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Budget 2025 Expectations, Education Sector: Will Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget 2025 put a special focus on higher education this year? Here are the expectations from academicians, experts in education sector

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BUDGET 2025 Expectations

Check budget expectations 2025 in higher education. (Image: iStock/ ET Now Digital)

Budget 2025 Expectations, Education Sector: The Union Budget 2025-26 is set to be tabled on February 1, 2025. Last year, the government put a special focus on higher education in the union budget, the budget allocation witnessed a 7.99 per cent increase from the previous year at Rs 47,620 crore. Emphasis was given on Central Universities and NITs, the budget for central universities increased by 29 per cent, NITs and IIST by 5 per cent. Apart from rise in allocation to support higher education, the union budget includes several new initiatives like education loans, revised model skill loan scheme and youth internship initiative.

Will Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget 2025 put a special focus on higher education this year? Here are the expectations from academicians, experts in education sector-

PR Sodani, President, IIHMR University - "Anticipating the Indian government's financial blueprint, the expectations hinge on recalibrating priorities, and aligning with global standards to stimulate a robust health management education system. The mushrooming demand for skill-based education, digital learning capabilities, micro credentialing, and global partnerships require dedicated funds and training for transformation in higher education sector. As a leading institute in health management education in the country, we believe injecting renewed commitment towards health management education through collaboration between industry, academia, and start-ups will drive digital innovation, leading better health outcomes. Launch of digital health incentive plan will empower adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), add to data security, execute electronic health record systems, and upskill technical resources. Dedicated fund to position India as a leader in high-quality health management education with targeted investments in critical and holistic health services is another expectation."

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