



Key Features of Budget 2023-2024

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
BUDGET DIVISION



India's Best Performing and Most Customer Centric PMS

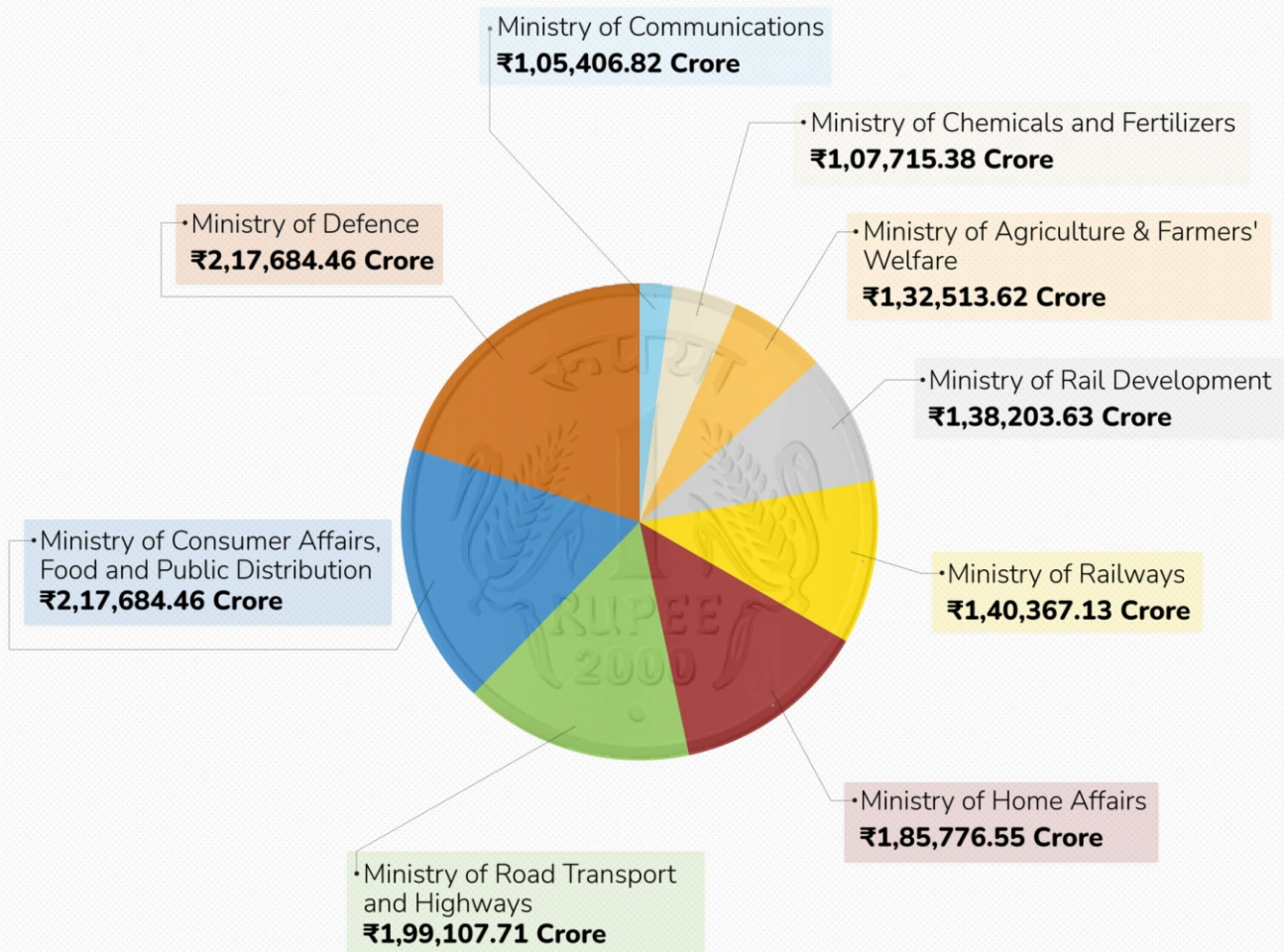
Vision For Amritkal

Opportunities for citizens with focus on youth

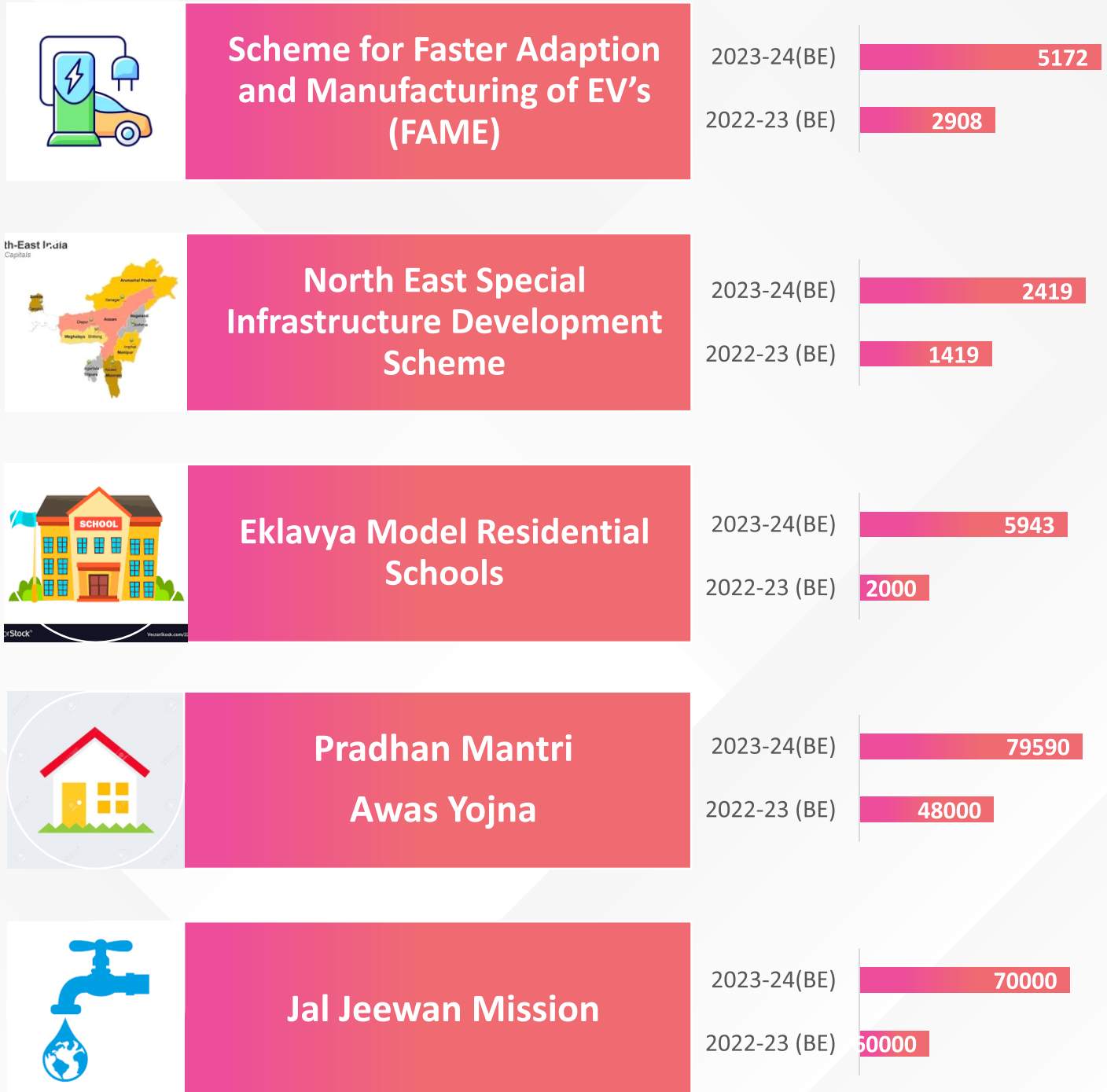
Growth and job creation

Strong and stable macro economic environment

Ministry wise budget allocation



Allocation To Major Schemes



Salaried



- 1) As opposed to the current limit of Rs 5 lakhs, taxpayers earning up to Rs 7 lakhs will not be required to pay taxes.
- 2) Surcharge on annual income above 5 crores reduced from 37% to 25%.
- 3) Each salaried person with an income of Rs 15.5 lakhs or more to benefit by Rs 52,500.

Students



- 1) 38,800 teachers and staff to be recruited for 740 schools serving 3.5 lakh tribal students.
- 2) Three centers for Artificial Intelligence will be set-up in top educational institutions.
- 4) 157 nursing colleges to be set-up in co-location with the existing 157 medical colleges.
- 3) A National Digital Library for children and adolescents will be set-up for facilitating availability of quality books across geographies, languages, genres and levels.

Senior Citizens



- 1) The maximum deposit limit for Senior Citizen Savings Scheme will be enhanced from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 30 lakh.

Women



- 1) Mahila Samman Savings Certificate introduced, allows savings up to 2 lakh for 2 years at 7.5%.
- 2) Rural women mobilized into 81 lakh self-help groups; government to provide raw materials and marketing for products.

Jobs



- 1) Push in tourism sector and green growth efforts will provide large-scale green job opportunities.
- 2) Investments in Infrastructure and productive capacity will have a multiplier effect on jobs.
- 3) 100 labs for developing apps using 5G services to be set up in engineering institutions to realize employment potential.

