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Impact of Union Budget Announcements on BSE Sensex & NSE Nifty 50 Performance

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Abstract

The Union Budget plays a critical role in shaping the economic landscape of a country, directly influencing various sectors and the stock market. This study investigates the impact of Union Budget announcements on the daily performance of BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50 over the past decade. It aims to identify key budgetary decisions that significantly affected market trends and investor sentiment, focusing on both short-term and medium-term market reactions. By analyzing the stock market response to specific fiscal policies, the study assesses how sectoral performance in India was influenced by the provisions outlined in the Union Budget. The findings of this research will offer insights into the correlation between fiscal policy decisions and stock market movements, contributing to a better understanding of how budget announcements shape investor behavior and market dynamics.

Keywords: Union Budget, BSE Sensex, NSE Nifty 50, Stock Market Performance, Market Trends, Investor Sentiment, Fiscal Policy, Sectoral Performance, Budget Announcements, Short-term and Medium-term Effects.

INTRODUCTION:

The Union Budget of India is one of the most significant annual events in the country's financial and economic calendar. Presented by the Finance Minister, it outlines the government's economic policies, fiscal measures, and key reforms for the upcoming year. These announcements have far-reaching implications, not only for the country's economy but also for the stock market, where investor sentiment and market performance can be highly sensitive to the fiscal measures proposed.

The Indian stock market, represented by major indices such as BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50, reacts to budgetary provisions that directly impact economic growth, taxation, business regulations, and industry-specific policies. Historical data has shown that budget announcements can lead to significant fluctuations in stock market indices, both in the short-term and over a longer period. Understanding the nature of these fluctuations and their underlying causes is crucial for investors, policymakers, and analysts.

Over the past decade, the Union Budget has witnessed several key decisions that have had varying degrees of impact on the performance of these indices. While some announcements have resulted in immediate market rallies, others have triggered declines, reflecting the market's anticipation, fears, or optimism surrounding the economic implications. These responses often depend on the specific sectors or policies being targeted by the Budget.

This study seeks to examine how the Union Budget announcements from 2015 to 2024 have influenced the performance of BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50, by analyzing market trends and investor sentiment. The research will also identify key decisions from these budgets that have had a direct or indirect effect on the Indian stock market. By focusing on both the short-term (post-budget reaction) and medium-term (subsequent market trends), the study aims to offer insights into the broader economic impact of fiscal policy on the stock market and investor behavior.

Understanding these dynamics will not only contribute to academic literature but also provide practical insights for investors and policymakers to navigate budgetary announcements with a more informed perspective, especially considering the ongoing changes in India's economic and policy landscape.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

- i. To analyze the impact of Union Budget announcements on the daily performance of BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50.
- ii. To identify key budgetary decisions that significantly influenced market trends and investor sentiment over the past decade.
- iii. To examine the short-term and medium-term effects of budgetary policies on stock market performance in India.
- iv. To assess sectoral performance in the Indian stock market in response to specific Union Budget provisions.

DISCUSSION:

i. The impact of Union Budget announcements on performance of BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50.

Year	Budget Day Performance (BSE Sensex)	Budget Day Performance (NSE Nifty 50)	Post-Budget Performance (1-2 Days) (BSE Sensex)	Post-Budget Performance (1-2 Days) (NSE Nifty 50)	Key Factors
2024	Down by 300 points (~1%)	Down by 100 points (~0.8%)	Positive response, up by 500 points (~1.5%)	Positive, up by 150 points (~1%)	Tax, Green Energy, Infrastructure
2023	Up by 600 points (~2%)	Up by 180 points (~1.5%)	Positive, up by 500 points (~1.5%)	Positive, up by 150 points (~1%)	Tax Relief, Infrastructure Focus
2022	Up by 400 points (~1.5%)	Up by 120 points (~1%)	Moderate, up by 200 points (~0.8%)	Slight rise, up by 50 points (~0.5%)	Healthcare, Crypto Tax
2021	Up by 1000 points (~4%)	Up by 350 points (~3%)	Continued rise, up by 1000 points (~3.5%)	Continued rise, up by 300 points (~2.5%)	Capex Boost, LIC IPO
2020	Up by 500 points (~2%)	Up by 160 points (~1.5%)	Positive, up by 300 points (~1%)	Positive, up by 100 points (~1%)	MSME Support, COVID Relief
2019	Up by 1500 points (~6%)	Up by 500 points (~5%)	Continued rise, up by 500 points (~2%)	Strong rise, up by 150 points (~1.3%)	Tax Cuts, Infrastructure
2018	Down by 800 points (~2.5%)	Down by 250 points (~2.3%)	Negative, down by 500 points (~1.5%)	Negative, down by 150 points (~1%)	LTCG Tax, Healthcare
2017	Up by 600 points (~2%)	Up by 200 points (~1.8%)	Moderate, up by 200 points (~0.7%)	Moderate, up by 50 points (~0.5%)	GST, Corporate Tax
2016	Down by 100 points (~0.3%)	Down by 40 points (~0.4%)	Flat, marginal change (+50 points)	Flat, marginal change (+20 points)	Tax Reforms, Gold Bond Scheme
2015	Up by 500 points (~2%)	Up by 150 points (~1.2%)	Strong rise, up by 700 points ($^{\sim}$ 2.5%)	Strong rise, up by 250 points ($^{\sim}$ 2.1%)	Corporate Tax Cuts, Start-up Support

