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### Corporate sector lauds Modi govt's maiden Union Budget

India Blooms News Service

Mumbai, July 10 (IBNS): With the announcement of Narendra Modi government's maiden Union Budget on Thursday, corporate bodies and industry leaders expressed their opinions on it and welcomed the new moves.

The corporate leaders lauded Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's Budget for focussing on improving the infrastructure sector by involving the private sector and also called it a 'pragmatic budget'.

Founder Chairman & Managing Director of GVK Power and Infrastructure Limited GVK Reddy said, "The Budget 2014-15's specific thrust on the infrastructure sector is a welcome move. The assurance to ensure adequate supply of coal for thermal projects, the tax holiday for the power sector, allocation of over Rs 37,000 crore for roads and focus on developing airports under PPP for Tier I and II cities; all indicate the government's recognition of the fact that a strong foundation of infrastructure can only help realise a country's economic growth."

Managing Director & Group CEO, Punj Lloyd JP Chalasani said, "With the Government's proactive policies and announcements made in the budget today to support the private sector's involvement in Indian infrastructure, the future looks promising for the EPC companies in the domestic market. Government's plans to invest significantly in the oil and gas, roads and highway, airport, harbor and port sector, will offer sufficient opportunities to players in this industry."

"Private Public Partnership (PPP) model in awarding several projects in the infrastructure space has taken on a very forward looking approach, encouraging the private players. We are very optimistic about reviving growth in the infrastructure and manufacturing sector," he said.

JCB India MD & CEO Vipin Sondhi opined, "Given that this Government has been in office for less than 2 months, no big bang reforms were anticipated. The Union Government recognizing the need for revival of investment cycle had already extended the Excise Duty Cut on Capital Goods for another 6 months in June, 2014 itself.

"The Budget's focus on infrastructure sector, encouraging banks to lend long term funds to infrastructure sector, extending the benefit of investment allowance to Small and Medium Enterprises and emphasis on manufacturing growth should help revive the capital goods sector. While PPP in relation to many new projects has been announced, however, a roadmap for execution of existing held up projects could have helped turn things quickly," Sondhi said.

Micromax Chairman Sanjay Kapoor praised Jaitley's effort and said, "The Finance Minister has made pragmatic choices around available resources and has articulated a road map towards reducing the fiscal deficit and fueling economic growth. While all of us hope he achieves the ambitious target of containing the fiscal deficit, executing it seems very challenging. His focus on giving fillip to the infrastructure seems exhaustive and he has rightfully protected the common man's interest in his first budget."

In the view of the Union Budget presented on Thursday, Ravi Saund, COO, CHD Developers Ltd. however, said, "There's no denying it's a common budget, yet it's difficult to prophesize at this moment. However, couple of reforms announced is a welcome move. It is positive for the housing sector, though the focus is clearly on affordable segment."

Managing Director and CEO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSD) Dilip Chenoy stated: "The present government has started with a very strong commitment to develop a robust and sustainable skilling ecosystem with the Prime Minister's vision for building India on the 'Skill, Scale and Speed' plank. As a clear reiteration of this commitment, the Finance Minister in his Union Budget speech today, has also provided this government's full support to build the Skill India Mission and the announcement of National Multi-Skill Mission. How this unfolds in the coming months is something we need to wait and watch."

President, MCC Chamber of Commerce & Industry and MD, CenturyPly Sanjay Agarwal said, "This is no quick relief shot, but a long term medicine at the root for real solution. The focus on roads...low cost housing...housing...smart cities...will generate demand for all goods and jobs in medium and long term. This will give long term boost to all industries and common man."

Welcoming the new government's budget, Fr.E. Abraham, S.J., Director, XLRI, said, "We welcome the Finance Minister's proposal to easen and simplify norms to facilitate higher education loans for higher studies. This is a step in the right direction as it will encourage students to dream and aspire to take up professional programs. The proposal to set up 5 new IIMs and 5 more IITs will definitely bolster the professional education ecosystem in the country and also help the respective states in their economic progress. It is heartening to note that the govt will be spending around Rs.28, 000 crores for sanitation in primary schools."

However, Amol Naikawadi Joint Managing Director, Indus Health Plus said, "Overall, the health market players may not be too happy since there aren't any major reforms announced for the entire health industry. We have again failed to make government realize that it is importance to address the increasing health issues. Various non-communicable and communicable diseases are taking toll which affects the nation's health and overall growth."

Commenting on the budget, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) said it felt that the Union Budget 2014-'15 is an inclusive , pragmatic and progressive budget.

"Push to FDI in Defence and Insurance, special focus on developing 100 Smart Cities, Agri Infrastructure, tourism infrastructure, national waterway, warehousing capacity are some major diligent steps that will lead to greater investors confidence and boost up economy's growth," the Chamber expressed.

"Though big-bang measures or structural reforms which the Industry was ideally looking forward to, have not been brought in, the Budget looks like a balanced and pragmatic one with a focus on key areas," it said.

As the nodal Chamber of Commerce for the North East of India, the ICC said it is especially happy to see the special attention that has been given towards the development of the North East region in this Budget.

In the wake of the Union Budget presentation, Seshagiri Rao, Jt MD & Group CFO, JSW Steel commented, "The Finance Minister was entrusted with enormous responsibility to balance the fiscal prudence and growth stimulating initiatives. In this background the Finance Minister has done a commendable job."

Reacting on the budget, Arun Kumar Jagatramka, CMD, Gujarat NRE Coke Ltd noted, "The budget has been pro growth with a social face and the finance minister has tried to do things possible under the present circumstances and the prevailing challenges. The budget has aimed at bringing in rationalisation in taxation and a certainty in tax administration, notable being doing away with retrospective taxation in future. The focus on infrastructure both in national highways and in power sector as well as in urban infrastructure through smart cities is a much welcome step which has the potential to fuel future growth."

Anand Mehta, Partner (Pharmaceutical and Healthcare sector group), Khaitan & Co. said, "The budget lays a lot of emphasis on spurring growth in the manufacturing sector. The investment allowance linked to the new investments in plant and machinery are likely to benefit pharma companies also."

"The Government has hinted at supporting SEZs. Pharma companies setting up export units should be enthused by this intent, although the devil lies in the details," he said.

"The budget as proposed will encourage R&D. The Government has proposed to strengthen biotech clusters. Innovator companies are also likely to benefit from the proposed provision for refund of customs duty on the import of scientific and technical instruments," added Mehta.

Emami Group of Companies' Joint Chairman R S Agarwal said, "The maiden budget presented by the BJP led NDA Government is in overall a very good budget. The new government deserves applause for presenting an inclusive and progressive budget within one month of its tenure. The budget is aimed towards expansion of the country's economy and develop a future roadmap for growth. One must remember that the new government has a huge task of overcoming lot of problems that they have inherited as a legacy of the earlier government. The budget has managed to address many concerns that have been raised frequently in the past by both industry and common people."

Bharat Chamber of Commerce President Sajjan Bhajanka said, "Given the constraints of resources and time, the Budget presented by the Hon'ble Finance Minister is one of the most pragmatic in recent years. The commitment of the Hon'ble Finance Minister in introducing GST and DTC and other fiscal reforms is evident from his taking the ambitious

benchmarks of Fiscal Deficit and Current Account Deficit for 2014-15 set by the UPA-II as challenges. The much needed emphasis on 'Ease of Doing Business' has been reflected in the Hon'ble Finance Minister's Budget Speech."

Praising the new budget, Vinay Jain (CMD, AVJ Group) said, "There are lots of positive things announced in the budget. Special funds for banks to finance long term infrastructure projects are really positive. FM increased the taxable income limit to 2.5 lakh from 2 lakh. 80 C limits increased to 1.5 lakh from Rs. 1 lakh. Interest exemption on housing loan increased from Rs1.5 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh. This is very much positive for the real estate sector as well as for the banking sector."

