सरकार
NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 05/TEN/IDA/22
(केवल ई–टेंडरिंग पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए समुचित श्रेणी में केन्द्रीय सरकार/राज्य सरकार/उपक्रम/बोर्ड/निगम में निबंधित अथवा ख्याति प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय/अन्तरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के Agency से प्रतिशत/मदवार निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
कार्य का विवरण :

S.N.	Name of Work	Total Estimated Amount in Rs.	Amount of E.M.D in Rs.	Cost of B.O.Q in Rs.	Completion Period
1	Construction of Khadi Mall Muzaffarpur (Prefabricated/ Pre Engineered building)	7,52,52,077.00	15,05,500.00	10,000.00	09 Months
2	Construction of Khadi Mall Purnea (Prefabricated/Pre Engineered building)	7,42,18,194.00	14,84,500.00	10,000.00	09 Months

निविदा समय–सारणी (Tender Schedule)

क्र.स.	गतिविधि	स्थान, तिथि एवं समय
1	विज्ञापनदाता का नाम	कार्यपालक अभियंता (पी०डी०ए०), आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना–800004
2	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि	दिनांक **28.01.2022**
3	निविदा डाउनलोड तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **07.03.2022** से **21.03.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
4	प्री–बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक **12.03.2022** को **15:00** बजे आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना–4
5	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **23.03.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
6	अग्रधन की राशि, बैंक सर्टिफिकेट, सभी शपथ पत्र एवं परिमाण विपत्र की मूल की रसीद जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक **24.03.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक पी०डी०ए० शाखा, आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना–800004
7	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **24.03.2022** को **15:30** बजे (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
8	वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	तकनीकी बीड के निष्पादन के पश्चात। (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
9	निविदा वैधता की अवधि	120 दिन

निविदा की विस्तृत शर्तों एवं आवश्यक सूचना आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार एवं कार्यपालक अभियंता (पी.डी.ए.) से प्राप्त की जा सकती है एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पटट् एवं वेबसाईट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar / www.idabihar.com पर देखा जा सकता है।
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AFTER OBJECTION TO HIS FILM ON GAY MAJOR, ONIR URGES DEF SECY FOR DECISION REVIEW

Lt Gen Pande takes over as Army vice-chief

New Delhi: In top-level appointments in the 13-lakh strong Army, Lt General Manoj Pande on Tuesday took over as the new vice-chief at the headquarters here, while Lt Gens Upendra Dwivedi and R P Kalita took over the Udhampur-based northern command and Kolkata-based eastern command respectively.

Lt Gen Pande, who was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1982, has succeeded Lt General CP Mohanty, who retired on Monday. He is in line to be the next Army chief when Gen MM Naravane either becomes the next CDS, as is expected, or retires on turning 62 in April as scheduled. Lt Gen Kalita has succeeded Lt Gen Pande as eastern command chief. Lt Gen Dwivedi has replaced Lt Gen YK Joshi at northern command. TNN

China's minister sends 'get well' message to EAM

New Delhi: Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi wrote to his Indian counterpart **S Jaishankar** last week, wishing him speedy recovery from Covid-19. While there was no official confirmation by Indian authorities, Chinese media reported Wang to have said "he would like to extend sincere sympathy to him and wish him a speedy recovery".

Noting that China and India have helped each other and overcome difficulties together since the outbreak of Covid, Wang said he stands ready to work with Jaishankar to implement the key consensus reached by leaders of two countries, said a report by CGTN. TNN

SC: Why not let eco fugitives return if they agree to pay up?

Some Criminal Proceedings Can Be Stayed, Court Suggests To Govt

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New Delhi: With the CBI and the Enforceent Directorate chasing several fugitive businessmen across the world for many years to bring them back to face criminal prosecution for fraud and swindling thousands of crores of public money taken through bank loans, the Supreme Court has a piece of advice for the Centre — why not consider allowing them to come to India and stop criminal proceedings if they are agreeable to pay the money.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and MM Sundresh on Tuesday said many years would be spend in legal proceedings and the agencies may or may not be successful in their pursuit to bring back the fugitive businessmen and in that scenario the government can consider granting protection to them if they agree to refund the money and they be not arrested on returning back to the country.

Businessmen like Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi have fled the country to get away from the clutches of the law

The suggestion came while hearing a plea of Hemant S Hathi who is wanted along with promoters of Sterling Group for allegedly swindling Rs 14,500 crore through bank loans. All accused have fled India and are living abroad. Along with them, there are other businessmen — Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, etc — who have fled India to get away from clutches of the law. Indian agencies have been trying to get them back but they haven't been successful so far.

Hathi expressed his willingness to refund the money but sought protection from being prosecuted and harassed by the agency on coming back. He said the total amount stated to be due from him is little over Rs 1,500-odd crore, out of which Rs 600 crore have been repaid to banks, and assured to refund the outstanding amount of Rs 900 crore. The bench also favoured that the amount be accepted by the government.

"You're chasing many people around the world but you haven't been able to get anything. Here he's offering to refund money. So some criminal proceedings can be stayed and allow them to come back," it said.

Additional solicitor general SV Raju, appearing for CBI, said he will not arrest if he returns and expressed his reservation in putting an end the criminal proceedings against him and not to pursue the case which is tried in trial court.

The SC said the government should consider granting him relief on three fronts if he comes backs and pay back the money — the pending criminal proceedings should be quashed against him; he should be allowed to travel around the country to pursue his business; and no coercive action be taken against him in criminal case.

Girl raped, killed; cops forced hurried cremation, allege kin

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Meerut: The family of a 16-year-old girl who was allegedly gangraped before being murdered in UP's Bulandshahr has alleged that police forced them to cremate the minor before they could even arrange for her last rites.

The incident, which led to massive protests on Tuesday, has brought back shocking memories of the Hathras case in 2020 that triggered nation-wide furore after a 19-year-old Dalit girl who had allegedly been violated and killed was hurriedly cremated despite protestations by the bereaved family.

"What is most shocking is that the incident had happened on January 21 but the family kept quiet after police threatened them. It was only when word spread and politicians tweeted about it that the incident came out in the open," one of the villagers said. RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary and Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad also tweeted about the case.

The girl's father said a few cops "forced us to cremate her in the night without giving us an opportunity to conduct proper rituals". An FIR has been lodged under the IPC and Pocso Act. Two out of the four accused have been arrested so far.

The victim's father, an OBC, said his daughter was friends with an upper-caste boy. The boy allegedly came to the girl's village and asked her to come with him for an outing. She agreed and sat on his bike. "Later, I got a call from police saying my daughter's body was lying near a tube well on the outskirts of the village. I rushed to the spot but by the time I reached, they had taken her body to the postmortem house. We were given the body after almost 24 hours and were forced to cremate her immediately," he said.

SSP of Bulandshahr Santosh Singh said cops "never forced the family to cremate the girl" and that the matter was being "politicised."

SIT files 2,000-page chargesheet against ex-principal in girl's 'rape-suicide' case

The special investigation team of the Uttar Pradesh police filed an over 2,000-page chargesheet on Tuesday against the former principal of a Mainpuri residential school in connection with the death of a 16-year-old girl, who was allegedly raped and found hanging in a prayer room in the premises in 2019, reports **Anuja Jaiswal.**

It was filed in the court of additional district judge (Pocso) against Sushma Sagar, ex-principal, under sections of the IPC and the Pocso Act. While details of the chargesheet were not known immediately, sources said that SIT had found in the principal's office some letters written by the victim, mentioning instances of "homosexuality" in the school. The letters were neither submitted to police nor court by Sagar.

Relief for Future: SC sets aside HC's orders, asks for relook

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New Delhi: In a major relief to Future Group, which is locked in a bitter litigation with multinational Amazon, the Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside three orders of the Delhi HC, which had restrained Future Retail from going ahead with its deal with Reliance Retail, imposed cost of Rs 20 lakh on Future Group, and ordered attachment of its properties.

A bench of CJI NV Ramana and Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli remanded all the issues to the Delhi HC to adjudicate afresh all aspects of the disputes, including the Future Group's objection to the enforcement of Emergency Arbitrator's award, and requested the HC chief justice to assign all pending issues to a particular judge for comprehensive adjudication. It also faulted Amazon's contention that the SC had earlier upheld the Emergency Arbitrator's award.

However, with Future Retail in a fresh petition seeking quashing of the notices

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sent to it by 27 banks threatening to initiate proceedings under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for default in repayment of loans, the bench sought responses from the banks and the Reserve Bank of India in two days while deferring the request of the Future Group for proceeding with the preliminary steps to firm up the scheme for sale of assets to Reliance Retail and submit it for approval of the National Company Law Tribunal.

Writing the 32-page judgment on petitions filed by Future Group companies, CJI Ramana faulted the Delhi HC for not giving sufficient opportunity to FRL and FCPL to file their counter affidavits. "We find that serious procedural errors were committed by the single judge," it said. Natural justice is an important facet of a judicial review. Providing effective natural justice to affected parties, before a decision is taken, is necessary to maintain the rule of law," the CJI-led bench said.

21 fishermen from India held by Lanka Navy

Nagapattinam: Two trawlers ferrying 21 fishermen from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were captured by the Sri Lankan Navy late on Monday for allegedly trespassing on the neighbouring island nation's waters.

Condemning the arrests, Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin wrote to foreign minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday, requesting him to "resolve the long-standing issue" between India and Sri Lanka regarding fishing in each other's waters.

Officials of the coastal security group in Nagapattinam said the first group of 12 fishermen from the area were southeast of the district coast when they were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy. TNN

Rajnath: Women fighter pilots in IAF permanent scheme now

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New Delhi: The government has decided to convert the "experimental" scheme for induction of women as fighter pilots in the IAF into a "permanent" one now, defence minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

"It is a testimony to the capability of India's 'Nari Shakti' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to women empowerment," he said.

IAF had launched the "experimental scheme" to induct women as fighter pilots for a period of five years in 2016, saying it would be reviewed at a later stage.

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"The defence ministry has now given clearance to make it a permanent scheme," IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ashish Moghe stated.

IAF has till now commissioned 16 women into its fighter stream, with most of them already flying supersonic jets like the MiG-21 'Bison' solo.

Flight Lieutenants Avani Chaturvedi, who had become the first woman to fly a MiG-21 solo, and Bhawana Kanth are currently flying the Sukhoi-30MKI fighters.

Flight Lt Shivangi Singh has become the first woman to tear into the skies in the French-origin Rafale omni-role jet as part of the 17 'Golden Arrows' squadron in Ambala.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dy. Director (Core), Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur, invites proposals from reputed and experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process of "Project Management Consultancy services for costruction of Rescue Centre, Tiger Safari and Ancillary works at Chandrapur"

For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders may visit http://mahatenders.gov.in

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

T. Notice No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2022/471
Dated 25.01.2022

Tender Notice

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders are as under:-

T. No.	Description of work
230-TRD-WC-850-2022	Conversion of existing tramway type 25 kV OHE into conventional type 25 kV OHE in between section Aligarh-Harduaganj of Prayagraj Division.

Advertised value:		₹ 15030503.77	
Earnest Money Deposit:		₹ 225200.00	
Completion Period:		12 Months	
Bidding system		Single Packet	
Tender Closing date & Time		23.02.2022 & 14:00 Hrs.	
Tender Opening date & Time		23.02.2022 & 15:00 Hrs.	
Allocation	Capital works	UWID No.	242035171005

Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to the date of opening of the tender.
2. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tender. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate.
3. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.
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NOTICE TO MUMBAI REFINERY VENDORS

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APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications [8 copies] are invited for the following posts, so as to be received by the Vice Chancellor superscribing on the envelope "Application for the post of _____"

Name of the Post	No. of Posts
Registrar	1
Controller of Examinations	1
Professor cum Director, Institute of Distance Education	1
Dean-College Development Council	1
Director-University Students Advisory Bureau	1

Details of post, community, application form, prescribed qualifications, general instructions and other details are available in the University Website. The application can be downloaded from the University website: **http://www.unom.ac.in.**

The last date for receipt of filled in applications is **23.02.2022.**

NOTE: The Syndicate reserves the right to fill or not to fill up the posts without assigning any reason whatsoever. In the matter of recruitment, the decision of the Syndicate is final and any representation against non selection will not be entertained under any circumstances.

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कार्यालय –कार्यपालन अभियन्ता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी, खण्ड -जशपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अन्तर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारो से निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु ऑनलाईन **(Online)** निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

कार्य का नाम :- जशपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड पत्थलगांव में एकल ग्राम नल जल प्रदाय योजना अन्तर्गत 63 से 75 मिमी. व्यास के **HDPE** पाईप ए 20 मिमी व्यास के कंपोजिट पाईप एवं 90 मि.मी. व्यास के यू.पी.व्ही.सी पाईप 6 &10 kg/cm², स्पेषल्स सहित प्रदाय कर जोड़ने, बिछाने, इन्टरकनेक्शन टेस्टिंग क्लोरीनेटर स्थापना, क्लोरीनेटर रूम,स्वीच रूम, रेनोवेशन, घरेलू नल कनेक्शन एवं अन्य संबंधित समस्त कार्य, 6 माह ट्रायल रन सहित स्वीकृत शेडयूल अनुसार।

क्र.	निविदा क्र./ दिनांक/ सिस्टम नम्बर	योजना का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (राशि रू लाख मे)	अमानत राशि (राशि रू मे)
1	240/ 29.01.2022 91595	ग्राम कुकुरभुका के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय **योजना FHTC 658 नग**	296.10	150000/-
2	241/ 29.01.2022 91596	ग्राम टुकूपखना एवं तरेकेला के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय **योजना FHTC 409 नग**	265.75	150000/-

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की ऑनलाईन **(Online)** निविदा **दिनांक 14.02.2022** तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जल जीवन मिशन कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज एवं अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट वेब पोर्टल **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR
ASSAM INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, GUWAHATI

Assam Institute of Management (AIM), Guwahati, established by the Government of Assam in 1988 as an Autonomous Self Sustaining Institute, is one of the premier management institutes of the North Eastern Region with excellence in Research, Consultancy, Training and Teaching. AIM is now looking for an eligible person of not more than 60 years of age for appointment as its Director. The appointment shall be for a period of 5 (five) years, extendable by another term depending upon the performance assessment carried out by the Governing Body of AIM. The qualifications, pay scales etc. will be as recommended by AICTE.

