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Health care gets 9.78% boost, cancer treatment costs to drop

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Health care gets 9.78% boost, cancer treatment costs to drop

Customs duty exemption for lifesaving drugs, more money for Ayushman Bharat

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Mumbai, 1 February

The Centre's health care Budget saw a 9.78 per cent increase to ₹99,857 crore for 2025-26, with a 28.8 per cent rise in the allocation for Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-JAMAY), which is now at ₹9,406 crore. There was also relief for cancer patients with 36 cancer and rare disease drugs being exempted from Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and support for district hospitals to open cancer care centres.

The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) received a 28.82 per cent boost, with ₹5,268.72 crore allocated. The promotion of bulk drug parks rose from ₹1,000 crore to ₹1,460 crore, while production-linked incentive schemes (PLI) saw a smaller rise from ₹2,143 crore to ₹2,444.9 crore.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced plans to establish day-care cancer centres in all district hospitals within three years, with 200 centres opening in 2025-26. This initiative aims to significantly reduce out-of-pocket expenses for cancer patients. According to the National Cancer Registry Programme, cancer cases are expected to rise, with an estimated 800,000 new diagnoses annually. Experts have advocated for building capacity through a hub-and-spoke model for cancer care, with an estimated need for 10,000-15,000 more day-care beds and 25,000 surgical beds to serve all reported cancer patients.

Cancer treatment is set to become more affordable. Sitharaman proposed adding 36 lifesaving drugs to the list of those exempted from BCD. Another six lifesaving medicines will now be subject to a 5



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Health allocation in Union Budget 2025-26

	(in ₹ cr)		
	FY25 BE	FY26 BE	% change
Overall health allocation	90,958	99,857	9.78
Key schemes			
■ National Health Mission	36,000	37,226	3.40
■ Ayushman Bharat	7,300	9,406	28.84
■ National AIDS and STD Programme	2,892	3,443	19.05
■ ICMR	2,732	3,125	14.38
Dept of pharmaceuticals*	4,090	5,269	28.82

BE: Budget Estimate; ICMR: Indian Council for Medical Research; *figures under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Source: Union Budget 2025-26

per cent concessional Customs duty. These drugs include those for rare genetic disorders like spinal muscular atrophy in children and cancer treatments like Asciminib (leukemia), with some drugs currently priced in crores. The Customs duty cuts will bring meaningful relief to patients. Currently, most cancer drugs face a 10 per cent BCD.

Furthermore, specific medicines supplied under Patient Assistance Programmes (PAIPs) by pharmaceutical companies, including drugs for breast cancer (Ribociclib by Novartis), severe asthma (AstraZeneca's Benralizumab), and Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis (Takeda's Vedolizumab), are now fully exempt from BCD. The finance

minister proposed adding 37 more medicines and 13 new PAIPs.

"By prioritising affordability and access, these initiatives not only provide critical financial relief to patients and their families but also strengthen the rare disease ecosystem in India," said Ruchi Sagarwal, director of corporate affairs at Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India.

Public health expert K Srinath Reddy, meanwhile, said while the Budget had several welcome initiatives to improve healthcare delivery, the National Health Mission — the vehicle for strengthening primary care and district hospitals — had received only a small increase. This imbalance needed to be corrected, Reddy added.

The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-AHIM) saw a 26.67 per cent increase to ₹4,758 crore, with ₹4,200 crore earmarked for centrally sponsored schemes as capex. The National Digital Health Mission (ABDM) allocation increased by a substantial 70.06 per cent to ₹340.11 crore. The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSY), focused on correcting regional healthcare imbalances, saw a 10.4 per cent rise to ₹9940 crore, while the central hospital budget grew 4.69 per cent to ₹4,621 crore.

To boost healthcare research, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) received ₹3,125.5 crore, a 14.4 per cent increase from the previous year.

Medical tourism also received a push, with Sitharaman announcing partnerships with the private sector, capacity building, and relaxed visa norms. Recent geopolitical tensions have led to a drop in patients from Bangladesh.

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Gig economy to get rainy day cover

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Online platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, Amazon and Flipkart are likely to see increased interest for delivery-partner and warehouse-worker jobs as the Union Budget has proposed formalising the gig economy, industry executives told *Mint*.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in her budget speech on Saturday that gig workers would be provided health insurance under the government's flagship Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). Currently, the National Health Authority (NHA) implements the world's largest health insurance scheme, which provides health cover of ₹3 lakh per family per year. Under the terms of AB-PMJAY, there is no waiting period and no restrictions on pre-existing health conditions.

Gig workers will also be issued identity cards and be eligible to register on the e-Shram portal, the national database of unorganized workers under the labour ministry.

Balasubramanian Anantha Narayanan, senior vice president at Team Lease Services Ltd, said, "Officially recognizing and formalising the gig economy is a step in the right direction.

Including gig workers in the organized ecosystem will help them get employment benefits, and encourage more people to take advantage of the growing opportunities."

The issuance of identity cards will give gig work the status of actual jobs when so far, gig work has been seen as temporary and mainly for side income, said Madhav Krishna, founder and chief executive of Vahan.ai, a blue-collar recruitment platform in Bengaluru. "Food and grocery delivery platforms, e-commerce companies, and logistics firms will see massive benefits as formalisation kicks in," he added.

More than 85% of India's workforce is informal and a majority of it comprises gig workers, according to Teamlease's Narayanan. Online commerce and logistics platforms are among the biggest employers of gig workers in the form of delivery agents and dark-store workers.

These workers have become pivotal to the operations of the platforms as speedy and efficient deliveries boost brand loyalty and customer satisfaction. The number of gig workers in

India is expected to increase to 23.5 million by 2029-30 from 7.7 million last year, Niti Aayog estimates.

The growing digital economy has created more employment opportunities, especially for the freelancing workforce. As a result, the gig economy is also set to grow to 235 million workers by FY30, when it will comprise 4.1% of the total workforce.

"The digital economy has significantly broadened job opportunities encompassing roles from delivery personnel, cab drivers, and beauty professionals to software engineers and data analysts," according to the Economic Survey 2024-25.

Moreover, hyperlocal service platforms have revolutionized the job landscape in the transport, food delivery and home services industries by creating flexible employment options by leveraging technology while transforming traditional service sectors into digitally driven ecosystems, the survey added.

To be sure, many platforms have already extended benefits such as health insurance to gig workers.

A Zomato spokesperson told *Mint* the number of claims processed in favour of its delivery partners has more than doubled over the past four years to ₹53 crore a year, and that 55% of the claims in 2024 were paid to cover medical expenses unrelated to accidents.

Swiggy, too, has been offering health and other forms of insurance to its delivery partners at terms considered to be international best practices, said Dinker Vashist, vice-president for corporate affairs at the company.

"The government's decision to cover gig workers under its flagship health insurance scheme is a worthy one. We will await more details to see how insurance can continue to be best provided, and how the interests of our delivery partners are best served," Vashist added.

Krishna of Vahan.ai added that digital platforms must work closely with the government to incorporate the changes. "No one party can take on the challenge alone. It's good that the government is putting some skin in the game because if the platforms are expected to take on the entire burden, it will stunt their innovation and growth, which will be bad for our economy in general," he said, adding that details of the framework and budget allocation for the scheme are yet to be chalked out.

The number of gig workers in India is expected to increase from 7.7 million in 2024 to 23.5 million by 2029-30, Niti Aayog estimates

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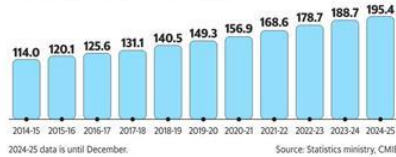
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Medical cost burden is rising consistently

Consumer Price Index, health (base year 2012 = 100), yearly



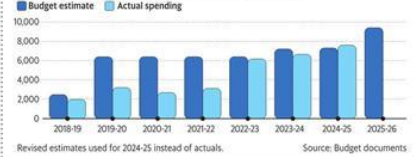
THE BURNING ISSUES OF OUR TIMES: HOW BUDGET DELIVERED

HEALTH SPENDING

Apart from high food prices, rising medical and healthcare costs have also burdened the common people. To protect poor families from catastrophic health expenses, the government launched its flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat, in 2018. Last year, it was expanded to cover senior citizens as well. However, the scheme has mostly seen funds being under-utilized. That is set to change in 2024-25, with the final spending set to cross the budget, and with a fresh hike in 2025-26.

Allocation under PMJAY hiked by nearly 28%

Allocation/spending under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (in ₹ crore)



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100% FDI in insurance: Too little, too late

Well-established insurers don't need the expertise of foreign players, but smaller peers may benefit

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The government in its Union Budget for 2025-26 proposed raising the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit for India's insurance sector to 100% from 74%, meeting a long-awaited industry demand.

So why did the stocks of most Indian insurance companies end the day flat to negative? The simple reason is that well-established life insurance companies in India don't need the expertise of foreign players through strategic stake sale any longer.

Also, the interest of foreign companies in Indian insurance has declined over the years. Standard Life (now known as ABRDN Plc), New York Life Insurance Co., and Old Mutual Ltd after partnering with HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd, Max Life and Kotak Life, respectively, have exited India.

There is also a need to distinguish between the government-approved limit and company-specific limit approved by the board of directors of a company.

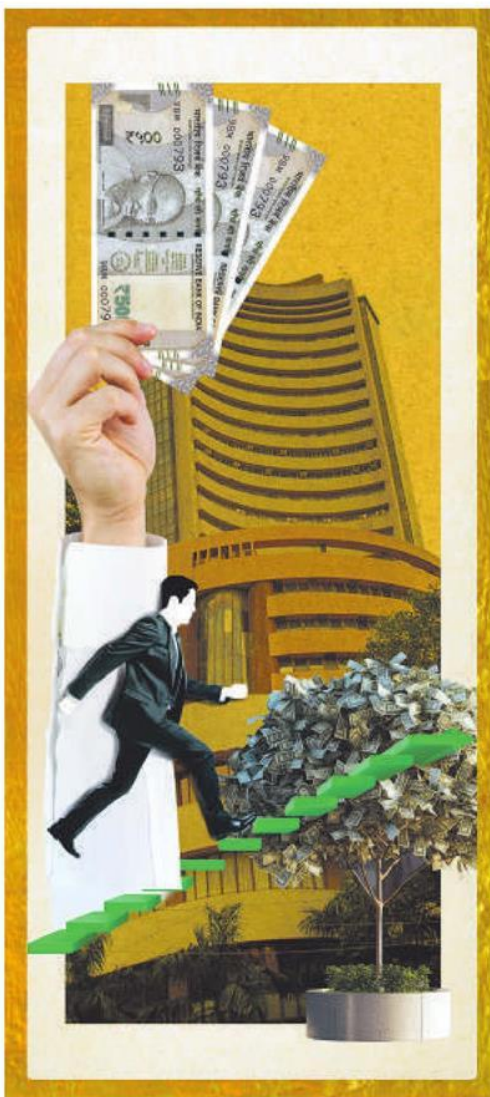
For instance, even with the foreign ownership limit at 74%, HDFC Life had capped it at 49%. The lack of interest of foreign investors in Indian life insurance companies is evident from the fact that

not only is the existing limit of 49% underutilized, their shareholding has been gradually falling—from 31.4% in December 2023 to 25.3% in December 2024.

The same is true for ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd, which has an approved limit of 74%, but actual utilization stands at just 36.8%. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd also has less than 25% foreign shareholding despite the limit of 74%.

This brings us to the moot question: why would established players like, say, SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd, be happy to let their shareholding drop below 26%? Effectively, this means that even if 100% FDI is permitted in the insurance sector, if companies don't want to let go of their stake, there is little that foreign investors can do. For small or fringe insurers that are looking to exit completely, the budget proposal presents an opportunity as foreign insurance giants do not have to worry about the nuisance of having to deal with minority shareholders interfering in management holding a 26% stake.

A case in point is Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Co. Ltd, which had less



KEY TAKEAWAYS

► **CROWDED MARKET**
The insurance sector already has 26 life insurers and 34 general insurers

► **GOVT'S AIM**
'Insurance for all by 2047' could be met through coverage of Ayushman Bharat

► **DISTRIBUTION HEFT**
Foreign insurers looking to enter India would need local distribution network

than 1% market share in annual premium in the general insurance sector and sold 70% of its stake to Zurich Insurance Co. Ltd for ₹5,560 crore in June. It might be well-placed to exit completely if it wants after the latest budget announcement.

Before Acko Life Insurance, Credit Access Life Insurance and Kshema General Insurance began operations in 2022-23, life and non-life insurers in India were registered in 2011 and 2017, respectively. None of these companies is promoted by foreigners. The promoters of these companies could have anyway raised funds by selling a 74% stake.

Even if foreign companies want to set up shop in India, they would want to have a minority partner as it helps in having a distribution network. So, in any case, it is likely that they would have less than a 100% stake. While it is assumed that the increase in FDI limit will enhance competition, the Indian insurance market already has too many players, with 26 life insurers and 34 general insurers, as per the data on the regulator's website.

Also, most of the incremental growth for life insurance companies is from unit-linked insurance plan (ULIP) sales, indicating that insurance has become more of an investment. The government's ambition to ensure 'insurance for all by 2047' could be met through extensive coverage of Ayushman Bharat (its health insurance scheme) and that business is likely to be bagged by public sector general insurers. The most significant change for Indian non-life or general insurance companies could happen if the goods and services tax (GST) is abolished, increasing affordability. But that falls under the domain of the GST Council. When it happens, it should see increased interest in general insurance from foreigners and domestic players alike.

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A new jobs blueprint for India's young

Plan to create opportunities in rural areas so that migration to cities is an option not a necessity

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The government's focus on creating jobs for informal and gig workers comes at a time when the economy has been struggling to create enough formal jobs. So, the government is leaning on agriculture, manufacturing, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups to generate more employment opportunities for the country's burgeoning youth.

For instance, under 'Building Rural Prosperity and Resilience', the government aims to generate new businesses and employment for young farmers, marginal and small farmers, landless families and rural women. "The goal is to generate ample opportunities in rural areas so that migration is an option, but not a necessity," said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her eighth straight budget speech on Saturday.

In fact, migration to the urban regions can be detrimental for many because skill gaps lead to fewer employment opportunities for those who moved to bigger cities. "There needs to be more clarity on rural job creation. About 60% of our workforce is linked to rural employment and more details are needed on how to create jobs at such a large scale," said Guruprasad Srinivasan, group chief executive officer (CEO) of staffing firm Quess Corp.

Friday's Economic Survey for FY25 said that India needs to create an average of 7.85 million non-farm jobs annually until 2030 to effectively engage its growing working population. Therefore, the pressure to generate more jobs in diverse industries becomes crucial.

Hence, the government will attempt to create employment in labour-intensive sectors. The Focus Product Scheme for footwear and leather sectors is expected to create 2.2 million jobs. The scheme will support design capacity, component manufacturing, and machinery required for production of non-leather quality footwear, besides the support for leather footwear and products. A National Action Plan for Toys, with the aim to make India a global hub for toys is expected to bring in development of clusters, skills, and a manufacturing ecosystem.

There are 10 million registered MSMEs, employing 75 million. To help them achieve higher efficiencies of scale, technological upgrade and better access to capital, budget raised the investment and turnover limits for classification of all MSMEs by 2.5 and 2 times respectively. "This will give them the confidence to grow and generate employment for our youth," Sitharaman said.

These efforts to boost employment opportunities come at a time when the

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **GENERATING JOBS**
Government leans on MSMEs, agriculture, manufacturing, startups for job creation

► **HEALTHCARE BENEFIT**
Gig workers will be provided healthcare under the AB-PMJAY scheme

► **SECTOR SPECIFIC**
Centre attempts to create employment in labour-intensive sectors

The Economic Survey reveals a troubling decline in earnings across self-employed and salaried workers over the past seven years. Male self-employed workers saw their monthly income slip 9.1% to ₹8,591 in 2023-24 from ₹9,454 in 2017-18, while female self-employed workers faced a steeper 32.2% plunge to just ₹2,950. Salaried employees weren't spared either—male salaried workers experienced a 6.4% decline in wages to ₹11,858, while female salaried workers took a harder hit with a 12.5% drop to ₹8,855.