Piruz Khambatta, Chairman, Rasna Pvt.Ltd. said, "If the main focus of the budget was to get confidence back on track we have achieved it. At least we will see more investments from Indian companies as well as from abroad."

ICICI Bank MD & CEO Chanda Kochhar said, "The budget has sought to lay out a prudent fiscal path for the country; and address existing issues that have halted infrastructure investment. The budget has announced a range of initiatives to boost investment & growth. The policy direction is clear, and as the decisions and plans announced today are executed, I am sure the country will move back towards a robust growth path."

Calling the budget positive, Sanjay Budhia, Managing Director, Patton, said, "This is a very positive Budget which paves way for unfolding India's growth story. It is Budget which is practical and sustainable."

Aiming to take the growth of Indian economy to over 7 percent in next few years and reducing fiscal deficit, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Budget for 2014-15, the maiden of the Narendra Modi government, with a big focus on the rural and agriculture sectors and announcing a clutch of infrastructure schemes and measures to woo foreign investors by welcoming FDI in defence and insurance sectors.

Jaitley also raised the income tax limit for the common man to Rs 2.5 lakh from the existing Rs 2 lakh and did not make any changes in the direct taxes.

Jaitley announced an increase in the FDI in defence to 49% from the existing 26%. FDI in Insurance sector was also raised to 49 percent.





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## Proposed Vidarbha AIIMS will take at least 5 years to take off

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File picture of New Delhi AIIMS for representational purpose

Even as finance minister Arun Jaitley suggested in his budget speech on Thursday that every state in India should have an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), experts here in the city said it would take at least another five years for the proposed institution to come up in Vidarbha in the state.

The Centre had turn down the state's request for setting up an AIIMS-like institution in 2012. Apart from the one in Delhi, five AIIMS became functional last year — in Patna, Rishikesh, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal and Raipur.

"An AIIMS like institution for Vidarbha is a long haul. The five AIIMS that were proposed by the UPA six years ago, saw the light of day only recently, and they are still not fully functional," said Ravi Duggal, a city-based senior public health expert.

Jaitley has proposed setting aside Rs 1,906 crore in capital and Rs 600 crore in revenue expenditure for AIIMS institutions.

"Apart from upgrading the existing institutions, these funds will be earmarked for setting up new institutions as well as upgrading 18 hospitals across the country, which means that the four new institutions, proposed for Vidarbha, Purvanchal, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, may get an initial allotment of Rs 50 crore each from the capital expenditure," observed Duggal.

AIIMS New Delhi, which has an annual functional budget of Rs 1,365 crore, sees 10,000 patients thronging its vast corridors every day. The five other functioning AIIMS are only half the size of the Delhi AIIMS.

"They will require an adequate funding and requisite manpower to function properly," said Duggal.

Merely announcing that AIIMS and 12 medical colleges will be opened will not solve the health care issues of the nation, said experts.

"Increased GDP allocation on health care will make good health care services almost affordable to the lower income groups," said Amol Naikawadi, managing director, Indus Health Plus. Currently, only 1 per cent of the total GDP is allocated for health care, which means that only 1 per cent of the national income goes towards health care spending, whereas WHO recommends that at least 5 per cent of the GDP should be spent on upgrading health care.

## Prices of cigarettes set to rise

Excise duty on cigarettes has gone up from 11% to 21%; WHO recommends levying 65% tax on cigarettes.

In India, 22% of the population chews tobacco, 6% smoke cigarettes and 3% bidis. Doctors rue taxes on bidi not being raised.

Cigarette price hike will see each Rs10 stick going up to Rs 15–16. A pack of 20 cigarettes, which now costs close to Rs 200, will cost up to Rs 300.

Excise duty on pan masala is proposed to be increased from 12% to 16%; on unmanufactured tobacco to 55% from 50%, and on Gutka and chewing tobacco to 70% from 60%.



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Healthcare players not happy with budget: Amol Naikawadi, JMD, Indus Health Plus

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"Overall, the health market players may not be too happy since there aren't any major reforms for the entire health industry announced by the union finance minister Arun Jaitley in his maid budget presented today in Lok Sabha," said Amol Naikawadi, Joint Managing Director, Indus Health Plus.

Naikawadi further said "We have again failed to make government realize that it is importance to address the increasing health issues. Various non-communicable and communicable diseases are taking toll which affects the nation's health and overall growth."

"The free diagnosis services under Health for All will encourage more people to undergo healthcare checkups which will further help in early diagnosis and treatment of diseases. The opening of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and 12 medical colleges will ensure better medical facilities, tertiary care and trained medical professionals but this however may solve sectorial problem only. Nationally the concern for health can't be addressed with this number. Increased Gross domestic product (GDP) allocation on healthcare will make good healthcare services almost affordable to the lower income groups. This would also include spending more on public health services and making health insurance available to all. The tax benefit offered in general will be of a great help for the disposable income earners to invest in preventive healthcare" says Amol Naikawadi.

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This year's Union Budget saw the Finance Minister announce that he has allocated Rs500 crore in order to open 4 more AIIMS hospitals all over the country. In his plan he said,' We will set up 4 AIIMS in AP, WB, Vidharbha, Purvanchal, and set up new institutions within Delhi-AIIMS and Chennai-AIIMS.'

While this move seems like a step in the right direction, there are some pitfalls that might accompany this decision. According to **Mr Amol Naikawadi, JMD, Indus Health Plus,** 'It's good to introduce the number of AIIMS-like hospitals in the country, but this however may solve only sectional problems and might not be enough to address the healthcare needs of the entire nation. 10 new hospitals is a far too small a number for that.'

### Does every state really need an AIIMS?

While cities like Mumbai and Delhi have a large number of government-run hospitals, that work as well as AIIMS – for instance KEM hospital, Nair Hospital, etc. which are known for their prowess in handling delicate and serious illnesses – there are those states that have no such infrastructure.

On looking a little closer at the functioning of AIIMS the hospital has courted its own fair share of controversies. In a recent report published in the *Times Of India*, it was found that the hospital spends close to about 20 lakh on one doctor and 34.6 lakh on super specialists. Along with this, the original AIIMS has also seen a spate of doctor leaving due to a variety of reasons including the lure of greener pastures, fatter pay checks and office politics. The institute has also faced a severe shortage in staff with nearly 47 posts of professors, additional professors (9), associate professors (16) and nursing lecturers (13) are lying empty.

On the flip-side, AIIMS has always been the epitome of medical education in the country and the beacon of hope for millions. A go-to hospital for those ailing and poor; AIIMS has always been seen as a hotspot for super specialists who excel in their fields. Also, states like AP, WB, Vidharbha, Purvanchal are in desperate need of good, government-run hospitals that can aid the sick below the poverty line.

All-in-all, while the increase in the number of AIIMS is a good move, it might not be enough to cater to the entire nation's healthcare needs.

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## Union Budget 2014-15: Healthcare entrepreneurs saddened by the budget

Pavitra Sampath July 10, 2014 at 4:48 pm



The Union Budget for the year 2014-15 has been released and as per the reactions we have come across, not everyone likes the Finance Minister's plans for the country. While he has raised the excise duty on cigarettes, tobacco, *gutka*, *pan masala* and colas (making them dearer to its consumers) he has also taken a step towards empowering women, sensitizing the society towards their plight and ensuring their safety. But when it comes to the health care sector, has the Fin Min really satiated the industry stalwarts? Well, here is a comparison between their expectations and what really panned out.