The terms and conditions of appointment and format for submitting Curriculum Vitae (CV) are detailed in advertisement placed on the website of AIM **(www.aimguwahati.edu.in)**. Qualified interested applicants should apply through the link **"Application for Director"** available at the AIM website. A print-out of the application form duly signed on each page should be sent to **The Member Secretary, Search-cum-Selection Committee, Assam Institute of Management, Paschim Boragaon, Bigyan Path, (Opp. IASST), Guwahati, 781 035, Assam** by post/courier within 21 days from publication of this advertisement. A scanned copy of the signed application should also be mailed to - **aimdirectorsearch@gmail.com**. The Search-cum-Selection Committee reserves the right to fill the position by invitation following due process.

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OFFICE OF Dy. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (C) DR. III
Kanhaiya Nagar Delhi-110035
Phone:011-27394876 Email: eecdr3@gmail.com
PRESS NIT NO-21 (2021-22)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender (Rs.)	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs.)	Tender processing Fee Non Refundable (Rs.)	Date of Release of Tender/ Tender Id.	Last date/ time of receipt of tender
1.	Providing & Laying 300 mm to 710 mm Nominal dia Internal and Peripheral sewer line for Singhu GOC falling under Narela WWTP catchment area in Delhi.	20,85,95,875/-	Rs. 41,72,000/-	1500/-	31.01.2022/ 2022_ DJB_215731_1	21.2.2022 upto 3.00 P.M

Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ASSAM RIFLES, SHILLONG - 793 010

ASSAM RIFLES TECHNICAL AND TRADESMEN RECRUITMENT RALLY 2021-22

PHYSICAL STANDARD TEST (PST) / PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY TEST (PET), TRADE (SKILL) TEST (TT) AND WRITTEN TEST FOR ASSAM RIFLES TECHNICAL AND TRADESMEN RECRUITMENT RALLY 2021-22

Memo No. I.12016/Rect Branch/2021-22/05 Dated : 25 Jan 2022

1. Please refer to our notification for Assam Rifles Technical and Tradesman Recruitment Rally 2021-22 published vide Memo No. I.12016/Rect Branch/2021-22/101 dated 11 Jan 2022. The said notification is also available in our official website www.assamrifles.gov.in.
2. Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Efficiency Test (PET), Trade (Skill) Test (TT) and Written Test of following centres were postponed as per the date of postponement shown against each centre in view of prevailing situation arising out due to COVID-19:-

Ser No.	State	Centres	Trades	Date of postponement	Remarks
(a)	Assam	ARTC & S, Diphu	Cook	20 Jan 2022	
(b)	Nagaland	ARTC & S, 3rd Mile, Dimapur	Cook	16 Jan 2022	
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PM crosses over to the other side, bridges Budget divide

TEAM TOI

Often divided by bitter exchanges and personal attacks, Parliament on Tuesday witnessed a rare show of bonhomie with PM Modi crossing over to the opposition benches and greeting leaders with folded hands after the House was adjourned following the presentation of the Union Budget.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's hour-and-a-half-long budget speech concluded shortly after 12.30 pm and the PM, who thumped his table in appreciation of the Budget several times, went to Sitharaman to extend his congratulations. But instead of walking back to his seat and leaving as some may have expected, the PM stayed back in the well and was seen talking with many MPs who came forward to greet him.

Apart from his BJP colleagues, the PM exchanged pleasantries with YSRCP MPs Midhun Reddy and Lavu Sri Krishna Devayaralu, and independent MP Navneeta Rana. Modi then went over to greet Trinamool MPs Sudip Bandopadhyay and Saugata Roy and BSP MPs Ritesh Pandey and Shyam Singh Yadav. After a brief chat with Bandopadhyay, who left his seat to meet with the PM in the well,

Modi also greeted National Conference patriarch Farooq Abdullah and asked about his health.

While Congress president Sonia Gandhi was absent from the House on Tuesday and former party chief Rahul Gandhi left the House immediately after the Budget was presented, Modi interacted with Congress chief whip Kodikunnil Suresh, leader of Congress in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, and Congress' South Goa MP Francisco Sardinha. Modi was also heard assuring RSP MP N K Premachandran that hard copies of the Budget would be made available.

Earlier in the day, Sitharaman presented the Union Budget amid table-thumping appreciation from the treasury benches and some 'trolling' from the opposition benches who referred to the Budget speech as "disappointing", having "nothing substantial" and a "general lecture", in parts.

Armed with an iPad from which she read out her budget speech and two glasses of lemonade, Sitharaman started at 11am, with the presentation of the Union Budget listed as the first item on the day's agenda. Her submission that the budget stresses on the impetus for growth and is readying for 'India at 100' drew appreciation from the treasury benches, but her reference to the sale of Air India drew loud criticism from the opposition.

Uma Kadam

PRIME-TIME NEWS

'Most capitalist' Budget, ignored sufferings of people: Cong

TEAM TOI

Dubbing it the "most capitalist Budget speech" ever, Congress leader P Chidambaram said the government has ignored the sufferings of the people with "bull headed obduracy" while slashing the pro-poor subsidies on fertiliser, fuel and food, and reducing allocation on agriculture.

Slamming the budget with a stress on "zero", Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "M0di G0vernment's Zer0 Sum Budget! Nothing for Salaried class, Middle class, The poor & deprived, Youth, Farmers, MSMEs."

Terming unemployment as the biggest concern, Chidambaram said the government had promised two crore jobs every year while Nirmala Sitharaman has now boasted that GatiShakti will create 60 lakh jobs in five years. He said the government had ignored the harsh facts of massive job losses, shutting down of 60 lakh MSMEs, loss of income of 84% households, 4.6 crore people sliding into extreme poverty, malnutrition, and inflation, and drafted a budget as if everything was normal, which showed its "contemptuous disregard of the burdens of people".

He said the FM is expecting more tax collections but has not decided to tax the 142 "very very rich persons" whose wealth in two years has increased Rs 23 lakh crore to Rs 52 lakh crore.

No relief to common man, says Didi; Left calls it 'anti-people'

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said the government had failed to give any relief to the common man in the Union Budget while the Left called it "anti-people" and a "bag of disasters and deceptions". Mamata tweeted saying, "Budget has zero for common people, who are getting crushed by unemployment & inflation. Govt is lost in big words signifying nothing — a pegasus spin budget." CPM's Sitaram Yechury said government slashed subsidies on food, fertiliser and petrol when human suffering grew exponentially and also called out as "propaganda and spin" the government's claim to double farmer incomes. TEAM TOI

'Visionary,' asserts Shah; push for self-reliance, says Rajnath

TEAM TOI

Senior BJP leaders, including home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh and party president JP Nadda, on Tuesday termed the Union Budget as "visionary" which will give a major push towards making India self-reliant (atmanirbhar) by changing the scale of the country's economy.

"This Budget is a visionary budget, which will prove to be a Budget to change the scale of India's economy. This Budget will make India self-reliant and lay the foundation of a new India for the 100th year of Independence," Shah said in a series of tweets. He said increasing the size of the Budget to nearly 40 lakh crore indicates that the Indian economy is rapidly growing despite the pandemic.

Terming it as "Aatmanirbhar Bharat Ka Budget", he said, "It will be helpful in making India the world's leading economy by exploiting the opportunities created in the global economic world after Corona." Noting major pointers of Budget like "Zero Budget Farming, Natural Farming, River Linking, One Station-One Product and Farmer Drones", Shah said it will play an important role in realising PM Modi's resolve to make the agriculture sector modern and self-reliant.

Nadda said the Budget has focused on welfare and upliftment of the weaker sections to make them self-reliant. "It is a Budget dedicated to rural development, agriculture development, welfare of our workers and progress of our Himalayan and Northeastern states," the BJP chief said.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat & eShram get bulk of labour ministry allocation

Budgetary allocation for the labour and employment ministry received an 18% boost of Rs 2,622 crore in the Budget, with the bulk of the hikes made to outlays for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana and the building of the national database for unorganised workers, commonly known as the eShram portal.

In comparison to the revised estimates of 2021-22, the total outlay in 2022-23 has been raised from Rs 14,249 crore to Rs 16,894 crore. The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana, which was launched as a scheme to encourage new employment in the post-lockdown period, has been allocated a sum of Rs 6,400 crore, up from last year's revised estimate of Rs 5,000 crore. Allocation to the eShram portal has also been increased from Rs 280 crore this fiscal to Rs 500 crore in the Union Budget. TEAM TOI

Goyal: Public-private funds will drive inclusive growth

TEAM TOI

The Budget has laid the foundation of a resurgent India where a marriage between public and private investments will drive inclusive growth and the fruits of development will reach people at the bottom of the pyramid, commerce minister Piyush Goyal tells **Sanjay Dutta**, deciphering the thrust areas.

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TOI INTERVIEW

New SEZ policy:
The original law only focussed on exports. We have a large number of industrial parks, estates and SEZs. They all provide plug-and-play infrastructure and common facilities. The idea is since SEZs are such good infrastructure, why not use them for both exports and increasing domestic industrial activity. So gradually, we will have a proper mechanism for an equalisation levy or other taxes so that the rest of the domestic manufacturers do not suffer any disadvantages that SEZs may have had in the past.

Ease of doing biz & living:
We want to complement the macroeconomic growth with microeconomic growth so that together they lead to inclusive development. The fruits of development should go to every single individual. That is why ease of living for everybody is important. And more we do ease of doing business, it encourages people to invest.

Public vs pvt investment
The virtuous cycle of public investment, which will drive demand and consumption, will lead to private investment and (both will) collectively drive the development process of India. Public investment will have a multiplier impact on steel, cement; all the other demand generators of the economy that will drive development and jobs.

Subdued pvt investment:
Now that economic activity is picking up globally after the pandemic, I am sure private investment will come on the back of the government's thrust on infrastructure and ease of doing business.

Thrust on digital tech:
Technology-enabled development is where India's true strength lies. DBT (direct benefit transfer of subsidy), JAM trinity (Jandhan bank accounts and mobile) are all success stories. Our startups are using technology to good effect. The Budget promises to take broadband to every village. This will help empower people at the bottom of the pyramid.

Food, fertiliser relief pushes subsidy bill to ₹4.8 lakh crore

TEAM TOI

The government's overall subsidy bill for food, fertilisers and petroleum products rose to Rs 4.8 lakh crore in 2021-22 from Rs 3.7 lakh crore estimated earlier, driven largely by extensive food relief for poor households during the pandemic and aid to farmers burdened by high fertiliser prices.

But for 2022-23, the Budget has lowered the estimate to Rs 3.2 lakh crore, indicating the government may not continue the food relief package beyond March 31.

For 2022-23, fertiliser subsidy has been estimated at Rs 1.1 lakh crore against Rs 1.4 lakh crore revised estimate for the current fiscal. Food subsidy is estimated lower at Rs 2.1 lakh crore from Rs 2.9 lakh crore in the revised estimate.

Petroleum subsidies, mostly LPG, too are pegged lower at Rs 5,813 crore against Rs 6,517 crore in the current fiscal. Out of the Rs 4.3 lakh crore revised estimate for the current fiscal, food subsidy is estimated to rise to Rs 2.8 lakh crore in the current fiscal from Rs 2.4 lakh crore estimated earlier.

Infra push for villages on China border

TEAM TOI

Villages along the country's northern border, largely adjoining China, will get a development and connectivity push under the new Vibrant Villages Programme announced by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget.

The scheme is meant to improve infrastructure and connectivity in border villages of north India with sparse population at a time when China has been aggressively upgrading its infrastructure in border villages on its side. The programme is also aimed at discouraging migration of residents from Indian villages sharing the border with China. Fewer habitations closer to the LAC risk putting India at a disadvantage in its boundary negotiations with Beijing.

The home ministry's outlay towards border infrastructure and management has been raised to Rs 2,744 crore from Rs 2,130 crore (RE for 2021-22).

Deep Ocean Mission gets ₹650cr boost

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: India's maiden Deep Ocean Mission that seeks to explore vast marine living and non-living resources has received a massive boost in the Budget, which allocated Rs 650 crore for the project as against Rs 150 crore in the the revised estimates of the previous year. Likewise, with several key space missions like Gaganyaan, Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L-1 (sun) scheduled for launch this year, the Department of Space (DoS) has got an outlay of Rs 13,700 crore in 2022-23, up from the revised estimates of Rs 12,642 crore for 2021-22.

The allocation to the earth sciences ministry has also been increased to Rs 2,653 crore in 2022-23 from the revised estimates of Rs 2,369 crore in the previous Budget. Department of Space is planning to launch five satellites soon.

Sitharaman: Amrit Kaal will usher in 'Ease of Living'

TEAM TOI

Referring to the next 25 years of the country leading to the 100th anniversary of independence as Amrit Kaal, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid emphasis on what she called a switch in approach to provide a more 'trust-based governance', with a futuristic and inclusive vision.

"This new phase will be guided by an active involvement of the states, digitisation of manual processes and interventions, integration of the central and state-level systems through IT bridges, a single point access for all citizen-centric services, and a standardisation and removal of overlapping compliances," she said.

"For the Amrit Kaal, the next phase of Ease of Doing Business 2.0 and Ease of Living will be launched. In our endeavour to improve productive efficiency of capital and human resources, we will follow the idea of trust-based governance," said the minister.

Saying that the government has in recent years reduced over 25,000 compliances and repealed 1,486 Union laws, the finance minister said for 'Ease of Living', states will be encouraged to adopt Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) to facilitate IT-based management of records and a facility for transliteration of land records across any of the Schedule VIII languages will be rolled out. ULPIN is a 14-digit identification number that is issued to every plot of land in the country.

Reuters

LEAP OF FAITH

According to Ajay Tirkey, secretary of land resources department, "Efficient use and management of land resources through reforms and initiatives like ULPIN and transliteration of land records in all 22 languages to break the linguistic barriers will lay a strong foundation for India's economic consolidation and growth."

The finance minister said that for the next phase government will encourage crowdsourcing of suggestions and ground-level assessment of the impact of governance with active involvement of citizens and businesses.

"This is the result of our government's strong commitment for 'minimum government & maximum governance', our trust in the public, and ease of doing business," she said.

"We are marking Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, and have entered into Amrit Kaal, the 25-year-long leadup to India@100," the minister said.

Unblended fuel will soon cost you more

TEAM TOI

There's no escape from high fuel prices, but it will not just be because of oil price volatility. The Budget has given the government an enabling provision to levy a 'differential' excise duty of Rs 2 per litre on unblended fuel from October 1.

On the surface, the measure appears to indicate the government's intent to force the manufacturing of 'flex' engines that can run on more than one fuel and drive consumers towards using ethanol-blended petrol or pure ethanol under an initiative launched last year with the aim of reducing vehicular pollution and oil imports.

