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5	03-02-2021	Yahoo Finance	Dispute Resolution Committee to have multiple benches: CBDT chief
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5	19-02-2021	Orissadiary	Government is committed to support innovative ideas and sustainable solutions in food processing, says Rameswar Teli
6	19-02-2021	The Sentinel	Committed to boost food processing industry, says Minister Rameswar Teli
7	19-02-2021	Knowledia	Government sanctioned 134 food processing projects last year despite pandemic: Rameswar Teli
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Budget Reaction

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STAKEHOLDERS' TAKE ON BUDGET
Goa's prominent businessmen and industry players take a closer look at the numbers and analyse what the Budget means for the country, the state and themselves

SELF **GOA** **COUNTRY**

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“This spending that the government has envisaged, and the stress laid on infrastructure and manufacturing sector is with an eye on increasing employment. Having declared it in the Budget is half the thing. Getting things done is what is important.”

Mangirish Pui Raiher | NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, WEST COUNCIL OF ASSOCHAM

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“It is a modest budget with a lot of new promises. Promises in various sectors which have certain positives, principally the ease of doing business that the finance minister has talked about and the link to inclusive development. Overall, it is a balanced budget.”

Ralph De Souza | VICE PRESIDENT, GOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

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“It is quite a positive budget because we feared an increase in direct taxes which has not happened. There is emphasis on infrastructure. All this expenditure will boost employment and MSMEs and the overall inflow into the system.”

Damodar Kochhar | PRESIDENT, GOA STATE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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“The Budget speaks of ₹15,700 crore for MSMEs which is double compared to last year. This will boost MSME development. The one-year extension of tax holiday and capital gains exemption for startups will incentivise funding in this sector.”

Blaize Costabile | CHAIRMAN, CI'S GOA COUNCIL

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“Overall the Budget appears OK. The allocation for road and rail infrastructure is impressive and will help the industry in the long run. But for the tourism sector it is a huge disappointment, we were expecting some relief.”

Nilesh Shah | PRESIDENT, ITAG

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Budget to boost economy: Guj Inc

“ The Budget has given a big boost to startups and innovation through a variety of measures. We hope that all these key announcements will bear fruits in the medium term to facilitate growth across sectors

Arjun Handa | VC AND MD, CLARIS

“ Proposal to extend exemption for purchase of affordable houses and tax exemption for affordable rental housing projects is encouraging. Customs duty cut on semis, flats is welcome

Jaxay Shah | CHAIRMAN, ASSOCHAM GUJARAT COUNCIL

“ Agricultural credit target has been enhanced. Agri infrastructure, development cess will create resources to conserve and process agri products, which will bring higher income for farmers

Angshu Mallick | DEPUTY CEO, ADANI WILMAR LTD

Team TOI package and reducing custom

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ASSOCHAM'S Post Union Budget' 21 Reaction

By - Shri Jaxay Shah,
National Chairman, CREDAI
and Chairman, ASSOCHAM
Gujarat Council

In this Union Budget 2021, focusing on *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*, The government stretched its resources to provide for the most vulnerable. Highlighting part is that affordable housing projects can avail tax holiday for one more year. Also the proposal to extend exemption available for the purchase of affordable houses & to provide tax exemption for affordable rental housing projects.

Another relief from budget is the reduction of customs duty uniformly to 7.5% on semis, flat, and long products of non-alloy, alloy, and stainless steels. Appreciable that as a measures to clean up the bank books, an ARC would be set up to consoli-

date and take over the existing stressed debt.

By - Shri Chintan Thaker,
Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM
Gujarat Council



Through this Union Budget 2021, the Government of India has tried to bring economic up thrust to each and every sector, specially to MSMEs. Enabling the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investments and boost employment generation, a scheme of Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA) will be launched in addition to the PLI scheme. This will create world class infrastructure with plug and play facilities to enable create global champions in exports. Delighted to find that 07 Textile Parks will be established over 3 years.

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Nirmala Sitharaman, India's finance minister, speaks during a news conference in New Delhi, India, on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. India unveiled a budget that blows out the fiscal deficit wider than expected as the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeks to spend its way out of the pandemic-induced slump. Photographer: T. Narayan/Bloomberg (Bloomberg)

Budget reformist, will drive economic revival post-COVID-19: India Inc

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PTI

The focus on growth over fiscal consolidation, healthcare spending and steps to further help the startup ecosystem came in for praise from industry leaders across different sectors






New Delhi: India Inc on Monday hailed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's [Budget](#) for 2021-22 as a reformist one that reimagines India's self-reliance like never before and will drive revival of the economy from the impact of the pandemic with enhanced spending.



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Budget is a booster dose to Aatmanirbhar Bharat; economic recovery: Assocham

Jaideep Shenoy | TNN | Feb 1, 2021, 20:41 IST

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Nirmala Sitharaman at the post-budget press conference (File photo)

MANGALURU: Finance minister [Nirmala Sitharaman](#) on Monday gave a booster dose to the economy through six pillars of mega rise in [capital expenditure](#) on healthcare, physical infrastructure without putting much pressure on the taxpayers, Assocham president Vineet Agarwal said.

A huge 137 per cent increase in outlay for healthcare with specific Rs 35,000 crore for

Portal	The Tribune
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Vineet Agarwal, Assocham President

New Delhi, February 1

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The FM has given a booster dose to the economy through six pillars of mega rise in capital expenditure on healthcare, physical infrastructure without putting much pressure on the taxpayers — Vineet Agarwal, Assocham President

The Budget is a clear-headed and growth-oriented one that lays a strong foundation for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat — Uday Shankar, FICCI President

The focus on growth over fiscal consolidation, healthcare spending and steps to further help the startup ecosystem came in for praise from industry leaders across different sectors.

"Coming in the backdrop of a global pandemic of the century, it boldly spells the government's growth agenda and a march towards building a new and prosperous India. The Budget clearly has the stamp of our Prime Minister with a clarion call for 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' and 'Vocal for Local'," founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises Sunil Bharti Mittal said.

Portal	Zee Business
Link	https://www.zeebiz.com/india/news-budget-2021-reactions-live-who-said-what-about-nirmala-sitharamans-announcements-top-quotes-from-india-inc-148147


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Budget 2021 Reactions LIVE: Who said what about Nirmala Sitharaman's announcements - Top quotes from India Inc.

Budget 2021 Reactions LIVE: Modi added that this was one of the rare Budget speeches that elicited so many positive reactions from experts.







Here are all the LIVE updates on top quotes, reactions of India Inc. about their take on Budget 2021: - Pics from Reuters.

Written By: [Prashant Singh](#)

Edited By: [Harish Dugh](#)

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Feb-02 2021

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday presented the Union Budget 2021-22. FM Nirmala Sitharaman has made a number of announcements pertaining to textiles, manufacturing, railways, startups, health, infrastructure, income tax and other

Portal	Deccan Herald
Link	https://www.deccanherald.com/business/union-budget/budget-2021-reformist-will-drive-economic-revival-post-covid-19-india-inc-946188.html

Budget 2021 reformist, will drive economic revival post-Covid-19: India Inc

Ficci President Uday Shankar said the budget is a clear-headed and growth-oriented one that lays a strong foundation for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Credit: AFP Photo

India Inc on Monday hailed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget for 2021-22 as a reformist one that reimagines India's self-reliance like never before and will drive revival of the economy from the impact of the pandemic with enhanced spending.

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Link	https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/india-inc-gives-thumbs-up-to-budget20210201173630/




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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (Photo/ANI)

India Inc gives thumbs up to Budget

ANI | Updated: Feb 01, 2021 17:37 IST

New Delhi [India], February 1 (ANI): The industry stakeholders gave thumbs up to the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday, saying it gave a booster dose to the economy through six pillars of mega rise in capital expenditure on healthcare, physical infrastructure without putting much pressure on the taxpayers.

The euphoria was clearly evident as the equity indices in the country closed nearly 5 per cent higher on Monday.

Portal	The Print
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India Inc hails Budget 2021 as reformist, says it will drive post-Covid economic revival

Anand Mahindra said his expectation from this budget regarding fiscal deficit was fulfilled. Sunil Bharti Mittal said the budget boldly spells govt's growth agenda.

1 February, 2021 8:22 pm IST



People watch Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting the Union Budget at an electronics store in Prayagraj, on 1 February | PTI Photo

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'Coming in the backdrop of a global pandemic of the century, it boldly spells the government's growth agenda and a march towards building a new and prosperous India. The budget clearly has the stamp of our Prime Minister with a clarion call for 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' and 'Vocal for Local',' Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises Sunil Bharti Mittal said.

The first budget of this new decade reimagines India in the form of Aatmanirbhar Bharat like never before, he added.

Echoing similar views, Vedanta Resources Executive Chairman Anil Agarwal tweeted, 'Congratulations to @narendramodi and FM @nsitharaman for a very reformist

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"Today we saw an outstanding, clear-headed and growth-oriented budget that lays a strong foundation for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. The fact that government chose growth over fiscal consolidation is indeed heartening. There is a sharp focus on capital expenditure. The fact that no new taxes have been levied shows government's recognition of the stress different sections of society have been going through and the need to support them at this critical juncture. It's heartening the Finance Minister has taken concert steps to improve the Ease of Doing Business and encourage compliance," said Uday Shankar, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

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1. **TDS reform for Trusts:** The Government proposed to make dividend payments to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvIT) exempt from Tax Deducted at Source (TDS). The move would enable Foreign Portfolio Investors (PFI) to debt finance REITs and InvITs, which would, in turn, help the cash stressed real estate sector expedite its recovery.
2. **For affordable and rental housing:** The Rs 1.5 lakh deduction allowed on the [payment of interest for affordable housing](#) has been extended by one more year to 2022. To ensure affordable housing for migrant workers, tax holiday on affordable rental housing projects has also been extended for a year.
3. **Infrastructure funding:** The Finance Ministry would introduce policies to make it easy for foreign investors to invest in India's infrastructure projects shortly. Further relaxations would soon be announced for private funding and direct investment in infrastructure.

