

Govt's focus will be on infrastructure, employment opportunities

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Like previous years, the budget might primarily focus on infrastructure with provisions for new link expressways to connect various existing expressways and expansion of the Metro network either to other cities or in cities where it already exists.

Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has focused on women, youth, poor and farmers, the UP budget might also see a focus on these sectors. With a growing number of youth population in the



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state, the UP govt's focus would be to provide employment opportunities.

Since providing jobs is an uphill task, the govt might increase its focus on promoting start-ups and entrepreneurs, Tyagi said, adding that the UP govt should increase capital expenditure to create durable assets and thus reduce the burden of revenue expenditure which obviously is also necessary to run the govt.

Explaining capital expenditure, Tyagi said it is an expenditure on for example constructing buildings and other infrastructure which

are for a long period of time and continue to generate revenue for the govt on a recurring basis, while revenue expenditure is expenditure on salaries and similar other segments.

Sources mentioned that the main revenue generation for the state govt was GST and VAT collection. The estimated collection from GST/VAT for the current fiscal stood at around Rs 1.56 lakh crore. However, the collection so far has been around 73% of the target. With the increase in the total budget outlay in the coming fiscal, the estimated

GST and VAT collection is also likely to go up.

Also, against the estimate of Rs 27.5 lakh crore, the state's GDP is likely to reach the Rs 30 lakh crore, sources said, adding that this will further boost the economy and help the state move towards a one-trillion-dollar economy. Similarly, with Rs 10 lakh crore investment intent already materialising, the state is further ready with investment intent worth Rs 7 lakh crore. All this will add to the state's GDP and further strengthen the state's economic condition.