"To encourage the efforts for blending of fuel, unblended fuel shall attract an additional differential excise duty of Rs 2 a litre from the 1st day of October 2022," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her Budget speech on Tuesday.

GALLOPING PRICES

But in the absence of further elaboration, it looks likely that the government will tout this as a 'climate action tax' to recoup part of the excise duty relief it provided on November 4 last year.

Budget allocation for minorities raised

TEAM TOI

New Delhi: The minority affairs ministry received an allocation of Rs 5,021 crore in Budget 2022-23, which is Rs 674 crore more than the revised estimate of Rs 4,346 crore for the ongoing fiscal. The Budget estimate for the ministry in 2021-22 was Rs 4,811 crore.

Of the proposed allocation of Rs 5,021 crore for 2022-23, Rs 1,425 crore is for the pre-matric scholarship scheme and Rs 515 crore is for post-matric scholarships. Over 491 crore has been allocated for skill development and livelihood initiatives. The Budget for the PM Jan Vikas Karyakram scheme has seen a significant increase this year to Rs 1,650 crore as against Rs 1,199 crore as per revised estimates for 2021-22.

Under schemes that pertain to special programmes for minorities, an enhanced allocation of Rs 10 crore, as against Rs 3 crore allocated for the ongoing fiscal, has been assigned for containing population decline of the minority community.

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Smriti Z Irani: Congratulations to **PM @narendramodi Ji & FM @nsitharaman Ji** for a futuristic #AatmaNirbharBharatKaBudget laying the blueprint for India's Amrit Kaal. Emphasis on multi-modal infra & newer avenues for investment will position India at the center of the emerging global economy

Manish Tewari: Budget 2022-23 Insipid Unimaginative Uninspiring Unrealistic Unimplementable

Ravi Shankar Prasad: A truly historic **#Budget2022.** Lays down a very profound roadmap for growth by focusing upon identified areas like infrastructure, digitisation, agriculture, fiscal management, robust technological ecosystem and manufacturing

Jairam Ramesh: On the one hand, the Budget talks of climate action and protecting the environment. On the other, it pushes ecologically disastrous river-linking projects. Rhetoric sounds nice. But actions matter more. On that front, the Modi govt is on a destructive path

Sanjay Jha: This is why we must take FM Nirmala Sitharaman's headline announcements with a bucket of salt (I list just 5 of them). 1) What happened to doubling farm income? 2) Disinvestment target 3) 10cr jobs 4) $5 trillion economy 5) Capacity-utilisation at 65% #Budget2022

Shashi Tharoor: (Quoted a couplet by Mirza Ghalib) Aah ko chahiye ik umra asar hone tak // Kaun jeeta hai teri zulf ke sar hone tak #AmritKaal #2047

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Ramesh Srivats: Boss, rich people give politicians money, and poor people give them votes. Why you middle class expect anything? #Budget2022

Harsh Goenka: Total number of economists/ finance experts: Yesterday – 1000. Today: 10000000. Tomorrow: 10000. Day after: 1000 #Budget2022

Govt woos world-class univs to Guj

TEAM TOI

Aiming to attract world-class foreign institutions to Gandhinagar's GIFT City, the finance minister said they will not face regulatory bottlenecks and will be allowed to offer courses in financial management, fintech, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Presenting the Union Budget, Nirmala Sitharaman said the move will facilitate the availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology sectors.

In addition, an international arbitration centre will be set up at GIFT City for timely settlement of disputes under international jurisprudence on the lines of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Budget takes note of contemporary challenges

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The Budget signals awareness of contemporary challenges: the looming climate threat, procedural hindrances that continue to thwart the ambition to capitalise on the post-pandemic anxiety to diversify global supply chains, the need to upgrade education infrastructure by starting a digital university and bringing in celebrated foreign universities.

The recognition of mental health as a public challenge could not have been more timely, given the pandemic pressure. The bulk of the higher spending has been earmarked for physical infrastructure and logistics — among other things 25,000km of new highways promised in the coming year, 100 new multi-modal cargo terminals over the next three years and 400 new Vande Bharat trains besides a 5G network and upgradation of airports and ports. River-linking is to take off with the Ken-Betwa project being implemented at a cost of just under Rs 45,000 crore and detailed project reports for five other links having been finalised.

SL Shanth Kumar

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Another proposal of interest to the middle class would be the full integration of post offices into core banking. This would make all the amenities of banking like ATMs, internet banking, online transfers to other banks available for post office accounts too.

In the run-up to 2047, by which time, over half of India is slated to be urban, Sitharaman called for a "paradigm change" in urban planning and announced setting up of a high-level expert panel for making suggestions. Among the various steps being envisaged is a focus on connecting mass urban transport corridors with the railway network and on promoting urban public transport based on clean technologies. The green tinge to the Budget included a proposal for sovereign bonds as a means of funding environment-friendly infrastructure projects besides a new battery-swapping policy that seeks to boost the electric vehicles sector.

Small and medium-sized businesses were given an extension of the emergency credit line guarantee scheme (ECLGS), introduced to help them tide over the crisis triggered by the pandemic till March next year. There was continuity in policies as well. The Atmanirbhar push was particularly evident in the defence sector in which 68% of the capital procurement budget in the coming year will be earmarked for domestic firms, up from 58% in the current year. The urge to boost domestic manufacturing also saw the finance minister raise customs duties on items like headphones and speakers as well as wearables like smart meters.

For the farmer, there were promises of high-tech services like 'kisan drones' for crop estimation and pesticide spraying. Chemical-free natural farming would be given a boost starting with a five-kilometre wide corridor along the banks of the Ganga, the FM announced. Increase in allocations notwithstanding, the FM chose to be conservative on the receipts side, budgeting for a rather modest 9.6% increase in taxes, easy pickings in view of the growth recovery and stable GST numbers. The prudence probably had to do with reduced dividend and disinvestment mop-up next year.

ATF prices hit record high, airlines may hike fares

TEAM TOI

Aviation turbine fuel prices touched their highest-ever level in India on Tuesday, making the struggle to survive for Covid-ravaged airlines even harder. A kilolitre (kl, or 1,000 litres) for domestic flights now costs Rs 86,038.2 in Delhi and Rs 84,505.6 in Mumbai, the two busiest airports in India. Officials across airlines say that given the situation the aviation ministry should now automatically raise domestic fare caps or the industry will need to ask for the same.

"ATF price has been hiked by Rs 6,743.2 per kl, or 8.5%, to Rs 86,038.1 per kl in Delhi. This is the highest-ever price touched by ATF (in India)," said an airline official.

TOI

The hike came on Budget day when the industry got no relief

The hike came on Budget day when the struggling industry got no relief, yet again. Ronojoy Dutta, CEO of India's largest airline (by passenger carriage), IndiGo, said, "...we were expecting a tax concession for the aviation industry in the forms of a cut in ATF excise duty and allocation of concessional finance to airlines to help us come out of the pandemic."

Finance minister N Sitharaman extended an emergency credit line guarantee scheme for the hospitality industry. "Hospitality and related services, especially those by micro and small enterprises, are yet to regain their pre-pandemic levels of business. Considering these aspects, ECLGS will be extended up to March 2023 and its guarantee cover will be expanded by Rs 50,000 crore to a total cover of Rs 5 lakh crore, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for hospitality and related enterprises," the finance minister said in her Budget speech.

TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

SIGNATURES FOR BUILDINGS, OBJECTS

Our navigation experiences are likely to in the near future go beyond wayfinding. Created using object-detection neural networks, each building and street will have its own unique barcode, known as Signature. Signatures allow us to point our camera at a building, and the Signature Artificial Intelligence will be able to infer our location. We could take a photo of a place for a drone and tell it where to deliver our food or packages; or use Signatures to monitor machinery and goods in warehouses where the Signature changes when an object moves; or leverage Signatures to direct automated vehicles to a precise drop-off or pick-up point. Signatures have the potential to alter the way we live in a variety of ways. Seeing this technology come to life will be thrilling!

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Must be worse than Covid, look at his mask

Why India's building a mega semiconductor fab facility

Global electronic product brands want to make in India. This will generate huge demand for chips

Sujit John & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

India is going all out to build a world-class semiconductor fabrication facility. The plan is to initially build one mega semiconductor cluster, like Hsinchu in Taiwan or Woodlands Wafer Fab Park in Singapore, Saurabh Gaur, joint secretary in the ministry of electronics & IT, said last week at our webinar in association with the semiconductor industry body VLSI Society of India.

Even a year ago, the majority in the industry believed India needn't be in a hurry to set up a new-age fab. It's expensive – at least $4-5 billion. Previous attempts to set one up had failed. Globally, there seemed to be enough capacity.

But there's been a dramatic turnaround in the past few months. Chips are in short supply. Far more importantly, every major country is trying to build its own semiconductor capability – because chips are the foundation of today's digital world, and everyone's wary of being too dependent on Taiwan, given particularly China's position on the region. Boston Consulting estimates Taiwan accounts for 92% of the world's most advanced semiconductor manufacturing capacity.

Gaur said there's enough economic rationale now for India to build a modern fab. Going by the interest companies like Apple, Samsung, Dell, HP, Acer and Asus have shown in manufacturing their electronic products in India – following the government's recent production-linked incentive schemes – Gaur estimates India's share of global electronics manufacturing will rise from 3.5% now to 10% (or about $300 billion) in 4-5 years, by the time the fab is ready.

He said these manufacturing operations will want to buy their semiconductor components from the India fab to have better control of their supply chains.

There's also optimism because the mega fab is part of a much larger semiconductor policy that will be driven in a mission mode by a professional body, with guidance from Indian and global experts. And it's a policy under which the government has allocated $10 billion – Gaur said the government is prepared to take that upto $40-50 billion when necessary. There are plans for smaller fabs and chip packaging units, there are attractive incentives for chip design – an area where India is already very strong – and incentives for research in semiconductors. A lot of this is directed towards creating Indian companies in chip design and semiconductor products.

Satya Gupta, president of the VLSI Society of India, which is holding a major design conference later this month, said there's a perception globally that India does not have good infrastructure, so it's important to pre-build a fab park in one location, "where we build power, water, place for gases, for chemicals, easy customs, easy logistics, transportation." And while the fab is getting ready, he said, India should identify and focus on some areas of good market demand, where India also has the technology and some level of manufacturing capability. LED driver chips, he said, is one such – we already consume almost 600 million such chips each year, and it can be manufactured with technology India has. Gaur said the SCL (Semiconductor Laboratory) in Mohali is being upgraded to deal with precisely such requirements.

Sambit Sahu, VP of the network and edge group at Intel, said applications around AI, 5G and IoT will need more and more differentiated chips to be built. AI, he noted, is trying to mimic the human brain, but it still doesn't match even 1% of the brain. "So you can imagine how far we have to go. India can lead in product development in areas where there is huge domestic demand, particularly in the areas of healthcare, education, and agriculture," he said.

Balajee Sowrirajan, MD of Samsung Semiconductor India R&D Centre, said companies like Samsung, Intel, Qualcomm are all in the midst of these core technologies. All of them have massive R&D centres in India. "We have the right innovation knobs, and we've been innovating for many, many years to bring about a fundamental change for the global market. Now, coming closer to home, this is going to be important, if you look at smart cities, smart factories (in India)," he said. The global companies, he said, can also play a big role in collaborating with Indian entrepreneurs to create products for India and the world.

INDIA'S SEMICON INCENTIVES BETTER THAN THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES

"We have gone all out (to build a semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem). There were efforts before. But it's different now. Global champion companies have shown enormous interest in participating in our production and incentive schemes for electronics. Apple and Samsung have committed huge manufacturing. So have Dell, HP, Acer, Asus. As more and more products get manufactured in India, if a semiconductor fab is there, companies will be inclined to get their memory, logic pieces, power devices out of India.

➤ We are looking at one big mega semiconductor cluster, like Hsinchu in Taiwan or Woodlands Wafer Fab Park in Singapore. It will be a collaboration between the government of India and a state government – whichever state comes out with policies that are really single window.

Saurabh Gaur | JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & IT

"Before our policy came out, a leading global expert said that for every dollar spent by the industry, if the government can put 50 cents, that would be great. But our policy is giving $1 for every dollar put by the industry. Many countries have announced incentives. Ours is by far the best.

➤ We need to align with one or two countries at a government-to-government level (to build the semicon ecosystem). And I'll say Japan and South Korea are probably two such allies. They have a lot of capabilities, they are politically aligned.

Satya Gupta | PRESIDENT, VLSI SOCIETY OF INDIA

"A lot of product innovation needs to happen in India. Many of the startups today, the focus is still on software applications. This focus has to change to devices, those that make more sense for India. Given the kind of chip design and embedded software capability we have, we can bring about lots of innovations.

Balajee Sowrirajan | MD, SAMSUNG SEMICONDUCTOR INDIA R&D CENTRE

"We are right now at a perfect time to take off. We have incentives from the government. We have a lot of experience from the last 10 years in building the semiconductor ecosystem in India. Around 30,000 people are delivering 3,000 chips a year. And there's huge chip demand because of new technologies like AI.

Sambit Sahu | VICE PRESIDENT, INTEL CORPORATION

Design thinking: Putting yourself in users' shoes

"The beauty of design thinking is that the software application will be the same but the outcomes will keep on changing with every cycle. It's an ongoing process that never stops. Which is why every 3-4 months you'll see an update on the apps you are using.

Karan Awasthi | FOUNDER, ARTSHALA CENTRE FOR DESIGN

When designing systems, interfaces, and applications, design thinking can empower technology professionals to completely empathise with the customers/users of the product and simulate their interaction with the product or the interface.

Neelesh Kripalani | CTO, CLOVER INFOTECH

Design thinking is more relevant than ever today. At times, complexity of solutions can go against the very essence of having a solution in the first place. It is up to techies to make it easier for the user to adopt and consume the solution.

Shuja Mirza | DIRECTOR, SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING, NETAPP INDIA

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How many times have we uninstalled an app or stopped using a software because of a clunky user interface! The importance of a well-designed product might be obvious, but the process by which one achieves this is often glossed over, and it's normally not part of college curriculum. This is where design thinking comes in. It's a way of systematically thinking about a problem and arriving at an innovative solution.

Karan Awasthi, founder of edtech firm ArtShala Centre For Design, who specialised in teaching students about design thinking, says design thinking is a five-step process that everyone can apply to every project they undertake, "The first step is empathy (for the user), after which you define the problem, ideate it, create a prototype, and finally test it. It's not rocket science, and it's something that we can do subconsciously," he says.