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ASSOCHAM President rates Budget 2021

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the country's general budget in Parliament today. Here is what Niranjan Hiranandani and ASSOCHAM President Vineet Aggarwal said on today's budget.

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Vineet Agarwal, ASSOCHAM President

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"Budget 2021 has maintained the pathway to reforms with a crucial revision in the FDI limit in the insurance sector to 74% from 49%. The decision would lead to the sector generating a significant multiplier."

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The JCCI president said economy of Jammu and Kashmir is purely based on tourism Sector but no focus has been laid on this sector and especially in Jammu division which has been ignored for the last so many years. He, however, welcomed the Government decision to open 100 new Sainik Schools, rationalization of Custom duty, exemption from filing of Income Tax return for senior citizens above the age of 75 years and enhancement of audit limit from Rs 5 crore to 10 crore.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the budget will bring positive changes for individuals, industry, investors and infrastructure sector. Calling it historic, Mr Modi said the vision of self reliance can be seen in the budget. He said, villages and farmers are at the heart of this Budget. The Prime Minister was sharing his views on the budget through a video message. Later in a series of tweet, the Prime Minister said that the Budget of Aatmanirbhar Bharat is a budget of opportunities, which will further the growth in a wide range of sectors. Mr Modi said, the Budget will expedite Ease of Living and bring many positive changes for individuals, investors, industry and infrastructure. He said, the Budget aims at creating wealth and improving wellness. Mr Modi expressed happiness that there is an unparalleled focus on healthcare in the Budget and there is also a great focus on research and innovation. He said, the boost to job creation is also clearly visible. The Prime Minister said, it is a Budget for farmers and agriculture sector and it will contribute to the doubling of incomes of the hardworking Annadatas and invigorate the sector with futuristic technologies. He said, credit availability will improve and APMC apparatus will be strengthened.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2021-22 in the Lok Sabha yesterday. The budget laid a vision for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The Finance Minister said, Aatmanirbhar Bharat is an expression of 130 crore Indians who have full confidence in their capabilities and skills.

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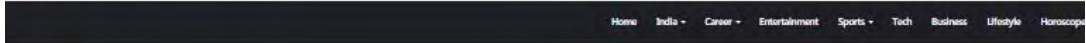
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FD Model for Tax on ₹2.5L+ Contribution to Employees' PF

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New Delhi: Contributions to Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) above ₹2.5 lakh a year will be kept in a separate basket and taxed in a similar way as fixed deposits, without any double taxation, said Kamlesh Varshney, joint secretary, tax policy division at the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

"Whatever contribution you are making to Provident Fund, whatever is in excess of ₹2.5 lakh, that will be in a separate basket and interest on that particular corpus will be taxable. But it will work exactly in the same manner as the way interest income on fixed deposits is taxed today," Varshney said at a post-Budget session organised by industry body Assocham.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced in the Budget presented on Monday that employee contributions to EPF over ₹2.5 lakh a year would be taxable from April 1. The move is set to impact people with high incomes and high contributions to EPF, but the government has argued that it will affect less than 1% of contributors.

The official said that banks deduct 10% tax on the interest that is accrued on fixed deposits. If the taxpayers' tax slab is higher than 10% then they pay advance tax, but taxpayers get a refund if tax liability is less than 10%.

CBDT chairman PC Mody said the dispute resolution committee for smaller taxpayers will have multiple benches.

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THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION Committee proposed to be set up in the Budget will have multiple benches which will give opportunity to small taxpayers to settle tax matters without going through the appellate process. CBDT chairman PC Mody said the I-T department would make available all the information it is receiving from various other agencies like Sebi or MCA in form 26AS to facili-

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He added that this would get strengthened by the constant exchange of information which we are having with CBIC, MCA or Sebi.

Mody said a tax return is picked up for scrutiny only in case of mismatch and where multiple red-flags are being shown by the system.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her 2021-22 Budget speech said a Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) would be set up to help reduce litigation for small taxpayers. Taxpayer with a taxable income up to Rs 50 lakh and disputed income up to Rs 10 lakh can approach the committee.

Mody said the thinking behind setting up of a DRC was that the settlement commission did not really cater to the lower end of the taxpayers. PTI

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Tax on PF on a par with FD

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Calcutta: The finance ministry on Wednesday indicated that the tax treatment on interest income for provident fund contributions above Rs 2.5 lakh will be similar to that of bank fixed deposits.

The idea behind this budget move is to restrict the exemption benefit to those individuals who are able to contribute large sum to these funds and avoid tax on interest earned from these funds, which is higher than bank fixed deposits.

Accordingly, changes have been introduced through the Finance Bill to clause 11 and clause 12 of section 10 of the income tax act that provides exemption with respect to any payment from a recognised provident fund.

Speaking at an Assocham organised event, Kamlesh Varshney, joint secretary, tax policy and legislation (TPL-1), ministry of finance, "Whatever contribution you are making to the provident fund, the amount in excess of Rs 2.5 lakh will be in a separate basket and interest on that particular



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corpus would be taxable. That will not have exemption under clause 11 or clause 12. It will work exactly the same as interest income on FD is being taxed today."

"There will not be any double taxation because the interest income whether to be included in income on receipt basis or accrual basis would depend on the system of accounting," he said.

In case of accrual method of accounting, income is recorded on the books on outstanding basis, even if the taxpayer has not realised the amount.

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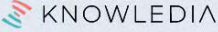
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New Delhi, 3 February 2021: Our focus has been to provide maximum ease and transparency to taxpayers and we continue to embark on that journey from faceless tax assessments and appeals to new provision of faceless hearings at the tribunal, said Shri PC Mody, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) while talking about the thought process that went in drafting Budget 2021 at the ASSOCHAM's Post-Budget Conference to analyze tax related proposals.

"This will add to the transparency, consistency, and efficiency that a taxpayer is entitled to. When we say we want to make the structure as much transparent as possible we really mean it. We want to provide as much ease and transparency that an honest taxpayer is entitled to. I must also add here that the persons trying to take advantage of the system will also be taken care of. Pre-filing the returns is for the benefit of the taxpayers so that they are able to discharge their tax obligations in a fair and proper manner. Provisions of TDS and TCS are aimed at this. This way we want to minimize any mismatches and it should not be taken as a case of compliance burden."

Hailing the budget presented by the government the CBDT chairman said this gives a clear roadmap for the future. "It's really a landmark budget in more ways than one "


Mr. Vineet Agarwal, President, ASSOCHAM, said, "On my behalf and on behalf of ASSOCHAM, I would like to congratulate the Finance ministry and other ministries that had worked hard to deliver a truly unique budget this time. The budget has received an overall thumbs-up and is definitely a growth-oriented and in many ways a socially inclusive one. There is clarity of thought and commitment to consistency displayed by the budget which has boosted investors' confidence and is reflected in the stock markets. The emphasis laid on building key infrastructure is a timely move and will have a positive impact on generating employment, increase income, creation of demand, reduced cost of logistics, and further contribute to ease of doing business and raised the standard of life. ASSOCHAM has been asking for a DFI for the past couple of years and we are happy that the government has announced the Development Financial institution, this will greatly strengthen development financing in the country."


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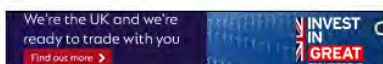
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Scope to expand and diversify trade with Ethiopia: MoS MEA

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"I call on Indian entrepreneurs to consider establishing high-quality educational institutions of both technical and non-technical nature in Ethiopia," said India, hosted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (ASSOCHAM). -Muraleedharan speaking at the Ethiopian Business Forum said. ..

The conference was held in honor of Ethiopia's Deputy Prime Minister (PM) and Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen. This was the first high level of physical interaction organized by ASSOCHAM after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Emphasizing the expansion of economic cooperation between India and Ethiopia, the minister said that despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Indian businessmen continue to seek investment opportunities in African countries. Was emphasized. "In the past year, there have been 35 new Indian investments in Ethiopia."

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Currently, Ethiopia has more than 607 Indian companies with over \$ 5 billion in licensing investments that employ approximately 75,000 Ethiopian citizens. Approximately 61% of India's investment is in manufacturing, followed by agriculture (14%).

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New Delhi, 17th February 2021: Even as trade and economic relations between India and Ethiopia are booming, there is still huge scope to expand and diversify trade between the two countries, said V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs said at an ASSOCHAM event held in New Delhi today.

"I invite Indian entrepreneurs to consider establishing high-quality educational institutions, of both technical and non-technical nature, in Ethiopia," said Muraleedharan addressing an India-Ethiopia Business Forum organised by The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

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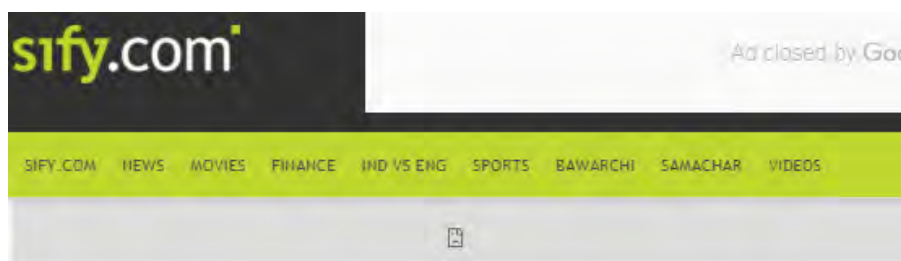
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There is scope to expand trade, investment between India and Ethiopia: MoS Muraleedharan



MoS V Muraleedharan addressing India-Ethiopia Business Forum organised by ASSOCHAM in New Delhi on February 17

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Maintaining that trade and investment ties between India and Ethiopia are among the most notable of many ties, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan on Wednesday said more than 607 Indian companies with investment over US \$5 billion are there in Ethiopia.

“These Indian companies give employment to about 75,000 Ethiopian nationals,” Muraleedharan said, while speaking at the India-Ethiopia Business Forum, organised by ASSOCHAM on Wednesday.

