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## UNION Budget 2020-21

## **Key highlights of Union Budget** 2020-21



India, the fifth largest economy in the world remains on track to move to a **US\$5 trillion** economy by 2024

Strong focus on **Growth Revival** in Budget 2020

Annual household saving of **US\$55.94** due to GST; 6 million new taxpayers added in the last two years

Fundamentals of India's economy **remains strong** with structural reforms, inclusive growth and well-contained inflation.

**Clean-up** of public banks, recapitalisation, facilitation of exit for companies through Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC)

US\$284 billion FDI received between 2014-2019; increase from US\$190 billion in previous five years Current GDP growth at 5%, expected to increase to **6% - 6.5 %**. GDP growth expected to rebound from first quarter of 2020-21.

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Historic reform like **Goods and Services Tax (GST) integrated** India economically



## Economic Development

## **Industry & Commerce**

US\$3.85 billion allocated for 2020-21 for development and promotion of Industry and Commerce.

**Five new Smart Cities** proposed to be developed with States in Public-private partnership (PPP) mode

Exporters to be digitally refunded duties and taxes levied at the Central, State and local levels, which are otherwise not exempted or refunded

All Ministries to issue quality standard orders as per PM's vision of "Zero Defect-Zero Effect" manufacturing

#### NEW LAUNCHES: BOOSTING INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

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#### National Technical Textiles Mission

To Position India as a Leader in Technical Textiles

- US\$208.45 million outlay, a National Technical Textiles Mission to be set up
- Saluting entrepreneurship spirit in India, Investment Clearance
  Cell proposed to be set up for facilitation and support to youth
- Niryat Rin Vikas Yojana (NIRVIK) scheme to provide high insurance cover for exporters and reduce premium for small exporters. Also achieve higher export credit disbursement and simplify procedures for settlement claims

New Scheme to encourage **manufacture of mobile phones**, **electronic equipment and semiconductor packaging** proposed

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#### Infrastructure

Launch of National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) : **US\$1.4 trillion** to be invested on infrastructure over the next 5 years

- A **National Logistics Policy** to be released; A single window e-logistics market to be created
- **US\$14.09 billion** proposed for transport infrastructure in 2020-21.
- **Highways:** Development of highways in India to be accelerated
  - a) 2,500 km access control highways, **9,000 km** of economic corridors, 2,000 km of coastal and land port roads and 2,000 Km of strategic highways to be built
  - b) Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and two other packages to be completed by 2023/ Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway to be started

#### **INDIAN RAILWAYS**

- → 4 station re-development projects and operation of 150 passenger trains through PPP
- → More Tejas type (semi-high speed) trains to connect iconic tourist destinations
- → High-speed train between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to be actively pursued
- → 148 km long Bengaluru Suburban transport project at a cost of US\$2.62 billion project. Central Government to provide 20% of equity and facilitate external assistance upto 60% of the project cost.

## **Infrastructure & New Economy**

**100 more airports** to be developed by 2024 to support Udaan scheme

US\$3.1 billion proposed for power and renewable energy sector in 2020-21

**To Cater to New Economy:** Policy to enable **Data Centre Parks** to be built by private sector

**US\$845.07** million proposed for **Bharatnet** programme in 2020-21

**US\$1.13 billion** proposed over five years for **National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications**  Ministry Of External Affairs Government Of India





## **Clean, Transparent Governance**

## Driven by a corruption free, policy-driven governance

Taxpayer charter to be enshrined in the statute

**Companies Act** to be amended, criminal liability for certain acts that are civil in nature

**New National Policy** on **Official Statistics** to modernise data collection, to facilitate integrated information portal with timely dissemination

Bank consolidation, **capital infusion of US\$49.3billion** into public sector banks and governance reforms to make Public sector Banks competitive and transparent.

Several measures to strengthen the Micro, medium and small enterprises (MSMEs)







## **Measures to encourage investment**

Governance reforms to be carried out to bring in **transparency and greater professionalism** in Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

A.Few PSBs to be encouraged to approach the capital market to raise **additional capital** 

- B.Monitoring of scheduled commercial bank's health through a **robust mechanism**, keeping depositor's money safe.
- **c.Government to sell** its balance holding in Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank) to private, retail and institutional investors through stock exchange

D.Certain govt securities will be open for **foreign investors** 

- E.New scheme to provide subordinate debt for entrepreneurs
- F. Export promotion of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) for pharmaceuticals, auto components and other sectors; a **US\$140 million** scheme

Government to sell a part of its holding in LIC by way of Initial Public Offer (IPO)

Tax buoyancy expected to take time





### **Financial Market & Fiscal Deficit**

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An International Bullion exchange(s) to be set up as an additional option for trade by global market participants at International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) & Gujarat International Finance Tech-city (GIFT) City

**Financial Markets:** Deepening the Bond Market with specified government securities to be opened fully for non - resident investors; Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) limit in corporate bonds increased to 15% from 9% of its outstanding stock

An all-time high accumulation of **foreign exchange reserves of US\$457.5 billion** as of December 2019.