For young software professionals, the first step is crucial – understanding how users interact with the app, software or service in development, as it will lead them to empathise with their users' point of view and anticipate problems before they arise. Empathy is about putting themselves in other people's shoes and connecting with how they might be feeling about their problem or circumstance.

Techies are normally trained in a very linear manner, says Awasthi, and design thinking offers them an alternative way of dealing with problems.

Neelesh Kripalani, CTO at Clover Infotech, says design thinking helps one to think ahead of the customers or users. "You can simulate the customer or user journey and identify points of friction by using a design thinking approach. New-age technologies such as AI/ML, big data, and cloud computing can help to implement and enhance systems that are built using the design thinking approach," he says. The process, he says, can help organisations reduce the time, effort, and money spent on rule-based, redundant, and non-core work. The time and energy saved can then be channelled into core activities and innovations.

Shuja Mirza, director of solutions engineering at NetApp India, says design thinking is more relevant than ever today, and ease of use is one of the most under-rated design principles in any solution. "At times, complexity of solutions can go against the very essence of having a solution in the first place," he says. The application of ease of use and simplicity of design, he says, enables NetApp customers to seamlessly leverage some of the company's most cutting-edge technologies.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR MIND TO INNOVATE

Aishwarya did 11 internships in data science in college

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Before Aishwarya Srinivasan began studying computer science at VIT (Vellore Institute of Technology), she already had developed an interest in data science. That came partly from her mother, who was a research scientist at the International Management Institute (IMI) in Delhi. Aishwarya had an aptitude for mathematics and was curious about how data science could solve real world problems.

In college, she reached out to professors for internships. During her first semester, she interned with the anthropology department at Delhi University. "The PhD students were studying hereditary handwriting styles in different generations. Using MATLAB (a computing platform), I developed a software to recognise handwriting features like a slant, skewness, margin gap, etc. It works much like OCR (optical character recognition) and is more efficient," she says.

Today, data science has applications in every industry. And Aishwarya explored them during her university years by doing 11 internships, including at EY, Microsoft, and National Informatics Centre. She helped publish five papers at VIT and Delhi University.

When she interned for TCS, she designed a cloud architecture to receive data from satellites, perform video encryption and transmit it in real time to the set-top box receiver. When she interned for IMI, she built models to predict profits in stock market trading. "I was exposed to how each sector works, and learnt the use cases of data science in each of them," she says.

Another internship was during her Master's at Columbia University. "I worked with a professor to contribute to scikit learn. Scikit learn is a Python machine learning library and we analysed the large-scale use cases of the library and improved its interface," she says. She also worked with a surgeon from the university's medical centre to develop a forecasting model to detect seizures. "We finished the project and published a paper," she says.

After three years with IBM in the US – where she filed a patent on machine trading using reinforcement learning – she recently moved to Google. She says she's excited to explore the retail market chain, where data science is used to improve customer recommendations, and reduce waste in inventory.

"When I was considering doing my PhD, my mother suggested that I would be happier solving real life problems and she was right. I have a lot to thank my professors who were my mentors during college," she says.

Last year, Aishwarya began a small volunteer mentorship platform for students learning AI and data science. "Most students are unsure of which specialisation to pick and which sector to work in," she says. Bringing together people who are interested in AI also helps her stay connected to the community and learn from them.

IGNITE YOUR CAREER

"Most students are unsure of which specialisation to pick and which sector to work in. The ideal way to go about it is to play by their strengths and explore a couple of options before settling down with one.

Aishwarya Srinivasan | DATA SCIENTIST, GOOGLE

WITH JUST A TOUCH, EYVA CAN MEASURE SIX VITAL PARAMETERS

Sunil Maddikatla with visitors at the CES 2022, Las Vegas, stall

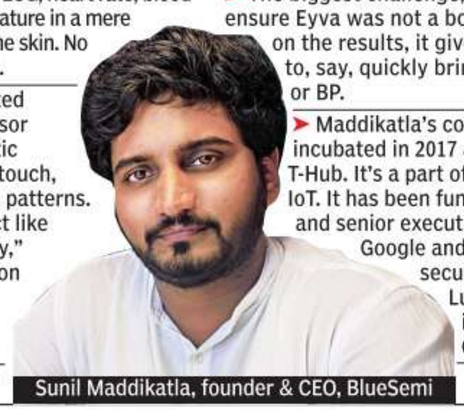
➤ Sunil Maddikatla's innovative healthcare device, Eyva, was one of the select Indian showcases at CES 2022 in Las Vegas last month. Maddikatla says it was the proudest moment of his life. He says it awed visitors with the accuracy with which it could read their vitals.

➤ Eyva measures blood glucose, ECG, heart rate, blood pressure, SpO2 and body temperature in a mere 60 seconds with just a touch of the skin. No fear and pain of pricking the skin.

➤ Eyva is powered by a patented technology that leverages sensor fusion, AI, and IoT. Eyva's haptic sensors respond to the user's touch, even mirroring their breathing patterns. "Eyva has been designed to act like an extension of the user's body," says Maddikatla. The inspiration was the movie Avatar and the Mercedes-Benz concept car, Vision AVTR.

➤ The sleek device, expected to be commercialised later this year, is about the size of a smartphone, and comes with its own app universe – the Anthea Realm – on the lines of Avatar's Pandora. It allows multiple user profiles to be personalised. An all-women team of fiction writers was roped in to develop the concept for Anthea.

➤ The biggest challenge, Maddikatla says, was to ensure Eyva was not a boring dabba (box). Based on the results, it gives simple tips for users to, say, quickly bring down sugar levels or BP.



Sunil Maddikatla, founder & CEO, BlueSemi

➤ Maddikatla's company BlueSemi was incubated in 2017 at IIIT-Hyderabad and T-Hub. It's a part of the Nasscom CoE for IoT. It has been funded by DST and MEITY, and senior executives in companies like Google and Samsung. It recently secured $69 million from Luxembourg-based investment group GEM Global Yield.

–Swati Bharadwaj

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Mohit Saxena: Full-time techie, part-time DJ

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Naveen Tewari is the face of India's first unicorn, InMobi. But there were three others with him when Tewari started the journey in 2007. Mohit Saxena was one of them. He is today the group CTO.

INSPIRATION

But scaling big data systems and building high-performance software are now only one part of his life. During the pandemic, when everyone was forced indoors, Mohit learned to mix music using software. "It was a difficult time for all of us and for some of us who couldn't travel back to meet our friends and family, the isolation was especially hard," he says. He took the opportunity of being indoors to dabble in EDM (electronic dance music). "I've always been a big fan of the genre, but I never got a chance to pursue it seriously to understand it better," he says smiling.

He got a professional machine to mix music. "The laptop didn't accommodate more than one key action. Also, transitions and mixing were very hard when you're playing multiple songs and trying to blend them," he says. He explored a completely new world with different softwares like Rekordbox and Serato, which allowed him to play four songs at a time and create a smooth transition between them. "The trick is to not do what the audience expects, but surprise them with alternate beats and create a unique experience with existing songs," he says.

"There is a misconception that people are either creative or they are logical and analytical. I find that people use both during times of adversity.

Mohit Saxena | CO-FOUNDER & CTO, INMOBI

Mohit uploads his tracks on YouTube and SoundCloud. He is now planning to experiment with newer genres of EDM, like Dubstep and Trap. "These genres grow on you, and their beats are rhythmic and fun. Some of my favourite artists are Martin Garrix, Afrojack, Tiesto, and Nicky Romero," he says.

Mohit, Naveen and a small team of engineers began InMobi (it was initially called mKhoj) working out of an apartment in Bengaluru. "We saw a potential in SMS-based search, which quickly morphed into a mobile advertising network," he says.

InMobi today employs 1,500 people across five continents. But it was difficult in the beginning. "We were some of the few engineers who gave up the security of a job to start something new. Today, talented engineers have a lot of entrepreneurial avenues," Mohit says.

Investing time in what you love, he says, keeps your spirits up, and sometimes even helps you find better solutions at work. "There is a misconception that people are either creative or they are logical and analytical. I find that people use both during times of adversity."

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EVERY FAILURE IS A STEP TO SUCCESS — WILLIAM WHEWELL

WHOOPI GOLDBERG SORRY FOR SAYING 'HOLOCAUST WASN'T ABOUT RACE, BUT ABOUT MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN': SHOULD SAY IT IS ABOUT BOTH

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India lobby trying to scuttle appointment of US envoy, alleges Pak

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Pakistan is blaming the "Indian lobby" in America for a diplomatic train wreck in Washington that has resulted in the Biden administration holding up the acceptance of Islamabad's ambassador-designate to US, purportedly for his dodgy stance on terrorism.

Previously Pakistan's envoy to the UN and ambassador to China, Masood Khan's nomination has hit a wall in Washington after a prominent US lawmaker said Khan is a jihadist who espouses terrorist causes, including inciting the youth in Kashmir. Congressman Scott Perry also urged the state department to convert its pause on the credentialing into an outright rejection, saying his nomination demonstrated Islamabad's "unmitigated contempt for the US".

The Pakistani government maintained that the credentialing was under process, accusing New Delhi of trying to scuttle the appointment, ostensibly because of Khan's "expertise" on the Kashmir issue.

"His appointment is being processed in the US system. This (reports of a pause) is a part of the wider Indian disinformation campaign to malign Pakistan and those who represent Pakistan, by using fake news to make scandalous claims and baseless allegations," Pakistan government spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmad said in Islamabad.

The Biden administration declined to confirm or deny reports on the matter — whether it was a procedural delay or a pause because of Khan's controversial statements. "As a matter of standard diplomatic practice, we do not comment on the status of appointment requests from foreign governments," a state department spokesperson told **TOI**.

In his letter to President Joe Biden calling for rejecting Masood Khan's nomination, Perry pointed out to his encouraging youth in Kashmir to take up jihadist activity, saying he has a "perverse attachment to Islamic terrorism which makes it obvious that Pakistan has embraced its identity as a super terrorist state".

Putin says US wants to push Russia into war

'Washington Using Ukraine To Create A Pretext For Sanctions'

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that the US was trying to pull Russia into an armed conflict over Ukraine that Russia did not want, cautioning that the West had not yet satisfied Russia's demands for a sphere of influence in eastern Europe but that he hoped "dialogue will be continued." Putin accused the US of trying to goad his government into launching a conflict, in order to create a pretext for tougher sanctions against Russia. "Their most important task is to contain Russia's development," he said. "Ukraine is just an instrument of achieving this goal. It can be done in different ways, such as pulling us into some armed conflict and then forcing their allies in Europe to enact those harsh sanctions against us that are being discussed today in the US."

The Kremlin has demanded in writing that Nato not expand eastward, guaranteeing that Ukraine will never join the alliance, and that Nato draw down forces in eastern European countries. US and European officials have dismissed such demands as non-starters. Putin described the possibility of Ukraine joining Nato as an existential threat. He said that a Western-allied Ukraine strengthened with Nato weapons could launch a war against Russia to recapture Crimea — which Russia annexed in 2014 — leading to war between Russia and the Nato bloc. "...To avoid this — all countries' interests, including those of Russia, must be truly taken into account," Putin said. He emphasised that it's still possible to find a settlement. He said that French President Macron may soon visit Moscow as part of renewed diplomatic efforts. NYT

AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin

Ukraine to boost army

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy signed a decree on Tuesday to boost Ukraine's armed forces by 1,00,000 troops over three years and raise soldiers' pay. He, however, said he ordered the increase "not because we will soon have a war... but so that soon and in the future there will be peace in Ukraine". Ukraine's armed forces currently number 2,50,000, compared to Russia's overall strength of 9,00,000. REUTERS

Blinken tells Lavrov: If Russia isn't invading, pull back troops now

US secretary of state Antony Blinken in a call on Tuesday told his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov that this would be the time to pull back Russian troops from the border with Ukraine if Moscow is not intending to invade, a senior state department official said. "If President Putin truly does not intend war or regime change, the secretary told foreign minister Lavrov then this is the time to pull back troops and heavy weaponry and engage in a serious discussion... that can enhance collective European security," the official told reporters. REUTERS

Teenage inmates among 500 dead in Syria jail attack

Hassakeh (Syria): The boy had brown hair coated in white dust, and on his chin were the wispy beginnings of a beard. On Sunday, his body and that of another youth were found lying on a dirt road behind the prison in Syria where a Kurdish-led force, backed by the US military, fought for over a week to put down an attempt by Islamic State terror group militants to free former fighters held there.

The discovery of the bodies was the first confirmation that at least two of up to 700 teen boys, who had been detained in the prison because they were the kids of IS fighters, were killed in the fighting. The leader the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, which ran the prison, acknowledged on Monday that "a very small number" of the boys had been killed. "Some escaped with the adults," the commander, Mazlum Kobani, said. "They were either rearrested or were killed." Some had been held as hostages during the prison siege, according to SDF. SDF regained full control over the Sinaa prison on Sunday. About 500 people were killed, 374 of them linked to IS, SDF said. The death toll also included about 40 SDF fighters, 77 prison staff and guards, and four civilians. NYT

Covid not beaten yet, says WHO as Danes lift curbs

Geneva: The WHO chief warned on Tuesday that it is too early for countries to declare victory over Covid-19. "It is premature for any country to either surrender or to declare victory," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters. "This virus is dangerous, and it continues to evolve before our very eyes."

His comment came as Denmark on Tuesday became the first EU country to lift all of its domestic Covid curbs despite record numbers of cases. A number of other countries are eyeing similar moves. In Denmark, mask mandates are no longer required. Nightclubs will reopen. And Covid passes aren't mandatory. The government has said it no longer considers Covid a "socially critical disease". "We're concerned that a narrative has taken hold in some countries that because of vaccines and because of Omicron's high transmissibility and lower severity, preventing transmission is no longer possible, and no longer necessary," Tedros said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. More transmission means more deaths." He pointed out that since Omicron was first spotted 10 weeks ago, nearly 90 million cases have been reported to the WHO — over in all of 2020. And while the new variant is known to be milder, he stressed that "we're now starting to see worrying rise in deaths in most regions." AGENCIES

Mandatory vax for med workers scrapped in UK

Naomi Canton

London: UK health secretary Sajid Javid scrapped a controversial policy of mandatory vaccines for frontline NHS and social care staff in Britain on Monday, saying the regulation was "disproportionate" in the light of the Omicron variant being less severe than Delta. An estimated 77,000 NHS unvaccinated patient-facing NHS staff had faced being sacked in April, sparking fears of an already understaffed health service being crippled. Javid told the House of Commons that "I believe that it's no longer proportionate to require vaccination as a condition of deployment through statute". It comes as thousands of truckers protest in Canada against the government's policy of mandatory shots for truckers. In Britain the Royal College of Nursing, the British Medical Association and the trade union Unison opposed mandating vaccines owing to the impact on NHS staffing levels while some NHS staff had started legal action seeking a judicial review of the policy. Mandatory jabs for social care staff in UK has already led about 20,000 staff being sacked or quitting. This will now be overturned.