He added that EXIM Bank of India has its regional office in Addis Ababa, attesting further to India’s recognition of Ethiopia’s economic weight in the region.

Giving details of Indian investments in Ethiopia, he said about 61 per cent of investments are in the manufacturing sector, followed by agriculture which accounts for 14 per cent investments.

"Some of our well-known companies like Cadila, Tata, S&P, Kanoria Textile, Mohan Groups, Anmol Products, Arvind Mills, Asian Paints, Ethio Cement, Best International, Allana Group, Farida Tanneries, Hansa Flowers are in Ethiopia," the MoS said.

He said Ethiopia with a highly-educated and skilled populace, has posted double digit growth rates over 15 years. "These attributes are due to the sound economic policies of its leadership," MoS Muraleedharan said.

"Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Indian businessmen have continued to explore investment opportunities in Ethiopia. During the last one year, we have had 35 new Indian investments in Ethiopia. Let me take this opportunity to express appreciation for the Ethiopian Government's effort in creating a congenial environment for foreign investments and in particular for facilitating Indian companies to invest in Ethiopia and carry on their business," the Minister said.

"India is also one of the largest trading partners of Ethiopia. However, there is still scope to expand and diversify trade between the two countries and I am certain that our two business communities are working towards this objective," the Minister said.

"Another important aspect of our bilateral relations is our development partnership. We are happy that Ethiopia continues to be one of the largest recipients of India's concessional loans or Lines of Credit in Africa," he added.

"Our Lines of Credit are based on the priorities of our partner countries and also aim to share our expertise as well as the lessons of our own experiences in developing our infrastructure and our educational institutions and so on with our friends," the MoS maintained.

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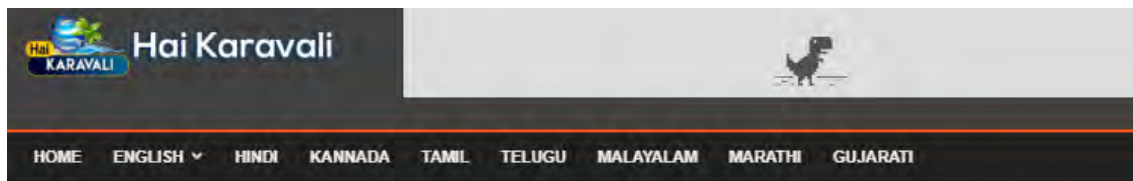
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VITAL SCOPE TO ENLARGE AND DIVERSIFY INDIA-ETHIOPIA BILATERAL BUSINESS: MOS MEA | INDIA INFORMATION

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MANGALURU: At the same time as business and financial family members between India and Ethiopia are booming, there may be nonetheless large scope to enlarge and diversify business between the 2 international locations, mentioned V **Muraleedharan**, minister of state for **External Affairs** mentioned at an **ASSOCHAM event** held in New Delhi.

“I invite Indian marketers to believe setting up fine quality tutorial establishments, of each technical and non-technical nature, in Ethiopia,” mentioned Muraleedharan addressing an India-Ethiopia Trade Discussion board organised through The Related Chambers of Trade and Trade of India (ASSOCHAM).

The celebrated match organised within the honour of Demeke Mekonnen, Deputy High Minister (PM) and Minister of International Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia was once the primary bodily high-level interplay organised through ASSOCHAM after the outbreak of **Covid-19 pandemic**.

Muraleedharan mentioned that the economic system of Ethiopia, the second-most populous African nation which has been posting a double-digit expansion price for over 15 years along with its highly-educated, professional populace and sound financial insurance policies makes it a gorgeous funding vacation spot for Indian marketers.

Highlighting the growth in financial collaboration between India and Ethiopia, the minister highlighted that regardless of Covid-19 world pandemic, Indian businessmen persevered to discover funding alternatives within the African nation. “Throughout the ultimate 365 days, we now have had 35 new Indian investments in Ethiopia.”

The Minister additionally expressed appreciation for Ethiopian executive's effort in making a congenial surroundings for overseas investments and particularly for facilitating Indian corporations to put money into Ethiopia and raise on their industry.

Lately there are over 607 Indian corporations in Ethiopia with a certified funding of over \$five billion (bn) using about 75,000 Ethiopian nationals. About 61 according to cent of Indian investments are within the production sector adopted through agriculture (14 according to cent).

He additionally mentioned that Ethiopia is likely one of the biggest recipients of India's concessional loans or traces of credit score in Africa. "I'm happy that our building partnership covers sectors similar to rural electrification and the sugar business and is composed of a complete of six traces of credit score amounting to \$705 million prolonged to Ethiopia."

The Minister added that the state seek advice from of Ethiopian deputy PM will deepen ties thereby resulting in a powerful and long-lasting courting and India would proceed to spouse within the nation's expansion tale.

Sharing his viewpoint, Ethiopian deputy PM Mekonnen mentioned that whilst bilateral business ties between India and Ethiopia have reached \$1.23 bn and through the years, despite the fact that Indian exportable items to Ethiopia has proven exponential expansion, he rued that Ethiopia's export to India stays as little as ahead of.

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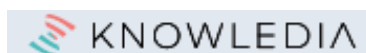
"We've got additionally outlined new frontiers of expansion together with virtual economic system, tourism, science and era, human useful resource building and building up in productiveness in agriculture and business," he mentioned, whilst assuring facilitation from his executive for potential Indian investments.

In his welcome remarks, Vineet Agarwal, president, ASSOCHAM mentioned that India is having a look to paintings extra intently with the context of the just lately ratified African Continental Loose Business Space (AfCFTA). "The FTA must toughen business with Ethiopia and different African Countries."

Agarwal added, "We request the respective government and key stakeholders on each side to expedite answer of non-tariff obstacles to offer a better ease of doing industry for business individuals. This will likely lend a hand spice up the business doable between India and Ethiopia within the brief time period, whilst more recent spaces for a extra broad-based industrial engagement emerge within the post-COVID global order."


Sharing his viewpoint, ASSOCHAM's secretary common Deepak Sood mentioned, "Ethiopia gives huge and various untapped scope for a spread of industrial alternatives. This untapped doable is a choice to India to forge more potent business ties with Ethiopia, and throughout the area."


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Highlighting the enlargement in financial collaboration between India and Ethiopia, the Minister highlighted that regardless of Covid-19 world pandemic, Indian businessmen continued to discover funding alternatives within the African nation. "Over the last one 12 months, we have now had 35 new Indian investments in Ethiopia."

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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia Demeke Mekonnen calls for increased #Indian investment in #Ethiopia

H.E. Demeke Mekonnen, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, who is in a few days state visit in India, participated at Ethiopia-India business forum today (February 17) joined by India's Minister of State for External Affairs, H.E. Mr. V. Muraleedharan.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Demeke noted the vibrant engagements of Indian companies in the economic life of Ethiopia serving as the main sources of FDI of the country and creating huge employment opportunities.

Noting the current 1.3 billion US dollars' worth of the trade volume between the two countries, the Deputy Prime Minister also appreciated the commitment of the 30 Indian companies who opted to invest in Ethiopia despite the global challenge posed by the #COVID19 pandemic.

He said Ethiopia is working to be Africa's beacon of prosperity by charting out a 10-year economic development plan where new frontiers of growth, such as the digital economy as well as science and technology are included, among others.

The Minister also touched upon the advantage of doing business in Ethiopia stating its strategic positioning in the continent, abundant and trainable workforce, competitive economic incentives, adequate guarantees for investors, and a policy of zero tolerance for corruption.

Mr. V. Muraleedharan, on his part, spoke at length appreciating the strong relationship that exists between the two countries and underlined the importance of further cementing relations between India and Ethiopia with diversified economic engagements.

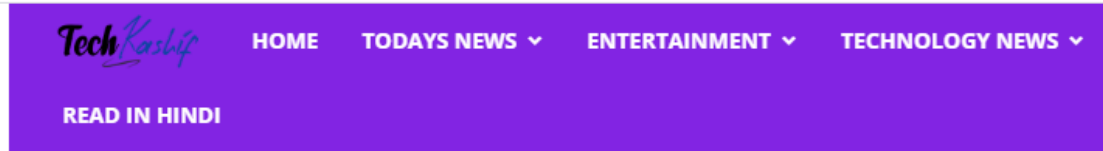
Representatives and leaders of some of the Indian companies that are investing in Ethiopia delivered speeches citing the advantages of involving in the economic life of the country.

State Minister, H.E. Ambassador Birtukan Ayano, Ethiopia's Ambassador in India, H.E. Ambassador Tizita Mulugeta (Ph.D.), and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, H.E. Ambassador Dina Mufti were in attendance.

The forum was organized by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) in collaboration with Ethiopian Embassy in India.

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Huge scope to expand trade between India & Ethiopia: Muraleedharan

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Among others who addressed the ASSOCHAM event included: Dr Tizita Mulugeta, Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to India and Mr Rajeev Sharma, Acting Convener, India Business Forum (IBF).

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Speaking at the event, Rameswar Teli, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India said that the central government was fully committed to the growth of the food processing industry in the country.

"The industry currently engages around 1.93 million people in nearly 40000 registered units with a fixed capital of \$32.75 billion and aggregate output of around \$160 billion and Government efforts are to increase it multi-fold. Despite the pandemic last year,



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The three-day event has a slew of eminent personalities and experts from the government and industry who will engage in panel discussions, lectures and talks on pertinent topics.

A knowledge report titled, 'opportunities in food processing and

allied sector and advantage assam' prepared in collaboration with NABARD was also released by the Chief Guest of the event Rameswar Teli, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

MK Agarwal, ASSOCHAM Chairman, North Eastern Region Development Council and Managing Director, Meghalaya Cements Ltd., said, "In the past few years, there has been tremendous efforts by Central government and State agencies to turn around the notion of underdeveloped infrastructure to a vibrant Assam, to a vibrant North East. The various schemes and projects to develop infrastruc-

ture, power, connectivity, agriculture, tourism etc has shown results and the NE states are now competing among themselves or with other states for the attention of investors. ASSOCHAM has played a key role in arranging meetings among partners from the Food Sector Technology domain especially from Israel and our continuous effort is to showcase the regional potential to the great external world.

