

Union Budget 2026: Education sector's expectations from this year's budget

Education Budget 2026-27 Expectations: The Union Budget 2026-27 is set to be tabled on February 1, 2026. Check budget expectations from education sector.

New Delhi: The experts in education sector expect the budget to focus on skill-based education, blended learning ecosystem, AI-based learning, future-ready skills, STEM learning, application-based learning from an early stage. The Union Budget 2026-27 is set to be tabled on February 1, 2026.

Prasad D Khandekar, Chief Academic Officer, MIT WPU Pune- "In the view of the higher education, Budget 2026 needs to consider funding technologically to sustain and focus on affordable quality education. The important commitments must consist of competitive access to research and innovation investments, promotion of digital transformation, and outcome-contingent assistance to accreditation, faculty development, and multidisciplinary NEP-relevant reforms.

On the policy level, the Budget must allow scholarships and interest subsidies to the students, tax incentives on industry-financed research and infrastructure, and organized PPP models on centers of excellence and hubs of skills. All this will enhance employability, research, and global competitiveness as self-financed universities will be able to play an active role in realising the future of Vikasit Bharat."

Niru Agarwal, Managing Trustee, Greenwood High International School- "As the education sector stands at a defining moment, we have immense hopes for significant budgetary allocations in the upcoming union budget. While recent policy reforms have laid a strong foundation, the budget must now focus on translating this vision into measurable outcomes by prioritising increased access to education, upskilling and building technological