

KEY POINTS FROM 2024 INTERIM-UNION BUDGET OF INDIA

Tax Reforms

- No tax liability for income up to Rs 7 lakh under the new tax regime, up from Rs 2.2 lakh previously
- Tax rates revised, saving taxpayers Rs 17,5000-3 lakh:
 - Zero tax
 - 3-7 lakh: 5%
 - 7-10 lakh: 10%
 - 10-12 lakh: 15%
 - 12-15 lakh: 20%
 - 15 lakh & above: 30%
- Standard deduction increased from Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 under the new tax regime.

Capital Gains Tax Changes

- Short-term gains tax on specified financial assets increased from 15% to 20%
- Long-term gains tax on all assets raised to 12.5% from 10%
- Exemption limit on capital gains for certain listed financial assets increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.25 lakh annually

Fiscal Deficit and Expenditure

- FY25 fiscal deficit projected at 4.9% of GDP, down from 5.1% in the Interim Budget
- Commitment to reduce deficit below 4.5% next year
- Expenditure for FY25 projected at Rs 48.21 trillion
- Receipts for FY25 projected at Rs 32.07 trillion

Customs Duty Changes

- Gold and silver duties reduced to 6%, platinum to 6.4%
- Lithium, Copper, Cobalt exempt from Custom Duty
- Basic Customs Duty on spandex yarn reduced from 7.5% to 5%

Allocations for Andhra Pradesh and Bihar

- Rs 15,000 crore financial assistance for Amaravati's development in Andhra Pradesh
- Rs 26,000 crore for roads and expressways in Bihar

Other Key Highlights

- 100 new branches of India Post Payments Bank to be established in the North East
- 12 new industrial parks to be created
- Rs 10 trillion allocated for providing 1 crore houses to urban poor and middle class.