Gig workers will be provided healthcare under the government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), benefitting about 10 million. "The government will arrange for gig workers' identity cards, their registration on the e-Shram portal and healthcare under PM Jan Arogya Yojana," she noted.

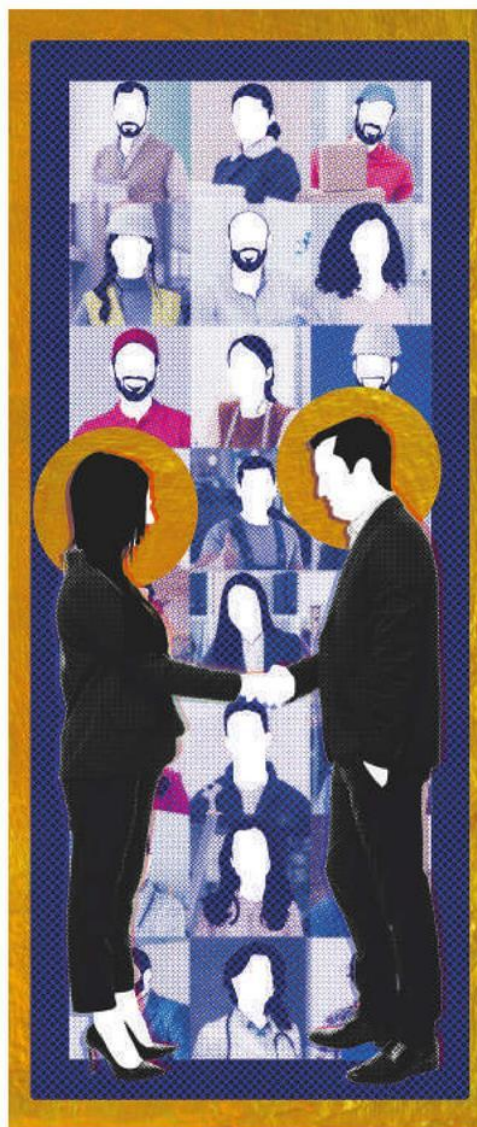
Industry analysts have noted the change as dependency on white-collar workforce reduces. "Job creation for millions cannot be fulfilled by white-collar workforce. Increase in entrepreneurship loans and medical benefits towards gig workers will uniformly add to jobs," said Suchindra Kumar, partner and leader-education, PwC India.

The gig economy is set to employ 235 million, or 4.1% of the total workforce, by FY30.

"With employment becoming more and more like a taxicab relationship, we need a framework of reforms that would recognise, legalise and formalise the gig ecosystem," said Balasubramanian A., senior vice-president and business head for Teamlease Services.

On the startup front, in what would lead to enhancement of credit availability, the government said it would increase credit availability from ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore, with the guarantee fee being moderated to 1% for loans in 27 focus sectors important for Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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Time to heal: Focus on cancer care

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The Union budget presented on Saturday saw a 9.8% increase in the allocation for the healthcare sector to ₹99,858.56 crore from ₹90,958.68 crore in the previous financial year but overall health allocation remained below 2% of the budget.

The budget extended the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme to gig workers, increased the number of seats in medical education, lent support to medical tourism, announced the establishment of 200 cancer daycare centres and exempted duties on 36 essential medicines for cancer and rare diseases.

Sitharaman said another six life-saving medicines are to be added to the list of drugs that attract a customs duty of 5% if these drugs are provided free of charge to eligible beneficiaries.

Around one in nine people in India are expected to face a cancer diagnosis during their lifetime. Around 70 million Indians are estimated to suffer from rare diseases as per the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Official data says

the projected cancer burden in India is expected to rise from 26.7 million DALYs (disability-adjusted life years) in 2021 to 29.8 million in 2025, with the highest burden in the north and northeast.

The proposals were part of a health budget that made up a paltry 1.97% of total allocations, slightly up from 1.90% in the previous budget.

Nikhil K Masurkar, CEO, Entod Pharmaceuticals said the move will boost exports of key drugs. "The removal of basic customs duty on 36 life-saving drugs, along with reductions on bulk drugs, is a commendable move that will make essential medicines more affordable for patients," he said.

Daara Patel, secretary general at the Indian Drugs Manufacturers Association added, "This will help us serve millions of lives and support our initiatives of being patient-centric."

Additionally, the finance minister said she proposed to set up 200 daycare cancer centres—one in every district hospital—over the next three years, another step welcomed by experts.

"Setting of daycare cancer centres at district level is a welcome step. These centres will provide facilities for cancer

chemotherapy/immunotherapy and daycare operations for a variety of cancers," said Dr Shyam Aggarwal, vice president, Indian Society of Medical and Paediatric Oncology.

Shashank N.D, CEO & Co-founder, Practo said that cancer treatment involves long-term care, with out-of-pocket (OOP) expenses forming the bulk of costs.

"The mean OOP for breast cancer treatment could be somewhere around ₹1.86 lakh, accounting for anywhere between 60-70% of the total cost. In 2018, the mean OOP for hospitalization for any cancer treatment in India was ₹85,595, with costs significantly higher in private hospitals. Medicines and hospitalization alone make up over 60% of a patient's total expenses."

The finance minister said the government has added almost 110,000 undergraduate and post-graduate medical education seats in 10 years, a 130% increase. Another 10,000 seats will be added next year in medical colleges and teaching hospitals—part of plans to add 75,000 seats in the next five years.

The government has allocated ₹3,125 crore to the Indian Council of Medical Research in union budget 2025-26 to strengthen research into pressing health challenges.

To accelerate digital healthcare, the government allocated ₹340.11 crore to the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health which is a ₹140.11 crore increase, almost 70% over 2024-25 estimates.

Sitharaman also told Parliament that the gig workers will be provided healthcare under the government's flagship health assurance scheme—Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). The budget also proposed to boost medical tourism.

Dr Sarit Rout, Economist, Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) Bhubaneswar, said, "Overall, total allocations to Health including Ayush ministry remains more or less 2% of general government expenditure, no change in the share. Many programmes including NHM do not witness any substantial hike. The national health mission shows a moderate increase in the allocations, which is just 4%, compared to 2021-25 BE and this will have many ramifications on the already strained health infrastructure in rural areas."

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This year's budget comes at a critical juncture when the bounce-back from the covid-19 pandemic seems to have exhausted itself and the economy risks sliding into the low growth rates seen right before the pandemic. Also, as I've highlighted before and as mentioned in the Economic Survey, the pace of creation of regular wage jobs has been slower than desired, share of self-employment has increased, and labour earnings have stagnated. The related divergence between labour earnings and profits of large firms has also found a mention in the Economic Survey.

The reason is continued weakness in private investment, due to low rates of capacity utilization, signalling poor demand. Completing the vicious circle, low demand in turn seems to be a result of anaemic job creation and crowding of workers into surplus-labour

sectors such as agriculture and petty retail. Efforts to break out by increasing public capital expenditure have thus far not yielded the expected results. There were voices from corporate India leading up to the budget asking for a direct boost to consumption instead.

In this backdrop, the budget has clearly focussed on boosting consumption and stimulating job growth. Only time will tell if the new measures have the required fiscal support and the policy structure to deliver results.

But first, on the overall budget numbers, it is worth noting that the estimated expenditure for the coming year is only 5.7% higher than the revised estimates for 2024-25. That means that in real terms, the size of government spending is expected to remain approximately the same. Instead, the demand-side push has come in the form of an extension of the tax rebate for incomes up to ₹12 lakh per year (up from ₹7 lakh) under the new tax regime.

Coming to the supply-side push to create jobs, one can think of this in terms of horizontal policy measures that have the potential to impact several sectors at once and vertical measures targeted at a particular industry or sector.

Among the former are attempts to improve credit allocation to

MSMEs, greater investment in skilling, a push for better urban governance, municipal services and planning, and lower regulatory costs. While skilling has been a long-term item for the present government with mixed results, the emphasis on urban governance, land and planning is a welcome one. Especially if it improves the ease of doing business in India's small towns (think district headquarters and smaller, not metros and state capitals) where the majority of the urban workforce resides.

Another point worth noting is the attempt to create platforms for cross-ministry coordination in the form of the National Manufacturing Mission and the Export Promotion Mission that will coordinate the activities of the commerce, finance and MSME ministries. One hopes that the ministries of labour as well as skill development and entrepreneurship will also be a part of these missions.

Coming to sectoral focus areas, the concern with job creation is also clear when we look at the industries that found mention in the speech. These include labour-intensive industries such as food processing, leather and footwear, toys, tourism and healthcare. On toys and leather/footwear, there seems

to be a shift in emphasis indicated by the elimination of the tiny allocations made under the PLI scheme last year. The expenditure tables contain the mention of a "new employment generation scheme" which has had a substantial budget revision up from ₹7,000 crore to ₹20,000 crore in the coming year. But details are not clear.

Alongside broadly subsidy-oriented schemes, there are also several proposed adjustments to the trade regime in an effort to reduce incidences of an inverted duty structure and provide a more conducive trade environment for Indian firms. This is a continuation of the review of India's tariff structure announced in the July 2024 Budget.

Finally, on the supply side, there is a strong signal on reducing regulatory costs as well, for example, via Jan Vishwas 2.0 that will carry forward the decriminalization agenda.

On the job-quality front, there is a small signal that the government is ready to think about social security for gig and platform workers. Gig workers will be made a part of the e-Shram portal and provided health insurance under Ayushman Bharat. Clearly, this is a very small step given the enormity of challenges facing this rapidly growing part of the workforce.

In sum, the budget sends the right signals, and one needs to wait and see if the coming year brings the expected results.

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A Budget that misses out on health of the people

Though there is a nominal rise in allocation, in real terms the hike is paltry. Schemes that aid the poor have been neglected



INDRANIL MUKHOPADHYAY

The government continues to neglect the health sector. In nominal terms there is some increase in the total allocation of Ministry of Health and AYUSH taken together compared to the previous Budget. Allocation has increased from ₹94,671 crore (2024-25 BE) to ₹103,851 crore (2025-26 Budget Estimate). Though this looks a significant increase of ₹9,180 crore in nominal terms, if we adjust for the effect of inflation this means an increase of 3.04 per cent in real terms.

Moreover, in real terms this is 4.7 per cent less than what was actually spent in 2020-21. This means, the care that could be provided in 2020-21 cannot be ensured now, given that allocations have declined while prices have skyrocketed.

This also means that as percentage of GDP, the government allocation to health has declined from 0.37 per cent to 0.29 per cent between 2020-21 Actual Expenditure and 2025-26 BE. It seems

priority accorded to the health sector in the Budget has also declined over this period with its share declining from 2.26 per cent to 2.05 per cent in this period.

SKEWED PRIORITIES

Schemes which contribute to strengthening the public system and protecting the health of most vulnerable sections of the society, like the National Health Mission, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), Schemes on nutrition, health research received severe cuts, despite doing good work during hard times. In contrast, schemes to promote commercial interests—like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), the Digital Health Mission, are being rewarded with higher allocations—despite failures.

National Health Mission is the key program through which the government intervenes in improving primary and secondary on maternal and child health, disease control programs and non-communicable diseases. Much of these services have suffered during the lockdown. However, since 2019-20, NHM allocations had been declining in real terms. This means that essential services like safe deliveries, vaccination for children, treatment of TB provided



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earlier cannot be provided anymore with current limited resources.

NHM money also goes into paying remunerations for frontline health workers like ASHAs, mostly women, who received global recognition for their stellar role during the pandemic. Cuts in NHM budget means reduced budget for paying these workers, who have been demanding minimum wages for a long time. We need expand the network of Health and Wellness Centers to ensure quality comprehensive primary care. HWCs are part of NHM budget. In the context of considerable budget cuts of NHM the plight of HWCs also remains unclear!

PMJAY seems like the blue eyed boy of the government, even though it fails to

deliver continuously, known to largely benefit the private sector and exclude the most marginalized, it is rewarded with higher allocations.

In the 2023-24 budget ₹7,200 crore was allocated and only ₹6,670 crore could be spent! Allocation has been further increased by 24 per cent compared to previous year to ₹9,406 crore! PMJAY eating up larger share of budget remains a cause of concern while it fails to deliver.

Blind obsessions to promote commercial interest needs serious introspection. A large part of the Dalits, Schedule Tribes and other marginalised section hardly receive care from the private sector under Government Funded Insurance Scheme like PMJAY.

Exemption of custom duty on imported medicines is well intended but nothing more than a mere bandage. Custom duties form only a small part of the price of these patented medicines and the likely impact remains miniscule, if at all the benefits are passed on the customers. What is needed is issuing compulsory license to Indian firms so that cheap generic alternative could be provided.

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Hyperlocal service platforms have revolutionised the job landscape in the transportation, food delivery, and home services industries by creating flexible employment. HT ARCHIVE

Gig economy set to be formalised

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NEW DELHI: Online platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, Amazon and Flipkart are likely to see increased interest for delivery-partner and warehouse-worker jobs as the Union Budget has proposed formalising the gig economy, industry executives told Mint.

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in her budget speech on Saturday that gig workers would be provided health insurance under the government's flagship Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). Currently, the National Health Authority (NHA) implements the world's largest health insurance scheme, which provides health cover of ₹5 lakh per family per year. Under the terms of AB-PMJAY, there is no waiting period and no restrictions on pre-existing health conditions.

Gig workers will also be issued identity cards and be eligible to register on the e-Shram portal, the national database of unorganised workers under the labour ministry.

'Step in right direction'
Balasubramanian Anantha Narayanan, senior vice president at TeamLease Services Ltd, said, "Officially recognising and formalising the gig economy is a step in the right direction. Including gig workers in the organised ecosystem will help them get employment benefits, and encourage more people to take advantage of the growing opportunities."

"The issuance of identity cards will give gig work the status of actual jobs. So far, gig work has been seen as temporary and mainly for side income. Food and grocery delivery platforms, e-commerce companies,

and logistics firms will see massive benefits as formalisation kicks in," said Madhav Krishna, founder and chief executive of Vahan.ai, a blue-collar recruitment platform in Bengaluru.

More than 85% of India's workforce is informal and a majority of it comprises gig workers, according to TeamLease's Narayanan. Online commerce and logistics platforms are among the biggest employers of gig workers in the form of delivery agents and dark-store workers. These workers have become pivotal to the operations of the platforms as speedy and efficiency deliveries boost brand loyalty and customer satisfaction. The number of gig workers in India is expected to increase from 7.7 million in 2024 to 23.5 million by 2029-30, Niti Aayog estimates.

The growing digital economy has created more employment opportunities, especially for the freelancing workforce. As a result, the gig economy is also set to grow to 235 million workers by FY30, when it will comprise 4.1% of the total workforce.

"The digital economy has significantly broadened job opportunities, encompassing roles from delivery personnel, cab drivers, and beauty professionals to software engineers and data analysts," according to the Economic Survey 2024-25.

Moreover, hyperlocal service platforms have revolutionised the job landscape in the transportation, food delivery, and home services industries by creating flexible employment options by leveraging technology while transforming traditional service sectors into digitally driven ecosystems, the survey added.

Some already receive such benefits

To be sure, many platforms have already extended benefits such as health insurance to gig workers. A Zomato spokesperson told

Mint the number of claims processed in favour of its delivery partners has more than doubled over the past four years to ₹53 crore a year, and that 55% of the claims in 2024 were paid to cover medical expenses unrelated to accidents.

Swiggy, too, has been offering health and other forms of insurance to its delivery partners at terms considered to be international best practices, said Dinker Vashisht, vice-president for corporate affairs at the company. "The government's decision to cover gig workers under its flagship health insurance scheme is a worthy one. We will await more details to see how insurance can continue to be best provided, and how the interests of our delivery partners are best served," Vashisht added.

