

India's Gender Budget Statement — Two Decades of Gender-Responsive Budgeting Across the Union Government

Gender Equality · Good practice · India

Quality score: 56/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since FY2005-06, India's Union Budget has published a Gender Budget Statement classifying spending by share benefiting women. It reached 8.86% of the budget in FY2025-26, though independent analysis finds allocations concentrated in few schemes and unevenly spent.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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