Part of borrowings for financial year 2020-21 to go towards Capital expenditure scaled up by more than 21%.

Central Government debt reduced to 48.7% of GDP (March 2019) from 52.2% (March 2014).

#### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

Fiscal deficit limited to 3.8% of the GDP estimated in RE 2019-20 and 3.5% in 2020-21

#### FY 2019-20

Revised Estimates of Expenditure: at **US\$366.21 billion** 

Revised Estimates of Receipts: estimated at **US\$267.61 billion** 

#### FY 2020-21

Nominal growth of GDP estimated at **10%**.

Receipts: estimated at US\$309.87 billion

Expenditure at US\$422.54 billion

# Finance, Commerce & Industry

### **Taxation**

**Personal Income Tax:** Significant Relief to Middle-class Tax-Payers and expected to jump-start consumption

- a) New and simplified personal income tax regime
- b) 70 of the existing exemptions and deductions to be removed
- c) New tax regime to be optional an individual may continue to pay tax as per the old regime and avail deductions and exemptions

| Taxable Income Slab (Rs.) | Existing tax rates | New tax rates |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 0-2.5 Lakh                | Exempt             | Exempt        |
| 2.5-5 Lakh                | 5%                 | 5%            |
| 5-7.5 Lakh                | 20%                | 10%           |
| 7.5-10 Lakh               | 20%                | 15%           |
| 10-12.5 Lakh              | 30%                | 20%           |
| 12.5-15 Lakh              | 30%                | 25%           |
| Above 15 Lakh             | 30%                | 30%           |

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- Corporate Tax: Tax rate of 15% extended to new electricity generation companies; Indian corporate tax rates now amongst the lowest in the world.
- Start-ups with turnover up to US\$14.08 million to enjoy 100% deduction for 3 consecutive assessment years out of 10 years; Defer tax payment on Employee Stock Option Plan by five years

#### - Trade Policy measures:

- A. Excise duty proposed to be raised on cigarettes and other tobacco products, no change made in the duty rates of bidis.
- B. Anti-dumping duty on Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) abolished to benefit the textile sector.

#### **Attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**

Simplified GST Return to be implemented from April 1, 2020

**Tax concession for foreign investments:** To incentivise the investment by the Sovereign Wealth Fund of foreign governments in the priority sectors,100% tax exemption to the interest, dividend and capital gains income on investment made in infrastructure and priority sectors before March 31, 2024 with a minimum lock-in period of 3 years

Government to consider further opening up of **FDI in aviation**, **media and insurance sectors** in consultation with all stakeholders. 100 % FDI will be permitted for insurance intermediaries and local sourcing norms will be eased for FDI in single brand retail sector.

Net FDI inflows have continued to be buoyant in 2019-20 (April – November) attracting **US\$24.4 billion** 

#### **CUSTOM DUTIES**

To support footwear and furniture manufacturing which come under the MSME sector, customs duty raised on footwear to 35% from 25% and on furniture goods to 25% from 20%.

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Basic customs duty on imports of **newsprint and light-weight coated paper** reduced from 10% to 5%.

Customs duty rates revised on **electric vehicles and parts of mobiles** 

To provide impetus to medical equipment industry and generate resources for health industry, 5% health cess imposed on import of **medical devices** 

## **Roadmap for the New-Age**

New-age technologies like analytics, artificial intelligence, robotics, machine learning, bio-informatics are rewriting the world economic order. India currently has the highest-ever number of people in the productive age group (15-65 years). In this backdrop, India aims for:

Enhanced focus on AI, Internet-of-Things (IoT), 3D printing, drones, DNA data storage, quantum computing

Indian manufacturing sector, primarily automotive and assembly, has been one of the first sectors to implement advanced robotics at scale

Seamless delivery of services through Digital Governance

Improvement in physical quality of life through National Infrastructure Pipeline

Risk mitigation through Disaster Resilience

Social security through Pension and Insurance penetration



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