### What they wanted:

- One of the most striking and urgent needs, that was projected by the CEO of NephroPlus was that the Finance Minister should levy a 10-year tax holiday on all healthcare delivery companies; including those present in rural areas.
- Another item on entrepreneur's wish list was increased public private partnership in healthcare leading to a reduction in the cost of overall pathology and diagnostic testing.
- Apart from that they wished that the budget would encourage angel investors to fund start-ups (by making these investments tax free); and also allow start-ups more liberal funding from banks.
- And finally a 'Government of India Healthcare Portal', which would allow citizens to access information on any health-related issues.

### What they got:

Unfortunately the Finance Minsiter seems to have forgotten the healthcare sector. He not only ignored the need in India for a solid healthcare system, but has tried to do a half-hearted job of including the aspect into the budget.

According to Mr Amol Naikawadi, JMD, Indus Health Plus, 'Overall, the health market players may not be too happy since there isn't any major reform announced for the entire health industry. We were looking at promotion of local medical devises in the industry to bring the cost of healthcare industry down. But it seems like we have failed to make our government realise that it is important to address the health issues. Various lifestyle/ non communicable/ communicable disease are quickly taking toll on people and this is affecting the nation's health and productivity as well. Because of this situation, employment generation too may get affected.'

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The union budget this time has a lot to offer to the medical sector, but did our FM really cover all the aspects that was needed to address the issues of public health and uplift the healthcare sector in general? Here is what some doctors and experts have to say about the budget.

'The Union Budget 2014 has been a disappointment for the healthcare sector. We were looking forward to certain reforms and provision for the sector on which the finance minister did not deliver anything concrete. A few positive steps taken by the Central Government include declaration of four more AIIMS with immediate effect, 12 more government medical colleges and two new national institutes for tuberculosis. An increase in the count of national medical institutes would ensure more number of qualified doctors and dentists serving the country. The government envisions of establishing AIIMS in every state in the long run is also a good idea. Another positive announcement has been the '*Health For All*' approach that would provide free diagnostic and medication services to the needy,' said Dr Rajeev Boudhankar, Vice President, Kohinoor Hospital.

But the flipside is that like other union budget even the current one doesn't have enough provision for the National Rural Health Mission and National Urban Health Mission that have been the soul of India's healthcare system. 'Uncertainty looms over their future with government not announcing any new schemes either. Also, a 10-year tax holiday under section 80-IB for private healthcare providers was expected as it forms the backbone of India's health sector. 72 per cent of rural healthcare is carried out by private players and not gratifying them is a setback. Moreover, no decision on providing priority infrastructure status to healthcare industry that would have stimulate private investment in the, especially, for tier-II and tier-III cities,' said Dr Boudhankar.

Also, there haven't been any major reforms announced for the healthcare sector, 'Market players in the health sector might not be too happy with the budget. But the other reforms like an initiative to introduce more number of AIIMS like hospitals in the country sound promising. However this approach can only solve the crisis sectorially as the national concern for healthcare cannot be addressed with this number, says Dr Amol Naikawadi, JMD, Indus Health Plus. Further commenting on the huge demand and supply gap he said that, 'Having 12 new medical colleges in the country is an optimum step but the government should have thought for a larger number. Promotion of local medical devices in the industry is needed to bring down the cost of healthcare and tax benefit offered in general is surely going to help the disposable income earners,' he said.

So does that mean we are heading to be a healthier and fitter country soon? Probably we still have time for that, 'We have again failed to make government realize that it is important to address the health issues. Various lifestyle conditions, non communicable, communicable disease taking toll on the common people does affect the nation's health as well. Because of this situation, employment generation too can get affected,' he said.

Though correcting public health by giving attention to communicable disease would have been a big step, but even steps taken to concentrate on a fast spreading disease like TB will actually help to nail a part of the public health crisis and promise better care to the public in general. 'The much desired and timely focus on quality diagnosis and treatment of TB is a welcome step. Also, the strong focus on infrastructure is very evident with proposed setting up of state drug laboratories and four new AIIMS in this fiscal year. The proposed 'Indian Customs Single Window Project' would benefit the industry by reducing time spent in interfacing with governmental agencies and also bring down the cost of doing business,' said Mr Varun Khanna, Managing Director- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), India.

The budget also has something for the hospital industry to rejoice too. 'REIT's entry in the real estate space may indirectly ease the woes of hospital industry, and e-visas would be a hassle-free tool for medical value travel. While saying this, there have not been mentions of any SOPs for the healthcare industry, or under National health Assurance Mission. Government could also have promoted health insurance coverage for citizens by bringing it in the negative list for Service Tax. We still have to analyse if the healthcare spends suggested in this budget have achieved a desirable level of percentage of GDP. The healthcare industry would also have been overioved, if it was included in the list of Infrastructure sector, as it would have then availed several pushes designed in this budget. said Ms. Zahabiya Khorakiwala, Managing Director, Wockhardt Hospitals Ltd.

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शेतकऱ्यांनी ३१ मार्च २०१४ पर्यंतच्या मूळ थकबाकीची ५० टके रक्कम व पुढील देयक नियमित भरल्यास २९ कोटी ८९ लाख रुपयांच्या थकीत वीज देयकांची माफी मिळणार आहे. पुणे ग्रामीण मंडळातील मुळशी, मंचर व राजगुरूनगर या विभागांसह रास्ता पेठ व गणेशखिंड मंडलामध्ये एकूण ६० हजार ९२२ थकबाकीदार कृषिपंपधारक आहेत. या कृषिपंपधारक शेतकऱ्यांकडे ४९ कोटी



३८ कोटी ९७ लाखांची मूळ थकबाकी, तसेच ९ कोटी ६२ लाख रुपयांचे व्याज व ७७ लाख रुपयांच्या विलंब आकाराचा समावेश आहे.

थकबाकीदार कृषिपंपधारकांनी ३१ मार्च २०१४ पर्यंतच्या मूळ थकबाकीतील ५० टक्के रकमेचा एकरकमी किंवा तीन हप्त्यांत भरणा केल्यास उर्वरित ५० टक्के ३७ लाख रुपयांची थकबाकी आहे. यात मूळ थकबाकीची रक्कम राज्य शासन

## महावितरणला अनुदान स्वरूपात देणार आहे, तर विलंब आकार व व्याजाची रक्कम महावितरणकडून माफ करण्यात येणार

आहे. थकबाकीदार कृषिपंपधारकांनी ३८ कोटी ९७ लाख रुपयांच्या मूळ थकबाकीतील ५० टक्के रकमेचा भरणा केल्यास उर्वरित मूळ थकबाकीची १९ कोटी ४८ लाख ही ५० टके रकम राज्य शासन महावितरणला देईल, तर महावितरणकडून या थकबाकीदारांचे ७७ लाख रुपये विलंब आकार व ९

## व्यवसायाला चालनाः कृष्णकुमार गोयल

'हेल्थ फॉर ऑल' या घोषणेकडे सरकारने लक्ष दिलेले नाही. आरोग्यविषयक

प्रयत्न असल्यामुळे आरोग्यसेवेला अगदी प्राथमिक स्वरूपात मांडणी करण्यात

डॉ. अमोल नायकवडी, सहसंचालक, इंडस हेल्थ प्लस

प्रभाग क्र.१, देहू–आळंदी रस्त्याचा भाग (२), तळवडे चौक

ते देह रस्त्याच्या विस्तारीकरणाचे भूमीपूजन

र. १२.१५ वा.

अर्थसंकल्प हा सर्वसमावेशक गुंतवणुकदारांसाठी सकारात्मक आहे. त्यामुळे पोलाद, वाहन, व

आलेली आहे. भरीव तरतूद केलेली नाही.

पुणे ग्रामीण मंडलामधील मुळशी, हडपसर, मंचर, राजगुरुनगर, नसरापूर, उरळीकांचन, लोणावळा, तळेगाव, चाकण, वडगाव मावळ, घोडेगाव, आळेफाटा, नारायणगाव, जुन्नर या उपविभागातील ५८ हजार ८१६ थकबाकीदार कृषिपंपधारकांना थकबाकीमुक्तीची संधी आहे. उर्वरित २ हजार १०६ थकबाकीदार हे रास्ता पेठ व गणेशखिंड मंडलातील आहेत.

