

Budget 2021

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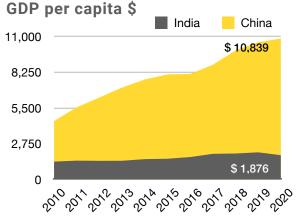
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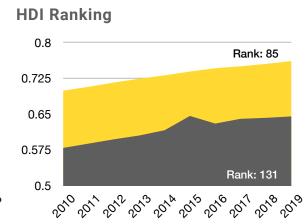
Is India v/s China relevant anymore?

[GDP growth]

- India's GDP to contract by ~8%; biggest since 1952
- China is the only major economy to register +ve growth; albeit its slowest since 1960s.
- India expected to rebound sharply in FY22, "V" shaped growth; RBI pegs growth rate at 10.5%
- China expected to grow at 8.2%

Other measures







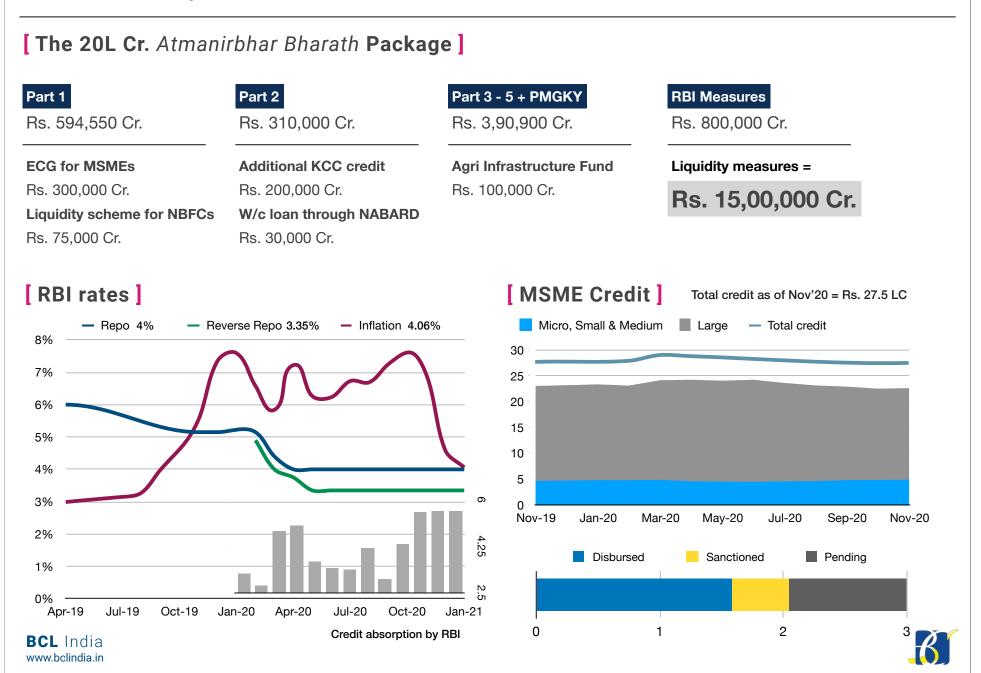




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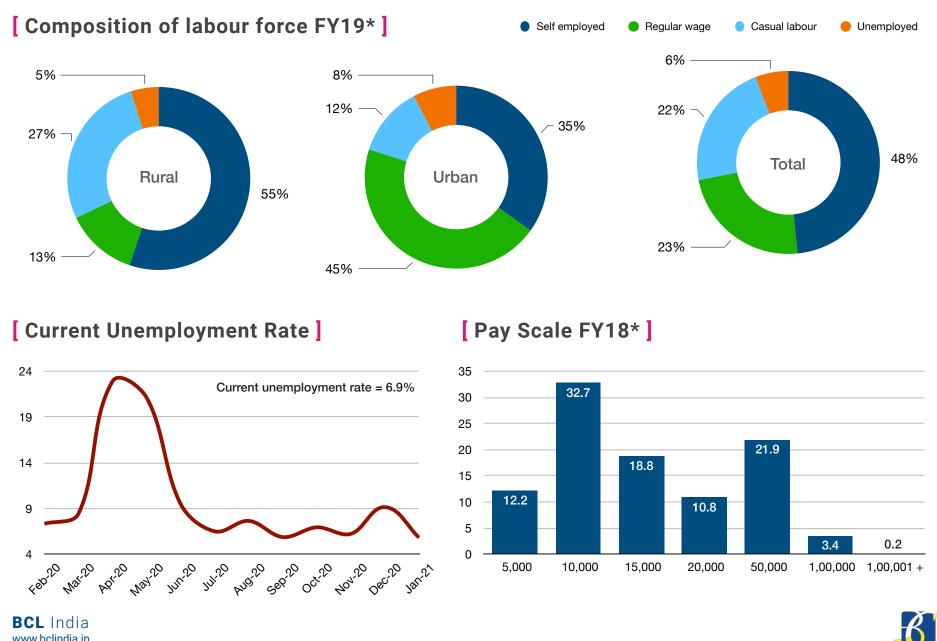


