

Highlights of Budget 2009-10

A- Budget provision and Fiscal Indicators

- No New Tax has been proposed
- Total receipts are estimated to be Rs. 13909.16 crores.
- Total expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 14737.38 crores.
- Total revenue receipts are estimated to be Rs. 10947.67 crores
- Total revenue expenditure estimated to be Rs. 11161.11 crores.
- Estimated revenue deficit is Rs. 213.44 crores, whereas estimated fiscal deficit is Rs. 2070.99 crores.
- Gender Budget was introduced in 2007-08. The provision for Gender Budget has been increased from Rs. 333 crores in 2007-08 to Rs. 1205 crores in 2009-10.
- Estimated total Budget deficit is Rs. 828.22 crores.
- Rs. 800 crores shall be adjusted from the Public Account to balance the budget deficit.
- Taking the opening balance into account, the estimated closing balance is Rs. (-) 627.37 crores.

B- Tax reforms and rationalisation of tax rates

- VAT on Atta, Maida, Suji & Besan will be abolished.
- Computerisation for simplification of VAT processes, extension of e-payment facility, initiation of e-filing and facility for downloading of various forms has been proposed.
- Additional Stamp duty in Urban Areas shall be abolished.
- Government is paying special attention towards women empowerment. Accordingly, limit of valuation of property to be increased from 10 lakh to 20 lakh for the purpose of exemption of Stamp duty for women on purchase of property.
- Stamp duty on agreement without possession to be reduced to 4% from 7%.

- Last year entertainment tax on Cinema halls had been reduced to 40% from 60%. Now it is being further reduced to 20% for tickets up to Rs. 25, 30 % for tickets Rs. 26 to 50 and 40% for tickets more than Rs.50.
- Compulsory Audit shall be abolished for the dealers liable to pay tax on a single point or dealer dealing with tax free commodities.

C- Other Schemes:-

- A new initiative in the form of "Atal Adarsh Gram Yojana" to be taken up in about 500 villages, one in each Nayay Panchayat, for overall integrated development to saturate the village with necessary facilities like road, electricity, drinking water, education, health etc.
- New initiative in the form of "Dev Bhoomi Muskan" scheme to be started to provide quality education to the boys and girls of the poorest of the society to bring smile in their life. A "voucher scheme" to be executed in each district headquarter in participation with schools of private sector in first phase under which the government will bear the cost of education.
- Work plan for new construction/renovation/extension of more than 150 inter college / high school buildings to be prepared.
- It is well known that Uttarakhand is the birth place of Ayaurveda and medicinal plants like "Sanjeevani" are found in abundance here. Therefore to provide new heights to Ayaurveda an Ayaurvedic University will be setup in the State.
- Ayush Grams to be established for the first time in the country.
- 18 new vehicles will be purchased under Pd. Deen Dayal Upadhyay 108 Emergency Services for making it more effective and reach to common people in each block.
- Special drive to be taken up for making the sacred Ganga Ji and tributaries pollution free. "State River Conservation Authority" to be established.
- 2804 Multipurpose Citizen Services Centres to be established at Nayay Panchayat Level to facilitate access of information and services to the citizen up to village level.
- Provision of Rs.20 crores as State share for Muzaffer Nagar-Roorkee rail line, which reduces travel time by 1 hour.

- Nephrology and heart care units in Pd. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Coronation hospital and heart care unit at base hospital Almora will be established under PPP mode.
- Maternity leave for female government servants to be increased to 180 days from 135 days.
- Neo Natal units in every female hospital to be established to bring child mortality rates at minimum level.
- Posts for 145 ANMs and 145 part time midwives to be created for mother-child welfare in remote/ un serviced areas. At present 19000 Asha workers and 2200 ANMs are already working in remotes areas.
- Scheme for construction of ponds for water conservation/recharge to be started.
- Facilities under special unified Industrial promotion policy, 2008 to give thrust for industrial development in hills. Interest subsidy scheme for small industrial units extended till 31st March 2010.
- Kumbh Mela is the biggest fair in the world which will be held in Hardwar in 2010. It is estimated that about 5 crores people will participate in the Kumbh from all over the world. An expenditure of Rs. 500 crore has been estimated to cover the cost of organising the Mela. Rs. 294 crore has already been sanctioned so far and a provision of Rs. 100 crores in 2009-10 for Kumbh Mela, 2010 has been made.
- Nanda Devi Kanya Schemes to be implemented for preventing female foeticide and providing economic and educational protection to women child .
- Free education facility for boys also to be extended upto 12th standard in government and government aided schools which is upto 8th as present.
- Separate home for street children to be constructed.
- Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan is being prepared for overall development of farmers.
- An Eye institute with ultra modern facilities, research with eye bank will be setup in the State.

D- Good Governance/ Reform:-

- Intensive evaluation of developmental schemes/ programmes will be done through third party specialists to ensure quality execution at the ground level.
- Scheme of viability gap funding has been prepared to attract private investments through PPP mode for physical and social infrastructure projects which are financially not viable but essential for the development of the State. In the beginning, Rs. 10 crores has been provided for this purpose.