Pregnant NZ reporter helped by Taliban in Af can go home

Wellington: A pregnant New Zealand journalist who was stranded in Afghanistan by her country's Covid border policy said on Tuesday she'll return home after her government finally offered her a pathway back. The reporter had earlier called senior Taliban contacts and was told she could give birth in Afghanistan.

The offer amounted to a backdown by after officials had earlier insisted Bellis needed to reapply for a spot in the country's bottlenecked quarantine hotels. Deputy PM Grant Robertson said Bellis had been offered a voucher for a room. "I'll be returning to home at the beginning of March," Bellis said. Her case was becoming an embarrassment to New Zealand, which has thousands of citizens waiting abroad for space to open in the military-run quarantine hotels.

Bellis said she was disappointed the decision was a one-off and didn't offer a pathway home for other pregnant New Zealanders. Chris Bunny, head of the quarantine system, said the new offer was made because there was a risk of terrorism in Afghanistan. AP

NYT buys Wordle, game created by Brit for desi GF

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Want to be a millionaire? Date a desi girl and create word puzzles to coddle her. That's among the jokes going around after New York Times announced on Monday that it is buying Wordle — a word game devised by British software engineer Josh Wardle for his partner Palak Shah — for a price "in the low seven figures".

The simple game, which gives players six tries to guess a five-letter mystery word, will be "free initially", the paper said, amid scepticism from fans leery of corporatisation of a puzzle that has been gratis from the time it went public in October 2021 and has quickly racked up millions of followers worldwide.

"As The Times looks to entertain more solvers with puzzles every day — especially during these anxious times — we're thrilled to announce that we've acquired Wordle, the stimulating and popular daily word game that has become a cultural phenomenon," NYT said, adding that it will join the paper's "games portfolio of original, engaging puzzle games that delight and challenge solvers every day".

The puzzle was created by Wardle, a Brooklyn-based software engineer, for his partner Shah, who is said be a fond of word games. Amid jokes about the success of the "Gujarat model", Wardle also credited NYT Games for playing a big part in its creation and pledged he would work with the paper to retain its current cache.

"The game has gotten bigger than I ever imagined... I've long admired NYT's approach to the quality of their games and the respect with which they treat their players. Their values are aligned with mine on these matters and I'm thrilled that they will be stewards of the game moving forward," Wardle said.

Some fans expressed scepticism about the acquisition. "I think part of what I love (d?) so much about Wordle was that it was nice to remember a version of the internet that was not so married to advertising / selling me something," wrote one.

Reuters

NYT has bought the game for a price 'in the low seven figures'

AROUND THE WORLD

Toyota sorry for staffer suicide due to overwork

Toyota has settled a lawsuit that blamed overwork and harassment for the suicide of one of its employees. Toyota president Akio Toyoda has apologised to the family, the Japanese firm said on Tuesday. Monetary details of the settlement were not disclosed. The suit filed by the worker's family had sought 123 million yen ($1.1m) in damages, reports said. The firm promised a probe into the case to prevent a recurrence. A court ruled last year the staffer's death was work-related, noting he suffered severe stress at work before his suicide in 2010. Toyota had initially contested the allegations.

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FORMER US OPEN CHAMPION DEL POTRO TO RETURN AFTER 30-MONTH INJURY ABSENCE

GALLERY

U-19 WC: Pak through to 5th place playoff; UAE, WI finish on a high

Coolidge: Haseebullah Khan struck a half-century as Pakistan sealed their place in the fifth place playoff with a six-wicket victory over Bangladesh despite a fine hundred from Ariful Islam in the U-19 World Cup here. Bangladesh's innings was dominated by Islam, who arrived at the crease in the 12th over with his side on 23 for three and set about guiding them to a competitive total of 175 runs. Muhammad Shehzad and Haseebullah started confidently in reply, adding 76 in 19 overs before the former fell for 36. Khan struck four fours and four sixes before picking out the deep square leg fielder on 78, by which time his side needed just 36 more for victory. In the Plate final, the United Arab Emirates concluded their best-ever U-19 WC campaign with a comfortable eight-wicket win over Ireland. In the 11th place play-off, Teddy Bishop and Kevin Wickham each struck centuries as West Indies powered to an impressive eight-wicket win over Zimbabwe.

India-WI ODI series to be played behind closed doors: The three-match ODI series between India and West Indies, scheduled here from February 6 to 11, will be played behind closed doors owing to Covid-19, the Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA) said on Tuesday. The matches will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

Eden Gardens to allow 75 percent seating during India-WI T20Is: The Eden Gardens in Kolkata will allow 75 percent of its capacity to be filled during the T20 International series between India and the West Indies beginning February 16 after the West Bengal government issued a notification relaxing the Covid-19 norms.

India, Australia to open cricket competition in Birmingham CWG: Cricket will mark its return to the Commonwealth Games after a gap of 24 years with India taking on Australia on July 29 in the 2022 Birmingham edition. The league-cum-knockout women's tournament kicks off with a match between women's 2020 T20 World Cup finalists Australia and India on July 29.

I-League to resume on March 3: The I-League season will resume on March 3, two months after it was suspended due to Covid-19 outbreak inside its bio-bubble here, the All India Football Federation said on Tuesday. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: ICC U-19 WC: Semifinal, Aus vs India, 6.30 pm (Star Sports 1); PSL, 8 pm (Sony Six); **FOOTBALL:** Women's Asian Cup: Playoff, Thailand vs Vietnam, 1.30 pm (Eurosport); ISL: Kerala Blasters FC v North East United FC, 7.30 pm (Star Sports Network); **TENNIS:** ATP Maha Open, 12.45 pm (Star Sports Select 1)

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Four-time Champs India Take On Australia In Blockbuster U-19 World Cup Semis

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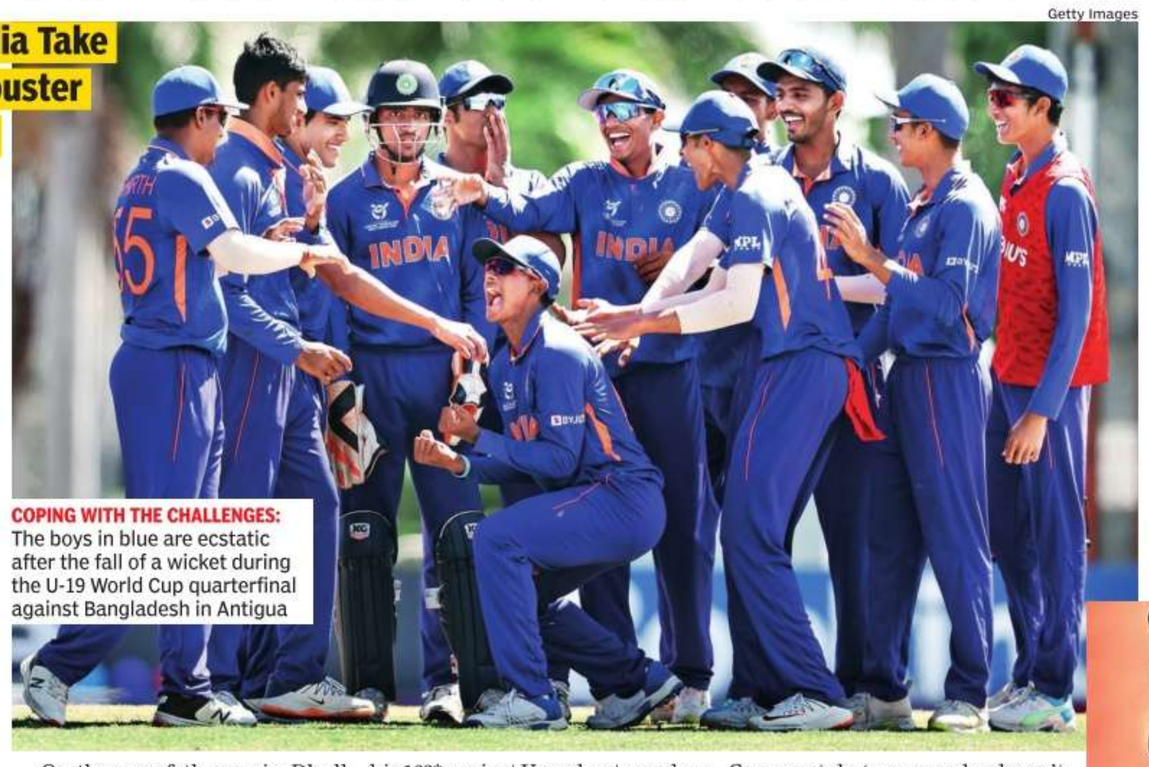

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COPING WITH THE CHALLENGES: The boys in blue are ecstatic after the fall of a wicket during the U-19 World Cup quarterfinal against Bangladesh in Antigua

Having seen their campaign almost come to an end after six of their players tested positive for Covid-19 following the first game, a rejuvenated India take on a formidable Australia in a blockbuster Super League semifinal of the Under-19 World Cup in Coolidge, Antigua on Wednesday.

Having started off on a sound note by beating South Africa by 45 runs in their opener in Providence, four-time champions and last-time finalists India were gripped by a major crisis as they struggled to field a playing XI after captain Yash Dhull, who scored 82 in the first game, vice-captain Shaik Rasheed, Aaradhya Yadav, Manav Parakh and Siddarth Yadav were all struck by Covid-19 before their second match, against Ireland on Jan 19.

Left isolating in Trinidad and Tobago, these players missed both the Ireland and Uganda fixtures, forcing the BCCI to fly in five reinforcements.

However, undeterred by this massive setback, a spirited India, with just 12 players available, thrashed Ireland by 174 runs and then Uganda by a record margin of 326 runs after scoring 405/5, their highest-ever score in the U-19 WC.

In a major boost, all their Covid-hit players were back for the quarterfinal against Bangladesh, even though Nishant Sindhu, who too has recovered now, became the latest to be affected by the virus.

A full-strength India avenged their defeat to Bangladesh the last time around in the final, overcoming the 2020 champs by five wickets in a low-scoring clash to move into their fourth semifinal in a row.

On the eve of the semis, Dhull credited batting legend VVS Laxman, who is currently in the West Indies in his capacity as the chairman of the National Cricket Academy, for keeping him motivated when the youngster was in isolation after testing positive for Covid.

"I won't say it was difficult during quarantine as I got regular video calls from VVS sir, who would speak to me, cheer me up and talk to me about my mindset, so it wasn't tough at all. I was very focused on our match against Bangladesh," Dhull said. "Laxman sir shares his experiences, which will help us in the upcoming games."

In Dhull and Rasheed's absence, Harnoor Singh, Angkrish Raghuvanshi and Raj Bawa, who broke Shikhar Dhawan's record for the highest individual score by an Indian batter at the U-19 World Cup with his 162* against Uganda, stepped up to show India's batting still had muscle and depth.

Clearly, there's a bond between these young turks by now. "When we rejoined the team, it didn't feel as if we were away for nine days in isolation. We were ready to play," Dhull said. The batsmen, though, did appear a bit shaky against Bangladesh, as India lost five wickets while chasing just 112.

With left-arm pacer Ravi Kumar, who wrecked the Bangladesh top order to leave them tottering at 14/3, right-arm seamer Rajvardhan Hangargekar, medium-pacer Bawa, spinners Vicky Ostwal and Kaushal Tambe all looking good, the bowling appears to be in safe hands.

Though appearing nervous, Dhull gave an apt reply to a pertinent question about what a cricketer who does well in the junior World Cup must do to ensure he doesn't fade away. "We need to work doubly harder after this level and the focus needs to improve even more.

"We need to be consistent and perform regularly so that the transition from the under-19 level to first-class cricket is quick enough and we get picked quickly for our team," summed up Dhull.

If these youngsters do well in the remaining games, there's a good chance of them fetching a big price in the IPL auctions on February 12-13.

Meanwhile, in two-time champions Australia, who will be on a high after outplaying Pakistan by 119 runs in the quarterfinals, India face their sternest test yet. They must target the scalp of opener Teague Wyllie — the 17-year-old scored 71 against Pakistan, 101* against Scotland and 86* against West Indies earlier on in the event.

Dhawan, Shreyas, Ashwin set to be auction top draws

EYES WILL BE ON CUMMINS, RABADA, MARSH, SMITH TOO

New Delhi: Top Indian players, including senior opener Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer, along with overseas stars such as Pat Cummins and Kagiso Rabada have been bracketed in the Rs 2 crore highest base price category for the upcoming IPL auction. The mega auction is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on Feb 12 and 13 and will see 590 players go under the hammer.

The IPL announced the final list on Tuesday, which was pruned from the original list of 1,214 players released last month, after the franchises reverted with the players they are interested in. Among the 590 cricketers, a total of 228 are capped players, 355 are uncapped and seven belong to associate nations.

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Senior Indian players Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav, Ashwin, Ishant Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane have also registered with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

While Iyer and Dhawan are the top draws, the 10 teams are also likely to be involved in a bidding war for youngsters Ishan Kishan, Devdutt Padikkal, Washington Sundar, Deepak Chahar, last season's top wicket-taker Harshal Patel, spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and fast bowler Shardul Thakur. All of them are in the top bracket.

A total of 370 Indian players and 220 overseas cricketers will be up for grabs.

Among the foreign players the franchises are expected to go after pacers Trent Boult, Cummins, Rabada, the Australian duo of all-rounder Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith, former Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan and big-hitting South African Faf du Plessis.

Indian veterans such as Suresh Raina and Robin Uthappa, with a steep base price of Rs 2 crore, may not have many takers. There are 20 players in the auction list with a reserve price of Rs 1.5 crore while 34 are in the list of cricketers with a reserve price of Rs 1 crore.

India's U-19 stars, skipper Yash Dhull, Vicky Ostwal and Rajvardhan Hangargekar, besides the likes of Shahrukh Khan, Deepak Hooda and Avesh Khan, will also be looking to cash in.

