

UNION EDUCATION MINISTER LAUDS HISTORIC BUDGET 2025-26

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION HAS REACHED 128,650 CRORE,
MARKING A 6.22% INCREASE OVER BE 2024-25.

50,000 ATAL TINKERING LABS IN GOVERNMENT
SCHOOLS IN NEXT 5 YEARS

ALL GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS
WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BROADBAND
CONNECTIVITY UNDER BHARAT NET IN THE
NEXT THREE YEARS

BHARATIYA BHASHA PUSTAK SCHEME TO
PROVIDE DIGITAL-FORM INDIAN LANGUAGE
BOOKS

ALLOCATION OF RS 20,000 CRORE TO
IMPLEMENT PRIVATE SECTOR DRIVEN
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

IITs STARTED AFTER 2014 TO GET NEW
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 6,500 MORE STUDENTS

PROVISION OF 10,000 FELLOWSHIPS FOR
TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN IITS AND IISC
UNDER PM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

5 NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR
SKILLING TO EQUIP YOUTH FOR “MAKE FOR
INDIA, MAKE FOR THE WORLD”
MANUFACTURING

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE FOR EDUCATION WITH TOTAL
OUTLAY OF RS 500 CRORE

‘GYAN BHARATAM MISSION’ TO PRESERVE
OVER 1 CRORE MANUSCRIPTS

NATIONAL DIGITAL REPOSITORY OF INDIAN
KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS FOR KNOWLEDGE
SHARING TO BE SET UP

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Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan lauded the Budget 2025-26, emphasizing it as a budget that takes everyone together and prioritizes welfare, well-being, and empowerment of all citizens while firmly placing India on the path to achieving the goal of developed India by 2047. The Minister expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for a visionary and futuristic Budget.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that this Budget is aiming to cater to the comprehensive requirements, right from childhood to youth, who would be leading from the front in realizing the Viksit Bharat agenda in 2047 and beyond.

He further stated that the Budget announcements encompass today’s entire youth demographic, who will lead the nation for the next 25 years. This will strengthen the Bhartiya Gyan Parampara within our education

system and foster a global community, he added.

The Minister highlighted that the Budget 2025-26 emphasizes investing in people and facilitating all-round development of India's human capital. He noted that with “Gareeb, Yuva, Annadata, and Naari” as the pillars, this budget would uplift sentiments of the poor and middle class, accelerate spending, catalyze investments, and spur growth. He emphasized that it would remove regional imbalances, build rural prosperity, nurture research, innovation and entrepreneurship, invigorate the education and skilling landscape, and lead to employment-led development.

The Minister expressed gratitude for continuing with bigger and bolder investments in education, skilling, research, and innovation, stating that this budget represents another big leap towards empowering India's population with more opportunities for world-class education and building capacities of human capital.

The Minister informed that the total budget allocation for the Ministry of Education has reached **₹128,650 crore**, marking a 6.22% increase over BE 2024-25.

Union Education Minister informed that Fifty thousand **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL)** will be set up in Government schools in next 5 years to cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation, and foster a scientific temper among young minds. With this, students of all Government secondary schools will have access to ATL. The Union Budget also proposes to provide Broadband connectivity to all Government secondary schools and primary health centres in rural areas under the BharatNet project, he added.

Shri Pradhan informed that the total number of students in 23 IITs has increased 100 per cent from 65,000 to 1.35 lakh in the past 10 years. Additional infrastructure will be created in the 5 IITs started after 2014 to facilitate education for 6,500 more students. Hostel and other infrastructure capacity at IIT, Patna will also be expanded, he further added.

Shri Pradhan said that with the aim to help students understand their subjects better, it is proposed to implement a **Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme** to provide digital-form Indian language books for school and higher education.

The Union Minister also informed that five **National Centres of Excellence for skilling** will be set up with global expertise and partnerships to equip youth with the skills required for “Make for India, Make for the World” manufacturing. The partnerships will cover curriculum design, training of trainers, a skills certification framework, and periodic reviews.

Shri Pradhan highlighted that the fourth AI Centre of Excellence in Education, envisioned in the Budget 2025-26, aims to revolutionize India's educational system from pre-primary to professional and research levels. By harnessing artificial intelligence, it seeks to address disparities and inefficiencies, ensuring equitable and high-quality education across the nation. This Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education will be established with a total outlay of ₹500 crore, he added

The Minister informed the allocation of Rs 20,000 crore to implement private sector driven Research, Development and Innovation. In the next five years, under the **PM Research Fellowship scheme**, provision of ten thousand fellowships for technological research in IITs and IISc with enhanced financial support is also proposed in the Budget, he added.

