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Sitharaman presents Rs 47.66 lakh Cr Budget, 6 pc higher than FY24

Rs 10,000 Cr budgeted for rooftop solar scheme

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The size of Budget 2024-25 has increased 6.1 per cent to Rs 47.66 lakh crore because of rise in expenditure and higher allocation for capital expenditure and social sector schemes.

"The Revised Estimate of the total receipts other than borrowings is Rs 27.56 lakh crore, of which tax receipts are Rs 23.24 lakh crore. The Revised Estimate of the total expenditure is Rs 44.90 lakh crore," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while presenting the interim Budget in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The revenue receipts at Rs 30.03 lakh crore are expected to be higher than the Budget Estimate, reflecting strong growth momentum and formalisation in the economy, she said.

The Revised Estimate of the fiscal deficit is 5.8 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), improving on the Budget Estimate, notwithstanding moderation in the nominal growth estimates.

The nominal GDP growth for the next financial year has been pegged at 10.5 per cent against the 11 per cent estimated earlier.

The nominal GDP for

CS takes holistic review for promotion, development of tourism in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS


JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dooloo on Thursday took holistic review of the measures being taken in and around Jammu for large scale development and promotion of tourism and culture here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Culture; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; PCCE, CAMPA; Secretary, PWD; Ex Dir, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society; DC, Reasi; Director Tourism, Jammu besides other concerned officers.

While speaking in the meeting the Chief Secretary laid emphasis upon the all-round development of the tourist destinations with provisioning of all the amenities like Roads, power, water and sanitation of all sites.

He called for having a plan for each site after taking into consideration the strengths of each site. He made out that the tourism is a leisurely activity so each destination should provide what

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 17.1°C Min: 7.2°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 87

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.5°C Min: 0.2°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 88

Sunset : 18:02 Hours
Sunrise : 07:26 Hours



Union Finance Minister Nirmala along with Ministers of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary and Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad presenting Union Budget 2024 in New Delhi.

Budget guarantee of strengthening foundation of developed India: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the interim Budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman offers the "guarantee" of strengthening the foundation of a developed India and carries the "confidence of continuity".

In a televised address following the budget, he said it will empower the four pillars of developed India -- the young, poor, women and farmers.

"This is a budget of creating India's future," Modi said, adding that it reflects the young aspirations of a young India.

While keeping the fiscal deficit under control, the prime minister noted that total expenditure has seen a historic increase to Rs

11,11,111 crore in this budget.

"In economists' parlance, this is a kind of sweet spot," Modi said.

He said it will create millions of new employment opportunities for India's youth along with the creation of modern infrastructure of the 21st century.

Asserting that the budget carries the "confidence of continuity", he described it as "not merely an interim budget but an inclusive and innovative budget".

Citing the announcement of a Rs 1 lakh crore fund for research and innovation, the prime minister noted that the "historic" budget has also offered rebates for start-ups. It has provisions for a huge capital expenditure of Rs 11.11 lakh

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LG hails Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha hailed the Interim Union Budget for 2024-2025, presented by the Hon'ble Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, in Parliament today.

The Lt Governor tweeted: "Union Budget reflects historic achievements of 10 years of Hon'ble PM Sh Narendra Modi Ji's govt & outlines his vision for Viksit Bharat by 2047. Hon'ble FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji has aptly noted that people are looking ahead to future with hope & optimism. The budget is dedicated to a better future of common man. The emphasis on inclusivity, social inclusivity through coverage of all strata of the society,"

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Budget: Over Rs 2 lakh Cr allocated to MHA

Rs 37,277.74 Cr for Police, PMF in J&K

NEW DELHI: The interim budget 2024-25 on Thursday allocated Rs 202868.70 crore to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the highest share of funds going to the paramilitary forces like CRPF, BSF and CISE.

While Rs 132345.47 crore was given to the police under which the paramilitary forces come, Rs 37277.74 crore was given to Jammu and Kashmir, which has been a Union Territory after the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state in 2019.

Ladakh got Rs 5958 crore, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rs 5866.37 crore, Chandigarh Rs 5862.62 crore, Puducherry Rs 3269.00 crore, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Rs 2648.97 crore and Rs 1490.10 crore was given to Lakshadweep and Rs 1168.01 to Delhi.