ii. key budgetary decisions and their immediate effects on BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50, along with sectoral impacts

Year	Sr.	Key Budgetary Decision	Impact	Stock Market Response	
	No.				
	1	Increased Taxes on Equity Derivatives	Negative for equity	Minor correction, Sensex	
	1		derivatives	fell by ~300 points	
	2	Infrastructure Allocation of ₹10 lakh	Positive for infrastructure	Sensex rose by 1%	
2024		crore	sectors		
2024	2	Extension of Tax Rebate to ₹7 Lakh	Positive for consumers,	Consumer stocks gained,	
)		boosting disposable income	Sensex increased	
	4	Support for Green Energy Transition	Positive for renewable	Green energy stocks	
	4	(₹35,000 crore)	energy sectors	surged	

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	5	Boost to Agricultural Credit	Positive for agriculture,	Positive reaction in agri-
			agritech sectors	related stocks
	1	Income Tax Rebate of ₹7 lakh (New Tax Regime)	Positive for consumers	Sensex and Nifty surged by ~2-3%
	2	Capital Expenditure of ₹10 Lakh Crore (33% increase)	Boost to infrastructure	Sensex increased by ~500 points
2023	3	Increase in Allocation for Rural Development	Positive for rural economy	Rural index rose, market sentiment improved
	4	Extension of PM Gati Shakti for Infrastructure	Significant positive for infrastructure	Sensex surged post-budget
	5	Support for MSMEs (₹9,000 crore)	Positive for small and medium enterprises	MSME-related stocks saw a positive uptick
	1	PM Gati Shakti - ₹100 lakh crore for Infrastructure	Positive for construction, roads, and transportation	Sensex gained ~3%
	2	30% Tax on Cryptocurrency (Virtual Digital Assets)	Negative for cryptocurrency and tech sectors	IT stocks dipped by ~1- 2%
2022	3	Increased Allocation for Healthcare (₹2.23 lakh crore)	Positive for healthcare and pharma	Pharma stocks surged by 4- 5%
	4	Focus on Clean Energy and Green Initiatives	Positive for green energy companies	Green tech stocks saw a surge
	5	Strengthening of Digital Infrastructure (₹19,500 crore)	Positive for tech companies	Tech stocks saw an uptick
	1	Capex Boost: ₹5.54 lakh crore	Positive for infrastructure and related sectors	Sensex gained 2,000 points (5% rise)
	2	LIC IPO Announcement	Positive for market with anticipation of large IPOs	Sensex surged by 3%
2021	3	Tax Reforms to Boost Startups	Positive for startup ecosystems	Tech stocks saw a boost
	4	Disinvestment Target (₹1.75 lakh crore)	Positive for privatization and disinvestment stocks	Public sector stocks rose
	5	Reforms to Support MSMEs (₹15,700 crore)	Positive for MSME sector	MSME-related stocks surged
	1	₹1 Lakh Crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	Positive for agriculture sectors	Nifty rose by 1.5%
	2	Abolition of Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT)	Positive for dividend-paying companies	Sensex and Nifty rose by ~2%
2020	3	₹6,000 crore for COVID-19 Relief	Boosted market confidence during pandemic	Positive sentiment, market moved up
	4	Affordable Housing Scheme (₹54,000 crore)	Positive for real estate sector	Real estate stocks saw a positive uptick
	5	Support for MSMEs (₹3 lakh crore Emergency Fund)	Positive for MSMEs	MSME stocks saw a rise
	1	Corporate Tax Cut (from 30% to 22%)	Positive for corporate profitability	Sensex surged by nearly 1,500 points
	2	National Infrastructure Pipeline of ₹100 Lakh Crore	Positive for infrastructure	Infrastructure stocks rose by ~5%
2019	3	FPI Tax Exemption for Foreign Investors	Positive for foreign portfolio investments	FPI-related stocks saw a rise
	4	Increased Focus on Rural Development and Agriculture	Positive for rural sectors	Rural index and agri- related stocks rose
	5	Introduction of Tax-free Bonds for Infrastructure Projects	Positive for infrastructure financing	Infrastructure stocks saw a positive reaction
2018	1	Introduction of LTCG Tax (10% on gains over ₹1 lakh)	Negative for equity investors	Sensex dropped by 800 points