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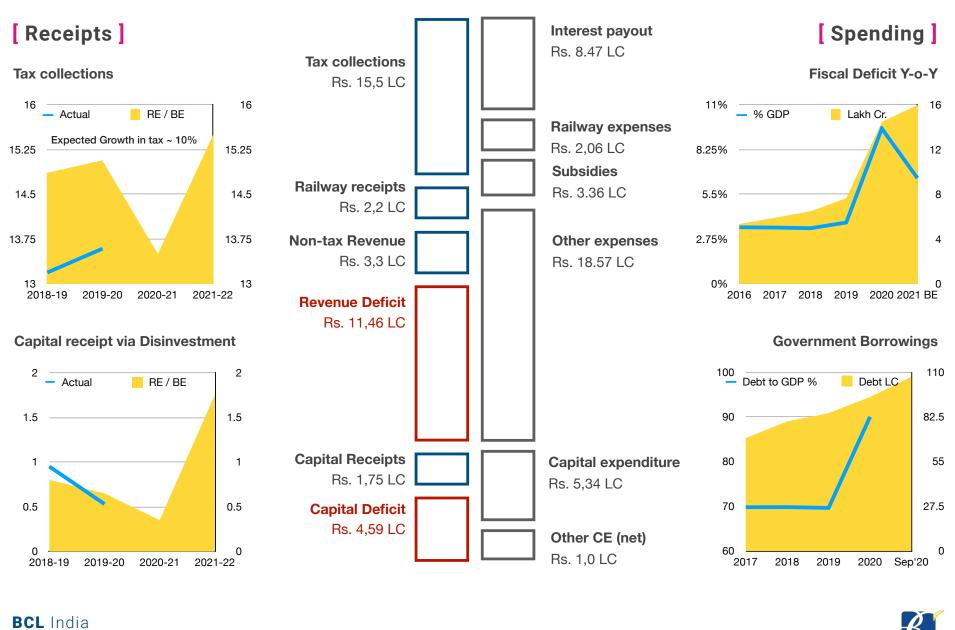
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Sector wise spending

[Agriculture]

- Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to help APMCs improve infra facilities
- Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess introduced on import of Cotton (5%), Gold and Silver (2.5%),
- AIDC introduced on petrol and diesel, but BED has been correspondingly reduced.

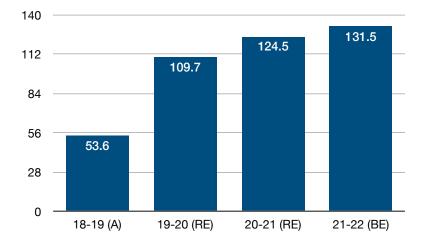
[Infrastructure]

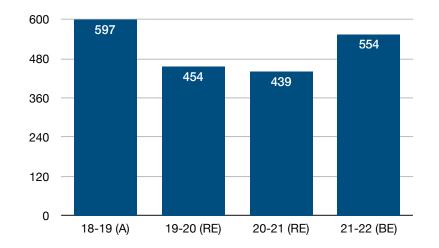
- Development Financial Institution proposed to be set up, outlay Rs. 20,000 Cr. towards initial capital
- Debt Financing of InVITs and REITs by Foreign Portfolio Investors will be enabled
- National Monetisation Pipeline" of potential brownfield infrastructure assets to be launched

• Enhanced credit facilities announced.

