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## UNION BUDGET 2026-27

*Viksit Vision*  
*Atmanirbhar Ambition*

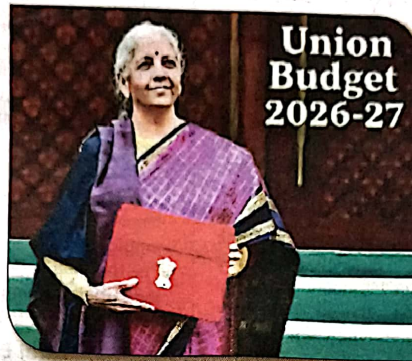
### EN Team

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the Union Budget 2026-27 in Parliament on February 1, 2026. The first Budget presented from Kartavya Bhawan, is guided by three Kartavyas:

- Accelerating and sustaining economic growth
- Fulfilling the aspirations of people by building their capacities
- Ensuring inclusive development in line with the vision of *Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas*

The Budget places strong emphasis on public investment-led expansion by increasing capital expenditure to Rs. 12.2 lakh crore. Major infrastructure initiatives such as dedicated freight corridors, high-speed rail networks, national waterways and coastal shipping are expected to reduce logistics costs, enhance productivity and crowd in private investment, thereby strengthening India's growth momentum.

**Industrial transformation** forms a central pillar of the Budget. Strategic interventions under the Biopharma SHAKTI mission, India Semiconductor Mission 2.0, Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme, Rare Earth Corridors and Chemical Parks aim to **strengthen domestic manufacturing capabilities**, deepen value chains and reduce import dependence. These measures promote technological upgradation and align with the objectives of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.



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Employment generation is addressed through **targeted skilling and enterprise support** across sectors. The addition of 100,000 Allied Health Professionals, expansion of veterinary education, promotion of the AVGC sector under the Orange Economy, and tourism-focused skill programmes are expected to create opportunities in labour-intensive and high-growth service sectors. Further, the Rs. 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund and enhanced support to micro enterprises recognise MSMEs as the backbone of employment generation, particularly in Tier-II and Tier-III regions.

Overall, the Union Budget 2026-27 adopts a comprehensive approach by integrating infrastructure development, manufacturing expansion, human capital formation and institutional reforms.

### Fiscal Highlights Union Budget 2026-27

- **Debt-to-GDP Ratio:**
  - RE 2025-26: 56.1%
  - BE 2026-27: 55.6%
  - Target by 2030-31: 50%
- **Fiscal Deficit:**
  - RE 2025-26: 4.4% of GDP
  - BE 2026-27: 4.3% of GDP
- **Capital Expenditure:**
  - RE 2025-26: Rs. 11 lakh crore
  - BE 2026-27: 12.2 lakh crore
- **Centre's Net Tax Receipts:**
  - RE 2025-26: Rs. 26.7 lakh crore
  - BE 2026-27: Rs. 28.7 lakh crore
- **Total Expenditure & Non-Debt Receipts:**
  - RE 2025-26: Total Rs. 49.6 lakh crore, Non-debt Rs. 34 lakh crore
  - BE 2026-27: Total Rs. 53.5 lakh crore, Non-debt Rs. 36.5 lakh crore
- **Borrowings:**
  - Net market borrowings: Rs. 11.7 lakh crore
  - Gross market borrowings: Rs. 17.2 lakh crore
  - Balance financing from small savings & other sources

## Employment-Focused Manufacturing Push

The Budget places manufacturing-led growth at the centre of its strategy, recognising industry as a key driver of large-scale employment generation and skill development.

### Biopharma and Life Sciences

- Launch of the **Biopharma SHAKTI Mission** with an outlay of **Rs. 10,000 crore over five years** to develop India as a global biopharma manufacturing hub
- Establishment of **three new NIPERs** and upgradation of **seven existing NIPERs** to strengthen education, research, and innovation
- Creation of a **network of over 1,000 accredited clinical trial sites** to support advanced research, testing, and regulatory ecosystems

### Electronics Components Manufacturing

- Increase in outlay of the **Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme** to **Rs. 40,000 crore**
- Focus on boosting **domestic production of high-value electronic components**
- Strengthening **ancillary industries** to improve supply-chain depth and manufacturing scale

### Critical Minerals and Rare Earth Industries

- Establishment of **Dedicated Rare Earth Corridors** in Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu
- Adoption of an **integrated approach** covering mining, processing, research, and downstream manufacturing
- Support for **strategic sectors** such as electronics, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing

### Chemical Industry and Industrial Clusters

- Support to States for establishing **three Chemical Parks** through a **challenge-based mechanism**
- Promotion of a **cluster-based, plug-and-play industrial model**
- Objective of improving **scale efficiencies**, attracting private investment, and **modernising chemical production**

### MSMEs and Start-ups

- Introduction of a **Rs. 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund** to nurture high-potential enterprises and develop "**Champion MSMEs**", particularly in **Tier-II and Tier-III regions**.
- Additional allocation of **Rs. 2,000 crore** to the **Self-Reliant India Fund** to sustain **risk capital support** for micro enterprises
- Launch of the **Corporate Mitras Programme** to provide **professional handholding and mentorship** to MSMEs
- Professional institutions such as ICAI, ICSI, and ICMAI to design **short-term, modular training programmes** for MSME support services

### Overall Impact

This focused push towards manufacturing is expected to significantly:

- Expand **employment opportunities**
- Strengthen **skill ecosystems**
- Improved **credit access and financial resilience** of MSMEs
- Strengthening of **entrepreneurial ecosystems** beyond metropolitan regions
- Enhance India's **industrial base** in the medium to long term

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