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Introduction

The Union Budget of India, presented annually by the Ministry of Finance, outlines the government's revenue and expenditure plans. It reflects national priorities such as economic growth, social welfare, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability. Over the decades, budget allocations have evolved to align with India's development goals and global commitments like the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This project planning document analyses how Union Budget allocations have shifted toward sustainable growth.

Objectives of the Study

To examine historical trends in Union Budget allocations.

To identify sector-wise funding patterns.

To analyze sustainability-focused allocations (green energy, rural development, social welfare).

To assess the alignment with long-term sustainable development goals.

To suggest policy improvements for balanced growth.

Methodology

 Data Sources:

Official Union Budget documents

Economic Surveys

NITI Aayog reports

RBI annual reports

Government portals (data.gov.in)

 Analytical Tools:

Trend analysis

Percentage growth analysis

Comparative year-wise allocation charts

Sectoral distribution tables

Evolution of Budget Allocations (Historical Phases)

- ◆ Phase 1: 1950–1990 (Planned Development Era)

Focus Areas:

Agriculture

Public sector industries

Infrastructure

Poverty reduction

Key Features:

Introduction of Five-Year Plans

Heavy investment in public enterprises

Rural development emphasis

- ◆ Phase 2: 1991–2010 (Economic Reforms & Liberalization)

Focus Areas:

Privatization

Liberalization

IT & Services sector

Infrastructure modernization

Key Development:

1991 economic reforms

Rise of the service sector

Increased foreign investment

♦ Phase 3: 2010–Present (Sustainable & Inclusive Growth)

Focus Areas:

Renewable energy

Digital infrastructure

Health & Education

Green mobility

Recent Trends:

Expansion of solar and wind power

Push for electric vehicles

Increased capital expenditure for infrastructure

Focus on climate commitments

5 Sector-Wise Allocation Trends

Sector

Early Years

Post-1991

Recent Years

Agriculture

High

Moderate

Revitalized via subsidies & PM-KISAN

Defence

Moderate

Increasing

Significant rise

Infrastructure

Growing

Rapid growth

Capital expenditure push

Health

Limited

Moderate

Major boost post-COVID


Renewable Energy

Minimal

Emerging

Strong priority

6 Key Sustainable Growth Initiatives

 Renewable Energy

National Solar Mission

Green Hydrogen Mission


Wind energy expansion

 Rural Development

MGNREGA

PM-KISAN

Rural housing schemes

 Digital Transformation

Digital India

Direct Benefit Transfers

FinTech inclusion

 Green Mobility

EV subsidies

Public transport electrification

7 Impact Assessment

 Positive Outcomes

Increased infrastructure capacity

Growth in renewable energy capacity

Improved digital governance

Better rural income support

⚠️ Challenges

Fiscal deficit pressures

Rising subsidy burden

Climate financing gaps

Regional inequality

8 Project Planning Framework

17 Timeline (8 Weeks)

Week

Activity

1

Literature review

2

Data collection

3

Data cleaning

4

Trend analysis

5

Sectoral comparison

6

Sustainability mapping

7

Report drafting

8

Final review & presentation

9 Expected Outcomes

Comprehensive analysis report

Budget trend visualization charts

Policy recommendation framework

Sustainability alignment scorecard

10 Conclusion

The evolution of India's Union Budget reflects a transition from planned economic development to liberalization and now toward sustainable and inclusive growth.

Strategic allocation toward renewable energy, infrastructure, and social sectors indicates a commitment to long-term resilience. However, fiscal prudence and effective implementation remain critical for achieving sustainable growth.

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