 Allocation in 21-22 more than 20-21 by ~ Rs. 7,000 Cr.

- New economic corridors proposed in Tamil Nadu (Rs. 1.03 LC), Kerala (65 KC), Assam (19 KC), and West Bengal (25 KC) - but these investments will be over the coming years.
- Bengaluru Metro Railway Project Phase 2A and 2B to get Rs. 14.78 KC.





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Sector wise spending

[Financial & Insurance]

- Securities Markets Code announced - it will subsume SEBI, SCRA, Depositories Act and Government Securities Act
- FDI in insurance enhanced to 74%
- Further capitalisation of PSBs, by Rs. 20,000 Cr.

[Corporate Law & Startups]

- Limits for Small Company enhanced,
 - Turnover from Rs. 2 Cr. to Rs. 20 Cr., and
 - Capital from Rs. 50 L to Rs. 2 Cr.
- Small companies enjoy benefits such as, 2 BMs instead of 4, and self certification of annual returns.

- Asset Reconstruction Company Limited and Asset Management Company would be set up to take over bad loans
- Deposit insurance enhanced from Rs. 1L to Rs. 5L

Rules around One Person

• Turnover cap of Rs. 2 Cr.

Conversion to any entity

Company relaxed

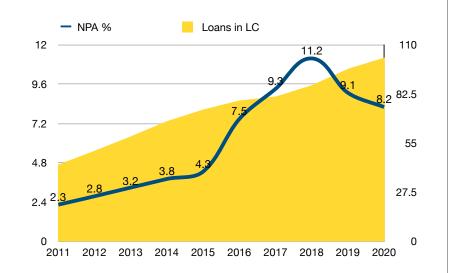
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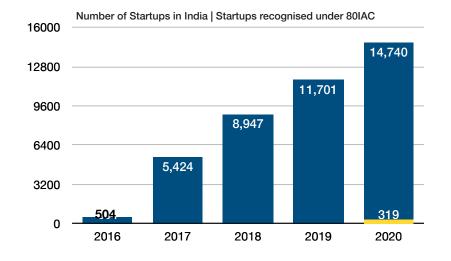
permitted

• Tax incentive window

startups.

extended by 1 year for





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Sector wise spending

[Health]

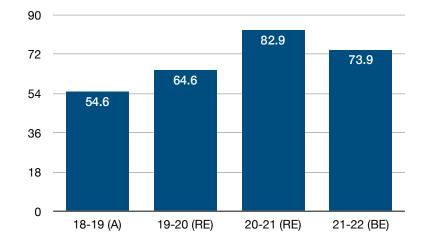
- PM AtmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana launched - Rs.
 64,180 Cr. over 6 years
- Rs. 35,000 Cr. for Covid-19 vaccine
- FM claim that Rs. 2,23,846 is being invested on health v/s Actual allocation of Rs. 74,000 Cr, lower than previous year!

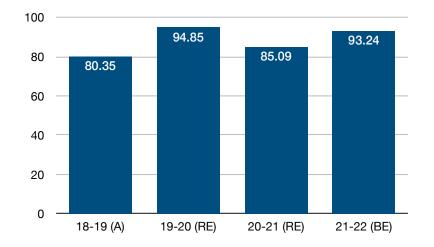
[Education]

- Proposed allocation less than 2019 levels,
- Central University to be set up in Leh
- National Digital Educational Architecture (NDEAR) will be set up

- The Pneumococcal Vaccine will be rolled out throughout India (presently in 5 states),
- Integrated public health labs to be set up in all districts.
- 15 Health Emergency Operation Centers and 2 mobile hospitals will be set up as well.

- Students with limited access to digital learning lag behind their affluent peers,
- Covid's impact on household earnings in rural India, has forced students to drop out as well.







Direct Tax Rates

Taxation

[Individuals]

- No change in individual tax rates. No Covid cess!
- Both regimes to continue, with the 'new regime' offering lower tax rate in exchange for limited exemptions.
- Exemption from filing returns to Sr. Citizens 75y+ who earn only pension and interest.