Krishna of Vahan.ai added that digital platforms must work closely with the government to incorporate the changes. "No one party can take on the challenge alone. It's good that the government is putting some skin in the game because if the platforms are expected to take on the entire burden, it will stunt their innovation and growth, which will be bad for our economy in general," he said, adding that details of the framework and budget allocation for the scheme are yet to be chalked out.

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SLEW OF RELIEF MEASURES

₹9k cr booster for health, gig workers to get PMJAY cover

Another 10,000 medical seats to be added over the next year, says Sitharaman

**ANONNA DUTT
& ANKITA UPADHYAY**

THE TOTAL outlay for health in this year's Budget has increased by over ₹9,000 crore, with the increase going to several of the government's key programmes such as its mission to increase infrastructure, Ayushman Bharat, as well as allocation for AIIMS Delhi.

The total outlay for Union Health Ministry has increased to ₹95,957.8 crore from the previous year's revised estimate of ₹86,582.5 crore.

Meanwhile, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced Ayushman Bharat coverage for 1 crore gig workers.

"Gig workers of online platforms provide great dynamism to the new-age services

economy. Recognising their contribution... They will be provided healthcare under the PM Jan Arogya Yojana. This measure is likely to assist nearly 1 crore gig workers," Sitharaman said in her Budget speech.

Gig workers are those who undertake short-term or project-based jobs, employed often by online platforms such as Swiggy, Blinkit and Amazon, among others. Last year, the government expanded the coverage of the flagship health scheme to all citizens over the age of 70 years, irrespective of their economic status.

The allocation for the scheme increased by ₹2,106 crore as per the Budget documents.

"At least people in formal employment are covered by employment health insurance schemes. So it's important that gig workers, who are vulnerable to several health problems, particularly since they work under stressful conditions and quite often extreme weather conditions, be provided some health cover. It is part and parcel of extending the ambit of universal health coverage, which is in a state of evolution, but adding one more section is always helpful in providing coverage," said Dr

Srinath Reddy, former president of the Public Health Foundation of India.

More medical seats

Another significant announcement for the health sector was the increase in the number of medical seats. Sitharaman Saturday announced that another 10,000 medical seats would be added over the next year, gearing towards the goal of increasing the number of medical seats by 75,000 over the next five years.

There has been a massive jump in the number of medical seats over the last decade. The number of MBBS seats has increased from 51,384 before 2014 to 1,12,112 in 2024 and the number of PG seats has increased from 31,185 to 72,627.

This increase, however, has led to other

challenges. Even as the national medical education regulator has been working on tightening staffing norms, colleges have been grappling with severe staff shortage. The geographical distribution of medical seats has also been skewed with some places like Karnataka and Puducherry having more than their required share. This had prompted the regulator National Medical Commission to bring in a norm of 100 MBBS seats per 10 lakh population. The norm was later put on hold when some states said they had exceeded the numbers,

but with respect to private colleges and not government ones. These issues were raised even in the economic survey released Friday.

Saturday's Budget also saw an increase of ₹1,000 crore allocation under the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), increasing from ₹3,200 crore to ₹4,200 crore.

This mission was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic to strengthen health infrastructure at all levels, construction of health and wellness centres, diagnostic laboratories, and critical care blocks.

The budget for AIIMS Delhi was increased from ₹5,000 crore (revised estimate for 2024-25) to ₹5,200 crore.

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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN
UNION FINANCE MINISTER

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Chandigarh receives Rs6,983.18 crore for 2025-26 up by 7.21% from last fiscal

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UNION BUDGET

Chandigarh receives ₹6,983.18 crore for 2025-26 — up by 7.21% from last fiscal

UT Administration had sought Rs 7,900 crore for the financial year 2025-26 but received Rs 916.82 crore less

HINA ROHTAKI
CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 1

CHANDIGARH received a budgetary allocation of Rs 6,983.18 crore for 2025-26, an increase of 7.21 per cent (Rs 469.56 crore) over Rs 6,513.62 crore last fiscal 2024-25, from the Central Budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday.

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Of Rs 6,983.18 crore for 2025-26, Rs 6,185.18 crore marked under the revenue head and Rs 798 crore under the capital head.

Of Rs 6,513.62 crore in 2024-25, Rs 5,858.62 crore was under the revenue head and Rs 655 crore under the capital head. However, in 2024-25, the budgetary allocation for Chandigarh was increased by Rs 426.52 crore (about 7.01 per cent) over Rs 6,087 crore in 2023-24.

The allocation in 2023-24 was up by 13 per cent, i.e., Rs 704.13 crore, over the previous fiscal 2022-23.

In the current budget, Rs 1,206.36 crore was allocated to the education sector, Rs 987.37 crore to the healthcare, Rs. 984.85 crore to the energy sector, Rs 958.79 crore to the police



At the Confederation of Indian Industry headquarters in Chandigarh, Saturday. Kamleshwar Singh

department, Rs 884.31 crore to housing and urban development, Rs 445.84 crore to the transport department and other sectors Rs 1,515.66 crore.

Projects with various departments

Road and transport: The purchase of new buses, replacement of condemned buses, computerisation of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking, construction of a link road, and purchase of video coach buses for in-

tercity transport.

Health services: Upgrading the 50-bed Community Health Centre to a 250-bed hospital, strengthening of 50-bed Poly Clinic, rural and urban subsidiary health centres, Employees State Insurance Scheme, and other health care schemes, AYUSH Homeopathy and Ayurveda, construction of regional trauma centre, mental health institute, and Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities.

Urban development: Provision

for land acquisition and survey, construction and other infrastructure development, urban roads, stormwater drainage, electrification, IT Park, civic works, machinery and equipment, research works, dam across Sukhna Lake and 24x7 water supply pan city etc.

Education: Modernisation and purchase of equipment, infrastructure development for NCC, providing amenities/services, graduate courses and modernisation and construction of new polytechnic, government poly-

technic for women and Industrial Training Institute.

Power and renewable energy: Transmission and distribution of power, new and renewable energy sources, and promotion of model solar city programme.

Criticising the Union Budget, Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari said, "It is unfortunate that there is nothing at all for Chandigarh in the Union Budget. The total outlay has gone from Rs 5,838.66 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 6,187.48 crore in 2025-2026, barely covering inflation. The annual inflation stands at 5.22 per cent."

"The entire northern region comprising Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh has drawn a blank in the Union Budget. There is nothing for the farmers protesting on the borders of Punjab and Haryana," Tewari said.

However, hailing the budget, Chandigarh Mayor Harpreet

Babla said, "I am delighted that the Vikshit Bharat Budget 2025-26 prioritises 'Sabka Vikas' with key

reforms, including a Rs 12 lakh tax exemption, Rs 10,000 crore allocation for agriculture under the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana, enhanced MSME credit, and strategic investments in AI, healthcare and infrastructure. Appreciation to PM Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Sitharaman for this forward-looking and inclusive budget."

Asserting that the budget offers "no substantive relief to the people or increased allocations for Chandigarh", Chandigarh Congress president HS Lucky said, "The

budget fails to address critical issues such as unemployment, poverty, and inflation. There has been no creation of new jobs, nor any new projects or allocations for infrastructure development. Furthermore, the healthcare and education sectors have been entirely overlooked."

"The budget does not provide for an enhanced investment in the Smart City initiative. This glaring regional imbalance is evident. Moreover, the proposed increase in the income tax threshold is belated and will only benefit a limited segment of the population," the city Congress chief said.

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Battling cancer closer home: Daycare centres in all district hospitals in 3 years

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Focus on healthcare

Patients at Lok Nayak Hospital in New Delhi. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech on Saturday said that Viksit Bharat encompasses, among other things, access to high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare. *Proveen Khanna*

NO CUSTOMS DUTY ON 36 LIFESAVING DRUGS FOR CANCER, OTHER RARE DISEASES

Battling cancer closer home: Daycare centres in all district hospitals in 3 years

ANONNA DUTT &
ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Saturday announced the establishment of daycare centres for cancer treatment at district hospitals, a major initiative that aims to improve access to essential cancer treatment at the district level and ease the burden on large tertiary care hospitals in metropolitan cities.

She also announced that 36 lifesaving drugs for cancer, rare diseases and chronic illnesses will be exempted from customs duty. Six others will be charged a reduced duty of 5%. Most of these life-saving drugs are monoclonal antibodies or inhibitors designed to block specific proteins or enzymes. Also included are cancer drugs such as entrectinib for lung cancer and pertuzumab for breast cancer. Customs duty on bulk drug purchases for manufacturing these medicines will also be nil or charged at a concessional rate.

"Our government will facilitate the es-

tablishment of daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals over the next three years. Two hundred centres will be set up in 2025-26," Sitharaman said.

Cancer daycare centers typically provide chemotherapy, administer essential medications, perform minor procedures such as biopsies and manage complications.

The decision to set up these centres has significant implications. First, cancer cases are on the rise in India, with one in nine likely to develop the disease in their lifetime. According to Global Cancer Observatory data for 2022, the most common cancers among men are oral cavity, lung and esophageal cancer. Breast, cervical and ovarian cancer are the most prevalent among women.

Second, as cancer cases continue to increase, these daycare centres will enhance access to critical treatments at the district level — India has a network of at least 759 district hospitals that serve as crucial access points for tertiary healthcare at the district level. This is particularly beneficial for rural people, who will no longer need to travel to large cities

where treatment costs are significantly higher.

"District hospitals are well-suited for delivering chemotherapy treatment. Traveling long distances for these treatments is not ideal. The most complex cancer treatments will continue to be provided at hospitals with super-specialty facilities. However, a daycare center at district level would serve as a facility where nurses can safely administer chemotherapy under the supervision of physicians," said Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director of Tata Memorial Centre in Mumbai.

While experts welcomed government's intent to bring cancer care closer to people's homes, they highlighted specific challenges that need to be addressed. "Many district hospitals currently do not offer biopsy services, even for in-patients. In fact, there are some medical colleges in the country that do not provide any cancer treatment at all. There is a need to address this gap so that we can offer these services at a day-care centre," said Dr Abhishek Shankar, an oncologist at AIIMS Delhi.

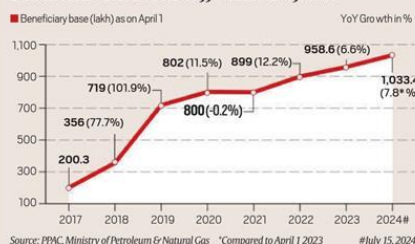
Beyond infrastructure limitations, there may also be challenges related to patient trust

and demand. "People travel to major centres like AIIMS Delhi because they trust that they will receive proper care from skilled doctors. For these district-level centres to succeed, the government will need to build trust in the system so that patients feel confident seeking treatment there instead of traveling to cities like Delhi and Mumbai," said Dr Shankar.

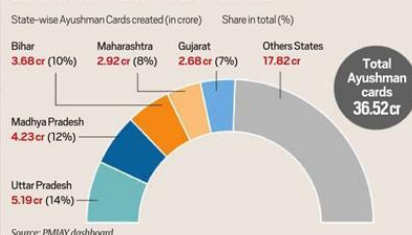
Dr Shyam Agarwal, chairperson of medical oncology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, highlighted the need for trained doctors to staff these centres. "While daycare centres can deliver 70-80% of cancer treatment and reduce travel for chemotherapy, trained medical and surgical oncologists are essential to administer drugs and perform biopsies, as well as manage potential side effects."

Sitharaman said that 37 new medicines and 13 patient assistance programmes will be exempt from customs duty. "Specified drugs and medicines under Patient Assistance Programmes run by pharmaceutical companies are fully exempt from (Basic Customs Duty), provided the medicines are supplied free of cost to patients," she said.

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA



AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME



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Union Health Ministry sees around 11 pc hike in budgetary allocation

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Union Health Ministry sees around 11 pc hike in budgetary allocation

NEW DELHI, FEB 1/--/The Union Health Ministry has been allocated Rs 99,858.56 crore in the Budget 2025-2026, an around 11 per cent hike over the Rs 89,974.12 crore in the budget (revised estimates) of 2024-2025 with the government announcing setting up daycare cancer centres at all district hospitals over the next three years.

Two hundred of these daycare cancer centres would be established in the 2025-26 fiscal itself.

Presenting the Budget for 2025-2026 on Saturday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said 10,000 seats will be added in medical colleges next year towards the goal of adding 75,000 seats in the next five years.

As a relief on the import of drugs/medicines, 36 lifesaving drugs for treating cancer, rare diseases and chronic diseases have been fully exempted from basic customs duty (BCD). The government had earlier cut customs duty on Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab from 10 per cent to zero.

Further, 37 medicines along with 13 new drugs and medicines under Patient Assistance Programmes have been exempted from BCD, if supplied free to patients.

The finance minister further announced that gig workers will be provided healthcare facilities under PM Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) that would benefit nearly 1 crore such workers.

Medical tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the

private sector along with capacity building and easier visa norms, Sitharaman said in her speech.

The budgetary allocation for the AYUSH ministry has been increased from Rs 3,497.64 crore to Rs 3,992.90 crore, recording a 14.15 per cent increase.

Of the Rs 99,858.56 crore allocated for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Rs 95,957.87 crore have been earmarked for the Department of Health and Family Welfare and Rs 3,900.69 crore to the Department of Health Research.

Among the centrally sponsored schemes, the allocation for the National Health Mission has been increased from Rs 36,000 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 37,226.92 crore in 2025-26. Moreover, the allocation for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB PM-JAY) has been hiked from Rs 7,605.54 crore to Rs 9,406.00 crore, marking a rise of 23.6 per cent.

For the National Tele Mental Health Programme, the budgetary allocation has been increased from Rs 45 crore to Rs 79.6 crore while the National Digital Health Mission has been earmarked Rs 340.11 crore from Rs 225 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal.

The budgetary allocation for autonomous bodies increased from Rs 18,978.72 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 20,046.07 crore in 2025-26. The allocation for AIIMS, New Delhi, has been increased from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 5,200 crore while ICMR has been earmarked Rs 3,125.50 crore as against Rs 2,869.99 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal. (PTI)

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Former president, PHFI



An insurance, infra push for healthcare

While health research gets a fillip and digital health gets energised, primary healthcare lacks the needed support

The Union Budget of 2025-26 provides support to healthcare delivery through increased investment in infrastructure and expansion of the health workforce. It aims at making more affordable some life-saving drugs needed for treating cancer, other chronic diseases, and some rare diseases. It also seeks to expand the coverage of health insurance, while providing incentives for private sector-led medical tourism. While health research gets a needed boost and digital health gets energised, primary healthcare does not get the needed support. Health research and child nutrition programmes get greater support, but adolescent health and adult nutrition do not benefit from budgetary initiatives.

In her budgetary speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced support to create 75,000 more undergraduate seats in medical colleges over the next five years, starting with 10,000 more seats in the coming year. This will help meet health workforce shortages that are limiting access to needed health services, even as the demand for health services will increase owing to a growing and ageing population. The Budget does not refer to other sections of the health workforce.

Compared with the previous year's Budget, the proposed allocation for health has increased by 9.7%. This includes a 9.47% increase for the Ministry of Health and Family

Overall, the Budget focuses more on delivering curative care than on health promotion and disease prevention

Welfare; a 7.55% increase for the AYUSH Ministry; and an 18.14% increase for health research (Indian Council of Medical Research, and the Department of Health Research). The Ayushman Bharat Infrastructure Mission gets a

26.68% increase. While the support for private sector initiatives to promote medical tourism has been announced, there is no budgetary increase for the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, which is the vehicle for strengthening the government's tertiary care institutions.

Among the major health programmes, the public funded Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana gets a substantial boost of 28.85%. However, the National Health Mission gets only a 3.77% increase. This is surprising as the NHM is the principal vehicle for strengthening primary care services and district hospitals.