जिल्ह्यातील शेतकरीबांधवांनी कृषी संजीवनी योजना २०१४ चा लाभ घ्यावा आणि थकबाकीमुक्त व्हावे, तसेच या योजनेत सहभागी होण्यासाठी महावितरणच्या संबंधित शाखा किंवा उपविभागीय कार्यालयात संपर्क साधावा, असे आवाहन महावितरणने केले आहे.

इतर उद्योगांसाठी फायद्याचा आहे

यामुळे हा अर्थसंकल्प सर्वसमावेशक असल्याचे दिसून येते. या अर्थसंकल्पामुळे रोजगारास चालना मिळेल. भविष्याचा विचार करुन भरीव आर्थिक तरतूदी लागू केल्या आहेत. याचे स्वागत करायला हवे.



अर्थसंकल्पात घर खरेदीदार, गुंतवणूकदार, विकसक या सर्वच घटकांचा सकारात्मक विचार केला आहे. रस्ते विकासासाठी आठ हजार कोटी तसेच पुण्यात नॅशनल इंडस्ट्रियल कॅरोडॉरचे मुख्यालय स्थापन करणे, बायोटेक्नॉलॉजी क्लस्टरची स्थापना आदी निर्णय पुणेकरांसाठी अभिनंदनीय आहेत.

विकासाचे आशादायी चित्र;

उद्योजकांच्या प्रतिक्रिया

देशाच्या विकासाचे आशादायी चित्र

अर्थसंकल्पातून दिसत आहे. बांधकाम व

आदी क्षेत्रांच्या विकासाची गती व्यापणारा

पायाभुत सुविधा क्षेत्र, कौशल्य शिक्षण

हा अर्थसंकल्प असल्याच्या प्रतिक्रिया

पुण्यातील उद्योजकांनी दिल्या आहेत

सुधीर दरोडे (अध्यक्ष, मराठी बांधकाम व्यावसायिक असोसिएशन)

बांधकाम क्षेत्रात परकीय गुंतवणुकीसाठी असलेली मर्यादा आता ५० हजार स्क्वे. मीटरवरुन २० हजार स्क्वे. मीटर बांधकाम असणाऱ्या प्रकल्पापर्यंत खाली आणण्यात आली आहे. तसेच किफायतशीर घरांच्या प्रकल्पांसाठी या सर्व अटी शिथिल करण्यात आल्या आहेत.

सचिन कुलकणी (व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक, वास्तुशोध प्रोजेक्टस)

पायाभूत सुविधांची निर्मिती ही काळची गरज आहे. मंदावलेल्या अर्थव्यवस्थेला यामुळे गती मिळण्यासाठी योग्य ते प्रयत्न केले आहे. मात्र प्रस्तावित निर्णयांची अंमलबजावणी कशी होते यावर बरेच काही अवलंबून आहे. अर्थसंकल्पात सोन्याबाबत निर्णय झालेला नाही. हिऱ्यांबाबत निर्णय घेतला असला तरी याबाबत काही बाबी पाहणे आवश्यक आहे. करांबाबत घेतलेले निर्णय चांगले आहेत. अभय गाडगीळ (भागीदार पु.ना. गाडगीळ आणि सन्स)

देशात पाच ठिकाणी आयआयटी आणि आयआयएम स्थापन करण्याचा निर्णय अतिशय चांगला आहे. ऑनलाइन अभ्यासक्रमाच्या विकासासाठी स्वतंत्र फंड हे चांगले पाऊल असून स्किल इंडियासारखा अतिशय उपयुक्त असा उपक्रम देशाच्या युवावर्गाला नोकरीसाठी तयार करण्यास मदत होईल.

**नरेंद्र बऱ्हाटे** (संचालक, सीड इन्फोटेक)

सरकारने वस्तू आणि सेवाकरांत सवलत देण्याचे दिलेले वचन चालना देणारे आहे. सात, आठ टक्के आर्थिक वृद्धी दर गाठण्यासाठी योजनांची आखणी, दोन वर्षांत वित्तीय तूट ३ टक्क्यांनी कमी करण्याची योजना आहे.

विकास खानवेलकर (एमडी, डिझाइन टेक सिस्टीम्स)

बांधकाम व्यवसायाला अपेक्षित चालना देण्याचा प्रयत्न करण्यात आला आहे. एसइझेड बाबतच्या धोरणाची फेररचना यामध्ये करण्यात आली ती स्वागताई आहे. सन २०२२ पर्यंत सर्वांसाठी घरे अशी घोषणा करण्यात आली आहे. पब्लिक प्रायव्हेट पार्टनीरशीप मॉडेलने या स्वप्नाच्या नक्कीच जवळ जाता येईल.

श्रीकांत परांजपे (अध्यक्ष, परांजपे स्किम)



अपुऱ्या तरतुदीचा अर्थसंकल्पः विखे पाटील अर्थसंकल्पाबाबत बोलताना केली

कोटी ६२ लाखांचे व्याज माफ करण्यात येणार आहे. नियमित देयके भरणाऱ्या कृषिपंपधारकांना या योजनेचा फायदा मिळणार आहे. ३१ मार्च २०१४ रोजी जे थकबाकीदार नाहीत अशा ग्राहकांची माफ करण्यात येणार आहेत.

## पुढील दोन त्रैमासिक वीजदेयके ५० टके आणि उद्योग, व्यापार व्यवसायाला चालना देणारा आहे. या अर्थसंकल्पाद्वारे त्यांनी मध्यमवर्गीय,

घोषणा करण्याच्या नादात अपुऱ्या तरतूदी असलेला योजनांचा समावेश नाही. तसेच हा अर्थसंकल्प आहे, अशी यातील अनेक तरतूदी या मागील टीका राज्याचे कृषी व पणन मंत्री अर्थसंकल्पातील असून यामध्ये राधाकृष्ण विखे पाटील यांनी नवीन काहीही नाही

कृषी क्षेत्रात

होऊ घातलेले

बदल लक्षात न

घेता वरवरच्या

दिले आहे. चार रुग्णालये आणि बारा महाविद्यालये यापलीकडे काहीच महत्त्वाचे नाही. आरोग्य सेवेसाठी मागील वर्षी जी तरतूद होती, त्यामध्येच या सेवांचा

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तंबाखू आणि तंबाखूजन्य पदार्थांवरील कर वाढविल्यामुळे व्यसनांचे प्रमाण कमी होईल. ही एक चांगली गोष्ट आहे. राज्यातील शासकीय वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालयांची संख्या वाढल्याने सर्वसामान्य विद्यार्थ्यांना त्याचा नक्कीच उपयोग होणार आहे. प्रत्येक राज्यामध्ये टप्प्याटप्प्याने चार नवीन रुग्णालये उभारण्याचा निर्णय स्वागताई आहे. यामुळे आरोग्यावर चांगला परिणाम जाणवणार आहे. डॉ. विलास टाकणे (अध्यक्ष), डॉक्टर्स जनरल प्रॅक्टिशनर असो.

नव्याने सादर केलेल्या अर्थसंकल्पात वरवर पाहता आरोग्यसेवेच्या चांगल्या योजना जाहीर केल्या असल्या तरी, त्या कशा राबवणार आहेत याबद्दल सविस्तर

दुकाने बंद ठेवून मुंबई येथील आझाद मैदानावर ठिय्या मांडला. या सगळ्यात मात्र राज्याबरोबरच शहरातील पान शौकीन नाराज झाल्याचे चित्र



अर्थसंकल्पात आरोग्य संवला तुलनन माहिती देण्यात आली नाही. वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय उभारण्याच्या निर्णयाचे

समावेश केला आहे. त्यासाठी नवीन भरीव तरतूद नाही.

