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## Union Budget 2020-21: Social Sector and Infrastructure

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### Why in News

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The Union Minister of Finance has presented the Budget 2020-21. Given below are the provisions related to the social sector and infrastructure.

### Agriculture

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- A budget allocation of **₹2.83 lakh crore** for 16 action points.
- The action points include measures to provide farmers access to faraway markets by running trains (**Kisan Rail**) and flights (**Krishi Udaan**) and providing relief to farmers from water shortage.
- It will also include '**One-Product One-District**' for better marketing and export in the Horticulture sector. The scheme is already functional in Uttar Pradesh.
- The focus is also on **Jaivik Kheti Portal** (online national organic products market), **Zero-Budget Natural Farming**, **PM-KUSUM**.
- Agri-credit availability set at ₹15 lakh crore for 2020-21.

### Health

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- An allocation of ₹69,000 crore for the health sector.
- Proposal to set up hospitals in Tier-II and Tier-III cities with the private sector using PPP model.
- Expansion of **Jan Aushadhi Kendra Scheme** to all districts by 2024.
- A task force to be appointed to recommend regarding steps required to lower the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and improving nutrition.

### Education

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- ₹99,300 crore for the education sector in 2021 and about ₹3,000 crore for skill development.
- Urban local bodies to provide **internship to young engineers** for a year.

- **Degree-level full fledged online education programmes** by institutions ranked in the top 100 in **NIRF** rankings, especially to benefit underprivileged students.
- A **national police university** and a **national forensic science university** is proposed to be setup.
- **IND SAT exam** for students of Asia and Africa to promote “study in India” programme.

## Infrastructure

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- **Infrastructure Financing**
  - Rs. 103 lakh crore for **National Infrastructure Pipeline** projects announced.
  - An **international bullion exchange** to be set up at GIFT City.
  - Proceeds from divestment will go only into capital expenditure and not revenue expenditure.
- **Transport**
  - Budget proposes to provide ₹1.7 lakh crore for transport infrastructure in 2021.
  - National Logistics Policy to be released soon.
  - Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway to be started.
  - Government to monetise 12 lots of national highways by 2024.
- **Railways**
  - Aims to achieve electrification of 27,000 km of railway lines.
  - Plan to have a large solar power capacity for Indian Railways.
- 100 more airports will be developed by 2024 to support UDAN.
- 5 new smart cities in public-private partnership mode.

## Culture and Tourism

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- Proposal to establish **Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation**.
- **5 archaeological sites** to be developed as iconic sites:
  - Rakhigarhi (Haryana)
  - Hastinapur (Uttar Pradesh)
  - Shivsagar (Assam)
  - Dholavira (Gujarat)
  - Adichanallur (Tamil Nadu)
- Maritime museum to be set up at Lothal (Gujarat).
- Tribal Museum in Ranchi
- **A museum on Numismatics and Trade** to be established.