Tax Slabs	With exemptions	Without exemptions	Change %
Upto Rs. 250,000	0%	0%	No change
Rs. 2.5 - 5 lakhs^	5%	5%	No change
Rs. 5 - 7.5 lakhs	20%	10%	-10%
Rs. 7.5 - 10 lakhs	20%	15%	-5%
Rs. 10 - 12.5 lakhs	30%	20%	-10%
Rs. 12.5 - 15 lakhs	30%	25%	-5%
Rs. 15 lakhs+	30%	30%	No change

Rate of surcharge (10% - 37%) and cess (4%) remains unchanged

^ Rebate u/s 87A shall continue,

^^ Benefit u/s 44AD & 44ADA can still be availed.

[Firms & Corporates]

- No change in firm taxation, rates remain 30%. Profit share exempt from tax.
- No change in corporate tax rates, following options available.

Options currently available to Domestic Companies	% normal tax	% MAT
Those opting for 115BAA - new manufacturing	17.16%	NIL
Those opting for 115BAB - other than manufacturing	25.17%	NIL
Turnover upto Rs. 400 Crores*	25%	15%
Turnover above Rs. 400 Crores*	30%	15%

 * Rate of surcharge (7% - 12%) and cess (4%) as applicable.

** Mandatory surcharge of 10% u/s 115BAA & 115BAB





Tax proposals

[ULIPs & PF]

- Monetary limit of Rs. 250,000 introduced on aggregate annual ULIP premium; replaces existing 10% cap for these cases
- For ULIPs issues from 1 Feb, where annual premium is more than Rs. 250,000,
 - no exemption on maturity uS 10,
 - ULIP will be treated as capital asset and subjected to gains tax.

- Interest on PF contributions in excess of Rs. 250,000 per annum would now be taxable.
- · How PF is presently taxed
 - Employer contribution in excess of Rs. 750,000 taxed (Budget 2020),
 - Interest on such contribution, taxed
 - Interest on employee contribution in excess of Rs. 250,000, now taxed

Whatever contribution you are making to Provident Fund, whatever is in excess of ₹2.5 lakh, that will be in a separate basket and interest on that particular corpus will be taxable.

But it will work exactly in the same manner as the way interest income on fixed deposits is taxed today,



Kamlesh Varshney Joint Secretary, CBDT

[Depositing Employee Contributions]

- Due date of contributions to employee welfare funds, like PF, and ESI shall be that prescribed under respective laws,
- Extended time limit uS 43B no longer available.
- Amendment is a 'clarification' and deems that extension uS 43B was never available!



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Tax proposals

[Taxpayer incentives]

- Pre-filled income tax returns to now include dividend, interest and capital gains from listed securities
- Faceless assessments extended to ITAT proceedings
- Dispute Resolution Committee being set up for small taxpayers (income < Rs. 50L)

[Changes in capital gains tax]

- Firms would be subject to capital gains if partner's account on reconstitution is settled at value higher than that appearing on books
 - any increase in capital balance on account of self-generated goodwill, revaluation of assets shall be ignored

- Time limit for reopening cases reduced from 6 to 3 years
- Time limit for completion of assessment reduced by 3 months
- Time limit to file belated return reduced by 3 months, now stands at 31 Dec.

"Honourable Speaker, it has been the resolve of this Government to reduce litigation, which mars the present taxation system



Nirmala Sitaraman Finance Minister

 Exemption u/s 54GB, investment into startup on sale of residential house / land extended by 1 year





Tax proposals

[Withholding tax]

- New Section 194Q introduced
- Any Buyer* who purchases goods of value more than Rs. 50 lakhs, shall deduct tax at 0.1% of the amount in excess of Rs. 50 lakhs
- Buyer would mean a person whose turnover in previous year exceeds Rs. 10 Cr.

[Equalisation levy]

- Scope of EL enhanced to cover more activities, including
 - Acceptance of offer of sale
 - Facilitating payment of consideration etc.
- Clarification issued: Levy (2%) shall apply to the full value of transaction.

