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A GLIMPSE AT THE FUTURE

A Glimpse at the future : Budget for All

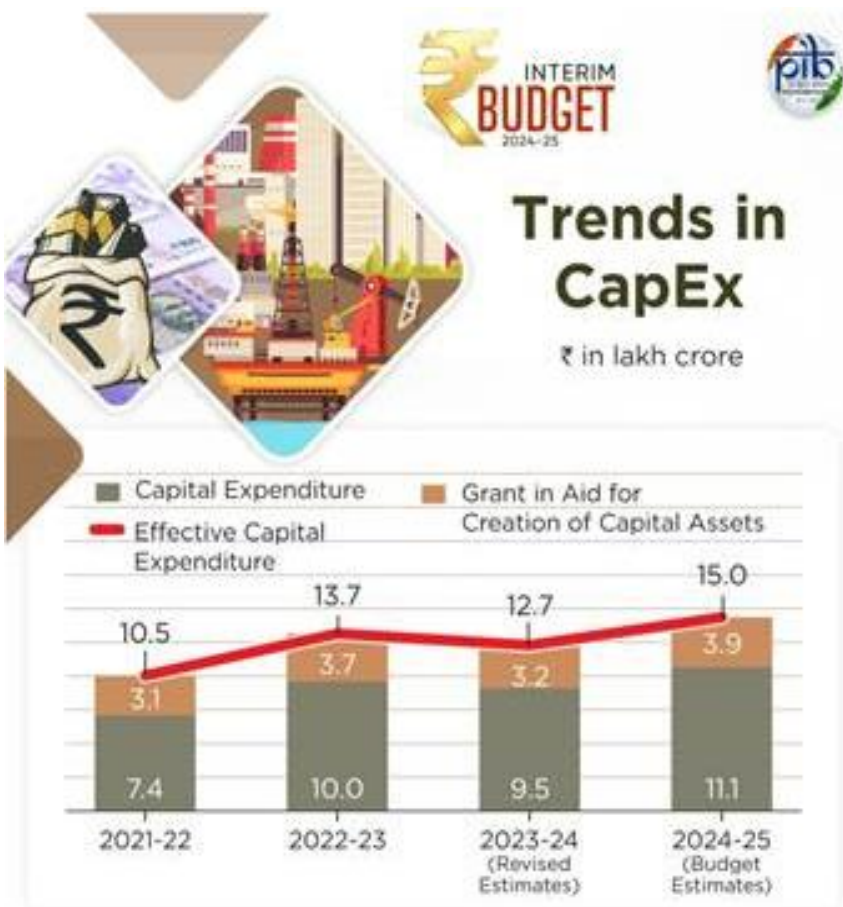


The Indian economy has witnessed profound positive transformation in the last ten years. The people of India are looking ahead to the future with hope and optimism.

~ **Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister, India**



A. FISCAL ESTIMATES



▪ Budget Estimates 2024-25:

- Total receipts other than borrowings are estimated at **Rs.30.80 lakh crores** and the total expenditure at **Rs.47.66 lakh crores**.
- The net Tax receipts are estimated at **Rs.26.02 lakh crore**.
- The estimated **fiscal deficit** is **5.1 % of GDP**.
- To finance the fiscal deficit in 2024-25, the net market borrowings from dated securities are estimated at **INR 11.75 lakh crore**.
- The gross market borrowings are estimated at **INR 14.13 lakh crore**.
- Capital expenditure outlay is **INR 11.11 lakh crores** (3.4% of GDP)

▪ Revised Estimates 2023-24:

- The total receipts other than borrowings is **INR 27.56 lakh crore**, of which the net tax receipts are **Rs 23.24 lakh crore**.
- The total expenditure is **INR 44.9 lakh crore**, of which the capital expenditure is about **INR 10 lakh crores**.
- The fiscal deficit is **5.8% of GDP**, adhering to the Budget Estimate.

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B. INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❖ **Capital Expenditure Outlay for Infrastructure Development and employment generation to be increased by 11.1 percent to INR 11.11 lakh Crores, (3.4 percent of the GDP)**
- ❖ **Railways**
 - ✓ Implementation of 3 major railway corridor programmes under PM Gati Shakti- to improve logistics efficiency and reduce cost.
 - ✓ Promotion of urban transformation via Metro rail and NaMo Bharat
 - ✓ Upgradation of 40,000 existing coaches to Vande Bharat coaches
- ❖ **Aviation**
 - ✓ Expansion of existing airports and comprehensive development of new airports under UDAN Scheme
- ❖ **Housing for All**
 - ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (Rural) close to achieving target of 3 Crore houses, additional 2 Crore targeted for next 5 years**
 - ✓ Housing for Middle class scheme to be launched to promote middle class to buy/built their own houses.

