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Overall Theme: Focus on employment, skilling, MSMEs, and the middle class.

Tax Reforms:

• Revision in Tax Slabs: The tax structure under the new regime is revised, potentially saving taxpayers ₹17,500.

New Tax Rates:

• 0-3 lakh: 0% tax

■ 3-7 lakh: 5% tax

• 7-10 lakh: 10% tax

■ 10-12 lakh: 15% tax

■ 12-15 lakh: 20% tax

• 15 lakh & above: 30% tax

• Standard Deduction Increase: Standard deduction on the new tax regime is increased from ₹30,000 to ₹75,000.

Standard deduction is a fixed amount of money that you can subtract from your taxable income in certain tax regimes.

Capital Gains Tax Changes:

- Short-term capital gains tax on specified financial assets increases from 15% to 20%.
- Long-term capital gains tax on all assets increases to 12.5% from 10%.
- Exemption limit on capital gains for certain financial assets increases from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.25 lakh annually.
- Angel tax abolished to support startups and innovation.
- Fiscal Deficit: FY25 fiscal deficit projected at 4.9% of GDP, aiming for a further reduction below 4.5% next year.

{Capital Gains Tax is a tax you pay on the profit you make when you sell an asset, like stocks, real estate, or even cryptocurrencies (in some countries).}

Expenditure and Receipts:

- Expenditure for FY25 projected at ₹48.21 trillion.
- Receipts for FY25 projected at ₹32.07 trillion.
- Fiscal deficit estimated at 4.9% of GDP.

Customs Duty Reductions:

- Gold, silver, and platinum duties reduced.
- Lithium, copper, and cobalt exempted from customs duty.
- Duty reductions on solar cell and panel manufacturing, spandex yarn, connectors, and oxygen-fused copper.

{Customs duty is a tax levied by a government on goods that are brought into or taken out of the country. It's like a tollbooth for international trade.}

Duty Cuts on Medicines and Mobile Phones:

- Customs duty fully exempted on three additional cancer medicines.
- Duty on mobile devices and accessories reduced to 15%.
- Increased customs duty on plastic products.

Budget Allocations:

• Funds allocated for social and infrastructure development in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

• ₹10 trillion allocated for providing 1 crore houses to the urban poor and middle class.

Agriculture and Allied Sectors:

- Comprehensive review of agriculture research setup to raise productivity and develop climateresilient varieties.
- Initiatives for natural farming, supporting 1 crore farmers with certification and branding.
- Shrimp production and export facilitated through NABARD.
- New 109 high-yielding and climate-resilient varieties of 32 field and horticulture crops will be released for cultivation by farmers.
- 10,000 need-based bio-input resource centres will be established.

Financial Initiatives:

- Mudra loan limit increased from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh for previous borrowers.
- Financial support for higher education loans up to ₹10 lakhs in domestic institutions.

Employment and Skilling:

• Five schemes to focus on 4.1 crore youth over 5

- years, with a central outlay of ₹2 lakh crore.
- Comprehensive internship scheme for 1 crore youth in top companies.
- Employment-linked incentives and women-specific skilling programs.

MSME and Manufacturing Support:

- Special attention to MSMEs and manufacturing sector.
- Credit guarantee scheme, term loans for machinery purchase, and technology support package.
- SIDBI to open 24 new branches to serve MSME clusters.

Employment & Skilling

Employment Linked Incentive

• As a part of the Prime Minister's package, three schemes to be implemented for 'Employment Linked Incentive':

Scheme A: First Timers

■ To provide one-month wage (up to INR 15,000) to all persons newly entering the workforce in all formal sectors. The eligibility limit will be a salary of INR 1 Lakh per month.

Scheme B: Job Creation in Manufacturing

• To incentivise additional employment in the manufacturing sector, linked to the employment of first-time employees.

Scheme C: Support to employers

• To cover additional employment in all sectors. The government will reimburse employers up to INR 3,000 per month for 2 years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

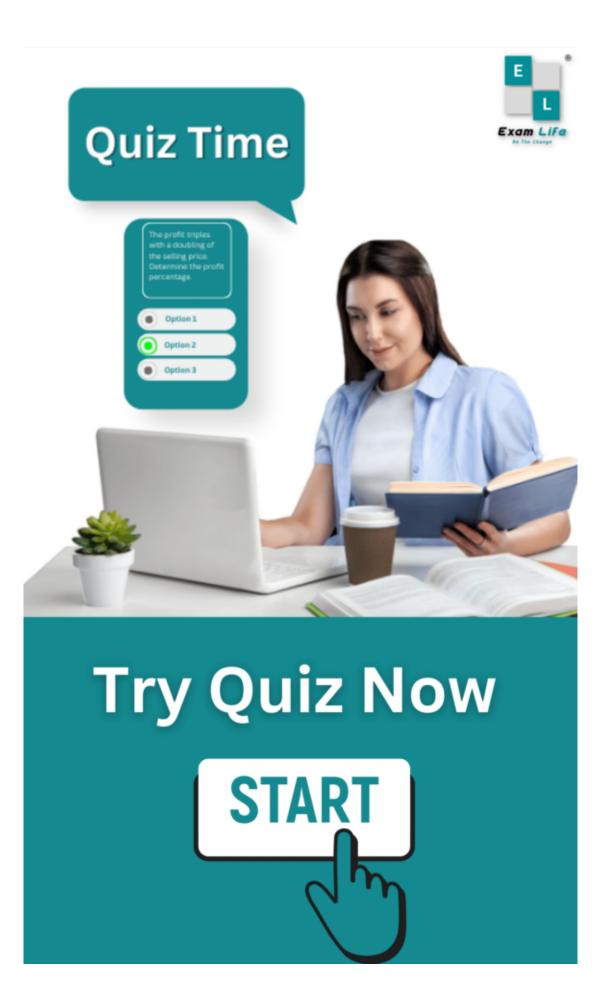
Other Announcements:

- 100 new branches of India Post Payments Bank to be established in the North East.
- 12 new industrial parks to be created.
- •₹1.52 trillion allocated for agriculture and allied sectors.
- New high-yielding and climate-resilient crop varieties for farmers.
- ₹3 trillion allocated for women-centric schemes.
- Three new employment-linked schemes proposed with ₹2 trillion allocation for job creation.
- Mudra loan limit increased.
- Critical mineral mission and auction of offshore mining blocks announced.
- Rental housing scheme for industrial workers.

Note: This is a summary based on a news report and may not include all details from the budget.







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