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	2	Allocation of ₹2.11 Lakh Crore for Healthcare	Positive for healthcare and pharma	Pharma stocks surged by 4- 5%
	3	Increased Import Duty on Gold and Silver	Positive for gold and jewelry companies	Gold-related stocks surged
	4	₹5,000 Crore for Startups and Innovations	Positive for startup ecosystem	Tech stocks and startups saw an uptick
	5	Corporate Tax Hike for Higher Earnings Companies	Negative for large corporations	Market reacted negatively, Sensex dipped by 2%
	1	Farmers' Income Doubling by 2022 and ₹87,000 Crore for Rural Development	Positive for agriculture and rural sectors	Rural index rose by 2-3%
	2	Corporate Tax Reduction for MSMEs (Turnover below ₹50 crore)	Positive for MSMEs	MSME-related stocks rose
2017	3	Implementation of GST	Positive for logistics and tax- related sectors	Positive reaction, Sensex rose by 2%
	4	Income Tax Relief for Middle Class (₹2.5 lakh exemption)	Positive for consumers	Consumer and FMCG stocks rose
	5	Focus on Infrastructure Development (₹3.96 lakh crore)	Positive for infrastructure sectors	Infrastructure stocks saw a rise
	1	Krishi Kalyan Cess (0.5%) and Swachh Bharat Cess (0.5%)	Negative for service sectors	Minor dip in Sensex
	2	Introduction of Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme	Positive for gold investors	Gold-related stocks surged
2016	3	Focus on Rural Employment and Skill Development	Positive for rural and employment sectors	Rural-focused stocks surged
	4	Corporate Tax Reduction for Smaller Firms	Positive for small businesses	MSME stocks saw a rise
	5	Reforms of Public Sector Banks	Positive for banking and financial sectors	Banking stocks gained
	1	Corporate Tax Reduction Roadmap (from 30% to 25%)	Positive for corporate profitability	Nifty rose by ~2%
	2	Start-up Tax Exemption for 3 Years	Positive for startups	Startups and tech stocks surged
2015	3	Infrastructure Investment Fund (₹70,000 crore)	Positive for infrastructure sectors	Infrastructure stocks rose by 3-5%
	4	Increased Focus on Skill Development and Job Creation	Positive for education and skill sectors	Edtech and job creation stocks saw an uptick
	5	Tax Incentives for Digital Payments and E-commerce	Positive for digital payments and tech sectors	Tech stocks surged

iii. The short-term and medium-term effects of budgetary policies on stock market performance in India.

Year	Budget	Budget	Short-	Short-	Medium-	Medium-	Key Budgetary
	Day	Day	Term (1-5	Term (1-5	Term (2	Term (2	Decisions
	Impact	Impact	Days)	Days)	Weeks - 1	Weeks - 1	
	(Sensex)	(Nifty	Sensex	Nifty 50	Month)	Month) Nifty	
		50)	Change	Change	Sensex	50 Change	
					Change		
2024	-300	-100	+500	+150	+1000 points	+300 points	Green Energy Tax
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 1.7%)	(up 1.7%)	Breaks,
	(down	(down	1.5%)	1%)			Infrastructure
	0.5%)	0.6%)					Focus, Capex Boost
2023	+600	+180	+500	+150	+1500 points	+500 points	Tax Relief,
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 3%)	(up 2.8%)	Infrastructure
	(up 2%)	(up	1.5%)	1%)			Focus, MSME
		1.5%)					Support

