



# Rajasthan Budget 2025-26: A Visionary Roadmap for Growth and Development



**Jaipur:** The Rajasthan Budget 2025-26, presented by Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Diya Kumari, outlines a forward-looking strategy aimed at fostering economic growth, sustainability, and social welfare. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma emphasized that the budget aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, ensuring that more than 58% of the manifesto promises have been fulfilled within a year. With a focus on infrastructure, employment, and environmental sustainability, this budget marks a significant step towards Rajasthan's transformation into a \$350 billion economy.

## Pioneering Rajasthan's First Green Budget

For the first time, Rajasthan has introduced a Green Budget, earmarking 11.34% of the total expenditure towards climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, water management, and renewable energy. This move positions the state among India's environmental frontrunners, setting a precedent for sustainable governance.

## Key Highlights of the Budget

### Water Supply and Rural Development

₹5,830 crore allocated under the Mukhyamantri Jal Jeevan Mission – Urban to provide drinking water connections to 2 million households.

Increased focus on rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge projects.

### Empowering Farmers and Strengthening Agriculture

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi allowance raised to ₹9,000 per year.

Wheat MSP bonus increased from ₹125 to ₹150 per quintal.

Expanded Mangala Livestock Insurance Scheme to cover double the livestock owners.

Enhanced subsidy for Goshalas and Nandishalas to ₹50 per animal per day.

₹25,000 crore allocated for agricultural loans.

### Employment and Economic Growth

Introduction of Rajasthan Employment Policy 2025 with ₹500 crore for Vivekananda Employment Assistance Centers.

1.25 lakh government jobs to be created, with 1.5 lakh opportunities in the private sector.

Land pattas for 2 lakh families and financial aid for 25,000 nomadic families.

### Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare

Mukhyamantri Amrit Aahar Yojana to provide milk five days a week to children in Anganwadi centers.

Pension for widows, elderly, and differently-abled individuals increased to ₹1,250 per month.

Dadudayal Nomadic Empowerment Scheme launched for marginalized communities.

20 lakh women to be uplifted as 'Lakhpati Didis' under the Rajivika Mission.

## Revitalizing Healthcare and Education

### Healthcare Initiatives

Expansion of Mukhyamantri Ayushman Aarogya Yojana with a ₹3,500 crore fund.

Establishment of diabetes clinics in every district hospital.

Mukhyamantri Netra Voucher Yojana to provide free eye checkups and glasses for truck drivers, barbers, tailors, and carpenters.

### Education and Skill Development

Strengthening of school infrastructure with increased digital learning tools.

Special schemes for skill development in rural and tribal regions.

### Boosting Tourism and Infrastructure

₹975 crore allocated for tourism, focusing

on heritage, night, rural, and tribal tourism.

A Vedic Tourism Center to be established to promote India's spiritual heritage.

₹100 crore dedicated to developing a tribal tourism circuit.

₹1,000 crore for infrastructure development in newly created districts.

Establishment of Legislator Public Hearing Centers in every constituency.

### Renewable Energy and Urban Development

PM Suryaghar Yojana to provide 150 units of free electricity to underprivileged households.

50,000 new agricultural power connections and 500,000 domestic connections.

### Road and Highway Expansion

₹5,000 crore investment in state highways, bypasses, ROBs, and underpasses.

Development of nine Greenfield Expressways covering 2,750 km at ₹60,000 crore.

₹6,000 crore allocated to upgrade 21,000 km of non-paved roads.

₹10 crore per constituency for road development, with desert areas receiving ₹15 crore.

Ring roads to be constructed in 15 major cities to ease congestion.

**Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat praised the budget, stating:**

**"The focus on water conservation and the ₹5,830 crore Jal Jeevan Mission will make Rajasthan a leader in sustainable water management."**



**Udaipur Rural MLA Phool Singh Meena described the budget as a resolution for Rajasthan's prosperity, while Pramod Samar, BJP State Coordinator, called it a milestone in holistic development. However, critics argue that while the vision is commendable, the challenge lies in the execution.**

## Congress Raises Concerns



**Opposition leaders, however, raised doubts over execution: Govind Singh Dotasra criticized the job creation claims, arguing past employment promises remained unfulfilled.**



**Archana Sharma questioned the clarity on free insulin and diabetes screening for rural children.**

**Raghu Sharma called the Green Budget a rebranded version of previous proposals, citing lack of a clear financial roadmap. Sachin Pilot demanded a white paper on Rajasthan's debt status and clarity on funding ambitious schemes.**

## Local Congress Leadership Responds



Raghuveer Meena expressed concerns about budget allocations for rural development, stating that the government's promises must translate into tangible benefits.