Punjab Kings have most vacancies

Punjab Kings have the highest number of 23 slots available while CSK, Delhi Capitals, KKR and Mumbai Indians have 21 vacancies. The rest of the teams have 22 slots each. Punjab Kings also have the highest purse of Rs 72 crore while Delhi Capitals have the lowest: Rs 47.5 crore. PTI

BCCI plans day-night Test vs SL in Bengaluru

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New Delhi: The Indian cricket board (BCCI) is planning to host this year's pink-ball day-night Test against Sri Lanka in Bengaluru. **TOI** understands that the board is keen to take the Test series against Sri Lanka to Bengaluru despite the possibility of limiting the venues owing to the Covid-19 wave.

The tour is likely to start with the three T20Is instead of Tests because of a smoother bubble-to-bubble transfer of players. Both teams will be playing T20Is before the series gets under way.

However, it is still not clear if Bengaluru will be the venue for the first Test, which is also supposed to be Virat Kohli's 100th.

To cut down on busy travel, the board is contemplating playing most of the series in Dharamshala and Mohali before moving to Bengaluru to finish the international home season.

As per the initial itinerary, Bengaluru and Mohali were supposed to hold the Test matches before the three T20Is were slated to be played in Mohali, Dharamshala and Lucknow.

"There is a chance that the first two T20Is to start the tour will be played in Dharamshala before the series moves to Mohali for the third T20I and the first Test. Lucknow may miss out on hosting a T20I. Having the pink ball Test in Mohali is difficult since dew is expected to play a big role. However, BCCI is still monitoring the Covid-19 situation in the country. A final call to tweak the schedule will be taken soon," a BCCI source said.

If the first Test could have been played in Bengaluru, it would have been an apt setting for Kohli's 100th Test as the former India captain has a strong fan-following in the city.

Kadhe, Ram go down fighting in Tata Open

Portuguese Sousa & Italian Travaglia Are Too Good For Indian Wildcards

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Pune: Ramkumar Ramanathan and Arjun Kadhe came close to pulling off one of their best wins of their careers but fell short at the Tata Open Maharashtra here on Tuesday. Ramkumar produced a typical display of big serving to bounce back from being a set down, but Italian world No. 93 Stefano Travaglia packed a little more fire power to pull through in the third set for a 7-6 (7), 4-6, 6-3 win in two hours and 13 minutes.

Playing at home and dealing with the expectations that come with it is never easy but Arjun Kadhe did a creditable job as he stretched former world No. 28 Joao Sousa the full distance. Kadhe, a wildcard, went toe to toe with the 32-year-old Portuguese, currently ranked 137, for two full sets before losing steam in the third, going down 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4) 2-6 in the first round.

"It was a tough match. I know he is a world class player and he has been top-50. I knew it was not going to be easy," Kadhe said. The Pune lad made the most out of the warm afternoon conditions as he served big and played heavy groundstrokes. But once it started to cool down a bit, Sousa started to come into his own in the decider. In the end, as Kadhe himself put it, failing to capitalise on the 3-1 lead in the second set tiebreaker proved to be costly.

"It was a close second set. One or two points I could have played a little better," he said. "Credit to him, he passed me really well. And that's that. If I had won those two points, could have won the match.

Winter Olympics venues could be 50 percent full

Beijing: A senior Olympics official said Tuesday that venues at the Beijing Winter Games could be up to 50 percent full, countering fears that Covid-19 would lead to a second consecutive Games without spectators. Last year's Tokyo Summer Olympics took place largely behind closed doors and Chinese organisers decided not to sell tickets for the Beijing Games because of fears about the virus.

But Christophe Dubi, Olympic Games Executive Director at the International Olympic Committee, said he hoped venues in China would be filled to between 30 and 50 percent. "In terms of capacity we are not there yet, because it has to be fine-tuned at a venue-by-venue basis, but I'd say if we have one person out of three (available spots) or out of two, that would already be a good result," Dubi said in an interview on the official Beijing Games' website.

"It could also depend on whether it is outdoors or indoors. But the great thing is that we are going to have spectators," he added. Dubi said the spectators would not be restricted to Chinese nationals -- foreigners living in China have also been invited.

"We were very insistent on that," he said. "So they are also reaching out to the expat community and making sure, through the embassies and other ways, to identify those who live in Beijing." AFP

EPL The Big Spenders As Alli And Van De Beek Aim To Rebuild Careers At Lampard's Everton

JANUARY DASH

London: Premier League clubs spent 295 million pounds ($397 million) in the January transfer window - the most since 2018 - with the bottom five teams accounting for more than 50% of expenditure, Deloitte said in a report published on Tuesday.

The gross spend in the English top flight was more than four times higher than that during January 2021 where only 70 million pounds were spent by teams, making this year's January transfer window spend the second highest since 2003.

The midfield pair of Donny van de Beek and Dele Alli were handed chances to rebuild their faltering careers at 16th-placed Everton after making moves on Monday's transfer deadline day.

Relegation-threatened Newcastle United were also active following their takeover by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, signing Brazilian Bruno Guimaraes from Olympique Lyonnais for around 40 million euros ($45.03 million) among other deals.

Alli's move came just hours after Everton had confirmed former Chelsea boss Lampard as Rafael Benitez's successor. There was further clearing of the decks from Spurs' Antonio Conte on Monday, with another player who has flattered to deceive for Spurs - club record signing Tanguy Ndombele - joining former club Olympique Lyonnais on loan.

Lampard also secured the services of Donny van de Beek on deadline day, with the Netherlands midfielder joining on loan from Manchester United for the remainder of the season. REUTERS

£150m

The five clubs currently at the bottom of the Premier League spent around £150 million, more than 50 percent of the total £295m.

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CALL OF CAMP NOU: AUBAMEYANG

DONNY VAN DE BEEK (L) & DELE ALLI ARE OFF TO GOODISON

FREE AGENT AUBA TAKES A HEFTY PAY CUT AT BARCA; CATALANS FAIL TO OFFLOAD UNWANTED DEMBELE

Madrid: It was a mix of good news and bad news for Barcelona at the end of the winter transfer window. The Catalan club was close to making official the signing of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang after reaching a deal with the Arsenal striker just before the deadline, but it couldn't get disgruntled forward Ousmane Dembélé to leave as he rejected two good offers to leave the club and will likely say until his contract ends in June.

The transfer window closed at midnight but Barcelona gained some extra time to make the deal official because Aubameyang reportedly became a free agent before the deadline. The official announcement was expected on Tuesday. The 32-year-old Aubameyang, Arsenal's highest-paid player, reportedly had to accept a hefty pay cut to join Barcelona as the club doesn't have a lot of salary cap space.

Barcelona also brought back forward Adama Traoré on loan from Wolverhampton until the end of the season. Spanish media said Paris Saint-Germain was negotiating a possible transfer for Dembele. **Atlético Madrid** acquired Mozambican left back **Reinildo Mandava** from French club Lille on a contract until 2025. **Valencia** reached an agreement for the loan of young Spain international **Bryan Gil** from Tottenham. AP

Juve make a splash

Rome: Maurizio Arrivabene is either an expert bluffer, or the Juventus CEO is as surprised as the rest of Italy at the outstanding success of his club's January transfer window.

"We don't necessarily need to do anything. I'm predicting a January market that is neither interesting nor demanding," Arrivabene had said.

Fast forward to Feb. 1, and Juve's ranks now include Serie A's joint-top scorer Dusan Vlahovic and a much-needed midfield ball-winner in Denis Zakaria. What's more, the Turin club offloaded high-earning midfielder **Aaron Ramsey on loan to Rangers**, and sold squad players Dejan Kulusevski and Rodrigo Bentancur to Tottenham Hotspur for handsome fees.

The Vlahovic deal was the truly earth-shaking move of the month, one which propelled Juventus from being viewed as top-four hopefuls to outside title contenders. REUTERS

AP

BIGGEST DEAL IN WINTER: VLAHOVIC

€80m

The most expensive signing of the window remained new Juventus striker **Dusan Vlahovic**, who left Fiorentina for a deal worth up to 80m euros ($89m), plus other charges.

SOUTH KOREA MAKE IT TO WORLD CUP FINALS FOR 10TH STRAIGHT TIME

Dubai: South Korea beat Syria 2-0 in Dubai on Tuesday to reach their 10th straight World Cup finals. The Koreans, who have appeared at every finals since Mexico in 1986 and came fourth when they co-hosted the tournament in 2002, go to Qatar alongside Iran. Even without injured English Premier League star Son Heung-Min, Paulo Bento's side dominated the game. AFP

FRENCH CUP HOLDERS PSG KNOCKED OUT BY NICE

Paris: Nice coach Christophe Galtier outwitted Paris Saint-Germain again as his side won a tense penalty shootout 6-5 to reach the quarterfinals of the French Cup following a 0-0 away draw. Holders PSG's bid for a record-extending 15th trophy fell short at Parc des Princes against visiting Galtier's expertly organized side.Lionel Messi started up front after recovering from Covid, yet he made little impact. AP

FORMER CHELSEA COACH GRANT FACES FIFA CASE OVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Jerusalem: Avram Grant, former manager of Chelsea and one of the most powerful men in Israeli sport, will be investigated by FIFA after being accused of sexually harassing multiple women in an investigative report. "Exposure," a programme on Israel's Channel 12 TV, broadcast a series of interviews on Sunday with women saying that Grant had made unwanted advances while offering to help promote their careers. The women's voices were altered and their faces silhouetted. AP

Khelo India programme biggest beneficiary in sports budget

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New Delhi: Khelo India, the government's flagship programme based on the Gujarat model of 'Khel Mahakumbh', has emerged as the biggest beneficiary in the Union sports budget for the financial year 2022-23. Khelo India's budget has substantially been increased by Rs 316.29 crore to Rs 974 crore by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, an increase of 32.5 percent from the previous allocation of Rs 657.71 crore.

Out of this year's budgetary allocation of Rs 3062.60 crore, Rs 2253 crore has been earmarked for sports while the remaining Rs 809.60 crore is reserved for youth affairs. During the previous allocation of Rs 2596.14 crore for 2021-22, Rs 1906.14 crore was set aside for sports while the remaining Rs 600 crore was earmarked for youth affairs. So, if one takes into account the budgetary allocation purely for sports-related activities, then the 2022-23 budget has provided an increase of Rs 346.86 crore or a 15 percent hike.

Out of this raise, Rs 316.29 crore has been reserved solely for the Khelo India programme. It means that the increase for sports under various other heads has just been Rs 30.57 crore. So, the actual budgetary allocation – excluding the Khelo India incentivisation – stands at Rs 1279 crore (after deducting Rs 974 crore from Rs 2253 crore).

The government's push for Khelo India has strengthened the impression that the talent identified for the future Olympics, Asian Games and CWG would be nurtured through this programme. A major chunk of money on their training and preparation would be spent under this vertical, which again leaves the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and NSFs with their hands tied. When it comes to major government funding to prepare for forthcoming multisport events, there isn't much to cheer about.

6 girls with hijab barred from K'taka college classroom

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The students said they now plan to take legal recourse. They have reportedly approached the Karnataka HC but their petition is pending admission

Udupi: Six students of Government Pre-University College for girls in Karnataka's Udupi were denied entry into the classroom on Tuesday for wearing the hijab.

This comes a day after the institution warned them of punitive action if they refused to remove the headscarf during classes.

The students have been boycotting classes since the last week of December after being told not to wear the hijab in classrooms.

They had also refused an offer to take online classes.

The protesting students were told on Monday to attend college from Tuesday without the hijab or face action. The students said they now plan to take legal recourse. They have reportedly approached the Karnataka high court, but their petition is pending admission.

"Wearing the hijab is our constitutional right and the fight for justice will continue. We will fight for this cause legally," said a student — who attended a meeting called by the college development committee— on Monday. The panel is headed by Udupi MLA Raghupathi Bhat of BJP.

She said: "At the meeting, we did not agree to attend classes without the hijab. We have tried all possible ways to convince the authorities." The students accused Bhat of threatening them.

After the meeting, Bhat had said that the students will not be allowed to create chaos on the campus as exams are round the corner and action will be taken if they violate rules.

On Tuesday, one of the students said they remained on the campus till 1.40pm.

"The police were there on the campus…Several lecturers tried to talk us out of our fight and attend classes."

She said they will keep coming to college and ask for permission to attend classes in a hijab. The police were called in because the hijab removal rule has triggered a row over religious freedom.

Groups like Campus Front of India have supported the six students, who attended a seminar on World Hijab Day — February 1.

Congress not to field candidates against Akhilesh and Shivpal

Agra: Days after announcing its candidate in Uttar Pradesh's Karhal, from where Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav is fighting his first assembly elections, the Congress has decided to withdraw from the contest, reports **Anuja Jaiswal**.

The Congress also said it will not put up a candidate against Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal Yadav in Jaswantnagar (Etawah). Both seats vote in the third phase of polling in the state on February 20. Shivpal

BATTLEGROUND UTTAR PRADESH

will contest from his party, Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia), now in an alliance with SP. He had got into a tussle with nephew Akhilesh and formed the new front just ahead of assembly polls in 2017.

In December last, the two parties announced an alliance for these assembly polls in UP.

Congress candidate Gyanwati Yadav is the ex-state vice-president of party's Mahila Morcha and was fighting assembly elections for the first time. The Congress high command on Tuesday issued directions to the district president not to field her. UP Congress general secretary Prakash Pradhan told **TOI**: "Since they hadn't fielded anyone against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi we have reciprocated."

15 special observers for polls in 5 states

Ex-IAS Officers, Former Cops Picked By EC

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New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) appointed 15 special observers, including five special general observers, five special police observers and five special expenditure observers, to oversee the conduct of assembly polls in five states.

These observers will act as the poll panel's eyes and ears on the ground to ensure free, fair and voter friendly polls.

In Uttar Pradesh, ex-IAS officer Ajay Nayak will be the special general observer, ex-IPS officer Deepak Mishra special police observer and ex-IRS officers B Murali Kumar and B R Balakrishnan special expenditure observers.

In Punjab, ex-IAS officer and former deputy election commissioner Vinod Zutshi will act as a special general observer, ex-IPS officer Rajni Kant Mishra as special police observer and ex-IRS officer Himalini Kashyap as special expenditure observer.

Ram Mohan Mishra, retired IAS officer, was appointed as special general observer in Uttarakhand, which will also have ex-IPS officer Anil Kumar Sharma as special police observer and ex-IRS officer Madhu Mahajan as special expenditure observer.

Goa will only have two special observers — ex-IAS officer Manjit Singh as special general observer and ex-IPS officer Somesh Goyal as special police observer. Retired IAS officer Pravir Krishna has been appointed as special general observer in Manipur, which will also get ex-IPS officer Arun Kumar as special police observer and ex-IRS officer Rajesh Tuteja as special expenditure observer.

