

Government of India
Ministry of Education

Yuva Shakti Driven Budget 2026-27

The Union Budget 2026-27 is for creating human capital for Viksit Bharat. It primarily focuses on augmenting skills for Yuva Shakti via multiple announcements highlighting on education, skilling and providing livelihood opportunities for the youth.

The Ministry of Education has got an increased allocation of Rs.139289.48 crores in the Union Budget 2026-27 which is an increase of 8.27 percent over 2025-26. The Department of School Education & Literacy received an allocation of Rs. 83562.26 crores, an increase of 6.35 percent and the Department of Higher Education received an allocation of Rs. 55727.22 crores, an increase of 11.28 percent as compared to 2025-26 (Table-1).

Table-1 Union Budget Allocation

Rs.in Crores

Departments	Ministry of Education		
	2025-26 (BE)	2026-27(BE)	% increase
DoSEL	78572.10	83562.26	6.35
DHE	50077.95	55727.22	11.28
Total	128650.05	139289.48	8.27

Source: Union Budget Documents 2026-27

The second Kartavya, announced by the Hon. Union Finance Minister, focuses on the service sector to laid down the pathway for fulfilling the aspirations of a youthful India. Salient announcements for Yuva Shakti are as follows:

- A High-Powered 'Education to Employment and Enterprise' Standing Committee has been proposed to recommend measures that focus on the services sector, which is the core driver of the Viksit Bharat. The Committee will look into the impact of emerging technologies, including AI, on jobs and skill requirements.
- Setting up of Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Content creator labs in 15000 secondary schools and 500 colleges calls for skilled personnel in the area of animation, visual effects, gaming and comics to operate these labs.
- Setting up of 5 University townships which will host multiple Universities, colleges, research institutions, skill centres and residential complexes in the vicinity of industrial and logistics corridors will have the backward linkages of setting up of composite schools from pre-primary upto secondary.

- A National Institute of Design to boost design education and development in the eastern region of India.
- To promote scientific culture via STEM education, one girls' hostel to be established in every district and for promoting high-end experiential scientific learning, 4 Telescope infrastructure facilities to be set up/ upgraded to promote Astrophysics and Astronomy.
- A Pilot scheme to upskill 10000 guides in 20 iconic tourist sites through a 12-week training course module in collaboration through Indian Institute of Management (IIMs).
- One lakh Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in 10 selected disciplines which include among others optometry, radiology, anesthesia, OT Technology, Applied Psychology and Behavioural Health.
- Care ecosystem covering geriatric and allied care services to be built, for which multiskilled caregivers to be trained combining core care and allied skills such as wellness, yoga and operation of medical and assistive devices.
- Under Medical Tourism 5 Regional Medical Hubs to be established - that will include AYUSH, Medical value tourism facilitation centres, infrastructure for diagnostics, post-care and rehabilitation.
- 3 new All India Institutes of Ayurveda to be set up including upgrading AYUSH Pharmacies, Drug testing labs for higher standards of certification ecosystem and make available more skilled personnel. .
- Establishment of veterinary and Para-Vet colleges, veterinary hospitals, diagnostic laboratories and breeding facilities in the private sector including through foreign collaborations.
- Launch of Khelo India Mission to facilitate integrated talent development supported by training centres, systemic development of coaches, support staff, integration of sports science & technology, competitions and leagues to promote sports culture and development of sports infrastructure for training and competition.
- Launch of Divyangjan Kaushal Yojana to facilitate employment of divyangjans in the field of IT, AVGC, Hospitality, food and beverages sectors require skilling of divyangjans in these areas. Further, under the 'Divyang Sahara Yojana' high quality assistive devices will be provided for all eligible Divyangjans by scaling up production of assistive devices, research and AI integration through
- the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO). Strengthening PM Divyasha Kendras and support setting up of Assistive Technology Marts as modern retail-style centres where Divyangjans can see, try and purchase assistive products.
- Mental stress and trauma is a growing cause of concern among our youth. The budget announces setting up of NIMHANS institutes in the northern part of India and upgrade the existing National Mental Health Institutes in Ranchi and Tezpur and regional apex institutes.