There is much work still to be done to support the storage industry and in certifications and testing lab infrastructure."

Perminder Jeet Kaur, Director East and North East, ASSOCHAM said, "The past decade has seen a reduction in the sub-regions economic isolation thanks to connectivity agreements with neighbouring countries and acceleration in infrastructure investment in the region. The region has a healthy female adult literacy and female labour force participation, the share of the tertiary sector in gross state domestic product (GSDP) in NER has been at or above the median for all states in India. The region also has an above average share of cropped area in fruits and spices and Agro Food processing is a key growth sector."

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गुवाहाटी : पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में व्यापार विकास को प्रोत्साहित करने के लक्ष्य के साथ एसोचेम ने असम सरकार और भारत सरकार के खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के सहयोग से इमर्जिंग नॉर्थ ईस्ट नामक तीन दिवसीय कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ हुआ। भारत सरकार के खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग व केंद्रीय राज्यमंत्री रामेश्वर तेली ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग की वृद्धि के लिए पूर्णतः प्रतिबद्ध है। इस उद्योग में वर्तमान में लगभग 19.30 लाख लोग तकरीबन 40,000 पंजीकृत इकाइयों में कार्यरत हैं जिनकी अचल पूंजी 32.75 अरब डॉलर और सकल आउटपुट लगभग 160 अरब डॉलर है तथा सरकार इसे कई गुणा बढ़ाने के लिए प्रयासरत है। बीते साल



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से उद्घाटन कराया। इस अवसर पर द्वितीय कमांडेंट महोदय ने अपने हाथों से प्राधानाचार्य के हाथ में खेल सामग्री सौंपी। साथ ही उन्होंने छात्र छात्राओं को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि खेल ही एक ऐसा माध्यम है जो शरीर को स्वस्थ रखने के साथ साथ आपकी भविष्य संभालने का मौका

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गुवाहाटी, 19 फरवरी (ख.सं.)। पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में व्यापार विकास को प्रोत्साहित करने के लक्ष्य से एसोचैम ने खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के सहयोग से इमर्जिंग नार्थ-ईस्ट कार्यक्रम का गुवाहाटी में सफलतापूर्वक आयोजन किया। इस तीन दिवसीय कार्यक्रम के तहत पूर्वोत्तर में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण की संभावनाओं को तथा व्यापार को प्रोत्साहित करने पर चर्चा की जाएगी। मौके पर केंद्रीय खाद्य प्रसंस्करण राज्यमंत्री रामेश्वर तेली ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को

बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। उन्होंने कहा कि उद्योग के तहत 40 हजार पंजीकृत इकाइयों में लगभग 19.30 लाख से अधिक लोग कार्यरत हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि कोरोनाकाल में जब अन्य उद्योग संकट में थे, लेकिन खाद्य प्रसंस्करण पर इसका प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा। उन्होंने कहा कि पूर्वोत्तर में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण के क्षेत्र में काफी संभावनाएं हैं। केंद्र सरकार इन संभावनाओं को भुनाने और उद्योग को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए हरसंभव मदद के लिए प्रयासरत है।

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एक कलाकृत शाक ह। काल टबलट प्रदान किया।

तीन दिवसीय इमर्जिंग नॉर्थ ईस्ट कार्यक्रम

▲ पूर्वोदय संवाददाता
गुवाहाटी, 19 फरवरी। असम सहित पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में व्यापार विकास को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य को लेकर भारतीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंडल (ऐसोचैम) ने राज्य सरकार और केंद्र सरकार के खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के सहयोग से महानगर में इमर्जिंग नॉर्थ ईस्ट कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया। शुक्रवार से शुरू हुआ यह कार्यक्रम तीन दिनों तक चलेगा। इस मौके पर बिजनेस कांफ्रेंस, नेटवर्किंग और प्रदर्शनियों का भी आयोजन किया जाएगा।

इमर्जिंग नॉर्थ ईस्ट के उद्घाटन के मौके पर खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग विभाग के राज्य मंत्री रामेश्वर तेली ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिज्ञाबद्ध है। श्री तेली ने कहा इस उद्योग से जुड़ी करीब 40 हजार पंजीकृत इकाइयों में लगभग 19.30 लाख लोग कार्यरत हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि बीते साल कोविड-19 महामारी के बावजूद देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में 134 खाद्य प्रसंस्करण परियोजनाओं को अनुमति प्रदान की गई। इनमें 21 कृषि प्रसंस्करण क्लस्टर, 47 कोल्ड चेन और 43 खाद्य प्रसंस्करण इकाइयां शामिल हैं। उन्होंने भारतीय किसानों को देश-विदेश के बाजारों के ग्राहकों से जोड़ने में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण की भूमिका को भी रेखांकित किया।

इस मौके पर ऐसोचैम चेयरमैन (नार्थ ईस्टर्न रीजन डवलपमेंट काउंसिल) एमके अग्रवाल, ऐसोचैम की निदेशक (ईस्ट एंड नार्थ ईस्ट) सुश्री परमिंदरजीत कौर, ऐसीएस के अतिरिक्त सचिव (उद्योग और वाणिज्य विभाग, असम) कौसर जे हिलाली, टाटा संस के ग्रुप गवर्नमेंट अफेयर्स अधिकारी तन्मय चक्रवर्ती सहित अन्य कई वक्ताओं ने संबोधित किया।



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কেন্দ্ৰীয় ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীৰ ঘোষণা



প্ৰাক বিপদাৰ, গুৱাহাটী, ১৯ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী : ৰাজ্যৰ জিলা স্তৰত ১০ হাজাৰ ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোগ প্ৰতিষ্ঠান স্থাপন কৰা হ'ব। ইয়াৰ বাবে যোৱা ২০ জানুৱাৰীৰ পৰা আবেদন গ্ৰহণ কৰি থকা হৈছে। ■ ১০ পৃষ্ঠাত

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চতুৰ্থ সংস্কৰণত ভাগ লৈ এইদৰে আক্ষেপ কৰে কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে। মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে কয়— মোৰ মন্ত্ৰণালয় সম্পৰ্কে দায়িত্বভাৰ লোৱাৰ আগলৈকে কোনো ধাৰণা নাছিল। কিন্তু ২০১৯ চনত দায়িত্বভাৰ লোৱাৰ পাছতহে মন্ত্ৰণালয়ৰ কাম-কাজ সম্পৰ্কে অৱগত হওঁ। অসমসহ উত্তৰ-পূবত সদ্য সংসাধীকৰণ উদ্যোগ গঢ়াৰ বাবে প্ৰচুৰ সম্ভাৱনা আছে। বৰ্তমান মন্ত্ৰণালয়ত উদ্যোগ গঢ়াৰ বাবে আবেদনসমূহ অনলাইনযোগে কৰিব লাগে। উত্তৰ অসমকে ধৰি উত্তৰ-পূবৰ বহু অঞ্চলত ইণ্টাৰনেট সেৱা উপলব্ধ নহয়। যাৰ বাবে মই অফলাইনযোগে উত্তৰ-পূবৰ আবেদন গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ বাবে বিষয়াসকলক নিৰ্দেশনা দিছো। আনহাতে প্ৰধানমন্ত্ৰী নৰেন্দ্ৰ মোদীয়ে আত্মনিৰ্ভৰ ভাৰত আঁচনিৰ অধীনত মন্ত্ৰণালয়ক প্ৰথমতে ৬ হাজাৰ কোটি আৰু শেহতীয়াকৈ ১০ হাজাৰ কোটি টকা আবণ্টন দিয়া বুলি ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে ব্যক্ত কৰে। এছ'চেমৰ উত্তৰ-পূবৰ সঞ্চালক পৰমিন্দৰ জিৎ কৌৰৰ আদৰ্শগি ভাষণৰে শুভাৰম্ভ হোৱা অনুষ্ঠানত অসম চৰকাৰৰ উদ্যোগ আৰু বাণিজ্য বিভাগৰ অতিৰিক্ত সচিব কে জে হিলালী, টাটা ছফ্টৱেৰ কাৰ্যবাহী তন্ময় চক্ৰৱৰ্তী, এমটিনৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালক এম কে যাদৱ, মেঘালয় চিমেণ্টৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালক এম কে আগৰৱালা উপস্থিত থাকি চমু ভাষণ আগবঢ়ায়। অনুষ্ঠানত অপৰচুনিটি ইন ফুড প্ৰচেছিং এণ্ড এলাইড চেক্টৰ এণ্ড এডভাণ্টেজ আছাম শীৰ্ষক একপ্ৰতিবেদন মুকলি কৰা হয়।