C. TOWARDS GREEN ECONOMY – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ **Commitment to meet 'Net Zero' by 2070**
 - ✓ Viability gap funding for Wind Energy.
 - ✓ Phased mandatory blending of CNG , PNG and compressed biogas.
 - ✓ Financial Assistance for procurement of biomass aggregation machinery.
- ❖ **Rooftop Solarization** – 1 Crore households will be enabled to obtain upto 300 units of free electricity per month
 - ✓ Adoption of e-buses for public transport network.
 - ✓ Strengthening e-vehicle ecosystem by supporting manufacturing and charging
- ❖ **New Scheme of biomanufacturing and bio-foundry to be launched to support environment friendly alternatives.**

D. FOCUS ON POOR, YOUTH, WOMEN and FARMERS

POOR: GARIB KALYAN, DESH KA KALYAN

- 25 Crore people moved out of Multi-dimensional poverty
- Credit assistance to 78 Lakh street vendors under PM-SVANidhi



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

- 1.4 Crore youth trained under Skill India Mission
- Fostering enterpreneurial aspirations of Youth – 43 Crore loan sanctioned under PM Mudra Yojna.

WELFARE OF FARMERS

- Direct Financial assistance to 11.8 crore farmers under PM – KISAN
- Crop Insurance to 4 Crore farmers under PM Fasal Bima Yojna
- Integration 1361 mandis under e-NAM, supporting trading volume of INR 3 lakh crore.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

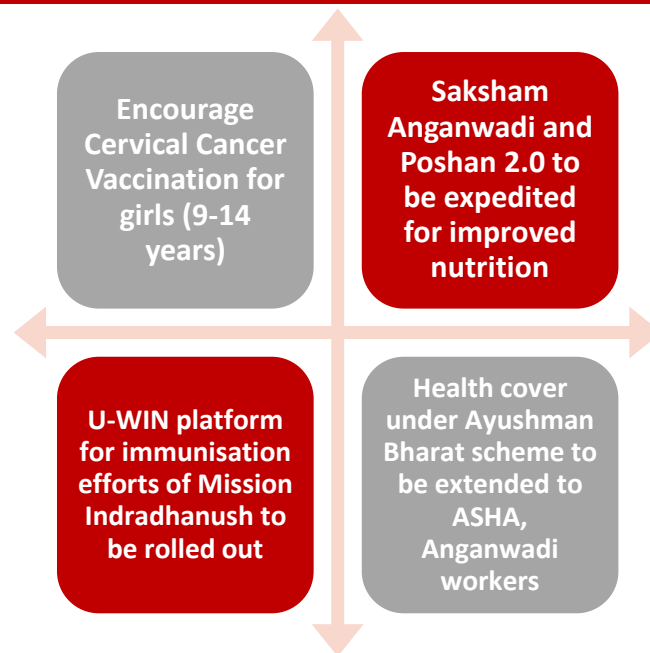
- 30 Crore Mudra Yojna loans disbursed to women entrepreneurs
- Increased female enrolment in higher education by 28 percent in 10 years
- 43 percent female enrolment in STEM courses.
- 1 Crore women assisted by 83 lakh SHGs to become Lakhpati Didis



E. ENCOURAGE TOURISM

- ✓ States to be encouraged to undertake development of iconic tourist centres to attract business and promote opportunities for local entrepreneurship and employment.
- ✓ **50 years** interest free loans to be provided to States to encourage development
- ✓ G20 meetings in 60 places presented diversity of India to global audience
- ✓ Projects for port connectivity, tourism infrastructure and amenities will be taken up in islands, including Lakshadweep.

F. HEALTH – MORE FOCUS NEEDED



G. PROMOTE SELF SUFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING

- ✓ Government to promote private and public investment in post-harvest activities
- ✓ Application of Nano-DAP to be expanded in all agro-climatic zones.
- ✓ Atmanirbhar Oilseeds Abhiyaan-Strategy to be formulated to achieve self – sufficiency in oilseeds
- ✓ Comprehensive programme for dairy development to be formulated
- ✓ 5 Integrated Aquaparks to be set up: Step up Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana to enhance pisciculture productivity, double exports and generate more employment opportunities

H. DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXATION

- **NO CHANGES** in rates for Direct and indirect taxes, including import duties
- For Corporate Taxes – 22% for existing domestic companies, 15% for certain new manufacturing companies
- Extension of certain holidays and benefits for start-ups, sovereign funds and IFSC units which is a welcome move.
- Doing away with small litigations (up to INR 25,000 for litigation up to FY 2010 and INR 10,000 for FY 2010 to FY 2015) is a great move as it reduces the load on both the tax payers and the tax administration

OUR VIEW

The interim statement is focused on an India which is expected to be modern, innovative, development and people focused. It is focused on infrastructure development and scores well on initiatives for women, youth, farmers, and weaker sections of the society. Overall, this interim budget reinforces the government's progressive outlook. In a long time, women empowerment through their skill development and betterment of women health has now become the focus. We are pleased to see focus on physical infrastructure viz., rail, freight, airports and rural infrastructure. Emphasis on developing tourism in the country is an excellent initiative. With this, many tier II and tier III cities will witness economic development. The stated aim on maintaining fiscal prudence is a positive as achieving the target Fiscal Deficit of 4.5% of GDP will reduce cost of capital. It is also encouraging to hear that continued fiscal consolidation will likely result in financing capital expenditure outlay through mostly own revenue sources. Overall, an interim statement which gives hopes for a bright future.