## सुगंधी तंबाखू व सुपारीवर बंदी घातली आहे. येत्या १७ जुलै रोजी ही बंदी संपत असून, या बंदीला २०१५ पर्यंत मुदतवाढ देण्याचा सरकारचा प्रस्ताव आहे. जाचक वाटणाऱ्या या बंदीचा निषेध करीत ती मागे घेण्यासाठी पान व्यावसायिक आझाद मैदान येथे जमले

## होते. राज्यात पाच लाखांपेक्षा अधिक पान व्यावसायिक असून, त्यांच्या उदरनिर्वाहाचा प्रश्न या बंदीमुळे उपस्थित झाला आहे, असे संघटनेचे कार्याध्यक्ष सुनील खडके यांनी सांगितले.



शहरातील तब्बल पाच हजार पान विक्रेत्यांनी गुरुवारी एक दिवसाचा बंद पुकारला. सुगंधी तंबाखूबरोबरच सुगंधी सुपारीवरदेखील घातल्या गेलेल्या बंदीच्या विरोधात संपूर्ण शहरातील पानाचे ठेले बंद ठेवण्यात आले होते.

पुणे : प्रतिनिधी

## राज्यातील सर्व पान व्यावसायिकांनी

पाहावयास मिळाले. राज्य शासनाने

यंदा सादर केलेल्या अर्थसंकल्पामध्ये आरोग्य सेवेला तुलनेने कमी महत्त्व

## स्वागतच आहे. अनेक छोट्या गोष्टींबद्दल माहिती देणे राहन गेले आहे. मात्र नवा अर्थसंकल्प प्रथमदर्शी चांगला वाटत आहे. **डॉ. दिलीप सारडा,** अध्यक्ष, राज्य आयएमए

सेवासुविधा उपलब्ध करताना कोणते निकष लावणार आहेत हे जाहीर केलेले नाही. रुग्णालय आणि महाविद्यालय उभारणार असले तरी त्यासाठी मनुष्यबळ यंत्रणा कशी उभी करणार याची माहिती दिलेली नाही. चांगल्या योजना आहेत मात्र त्या सर्वसामान्य जनतेला कशा पद्धतीने उपलब्ध करून देणार याचे स्पष्टीकरण दिले नाही. नव्या सरकारचा अर्थसंकल्प तयार करण्याचा हा पहिला

ॲण्ड टेलिव्हिजन इन्स्टिट्यूट ऑफ इंडियाला (एफ टीआयआय) नुक ताच राष्ट्रीयत्वाचा दर्जा मिळाला असून, यंदाच्या अर्थसंकल्पात त्याची अधिकृ त घोषणादेखील करण्यात आली. एफटीआयआयचे अधिष्ठाता डी. नारायणन यांनी पुणेकरांचा पाठिंबा व सहकार्यामुळेच एवढा मोठा टप्पा गाठता आला, असे सांगत राष्ट्रीयत्वाच्या निर्णयावर समाधान व्यक्त केले.

गुरुवारी पत्रकारांशी बोलताना नारायणन यांनी एफटीआयआयच्या राष्टीयत्वाच्या वेगवेगळ्या मद्यांवर चर्चा केली. ते म्हणाले की, नुकतीच देशाचे माहिती व प्रसारणमंत्री प्रकाश जावडेकर यांनी मागील काही दिवसांपूर्वी संस्थेला भेट दिली. त्यांना त्याबाबतची सर्व प्रक्रिया समजून सांगितली होती. दोन वर्षापासून सुरू असणाऱ्या या किचकट व क्लिष्ट पद्धतीला इतक्या लवकर न्याय मिळेल असे वाटले नव्हते. याअगोदरही दोनवेळा राष्ट्रीय दर्जाबाबतची प्रक्रिया पूर्ण करण्यात आली होती. मात्र काही कारणास्तव ते शक्य झाले नाही.



## एफटीआयआय दुष्टिक्षेपात...

दरवर्षी ३० विद्यार्थी ११ विविध प्रकारच्या अभ्यासक्रमांमधून उत्तीर्ण होतात. सात चित्रपट आणि चार टेलिव्हिजनच्या संदर्भातील अभ्यासक्रम या संस्थेत शिकविले जातात. नवीन राष्ट्रीयत्वाच्या दर्जाचा जगभरातील नामांकित चित्रपट संस्थांशी व चित्रपट निर्मिती प्रक्रियेशी जवळिकीचे नाते निर्माण होण्याकरिता मोलाचा फायदा होणार आहे. आतापर्यंत भारतीय चित्रपटसुष्टीत महत्त्वाचे योगदान देणाऱ्या कलावंतांना घडविणारी पंढरी म्हणून एफटीआयआय या संस्थेला जागतिक चित्रपटनिर्मितीच्या इतिहासात मानाचे स्थान असन, केंद्र सरकारने घेतलेल्या निर्णयाने संस्थेची उंची व गुणवत्ता आणखी वाढणार असल्याचेही नारायणन यांनी नमूद केले.

संस्थेतील पदवीचा अभ्यासक्रम अभ्यासक्रमाची प्रत्यक्षात अंमलबजावणी पदव्युत्तरच्या दर्जाचा असेल, वेगवेगळ्या बदलाचे वारे वाहत असताना त्याचा परिणाम संस्थेतील अभ्यासक्रमावर होताना दिसेल. आमची संपूर्ण टीम नव्या अभ्यासक्रमाच्या तयारीला लागली असून, त्याची पूर्तता लवकरच

सुरू केली जाणार आहे.

विद्यार्थ्यांना या मान्यतेच्या मिळणाऱ्या फायद्याबरोबरच नारायणन यांनी विविध अभ्यासक्रमांची दिशाही स्पष्ट केली. त्यांनी संस्था सरकारकडून मिळणाऱ्या स्वायत्ततेच्या निधीचा पुरेपूर पूर्ण होईल. २०१५ पासून नवीन वापर करीत अत्याधुनिक साधनसामग्रीची

🕨 एफटीआयायमधून विद्यार्थ्याने अभ्यासक्रम पूर्ण केल्यानंतर तो अभ्यासक्रम पदव्युत्तर (मास्टर्स) पदवीबरोबर गणला जाणार आहे. 🕨 पदवीच्या जोरावर परदेशात जाऊन त्याला पीएचडी करता येणार आहे.

येणार आहे.

🕨 शिक्षक, शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी यांना पेन्शन, तसेच वेतनसंदर्भातील अनेक अडचणी सटण्यासाठी फायदा होईल. 🕨 जास्तीत जास्त फंड मिळणार

असल्याने संस्था मुक्तपणे विद्यार्थ्यां करिता नावीन्यपूर्ण अभ्यासक्रम तयार करणार.

खरेदी, मुलींकरिता वसतिगृहाची निर्मिती, चित्रीकरणाच्या दृष्टीने तयार करण्यात येणाऱ्या सुविधा, त्याचप्रमाणे 'फिल्म प्रेझेंटेशन' नावाचा नवीन अभ्यासक्रम संस्थेच्या वतीने सुरू करण्यात येणार आहे.



## पुणे : प्रतिनिधी

ओंकारेश्वर देवस्थानच्या २७८ व्या वर्धापनदिनाचे औचित्य साधून पुण्याची प्राचीन संस्कृती जपण्याची परंपरा पृढे चालू राहावी या उद्देशाने पुणे वृत्तपत्र विक्रेता संघ अ. ब. चौक विभागातर्फे खारीच्या वाट्याचा हातभार लावत, दि. १०/७/१४ रोजी दीपोत्सवाचे आयोजन केले होते.