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৩০খন জিলাত ইয়াৰ বাবে ৩০জন ব্যক্তিক নিযুক্তি দিয়া হ'ব। এই ব্যক্তিকেইজনক বাজা চৰকাৰে নিযুক্তি দিব। তেওঁলোকে বাজাৰ উদ্যোগিক বেংক লেনৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি জিএছটি পৰিশোধ কৰা কাৰ্যত সহায় কৰিব। এই ৩০জন ব্যক্তিয়ে বাজাৰ উদ্যোগীসকলক সকলো ধৰণৰ সহায়ৰ হাত আগবঢ়াব। যাতে তেওঁলোকে কোনো ধৰণৰ অসুবিধাৰ সন্মুখীন নোহোৱাকৈ জিলা স্তৰত ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোগ গঢ়ি তুলিব পাৰে। বৰ্তমান সময়ছোৱাত ক্ষুদ্র উদ্যোগ গঢ়ি তোলাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত বাজাৰ উদ্যোগীসকল বিভিন্ন সমস্যাৰ সন্মুখীন হয়। বেংক ঋণৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি আন বহু সমস্যাৰ তেওঁলোক মুখামুখি হয়। ইয়াৰ পৰা পৰিহাৰ দিয়াৰ উদ্দেশ্যে এই ৩০জন ব্যক্তিক ইয়াৰ বাবে নিযুক্তি দিয়া হ'ব বুলি আজি প্ৰকাশ কৰে খাদ্য সংসাধীকৰণ উদ্যোগ বিভাগৰ কেন্দ্ৰীয় বাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে। আজি এছ'চেম ইমার্জিং নৰ্থ-ইষ্টৰ চতুৰ্থ সংস্কৰণত অংশ লৈ এইগৰাকী মন্ত্ৰীয়ে আৰু কয় যে জিলা স্তৰত উদ্যোগ গঢ়ি তোলাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰে সকলো ধৰণৰ সহায়ৰ হাত আগবঢ়াব। গুৱাহাটী আৰু ডিব্ৰুগড়ত তিনিদিনীয়াকৈ আৰম্ভ হোৱা এই অনুষ্ঠানৰ চতুৰ্থ সংস্কৰণৰ উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানত অংশ লৈ ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে আৰু কয় যে উত্তৰ-পূবত খাদ্য সংসাধীকৰণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত যেনেদৰে কাম হ'ব লাগিছিল তেনেকুৱা হোৱা নাছিল আগতে। যিমান ধন ইয়াৰ বাবে আহিছিল সেই ধন বিনিয়োগ নোহোৱাকৈ কেন্দ্ৰলৈ দুনাই উভতি গৈছিল। তেওঁ এই পদৰ মন্ত্ৰীদ্বৰ দায়িত্ব লোৱাৰ পিছতেই ইয়াৰ কাম হৈছে উত্তৰ-পূবৰ। তেওঁ কয়- কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰে খাদ্য সংসাধীকৰণ মন্ত্ৰালয়ত ২০১৬ত ৬ হাজাৰ কোটি টকা প্ৰদান কৰাৰ বিপৰীতে আত্মনির্ভৰশীল ভাৱতৰ বাবে এতিয়া চৰকাৰে দহ হাজাৰ কোটি টকা আগবঢ়াইছে। সেই টকাৰে এতিয়া দেশত খাদ্য সংসাধীকৰণ উদ্যোগ গঢ়ি তোলাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। তেওঁ কয়- ২০১৬ত প্ৰধানমন্ত্ৰী কিষাণ সম্পদা আচনি মুকলি কৰা হৈছিল। সেই আচনিৰ আধাৰত দেশজুৰি ৪২খন মেগাফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ অনুমোদন দিয়া হৈছে। ইয়াৰে এখন নলবাৰীত স্থাপন হৈ উঠিছে। নৰ্থ-ইষ্টৰ ছিকিমক বাদ দি বাকী ৭খন ৰাজ্যতেই মেগাফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপনত অনুমোদন দিয়া হৈছে। এই পাৰ্কৰ বাবে ১৫০ বিঘা ভূমিৰ প্ৰয়োজন। প্ৰতিখন পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ বাবে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা ৫০ কোটি টকাৰ বাজসাহায্য আগবঢ়ায়। একেদৰে অসমত পাঁচখন মিনি ফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপন কৰা হ'ব। ইয়াৰ বাবে কেন্দ্ৰই অনুমোদন জনাইছে আৰু এখন মিনি ফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ বাবে কেন্দ্ৰই অনুমোদন জনাব। মিনি ফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজন হয় দহ একৰ ভূমিৰ। এই পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ বাবে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা দহ কোটি টকা বাজসাহায্য আগবঢ়ায়। এই পাৰ্কসমূহ স্থাপনৰ বাবে দিল্লী, কলকাতাৰ উদ্যোগীসকলক অসমলৈ আহিবলৈ আহ্বান জনায় মন্ত্ৰীগৰাকীয়ে। কৃষকৰ উৎপাদিত সামগ্ৰী তথা শস্য অথবা গেলি-পচি যাতে নাযায় তাৰ বাবে এই ফুড পাৰ্কসমূহ স্থাপনৰ সিদ্ধান্ত চৰকাৰে লৈছে। নৰেন্দ্ৰ মোদী চৰকাৰৰ লক্ষ্য হৈছে ২০২২ৰ ভিতৰত দেশৰ কৃষকৰ আয় দুগুণ কৰা। সেই লক্ষ্য আগত লৈ তেওঁলোকে কৃষকৰ হৈ কাম কৰি আছে বুলি উল্লেখ কৰি এইগৰাকী মন্ত্ৰীয়ে আৰু কয় যে দেশজুৰি মেগা আৰু মিনি ফুড পাৰ্ক স্থাপনৰ কাম চলি আছে। উল্লেখ্য যে উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলত বাণিজ্য প্ৰসাৰৰ উদ্দেশ্যে অসম চৰকাৰ আৰু ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ খাদ্য সংসাধীকৰণ মন্ত্ৰালয়ৰ সহযোগত এছ'চেম গুৱাহাটীত সফলভাৱে আয়োজন কৰিছে ইমার্জিং নৰ্থ-ইষ্টৰ চলিত সংস্কৰণ। ২১ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীলৈ চলিবলগীয়া এই তিনিদিনীয়া কাৰ্যসূচীৰ অংশ হিচাপে অনুষ্ঠিত হ'ব বাণিজ্যিক সমাৰোহ, নেটৱৰ্কিং আৰু প্ৰদৰ্শনী। ইয়াৰ জৰিয়তে শিক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত উদগনি যোগোৱাৰ লগতে বিভিন্ন অংশীদাৰক এখন প্লেটফৰ্ম প্ৰদান আৰু এই উদ্যোগ খণ্ডৰ নেতৃত্ব প্ৰদানকাৰীসকলক সন্মান জনোৱাৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে। আজিৰ এই অনুষ্ঠানত উপস্থিত থাকে এছ'চেম নৰ্থ-ইষ্টাৰ্ণ ৰিজনেল ডেভেলপমেণ্ট কাউন্সিলৰ অধ্যক্ষ তথা মেথালয় চিমেণ্টৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালক এম কে আগৰৱাল, এছ'চেমৰ পূব আৰু উত্তৰ-পূবৰ সঞ্চালক পৰমিন্দৰ জিৎ কৌৰ, অসম চৰকাৰৰ উদ্যোগ আৰু বাণিজ্যিক বিভাগৰ অতিৰিক্ত সচিব কৌছৰ জে হিলালী, টাটা ছল্টৰ শীৰ্ষ বিষয়া তন্ময় চক্ৰৱৰ্তীকে ধৰি আন বহুজন। আজি এই অনুষ্ঠানত এইগৰাকী কেন্দ্ৰীয় বাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰীয়ে নাৰাৰ্ডৰ সহযোগত প্ৰস্তুত কৰি উলিওৱা 'অপ'ৰচনিটাজ ইন ফুড প্ৰচেছিং এণ্ড এলাইড ছেক্টৰ এণ্ড এডভাণ্টেজ আসাম' শীৰ্ষক এক প্ৰতিবেদনো মুকলি কৰে।

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মহানগৰ গুৱাহাটীত চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষত আয়োজন কৰা উদ্যোগ বিকাশৰ বাবে মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে উদ্বোধন কৰিছে। ইয়াৰ অংশত প্ৰায় ১০০ জনৰ অধিক অতিথি উপস্থিত আছিল। ইয়াৰ অংশত প্ৰায় ১০০ জনৰ অধিক অতিথি উপস্থিত আছিল। ইয়াৰ অংশত প্ৰায় ১০০ জনৰ অধিক অতিথি উপস্থিত আছিল।

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‘আমাৰ অসম’ৰ মহানগৰৰ বিশেষ প্ৰতিবেদক, ১৯ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী : উত্তৰ-পূবৰ আন ৰাজ্যৰ লগতে অসমতো খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ উদ্যোগ এতিয়াও ভালকৈ গঢ় লৈ উঠা নাই। যাৰ বাবে অসমত খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ উদ্যোগৰ টকা খৰচ কৰিব নোৱাৰি দিল্লীলৈ পুনৰ সেই টকা উভতাই নিবলগীয়া হয়। এইদৰে আক্ষেপ প্ৰকাশ কৰে কেন্দ্ৰীয় খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ উদ্যোগ মন্ত্ৰণালয়ৰ ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে। শুকুৰবাৰে গুৱাহাটীৰ হোটেল ৰেডিচন ৱ'ত উত্তৰ-পূবৰ বাণিজ্যৰ প্ৰসাৰ সাধনৰ উদ্দেশ্যে অসম চৰকাৰ আৰু ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ সদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ মন্ত্ৰণালয়ৰ সহযোগত এছ'চেমে চিভিলিটীমালিক আয়োজন কৰা

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এছ'চেমেৰ ইমার্জিং নৰ্থ-ইষ্টৰ চতুৰ্থ সংস্কৰণ

প্ৰতিদিন মহানগৰ সেৱা : উত্তৰ-পূবৰাজ্যত বাণিজ্যৰ প্ৰসাৰ সাধনৰ উদ্দেশ্যে অসম চৰকাৰ আৰু ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ মন্ত্ৰণালয়ৰ সহযোগত এছ'চেমে গুৱাহাটীত সফলভাৱে আয়োজন কৰিছে ইমার্জিং নৰ্থ-ইষ্টৰ চতুৰ্থ সংস্কৰণ। ১৯ৰ পৰা ২১ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীলৈ চলিবলগীয়া এই তিনিদিনীয়া কাৰ্যসূচীৰ অংশ হিচাপে অনুষ্ঠিত হ'ব বাণিজ্যিক সমাৰোহ, নেটৱৰ্কিং আৰু প্ৰদৰ্শনী। ইয়াৰ জৰিয়তে শিক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত উদগনি যোগোৱাৰ লগতে বিভিন্ন অশীদৰীক এখন প্ৰশিক্ষণ প্ৰদান আৰু এই উদ্যোগ খণ্ডৰ নেতৃত্ব প্ৰদানকাৰীসকলক সন্মান জনোৱাৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে। এই অনুষ্ঠানত উপস্থিত

