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Budget 2026: India to borrow ₹17.2 lakh crore in 2026-27

Union Budget of India 2026: The Indian Government is Poised to embark on a significant borrowing Spree in the 2026-27 fiscal year, as highlighted by the finance minister Nirmala Sitaraman's recent announcement. With gross borrowings projected at a strengthening rs.17.2 lakh crore and net borrowings estimated at rs.11.7 crore. The government aims to navigate complexities of a raising bond yield environment

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Rupee rises 5 paise to close at 90.67 against US dollar

The rupee edged up by 5 paise to close at 90.67 against the US dollar on Wednesday, buoyed by foreign fund inflows and a strong domestic equity market. However, rising global crude oil prices and a stronger dollar limited further gains for the local currency. The rupee rose 5 paise to close at 90.67 (provisional) against the US Dollar on Wednesday driven by inflow of foreign funds and positive domestic equity markets. However, higher global crude oil prices and a strengthening greenback capped sharp gains in the local unit, forex traders said.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Launches National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0 in New Delhi

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the second phase of asset monetization pipeline of Central ministries and public sector entities in New Delhi. The second phase of the pipeline has been developed by NITI Aayog, in consultation with infrastructure line ministries, based on the mandate for 'Asset Monetization Plan 2025-30' as announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.

The National Monetization Pipeline 2.0 estimates aggregate monetization potential of 16.72 lakh crore rupees, including private sector investment of 5.8 lakh crore rupees under asset monetization pipeline of Central ministries and public sector entities, over the five-year period from Financial Year 2025-26 to Financial Year 2029-30.

Source: https://www.newsonair.gov.in ***Contributed by: Mr. Smith Ahir***

Trade pacts boost foreign inflows, lift rupee, Indian central bank says

Foreign portfolio inflows and the rupee have strengthened after India's free trade agreement with the European Union and an interim trade deal with the United States, the Reserve Bank of India said in its monthly bulletin on Friday.

Foreign portfolio investment to India recorded net outflows of $5.8 billion between April 2025 and February 3, 2026. However, the Indian rupee, which depreciated against the U.S. dollar in January amid outflows and uncertainty regarding the India-U.S. agreement, recovered as net foreign portfolio flows turned positive in February.

Source: https://www.reuters.com/ ***Contributed by: Mr. Kamal Nigam***

India skips oversubscription option in Indian Railway Finance stake sale

India will not exercise the oversubscription option for the Indian Railway Finance Corp offer-for-sale after the base offer did not receive full bids on the first day, an exchange filing showed on Wednesday.

- India said on Tuesday it would divest an up to 4% stake in Indian Railway Finance Corp through an offer-for-sale, including a 2% base offer and an additional 2% via the oversubscription option.
- The Indian government currently owns an 86.36% stake in the financing arm of the Indian Railways.
- The floor price for the OFS was set at 104 rupees, implying a 5% discount to the stock's closing price on Tuesday.
- The oversubscription option allows the seller to potentially sell more shares than the base offer if investor demand is higher than expected.

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Tariff Tantrum 2.0: Time to look beyond 2026? 6 stocks from different sectors with at least one 'moat'; and upside potential of up to 31%

The market can live with clear bullishness or even a bearish trend. What it really hates is uncertainty. And these are uncertain times – marked by a spike in volatility. The absence of a clear trend means that these are uncertain times for investors as well. You could "sit out the volatility", of course. But if you insist on deploying money in the market, it would be safer to look at stocks that may be from different sectors but have at least one common factor – an edge their peers don't have.

Source: https://www.reuters.com/ ***Contributed by: Ms. Mahak Pathak***

"Do not save what is left after spending, but spend what is left after saving." True financial success begins with discipline, smart planning, and consistent investing for the future.

— *Warren Buffet*

DATA FACTS
(As on 27th February 2026)

Sensex	1	₹81,799.86
Nifty 50	2	₹ 25,291.60
Nifty Bank	2	₹ 60,770.20
CRR	3	3.00%
SLR	3	18.00%
REPO	3	5.25%
R REPO	3	3.35%
USD/INR	3	₹90.96

Source: (27th February 2026)
1.www.bseindia.co
2.www.nseindia.com,
3.www.moneycontrol.com

UPCOMING IPO
(March - 2026)

Company Name	IPO size
Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions Ltd.	1000.00 to 1053.00
Omni tech Engineering Pvt. Ltd.	216.00 to 227.00

Source:https://www.chittorgarh.com

Top FinTech Trends that Will Take Place in 2026 and Beyond

Digital Currencies, Tokenization & Stablecoins

Digital currencies like CBDCs and cryptocurrencies enable faster and more secure transactions. Tokenization converts physical assets into digital tokens, improving liquidity and accessibility. Stablecoins are pegged to stable assets like the US dollar to reduce price volatility in digital payments.

Agentic AI & Autonomous Finance

AI in finance now goes beyond chatbots to systems that can make decisions and perform tasks independently. Autonomous finance uses AI for investing, fraud detection, and risk management. It improves efficiency, accuracy, and reduces manual intervention.

Embedded Finance & SaaS Integration

Embedded finance allows businesses to offer payments, lending, and insurance within their platforms. SaaS integration connects financial services directly into business software. This creates seamless customer experiences and improves operational efficiency.

Real-Time Payments & Global Rails

Real-time payment systems enable instant money transfers 24/7. Global payment rails connect cross-border transactions faster and at lower costs. This improves cash flow, transparency, and financial inclusion worldwide.

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