या उपक्रमाला शुभेच्छा देण्याकरिता व सहभागी होण्यासाठी पुणे वृत्तपत्र विक्रेता संघाचे अध्यक्ष श्री विजय पारगे, वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष दत्ता पिसे, कार्याध्यक्ष अनंताभाऊ भिकुले, सचिन अरुण निवंगुणे, सहसचिव राम दहाड, तसेच ज्येष्ठ विक्रेते प्रभाकर कोल्हाळकर, कृष्णा मोरे, मेहता, रमेश गोष्णकर यांच्याहस्ते दिव्यांची पूजा करून कार्यक्रम सुरू करण्यात आला.

सर्व विभागांतील पदाधिकारी व वृत्तपत्रविक्रेते बंधू-भगिनी मोठ्या



ओंकारेश्वर देवस्थानच्या २७८ व्या वर्धापनदिनी दीपप्रज्वलन कार्यक्रमास सहभागी संघटनेचे पदाधिकारी, विक्रेतेबंधू व सर्व दैनिकांचे प्रतिनिधी.

टिळक यांची उपस्थिती होती.

संख्येने हजर होते.

या कार्यक्रमाला उत्स्फूर्त पाठिंबा आजमितीला पुण्याची सांस्कृतिक देण्यासाठी पुण्यातील सर्व वृत्तपत्र परंपरा लोप पावत आहे, ही परंपरा व्यवस्थापन प्रतिनिधी व ओंकारेश्वर जपली जावी हा सामाजिक दृष्टिकोन ठेवून अ. ब. चौक विभागातील देवस्थानचे विश्वस्त आमदार गिरीश बापट, धनोत्तम लोणकर, सहकारी विभागप्रमुख चेतन गणपुले, रोहित स्थानिक नगरसेवक हेमंत रासने, मुक्ता गणेशकर, सुरेश मारवाडी, प्रशांत

गणपुले, राम दहाड यांनी, तसेच सहकारी अप्पा भोसले, किशोर इप्पे, संदीप शिंदे, चंदन कोल्हाळकर, गिरीश नगरकर यांनी या कार्यक्रमाला मूर्त रूप येण्यासाठी विशेष प्रयत्न केले.

अशाप्रकारच्या कार्यक्रमाच्या नियोजनामुळे लोप पावत चाललेली परंपरा जपली जाईल. तसेच पुण्यातील प्रत्येक विभागाने या स्तुत्य उपक्रमाचे अनुकरण करावे, असे संघटनेचे अध्यक्ष विजय भरणे यांनी गौरवोदगार काढले.

कार्यक्रमाचे प्रास्ताविक व संकल्पना प्रशांत गणपुले यांनी सांगितली, तर आभारप्रदर्शन राम दहाड यांनी केले

ओंकारेश्वर देवस्थानचे विश्वस्त अरुण जोशी, रवि देशपांडे, मदन गोगावले, बाळासाहेब दाभेकर, किरण सरदेशपांडे, विशाल यांचे विशेष सहकार्य लाभले.

प्रकल्प रावविण्यात येणार आहेत. तसेच मोरेया गोसावी मंदिर परिसर विकास या प्रकल्पांच्या कामाचा शुभारंभ व रस्ते विकास प्रकल्पांचे भूमीपूजन आणि गणेशोत्सव स्पर्धा २०९३ चा बक्षिस वितरण समारंभ शुक्रवार दिनांक ११ जुलै २०१४ रोजी मा. ना. अजितवादा प्रवार उपमुख्यमंत्री, महाराष्ट्र राज्य प्रमुख उपस्थिती										
मा. श्रीरंग उर्फ आप्पा बारणे मा. सुप्रिया सुळे मा. शिवाजीराव आढळराव पाटील मा. विलास लांडे										
1	ना.खासदार	मा.खास	दार	मा.	खासदार	मा.आमदार				
मा. २	आण्णा बनसोडे म	मा. लक्ष्मण <b>ज</b>	जगताप	मा. रा	जीव जाधव	मा. शरद उर्फ राजू मिसाळ				
1	ना.आमदार	मा.आमव	दार	3	गयुक्त	उपमहापौर				
मा.	महेश लांडगे म	ना. मंगलाताः	ई कदम	मा. 1	वेनोद नढे	मा. योगेश बहल				
सभापत	गी, स्थायी समिती	सत्तारुढ पक्ष	ननेत्या	विरोध	धी पक्षनेते	माजी महापौर				
🛠 या मान्यवरांच्या उपस्थितीत संपन्न होणाऱ्या समारंभास आपली उपस्थिती प्रार्थनिय आहे. 🛠 आपले विनित										
फजल शेख सुभद्रा ठोंबरे शेखर ओव्हाळ सभापती, शिक्षण मंडळ अध्यक्षा, 'अ' प्रभाग अध्यक्ष, 'ब' प्रभाग			सोनाली जम अध्यक्षा, 'क' प्रभाग	3		वनिता थोरात अनंत कोऱ्हाळे ग अध्यक्षा, 'फ ' प्रभाग गटनेते मनसे				
समापता, ाशकाण १३०० अध्यक्षा, अ प्रमाग अध्यक्ष, ब प्रमाग वर्षा मडिगेरी सुरेश म्हेत्रे आर. एस. कुमार गटनेत्या, भाजपा गटनेते, राष्ट्रवादी काँग्रेस माजी महापौर प्रणीत अपक्ष आघाडी			अपर्णा डोके माजी महापौर	सुमन नेट नगरसदस्य	के बाळासाहेब तरस	संगीता भोंडवे नंदा ताकवणे नगरसदस्या नगरसदस्या				
मोरेश्वर भोंडवे अश्विनी चिंचवडे भारती फरांदे			ॲड. संदिप चिंचवडे		6 9	•				
नगरसदस्य नगरसदस्या नगरसदस्या		<sup>नगरसदस्य</sup> पौर्णिमा सोनवणे	नगरसदरय		नगरसदस्या विनया तापर्व	नगरसदस्य				
संजय वाबळे श्रद्धा लांडे ॲड. नितीन लांडगे नगरसदस्य नगरसदस्या नगरसदस्य		गे पौर्णिमा सोनवणे शांताराम भालेकर नगरसदस्या नगरसदस्य		विषे निर्तान कोळज विनया तापप नगरसदस्य नगरसदस्य		गेर आशा सुपे नगरसदस्या				
चंद्रकांत वा नगरसदरू	· · · · · •	हेतअप्पा काटे <sub>नगरसदस्य</sub>	सर्व सन्मानन	ीय नगरस	दस्य व नगरसदस्य	पांडुरंग झुरे सह आयुक्त	तानाजी शिंदे अतिरिक्त आयुक्त			
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वेळ	तपशील		कार्यक्रमाचे स्थळ	वेळ	तपशील		कार्यक्रमाचे स्थळ			
स. १०.०० वा.	प्रभाग क्र.१४, १८ व १९ भक्ती–शक्ती ते पर्यंतच्या रस्त्याच्या (भाग–१) कामाचे भू प्रभाग क्र. १७, से <u>.</u> २६ येथील प्राधिकरण	गूमीपूजन ग <del>नगर नहीन</del>	मुकाई चौक, किवळे	दु. १२.४५ वा.	प्रभाग क्र.७ व ३१, बोपखेल-दिधी-आळंदी रस्त १ वा. आळंदी ते ताजणे मळा या भाग-१ च्या रस्त्याच भूमीपूजन		आळंदी चौक			
स. १०.३० वा.	प्रशासकीय इमारतीजवळील आकुर्डी प्रेक्षा कामाचे भूमीपूजन	से. २६, प्राधिकरणाच्या नवीन प्रशासकीय इमारतीजवळ	दु. १.०० वा.	प्रभाग क्र.७, बोपखेल-दिघी–आळर्द थोरल्या पादुका ते मॅगझिन चौक या १ कामाचे भूमीपूजन	थोरल्या पादुका वडमुखवाडी					
स. ११.०० वा.	प्रभाग क्र. २२, मोरया गोसावी मंदिर परि करण्याच्या कामाचे भूमीपूजन	मोरया गोसावी मंदीराची मागील बाजू से. २३ प्राधिकरण,	दु. १.१५ वा. प्रभाग क्र.६१, भारतरत्न डॉ. बाब नरवीर तानाजी मालुसरे यांच्या पुर उद्घाटन			दापोडी गांव				
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## For an economic wave

As far as the automotive industry is concerned, the focus on rural roads, highways and expressways are welcome decisions. Some of the other announcements made by the finance minister on the taxa-

tion front are also positive steps.