থাকি ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ উদ্যোগ বিভাগৰ ৰাজ্য মন্ত্ৰী ৰামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে কয় যে দেশত খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ উদ্যোগৰ বিকাশৰ বাবে কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰ সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতিবদ্ধ। বৰ্তমান এই উদ্যোগ খণ্ডৰ প্ৰায় ৪০ হেজাৰটা পঞ্জীয়নভুক্ত গোটে সৈতে সংযুক্ত হৈ আছে প্ৰায় ১.৯৩ নিযুত লোক। এই উদ্যোগসমূহৰ মূলধন হৈছে ৩২.৭৫ বিলিয়ন ডলাৰ আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ উৎপাদনৰ সামগ্ৰিক পৰিমাণ হৈছে ১৬০ বিলিয়ন ডলাৰ। এই পৰিমাণ বৃদ্ধি কৰাৰ বাবে চৰকাৰে বিভিন্ন দিশত পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। দীৰ্ঘত বৰ্ষত বোৰোনা সত্ৰেশ্বৰ সত্ত্বেও ভাৰত চৰকাৰে বিভিন্ন ৰাজ্যত ১৩৪ টা খাদ্য



সংসাধিকৰণ প্ৰকল্পক মঞ্জুৰি প্ৰদান কৰিছে। ইয়াৰে ভিতৰত ২১ টা হৈছে এণ্ড-প্ৰচেছিং প্ৰকাৰ, ৪৭ টা হৈছে শীতল শৃংখল আৰু ৪৩ টা খাদ্য সংসাধিকৰণ গোট। সামগ্ৰিকভাৱে এই প্ৰকল্পসমূহে কৃষিখণ্ডত

অতিবিক্ৰমভাৱে সংসাধিকৰণ আৰু সংৰক্ষণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ৩.৮৩ নিযুত টা ক্ষমতা প্ৰতি বছৰে সৃষ্টি কৰিব। ইয়াৰ ফলত প্ৰত্যেক আৰু পৰ্যবেক্ষণৰে ৭৭,৩০০ তকৈ অধিক লোকে নিযুক্তিৰ সন্নিধ্য পৰিব।

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মন্ত্ৰী বামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে। মন্ত্ৰী বামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে কয়— মোৰ মন্ত্ৰালয় সম্পৰ্কে দায়িত্বভাৰ লোৱাৰ আগলৈকে কোনো ধাৰণা নাছিল। কিন্তু ২০১৯ চনত দায়িত্বভাৰ লোৱাৰ পিছতহে মন্ত্ৰালয়ৰ কাম-কাজ সম্পৰ্কে অৱগত হওঁ। অসমসহ উত্তৰ-পূবত খাদ্য সংসাধন উদ্যোগ গঢ়াৰ বাবে প্ৰচুৰ সজাবনা আছে। বৰ্তমান মন্ত্ৰালয়ত উদ্যোগ গঢ়াৰ বাবে আবেদনসমূহ অনলাইনযোগে কৰিব লাগে। অসমকে ধৰি উত্তৰ-পূবৰ বহু অঞ্চলত ইণ্টাৰনেট সেৱা উপলব্ধ নহয়। যাৰ বাবে মই অফলাইনযোগে উত্তৰ-পূবৰ আবেদন গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ বাবে বিষয়াসকলক নিৰ্দেশনা দিছোঁ। আনহাতে, প্ৰধানমন্ত্ৰী নৰেন্দ্ৰ মোদীয়ে আয়নিৰ্ভৰ ভাৰত আঁচনিৰ

অধীনত মন্ত্ৰালয়ক প্ৰথমতে ৬ হাজাৰ কোটি আৰু শেহতীয়াকৈ ১০ হাজাৰ কোটি টকা আৰবটন দিয়া বুলি বামেশ্বৰ তেলীয়ে ব্যক্ত কৰে। এছ'চেমে উত্তৰ-পূবৰ সঞ্চালক পৰমিন্দৰ জিৎ কৌৰৰ আদৰ্শী ভাষণেৰে শুভাৰম্ভ হোৱা অনুষ্ঠানত অসম চৰকাৰৰ উদ্যোগ আৰু বাণিজ্য বিভাগৰ অতিৰিক্ত সচিব কে কে হিলাৰী, টাটা ছল্ছৰ কাৰ্যবাহী তত্ত্বায় চক্ৰৱৰ্তী, এমটিনৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালক এম কে যাদৱ, মেঘালয় চিমেণ্টৰ পৰিচালন সঞ্চালক এম কে আগৰৱালাই উপস্থিত থাকি 'চমু ভাষণ আগবঢ়ায়। অনুষ্ঠানত 'অপৰ্চুনিটিজ ইন ফুড প্ৰচেছিং এণ্ড এলাইড ছেক্টৰ এণ্ড এডভাণ্টেজ আছাম' শীৰ্ষক এক প্ৰতিবেদন মুকলি কৰা হয়।

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These were some spectacular looks and great make up.

Govt. committed to support new innovative ideas and solutions in food processing: Teli

GUWAHATI, FEB 20: With the aim of promoting business development in the North-East region, ASSOCHAM association of Government of Assam and Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India has successfully kick-started the 4th edition of Emerging North East event here. The three-day long event, from 19th-21st February 2021, will have various rounds of business conferences, networking & exhibition to provide a platform for various stakeholders to network, encourage education and honour the leaders of the industry.

Speaking at the event, Rameswar Teli, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India said that the central government was fully committed to the growth of food processing industry in the country. "The industry currently engages around 1.93 million people in nearly 40,000 registered units with a fixed capital of \$32.75 billion and aggregate output of around \$160 billion and Government efforts are to increase it multifold. Despite the pandemic last year, India managed to approve 134 food processing projects across various states, of which there were 21 agro-

processing clusters, 47 coldchains and 43 food processing units. Altogether, the projects are slated to create additional agricultural produce processing and preservation capacity of 3.83 MMT per annum and generate direct and indirect employment for more than 77,300 people."

"Food processing has a vital role to play in linking Indian farmers to consumers in domestic and global markets - and the Union Budget for 2021-22 will help boost India's overall competitiveness and capacities in the sector. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been making all-out efforts to encourage investments across the value chain.

The government has several schemes to support development in the sector and is committed to support new innovative ideas, new sustainable solutions and we invite industry members, start-ups and citizens to come forward and join hands with us as we work towards an Atma Nirbhar Bharat," he added.

The three-day event has a slew of eminent personalities and experts from the government and industry who will engage in panel discussions,

Processing Industries, Govt. of India. M.K. Agarwal, ASSOCHAM Chairman - North Eastern Region Development Council and Managing Di-

ty, agriculture, tourism etc has shown results and the NE states are now competing among themselves or with other states for the attention of investors. Each state in the NE now has well laid industrial policy, dedicated investment cells, average share of cropped area in fruits and spices and Agro Food processing is a key growth sector."

ASSOCHAM has played a key role in arranging meetings among partners from Food Sector Technology domain especially from larval and

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sions, lectures and talks on pertinent topics. A knowledge report titled, 'OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING AND ALLIED SECTOR AND ADVANTAGE ASSAM' prepared in collaboration with NABARD was also released by the Chief Guest of the event Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ministry of Food

rector, Meghalaya Cements Ltd., said. "In the past few years, there has been tremendous efforts by Central government and State agencies to turn around the notion of underdeveloped infrastructure to a vibrant Assam, to a vibrant North East. The various schemes and projects to develop infrastructure, power, connectivity,

certifications and testing lab infrastructure".

Perminder Jeet Kaur, Director East and North East, ASSOCHAM said, "The past decade has seen a reduction in the sub-regions economic isolation thanks to connectivity agreements with neighbouring countries and acceleration in infrastructure in-

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Government sanctioned 134 food processing projects last year despite pandemic: Rameswar Teli

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Speaking on the occasion, Teli, stated the central authorities was absolutely dedicated to the expansion of food processing business within the nation.

He stated the food processing business presently engages round 1.93 million individuals in practically 40,000 registered models with a set capital of USD 32.75 billion and mixture output of round USD 160 billion.

The authorities's efforts are to extend it multi-fold, the minister stated.

Teli famous that "despite the pandemic, last year the government approved 134 food processing projects across various states, including 21 agro-processing clusters, 47 cold chains and 43 food processing units."

These projects would create extra agricultural produce processing and preservation capability of three.83 MMT every year and generate direct and oblique employment for greater than 77,300 individuals.

Teli stated the Union Budget for 2021-22 would assist enhance India's general competitiveness and capacities within the food processing sector.

The ministry has been making efforts to encourage investments throughout the worth chain by means of a number of schemes and is dedicated to help modern concepts, and sustainable options within the sector.

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Increased fuel prices shouldn't slow down growth in any manner: Assocham president

KARUNJIT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE GOVERNMENT should allow the logistics sector to claim input tax credit (ITC) on fuel purchases to help reduce costs amid rising freight rates due to increasing fuel prices, said Vineet Agarwal, managing director of Transport Corporation of India Ltd (TCIL) and president of industry body Assocham, told *The Indian Express*.

Agarwal noted that freight rates across sectors had moved up due to higher fuel prices. The prices of auto fuels are at record highs across the country on the back of increasing crude oil prices and elevated central and state levies. The prices of both petrol and diesel have risen by over Rs 5 per litre since November 20, 2020, when oil marketing companies (OMCs) resumed daily price revisions after a near two-month pe-



Vineet Agarwal, managing director of Transport Corporation of India Ltd and president of Assocham

riod of static prices.

"Across the industry as a whole, the cost structure has gone up and freight rates across several sectors have moved up because of the increase in fuel prices," said Agarwal, noting that Assocham had called for rationalisation in Goods and Services Tax (GST) and

that allowing the sector to avail ITC on fuels and lubricants would help reduce overall costs.

