



Maharashtra Budget 2025

Why in News?

The Maharashtra Finance Minister presented the **Rs 7-lakh-crore budget for 2025-26** in the Assembly, **emphasizing industrial growth, infrastructure development, and job creation.**

Key Points

- **Budget Outlay and GSDP Share:**
 - The total budget outlay constitutes 14.17% of the estimated **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** of Rs 49.4 lakh crore.
 - This is lower than the 14.8% of GSDP allocated in the 2024-25 Revised Estimates, making this budget smaller than the previous one.
- **Fiscal Deficit Reduction:**
 - The government has **lowered the fiscal deficit to 2.7% of GSDP**, down from 2.9% in the 2024-25 Revised Estimates, by budgeting lower spending.
- **Industrial Policy and Job Creation:**
 - The Finance Minister announced plans to introduce an **industrial policy for 2025**.
 - The policy aims to attract Rs 40 lakh crore in investments and generate 50 lakh jobs over the next five years.
- **Decline in Capital Expenditure:**
 - Capital expenditure is projected to fall by 14.5% in 2025-26, from Rs 1,09,031.5 crore in the current fiscal to Rs 93,165.5 crore.
 - Its share in the total budget outlay has been reduced to 13.3%.
- **Ladki Bahin Yojana Allocation:**
 - The scheme has been allocated Rs 36,000 crore, which is 21% lower than the current fiscal's allocation.
- **Government's Five-Point Agenda:**
 - The State Chief Minister stated that the budget is based on **five key focus areas:**
 - Agriculture
 - Industry
 - Infrastructure
 - Employment
 - Social Welfare

Ladki Bahin Yojana

- The scheme aims to **rehabilitate, economically develop, and empower women** aged 21 to 65 years by disbursing Rs 1,500 per month.
- Up to December 2024, the total disbursement under the scheme amounted to Rs 17,505.90 crore.

