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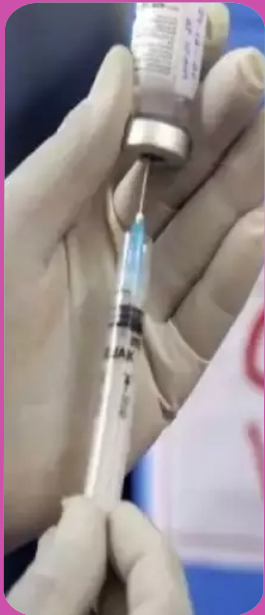
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Budget 2021 is Nirmala Sitharaman's breakout moment, but long road to being Sushma Swaraj

It could mark the turning point for Sitharaman to be taken more seriously, after all the negative criticism she has faced as defense and finance minister.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Union Budget 2021 is bold, well thought out, and prudent. But most importantly, this could be that turning point after which Sitharaman can be taken more seriously, managing to get rid of all the negative comments and harsh criticism — some of it valid, and some the result of a deeply sexist culture — that has come her way since she took over as defense, and then, finance minister.

This could well be the breakout moment for Sitharaman, with larger repercussions for her party. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, the one thing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has sorely lacked is grooming new talent, and even more jarringly, creating a solid rung of formidable women politicians. Where are the women leaders in the BJP? Why has the party failed to strike a balance and produce, say another Sushma Swaraj? A woman politician with political, electoral and administrative heft. This, especially when the trend in several other political parties is quite different.

I have argued in the past that the Modi government needs more lateral entrants like External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, especially to handle the finance ministry, given the poor bench-strength of the party. But Budget 2021 shows there is still hope left and with this, Nirmala Sitharaman may well be at the cusp of a transition. Though, of course, the journey to filling in the formidable shoes of someone like Sushma Swaraj still remains long and hard.

— Economic Times



Defence capital budget sees 19% jump, Finance Commission calls for non-lapsable fund

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a Rs 2.38 lakh crore non-lapsable fund for modernisation in 2021-26. But the overall defence budget in FY22 is up only 1.5%.

Amid the border stand-off with China in eastern Ladakh, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday announced a near 19 per cent jump in the capital budget for the forces in 2021-22 even as the 15th Finance Commission recommended a Rs 2.38 lakh crore non-lapsable fund for modernisation in the 2021-26 period.

The overall defence budget, however, saw a rise of just 1.5 per cent from Rs 4.71 lakh crore in 2020-21 to Rs 4.78 lakh crore in the next fiscal. Excluding the pension component, the budget was up 7.3 per cent.

The total defence budget is 2.14 per cent of the GDP — or 1.62 per cent, excluding pension — and 10.4 per cent of the overall expenditure.

FARM LAWS WELL-INTENTIONED BUT MODI GOVT FALTERED IN COMMUNICATION, AMUL MD R.S. SODHI SAYS

Amul Managing Director Dr Rupinder Singh Sodhi talked about how repealing farm laws now will set a bad precedent for the government.

The three contentious farm laws passed by the Narendra Modi government last year could help farmers get their due, but the government faltered in its communication about them, said Dr Rupinder Singh Sodhi, managing director of Amul.

In a virtual Off the Cuff interaction with ThePrint's Editor-in-Chief Shekhar Gupta Thursday, Sodhi added that if the government repeals the new farm laws now, it will set a bad precedent.

"The intentions are good, but the detailing hasn't

been done properly," said Sodhi, referring to the three laws, adding, "If they (the government) step back, you will have to see the consequences. It may set a very bad precedent."

Farmers from Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh have been protesting at Delhi's borders against the three farm laws passed in September last year.

Despite multiple talks with the central government, which has proposed several amendments, the farmers haven't relented in their protests and continue demanding a repeal of all the laws.

Jeff Bezos to Step Down as Amazon CEO, Web Services Head Andy Jassy to Take Over

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos said Tuesday he would stand aside later this year as chief executive of the company he built from a startup into one of the world's most valuable firms.

The world's richest person based on his Amazon stake, Bezos said he will transition to the role of executive chair in the third quarter, handing over the CEO role to Andy Jassy, who heads Amazon Web Services.

The news came as Amazon reported a blowout holiday quarter with profits more than doubling to \$7.2 billion, (roughly Rs.

52,540 crores) and revenue jumping 44 percent to \$125.6 billion (roughly Rs. 9,16,600 crores) - as pandemic lockdowns caused online sales to explode around the globe.

In a letter to Amazon employees, Bezos said he would "stay engaged in important Amazon initiatives" but would pivot towards philanthropic initiatives, including his Day One Fund and Bezos Earth Fund, and other business ventures in space exploration and journalism.

"I've never had more energy, and this isn't about retiring," Bezos wrote.

"I'm super passionate about the impact I think these organisations can have."

Bezos, 57, founded Amazon in his garage in 1994 and went on to grow it into a colossus that dominates online retail, with operations in streaming music and television, groceries, cloud

computing, robotics, artificial intelligence, and more.