At a meeting with the newly-appointed special observers here on Tuesday, chief election commissioner Sushil Chandra said the overarching spirit behind deploying special observers is to objectively assess the poll preparedness, identify the critical gaps and guide the electoral machinery in the field.

He asked the special observers to be vigilant and be in touch with the Commission on a real-time basis and bring to the latter's notice any corrective measures required. Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the impartiality, fairness, visibility, accessibility and alertness of special observers ensures implementation of the Commission's instructions in letter and spirit.

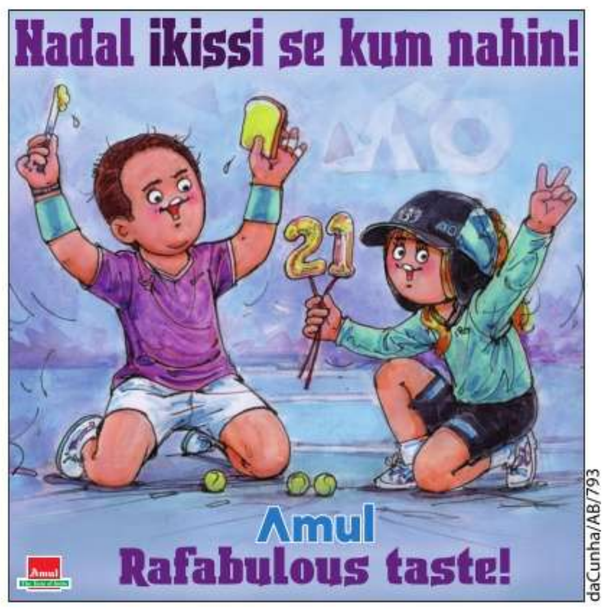
Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey particularly asked the special observers to ensure enforcement of Commission's Covid guidelines and SDMA norms.

BJP denies Aparna seat she coveted

BJP fielded Rajeshwar Singh, ex-joint director of ED, from Lucknow's Sarojininagar, denying a ticket to minister Swati Singh, reports **Rajiv Sraivastav**. The party released eighth list with 17 names on Tuesday. BJP denied ticket to Hriday Narain Dixit. Law minister Brajesh Pathak shifted to Lucknow Cantonment — constituency eyed by a number of candidates, including Mulayam Singh Yadav's daughter-in-law Aparna Yadav, who quit SP to join BJP recently.

Majithia takes up Sidhu's 1-seat dare

Shiromani Akali Dal politician Bikram Singh Majithia has taken up his Amritsar East rival Navjot Singh Sidhu's challenge to contest from just one seat in the Punjab polls, reports **Yudhvir Rana**. Majithia has decided to withdraw his nomination from his stronghold of Majitha. Sidhu had challenged him on Saturday to only fight from Amritsar East seat. He also said his wife, Ganieve Kaur, would join politics and contest from Majitha in his place.



SC shields Punjab MLA from arrest in rape case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday restrained Punjab police from arresting MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains till February 3 in an alleged sexual assault case even as the Lok Insaaf party legislator said he would file his nomination immediately.

Initially, a bench — headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana — was inclined to grant Bains relief similar to that given to SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia, who was protected from arrest till February 23 to allow him to file his nomination, and contest elections scheduled for February 20. However, advocate Gagan Gupta said the complainant has filed a petition in the court seeking arrest of Bains, who he said had 20 pending criminal cases. Gupta said non-arrest of Bains poses a threat to society. TNN

No bail to Rane son in murder-bid case

In a setback to MLA Nitesh Rane, son of Union minister Narayan Rane, a sessions court judge in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg on Tuesday rejected his plea for bail in connection with an attempt-to-murder case, observing that "for effective investigation of the offence the custodial interrogation... is necessary", report **Swati Deshpande and Umesh Parida.**

Tribal killed in 'encounter' not a Maoist: C'garh police

Raipur: A tribal shot dead in an "encounter" eight days ago was an innocent villager and not a Maoist, the police in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur admitted on Tuesday, reports **Rashmi Drolia.** A magisterial inquiry has been ordered.

The police said Manuram Nureti was caught in "crossfire" during an encounter between District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Maoists in a jungle in the small hours of January 24. Manuram's family, however, approached the collector, saying he was never a Maoist and had, in fact, applied to join the 'Bastar Fighters' force to take on the insurgents. Manuram's brother is a DRG jawan — unit that is spearheading the battle against Maoists.

Manuram's family had said he had left home wearing his usual clothes on January 23 but his body was found clad in Maoist uniform next morning. Initially, police insisted that he was a Maoist and claimed the insurgents are known to persuade families of slain Maoists to say they were innocent. On Tuesday, police said probe suggests he had no links with the Maoists. They said Manuram was caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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A woman gets tested for Covid

India sees 660 Covid deaths, highest since July 9 last year

India on Tuesday reported the highest number of Covid-19 deaths in nearly seven months even as fresh cases continued to fall sharply in most parts of the country. With data from one state awaited, 660 deaths from the virus were reported in the country on Tuesday, the highest daily toll since July 9 last year, when a toll of 670 was recorded, as per **TOI's** Covid database collated from state government numbers.

Fresh cases fell to 1.61 lakh, down from Monday's tally of 1.65 lakh, as most big states with the exception of Kerala saw cases dip steeply. Kerala reported 51,887 new infections, reporting a 50,000-plus daily tally for the sixth time during the current wave. Kerala also reported 142 new deaths (including fatalities recorded in the past few days).

Besides, the state also added 1,073 old deaths to its tally following the Centre's guidelines and SC instructions. TNN

CBI filed FIR against officers for breach of trust and forgery

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CBI officials in Lucknow said the rules stipulate prior permission from the state to investigate public servants under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The CBI had registered an FIR on March 5, 2020, against Pravin Kumar Gupta, former secretary of the UP State Power Sector Employees' Trust, and Sudhanshu Dwivedi, former director of finance at the power corporation, accusing them of criminal breach of trust, cheating and forgery.

PF contributions by employees of the corporation had been invested in fixed deposits of nationalised banks till October 2016. Based on a proposal by Gupta and the corporation's former managing director A P Mishra, some of the money was invested in PNB Housing starting December 2016, according to the officials.

It later transpired that the corporation allegedly sunk more than Rs 4,100 crore in the scam-hit Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), of which it got back Rs 1,855 crore.

A probe revealed that Rs 2,267.9 crore worth of PF contributions by more than a lakh employees were stuck in the DHFL.

The allegation was that some corporation officials conspired to get the provident fund deposited in schemes of DHFL in violation of rules.

Aggarwal was the corporation's chairperson from 2013 to 2017 and part of the committee that made the decision to invest in DHFL. Alok Kumar was the chairperson from 2017 to 2019 and Aparna the managing director from 2017 to 2019. The investigation was being handled by the economic offences wing of UP police before it was transferred to the CBI.

The agency started its probe on the day the FIR was registered at Lucknow's Hazratganj police station. More than half a dozen people, including A P Mishra, another past MD of the corporation, were arrested in the case.

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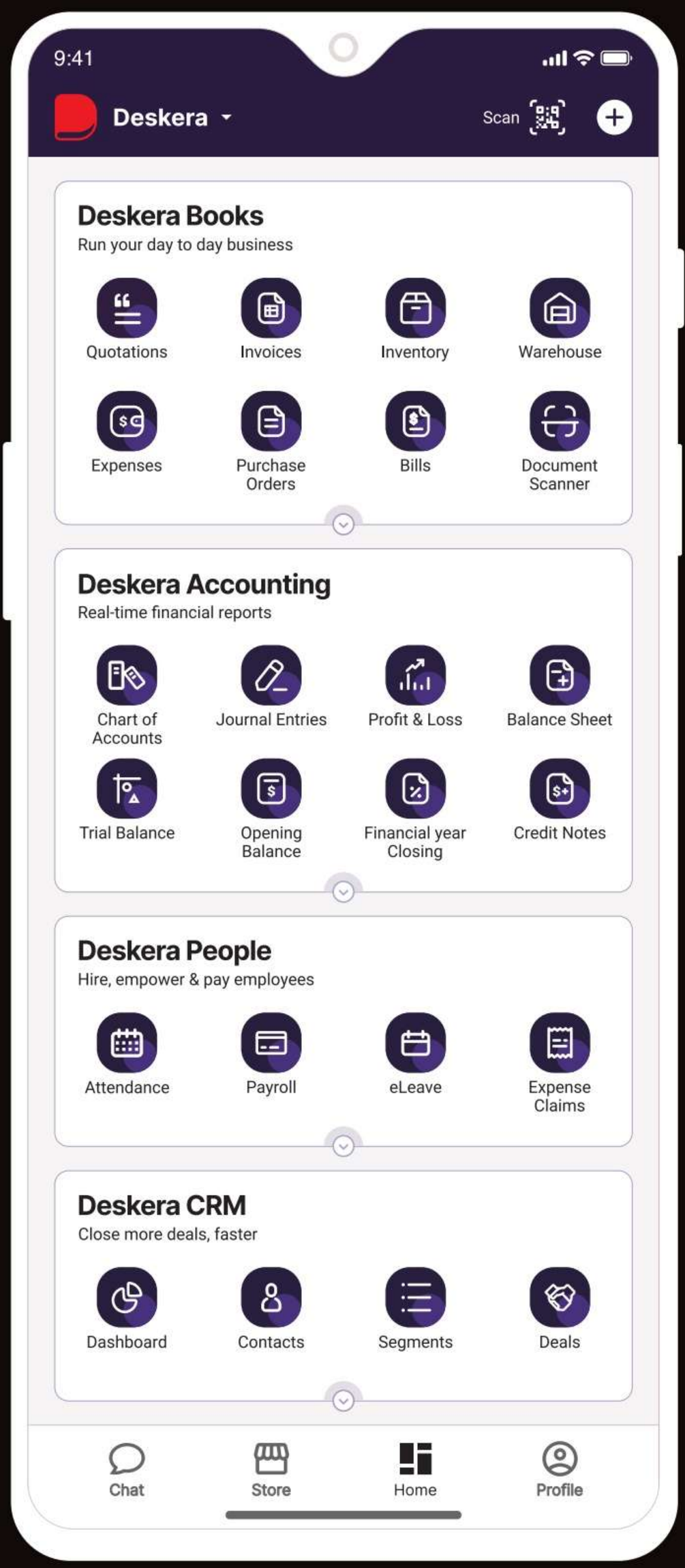

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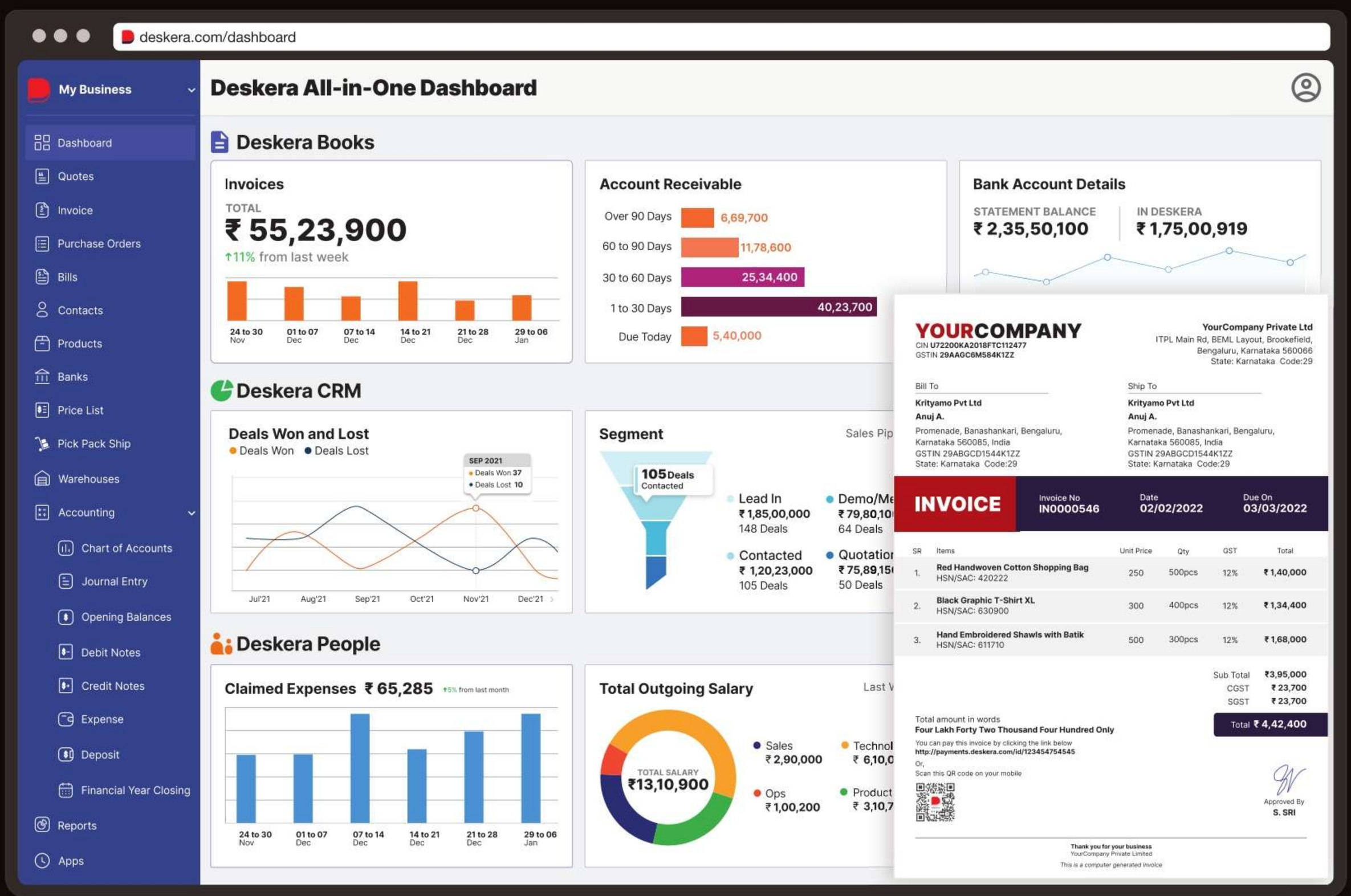

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Order to wear mask when alone in car absurd: HC

The Delhi HC on Tuesday termed as "absurd" last year's order of the state government making it must to wear a mask even while driving alone. "Why don't you withdraw it?" the HC asked the government counsel. P 20

Amnesty deal for fugitive tycoons?