- No TDS under 194Q, if tax is deducted under any other section.
- If the transaction is subjected to both TCS uS 206C(1H) and TDS uS 194Q, it is sufficient if TDS alone is deducted by the Buyer.

Seller turnover	Buyer turnover	Transaction value	Buyer TDS 194Q	Seller TCS 206C
Rs. 10Cr+	< Rs. 10Cr.	Rs. 75L	No	Yes
Rs. 10Cr+	< Rs. 10Cr.	Rs. 45L	No	No
< Rs. 10Cr.	Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 75L	Yes	No
< Rs. 10Cr.	Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 45L	No	No
Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 75L	Yes	No
Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 10Cr+	Rs. 45L	No	No

- Clarification issued: Transactions regarded as Royalty and FTS shall not be hit by EL.
- The fact that clarification has come is good but some of clarification is negative... basically all sale of goods, services by foreign entities will be taxed as #EL



Ashish Aggarwal NASSCOM





[M&A - Goodwill]

- No depreciation shall be allowed on goodwill, even if it is purchased goodwill,
- Cost of acquisition shall include such purchase goodwill. If depreciation has been claimed upto 31 Mar 2021, cost of acquisition shall be adjusted accordingly.

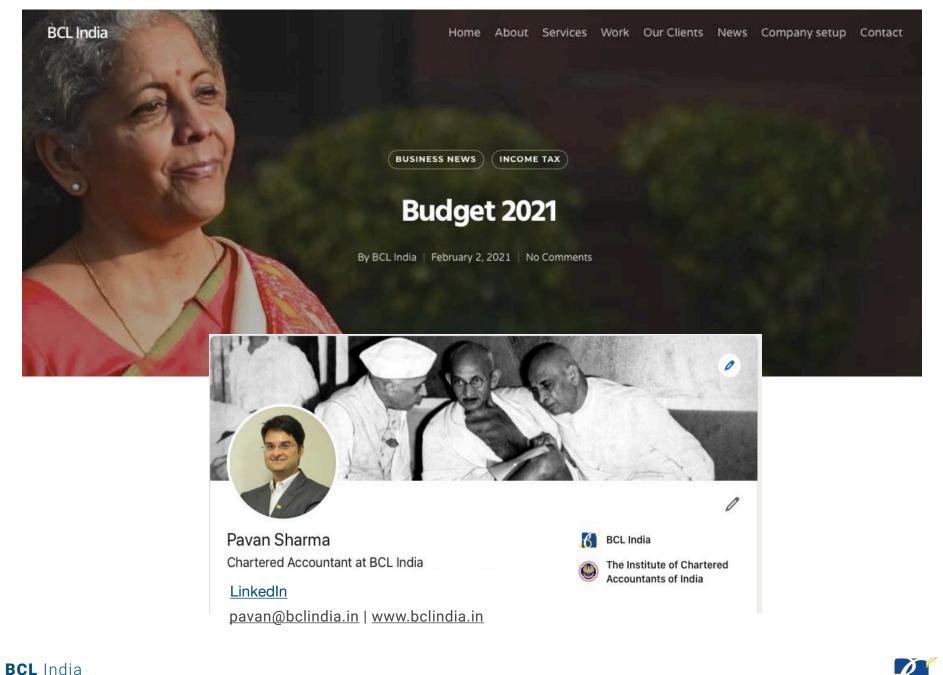
[Procedural]

- Tax audit limit enhanced to Rs. 10 Cr, provided <5% of transaction value is through cash
- GST audit proposed to be withdrawn from 2020-21
- LLPs shall no longer be eligible for presumptive tax uS 44ADA
- TDS / TCS at higher rates for non-filers, w.e.f. 1 Jul 21

[Other proposals]

- Advance tax estimation in the case of Dividend is difficult unless declared / paid. This difficulty has been recognised; relevant provisions have been relaxed,
- LTC concession scheme available only till 31 Mar 2021,
 - concession equal to 1/3rd spending or Rs. 36,000 w.e.l
 - spending should be goods
 / services attracting GST
 rate of 12%+
 - payment for such goods / services should not be in cash





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