Petrol, diesel and natural gas are currently outside the ambit of the GST. The Centre hiked the excise duty on petrol to Rs 32.98 per litre from Rs 19.98 per litre at the beginning of 2020, and that on diesel to Rs 31.83 per litre from Rs 15.83 during the same period to boost revenues as economic activity fell due to the pandemic.

"It is a bit of a concern that the increased fuel prices should not lead to any kind of inflation or essentially slow down growth in any manner, though right now it doesn't seem like it," said Agarwal.

TCIL, among the largest multimodal logistics companies in India, has made investments in storage facilities and in augmenting its fleet for the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, he said.

Agarwal added that India's large vaccination programs to ad-

minister polio and BCG vaccines had provided the country with key experience which would help in the successful delivery of the Covid-19 vaccination. He did, however, note that there was still a need to build quality infrastructure at the district level and to ensure that logistics allow for last-mile delivery of Covid vaccines to happen at the right temperature. Both the Covid-19 vaccines being administered in India need to be stored at a temperature between 2-8 degrees celsius.

Agarwal said the logistics industry has recently had excess capacity due to lower demand and the industry was adding capacity to fleets as required for delivery of the Covid vaccine.

He noted that once the vaccine becomes available to the private sector, smaller trucks and even motorbikes with cold storage boxes could play a major role in last-mile delivery of the vaccine.

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Funding should not be a concern for new DFI, ample avenues available: Assocham Pres

The new development financial institution is in the works. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has planned to infuse Rs 20,000 crore initial paid up capital, and targeted to disburse Rs 5 lakh crore in the next three years. But who should own and manage the new DFI? Should it be the government or the private players? Or a joint partnership? Also, where will the institution get funding from? Assocham President Vineet Aggarwal answers all the burning questions related to DFI.

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The new development financial institution (DFI) should not see major financing issues in the near term, for there are ample avenues, both domestic and international, to raise funds at competitive rates, industry body Assocham President Vineet Aggarwal told ETCFO in an interview. He argued the DFI should be a

preferred choice for investment for the PFs and insurance funds.

The Assocham President expects the proposed DFI to be a joint enterprise in the beginning since the government would be contributing the seed capital, and at a later stage, he feels, the government may exit, making it a largely privately managed institution. Edited Excerpts.

Q: What is your take on the new proposed DFI?

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Budget 2021: Finance Minister intends to pump money into economy, but people must spend as well

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The Railways has been given the highest allocation of Rs 1.1 lakh crore. The Railways had ensured that transportation of goods went on unhindered during the pandemic, and it is expected to chug India forward in 2021.

By Vineet Agarwal

Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2021–2022, touted as the best budget-in-100 years, in the backdrop of a once-in-a-century crisis, triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. The general mood was that she adhered to the need of the hour and did the right thing by not worrying about the fiscal deficit pegged at 9.5% of the GDP. It demonstrates that the government was willing to forgo fiscal discipline and tolerate fiscal slippage to enable it to spend more to infuse life into the economy.

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Budget 2021 is a big step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat

The first paperless budget presented by the Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman is a step towards making India, truly self-reliant.

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Budget 2021 gives a shot in the arm to the Indian healthcare sector, says Vineet Agarwal of Assocham

By Vineet Agarwal

The union budget of 2021-2022 has been hailed as the much-needed budget of the country till date. Through her budgetary allocation, the finance minister clearly showed that a healthy India will be a wealthy India. To solidify this intention an amount of over Rs 2.23 lakh crore has been proposed for the health and well-being of Indian citizens. This is a staggering hike of 137% over the last year's budgetary allocation of Rs 94,452 crore for the healthcare segment.

On February 1, the honorable finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that Rs 35,000 crore have been earmarked for the COVID-vaccine. At present India has two indigenously developed COVID vaccines which will not only protect its citizens but also be provided to 100 more countries.

Though we are well-equipped now to handle COVID, this global pandemic exposed the weak links in our healthcare system. Hence, to ensure that India is never caught on the back foot again, the government has decided to leave no stone unturned. For this purpose, the central government will launch PM's Atmanirbhar Swastha Bharat Yojana to give a boost to its healthcare system.

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'COMMITMENT TO GROWTH'

"The RBI policy announcement today is an acknowledgement and continuation of doing whatever it takes to maintain an orderly, seamless and non-disruptive liquidity management policy to support debt management"

DINESH KHARA
CHAIRMAN,
STATE BANK OF INDIA

"The recovery signs are getting stronger, and the guidance provided by the central bank reflects its commitment towards supporting growth"

UDAY SHANKAR
PRESIDENT, FICCI

"The unveiling of structural reform of retail participation in the G-sec market along with the extension of HTM limit relaxation will aid smooth completion of government borrowing programme"

SS MALLIKARJUNA RAO
MD AND CEO,
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

"The RBI monetary policy has brought in a slew of measures including a revolutionary decision to open the government securities market to retail investors"

DEEPAK SOOD
SECRETARY GENERAL,
ASSOCHAM

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“ RBI’s monetary policy review has injected a power-packed accelerator to take the economy on a path of robust recovery ensuring stability on inflation



— **DEEPAK SOOD**,
SECRETARY GENERAL,
ASSOCHAM

“ The recovery signs are getting stronger, and the guidance provided by the central bank reflects its commitment towards supporting growth



— **UDAY SHANKAR**,
PRESIDENT, FICCI

“ The Central Bank maintaining status quo for the fourth time in a row is a positive step towards spurring consumption in the country



— **ANSHUMAN MAGAZINE**,
CHAIRMAN AND
CEO, CBRE INDIA

“ Housing demand is reviving, and this demand needs to be fostered. We are certain that rates will be adjusted once the pandemic exigencies ease



— **ANUJ PURI**,
CHAIRMAN,
ANAROCK

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Tax package. low import tariffs on the cards

A package on direct taxes sans any changes in the existing rates, further liberalisation of import tariffs, retention of the 16-per cent Cenvat rate and a phase-out in excise exemptions are on the cards hi the Budget for 2001-02. An indication that the Government may also reduce the effective import tariff rates by scrapping either the four-per cent special additional duty (SAD) on customs or the 10-per cent surcharge was given by the Finance Minister, Mr Yashwant Sinha, today at the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) summit on 'India can make it' here.

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RBI tells banks to support credit needs of customers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: The Reserve Bank of India urged private and public sector banks in Goa to act as agents of social change, while supporting the financial needs of retail customers and entrepreneurs.

Banks must be sensitive to the needs of borrowers, RBI general manager N J Nampoothiri said at the start of the Financial Literacy Week. "Credit discipline and timely repayment by borrowers are beneficial to both banks and borrowers," he said. "Over the years, the dependence of borrowers on informal financial institutions has reduced, but a lot more needs to be done to include all under the formal financial sector."

The financial literacy week, which will conclude on February 12, aims to promote on time repayment, positive credit score and formal sector

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— N J Nampoothiri | RBI GENERAL MANAGER

borrowing.

Nampoothiri said he hopes that banks will undertake activities to redress some of the issues regarding repayment of loans, responsible borrowing and support for entrepreneurs. RBI along with the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) will hold a workshop for entrepreneurs regarding borrowing opportunities, the importance of a good credit rating and the importance of taking loans from financial institutions.

"In order to get a good cre-

dit rating and good terms from the Bank, it is necessary to understand how the CIBIL score and other credit ratings can be improved. Participation in the camp will help the participants understand this concept better," said director general of GCCIRS Kamat.

Also present were chairman MSME National Council of Assocham Mangurish Pal Raikar, chairman of CII's Goa council Blaise Costabir and president of Goa State Industries Association Damodar Kochkar.

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MSME borrowers need to know banking norms, says Assocham

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: Banks, both private sector and public sector ones, need to educate borrowers, particularly entrepreneurs about banking norms, said chairman of Assocham's MSME Council Mangurish Pai Raikar. He said that bankers and borrowers need to be transparent for both stakeholders to benefit and to avoid financial problems at a later stage.

"There is a great need to educate the borrower about the norms and regulations so

that by following them he is able to get a good CIBIL score and benefit from it. Both the bank and the borrower should be transparent and open about the transactions," Raikar said while speaking at a session on financial literacy organised by the RBI and the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Entrepreneurs often complain that the process to get working capital loans from banks is cumbersome and that bankers are not forthcoming in sanctioning loans for the manufacturing

sector.

The session for entrepreneurs was conducted as part of the financial literacy week and focused on credit discipline and credit from formal institutions. During the session, RBI general manager N J Nampoothiri highlighted certain initiatives taken by RBI for the MSME sector. Nampoothiri also elaborated upon the significance of responsible borrowing, the dangers of borrowing from money lenders and informal entities as well as the importance of timely repayment.

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CRS conducts safety test

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After the completion of doubling and electrification works of Madhosingh-Gyanpur Road (15 km) rail section under Manduadih-Prayagraj doubling project on North Eastern Railway (NER)'s Varanasi division Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), North Eastern (NE) Circle, Mohammad Latief Khan, on Saturday inspected this newly-constructed double line (including electrification). On the occasion Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/ Construction RK Yadav, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM)/ Varanasi Vijay Kumar Panjiar, CPM-1 (RVNL) Vikas Chandra, Chief Electrical Design Engineer (CEDE) Pankaj Jaiswal, Chief Engineer TP&CSE Sandeep Kumar along with senior officers of Varanasi division and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited were present. The CRS first arrived at Gyanpur Road station in his special train and did a thorough inspection of the new equipment installed there as well as conforming to the standard of doubling did safety test of yard plan, interlocking, VDU panel, block machine, Station Working Rule (SWR), station power panel, relay room, integrated power supply system, emergency cancellation veeder counter, platform, point crossing, signal, berthing track, over head traction, signal over lap, fouling mark, sand hump, facing and trailing points, level crossing gate etc. Along with this, he also inspected the newly-constructed power sub station near Gyanpur road station and on power distribution checked provision for power supply distribution system, control feeder and proper isolation. Thereafter



the CRS through motor trolley between Gyanpur Road-Madhosingh rail section on new line fittings ensured overhead traction line height, crossover line electric traction line fittings as per standard, standard height from new line of overhead traction line, safety of level crossing gates, indent on curvatures, new line fittings as per doubled-cum-electrified standards in bridge, culverts and block sections, installed new signaling turnouts, ballasting and packing, clearance on curvatures and as per doubling installation of level crossing gates boom lock and height gauges. At Madhosingh station the CRS inspected various works developed according to doubling and electrification and found that station working rule and all work were as per the standard. The CRS from Madhosingh to Gyanpur Road on the new line conducted a speed trial with electric locomotive which was completed in 14 minutes at an average speed of 120 kmph.