The SC on Tuesday said the Centre can consider allowing fugitive bizmen to come to India and stop criminal proceedings if they agree to pay their dues. P 21

▶Amazon Vs Future: SC sets aside HC orders, P21

No Cong nominee against Akhilesh

Days after announcing its candidate in Karhal from where SP chief Akhilesh Yadav is fighting his first poll, Congress has decided to withdraw from the contest. P 26

Majithia takes up Sidhu challenge

SAD's Bikram Majithia has taken up his Amritsar East rival Sidhu's challenge to contest from one seat and has decided to withdraw nomination from Majitha. P 26

J&K cop injured in terror attack

A J&K police assistant sub-inspector was gravely wounded in a shooting by terrorists at Amshipora village of south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday evening.

Road rage: 3 wounded in firing near Red Fort

Brawl Gets Out Of Hand, Two Passersby Hit

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New Delhi: There was panic in the Red Fort area on Monday night when a squabble over two scooties accidentally brushing against each other escalated into a brawl, leading to firing by one group. Three persons, including two passersby, were injured in the firing. One of them is critical. The miscreants managed to escape and are still at large.

According to the police, the incident was reported around 9.10 pm from Angoori Bagh Road near Red Fort. Mohammad Shahid, 32, and his wife, Varisha, 25, were returning to their home at Angoori Bagh on their scooty after dinner in the Jama Masjid area.

WOMAN ABUSED

- An argument ensued after **two scooties brushed against each other.** A scuffle followed and a woman riding pillion was abused
- Both parties called up their families and friends. Four youths came on two motorbikes. **One of them started firing** from his pistol
- **A passersby was hit in his spine and is critical.** Other 2 injured are in hosp too. Cops are looking for 6 suspects

"Two men on a scooty were coming from the opposite direction. The man in front was speaking on his phone and they collided with us," said Shahid. The couple fell down and their scooty was damaged. A livid Shahid asked the two to pay for the damage.

▶4-5 rounds shot, P 19

Bizman among 3 held for killing 'gay' salesman

Three people, including a businessman from south Delhi, have been arrested for the murder of a man whose body was found near the Sarojini Nagar metro station a few days ago. The accused businessman is married and has two kids. A probe revealed that the body was of a salesman, who was in a relationship with the businessman, his employer. The salesman had secretly recorded videos and was using them for extortion. The businessman hired two men who strangled the salesman, packed his body in a suitcase and dumped it near the station. "A strained homosexual relationship led to the murder," said DCP Gaurav Sharma. P 17

UP to evaluate CBI's plea to question sr IAS officers

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Lucknow: The UP government said on Tuesday it would evaluate the CBI's request for sanction to question three senior IAS officers from the state cadre, two of them currently officiating as Union secretaries, as part of its probe into the Rs 2,267-crore PF scam in the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.

The government has three months to decide on the agency's plea for permission to question Union agriculture secretary Sanjay Aggarwal, Union power secretary Alok Kumar and the state's secretary for medical, health and family welfare, Aparna U.

₹4,100CR PF SCAM

- ₹4,100cr from PF funds of UP power corporation employees were invested in scam-hit Dewan Housing Finance Limited
- Just ₹1,855cr has been recovered. Funds worth ₹2,267.9cr of over 1 lakh employees are stuck in DHFL
- The 3 IAS officers have served in top posts at UPPCL

▶CBI filed FIR, P 26

Hathras rerun? Kin say forced to cremate girl

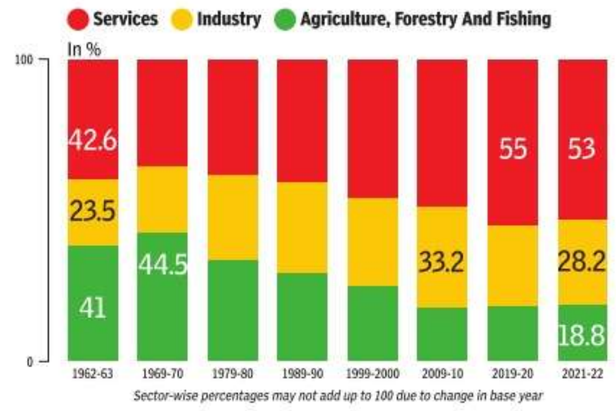
Meerut: The family of a 16-year-old girl who was allegedly gang-raped before being murdered in Bulandshahr has said that police forced them to cremate the minor before they could arrange for her last rites. The incident, which led to protests on Tuesday, has brought back memories of the 2020 Hathras case in which a 19-year-old girl who had allegedly been violated and killed was hurriedly cremated. Bulandshahr SSP Santosh Singh said cops "never forced the family to cremate their daughter". P 21

India Earns Like A New Economy, But Spends And Saves Like The Old

Most economies shift from agriculture to services via a vigorous industrial age, but India moved up the ladder from 'Jai Kisan' to 'Hello, World' without really resting its weight on the rung of industry. Industrial output has never made up more than a third of India's GDP while services have accounted for more than half for over a decade. Yet, this seemingly young economic profile hides the fact that most Indians still live from hand to mouth, exhausting their earnings on the basic needs of food, housing and transport. And while stock markets soar, the average Indian still invests the old way in bank deposits, provident funds and life insurance

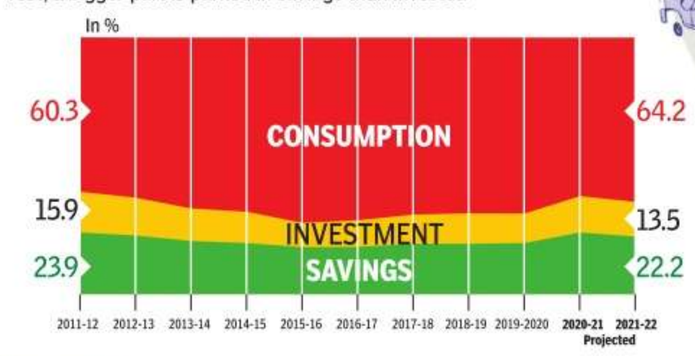
SERVICES IS DAL-ROTI OF INDIA'S ECONOMY

In the 1960s, agriculture and services contributed almost equally to India's national income while industry had a 23.5% share. Since then, industry's share has increased marginally while services earns a majority of the national income. Agriculture's share has more than halved



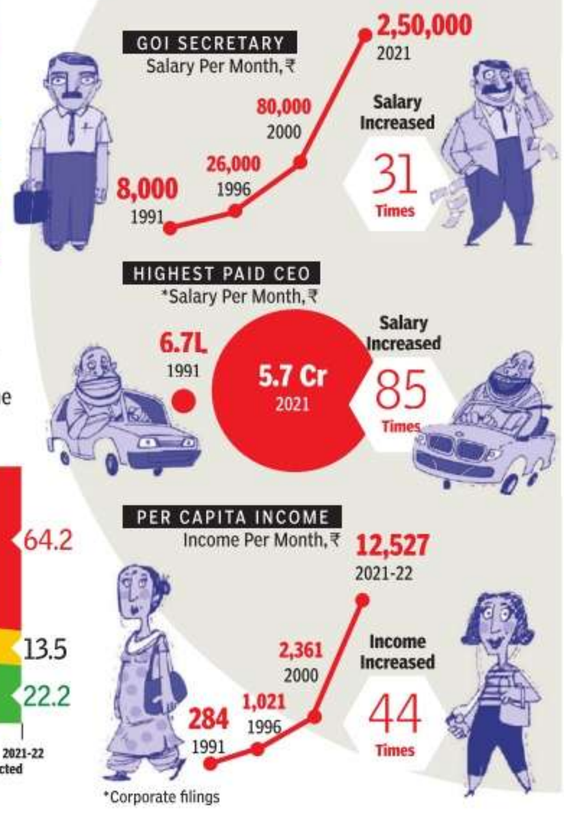
LITTLE ON THE TABLE TO SAVE, INVEST

More than 60% of the national income is spent on consumption. Of the rest, a bigger part is parked in savings than invested



YOUR INCOME HAS GROWN MUCH FASTER THAN PRICES

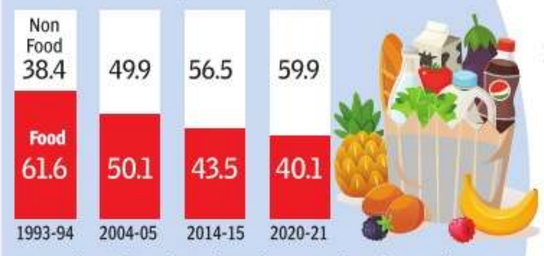
Here is one benefit of economic reforms that cannot be disputed: Average salaries across all income classes have grown 4 to 5 times faster than prices



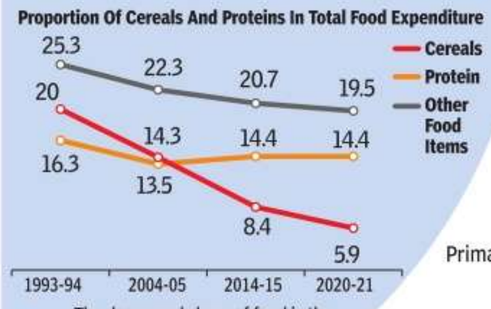
FOOD NOW EATS LESS INTO YOUR EARNINGS

About three decades back, food items accounted for more than half of the total expenditure incurred by an average Indian household. The spend on eatables has now fallen by more than a fifth, meaning that there is more money to spare for non-food expenses

Food And Non-Food Spend % Of Total Expenditure



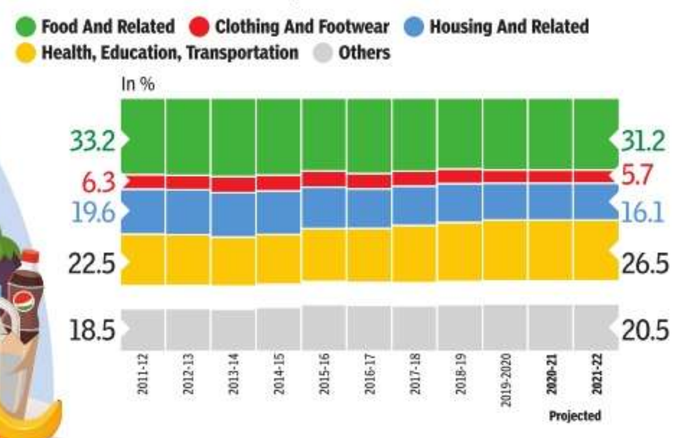
Proportion Of Cereals And Proteins In Total Food Expenditure



The decreased share of food is the combined impact of increase in income, surge in cereal production and PDS schemes

ROTI, KAPDA, MAKAAN STILL THE MAIN COURSE

Food, clothing and housing together make up more than 50% of India's consumption expenditure. Health, education and transport account for another 20% or more



CONSUMPTION OF FUEL AND POWER RISING

Consumption of power and automobile fuel has grown rapidly over the past decade. That usually happens when individuals' incomes also rise

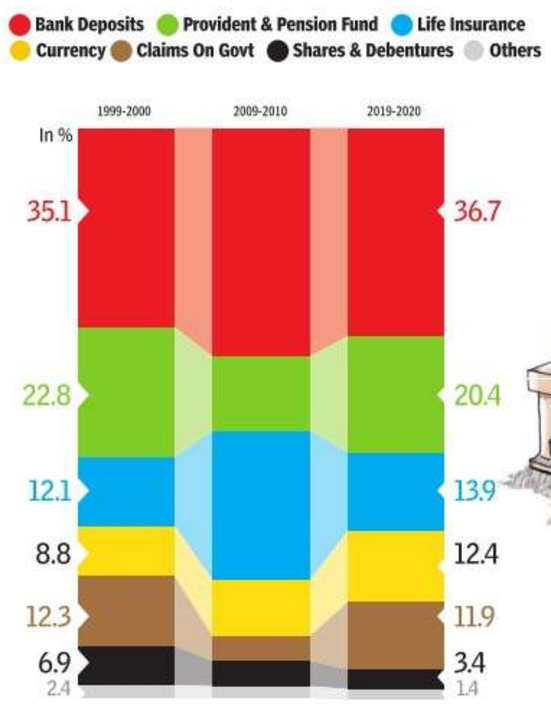
		2010-11	2020-21	% Change
Cement	Million Metric Tonnes	211	328	55.5
Steel		66.4	94.1	41.7
Primary Aluminium		1.74	2.1	20.7
Petrol		14,192	27,969	97.1
Diesel		60,071	72,713	21
Passenger Vehicle	Units	25,01,932	27,11,526	8.4
Two-Wheeler		1,17,74,243	1,51,16,931	28.4
Power	Cr Units	86,159	1,27,553	48

Daily Consumption Of Select Items In India In 2020-21

9	2.6	766	1,992	7,429	41,416	349
Lakh Tonnes	Lakh Tonnes	Lakh Tonnes	Lakh Tonnes	Units Sold	Units Sold	Crore Units
Cement	Steel	Petrol	Diesel	Passenger Vehicles	Two-wheelers	Power

BUT APPETITE FOR RISK REMAINS LOW

More than 70% of India's disposable income is parked in bank deposits, provident and pension funds, and life insurance. Even now stocks account for only a small chunk of India's investment



Source: RBI, SBI Research, Crisil, ICE 360 Household Surveys, CMIE

EXPENSES THAT AREN'T A WORRY IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES BUT PINCH YOUR POCKET

Bijli, sadak, pani (power, road, water) are basic services for which we pay taxes. Deficiencies that ought to be addressed with tax money result in most taxpayers paying extra for these three essentials. Here is an estimate of those additional costs

WATER ₹15,000 Crore

Most urban Indians have to install water purifiers. Assuming total sales of 1.5 crore units annually at an average price of Rs 10,000, the spend works out to Rs 15,000 crore with annual maintenance cost of Rs 1,000 crore

AIR ₹6,000 Crore

Despite all the politics around it, air pollution is on the rise in most cities. Assuming total sales of 30 lakh air purifiers with an average unit price of Rs 20,000, the cumulative spend amounts to Rs 6,000 crore; the recurring cost on filters could be Rs 400 crore yearly

POWER ₹20,000 Crore

Power backup in some form or the other is a must in most urban households. If 2 crore units have been sold so far at an average price of Rs 10,000 per unit, it totals to Rs 20,000 crore. Annual maintenance will add another Rs 1,500 crore

ROAD CESS ON FUEL

₹1,23,596 Crore (2020-21)

Apart from paying road tax at the time of vehicle registration, Indians pay additional road and infrastructure cess every time they re-fuel their vehicles

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