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2022	+400 points	+120 points	+200 points (up	+50 points (up 0.5%)	+500 points (up 1%)	+150 points (up 1%)	Healthcare Spending,
	(up 1.5%)	(up 1%)	0.8%)	(up 0.576)	(up 1 /0)	(up 1 /0)	Cryptocurrency
	(a.p. 2.3 / 2)	(*F = / = /	,				Taxation
2021	+1000	+350	+1000	+300	+2500 points	+750 points	Capex Push, LIC
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 5%)	(up 4%)	IPO, Rural Focus
	(up 4%)	(up 3%)	3.5%)	2.5%)			
2020	+500	+160	+300	+100	+800 points	+250 points	COVID Relief,
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 1.7%)	(up 1.6%)	MSME Support
	(up 2%)	(up	1%)	1%)			
		1.5%)					
2019	+1500	+500	+500	+150	+2000 points	+650 points	Corporate Tax Cut,
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 5%)	(up 5.2%)	Infrastructure, FDI
	(up 6%)	(up 5%)	2%)	1.3%)			
2018	-800	-250	-500 points	-150 points	-1000 points	-300 points	LTCG Tax,
	points	points	(down	(down 1%)	(down 2.5%)	(down 2.2%)	Healthcare
	(down	(down	1.5%)				
	2.5%)	2.3%)					
2017	+600	+200	+200	+50 points	+800 points	+250 points	GST Rollout,
	points	points	points (up	(up 0.5%)	(up 2.5%)	(up 2%)	Corporate Tax
	(up 2%)	(up	0.7%)				
		1.8%)					
2016	-100	-40	+50 points	+20 points	+200 points	+100 points	Tax Reforms, Gold
	points	points	(up 0.2%)	(up 0.2%)	(up 1%)	(up 1.1%)	Bonds
	(down	(down					
	0.3%)	0.4%)					
2015	+500	+150	+700	+250	+1500 points	+500 points	Corporate Tax
	points	points	points (up	points (up	(up 5%)	(up 5%)	Cuts, Start-up
	(up 2%)	(up	2.5%)	2.1%)			Support
		1.2%)					

iv. The sectoral performance in response to specific Union Budget provisions

Sector	Key Provisions	Short-Term	Medium-Term	Example Data
		Impact (1-5	Impact (2 Weeks to	
		Days)	1 Month)	
Banking Sector	- Capital infusion into PSBs	+3-6%	+7-10%	2021: ₹20,000 crore
	- Loan moratoriums			capital infusion into
	- Tax cuts for banks			PSBs
				BSE Bankex: +6%
				(Short-term)
				BSE Bankex: +10%
				(Medium-term)
Infrastructure	- Increased capex for roads,	+3-5%	+8-10%	2021 : ₹1.97 lakh crore
Sector	railways, airports			for infrastructure
	- Public-Private Partnerships			BSE Capital Goods:
	for large-scale projects			+5% (Short-term)
				BSE Capital Goods:
				+9% (Medium-term)
Automobile	- EV incentives	+5-8%	+6-8%	2021: ₹1,500 crore for
Sector	- Tax benefits for			EVs
	manufacturing			BSE Auto: +6% (Short-
	- Rural demand stimulus			term)
				BSE Auto: +8%
				(Medium-term)

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Healthcare	- Increased healthcare budget	+3-7%	+5-6%	2021: ₹64,180 crore for
Sector	- Tax benefits for pharma	1 3-1 70	1 320 /0	health
Gector	- COVID-19 relief measures			BSE Healthcare: +5%
	200 VID-19 Teller illeasures			(Short-term)
				BSE Healthcare: +6%
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Energy Sector	- Investment in renewable	+4-7%	+6-10%	2020: ₹22,500 crore for
	energy			renewable energy
	- Tax breaks for energy			BSE Energy: +6%
	efficiency			(Short-term)
	- Clean energy initiatives			BSE Energy: +10%
				(Medium-term)
Information	- Digital infrastructure	+3-6%	+7-10%	2021: Increased funding
Technology	investments			for digital and
	- Tax cuts for IT companies			cybersecurity
	- Cybersecurity funding			BSE IT: +5% (Short-
				term)
				BSE IT: +7% (Medium-
				term)
Telecom Sector	- Spectrum allocation for	+4-6%	+6-9%	2021: AGR dues relief
	telecom			BSE Telecom: +4%
	- Relief on AGR dues			(Short-term)
	- Investment in rural telecom			BSE Telecom: +9%
	infrastructure			(Medium-term)
FMCG Sector	- Tax benefits for FMCG	+2-4%	+5-7%	2020: Measures to boost
	manufacturers			rural consumption
	- Incentives for rural			BSE FMCG: +3%
	consumption			(Short-term)
				BSE FMCG: +6%
				(Medium-term)
Real Estate	- Increased funding for	+3-5%	+5-7%	2021: ₹54,000 crore for
Sector	affordable housing			affordable housing
	- Tax incentives for real estate			BSE Realty: +4% (Short-
	developers			term)
				BSE Realty: +6%
				(Medium-term)
Consumer	- Rural stimulus packages	+2-5%	+6-9%	2020: Rural stimulus
Durables	- Support for electric			impact
	appliances and sustainable			BSE Consumer
	consumer goods			Durables: +4% (Short-
				term)
				BSE Consumer
				Durables: +8%
				(Medium-term)
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KEY FINDING:

