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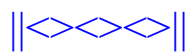
- Budget Session of Parliament begins with President's Address to joint sitting of both Houses
- President Droupadi Murmu reaffirms commitment to balanced development, focuses on Northeastern states
- Budget session to infuse new energy in attaining Viksit Bharat by 2047, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- And, India's GDP growth projected at 6.4 percent for financial year 2025



President Droupadi Murmu has said that amidst global instability, India is setting an example to the world by emerging as a pillar of economic, social and political stability. The President said this while addressing the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha in the Parliament House today. She expressed confidence that the future generations of the country will definitely witness a developed, strong, capable and prosperous India by 2047. The President said that her government is working with unprecedented pace for the development of the country

and to ensure welfare of the people with a vision of Reform, Perform and Transform.

Highlighting steps taken for building a robust infrastructure in the country, President Murmu said, the country is moving forward from Make in India to Make for the World which is creating employment opportunities. She said, the government is connecting 25 thousand habitations under the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. She said, it is also working to develop a modern and self-reliant agricultural system with the focus on doubling farmers' income and giving appropriate rates to farm produce. She said, the government has started 'Mission Mausam' to make the country weather-ready and climate-smart. She added, it has taken historic steps to protect the country's borders and ensure internal security. The President said the government has also made swift progress on critical issues like One Nation-One Election.



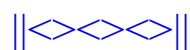
President Droupadi Murmu today reiterated the government's commitment that no region of the country should feel left behind in the nation's journey towards progress. In her address to the joint seating of the Parliament, the President said, significant measures of India's vision of 'Viksit Bharat' lies in ensuring balanced development across all regions of the country, including the Northeastern states. She highlighted that the government is conscious of the aspirations of the people in the North East, and has worked tirelessly to eliminate the sense of alienation long felt by the region.

Underscoring the government's focus on fostering harmony and stability in the region, the President said, more than 10 peace agreements, several factions have been brought onto the path of peace. President Murmu also outlined the launch of a comprehensive development plan for the North Eastern states, “Purvodaya,” aimed at accelerating growth and creating new employment opportunities.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that the Budget session of Parliament will infuse new confidence and energy in attaining the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Addressing media ahead of the start of the Parliament Budget Session, Mr Modi said, in 2047, when India will complete 100 years of Independence, the country will fulfill its resolve of Viksit Bharat.

The Prime Minister said, as always, this session will have many historic days, and with extensive brainstorming, laws will be made that will work to strengthen the nation. He said, to re-establish the pride of Nari Shakti many important decisions will be taken in this session. Speaking on the mantra of reform, perform and transform, Mr Modi said, when the pace of development has to be achieved, the maximum emphasis should be on reform, the state and central government have to perform together and the country can see transformation through public participation.



India's real GDP is estimated to grow by 6.4 percent in the financial year 2025, and the growth is likely to range between 6.3 and 6.8 percent in the financial year 2026. This was projected in the Economic Survey

presented by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in both Houses of Parliament today. The Economic Survey highlights that the fundamentals of the domestic economy remain robust, with calibrated fiscal consolidation and stable private consumption. It mentioned that the country has displayed steady economic growth supported by the agriculture and services sector. The survey highlights that the manufacturing sector faced pressures due to weak global demand and domestic seasonal conditions. It stressed on improving the country's global competitiveness through grassroots-level structural reforms and deregulation to reinforce its medium-term growth potential.

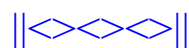


Chief Economic Advisor Dr. V. Ananth Nageswaran has said that agriculture is the sector of the future, as there is enough scope to raise the contribution of agriculture by 0.75 percent to one percent in terms of GDP growth. He was briefing the media in New Delhi after the tabling of the Economic Survey in Parliament.

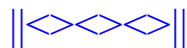
Mr. Nageswaran said the area under micro-irrigation has increased threefold.



With the Union budget set to be presented tomorrow by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, all eyes are on growth, job creation, and relief for the common man. People in Nagaland are hoping for measures to reduce unemployment and ease the cost of essential items for the public. A educationist shared her perspective:



National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Wokha District and Community Health Centre, Bhandari conducted a TB screening camp today, under the nationwide 100-day Stop-TB Campaign. Emphasizing the importance of early screening and detection, Senior Treatment Supervisor, Wokha Renben Tsanglao, highlighted measures implemented by the government towards total elimination of the disease.



And in weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast dense fog conditions very likely to continue during night and early morning hours in isolated pockets of Nagaland and the North eastern states till Sunday.