A welcome announcement proposes to exempt customs duties on 36 life-saving drugs that are needed for treating cancer as well as other chronic and rare diseases, while also reducing duties on six more. It needs to be seen how far the pharmaceutical industry will pass on these benefits to the patients through reduced drug prices. Support for daycare centres for cancer treatment in district hospitals was announced. Full exemption and concessional duties will extend to bulk drugs, which are needed to manufacture medicines in India. Overall, the Budget focuses more on delivering curative care than on health promotion and disease prevention. While the former is certainly needed, more needs to be done to keep the population healthy.

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Life-saving drugs to get cheaper

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NEW DELHI

The Union government has allocated ₹99,858.56 crore for the Union Health Ministry in the Budget 2025-26, including ₹95,957.87 crore for the Department of Health and Family Welfare and ₹3,900.69 crore for the Department of Health Research.

This is an increase from ₹89,974.12 crore allocated in the Budget (Revised Estimates) of 2024-2025.

The government's announcement to fully exempt 36 life-saving drugs for treating cancer, rare diseases and chronic diseases from basic customs duty will make the drugs cheaper.

It has announced additional manpower creation and expanding its health assurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana to include gig workers.

The Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also envisages enhanced care for women and child health through targeted interventions.

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Thrust for medical tourism to benefit the State

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The proposal in the Union Budget to bring in easier visa norms and streamlined e-visa facilities is likely to support the economy of States like Kerala and Goa where tourism holds great sway over the local economy.

Tourism contributes around 10% of the State GDP in Kerala and simplified the visa norms will help increase foreign tourist arrivals significantly. The foreign tourist arrivals in the State have slipped to 6.5 lakh in 2023 compared to 11.9 lakh in 2019.

According to industry insiders, the medical and wellness tourism sector will get the benefit of the new decision. The Budget has announced that medi-

cal tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the private sector along with capacity building and easier visa norms. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sajeev Kurup, general secretary, Confederation of Kerala Tourism Industries, said simplifying visa norms was one of the long-pending demands of the hospitality industry.

Preferred destination

For the time being, Kerala, Mumbai, and Chennai are the leading markets for medical tourist arrivals for allopathic treatment, while Kerala is the only segment leader in the Ayurveda and wellness tourism sector. In the case of allopathic treatment, Kerala is the preferred destination for tourists from West Asia.

Further, the decision to



Kerala is the segment leader in the Ayurveda and wellness tourism sector.

develop the top 50 tourist destination sites in the country in partnership with States through a challenge mode will also benefit Kerala.

Though the hospitality industry has struck a cautiously optimistic note, there are also concerns

about how the new policy decisions would be implemented.

In addition, the exorbitant price for flight tickets continues to dampen the spirit of the announcements made.

"The government should also resume the du-

ty drawback scheme under SEIS (Service Export India Scheme) given for the tourism service providers during the pre-pandemic era. Such a step will give a decent incentive for the stakeholders handling the foreign tourism segment," said James Kodianthara, chairperson of the Kerala chapter of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO).

Seaplane service

On the other hand, the seaplane service has not been mentioned in the modified UDAN scheme.

Kerala was pinning its hopes on the introduction of seaplane service to increase the tourism potential and suggested close to 10 waterbodies to start services under the UDAN scheme.

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Kerala upset a Budget has no mention of economic package, Vizhinjam aid

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Kerala upset as Budget has no mention of economic package, Vizhinjam aid

Tiki Rajwi

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Union Budget left Kerala's wish list largely untouched on Saturday, dashing the State's hopes for a ₹24,000-crore economic package and a ₹5,000-crore special assistance for the Vizhinjam port project.

The State's request for a ₹2,000-crore prop-up for rehabilitation of the Wayanad landslides survivors, an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) – a long-pending demand – and State-specific packages for tackling human-wildlife conflict and emerging climate change-related challenges also did not find a place in the Budget.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan termed the Budget deplorable for rejecting the State's major demands. Finance Minister K.N. Bala-gopal described it as extremely disappointing for Kerala and expressed dismay over the absence of any mention of Wayanad and the Vizhinjam project.



The Kerala government had sought ₹4,500 crore for building climate resilience, after the landslide in Wayanad. THULASI KAKKAT

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan also slammed the Budget for ignoring Kerala.

Kerala had been unsuccessful in securing the ₹24,000-crore economic package for propping up State finances and special aid for the Vizhinjam port project in Ms. Sitharaman's previous Budget as well.

This time, Kerala had also sought a special assistance of ₹1,000 crore in the Budget for handling human-wildlife conflict and ₹4,500 crore for building climate resilience. The State's long-pending demands concerning the SilverLine semi high-speed

rail system and an international research institute in Ayurveda at Kannur also failed to find any mention in the Budget speech.

That said, Ms. Sitharaman's announcement regarding additional infrastructure in five IITs opened after 2014 is expected to benefit IIT-Palakkad. Also, the decision to extend the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to 2028 with an expanded outlay will help Kerala. The State's request that an additional borrowing of 0.5% of the Gross State Domestic Product for power sector reforms be extended to 2025-26 has found a place in the Budget.

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Trade bodies, industry honchos hail Budget

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Trade bodies, industry honchos hail Budget

It will accelerate India's economic growth and strengthen a labour intensive economy, says CII TG Chairman Sai D. Prasad; adds reduction in tax burden on middle class will increase consumption

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Trade and industry bodies and heads of some of the well-known companies in Telangana welcomed Union Budget 2025-26 as progressive, one poised to strengthen the Ease of Doing Business and for its focus on driving investment.

CII Telangana Chairman Sai D. Prasad, who hailed the Budget as progressive, said it will accelerate India's economic growth and strengthen labour intensive economy.

A reduction in the tax burden on the middle class will increase consumption. He also termed the Budget as agriculture and MSMEs friendly and many of the interventions proposed in it will give a fillip to the entrepreneurial ecosystem. CII Telangana gave a 7/10 rating, Mr. Prasad said.

"We recommended raising the individual income tax limit to ₹9 lakh. But the Finance Minister surprised everyone by raising it to ₹12 lakh," FTCCI president Suresh Singh said.

Chairman of FTCCI Committee on Direct Taxes Sudhir V.S. said the new Income Tax Bill, which Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget speech said would be introduced shortly, is long



Industry leaders from CII and FTCCI watching and analysing the Union Budget, in Hyderabad on Saturday. RAMAKRISHNA G

pending and need of the hour. He expected the Bill to simplify many things for taxpayers and tax administrators as well as increase ease of compliance.

Pharma industry leader and Dr. Reddy's Lab Chairman Satish Reddy said Budget seeks to improve the resilience of healthcare infra through cancer centres, medical education, custom duty exemptions on life-saving drugs and steps to encourage medical tourism. The continued focus on investment in private sector-driven research, development and innovation announced earlier is welcome.

Telangana State Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Trade president Prakash Ammanabolu welcomed the Budget for its focus on poor, women, youth and farmers as well as inclusive development.

The members were looking forward to further rationalisation of GST slabs and reduction in rates, loans at lower rate of interest and enhanced credit facility under schemes like Mudra. "We request subsidised health insurance under Ayushman Bharat for traders and support in ESI and PF contribution for small traders," he said.

CEO and co-founder of Marut Drones Prem Kumar Vislawath said certain strategic policy shifts proposed in the Budget will open up new opportunities for farmers to adopt mechanisation and drone technology, especially in agriculture-driven States.

While welcoming various Budget proposals, Aparna Constructions Director Rakesh Reddy said several key expectations of the real estate sector remain unaddressed.

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Life-saving drugs to get cheaper

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Life-saving drugs to get cheaper

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Union government has allocated ₹99,858.56 crore for the Union Health Ministry in the Budget 2025-26, including ₹95,957.87 crore for the Department of Health and Family Welfare and ₹3,900.69 crore for the Department of Health Research.

This is an increase from ₹89,974.12 crore allocated in the Budget (Revised Estimates) of 2024-2025.

The government's announcement to fully exempt 36 life-saving drugs for treating cancer, rare diseases and chronic diseases from basic customs duty will make the drugs cheaper.

It has announced additional manpower creation and expanding its health assurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana to include gig workers.

The Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also envisages enhanced care for women and child health through targeted interventions.

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Kill the Killer' strategy: All district GHs to get daycare cancer centres

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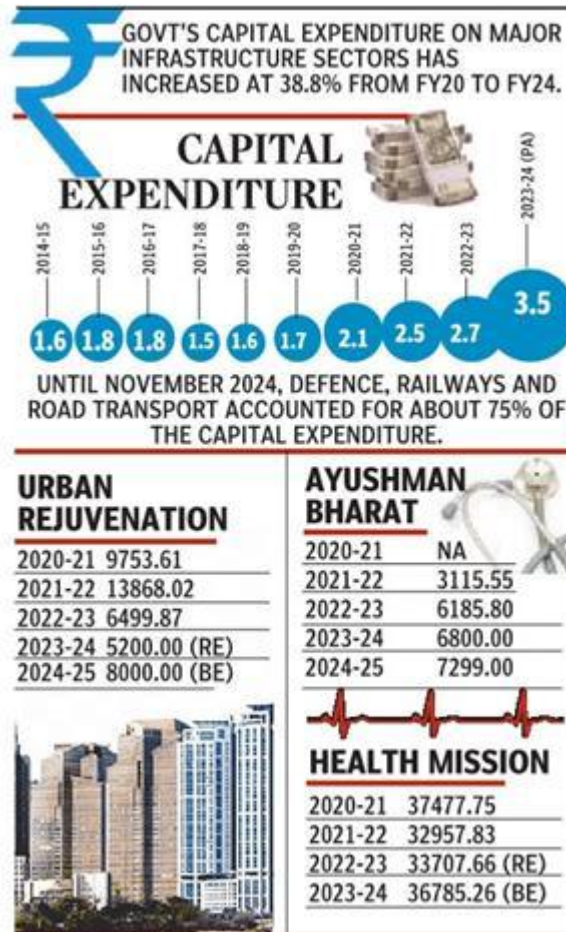
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Duty cut on 36 life-saving medicines

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To provide relief to patients, particularly those suffering from cancer, rare diseases and other severe chronic diseases, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that 36 life-saving drugs and medicines are proposed to be added to the list of medicines fully exempted from basic customs duty.

She also said that the government will facilitate setting up of daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals over the next three years and 200 of these will be established in 2025-26.

■ Page 8: 10K seats to be added in medical colleges

10,000 MORE MBBS SEATS

Daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals in 3 years ● Healthcare facilities for gig workers ● Medical tourism, Heal in India to be promoted with private sector

FROM PAGE 1

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for the health ministry, ₹95,957.87 crore have been earmarked for the department of health and family welfare and ₹3,900.69 crore to the department of health research. The budgetary allocation for the AYUSH ministry has been

increased from ₹3,497.64 crore to ₹3,992.90 crore, recording a 14.15 per cent increase.

Dr DK Gupta, Felix Hospital, said this Budget will prove a milestone in strengthening the health infrastructure. "Many relief announcements, especially for cancer patients, medical students and common citizens struggling with the cost of medicines. This step of the government will strengthen the health infrastructure of the country and will help in making India a major medical destination," said Dr Gupta.

The allocation for AIIMS, New Delhi, has been increased from Rs

5,000 crore to Rs 5,200 crore while ICMR has been earmarked Rs 3125.50 crore as against Rs 2,869.99 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal. Among the centrally sponsored schemes, the allocation for the National Health Mission has been increased from Rs 36,000.00 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 37,226.92 crore in 2025-26. Moreover, the allocation for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) has been hiked from Rs 7,605.54 crore to Rs 9,406.00 crore.

For the National Tele Mental Health Programme, the allocation has been increased from ₹45 crore to ₹79.60 crore.

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Health ministry's allocation increases by around 11%

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UNION BUDGET 2025-26

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

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FM Sitharaman presenting the Budget 2025-26 in Parliament P11

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Budgetary allocation for Health ministry increases by around 11%

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Medical tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the private sector along with capacity

Highlights

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- » The allocation for the AYUSH ministry increased to Rs 3,992.90 crore

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For the National Tele Mental Health Programme, the budgetary allocation has been increased from Rs 45 crore to Rs 79.60 crore while the National Digital Health Mission has been earmarked Rs 340.11 crore from Rs 225 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal.

The budgetary allocation for autonomous bodies increased from Rs 18978.72 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 20,046.07 crore in 2025-26. The allocation for AIIMS, New Delhi, has been increased from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 5,200 crore while ICMR has been earmarked Rs 3125.50 crore as against Rs 2,869.99 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal.

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200 cancer centres to launch in 2025

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200 cancer centres to launch in 2025

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The government will facilitate setting up of daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals over the next three years and 200 of these will be established in 2025-26, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Saturday. Presenting the 2025-26 Union Budget, Sitharaman said 10,000 additional seats will be added in medical colleges and hospitals next year towards the goal of adding 75,000 seats in the next five years. She further announced that gig workers will be provided healthcare facilities under PM Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and this measure is likely to assist nearly one crore workers. The government will facilitate

setting up of daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals in the next three years, Sitharaman said. She said, "200 centres will be established in 2025-26 itself." To provide relief to patients, particularly those suffering from cancer, rare diseases and other severe chronic diseases, 36 lifesaving drugs and medicines are proposed to be added to the list of medicines fully exempted from basic customs duty (BCD). "I also propose to add six lifesaving medicines to the list attracting concessional customs duty of 5 per cent. Full exemption and concessional duty will also respectively apply on the bulk drugs for manufacture of the above," the

minister said. Specified drugs and medicines under Patient Assistance Programmes run by pharmaceutical companies are fully exempt from BCD, provided the medicines are supplied free of cost to patients, she said. "I propose to add 37 more medicines along with 13 new patient assistance programmes," she said. On adding seats in medical colleges and hospitals, Sitharaman said, "Our government has added almost 1.1 lakh undergraduate and postgraduate medical education seats in 10 years, an increase of 130 per cent." "In the next year, 10,000 additional seats will be added in medical colleges and

hospitals towards the goal of adding 75,000 seats in the next five years," she said. The finance minister said medical tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the private sector along with capacity building and easier visa norms. Also, broadband connectivity will be provided to all government secondary schools and primary healthcare centres, the minister said. The Union Health Ministry has been allocated Rs 99,858.56 crore in the Budget 2025-26, an around 11 per cent hike over the Rs 89,974.12 crore in the budget (revised estimates) of 2024-2025 with the government announcing setting up daycare cancer centres at all district hospitals over the next three years. The budgetary allocation for

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HEALTHCARE SECTOR GETS RS 95,957.87 CR ALLOCATION

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HEALTHCARE SECTOR GETS RS 95,957.87 CR ALLOCATION

ANJALI SINGH
NEW DELHI

The government has allocated Rs 95,957.87 crore for the development, maintenance, and improvement of the country's healthcare system, which is higher than Rs 86,582.48 crore in FY25. The government has also allocated Rs 2,445 crore for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) for the pharmaceutical industry.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget for the eighth

Healthcare budget from 2018-2025	
Years	Allocation (Rs)
2018-19	52,800
2019-20	62,659
2020-21	65,012
2021-22	73,932
2022-23	86,200
2023-24	79,221
2024-25	90,959

consecutive time in the Lok Sabha on Saturday, allocating Rs 37,226.922 crore to the National Health Mission (NHM). The National Tele Mental Health Programme was allocated Rs 79.6 crore.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPM-JAY) got an allocation of Rs 9,406 crore to expand health insurance coverage.

The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMAB-HIM) allocation is Rs 4,200 crores for the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMAB-HIM). The Union Budget allocated Rs 20,046.07 crores for autonomous bodies. The allocation for All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AI-IMS), Delhi, was increased to



A doctor checks a man at the Central Hospital of Mahakumbh Nagar in Prayagraj on Jan 5. ANI

Rs 5,200 crores.

During the budget presentation, FM said the government will establish 200 cancer centers in 2025-26. The government will facilitate the setting up of daycare cancer centers in all district hospitals in the next three years.