The Minister informed that a Gyan Bharatam Mission for survey, documentation and conservation of our manuscript heritage with academic institutions, museums, libraries and private collectors will be undertaken to cover more than 1 crore manuscripts. A National Digital Repository of Indian knowledge systems for knowledge sharing will also be set up.

D/o School Education & Literacy

- The Budget Allocation for the FY 2025-26 of ₹ 78572 Cr is the highest ever for the Department of School Education & Literacy.
- There has been an overall increase of ₹ 5074 Cr (7%) in the Budget Allocation of Department of School

Education and Literacy in the FY 2025-26 from BE 2024-25. As compared to RE of FY 2024-25, there has been an increase of ₹ 11,000 Cr (16.28 %).

- The highest ever Budget Allocation may be seen in the Autonomous Body of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) at Rs. 9,503 Cr. Allocation in KVS has increased by ₹ 201.17 Cr as compared to Budget allocation of FY 2024-25. There has been an increase of ₹ 776 Cr (9%) as compared to RE of FY 2024-25.
- Budget Allocation of FY 2025-26 in Flagship Schemes have increased i.e Samagra Shiksha (by ₹ 3750 Cr), PM-POSHAN (by ₹ 32 Cr) and PM-SHRI (by ₹ 1450 Cr) with respect to Budget Allocation (BE) of FY 2024-25. As compared to RE 2024-25, allocation in Samagra Shiksha has increased by ₹ 4240 Cr (11%), allocation in PM-POSHAN has increased by ₹ 2500 Cr (25 %) and allocation in PM-SHRI has increased by ₹ 3000 Cr (66%).
- Out of the overall Budget Allocation in FY 2025-26 of ₹ 78,572 Cr, the Scheme allocation is ₹ 63,089 Cr and Non-Scheme Allocation is ₹ 15,483 Cr.
- Increase in Scheme Allocation in BE 2025-26 is ₹ 5284 Cr (9.14 %) as compared to BE 2024-25. As compared to RE 24-25, increase in Scheme Allocation is ₹ 10248 Cr (19%) and non-Scheme allocation has increased by ₹ 752 Cr (5%) in BE 2025-26.
- Fifty thousand (50,000) Atal Tinkering Labs (ALT) will be set up in Government schools in next five years to cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation, and foster a scientific temper among young minds.
- Broadband connectivity will be provided to all Government secondary schools under BharatNet project in the next three years.

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education

- The overall Budget Allocation in FY 2025-26 is Rs. 50077.95 Cr out of which Scheme allocation is Rs. 6990.88 Cr and Non- Scheme allocation is Rs. 43087.07 cr.
- There has been an overall increase of Rs. 2458.18 Cr (5.16%) in the Budget Allocation of Department of Higher Education in the FY 2025-26 with respect to FY 2024-25.

Allocations to Major Autonomous Bodies under Higher Education

- **The total Allocation of Autonomous Bodies in 2025-26 increased to Rs. 42732 Cr from Rs. 39777.40 in 2024-25. There is increase of 7.42%**
- Allocation in **Central Universities** has been kept at Rs. 16691.31 Cr, against Rs. 15928 Cr in 2024-25 which is Rs 763.31 Cr more i.e. 4.79 % increase.
- **UGC has been allocated Rs.3335.97 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs. 2500 Cr in 2024-25 which is Rs. 835.97 Cr more i.e. 33.44 % increase.**
- **IITs** have been allocated Rs. 11349.00 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs. 10324.50 Cr in 2024-25 which is Rs. 1024.50 Cr more i.e. 9.92% increase.
- For **NITs**, Rs.5687.47 Cr has been allocated in FY 2025-26, against Rs.5040 Cr in 2024-25 increasing the allocation by Rs. 647.47 Cr i.e. 12.85% increase.
- **Deemed Universities** have been allocated Rs.604 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs.596 Cr in 2024-25 increasing the allocation by Rs. 8 Cr i.e. 1.34% increase.
- **IIMs** have been allocated Rs.251.89 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs. 212.21 Cr in 2024-25 increasing the allocation by Rs. 39.68 Cr i.e. 18.70% increase.
- **IIITs** have been allocated Rs.407.00 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs.315.91 Cr in 2024-25 increasing the allocation by Rs. 91.09 Cr i.e 28.83 % increase.
- **Grants for Promotion of Indian Languages** have been allocated Rs.347.03 Cr in 2025-26, against Rs.310.10 Cr in 2024-25 increasing the allocation by Rs. 36.93 Cr i.e. 11.91% increase.

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