VENDOR MEET: The Vendor Meet-cum-Exhibition-2021 will be organised by the Department of Materials Management, Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) on February 27 at the Central Sports Ground. Representatives from about 150 firms in the country, including FICCI, ASSOCHAM, CII and MSME, will participate in this supplier conference-cum-exhibition. Critical items/parts used in electric locomotives will be displayed at the exhibition besides discussing the availability of indigenous sources for supply of components used in manufacture of electric locomotives. The objective of this programme is to promote 'Make in India', 'Self-reliant India' and 'Vocal for Local' policies formulated by the central government.

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GST collection in state at record high

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Ahmedabad: Signalling a clear revival in demand and consumption, collection of goods and services tax (GST) in Gujarat stood at a record-high level of Rs 7,769 crore in January 2021, which includes SGST, CGST, IGST and cess collection from the state. Total GST collection went up by 8.6% against Rs 7,330 crore in January 2020, according to data provided by Union ministry of finance.

J P Gupta, state commercial tax commissioner, said, "The economy is reviving and with increased optimism post vaccine rollout, the consumption has increased, as a consequence of which the overall tax collection has increased."

Even month-on-month, GST collection in Gujarat went up 6.6% against Rs 7,469 crore in December 2020. The number of e-way bill transactions has also gone up and state commercial tax department officials also attribute the growth to increased commercial activity.

"The number of commercial, especially business-to-business, transactions went up significantly. The E-way bills generated went up from 76 lakh in Ja-

STATE GST REVENUE UP 14%

➤ Along with the total GST collection, even the state's revenue through goods and services tax (GST) stood at record-high level in Gujarat in January 2021

➤ According to data released by state commercial tax department, Gujarat's revenue through GST which includes state GST (SGST) and integrated GST (IGST) settlement, stood at Rs 3,360 crore in January 2021, which is up 14.3% against December 2020, when the state's SGST mop-up stood at Rs 2,939 crore inclusive of IGST settlement

➤ The same also increased 9% year-on-year against Rs 3,080 crore in January 2020. The last time the state's revenue stood at record-high levels was in July 2019, when the monthly collection was Rs 3,328 crore

➤ VAT on petrol and diesel combined with SGST collection and IGST settlement, makes up for the state's total revenue through commercial tax

nuary 2020 to 82 lakh – a 7% increase in January 2021," said Gupta.

Industry players also attribute the growth to increased economic activity. Chintan Thaker, co-chair, Assocham, Gujarat state council, said, "Increase in GST collection clearly indicates that the business, commercial activity and economy are on a recovery mode. This is because of



the pent-up demand opening up in sectors such as textiles, chemicals, engineering goods, ceramics, among other. There is increased optimism in the market. That apart, purchase orders and retail orders also went up significantly."

Experts also attribute the increase in GST mop-up to the rise in price of raw materials. "Prices of raw

materials went up across product categories be it chemicals, textiles or even steel and steel products. This rise in price was passed on through the entire value chain, till the end-product be it finished goods, machinery, garments, dyes and intermediates. Therefore, the inflation also contributed significantly to the increase in tax collection," said Thaker.

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Pricier steel can be costly for economy

To sustain post-Covid recovery, steel import tariffs must be cut to zero and iron ore export curbed

AS MITTAL

The Competition Commission has opened a *suo motu* probe into cartelisation by steel companies to set prices, which have been on the rise for some time now.

Indeed, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari had flagged the steel price rise, and even wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention. In her latest Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reduced the import duties on steel, half acknowledging the problem but reducing the import duty is not enough.

The role of steel cannot be over-emphasised. The downstream sectors are certain to be impacted by the rapid rise in steel prices over the last few months. The wholesale price of hot-rolled coil (HRC) rose 47 per cent between July and December 2020, according to data by Steel Insights. Hot-rolled band (HRB) export prices rose 58 per cent from June 2020 to an average \$662 per tonne in December 2020 fuelled by higher Chinese demand. Prices have further risen in the New Year. Iron ore prices have also risen 50 per cent since June 2020 to average \$155 per dmtu in December, according to a Crisil report. So, reducing the import duty from 15 per cent to 7.5 per cent is not sufficient.

The rise in steel price can affect economic recovery in the post-pandemic period. And, the government's production-linked incentive scheme introduced under its Atmanirbhar policy last year for the industry could be stymied by rising export

Dominating the market

Steel companies blame the rising price of iron ore, a key input for manufacturing steel, and the rising export of iron ore, with demand rising especially from China and other countries that have made a quick post-Covid turnaround. Also, ore mining is yet to resume fully in many States.

They also point to higher fixed costs, lower capacity utilisation, and overheads such as expenses related to Covid safety protocols for the higher prices. Besides, exporters say they have to pay higher freight charges as the maritime supply chain is twin-stressed



Worrying trend Rising steel prices can have a debilitating impact on infrastructure projects THE HINDU

because of rising international demand and a shortage of containers.

Despite being the second-largest steel producer, India's per capita consumption is a paltry 72 kg against the world average of 225 kg and China's 590 kg. In India, domestic consumption accounted for 88-92 per cent of total steel production in the last three financial years, with the remaining exported. With the domestic demand for steel coming back, a K-shaped recovery is seen in the steel sector where the bigger players are getting bigger and more profitable, and the smaller players are struggling and even hurtling towards bankruptcy.

Small players are hurting because of financial constraints and the high iron ore cost, even as large players have managed to ramp up production with capacity utilisation rates of above 90 per cent; one producer reported its highest-ever monthly production volumes in December. Large players also have captive iron ore mines and can control pricing and supply that they do not pass on to the end-users, creating artificial barriers and price bubbles.

For the top six integrated steel producers, with their own iron ore mines,

the cost of production hasn't risen, which is why their net earnings are at an all-time high. Domestic steel-makers claim that the rising prices are in sync with higher international prices.

While the steel companies may have their reasons, the reality is that the relentless rise in steel prices is hitting downstream industries, households, small businesses, and farmers hard. The already struggling micro and small enterprises (MSME)—most sensitive to cost fluctuations and market demand—will be particularly hit hard, as they operate on wafer-thin margins, and will not be able to absorb rising costs.

Prices of cars and commercial vehicles are likely to go up in the next few months. Farm equipment, such as tractors, will get pricier. Consumer appliances companies, meanwhile, may put up the price of their products such as refrigerators, and washing machines. The real-estate sector could also be impacted and home prices may rise in the first half of 2021. If steel prices do not moderate, costing of infrastructure projects is likely to get affected. All this can lead to consumers cutting discretionary spending, slow-

ing the economy's anticipated recovery in the fourth quarter of 2020-21 or even in the first half of 2021-22. There could be cascading effect on job creation.

A proposed solution

Though the import duty on steel has been halved to 7.5 per cent in the latest Budget, it should be brought down to zero to enhance supplies. Import of second-grade steel should also be restored to ensure a level playing field.

Since all steel majors have their iron ore mines, and the cost of production has not risen, the government has to intervene to freeze prices to avoid a hit to infrastructure projects, automotive, home appliances, agriculture implements, and MSMEs.

The government should also clamp down on iron ore exports, regulate steel prices, and liberalise steel imports to maintain the competitiveness of the industry and momentum of growth of the economy. All eyes are on the CCI to break the cartelisation soon.

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"Without changing the benchmark repo rates, the RBI monetary policy has brought in a slew of measures including a revolutionary decision to open the government securities (G-sec) market to retail investors," Sood said.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Sanjay Aggarwal said it is encouraging to note from the RBI statement that the signs of recovery in economic and business lead indicators have strengthened further and the list of normalising sectors is expanding.

"We look forward to possible repo rate cut in future as cost of funds has to come down in the coming times," he added.

Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, executive chairman of CIBIL and chairman (technical committee) of Sebi, said the RBI extending targeted long-term repo operations to NBFCs will further enhance credit flow and potential for the affordable housing sector, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and infrastructure projects.

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The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 3.3 per cent in the corresponding period of 2019-20, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, said that "recouping of GDP to the positive territory by posting a growth of 0.4 per cent in the third quarter is a promising sign as it portends the end of the pandemic-induced recessionary phase seen in the first-half of the year".

He observed that one of highlights of the data is the positive momentum seen in investment demand as it grew by 2.6 per cent in the third quarter after being in doldrums for several quarters now.

"This bears testimony to the unrelenting efforts of the government to go all-out to revive investments under the ambit of the various measures which formed a part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package," Banerjee said.

"Going forward, we are confident that the growth stimuli available from the Union Budget and the additional measures including the PLI will lead to a sturdy growth path over the recovery horizon," he added.

The GDP growth of 0.4 per cent for the third quarter of FY21 is no surprise, but it marks a significant turnaround into the Indian economy returning to a positive trajectory after sharp drops in the first two quarters, even as the war against COVID-19 is continuing, said Assocham Secretary General Deepak Sood.

According to him, the last quarter of the current fiscal should be far better.

"As pointed out by Assocham in its earlier projection, the real recovery would be seen in the FY22, beginning with the first quarter and then picking up pace later," Sood said.

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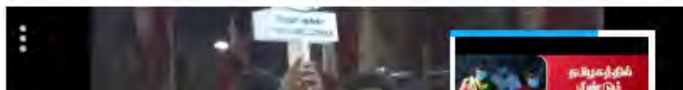
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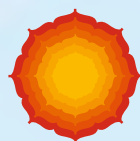
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