"Setting up daycare cancer centers at the district level is a welcome step. These centers will provide facilities for cancer chemotherapy/immunotherapy and daycare operations for a variety of cancers," said Dr. Shyam Aggarwal, Vice President of the Indian Society of Medical and Paediatric Oncology. Sitharaman also announced that from next year, 10,000 additional seats will be added in medical colleges and hospitals towards the goal of adding 75,000 seats in the next five years. "Our government has added almost 1.1 lakh undergraduate and postgraduate medical education seats in 10 years, an increase of 130%. In the next year, 10,000 additional seats will be added in medical colleges and hospitals towards the goal of adding 75,000 seats in the next five years," she said. "Adding 10,000 medical seats is a welcome step to bridge the gap in trained medical professionals," said Dr. D.S. Rana, Chairman, Trust Board, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

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Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College & Hospital, Chandigarh receives approval of grant of approximately Rs. 10 crore from Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 1

Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College & Hospital, a premier institution in Ayurvedic education and healthcare, is pleased to announce that it has received an approval of grant of approximately Rs. 10 crore from the ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, under the Cent Upgradation of Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College & Hospital to Centre of Excellence for Ayurvedic Management and Care of Chronic Spine Disorders under COE Component of Ayur-swasthya Yojana.

The grant; a significant recognition of the institution's commitment to excellence in Ayurvedic education and healthcare, will be utilized to further enhance the



college's infrastructure, academic programs, and research initiatives. In this project, Dr. Sumit Srivastava, Principal will act as Principal Investigator, Dr. A. Sankar Baba, Director Hospital as Co-PI, Dr. Pragati A. Katariya Pofessor & HoD, Deptt. of Kayachikitsa as Co-PI and Dr. Kanika Aggarwal, Professor, Deptt. of Panchkarma as Co-

PI.

Expressing Happiness and Gratitude

Dr. Naresh Mittal, General Secretary, Shri Dhanwantry Educational Society (Regd.) Chandigarh, expressed his happiness and gratitude to the Government of India for the grant.

"This grant is a testament to the institution's dedication to promoting Ayurvedic education and healthcare. We are committed to utilizing these funds to further strengthen our programs and contribute to the growth of Ayurveda in the country."

Sh. Sudershan Kumar Sharma, Director, and Dr. Sumit Srivastava, Principal, SDACH, Chandigarh also expressed their happiness and gratitude to the Government of India for the grant.

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No customs duty on 36 life saving drugs

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No customs duty on 36 life-saving drugs

FM announces daycare cancer centres for 759 dist hospitals, 10K addl MBBS seats over next year



HEALTH

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 1

In a move that will ease financial burden on families grappling with high-treatment costs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday fully exempted 36 life-saving drugs, including anti-cancer therapies, from basic customs duties.

Apart from this, six additional life-saving medicines are proposed to be added to the list that attracts concessional customs duty of 5 per cent.

Among therapies set to get cheaper are — cutting-edge anti-cancer immunotherapy drug Pembrolizumab; Lorlatinib and Dacomitinib, used to treat non-small cell lung cancer; Inotuzumab ozogamicin (InO), a chemotherapy drug used to treat B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in adults and children.

Also in the full Basic Customs Duty (BCD) exemption list is Olaparib, a medication with annual costs per patient often exceeding \$1,00,000 making it one of the most costly cancer drugs available. Olaparib is a medication for the maintenance treatment of BRCA-mutated advanced ovarian cancer in adults.

Bortezomib injection used to treat multiple myeloma (blood plasma cell cancer) in patients



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The health sector outlay, for the first time, has touched Rs 1 lakh crore with the FM allocating Rs 99,858.56 crore for the sector as against Rs 90,958.63 crore in the Budget of 2024-25 — a raise of 9.78 per cent.

BOOST TO AYUSHMAN

The allocation for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB PM-JAY) has been increased from Rs 7,605.54 crore to Rs 9,406.00 crore, marking a rise of 23.6 per cent.

MEDICAL TOURISM

Medical tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the private sector along with capacity building and easier visa norms. The budgetary allocation for autonomous bodies has also been increased.

FUNDS FOR AYUSH UP

The budgetary allocation for the AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Ministry has been increased from Rs 3,497.64 crore to Rs 3,992.90 crore, recording a 14.15 per cent increase.

with or without a previous history of treatment; Cetuximab, a targeted cancer drug used to treat head, neck and colorectal cancers are also proposed to be fully exempted. Cetuximab is a very expensive drug, with the cost often reaching tens of thousands of dollars per treatment cycle, making it a significant financial burden for many patients; this high cost is a

major factor in discussions regarding its cost-effectiveness in various cancer treatments.

The cuts in customs duties on top-end anti-cancer drugs come at a time when the estimated incidence of cancer cases in India has been rising — from 14,26,447 in 2021 to 14,61,427 in 2022 to 14,96,972 in 2023. ICMR has attributed the rising incidence to an

increase in risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol consumption, low physical activity, unhealthy diets and consumption of high salt, sugar and saturated fats.

Specified drugs and medicines under Patient Assistance Programmes run by pharmaceutical companies are also fully exempted from BCD, provided the medicines

are supplied free of cost to patients, she added.

Overall, the health sector outlay today, for the first time, touched Rs 1 lakh crore with the FM allocating Rs 99,858.56 crore for the sector as against Rs 90,958.63 crore in the Budget of 2024-25 — a raise of 9.78 per cent.

Another major budget announcement for cancer care

relates to the decision to establish daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals. India has 759 district hospitals.

"Our government will facilitate setting up of Day Care Cancer Centres in all district hospitals in the next three years and 200 centres will be established in 2025-26," the FM said, further unveiling plans to create 10,000 additional MBBS seats in the next year towards the final goal of 75,000 seats over five years.

Although the government has added almost 1.1 lakh UG and PG medical education seats in 10 years, an increase of 130 per cent, gaps persist.

The Economic Survey yesterday flagged the need to ramp up medical education infrastructure.

"Since 2019, the number of medical colleges grew from 499 to 648 in 2023 to 780 in 2025, during which the MBBS seats increased from 70,012 to 96,077 in 2023 to 1,18,137 in 2025 and postgraduate seats increased from 39,583 to 64,059 in 2023 to 73,157 in 2025," the survey said, calling for greater access at a time when Indian students are looking offshore for medical instruction.

The survey also spoke of the high cost of private medical education — Rs 60 lakh to Rs 1 crore for the course — as a key reason for thousands of students annually going abroad to 50 countries to seek undergraduate medical degrees. These countries include China, Russia, Ukraine, Philippines and Bangladesh.

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In a move that will ease financial burden on families grappling with high-treatment costs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday fully exempted 36 life-saving drugs, including anti-cancer therapies, from basic customs duties.

Apart from this, six additional life-saving medicines are proposed to be added to the list that attracts concessional customs duty of 5 per cent.

Among therapies set to get cheaper are — cutting-edge anti-cancer immunotherapy drug Pembrolizumab; Lorlatinib and Dacomitinib, used to treat non-small cell lung cancer; Inotuzumab ozogamicin (InO), a chemotherapy drug used to treat B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in adults and children.

Also in the full Basic Customs Duty (BCD) exemption list is Olaparib, a medication with annual costs per patient often exceeding \$1,00,000 making it one of the most costly cancer drugs available. Olaparib is a medication for the maintenance treatment of BRCA-mutated advanced ovarian cancer in adults.

Bortezomib injection used to treat multiple myeloma (blood plasma cell cancer) in patients



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BOOST TO AYUSHMAN

The allocation for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB PM-JAY) has been increased from Rs 7,605.54 crore to Rs 9,406.00 crore, marking a rise of 23.6 per cent.

MEDICAL TOURISM

Medical tourism and 'Heal in India' will be promoted in partnership with the private sector along with capacity building and easier visa norms. The budgetary allocation for autonomous bodies has also been increased.

FUNDS FOR AYUSH UP

The budgetary allocation for the AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Ministry has been increased from Rs 3,497.64 crore to Rs 3,992.90 crore, recording a 14.15 per cent increase.

with or without a previous history of treatment; Cetuximab, a targeted cancer drug used to treat head, neck and colorectal cancers are also proposed to be fully exempted. Cetuximab is a very expensive drug, with the cost often reaching tens of thousands of dollars per treatment cycle, making it a significant financial burden for many patients; this high cost is a

major factor in discussions regarding its cost-effectiveness in various cancer treatments.

The cuts in customs duties on top-end anti-cancer drugs come at a time when the estimated incidence of cancer cases in India has been rising — from 14,26,447 in 2021 to 14,61,427 in 2022 to 14,96,972 in 2023. ICMR has attributed the rising incidence to an

increase in risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol consumption, low physical activity, unhealthy diets and consumption of high salt, sugar and saturated fats.

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Another major budget announcement for cancer care

relates to the decision to establish daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals. India has 759 district hospitals.

"Our government will facilitate setting up of Day Care Cancer Centres in all district hospitals in the next three years and 200 centres will be established in 2025-26," the FM said, further unveiling plans to create 10,000 additional MBBS seats in the next year towards the final goal of 75,000 seats over five years.

Although the government has added almost 1.1 lakh UG and PG medical education seats in 10 years, an increase of 130 per cent, gaps persist.

The Economic Survey yesterday flagged the need to ramp up medical education infrastructure.

"Since 2019, the number of medical colleges grew from 499 to 648 in 2023 to 780 in 2025, during which the MBBS seats increased from 70,012 to 96,077 in 2023 to 1,18,137 in 2025 and postgraduate seats increased from 39,583 to 64,059 in 2023 to 73,157 in 2025," the survey said, calling for greater access at a time when Indian students are looking offshore for medical instruction.

The survey also spoke of the high cost of private medical education — Rs 60 lakh to Rs 1 crore for the course — as a key reason for thousands of students annually going abroad to 50 countries to seek undergraduate medical degrees. These countries include China, Russia, Ukraine, Philippines and Bangladesh.

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**BUDGET
2025-26**

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 1

There has been a 7.21% increase in the allocation for Chandigarh in the Union Budget 2025-26 compared to the previous fiscal estimates. The total allocation is Rs 6,983.18 crore, including Rs 6,185.18 crore for revenue and Rs 798 crore for capital expenditure, in the Budget presented in Parliament by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today.

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ESTIMATES		
Sector	2024-25	2025-26
Education	₹1,031.98 cr	₹1,206.36 cr
Health	₹804.77 cr	₹987.37 cr
Energy	₹1,093.70 cr	₹984.85 cr
Police	₹823.21 cr	₹958.79 cr
Housing, urban dvpt	₹874.54 cr	₹884.31 cr
Transport	₹455.80 cr	₹445.84 cr
Others	₹1,428.62 cr	₹1,515.66 cr
Total	₹6,513.62 cr	₹6,983.18 cr

BIG SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE CLASS: GUV



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Kataria also expressed gratitude for the budgetary provisions made for the city's development. He emphasised the Central Government's commitment to modernising the city infrastructure and prioritising its overall growth will

greatly benefit its residents.

Major allocations include Rs 1,206.36 crore for the education sector; Rs 987.37 crore for health; Rs 984.85 crore for energy; Rs 958.79 crore for police; Rs 884.31 crore for housing and urban development and Rs 445.84 crore for the transport sector. Various other sectors will benefit from an allocation of Rs 1,515.66 crore.

Of the total budget, the administration has got Rs

6,185.18 crore under the revenue head, which is Rs 326.56 crore more than the previous year's amount. Under the capital head, the UT has been allocated Rs 798 crore, with an increase of Rs 143 crore. Funds under the capital head are meant for development works and asset creation, while those under the revenue head are spent on salaries and other recurring expenses.

The Administration had

sought nearly Rs 7,900 crore from the Centre for 2025-26 for various projects, including power, education and transport, but it got Rs 916.82 crore less.

Owing to the privatisation of the UT Electricity Department, the Centre has reduced the allocation under energy sector from Rs 1,093.70 crore in 2024-25 to Rs 984.85 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal.

The following are various fields for which provisions

have been made in the budget allocation.

Power and renewable energy: New and renewable sources of energy, and promotion of model solar city programme.

Education: Modernisation and purchase of equipment, development of infrastructure for NCC, providing amenities/services, graduate courses, modernisation and construction of new polytechnic; government polytechnic

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Experts watch the Union Budget telecast at the CII office in Chandigarh. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR MORE ON P3



BARELY COVERS INFLATION

“The total outlay has gone up to ₹6,187.48 crore in FY 2025-26 but that barely covers inflation.”

Manish Tewari, CHANDIGARH MP



CITY TO BENEFIT

“A budget with focus on an all-round development, numerous benefits for UT and nation as a whole.”

Jatinder Pal Malhotra, CITY SVP PRESIDENT



RELIEF TO SMALL TRADERS

“Budget has provided relief to small traders by extending tax benefits and simplifying procedures.”

Charanjiv Singh, CSM PRESIDENT

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for women and the Industrial Training Institute.

Health services: Upgrade of 50-bed Community Health Centre to 250-bed hospital, strengthening of 50-bed Poly Clinic, rural subsidiary health centres, urban subsidiary health centres, Employees State Insurance Scheme, and other health care schemes, AYUSH Homoeopathy and Ayurveda, construction of regional trauma centre, mental health institute, and Government Rehabilitation Institute for Intellectual Disabilities.

Welfare of women and children: Renovation/additions/ construction of government buildings, home for the old and destitute people, and Children Home for Girls, protection centre for runaway couples, creches for the children of working mothers, share capital contribution to Chandigarh Child and Women Development Corporation, matching contribution for implementation of Centrally sponsored Integrated Child

Protection Scheme (ICPS) and setting up of UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, etc.

Road and transport: Purchase of new buses, replacement of condemned buses and upgrade of bus stand, computerisation of Chandigarh Transport Undertaking, construction of link road, and purchase of video coach buses for inter-city transport.

Urban development: Provision for land acquisition and survey, construction and other infrastructure development, urban roads, storm water drainage, electrification, IT Park, civic works, machinery and equipment, research works, dam across Sukhna Lake and 24x7 water supply pan city etc.

Welfare of the differently abled and the aged: National Family Benefit Scheme, Implementation of National Social Assistance Programme, Implementation of Disability Act/Programme, subsidy on petrol/diesel to physically challenged persons, unemployment allowance to persons with disability and national programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (NPRPD).

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Wellness quotient Funds for PM Ayushman Bharat up from Rs 7,300 cr to Rs 9,406 cr

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

From enhancing the number of medical seats by 10,000 in the next 12 months and having cancer day care centres in district hospitals to duty relief for imported drugs for treating cancer and chronic diseases, the Budget offers several benefits for the health sector.

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The announcement comes a day after the Economic Survey flagged how a large number of Indian students are compelled to travel to countries like China, Ukraine, Russia and Bangladesh, because half of the MBBS seats are too expensive for most of them.

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The minister proposed to add 37 more medicines along with 13 new patient assistance programmes.

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Other programmes that received a budgetary boost are Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission that received over Rs 4,700 crore – a more than 26% jump from last year's allocation – to strengthen infrastructure.

Healing touch

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- **Promotion** of medical tourism
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- **Over 2k crore** more money for Ayushman Bharat insurance scheme

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URDHVA MUKHA PASASANA VARIATION PADA ARDHA BHEKASANA

(THREAD THE NEEDLE POSE VARIATION HALF FROG LEG)

This pose, a variation of Urdhva Mukha Pasasana (Thread the Needle), starts from Bharmasana (Table Top). Threading one arm under the other creates a spinal and shoulder twist, enhancing hip mobility. This gentle twist keeps the spine supple, while the stretched arm opens the armpit and stretches the obliques. The cross-body movement improves left-right brain communication and activates the lymphatic system, aiding toxin removal and boosting immunity. The side rotation massages abdominal organs, promoting well-being. This pose can be practiced in bed by those with prolonged illnesses.

