

Highlights of Budget 2011-12

A- Budget provision and Fiscal Indicators.

- No New Tax has been proposed in the budget.
- Total receipts are estimated to be Rs. 18340.95 crores in 2011-12, which is Rs. 3519.24 crore more than the budget estimates of 2010-11. Thus an increase of 23.74 per cent has been taken over previous year's budget estimates.
- Total expenditure in the budget for 2011-12 is estimated to be Rs. 19366.91 crores, which is Rs. 3914.96 crore more than the budget estimates of 2010-11, which was Rs. 15451.95 crore. Under Plan Expenditure Rs. 5117.38 crore was estimated in 2010-11, which has been increased by 28.27 per cent to Rs. 6564.29 crore in 2011-12. Similarly under non-plan expenditure, a provision of 10334.57 crore was made in the budget of 2010-11, which has been increase 23.88 per cent, taking it up to Rs. 12802.62 crore for 2011-12. Under provision for Capital Expenditure, which was Rs. 3455.26 crore in 2010-1, there has been a massive increase of 45.93 per cent, taking the amount to Rs. 5041.22 crore.
- In the 2011-2012 Budget Estimate, revenue surplus to the tune of Rs. 309.90 crore has been estimated against the revenue surplus of Rs. 162.10 crore in 2010-11 budget estimate. This is well within the target of Zero Revenue Deficit given in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM) .
- In the 2011-2012 Fiscal deficit has been estimated at Rs. 2618.23 crore which is 3.18 % of GSDP. It is well within the target of 3.5 per cent given by 13th Finance Commission and the FRBM Act.
- The State's tax revenue, which was estimated to be Rs. 6368.90 crore in 2010-11, will now be increase to Rs. 7715.05 crore, thus showing increase of 21.14 per cent. Under this VAT is estimated to rise by 23.26 per cent, Stamp & Registration fees is estimated to increase by 13.67 per cent, motor vehicle tax is expected to increase by 10.75 per cent and Excise duty is estimated to increase by 5.93 per cent.
- For Infrastructure Development, recognizing the importance of roads for the public, Rs. 1001.84 crore was provided for P.W.D in 2010-11, this has been increased to Rs. 1374.47 crore for 2011-12. To provide clean drinking water to citizens of Uttarakhand, Rs. 378.77 crore was provided in the budget of 2010-11, this has been increased to Rs. 521.97 crore. For industrial development, Rs. 53.79 crore was provided in 2010-11, this has been increased to Rs. 90.06 crore for 2011-12. To provide better irrigation facilities for farmers of the state, Rs. 751.45 crore was provided in 2010-11, which has been increased to Rs. 835.88

crore in 2011-12. For energy development, Rs. 467.77 crore was provided in 2010-11, this is been increased to Rs. 526.56 crore for 2011-12.

- Under the social sectors, Rs. 7056.77 crore expenditure is estimated which is 26.26 per cent more than the previous year's estimates. This includes an increase of 19.41 per cent for education, an increase of 16.51% in medical and health and 41.72% increase in social welfare over the previous year's estimates.
- Under Scheduled caste sub plan (SCSP), Rs. 658.96 crores was provided in 2010-11, this has been increase to Rs. 873.17 crore in 2011-12. Similarly under tribal sub plan (TSP), Rs. 197.25 crore was provided in 2010-11, which has been increase to Rs. 227.71 crore.
- With the aim of Women's empowerment, Gender Budget was introduced in 2007-08. The provision for Gender Budget in 2007-08 was Rs. 333 crores and Rs.1417.55 crore in 2010-11. This provision in 2011-12 now stands at Rs. 1851.55 crore which is an increase of Rs. 433.80 crore over the budget estimates of 2010-11.

B- Tax reforms and rationalisation of tax rates.

- In last year's budget, stamp duty for purchase and sale immovable property was reduce from 7 % to 6 %. Now giving further relief, stamp duty has been reduced to 5%.
- For small and non AC restaurants VAT will be reduced from 13.5% to 4 %.
- Additional Tax payment liability of 8.5 % during the period 1-1-2005 to 27-4-2010 to traders of Textile waste will be waved off under certain conditions.
- To support cottage industry VAT will be exempted fully on handmade washing soap
- The existing Tax rate on cinema tickets will be reduced in a range from 25 to 50 per cent.
- Exemption of 25 per cent stamp duty will be given to handicapped persons for purchase of immoveable property up to Rs. 5 lakh of cost.
- To minimize evasion of Stamp Duty and to give relief to common man e-stamping facility will be introduced in four districts viz; Haridwar, Dehradun, U.S. Nagar and Nainital.

C- Other Schemes

- Atal Adarsh Food grain Scheme has been launched for elimination of hunger, Rs. 295 crore has been provided for this scheme.
- Two years child care leave with pay will be allowed to women employees to enable them to look after their children.

- Mini Secretariat will be established in Atal Adarsh Villages.
- Students of Uttarakhand Education Board and Sanskrit Education Board of Uttarakhand who secure 80% and above marks in Intermediate examination, will be given Laptops.
- Horticulture and Forestry University will be established at Bharsar.
- Coaching facility at district level will be established for the students preparing for entrance examination for Engineering and Medical.
- Long awaited widening of Chakrata Road in Dehradun will be completed soon.
- First State Women Engineering College will be established.
- To increase the level of education Adarsh Schools will be established at block level in educationally backward blocks.
- A separate Directorate for Basic Education and an office of Directorate General, School Education will be established.
- Accommodation facilities will be made available near important State Hospitals.
- To ensure purity of drinking water, public laboratories will set up at Tehsil and district head quarters.
- For far flung areas and areas at international border, solar lantern will be made available to rural families .
- A Himalayan Museum and a Himalayan Sanskriti Kendra will be setup.
- To showcase traditional of Indian culture, a Bharat Darshan Kendra will be established.
- An International Ayush Research Institute and office of Director General Ayush will be established.
- A separate Medical Education Unit will be established under in the office of Director General of Health to look after Medical Education.
- A Rakta Sancharan Parishad (Blood Transfusion Board) will be setup.
- Air ambulance facility will be started soon to cater to emergency disaster situation in far flung areas.
- An Unani Medical College at Bhagwanpur, Haridwar and Homeopathic Medical College at Shrinagar, Pauri will be setup.
- To strengthen Nursing education Nursing colleges will be established at district Tehri, Almora, Pauri and Pithoragarh.
- Ayurveda University building will be constructed.
- 104 free telephone service will be started to provide medical consultation.

- Rs. 20 crore financial assistance will be given to Uttarakhand Transport Corporation for purchase of new buses.
- Every year urban local bodies will be given awarded for outstanding performance under Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Nirmal Shahar Puraskar Scheme.