His other businesses include The Washington Post newspaper and the private space firm Blue Origin. His successor Jassy joined Amazon as a marketing manager in 1997 and in 2003 founded AWS, the cloud services division of the company which has been one of the most profitable but least-known units of the tech giant.

"He will be an outstanding leader, and he has my full confidence," Bezos said of Jassy.

"Right now I see Amazon at its most inventive ever, making it an optimal time for this transition," he said.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives saw giving command of Amazon to Jassy as a "major step up in the clouds arms race with crosstown rival Microsoft."



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Chairman's Message

Dear All,

One of the fallouts of 2020 has been an accelerated need and importance of owned homes for a generation that was tilting towards renting over buying. With the beginnings of a new year the demand seems to be back. While other sectors are also getting back on track, real estate sector too is witnessing positive changes. We all hope this impact will remain in the coming quarters.



Happy Reading!
Yours Truly,
(Chairman)

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Lohri Celebration at Sikka Karnam



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JANUARY - 2021



SECTOR 143B, NOIDA



- T-C1(Laurel) Balcony tile fixing & repairing work
- T-C1(Laurel) Ips floor chipping work
- T-C1, Plaster repairing work in progress
- T-C1(Laurel), Paint work in progress in flat
- Pahse-2 , T-B2, Floor tile fixing work in progress
- Green marble fixing at planter area in front of T-B1
- T-B1(Esteem) & B2 (Famed)
- Pahse-2, near swimming pool, pcc laying at waterproofing lvl



SECTOR 143, NOIDA



- Scaffolding work for External Plaster in Concord Tower
- Lift wall brick work in Concord Tower
- Housekeeping in Handover Flats of Cheer Tower
- Stone work in Pump Room
- Electrical work in Jubilant Tower
- Railing fixing work in Jolly Tower



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- Column casting & shuttering, plaster work, and column layout is in progress
- Plaster work, block work, and slab ready for pouring is in progress
- Slab beam steel binding, slab ready for pouring, footing pcc and casting work is in progress
- Office tower- 28th floor shear wall & column de shuttering work in progress
- Retail block- Upper basement slab shuttering work in progress



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- Column casting & shuttering, plaster work, and column layout is in progress
- Plaster work, block work, and slab ready for pouring is in progress
- Slab beam steel binding, slab ready for pouring, footing pcc and casting work is in progress



SAHASTRADHARA ROAD, DEHRADUN



- T5 slab shuttering work
- T4 slab shuttering work
- T5 slab shuttering work
- T4 lift pit shuttering work
- T4 plaster work
- T3 roof slab shuttering work
- T9 water proofing work



RAJPUR ROAD, DEHRADUN



- Boundary wall : making Soil Base for Landscape.
- Basement Floor : Grenite Flooring in Staircase.
- Stilt Floor : 1-Flooring in Mr.Surana g Office.
- 2-Grenite Flooring in Staircase.
- 3rd Floor : 1- Pop work in progress in (Small) 3BHK and 1BHK.
- 5th Floor : 1-Skirting Work in progress. 2- Moulding Work in parapet Wall in progress.
- 7th Floor : Block Work in progress in 2BHK.

SECTOR UPDATE: JANUARY 2021





NEW-GEN MAKEUP TRENDS EMERGED ON DAY 05 OF LAKMÉ FASHION WEEK S/R '19

As we bid adieu to another fantastic edition of Lakmé Fashion Week, we are left with a sense of satisfaction at all the makeup and hair looks we saw. Some trends emerged stronger than the others and are front-runners for what we will see everywhere in the upcoming fashion season. Glossy eyelids, glossy skin and textured almost-imperfect hair were all over the runways this season.

Day 5 of the Lakmé Fashion Week S/R '19 saw some innovative and experimental looks on the ramps...

Freckles. but better

A new and innovative way of using glitter was seen at the Shriya Som and the Shehlaa Khan shows. Chunky glitter was

dabbed along the central panel of the face to give the illusion of freckles. Glittery genius!

Glossy lids, but glossier!

Glossy lids took a whole new meaning at this season's Lakmé Fashion Week. Transparent, glossy lids ruled the runways and the same glossy effect was also seen on the highest points of the cheeks, in the Mishru, Aikeyah and Abhishek Sharma shows.

Pro tip: Dab Vaseline on your cheekbones and lids to achieve a similar glossy effect.

Lilac Lips!

Lilac is a very underutilised colour in makeup. Predominantly a cool-undertoned colour, it can be difficult to pull it off on warmer skin tones. Lable Latha and Sailesh Singhania's collections featured a lot of natural fabrics and handwoven textiles and were paired with a rather daring lilac lip and eyeshadow.



Bank stocks surge as Budget 2021 initiates long pending reforms, but unions oppose move.



Privatisation of public sector banks (PSBs) is finally here. On Monday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the Narendra Modi government will divest its stake in two PSBs, apart from one general insurance company. Moreover, the disinvestment process of IDBI Bank will also be completed in the next fiscal.