STEPS

- Take a breath here, preparing your mind and body.
- Inhale and exhale. Lift your right leg off the mat. Bend your right leg at the knee, as in Ardha Pawanmuktasana (Half Wind Release Pose). Hold the pose for a few breaths.
- Exhale again, gently turn onto your left side, dropping your right knee onto the mat. Lift your right hip, shoulders, and the right side of your back off the mat. Stack your right hip on top of your left hip here.
- Inhale, extend your left arm in line with your shoulder, palm facing up. Ensure that your left shoulder, elbow, and wrist are completely touching the mat.
- Inhale, tuck the toes of your left foot in so that your left heel is pointing toward the ceiling. Engage your left leg. Lift your left knee off the mat.
- Your left side should now be completely touching the mat. Remember, this is not a twisting pose, so ensure your body is aligned by turning fully onto your left side.
- Exhale, raise your right arm above your head, aligning your right shoulder with your left.
- Ensure your right arm is close to your right ear and your right armpit is fully open. Reach toward the mat with your right fingers to deepen the opening.
- Gaze forward and hold the pose as long as comfortable.
- To release, inhale and bring your right arm down. Gently lift your right knee off the mat. Now turn your body so that your right shoulder and hip are on the mat.
- Rest in Savasana (Corpse Pose).
- Repeat the steps on the other side.
- Release the pose and relax in Savasana (Corpse Pose).

BENEFITS

- Reduces tension in the hips and lower back.
- Enhances stability in the hip joint and shoulders.
- Therapeutic for dealing with anxiety, insomnia, or back discomfort.
- Helps people suffering from a prolonged illness, even while lying in bed.
- Strengthens arms and chest muscles.
- Improves the flexibility of adductors.
- Enhances digestive system and alleviates tensions.
- Enhances blood circulation in the body.
- Helps in encouraging conscious breathing.
- Opens up the posterior chest.
- Expands the lungs, increases its capacity, and oxygenates the body.
- Cultivates awareness of hip alignment, shoulder placement, and breath.
- Calms effect on the nervous system.
- Helps in fluid balance, waste elimination, contributing to overall urinary system well-being.
- Massages kidney, spleen, and intestine, promoting overall health.
- Helps in detoxification and enhancing one's immunity.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with injuries to the neck, shoulders, lower and upper back, arms, hips, or knees, or any issues related to abdominal organs such as stomach, intestines, liver, and spleen, and those suffering from neck stiffness leading to cervical spondylosis, osteoporosis, sciatica, intestinal or stomach ulcers, or hernia, should avoid this pose.
- If practitioners struggle with coordinating the twist and the exhalation, they should stop the practice.



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Daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals in 3 years • 10,000 MBBS seats to be added next year • Medical tourism, Heal in India to be promoted with private sector

AVINASH PRABHAKAR
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NEW DELHI, FEB 1

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The budget allocated Rs 99,858.56 crore for the health ministry, an increase of about 11 per cent over the last fiscal's outlay of Rs 89,974.12 crore. Of the Rs 99,858.56 crore, Rs 95,957.87 crore have been earmarked for the department of health and family welfare and Rs 3,900.69 crore for the department of health research. The budgetary allocation for the AYUSH ministry has been

increased from Rs 3,497.64 crore to Rs 3,592.90 crore, recording a 14.15 per cent increase.

Talking about the allocation, Dr DK Gupta, Felix Hospital, said this budget will prove a milestone in strengthening the health infrastructure. "Many relief announcements have been made in the Budget, especially for cancer patients, medical students and common citizens struggling with the cost of medicines. This step of the government will strengthen the health infrastructure of the country and will help in making India a major medical destination", said Dr Gupta.

Jansatta • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush
Sabhi jila hosptial mein Day care cancer kendra sthapit ho

10 • PG

347 • Sqcm

234381 • AVE

223.14K • Cir

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Delhi

घोषणा

बजट में केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को 99,858.56 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित, 11 फीसद की बढ़ोतरी

सभी जिला अस्पतालों में 'डे केयर' कैंसर केंद्र स्थापित होंगे

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 1 फरवरी।

केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-2026 के बजट में 99,858.56 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित किए गए हैं, जो 2024-2025 के बजट (संशोधित अनुमान) के 89,974.12 करोड़ रुपए से लगभग 11 फीसद अधिक है। सरकार ने अगले तीन वर्षों में सभी जिला अस्पतालों में 'डे केयर' कैंसर केंद्र स्थापित करने की भी घोषणा की है। इनमें से दो सौ केंद्र वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में ही स्थापित किए जाएंगे।

केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने शनिवार को संसद में वर्ष 2025-26 का बजट पेश करते हुए कहा कि पांच वर्षों में 75,000 सीट जोड़ने के लक्ष्य की दिशा में अगले वर्ष मेडिकल कालेजों और



अस्पतालों में 10,000 अतिरिक्त सीट जोड़ी जाएंगी। उन्होंने कहा कि क्षमता निर्माण और आसान वीजा मानदंडों के साथ-साथ निजी क्षेत्र के साथ साझेदारी में चिकित्सा पर्यटन और 'हील इन इंडिया' को बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा।

आयुष मंत्रालय के लिए बजटीय आबंटन 3,497.64 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 3,992.90

अगले वर्ष मेडिकल कालेजों और अस्पतालों में 10,000 अतिरिक्त सीट जोड़ी जाएंगी। आसान वीजा मानदंडों के साथ-साथ निजी क्षेत्र के साथ साझेदारी में चिकित्सा पर्यटन और 'हील इन इंडिया' को बढ़ावा। आयुष मंत्रालय के लिए बजटीय आबंटन 3,497.64 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 3,992.90 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है, जो 14.15 फीसद की वृद्धि को दर्शाता है।

करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है, जो 14.15 फीसद की वृद्धि को दर्शाता है। स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के लिए आबंटित 99,858.56 करोड़ रुपए में से 95,957.87 करोड़ रुपए स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के लिए और 3,900.69 करोड़ रुपए स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग के लिए निर्धारित किए गए हैं। केंद्र प्रायोजित योजनाओं में राष्ट्रीय

स्वास्थ्य मिशन के लिए आबंटन 2024-25 में 36,000.00 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 2025-26 में 37,226.92 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है। इसके अलावा, आयुष्मान भारत प्रधानमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना (एबी पीएम-जेएवाई) के लिए आबंटन 7,605.54 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 9,406.00 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है।

राष्ट्रीय टेली मानसिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम के लिए बजटीय आबंटन 45 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 79.60 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है, जबकि राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल स्वास्थ्य मिशन के लिए वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में 225 करोड़ रुपए से 340.11 करोड़ रुपए निर्धारित किए गए हैं। स्वायत्त निकायों के लिए बजटीय आबंटन 2024-25 में 18,978.72 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 2025-26 में 20,046.07 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है।

Rashtriya Sahara • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush
99,000cr for Health

3 • PG

97 • Sqcm

140942 • AVE

390K • Cir

Middle Center

Delhi

स्वास्थ्य के लिए 99 हजार करोड़

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को 2025-2026 के बजट में 99,858.56 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए हैं, जो 2024-2025 के बजट (संशोधित अनुमान) के 89,974.12 करोड़ रुपये से लगभग 11 प्रतिशत अधिक है।

36 जीवन रक्षक दवाओं पर नहीं लगेगी कस्टम ड्यूटी : वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने शनिवार को 2025-26 का बजट पेश करते हुए कहा कि औषधियों/दवाइयों के आयात पर राहत के रूप में, कैंसर, दुर्लभ बीमारियों और पुरानी बीमारियों के इलाज के लिए 36 जीवनरक्षक दवाओं को बुनियादी सीमा शुल्क (वीसीडी) से पूरी तरह छूट दी गई है। इसके अलावा 37 दवाओं के साथ-साथ 13 नई दवाओं और रोगी सहायता कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत आने वाली दवाओं को वीसीडी से छूट दी गई है, बशर्ते

कि वे मरीजों को मुफ्त में उपलब्ध कराई जाएं।

चिकित्सा पर्यटन को दिया जाएगा

बढ़ावा : सीतारमण ने अपने भाषण में कहा कि क्षमता निर्माण और आसान वीजा मानदंडों के साथ-साथ निजी क्षेत्र के साथ साझेदारी में चिकित्सा पर्यटन और 'हेल्थ इन इंडिया' को बढ़ावा दिया जायेगा। आयुष मंत्रालय के लिए वजटीय आवंटन 3,497.64 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़ाकर 3,992.90 करोड़ रुपये कर दिया गया है, जो 14.15 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि को दर्शाता है।



■ आवंटन में 11 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी

स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के लिए आवंटित 99,858.56 करोड़ रुपये में से 95,957.87 करोड़ रुपये स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के लिए और 3,900.69 करोड़ रुपये स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग के लिए निर्धारित किए गए हैं।

Prahar • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush Need for day care facilities in other medical fields

3 • PG

101 • Sqcm

28266 • AVE

215K • Cir

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Mumbai

कें द्रीय अर्थसंकल्प २०२४-२६ मध्ये
आरोग्य सेवा क्षेत्रासाठी अनेक
महत्वाच्या तरतुदींचा समावेश

करणवत आला आहे. यामध्ये काहीच
अर्थसंकल्पीय वाटप यामध्ये आरोग्य सेवा
बजेटमध्ये लक्षात घ्यायला आहे. नैल्या
वर्षीच्या १९०,९५८.६३ कोटीच्या कटपतून
किमान १५% वाढीची अपेक्षा आहे. मागील
वर्षीच्या १५% अर्थसंकल्पात १२%
वाढ करण्यात आली होती.
मागील वर्षी आरोग्यावर २.९
% GDP खर्च करण्यात आला
होता. यावर्षीच्या बजेटमध्ये तो
२.५ होईल अशी आरोग्यासाठी
कमतरणाऱ्या उद्देशाने अपेक्षा होती.
हे जवळपास पूर्ण होऊन दिसत
आहेत. या बजेटचे उद्दिष्ट
महागाई, वाढत्या आरोग्यसेवा
खर्चा आणि जीवनशैलीतील
आजकाला संबंधित करणे
आहे. विशेष वैद्यकीय शिक्षण
आणि पायाभूत सुविधांमध्ये
२०२४ पर्यंत, भारतात MD,
MS आणि डिप्लोमा अभ्यसनासह एकूण
१,०८,९४० MBBS जागा आणि ७३,९९९
पदव्युत्तर (PG) वैद्यकीय जागा आहेत. MBBS
च्या जागा देशभरातील सरकारी आणि खाजगी
वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालयांमध्ये पसरलेल्या आहेत.



**डॉ. तात्याराव
लहाने**
(नेत्र शल्यचिकित्सक)

PG वैद्यकीय जागांच्या संख्येत लक्षात घ्यायला
वाढ झाली आहे. २०१४ मधील ३९,९८५
जागांपरून २०२४-२५ मध्ये ७३,९९९
जागांवर १२७% वाढ झाली आहे.
सरकारने पुढील वर्षी
महाविद्यालये आणि रुग्णालयांमध्ये
१०,००० अतिरिक्त वैद्यकीय
जागा जोडण्याचा प्रस्ताव ठेवला
आहे. पुढील पाच वर्षांत एकूण
७५,००० जागांचे उद्दिष्ट आहे.
म्हणजे ७०० लोकसंख्येला
एक डॉक्टर मिळवावा यादृष्टीने
ही तरतूद करण्यात आली
असली. डे केअर केंद्र
सेंटर्स केंद्रांवर सुलभता
सुधारण्यासाठी, २०२५-२६
मध्ये २०० डे केअर केंद्रांवर
सेंटर्सची स्थापना केली
जाईल. पुढील तीन वर्षांत
प्रत्येक जिल्हा हॉस्पिटलमध्ये एक स्थान
करण्याचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. याच बरोबर अन्य
वैद्यकीय क्षेत्रांही डे केअर सुविधा करण्याची
गरज आहे. ज्यामुळे जीथे गरज नाही तेथे रिमा
मंजूर होण्यासाठी रुग्णांना आंतर रुग्ण मंजूर

अन्य वैद्यकीय क्षेत्रात डे केअर सुविधा करण्याची गरज



ठेवण्याची गरज भासत नाही. डिजिटल
आरोग्य आणि लॅबोरेटरी अर्थसंकल्पात
अनुक्रमण भारत डिजिटल मिशनसाठी
वाढीय वाटप आणि डिजिटल आरोग्य
लॅबोरेटरीचा अर्थसंकल्प आरोग्य सेवा
प्रदायासाठी प्रोत्साहनासह डिजिटल आरोग्य
परिचरनेवर भर देण्यात आला आहे. ग्रामीण
आरोग्यसेवेचे बळकटीकरण टेलिमेडिसिन
सेवा वाढविण्यासाठी भारतानेट प्रकल्पांतर्गत
ब्रॉडबैंड कनेक्टिव्हिटी प्रदान करून, विरोधात
ग्रामीण भागात प्राथमिक आरोग्य केंद्रे (PHCs)
सुधारण्यावर भर आहे. हेल्थकेअरसाठी
अर्थिक प्रोत्साहन: अर्थसंकल्पात वैद्यकीय
विमा आणि प्रिव्हिजन्स आरोग्य सेवा
खर्चासाठी कालम ८० री अंदाजित उच्च
कायदाची मागणी केली जाते. क्षेत्रातील

महागाई नियंत्रित करण्यासाठी औषधे आणि
वैद्यकीय उपकरणांसारख्या आरोग्य सेवा
उत्पादनक्षेत्रातील जीएसटी दर लक्ष्मण
करण्याचा प्रस्ताव देखील आहे. केंद्रीय आरोग्य
योजना सर्वसमान्यतेने वेगळेपणासाठी
अर्थसंकल्पात भरीव तरतुदी करण्यात
आल्या आहेत.
अनुमान भारतात प्रधानमंत्री जन आरोग्य
योजनेसाठी ७,३०० कोटी रुपयांची तरतूद
करण्यात आली आहे, जी पुढील ६,८००
कोटी रुपयांच्या तुलनेत वाढ आहे. या वर्षी
यात वाढ होणे अपेक्षित आहे. कर्करोगासाठी
डे केअर रुग्णालये हे फायदा स्थानावर
फाऊल आहे. कर्करोगातील तीन महत्वाच्या
औषधांवरील सीमा शुल्क माफ करण्यात
आले आहे, ज्यामुळे रुग्णांना आर्थिक दिलासा
मिळेल. विशेष हृदय रोगांसाठी आजवर विशेष
जन्मभर औषधे घ्यायला लागल्या आजकाल
औषधांचे पान सिमासुत्वा माफ करण्याची
मागणी होताना दिसते. या उपक्रमांचा उद्देश
भारतातील आरोग्यसेवा पायाभूत सुविधा
मजबूत करणे आणि शहरी आणि ग्रामीण
भागात दर्जेदार वैद्यकीय सेवांमध्ये समान
प्रवेशास प्रोत्साहन देणे हे आहे.

Loksatta • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush
Is mode se jyate hai...

8 • PG

1817 • Sqcm

1062837 • AVE

272.51K • Cir

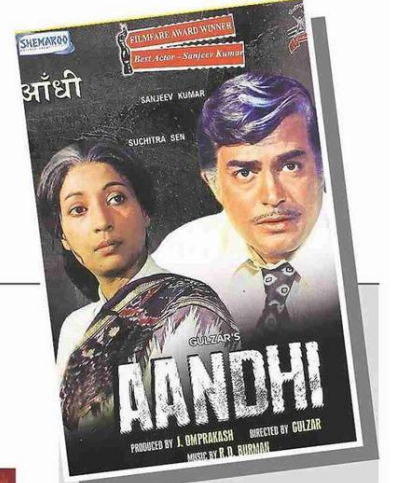
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Pune

शिक्षण/आरोग्य

देशातील नागरिकांना आरोग्य सुविधा उत्तम मिळाव्यात यासाठी गेल्या वर्षीपेक्षा जवळजवळ ११ टक्क्यांनी अधिक निधी या वर्षी उपलब्ध होईल. गावोगावात कर्करोगापासून इतर गंभीर रुग्णांच्या प्रश्नांसाठी यामुळे शहरांकडे वाट वळवावी लागणार नाही. गीतकार गुलजार यांनी 'आंधी' चित्रपटासाठी लिहिलेल्या 'इस मोड से जाते है' या लोकप्रिय गीतातील 'इक राह तो वो होगी, तुम तक जो पहुंचती है' पंक्तीच्या आशयाशी संलग्नच अशा या तरतुदी.

