

## Interim Budget 2024 Unveiled: Key Highlights

In adherence to the customary practice during election years, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman revealed the interim budget 2024 on February 01, 2024. The budget, featuring a substantial expenditure of Rs 45,03,097 crore, strategically allocates the highest funds to pivotal sectors: defence, road transport and highways, railways, health and family welfare, and Jal Shakti.

Despite maintaining the status quo on income tax rates, the finance minister introduced substantial adjustments in direct taxes within the interim budget for 2024. The budget reflects a strategic move involving the withdrawal of income tax demands up to 25,000 for the period till 2009-10 and 10,000 from 2010-11 to 2014-15. This measure is anticipated to benefit approximately 1.1 crore taxpayers.

A fascinating Assessment Year 2021–22 insight reveals that 97% of taxpayers contributed up to Rs 10 lakh in income tax, constituting 52.4% of the total taxes paid. In contrast, a smaller cohort of 3% of taxpayers, with payments exceeding Rs 10 lakh, remarkably accounted for 47.6% of the total tax collected.

Over the past decade, tax collection has seen a commendable four-fold increase. Commencing at Rs 1.1 lakh crore in the fiscal year 2012–13, the figure rose to an impressive Rs 4.3 lakh crore by the fiscal year 2021–22. This substantial surge underscores a robust economic trajectory and reflects the evolving financial landscape that characterized this transformative period.

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