

Modi 3.0 budget to eye job creation by expanding PLI scheme, focus on MSMEs

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New Delhi: Steps to boost jobs by expanding the Production Linked Incentive scheme to furniture, toys, footwear and more segments of textiles, along with a focus on MSMEs, while increasing income levels of women and boosting infrastructure are expected to be among the key thrust areas of the Modi govt's first Budget in its third term with several of the issues also being part of govt's 100-day agenda that will feed into the targets for 2030.

Besides, Nirmala Sitharaman-led finance ministry is looking at sops for the middle class, which may not necessarily be limited to options around tax concessions but may extend to interest rate subsidies for housing loans and other measures.

MIDDLE CLASS SOPS?

- FM looks at sops for the middle class, which may not be limited to tax concessions but may **extend to interest rate subsidies for home loans**
- Multiple suggestions to **raise income levels for women**
- In case of infrastructure, govt is keen to **continue with the thrust on public spending**