Farmers



- 1) A improved fertilizer access programme called PM Pranam will be made available to farmers and Agriculture Accelerator Fund will be established to provide farmers with accessible answers to their problems.
- 2) Setting up of Decentralized Storage Space for farmers to store their agriculture produce.
- 3) 10,000 bio input resource centers and a network for distributing micro fertilizer and pesticide production would be established to help 1cr farmers for natural farming.

**Professional/
Business**



- 1) The time period for IT advantages to startups has been extended by one more year.
- 2) DigiLocker will be established for safely storing and exchanging documents online.
- 3) 3,400 law provisions and 39000 compliances decriminalized for ease of doing business.
- 4) In cases of failure by MSMEs to execute contract during COVID period, 95% of forfeited amount relating to bid or performance security to be returned by government.

Auto



- 1) The government has allocated money to replace government vehicles as part of its focus on green and clean mobility.
- 2) The import of capital goods and equipment necessary for the production of lithium-ion cells for batteries used in electric cars is now free from customs duties.

Infrastructure



- 1) Infrastructure capex increased 33% to Rs 10 lakh crore.
- 2) To allocate Rs 15000 crore over three years under Schedule Tribe Mission for safe housing and road infrastructure development.
- 3) To prioritise 100 transport infrastructure projects for last and first mile connectivity with Rs 75,000 crore (Rs 15,000 crore from private sources).
- 4) Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) will be established through use of priority sector lending shortfall.

Railway



- 1) The newly established Infrastructure Finance Secretariat will assist stakeholders for more private investment in railways.
- 2) Capital outlay of Rs 2.4 lakh crore provided for the Railways.

Energy



- 1) Priority capital investment for energy transformation and net zero goals is ₹35,000 cr.
- 2) The Rs 20,700 crore inter-state transmission link would evacuate and integrate 13 GW of renewable energy from Ladakh.
- 3) Renewable energy, biomass, and energy transformation receive Rs 19,700 crore.
- 4) Support the Ethanol Blending Programme and renewable energy by exempting basic customs charge on denatured ethyl alcohol.

Health



- 1) Insurance will benefit greatly from open-source digital public infrastructure.
- 2) 100 5G laboratories will create health applications.
- 3) Launching mission to eradicate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047.
- 4) A pharmaceutical research and innovation programme will be launched.
- 5) To secure medical device personnel, institutions will support multidisciplinary courses.

Defence



- 1) With the allocation of Rs 5.94 lakh crore, the defence services' budget for 2023–24 increased by around 13% presently.
- 2) The modernization budget, which will be utilised to buy equipment and weapon systems from Indian companies, has also been increased to Rs 1.62 lakh crore.
- 3) The Forces' pension budget has increased to Rs 1.38 lakh crore.

Retail/FMCG



- 1) The development of major producer firms, women's economic empowerment, and a focus on the expansion of handicrafts in rural areas would all support economic growth, promote rural consumption, and be advantageous for consumer goods companies.

Manufacturing



- 1) The budget's proposed indirect taxes are intended to promote domestic production.
- 2) Customs duties on TV components are decreased to increase production & lower costs.
- 3) To promote domestic manufacture, the general customs tax on electric kitchen chimneys has been increased to 15%.
- 4) Raw materials for CRGO steel, ferrous scrap, and nickel cathode continue to be exempt from basic customs duty.

Real estate



- 1) States and communities are urged to implement urban planning changes and other measures to make their cities "sustainable cities of tomorrow."
- 2) "Cities will be incentivized to increase their creditworthiness for municipal bonds through property tax governance improvements."

Telecom



- 1) Mission launched to provide PGTVs with facilities, including telecom connectivity.
- 2) New tariff lines are also proposed to be created, which will help in better identification of products, including telecom products.
- 3) Relief from customs duties will lower the cost of phones, raising demand and strengthening the telecom industry eventually boosting the phone production.

Hospitality



- 1) The mission mode approach to tourist promotion will be used, together with state engagement, the fusion of government initiatives, and PPP.
- 2) A scheme that will be implemented over the next three years to encourage optimal use of wetlands, focusing on eco-tourism opportunities.
- 3) Infrastructure and services for tourism will also be made available in border villages under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

Unleashing Potential Trust Based Governance

Measures	Expected Outcomes
Make AI in India: Three specialized AI centres to be setup in educational institutes.	AI based solution in agriculture, health and sustainable cities.
National Data Governance Policy to be introduced	Enable access to anonymized data for research by startups and academia
Vivad se Vishwas I: Less stringent contract execution for MSMEs	Relief to MSME's affected during the Covid period
Vivad se Vishwas II: Easier and standardized settlement scheme	Faster settlement of contractual disputes of government and government undertaking.
Phase 3 of E-Courts to be launched	Effective administration of Justice.
Entity Digi Locker to be setup for the use of business enterprise and charitable trusts	Facilitating secure online storing and sharing of documents with business ecosystem.
Setting up 100 labs for 5G services based on application development	To tap employment potential and business opportunities.
R&D grant for Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD) sectors	To report import dependency by encouraging domestic production

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