While the FM did not name in her Budget 2021 speech the two banks the government plans to privatise, analysts point out Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) are possible candidates.

Both state-run lenders have seen their balance sheet swell as smaller PSBs were merged with the two. While Bank of Baroda absorbed Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce were merged with Punjab National Bank.

After the announcement, BoB shares shot up 8.6 per cent on the Bombay Stock Exchange while PNB shares closed almost 7 per cent higher. Stocks of most commercial banks ended in green Monday following a series of budget announcements to foster banking sector reforms.

"After the government's last announced merger of 13 public sector banks into five, the government has taken the first step towards privatising state-run banks starting with divestment of two PSU banks, in a bid to expedite long-awaited reforms in the banking sector. We believe merged PSU banks like BoB, PNB or non-merged banks like Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, may be on the radar," said Kajal Gandhi, BFSI analyst at stock broker ICICIdirect.



Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes Yield: 6 servings

INGREDIENTS

For Boiling Chana

Kabuli chana (small size) – 2 cups
Water – 2cups
Dried Amla – 3-4nos
Chai patti (tea leaves) – 1½ tsp
Salt – to taste
Baking soda – 1½ tsp
Water – 6cups

For Tempering

Desi ghee – 1 tbsp
Kashmiri chili powder – 1tsp

For Chole Masala

Dry red chili – 3-4 nos
Bay leaf – 1-2nos
Coriander seeds – 6tbsp
Cumin – 3tbsp
Peppercorns – 10-12nos
Cloves – 7-8nos
Cardamom – 7-8nos
Mace – a small piece
Cinnamon (1inch) – 3nos
Nutmeg – ¼ no
Black cardamom – 3nos
Ajwain – 2tsp
Kasoori methi – 2tbsp
Anardana powder – 4tbsp
Amchur powder – 2½ tsp

For Wet Masala

Oil – ½ cup
Hing – ½ tsp
Garlic chopped – 2tsp
Ginger chopped – 1tbsp
Green chili slit – 2nos
Onion chopped – ½ cup
Turmeric – ½ tsp
Kashmiri Chili powder – ¾ tsp
Chole Masala – 3tbsp
Water – a dash
Tomatoes (freshly pureed) – ¾ cup
Black salt – to taste
Salt – to taste
Tamarind powder –
Boiled potato cubes
Paneer cubes
Freshly pickled chili
Onion rings

METHOD:

Pour clean water in a utensil and add Tea leaves along with Amla into it.

Strain this tea water and Amla.

Add this water into Cooker with well soaked Chole and boil it with Baking Soda.

After one whistle on high flame, cook it on low flame for another six whistles.

In a pan put dry red chili, coriander pods, cinnamon, bay leaf, cumin, javitri(mace), Jaiphal (Nutmeg), Peppercorn, Long (Clove), green cardamom, black cardamom, carom seeds, Kasoori methi etc. into the pan. Roast them till they turn brown, then after cooling, make the powder.

Heat oil in the pan, add hing, chopped ginger, garlic and green chili, fry them for one minute. Add chopped onions and fry them till they turn brown, add water.

Add tomato puree and cook it till the oil separates.

Add boiled chickpeas along with water and sauté it. Then add salt to taste.

Now, cook it on low flame till it thickens. You can also add optional tamarind puree for the taste.

In a short pan heat the ghee and chili powder to it.

Turn off the gas and garnish it with, boiled potato cubes, green chili, and Paneer cubes. Pour the chili-infused oil on top of Chole and serve it.

Chef Shatrughan



India vs England: Virat Kohli Feels "Good To Be Back", Shares Pics From Training Sessions

India vs England: Virat Kohli, the returning India captain, trained with the team in Chennai ahead of the first Test.

India captain Virat Kohli hit the ground running ahead of the team's Test series against England and took to social media to share pictures from training sessions. "Good to be back," wrote Kohli, who returns to the team and captaincy duty after a paternity leave. In Kohli's absence, Ajinkya Rahane had led the team in the last three Tests in Australia where India clinched the Border-Gavaskar series 2-1. The England series begins on February 5 with the first Test in Chennai.

Players of the Indian squad tested negative for COVID-19 and completed their quarantine on Monday. Subsequently, they trained at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in the evening.

On Tuesday, India players had their first net session since quarantine where head coach Shastri and Kohli were seen addressing the team huddle.

The second Test of the series will also be played in Chennai from February 13 and that game is likely to have fans at the stadium in limited capacity.

Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) secretary RS Ramasaamy told news agency ANI on Monday that the second Test will have 50 per cent crowd attendance.

"We have spoken to the BCCI, we will get official approval for 50 per cent fans by today evening," he said on Monday.

The last two Tests of the series will be played at the newly-built Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad and those fixtures could also see fans in the stadium.

Yes, in what comes as a welcome sign for hundreds of our cricket loving fans, they will be allowed to come into the stadium for the Motera Tests," a BCCI official was quoted as saying by ANI.



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