इस मोड से जाते है...



दिग्दर्शक म्हणून गुलजार आणि पटकथाकार म्हणून कमलेश्वर यांचे एकत्रीकरण असलेला चित्रपट. राजकारणात यश मिळवणारी महिला आणि तिचा सहृदय पती यांच्या नात्यातल्या कटुतेवर चित्रपटाची कहाणी बेतली होती. मुळ कादंबरीची प्रेरणा बिहारमधील नेत्या तारकेश्वरी सिन्हा या होत्या असे सांगितले जाते, पण चित्रपटात मात्र नायिकेचे केसही इंदिरा गांधीप्रमाणेच उजव्या बाजूला जरासे पांढरे! काँग्रेसची राजवट असल्यामुळे चित्रपटाच्या प्रदर्शनावर आणीबाणी काळात पूर्णपणे बंदी आणण्यात आली होती. काँग्रेस पक्षाने प्रतिमानन करीत असल्याचे कारण दाखवून चित्रपटाच्या प्रदर्शनात आडकाटी आणण्यात आली. निवडणूक आयोगानेही या चित्रपटाचे प्रदर्शन रोखून धरले. या बंदीमुळेच, 'आंधी'चा बोलबाला राष्ट्रीय पातळीवर झाला. सुविख्यात अभिनेत्री सुचित्रा सेन यांनी फार कमी हिंदी चित्रपटांमध्ये भूमिका केल्या. या चित्रपटातील त्यांची भूमिका भारतरत्न गाजली. 'इस मोड से जाते है' हे गाणे अजरामर गीतांत गणले जाते. चित्रपटाला तीन फिल्मफेअर पारितोषिके मिळाली.

महाग औषधांवर मात्रा

- तीन वर्षांमध्ये सर्व जिल्हा रुग्णालयांमध्ये 'डे केअर' केंद्रे
- कर्करोग, गंभीर आजार आणि जुनाट आजारांनी ग्रस्त असलेल्या रुग्णांना दिलासा देण्यासाठी ३६ जीवनरक्षक औषधांवरील सीमा शुल्क (बीसीडी) रद्द करण्याची घोषणा
- पाच टक्के सवलतीच्या सीमा शुल्काच्या यादीत सहा जीवनरक्षक औषधांचा समावेश करणार
- औषध निर्मिती कंपन्यांद्वारे सुरू असलेल्या रुग्ण सहाय्य कार्यक्रमांतर्गत निर्दिष्ट केलेल्या औषधांना 'बीसीडी'मधून सूट देण्यात
- 'ट्रस्ट्युमॅब डेक्स्टरेकन', 'ओसिमरटिनिब' आणि 'दुवलुमॅब' यांच्यावरील सीमाशुल्क यापूर्वीच १० टक्क्यांवरून शुल्कावर

शिक्षणासाठी १.२८ लाख कोटी

केंद्रीय अर्थमंत्री निर्मला सीतारामन यांनी अर्थसंकल्प सादर करताना शिक्षण क्षेत्रासाठी १.२८ लाख कोटींची तरतूद करण्याची घोषणा केली. गेल्या वर्षी सुधारित अंदाजामध्ये ही तरतूद १.१४ लाख कोटी इतकी होती. त्याशिवाय शिक्षण क्षेत्रासाठी काही मोठ्या घोषणा करण्यात आल्या. त्यामध्ये मोठ्या प्रमाणात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेला चालना देणे, देशात जन्म, भिलई, धारवाड, पलक्कड आणि तिरुपती या ठिकाणी पाच नवीन आयआयटीची स्थापना या महत्त्वाच्या तरतुदींचा समावेश आहे. उच्च शिक्षणासाठी ५० हजार ०६७ कोटी तर शालेय शिक्षणासाठी ७८ हजार ५७२ कोटींचा निधी दिला जाईल.

आरोग्य क्षेत्रासाठी जवळपास एक लाख कोटींची तरतूद करण्याची घोषणा केली. आरोग्य आणि कुटुंबकल्याण मंत्रालयाला २०२५-२६ या वर्षासाठी ९९ हजार ८५८ कोटींचा निधी मंजूर करण्यात आला असून गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत ही वाढ ११ टक्के आहे.

येत्या तीन वर्षांमध्ये सर्व जिल्हा रुग्णालयांमध्ये 'डे केअर' केंद्रे उभारण्यात येणार असून त्यापैकी २०० केंद्रे याच वर्षीत उभारली जाणार आहेत. गंभीर आजारांशी झुंज देणाऱ्या रुग्णांना मोठा दिलासा देण्यात आला असून कर्करोग, गंभीर आजार आणि जुनाट आजारांनी ग्रस्त असलेल्या रुग्णांना दिलासा देण्यासाठी ३६ जीवनरक्षक औषधांवरील सीमा शुल्क रद्द करण्याची घोषणा अर्थमंत्र्यांनी केली.

त्याशिवाय, महिला व बालकल्याण खात्यासाठी तरतूद वाढवण्यात आली आहे. २०२४-२५मध्ये या खात्यासाठी जवळपास २३,१८३ कोटींची तरतूद होती, ती वाढवून २६,८८९ कोटी करण्यात आली आहे.



‘आयुष’ मंत्रालयासाठीच्या निधीमध्ये १४.१५ टक्के वाढ करत ३.४९६.६४ कोटीची तरतूद; ‘राष्ट्रीय आरोग्य अभियाना’साठी ३७.२२६.९२ कोटी (मागील वर्षी ३६ हजार कोटी)

‘राष्ट्रीय टेलि मानसिक आरोग्य उपक्रमा’साठी ७९.६० कोटी (मागील वर्षी ४५ कोटी); ‘राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल आरोग्य अभियाना’साठी ३४०.११ कोटी (मागील वर्षी २२५ कोटी)

स्वायत्त संस्थांसाठी २०,०४६.०७ कोटी (मागील वर्षी १८,९७८.७२ कोटी); दिल्लीतील ‘एक्स’साठी ५,२०० कोटी (मागील वर्षी ५००० कोटी); ‘आयसीएमआर’साठी ३९२५.५० कोटी (मागील वर्षी २,८६९.९९ कोटी)

आदिवासींसाठी १४ हजार कोटी

केंद्रीय आदिवासी मंत्रालयाची तरतूद गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत ४५ टक्क्यांनी वाढवण्यात आली आहे. २०२४-२५साठी ही तरतूद १०,२७३ कोटी इतकी होती, ती २०२५-२६साठी १४,९२५ कोटी करण्यात आली आहे. आदिवासींबद्दल क्षेत्रांमधील पायाभूत सुविधांमधील अंतर भरून काढण्यासाठी हा वाढीव निधी वापरला जाईल. दर्जेदार शिक्षण, रोजगार, कौशल्य विकास, पिण्याचे स्वच्छ पाणी, सकाई, शिक्षण, आरोग्य, पोषक आहार, रस्ते, दूरसंचार जोडणी अशा विविध योजनांसाठीही तरतूद वाढवण्यात आली आहे. पायाभूत सुविधा सुधारण्यासाठी ‘डीएजेजीयूए’ची तरतूद ५०० कोटीवरून वाढवून दोन हजार कोटी करण्यात आली आहे.

Pioneer Hindi • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush
Ayush mantralay ko diya 3,992.90 cr ka avantan

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39 • Sqcm

60141 • AVE

375K • Cir

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Delhi

आयुष मंत्रालय को दिया 3,992.90 करोड़ का आवंटन

नई दिल्ली, एक फरवरी (भाषा) आयुष मंत्रालय के लिए बजट आवंटन 2024-25 में 3,497.64 करोड़ रुपए (संशोधित अनुमान) से बढ़कर 2025-26 के लिए 3,992.90 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है यानी इसमें 14.15 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की गई है। राष्ट्रीय औषधीय पदार्थ बोर्ड को 18.59 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए गए हैं, जबकि भारतीय चिकित्सा और होम्योपैथी के लिए फार्माकोपिया आयोग (पीसीआईएमएडएच) को 21.96 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए गए हैं। भारतीय चिकित्सा और होम्योपैथी के लिए फार्माकोपिया आयोग आयुष मंत्रालय के अधीन एक कार्यालय है। यह भारत में सभी आयुष दवाओं के परीक्षण के लिए एक अपील प्रतिक्रिया है। यह फार्माकोपिया के रूप में प्रकटित सभी आयुष दवाओं के लिए मानक भी निर्धारित करता है।

Dainik Savera • 02 Feb • Ministry of Ayush
Ayush mantraleay ko 3,992.90 crore rupay

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38 • Sqcm

9117 • AVE

40.03K • Cir

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Chandigarh

आयुष मंत्रालय को 3,992.90 करोड़ रुपए



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Funds treatment for Medical field

6 • PG

894 • Sqcm

356009 • AVE

147.23K • Cir

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Bengaluru

వైద్యరంగానికి నిధుల చికిత్స

- రూ.99 వేల కోట్లు కేటాయింపు
- నిరుదీ కన్నా 11 శాతం ఎక్కువ
- మెడికల్ సీట్లు 10 వేలు పెంపు
- జిల్లా ఆసుపత్రుల్లో 'డే-కేర్ క్యాన్సర్ చికిత్స కేంద్రాలు'

దీర్ఘ కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్లో వైద్య రంగానికి నిధులు భారీగా పెంచారు. ఆలాగే వైద్య విద్య అభివృద్ధికి పెద్దపీట వేశారు. వైద్యశాలకు గత ఆర్థిక సంవత్సరంలో పోలిస్తే ప్రస్తుత బడ్జెట్లో చాదాపు 11 శాతం కేటాయింపులు పెరిగాయి. 2024-25 సంవత్సరం (సవరించిన అంచనా)లో రూ.89,974.12 కోట్లు కేటాయించగా.. 2025-26 బడ్జెట్లో రూ. 99,858.56 కోట్లు కేటాయించారు. ఆయుష్షి

మంత్రిత్వ శాఖకు కేటాయింపులు రూ.3,497.64 కోట్లు నుంచి రూ.3,992.90 కోట్లకు పెంచారు. ఇది 14.15% అధికం. ఆరోగ్య కుటుంబ సంక్షేమ మంత్రిత్వ శాఖకు కేటాయించిన రూ.99,858.56 కోట్లలో ఆరోగ్య కుటుంబ సంక్షేమ శాఖకు రూ.95,957.87 కోట్లు, వైద్య పరిశోధనలకు రూ.3,900.69 కోట్లు ఇవ్వనున్నారు. స్వయం ప్రతిపత్తి సంస్థలకు కేటాయింపులను రూ.18,978.72 కోట్ల నుంచి రూ.20,046.07 కోట్లకు పెంచారు.

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అంశం	2024-25	2025-26
ఆయుష్షి మంత్రిత్వ శాఖ	3,497.64	3,992.90
జాతీయ వైద్య మిషన్	36,000.00	37,226.92
ఆయుష్మాన్ భారత్	7,605.54	9,406.00
జాతీయ టెలి మానసిక వైద్య కార్యక్రమం	45.00	79.60
జాతీయ డిజిటల్ హెల్త్ మిషన్	225.00	340.11
దీర్ఘ ఎయిడ్స్	5,000.00	5,200.00
ఐసీఎంఆర్	2,869.99	3,125.50

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75 వేల
వైద్య
సీట్లు పెంపు

వైద్య రంగానికి నిధులను పెంచడమే కాకుండా వైద్యవిద్య అభ్యసించాలనుకునే విద్యార్థులకు కేంద్రం శుభవార్త చెప్పింది. వైద్య కళాశాలల్లో ఐదేళ్లలో 75 వేల సీట్లు పెంచే లక్ష్యంలో భాగంగా వచ్చే ఏడాది(2025-26లో) 10 వేల సీట్లు పెంచనున్నారు. తమ ప్రభుత్వం గత పదేళ్లలో సుమారు 1.10 లక్షల యూజీ, పీజీ మెడికల్ సీట్లను పెంచినది, గతంలో పోలిస్తే ఇది 130 శాతం అధికమని నిర్దేశా సీతారామన్ పేర్కొన్నారు. మరోవైపు, దేశ వ్యాప్తంగా అన్ని జిల్లా ఆసుపత్రుల్లో వచ్చే

మూడేళ్లలో 'డే-కేర్ క్యాన్సర్ చికిత్స కేంద్రాలు' ఏర్పాటు చేయనున్నారు. అందులో 200 కేంద్రాలను 2025-26 ఆర్థిక సంవత్సరంలోనే నెలకొల్పనున్నారు. ప్రైవేటు రంగ భాగస్వామ్యంతో దేశంలో వైద్య పర్యాటకాన్ని 'హీల్ ఇన్ ఇండియా' కార్యక్రమాన్ని ప్రోత్సహించనున్నారు. ఇందుకు వైద్యసేవల సామర్థ్యాన్ని మెరుగుపరచడంతో పాటు వీసా నిబంధనల్లో సడలింపులు ఇవ్వనున్నారు. ప్రాథమిక ఆరోగ్య కేంద్రాలకు ట్రాన్స్ జెన్డర్ సదుపాయం కల్పించనున్నారు.

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4 • PG

737 • Sqcm

486553 • AVE

341.56K • Cir

Top Center

Bengaluru



ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಧನ-ಧಾನ್ಯ ಕೃಷಿ ಯೋಜನೆ
ಘೋಷಣೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಗಳ ಸಹಯೋಗ
ದೊಂದಿಗೆ 100 ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳ ಶೇ.1.7 ರೈತರಿಗೆ ನೆರವು

ತೋಗರಿ, ಉದ್ಯಮ ಮೂಲಕ ದಾಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು
ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಕರಿಸಿ 6 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯ
ಆತ್ಮನಿರ್ಭರತಾ ಮಿಷನ್ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ



ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಬಜೆಟ್ 2025

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ



96,777 ನಗರಾಧಿಪತ್ಯಗಳ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಯಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ
ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.

95,298 ಮಾಹಿತಿ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಜಿಟಲೈಸೇಷನ್
ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.

ಮಾಹಿತಿ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಜಿಟಲೈಸೇಷನ್
ಉದ್ಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ ಹಣ

ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಗೆ 123.75 ಕೋಟಿ

2025-26ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್
ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಗೆ 123.75 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳನ್ನು
ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ
ಹಣಕಾಸು ಸಚಿವೆ ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ ಸೀತಾರಾಮನ್
ಘೋಷಿಸಿದರು. 2024-25ರ ಹಣಕಾಸು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ
ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ 46.63 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳನ್ನು ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಆಯುಷ್ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ₹3,992.90 ಕೋಟಿ

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಷ್ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ 3,992.90
ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಅನುದಾನ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದು 2024-25
ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದ 3,497.64 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಿಂತ
ಶೇ.14.15 ಅಧಿಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಮೊತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಷ್
(ಆಯುರ್ವೇದ, ಸಿದ್ಧ, ಉಪನಿಷದ್ ಹೋಮಿಯೋಪತಿ)
ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೂಲಕ 7000ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ
ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಷದ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಕರಣ
18.59 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲಿಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಅಂತೆಯೇ, ಆಯುಷ್ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳ ಪರಿಚ್ಛೇದ
ಭಾರತೀಯ ವಿಷದ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ಕೊಡುಗೆಯನ್ನು
ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೋಮಿಯೋಪತಿ 21.96 ಕೋಟಿ
ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲಿಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಳಿದಂತೆ, ಸ್ವಾಸ್ಥ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ
ಆಯುರ್ವೇದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ
ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್‌ಗೆ 457.20 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ., ಹೋಮಿಯೋಪತಿ
ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್‌ಗೆ 165 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.,
ಉಪನಿಷದ್ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರೀಯ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್‌ಗೆ
214.50 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ., ಆರ್ ಯು ಐಎಸ್‌ಸಿಎಸ್‌ಎಲ್
ಆಯುರ್ವೇದಕ್ಕೆ 251.20 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ, ಒಟ್ಟು
1,965.80 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂಪರ್ ಅನುದಾನ!

