



Budget 2021 Highlights: Infrastructure

Why in News

Recently, the Minister of Finance presented the Union [Budget](#) 2021-22. This was the **first digital budget**.

- This section deals with proposals related to **Infrastructure**.

Key Points

- **Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI):**
 - Rs. 1.97 lakh crore in next 5 years for [PLI schemes](#) in 13 Sectors to create and nurture manufacturing global champions for an [AatmaNirbhar Bharat](#).
- **Textiles:** //

Textile - Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA)

Aims at making Textile Industry:

1. Globally competitive
2. Attract large investments
3. Boost employment generation & exports

Main features:

- To create a world class infrastructure with plug and play facilities to enable create global champions in exports
- 7 Textile Parks will be established over 3 years

- **Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA) scheme** to be introduced.
- **Infrastructure:**
 - [National Infrastructure Pipeline \(NIP\)](#) expanded to 7,400 projects.
 - Measures in three thrust areas to **increase funding** for NIP:
 - **Creation of institutional structures:**
 - Set up and capitalise a **Development Financial Institution (DFI)**.

- Big thrust on **monetizing assets**.
- Enhancing the **share of capital expenditure**.

▪ **Roads and Highways Infrastructure:**

- Rs. 1,18,101 lakh crore, **highest ever outlay**, for Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- New **Economic corridors** and **Expressways** being planned.
- **Advanced Traffic management system** in all new 4 and 6-lane highways.

▪ **Railway Infrastructure:**

- **National Rail Plan for India (2030)** to create a “future ready” Railway system by 2030.
- **100% electrification of Broad-Gauge routes** to be completed by December, 2023.
- **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and Eastern DFC** to be commissioned by June 2022.
- Measures for **passenger convenience and safety:**
 - **Aesthetically designed Vista Dome Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coach** on tourist routes for better travel.
 - High density network and highly utilized network routes to have an **indigenously developed automatic train protection system**, eliminating train collision due to human error.

▪ **Urban Infrastructure:**

- **Expansion of metro rail** network and **augmentation of city bus service**.
- **‘MetroLite’ and ‘MetroNeo’** technologies will be used to provide metro rail systems at much lesser cost with similar experience.

▪ **Power Infrastructure:**

- A comprehensive **National Hydrogen Energy Mission 2021-22** to be launched.
- Rs. 3,05,984 crore over 5 years for a revamped, reforms-based and result-linked **new power distribution sector scheme**.

▪ **Ports, Shipping, Waterways:**

- Rs. 2,000 crore worth 7 projects to be offered in **Public Private Partnership (PPP)**-mode in **Financial Year (FY) 2021-22** for operation of major ports.

▪ **Petroleum & Natural Gas:**

- Extension of **Ujjwala Scheme** to cover 1 crore more beneficiaries.
- A new **gas pipeline** project in Jammu & Kashmir.
- An independent **Gas Transport System Operator** to be set up for facilitation and coordination of booking of common carrier capacity in all-natural gas pipelines on a non-discriminatory open access basis.

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