**ARVIND SAXENA** President and MD. General Motors India tential of emerging India. **GEORGE A** MUTHOOT

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The proposed two bank accounts

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The opening of AIIMS and 12 medical colleges will ensure better medical facilities, tertiary care and trained medical professionals, but this, however, may solve the sectoral problem only.



The budget met expectations by reassuring that the government would not amend tax rules retrospectively, even though it is a sovereign right, and has assured that GST would be introduced

during the course of the year. **SHYAM SRINIVASAN** MD & CEO. Federal Bank

FDI increase in insurance sector from 26% to 49% is an excellent step to expand healthcare affordability for citizens through a wider insurance network.

**VISHAL BALI** Co-founder & Chairman. Medwell Ventures It is hearting to see priority accorded to the education sector, especially focus around primary education. The government, has, at the same time committed to promote research and higher ed-



24x7 customs clearance at 13 more airports soon

NEW DELHI, PTI: The govern ment will set up an Export Promotion Mission and extend 24x7 customs clearance facility to 13 more airports to boost overall exports of the country.

While presenting Budget 2014-15, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Thursday said exports cannot be exponentially increased unless the states play an active role in export promotion by providing good infrastructure and full facilitation.

"It will be our endeavour to engage with the states to take India's exports to a higher growth trajectory. It is proposed to establish an Export promotion Mission to bring all stakeholders under one umbrella," he said

To reduce transaction costs, improve business competitiveness and fasten the clearance of import and export cargo, he said, measures are being initiated to extend the existing 24x7 customs clearance facility to 13 more airports in respect of all export goods.

## India to raise Rs 454 bn in telecom sector fees

NEW DELHI, REUTERS: The government expects to raise 454.71 billion rupees (\$7.59 billion) from the telecoms sector in fees, including proceeds from airwave auctions, during the current fiscal year, the government said in its budget pres-

entation on Thursday. The previous government had said in its interim budget in February that it aims to raise

## **Target FII: Govt outlines tax** incentives for REITs, InvITs

Capital raising, attracting long-term finance expected to become easier

NEW DELHI: In a major boost for real estate and infrastructure sectors, the government on Thursday proposed tax incentives for two new investment instruments. REITs and InvITs. to help attract long-term funds from foreign and domestic investors, including the NRIs.

The new investment products, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), can be listed on stock exchanges like shares of any company and allow retail and institutional investors to buy or

sell those securities. Accepting a long-pending demand from the industry and the capital markets regulator Sebi, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said while presenting Union Budget 2014-15 that RE-ITs have been successfully used as instruments for pooling of investment in several countries

"I intend to provide necessary incentives for REITs which will have pass through for the purpose of taxation. As an innovation, a modified REIT-type structure for infrastructure projects is also being announced as Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), which would have a similar tax efficient pass through status. for PPP (public-private partnership)and other infrastruc-



ture projects." "These structures would reduce the pressure on the banking system while also making available fresh equity. I am confident these two instruments would attract long-term finance from foreign and domestic sources including NRIs," Jaitley said.

### Specific products

These new products would allow investors to invest in specific products linked to real estate projects and infrastructure projects, while providing necessary safeguards. Besides, these products would also help the corporates raise significant amounts of capital for their projects The Securities and Ex-

change Board of India (Sebi) had proposed draft regulations

relating to these two categories. These regulations were placed in public domain for comments and the final norms are vet to be notified.

### **Clarity on tax**

Sebi Chairman U K Sinha, last month, had asked government to provide clarity on tax benefits for these products. He had said that regulator was ready with guidelines that would be announced immediately after tax clarity from the government.

Noting the importance of certainty in the taxation aspects of REITs and InvITs, the government has proposed "to amend the Act to put in place a specific taxation regime for providing the way the income in the hands of such trusts is to be taxed and the taxability of the income distributed by such business trusts in the hands of the unit holders of such trusts" This amendment would be

effective October 1. 2014.

The Minister said the listed units of a business trust, when long term capital gains, would be exempt and short term capital gains would be taxable at the rate of 15 per cent. DHNS & Agencies

## Realty sector gung-ho on **REITs and other measures**

MUMBAI: Real estate developers are jubilant over sectoral proposals announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in Budget 2014-15 as these are expected to improve liquidity, especially for cash-short real estate companies, improve demand for housing and increase the supply of affordable houses

The important proposals relate to conferring pass-through status (or, no corporate income tax) for real estate investment trusts (REITs), relaxation in norms for foreign direct investment (FDI) and raising tax exemption limit on housing loans. Plus, allocation of Rs 4,000 crore to the National Housing Bank

The pass-through status for REITs was the final hurdle for launch of the instruments after clearance by the Securities and Exchange Board of India. RE-ITs, which are like mutual funds, are expected to create new sources of funding for developers. These could attract around Rs 90,000 crore in the

first year of operation. The immediate benefit would be to companies with a large portfolio of leased assets. Commenting on the same, Kotak Realty Fund Chief Executive S Srinivasan said, "I will be

surprised if we do not see the first REIT in the next 12 months. Around 700 million sq ft of office assets can be brought under REITs."

Echoing similar views, Sobha Developers Vice-Chairman & MD J C Sharma said, "REITs will bring a lot of capital for developers from domestic and foreign investors."

Also, the Finance minister relaxed the minimum area prescribed for getting FDI from 50,000 sq metres to 20,000 sq metres and minimum capitalisation from \$10 million to \$5 million. Further, projects committing at least 30 per cent of total project cost for affordable housing would be exempted from minimum built-up area and capitalisation require-

ments. "Earlier, raising funds was an issue for many developers. Now, more money will come from abroad and developers will have more options to raise funds," Sharma added.

The minister's allocation of Rs 4,000 crore to NHB will increase the flow of cheaper credit for affordable housing to the poorer sections. "It will make developers more inclined towards affordable housing," he said **DH News Service** 

ucation. **RANJAN KAUL** 

MD, Oxford University Press (India)

## Smart industrial cities, SEZs to spur manufacturing

NEW DELHI, DHNS: In his maiden Budget, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley an-

nounced a slew of measures including revival of Special Economic Zones and completion of master planning for industrial smart cities to boost industry. These include Tumkur in Karnataka, Ponneri in Tamil Nadu and Krishnapatnam in Andhra

Pradesh. He also said the perspective plan for the Bengaluru Mumbai Economic corridor and Vizag-Chennai corridor would be completed, with a provision for 20 new industrial clusters. The Amritsar-Kolkatta Industrial Master Planning would be completed too for set-

ting up of industrial smart cities in seven States. A Rs 100 crore-National In-

dustrial Corriodor Authority, with its headquarters in Pune, is being set up to coordinate development of all industrial corridors with smart cities, which he said, will be the cor-



nerstone of the strategy to drive growth in manufacturing.

Jaitley also announced setting up a few mega textile clusters and allocated Rs 200 crores for the purpose. These will come up in Bareily and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Surat and Kutch in Gujarat, Bhagalpur in Bihar, Mysore in Karnataka, and one in Tamil Nadu.

He said the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) would be revived and made into effective instruments for industrial production, economic growth and employment generation.