ಸತತ 2ನೇ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಬಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪ್ರಾಶಸ್ತ್ಯ | ಈ ವರ್ಷಾಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆ | ನಿತಿಶ್ ಓಲ್ಟಿಸಿದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ

2025ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಹಾರ ಅನುದಾನ
ಬಾಕಿಬಂದಿತ್ತು. ಬಿಹಾರ, ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಹಲವು
ಕಾರಣಗಳಿವೆ. ಮೊದಲನೆಯದ್ದು, ಈ
ವರ್ಷಾಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ
ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಯಲಿದ್ದು, ಭರ್ತಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ
ಘೋಷಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಅದನ್ನು ದಮನಕಾರವನ್ನು
ಸೇರಿಸಲು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಹೊರಡಿದೆ.
ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಕಾರಣವೆಂದರೆ
ಮುನ್ಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗಳ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನ ಮುಕ್ತ ಪತ್ರೆ
ಜೊಡೆಯುವ ಮುಖಾಂತ, ಬಿಹಾರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿ
ನಿತಿಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮನವೊಲಿಕೆಯ ಯತ್ನ.



ಬಂದಿದ್ದರು. ಇದು ಬಿಹಾರದ ಜನರ
ಮನಸೆಯಿಂದ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನವೂ ಆಗಿರಬಹುದು
ಎಂದು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ತಜ್ಞರೇ ಚರ್ಚೆ
ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗಷ್ಟೆ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಜೆಡಿಯು, ಬಿಜೆಪಿ ಬೆಂಬಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಎಂದು
ನಿತಿಶ್ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ, ಬಿಹಾರ
ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಬಿಜೆಪಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ
ಉಪಗ್ರಹವಾದರೆ ಎನ್ನುವ
ಮುಂದಾಳುಗಳೆರೆಯಿಂದ ಬಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ
ಅನುದಾನ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಈಗ ವರ್ಷ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ 3ನೇ ಬಾರಿಗೆ
ಸಂಸತ್ತಿನ ಮೊದಲ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಲು
ಸರವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಹಾಗೂ
ನಿತಿಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಹಾಗೂ
ಬಿಹಾರ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾರೀ ನೆರವು
ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈ ಬಾರಿಯೂ ದೊಡ್ಡ
ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುದಾನ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಲ್ಲಿ
ನಿತಿಶ್ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಎಲ್‌ಜಿ, ಜೆಡಿಎಂ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆ: ಬಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ
ಭರ್ತಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ ನೀಡಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಲೀಡ್ ಜನ ಶಕ್ತಿ
ಪಾರ್ಟಿ (ಎಮ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಎಸ್ ಪಾರ್ಟಿ) ನಾಯಕ,
ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವ ಜಿಹಾನ್ ಪಾಸ್ತೂರ್ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
'ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ' ನಾಯಕ,
ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವ ಜಿಹಾನ್ ಪಾಸ್ತೂರ್ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
'ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ' ನಾಯಕ,
ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವ ಜಿಹಾನ್ ಪಾಸ್ತೂರ್ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
'ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ' ನಾಯಕ,
ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವ ಜಿಹಾನ್ ಪಾಸ್ತೂರ್ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಬಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ದೇನು?

- 1 ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶ್ವ ಸುವರ್ಣ ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ
ಸೀತಾರಾಮನ್, ಬಿಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ
ಮುಖಾಂತ (ಕಾನ್ಪುರ್ ಬೀಜ) ಮಂಡಣಿ
ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ
ಘೋಷಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಕೋಟಿ
ನಾಲಿಗೆ ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ
ಪಾಸ್ತೂರ್ ಬಜೆಟ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೂ ನೆರವು
ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.
- 2 ಬಿಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ
ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವುದಾಗಿ
ಘೋಷಿಸಿದ ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ,
ಭವಿಷ್ಯವನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಕೊಂಡು
ಹೋದಾಗ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಗಳನ್ನು
ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದಾಗಿಯೂ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.
- 3 'ಬಿಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖಾಂತ ಮಂಡಣಿ
ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ,
ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದರ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಹಾಗೂ
ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣೆಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗಲಿದೆ.
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಕೋಟಿ ನಾಲಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರವು
ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ನೆರವು ಒದಗಿಸಲಿದ್ದು,
ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖಾಂತ
ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 50000
ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿ
ಸಹಾಯಕವಾಗಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು
ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಬಿಹಾರದ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗೆ ವೇಗ: ಸಿಎಂ ನಿತಿಶ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಘೋಷಣೆಗಳು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗೆ ಪೂರಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಬಜೆಟ್: ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ

ಹೊಸಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸುವರ್ಣ ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ ಸೀತಾರಾಮನ್
ಅವರು ಮಂಡಿಸಿದ ಬಜೆಟ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ
ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯಾದ ಬಿಹಾರದ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ,
ಜೆಡಿಯು ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕ ನಿತಿಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್
ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಿಂದಾಗಿ ಬಿಹಾರದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ
ವೇಗ ನೀಡಲು ಸಹಾಯವಾಗಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು
ಸಂತಸ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
ಬಜೆಟ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ಮುಖಾಂತ
ಮಂಡಣಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ, ಗ್ರೀನ್‌ಫೀಲ್ಡ್ ಡಿವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್
ಗಳು ಬಿಹಾರದ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಅಪ್ಪಣಿಕೆಯನ್ನು
ಪೂರೈಸಿ ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಮಾನಗಳ ಆಗಮನ
ಸೌಕರ್ಯವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಬಜೆಟ್ ಹೊಸದಾದ
ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ
ತಿಕ್ಕಲವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದು ಪ್ರಗತಿಶೀಲ
ಮಟ್ಟ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ಮುಖಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ರಾಜ್ಯದ
ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇಮ್ಮಡಿಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತದೆ
ಎಂದರು.



- ಗ್ರೀನ್‌ಫೀಲ್ಡ್ ಎಂಪ್ಲೋಯ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್
ಬಿಹಾರದ ಅಪ್ಪಣಿಕೆ ಪೂರೈಕೆ
- ಬಜೆಟ್ ಹೊಸದಾದ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವ
ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ
ತಿಕ್ಕಲವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತದೆ

12 ಲಕ್ಷ ಅನಾಯಿತರ ಶೂನ್ಯ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ
ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ನಿತಿಶ್, ಅದಾಯಿತ ತೆರಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ
ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯು ಮಧ್ಯಮ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ
ಸಹಾಯವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಧಾನಿ ಸರಿಯಾದ

ಮೋರಿ, ಹಣಕಾಸು ಸಚಿವ ನಿರ್ಮಲಾ
ಸೀತಾರಾಮನ್ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬಿಹಾರದ ಜನತೆ
ಪರವಾಗಿ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ
ಎಂದು ಹರ್ಷ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

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वैभव न्यूज ■ नई दिल्ली

आयुष मंत्रालय के लिए बजट आवंटन 2024-25 में 3,497.64 करोड़ रुपए (संशोधित अनुमान) से बढ़ाकर 2025-26 के लिए 3,992.90 करोड़ रुपए कर दिया गया है यानी इसमें 14.15 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की गई है। राष्ट्रीय औषधीय पादप बोर्ड को 18.59 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए गए हैं, जबकि भारतीय चिकित्सा और होम्योपैथी के लिए फार्माकोपिया आयोग (पीसीआईएमएंडएच) को 21.96 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए गए हैं। भारतीय चिकित्सा और होम्योपैथी के लिए फार्माकोपिया आयोग आयुष मंत्रालय के अधीन एक कार्यालय है। यह भारत में सभी आयुष दवाओं के परीक्षण के लिए एक अपीलीय प्राधिकरण है। यह फार्माकोपिया के रूप में प्रकाशित सभी आयुष दवाओं के लिए मानक भी निर्धारित करता है।

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2.	Dainik Bhaskar	श्रीकृष्ण भवन में आज लगेगा निशुल्क आयुष कैंप	66.5M
3.	Dainik Bhaskar	आयुष शिविर: पहले दिन 178 ने किया प्राणायाम	66.5M
4.	हिन्दुस्तान(Live Hindustan)	चरक संहिता सीखने का कौशल विकसित करें छात्र: बालकृष्ण	64.8M
5.	अमर उजाला (Amar ujala)	Bhopal: प्रदेश के आयुष विभाग में इंटरन, स्नातकोत्तर छात्रों की मांग हुई पूरी,शि...	63.8M
6.	अमर उजाला (Amar ujala)	Mahendragarh-Narnaul News: पुलिस लाइन में कराया गया सूर्य नमस्कार	63.8M
7.	Navbharat Times - NBT Education	मेट्रो, अस्पताल और पुलिस... बजट में दिल्ली के लिए दिल खोल कर ऐलान! जानिए किसे क्...	57.6M
8.	Mint	Boost to medical tourism, entry of gig workers in PMJAY, health budget is boost	40.8M
9.	Dailyhunt	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan-free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital un...	18.6M
10.	Dailyhunt	Boost to medical tourism, entry of gig workers in PMJAY, health budget is boost	18.6M
11.	ThePrint	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	11.3M
12.	Jansatta	AIIMS के बजट में भारी इजाफा, दिल्ली सरकार के अस्पताल में कटौती... हेल्थ सेक्टर को ...	9M
13.	Jansatta	अमित शाह, राजनाथ, गडकरी और शिवराज... जानें बजट के हिसाब से कौन सा मंत्री सबसे ताकत...	9M
14.	Latestly	India News Medicines, Dialysis, CT Scan--free Services in J-K's Poonch Distri...	7.8M
15.	The Tribune India	Campus notes: Surya namaskar workshop ends	7M
16.	New Indian Express	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	6.7M
17.	Janta Se Rishta	Haryana : कैम्पस नोट्स सूर्य नमस्कार कार्यशाला समाप्त	3.8M
18.	Careers360	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	3M
19.	Devdiscourse	Ayurvedic Wisdom in Skincare: NIA's New Plant-Based Products	1.2M
20.	The Pioneer	200 cancer centres to launch in 2025-26	776.4K
21.	Divya Himachal	Budget 2025 : शिक्षा का ध्यान, एआई पर फोकस, टूरिज्म सेक्टर में बढ़ेगी जॉब्स	553.6K
22.	Panchjanya	Patanjali Ayurveda: आयुर्वेद जीवन निर्वहन का साधन नहीं, ऋषि ऋण से उद्धार होने का उप...	515.8K
23.	ThePrint	राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान ने वनस्पति आधारित त्वचा देखभाल उत्पाद लॉन्च किए	483.1K
24.	Live Vns	आयुर्वेद आजीविका का साधन नहीं, ऋषि ऋण से उद्धार होने का उपाय है : आचार्य बालकृष्ण	382.1K
25.	Gstv	Budget 2025/ आयुष मंत्री ने विभाग ने आयुष से जुड़ी वधु बजेट? संरक्षण के पछी ना...	342.8K
26.	Press Trust of India	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	200.1K

27.	News Drum	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	158.4K
28.	United News Of India	राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद विद्यापीठ में छह दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम "चरकायतन" का सम...	99K
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30.	United News Of India	कैंसर से लड़ने में बाँड़ी रिवाइवल हो सकता हैं कारगर साबित: खान	99K
31.	The News Mill	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan-free services in J-K"s Poonch district hospital un...	85.1K
32.	New Kerala	Free Healthcare Services in Poonch District Hospital	72K
33.	WebIndia123	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K"s Poonch district hospital u...	61.9K
34.	Daksh Darpan 24	बसंत पंचमी के पावन अवसर पर निःशुल्क आयुष चिकित्सा शिविर का आयोजन।	N/A
35.	Sabkasandesh	पांच दिवसीय निःशुल्क योग प्रशिक्षण शिविर ग्राम सरवन देवरी में संपन्न*	N/A
36.	न्यायधानी	पांच दिवसीय निःशुल्क योग प्रशिक्षण शिविर ग्राम सरवन देवरी में संपन्न	N/A
37.	मानवी मीडिया	क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेद अनुसंधान संस्थान लखनऊ ने विश्व आर्द्रभूमियों दिवस ,पार्वती अर...	N/A
38.	New India	पटेल मंडला के ग्राम जंतीपुर में आयोजित जनसंवाद कार्यक्रम में हुए शामिल	N/A
39.	Punjabkesari	राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद विद्यापीठ में छह दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम "चरकायतन" का समाप...	N/A
40.	Udaipur Kiran	आयुर्वेद आजीविका का साधन नहीं, ऋषि ऋण से उद्धार होने का उपाय है : आचार्य बालकृष्ण	N/A
41.	Newzfatafat	आयुर्वेद आजीविका का साधन नहीं, ऋषि ऋण से उद्धार होने का उपाय है : आचार्य बालकृष्ण	N/A
42.	OB News	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	N/A
43.	The Mobi World	National Institute of Ayurveda launches plant-based skincare products	N/A
44.	Jagat Kranti News	आयुर्वेद एवं होम्योपैथी पद्धति से असाध्य से असाध्य रोगों का भी इलाज संभव : महंत ...	N/A
45.	उद्योग का अनुमान	राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान ने वनस्पति आधारित त्वचा देखभाल उत्पाद लॉन्च किए	N/A
46.	Daily World Hindi	राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान ने वनस्पति आधारित त्वचा देखभाल उत्पाद लॉन्च किए	N/A
47.	Khabarmanthan	बजट में स्वास्थ्य देखभाल बढ़ती है: चिकित्सा पर्यटन में वृद्धि, पीएमजे में टमटम क...	N/A
48.	BharatKi Baat	BJP panel visits Amritsar, criticizes AAP over Ambedkar statue incident.	N/A
49.	BharatKi Baat	National Institute of Ayurveda introduces innovative plant-based skincare produc...	N/A
50.	The News Now	Daycare cancer centres in all district hospitals	N/A
51.	India Gazette	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K"s Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
52.	BW Wellbeingworld	World Cancer Day: A New Dawn With Ayurveda And Body Revival	N/A
53.	Health Econoictimes	Budget: Ayush ministry allocated Rs 3,992.90 crore	N/A
54.	Industries News	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K"s Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
55.	India's News	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K"s Poonch district hospital u...	N/A

56.	Rising Kashmir	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in Poonch district hospital under AB-...	N/A
57.	Delhi live news	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
58.	OB News	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
59.	Rajasthan Ki Khabar	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
60.	The Mobi World	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
61.	West Bengal Khabar	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
62.	Jharkhandtimes	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
63.	Bihar 24x7	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
64.	World News Network	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital und...	N/A
65.	Vanakkam Tamil Nadu	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
66.	Telangana Journal	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
67.	Palgharnews	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital un...	N/A
68.	Maharashtra Samachar	Medicines, dialysis, CT scan--free services in J-K's Poonch district hospital u...	N/A
69.	PNI	World Cancer Day: A New Dawn with Ayurveda and Body Revival	N/A
70.	Prabhu Kvn	Boost to medical tourism, entry of gig workers in PMJAY, health ...	N/A
71.	Tripurastar News	"The Union Budget 2025-26 To Drive Transformative Change, Improve Healthcare Acc...	N/A
72.	Early Times	Grand Yoga Shivir organized in Janakpuri	N/A