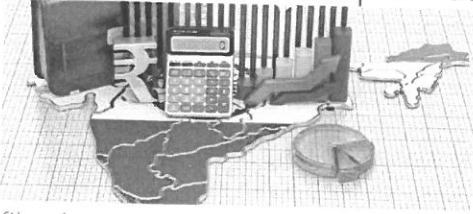


Budget 2019: FM outlines 10 point vision for India 2030

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Presenting the interim Budget, stand-in Finance Minister Piyush Goel on Friday laid out the government's 10 point vision to be achieved by 2030.

"We are poised to become a \$5 trillion economy in the next five years and aspire to become a \$10 trillion economy in the next eight years thereafter," Goel said in his speech.

Infrastructure push

"The first dimension of this vision will be to build physical as well as social infrastructure for a \$10 trillion economy and to provide ease of living. It will comprise of next generation infrastructure of roads, railways, seaports, airports, urban transport, gas and electric transmission and inland waterways," he said.

On the social infrastructure side, he said that every family will have a roof on its head and will live in a healthy, clean and wholesome environment. "We will also build a quality, science-oriented educational system with Institutes of Excellence providing leadership at the top," he said.

The second dimension of the vision is to create a 'Digital India' reaching every sector of the economy, every corner of the country and impacting the life of all Indians.

The digital infrastructure and digital economy of 2030 will be built upon the successes achieved in recent years in digitisation of government processes and private transactions.

The third dimension of the Vision will be to make India a pollution free nation with green and blue skies. To do that, India will drive on electric vehicles with renewables becoming a major source of energy supply. "India will lead the world in the transport revolution through electric vehicles and energy storage devices, bringing down import-dependence and ensuring energy security for our people," Goel said.

Powering development

"Fourth dimension of the Vision is 'Make in India' approach to develop grass-roots level clusters, structures and mechanisms encompassing the MSMEs, village industries and start-ups spread in every nook and corner of the country," the interim FM said.

"India is now on the way to becoming a global manufacturing hub in various sectors including automobiles and electronics, defence and medical devices," he said.

The fifth dimension is clean rivers, with safe drinking water to all Indians, sustaining and nourishing life and efficient use of water in irrigation using micro-irrigation techniques.

India's long coastline has the potential of becoming the strength of the economy, particularly through exploitation of the 'blue economy', to ensure better standards and quality of life for a large number of people living in the coastal areas. "Our coastline and our ocean waters powering India's development and growth is the sixth dimension of our Vision," he said.

The seventh dimension of the Vision aims at the outer skies with space programme like Gaganyaan, placing an Indian astronaut into space by 2022.

Quest for self-sufficiency

Making India self-sufficient in food, exporting to the world to meet their food needs and producing food in the most organic way is the eighth dimension of the vision. For that the government will focus on an integrated approach towards agro and food processing, preservation, packaging and maintenance of the cold chain.

"A healthy India is the ninth dimension of our Vision. We will be aiming at healthy society with an environment of health assurance and the support of necessary health infrastructure...by 2030, we will work towards a distress free health care and a functional and comprehensive wellness system for all," Goel added.

Finally, the tenth dimension of the vision will be to have a proactive and responsible bureaucracy which will be viewed as friendly to people by 2030.