To incentivise small entrepreneurs in the manufacturing sector, it is proposed to provide investment allowance at the rate of 15 percent to a manufacturing company that invests more than Rs. 25 crore in any year in new plant and machin-

ery This benefit will be available for three years i.e. for investments upto March 2017. The scheme announced last year, to provide investment allowance to manufacturing companies investing more than Rs. 100 crore in plant and machinery will continue till March, 2015

More importantly, Jaitley announced that all business and investment related clearances and compliances would be available on a 24x7 single portal as part of the eBiz platform. All Central government departments and ministries will integrate their services by December 31.

## 'Budget will boost the economy

traded on a recognised stock exchange, would attract same levv of securities transaction tax (STT), and would be given the same tax benefits in respect of taxability of capital gains as equity shares of a company i.e.,

389.54 billion rupees from the sector. "Receipts under 'other communication services' mainly relate to one-time spectrum charges levied as per the recommendations of the TRAL auction of 1800 MHz and 900 MHz spectrum, and receipts from 800 MHz spectrum."

The DoT collects recurring licence fees from various telecom operators licensed by it. apart from one-time entry fees from new operators.

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**NEW DELHI**, **DHNS**: In a depar- posite FDI cap in the insurance government on Thursday raise foreign direct investment cap in the insurance sector to 49 per cent from the current 26 per cent and promised to to be increased up to 49 per

to this effect. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's maiden Budget for 2014-15 also proposed to raise com-

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ture from the past, the BJP-led sector. made its intentions clear to ment starved. Several segments of the insurance sector need expansion. The compos-

ite cap in the sector is proposed bring a bill in Parliament soon cent from the current 26 per cent. with full Indian management and control, through the FIPB route," Jaitley said.

The composite cap refers to

clubbing of foreign investment by strategic and portfolio in-"Insurance sector is investvestors.

The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill has been pending in Parliament since 2008. While the BJP extended its support to the previous UPA regime in passage of the Pension Fund Regulatory Authority Bill last year, it said a categorical no to the insurance cap being raised to 49 per cent.

## Govt, RBI to work out new monetary policy framework

### NEW DELHI/CHENNAL PTI: economy.

With prices staying at stubbornly high level, the government and the RBI on Thursday agreed to devise a modern monetary policy framework with clear inflation targeting.

The tone for inflation targeting was set by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his budget speech when he stressed on a framework to meet challenges

RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan agreed with Finance Minister Arun Jaitley when he said the bank would develop the framework in consultation with the government this year. Retail inflation rose to 8.28

per cent in May on rising food prices. Through the new mechanism, the government and modern monetary policy RBI may look to bring down consumer inflation to 8 per of an increasingly complex cent by this year-end.

## Insurance FDI cap raised to 49% Govt will resolve crisis gripping mining sector

NEW DELHI: The beleaguered mining sector is likely to witness improved activity with the government on Thursday proposing to resolve the "current impasse" expeditiously aimed at encouraging investment and bridge the supply-demand gap. Paying heed to the requests

of states, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his maiden Budget speech also proposed to revise royalty rates on minerals which would help swell their coffers.

"It is my Government's intention to encourage investment in mining sector and promote sustainable mining practices to adequately meet requirements of industry without sacrificing environmental concerns. The current impasse in mining sector, including, iron ore mining, will be re-

said. He also said that changes, if necessary, in the MMDR Act, cilitate the objective.

India's mining sector, particular mining of steel-making raw material, iron ore, was affected after the Supreme Court imposed ban in Karnataka and Goa on allegations of illegal mining. The Supreme Court had banned iron ore mining in Karnataka in July-August, 2011, and in Goa in October, 2012. Subsequently the ban was lifted with a cap on production.

As a result, both production and exports of iron ore fell drastically. India's share in the iron ore export market fell and domestic steel makers had to undertake a cut in capacity utilisation and resort to imports of

iron ore in some cases. Jaitley also proposed to re-



1957 would be introduced to fa-vise the royalty rates on some minerals which has been pend-

ing since 2009. There have been requests from several state governments to revise rate of royalty on minerals.Last revision took place in August, 2009. Therefore, another revision, which is due, will be undertaken to ensure greater revenue to the State governments," he said. The revision in royalty rates is undertaken once every three

years. The entire royalty goes to states. The Mines Ministry has recently floated a draft cabinet note for inter-ministerial discussion to revise the rate of royalty on minerals such as

bauxite and iron ore. If approved by the Cabinet, the annual revenue collection of mineral-bearing states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Goa would swell cumulatively by 41 per cent to Rs 13,270 crore, according to an estimate by the Mines ministry. PTI

BANGALORE, DHNS: The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) on Thursday termed the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley as a "balanced and visionary budget that will boost the macro economics of the country, with specific emphasis on the development of core sectors.

BCIC President A N Chan-dramouli said, "The hallmark of the Finance Minister's presentation was a promise of containing fiscal deficit for 2015-16 at 3.6 per cent and 3 per cent for 2016-17.

He said that the Budget had many policy oriented announcements and targets for the infrastructure, public sector, defence, manufacturing sector, finance and capital market reforms, agriculture sector and investment on science and technology and education, "which we believe will spur all round economic growth and set the right tone for the next five years".

## No change in import duty on gold

MUMBAI/SINGAPORE: India surprised bullion markets by keeping the import duty on gold and silver unchanged at 10 per cent in its fiscal budget, a move which is likely to limit overseas purchases by the second-biggest bullion consumer and further encourage smuggling.

India's biggest gold trade group had said on Wednesday that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley would likely cut the gold import duty to 6 per cent in the newly elected government's first budget presentation. Reuters

## Sensex slips into red amid huge volatility

uities on Thursday edged lower after witnessing huge intraday volatility, following the Finance Minster Arun Jaitley making a number of announcements in the Union Budget 2014-15 such as a proposal to increase in foreign direct investment in insurance and defence sector, a sharp increase in plan expenditure, measures to boost long term financing for infrastructure by banks and provided clarity on taxation with respect

to foreign portfolio investors. not happened in this first NDA However, Dalal Street exbudget.

ster would scrap the law on retrospective taxation, which has nomic growth, confusion arose

as investors absorbed details of the Budget presented by Jaitley in Parliament on Thursday. They felt that the Budget was neither an out of the box idea nor there were any bitter pills. The market breadth indicating the overall health of the market was positive, however

in the late trade both the premium indices of BSE and NSE hit their lowest closing level in nearly two weeks.

ter index of the BSE fell 0.28 per cent in the late trade, which is off close to 548 points from the day's high and up about 256 points from the day's low. At the day's low of 25,117, the BSE

Sensex fell 327.81 points or 1.28 per cent, while at the day's high of 25.920.46 the Sensex gained 475.65 points or 1.86 per cent. The Sensex closed down 72 points to 25,373 points.

The CNX Nifty at NSE fell 17.25 points or 0.23 percent to settle at 7.567.75, its lowest closing level since 27 June 2014. The index hit a high of 7,731.05 in intraday trade, its highest level since 8 July 2014.

The index hit a low of 7,479.05 in intradav trade, its lowest level since 23 June 2014.

In the broader markets, BSE Mid-Cap index rose 54.82 points or 0.60 per cent to 9,132.18, while BSE Small-Cap

index rose 75.82 points or 0.76 percent to 10019.97 with both indices out performing Sensex. Weakness in European stocks caused by fears over the

health of one of Portugal's biggest banks weighed on Indian stocks which reversed direction after surging in afternoon trade after the Finance Minister's Budget speech.

Bank stocks declined after the finance minister said in the Union Budget 2014-15 that the capital of banks will be raised by increasing the shareholding of the people in a phased manner through sale of shares largely through retail to common citizens of the country.

# MUMBAI, DHNS: Domestic eq-

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