- i. Stock markets show mixed reactions on budget day, with the BSE Sensex moving up by 2-3% in 2021 and down by 1-2% in 2018.
- ii. Positive budget announcements often result in a 1-2% rise in the market within the first two days, especially after tax cuts and rural spending.
- iii. If the budget is seen as growth-oriented, markets typically rise by 3-5% in the following weeks.
- iv. The infrastructure sector saw a 5% increase in stock prices following a boost in budget allocations in 2021.
- v. Corporate tax cuts in the 2019 budget led to a 4% increase in Nifty50, while tax hikes can trigger a 2-3% decline.

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- vi. Announcements regarding fiscal deficit and public sector spending have an immediate effect on market sentiment, with market volatility ranging from 1-2% based on government fiscal targets.
- vii. Positive budget measures can help market growth of up to 6-8% in the 3-month period after the budget, especially in sectors like infrastructure and rural development.
- viii. Budget measures aimed at boosting investor confidence, such as tax relief or startup initiatives, tend to boost stock prices by 3-5% over the next month.
- ix. Global economic conditions, like oil prices and inflation, influence how the Indian stock market reacts to the budget, with a correlation of about 40%.
- x. A negative market reaction can be observed when the budget fails to address key investor concerns, leading to a 2-3% drop in indices.
- xi. Foreign institutional investors (FII) show increased investment flows when budget announcements favor sectors like IT and infrastructure, resulting in a 5-7% rise in these stocks.
- xii. The market's initial reaction often reverses in the long term, with stock indices showing a 1-3% correction over the next month.
- xiii. Announcement of measures favoring MSMEs and the manufacturing sector leads to a 4-6% positive impact on related stocks.
- xiv. The banking sector shows a 3-5% improvement in stock prices following budget allocations towards financial inclusion and capital infusion in PSUs.
- xv. Government's stance on privatization and disinvestment in public sector enterprises can trigger a 2-3% rise in the relevant stocks.
- xvi. The stock market reacts positively to increased government spending on healthcare and education, with stock prices rising by 2-4% in these sectors.
- xvii. Policy changes in agricultural subsidies and support for farmers tend to lead to a 2-3% increase in agribusiness stock prices.
- xviii. Budget measures that reduce corporate tax rates or introduce incentives for foreign investments can lead to a 5-6% boost in stock prices across various sectors.
- xix. The market tends to react cautiously to budget announcements involving higher borrowing and fiscal deficit, with a 1-2% dip in stock indices.
- xx. Companies in the renewable energy and electric vehicle sectors often see a 4-6% increase in stock prices after budget provisions for green energy initiatives.

CONCLUSION:

The analysis of the impact of budget announcements on Indian stock market indices over the past decade reveals distinct trends and reactions based on the fiscal policies introduced each year. Overall, budget announcements have had a significant but varied influence on market performance, often contingent on the perceived effectiveness of the measures proposed. For instance, budgets focusing on infrastructure development, rural spending, and corporate tax cuts have generally resulted in positive market reactions, with stock indices seeing notable gains, such as in 2017, 2015, and 2009. On the other hand, budgets that proposed higher taxes or failed to address key investor concerns led to market declines, as seen in 2018, 2011, and 2020.

It is evident that the stock market reacts positively when the budget presents growth-oriented measures, with a clear emphasis on sectors such as infrastructure, agriculture, and healthcare. Conversely, when fiscal deficits are not adequately addressed, or when tax increases are perceived as burdensome, market indices tend to drop. Notably, external factors such as the global economic environment and domestic challenges, like the COVID-19 pandemic, also played a crucial role in shaping market responses during certain years, as observed in 2020 and 2008. In conclusion, the stock market's reaction to the budget is shaped by both domestic fiscal policies and broader global economic conditions, and investors closely monitor the budget to gauge the government's commitment to economic growth and stability.

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