City Congress President Feth Singh criticized the employment policies, urging greater focus on skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Spokesperson Pankaj Sharma called for transparency in fund allocation for urban infrastructure projects.



K. L. Choudhry argued that the healthcare promises need clear implementation strategies to reach marginalized communities.



Former UP Zila Pramukh Laxmi Narayan Pandya pointed out deficiencies in agricultural policies, urging better MSP rates and irrigation support.



Chancellor of JRNLU BL Gurjar emphasized the need for more robust education and research funding to make Rajasthan a knowledge hub. **A Balanced Roadmap for Growth and Welfare**

The Rajasthan Budget 2025-26 sets the foundation for a progressive, sustainable, and inclusive development model. Whether it fulfills its promises will depend on transparent implementation and effective governance. As the state aims for a \$350 billion economy, the coming years will determine whether this ambitious vision translates into reality or remains a political blueprint. **- By Dr. Munesh Arora and RH Team**

## "Rajasthan's Historic Budget: A Blueprint for Growth and Sustainability"

"This truly historic budget unlocks Rajasthan's true potential while empowering its people. With a strong emphasis on employment and skill development, the state's youth will drive a new era of progress.

The ₹60,000 crore allocation for infrastructure, including the construction of nine greenfield expressways, will be a game-changer, enhancing connectivity and unlocking opportunities across multiple sectors. This strategic investment will not only strengthen trade and commerce but also create thousands of jobs, fostering economic prosperity at an unprecedented scale.



Furthermore, the allocation of ₹250 crores for the development of a Green & Clean Technology Centre and ₹7 crores for a Mines & Minerals Centre of Excellence reflects Rajasthan's commitment to innovation and sustainable industrial growth. These initiatives will help the state harness its vast mining potential while ensuring environmental responsibility.

A clear focus on clean water and electricity will provide a strong foundation for agriculture and industries, driving sustainable development. Additionally, the introduction of amnesty schemes for the mining sector will push the industry forward, positioning Rajasthan as a key enabler in India's transition to a low-carbon economy.

The installation of community solar panels across Rajasthan marks the dawn of a metal-based industrial revolution, fostering holistic and inclusive development. This budget truly sets the stage for a new, Rising Rajasthan—one that is progressive, sustainable, and future-ready."

**- Arun Misra, CEO, Hindustan Zinc Limited**

## Union Budget 2025-26: A Catalyst for Educational Excellence

As the Vice Chancellor of Vikrant University, I am elated to witness the Union Budget 2025-26's unwavering commitment to advancing education in India. The allocation of ₹128,650 crore to the Ministry of Education, reflecting a 6.22% increase from the previous fiscal year, underscores the government's dedication to nurturing our nation's intellectual capital.

The introduction of 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in government schools over the next five years is a monumental step toward fostering innovation and scientific curiosity among young minds.

Equipping all government secondary schools with broadband connectivity under the BharatNet project within three years will bridge the digital divide, ensuring that every student has access to quality digital resources.

The Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme's initiative to provide digital-format Indian language books will enrich our educational content, promoting linguistic diversity and inclusivity. Moreover, the establishment of five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling, in collaboration with global partners, will equip our youth with the skills required for the "Make for India, Make for the World" manufacturing initiative.

At Vikrant University, we are particularly enthused about the allocation of ₹20,000 crore to implement private sector-driven research, development, and innovation. This investment will catalyze groundbreaking research and foster a culture of entrepreneurship among our students and faculty.

The Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education, with an outlay of ₹500 crore, aligns with our vision to integrate cutting-edge technology into our educational frameworks, enhancing learning outcomes and preparing our students for future challenges.

The Gyan Bharatam Mission's endeavor to preserve over one crore manuscripts and the creation of a National Digital Repository of Indian Knowledge Systems resonate with our commitment to honoring and integrating India's rich cultural heritage into contemporary education.

This budget reflects a holistic approach to education, seamlessly blending traditional knowledge with modern advancements. It paves the way for an empowered, skilled, and enlightened India. At Vikrant University, we are poised to contribute actively to this transformative journey, ensuring that our students are well-equipped to lead and innovate in the global arena.