A sum of Rs 1248.91 crore was

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2024-25 BE has been projected at Rs 3,27,71,808 crore, assuming 10.5 per cent growth over the estimated nominal GDP of Rs 2,96,57,745 crore, as per the First Advance Estimates of

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Death toll in Boniyar Uri accident rises to 10

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: The death toll in Wednesday's accident in Baramulla district has increased to ten as three more people who were hospitalised succumbed to their injuries, officials on Thursday said.

Three more people died on Thursday, taking the toll to 10, they said.

Seven people died on Wednesday when a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Baramulla district in north Kashmir, police said.

A passenger vehicle rolled down into a deep gorge in

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Azad urges Govt to ensure electricity, ration in snow affected areas

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to ensure essentials like electricity and ration in the snow affected areas and stressed the need for additional relief to mitigate the impact of snow on vulnerable communities.

"I am delighted that snow has arrived; people were eagerly anticipating it. However, the government must ensure proper arrangements to navigate its effects", Azad said while interacting



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad interacting with deputations at Srinagar on Thursday.

with various deputations at the party headquarters here. He listened to their grievances and issues raised individually and collectively, assuring that these issues would be taken up at appropriate forums.

Simultaneously, numerous activists from various parties joined DPAP, pledging to strengthen the party and intensify public outreach

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Snowfall at Vaishnodevi shrine, rains in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: High altitude areas of Jammu province, including the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi atop the Trikuta hills, received fresh snowfall in the morning while Srinagar and other plain areas of Kashmir received this winter's first snowfall on Thursday, bringing cheer to the residents.

Officials said moderate to light rains also lashed the plains of the Jammu region.

"Fresh snowfall was witnessed in and around the Bhawan of Mata Vaishnodevi. The Trikuta hills area was covered with a blanket of snow this morning," they said.

Bhairon Ghati and Himkoti in Trikuta hills and the serpentine route leading to the shrine also experienced snowfall, they said.

Despite the snowfall, the pilgrimage to the temple remained unaffected, with hundreds of pilgrims departing from the Katra base

camp this morning.

Apart from Vaishno Devi, the mountains of Kishtwar, Doda, Reasi, Ramban, Kathua, Rajouri, and Poonch, including the Mughal Road, experienced snowfall.

Authorities have warned people about the potential risk of landslides and shooting stones on vulnerable spots along highways and urged them to avoid unnecessary travel.

The hills around the Patnitop hill resort also experienced snowfall.

In Jammu and Samba areas, rains accompanied by light winds marked the end of over a month of dry and chilly foggy conditions.

"Rains have ended the extreme cold conditions, providing relief to the residents," a MeT official said.

Heavy snowfall and rain are forecasted in Kishtwar district, posing risks of landslides and disruptions on national highways and hilly roads, officials said.

Season's first snowfall in Srinagar



Meanwhile, Srinagar and other plain areas of Kashmir received this winter's first snowfall, bringing cheer to the residents.

The snowfall in the plain areas

began late Wednesday night and continued till the morning at most places, officials said.

"It started as a mix of rain and snow late last night in Srinagar

Jammu-Srinagar NH closed for traffic, over 200 vehicles stranded

BANIHAL/JAMMU: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Thursday due to a landslide in Ramban district, leaving over 200 vehicles stranded.

The highway also witnessed fresh snowfall at several places.

The landslide took place in Sherbibi area of the district, which also witnessed heavy rains, officials said.

"The road damaged near Sherbibi on Jammu-Srinagar highway and restoration work

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and other adjoining areas in the plains and by the morning, the valley was covered under a blanket of snow," they said.

Srinagar received around two

inches of snowfall, Anantnag town four inches, Qazigund nine, Pahalgam 10, Pulwama town two, Kulgam town three, Shopian town five, Ganderbal town two, Baramulla town three, Kupwara town four, and Gulmarg 14 inches, the officials said.

The higher reaches received moderate to heavy snowfall, they added.

It is the season's first snowfall in the plains of the Kashmir valley, including in the summer capital Srinagar, which had experienced little precipitation so far this winter in the form of rains, the officials said.

The Kashmir valley witnessed a prolonged dry spell this winter with most of the Chilla-i-Kalan -- the 40 day harsh winter period, when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent -- remaining dry. While some

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