

Budget 2026 Expectations Live Updates: Insurance sector seeks tax clarity and composite licensing push

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Budget 2026 Expectations Live Updates: With 12 days to go before Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman rises in Parliament on February 1, policymakers, businesses and investors are watching closely for signals on growth priorities, fiscal discipline and reform momentum. Follow along for expectations from industry leaders, policy cues, and more.



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to present the Budget on February 1, marking her record ninth consecutive Budget, the longest streak by any finance minister. All eyes are in announcements on allocations across sectors for the new fiscal year, income tax policy, and relevant measures to diversify foreign export.

Domestically, leaders across industries are seeking GST rationalisation and policy support while the working professional will have their ears peeled for any tax relief.

As far as the market is concerned, investment firms and asset managers have sought tax relief on long-term capital gains and urged govt to avoid transaction tax hikes.

Announcements made in the Budget speech on February 1 will signal where the government's priorities lies in the new fiscal year (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027) as well as impact individuals and businesses alike.



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Budget 2026 Expectations Live Updates: Calls grow for green lending

Lending institutions are pushing for policy measures to accelerate “green lending” at scale, arguing that finance will be key to meeting India’s climate goals.

Industry players suggest creating a dedicated green finance institution to offer credit guarantees, concessional funding and securitisation support, which could help lower risk and borrowing costs.

Ecofy co-founder and COO Govind Sankaranarayanan said, “Alongside targeted incentives for electric mobility, rooftop solar, and industrial decarbonisation, such measures can expand the green credit pipeline and help India remain aligned with its 2030 climate commitments.”