

Press Brief
(Rajasthan's budget 2007-08)

- The state has reported a likely increase of 20% over last year, in respect of tax on goods, following introduction of VAT in the current financial year.
- A new VAT "Dhan Laxmi" scheme announced. Prizes will be given based on drawing lots from VAT paid cash memos of Rs.100 or more.
- Last date of submission of various declaration forms extended to June 30, 2007.
- Profit and loss account to be submitted by assesseees after nine months of the end of year in respect of companies and six months in respect of others.
- Composition scheme in respect of lubricants, yellow cloth and fan-belts, sold at petrol pumps.
- VAT rate for parts and accessories of agriculture sprayers reduced to 0. The sprayer itself was already tax free.
- Mandi tax on vegetables and herbs reduced from 1.6% to 0.5%.
- "Aadhat" on vegetables reduced from 6% to 3%.
- Unstitched bed-sheets exempted from VAT.
- Umbrellas and their parts and accessories exempted from CST.
- VAT rate on all chemicals, since they are used as industrial inputs, to be 4%.
- VAT rate on Gelatin and capsules made from it, reduced from 12.5% to 4%.
- VAT rate on toluene, o-xylene and mix-xylene reduced from 12.5% to 4%.
- Ratanjot (Jatropha) and bio-diesel made from it exempted from VAT.

- VAT on pulses to continue at 1% for one more year.
- Village industries registered with KVIC, and enjoying tax exemption on March 31, 2006 under RST, to have tax exemption under VAT until March 31, 2008.
- VAT on packing material used by exporters to qualify for refunds.
- VAT rate on gold and silver "vark" reduced from 12.5% to 1%.
- VAT rate on woven label tapes, elastics, nylon tapes and laces reduced from 4% to 0%.
- Helmets to be tax free.
- Second hand cars and other motor vehicles to attract 4% tax on value addition.
- Hand-made goods of Self Help Groups to be tax free.
- Luxury tax to be imposed on banquet halls, marriage and party places.
- Guar, guar-gum and guar-pulse to be exempted from entry tax.
- 4% entry tax imposed on PP/HDPE woven fabric.
- Validity of the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme extended to 31st March, 2009.
- Entertainment tax on cinema halls reduced from 50% to 35%.
- Recognized tour operators to get a 50% rebate on special road tax on contract carriages owned and operated by them.
- Construction equipment vehicles spending 30 days or part thereof in Rajasthan to be taxed.
- Tax rates on goods vehicles to be rationalised.
- 50% rebate on registration of agriculture land purchased by farmers whose lands have been

acquired, if new land is purchased within six months of acquisition.

- Stamp duty payable on gift deeds in favour of relatives to get 50% rebate.
- "Anywhere registration" facility, started in Jaipur, now extended to the rest of Rajasthan.
- Certain land tax rates revised:
 - rock phosphate bearing lands- Rs.100/sq.mt.
 - lead, zinc and copper bearing lands- Rs.10/sq.mt.
 - cement grade limestone bearing lands- Rs.4/sq.mt.
 - sandstone bearing land- 10 paise/sq.mt.
- Conversion of lease-hold land to free-hold land made possible in Jaipur and all towns having UITs.
- Court fees rationalised.
- Net effect of concessions and tax proposals is Nil.

- Surplus on revenue account reported for the first time after the year 1991-92. Revenue surplus estimated to be Rs.96.45 crores. This is inspite of additional outgo of approximately Rs.700 crores on pension [retirement was re-started in the current year] and more than Rs.600 crores on revised DA to the employees.
- Fiscal deficit: 3.58% of GSDP in 2006-07, as compared to 4.15% of GSDP in 2005-06.
- State qualifies for debt waiver in 2006-07 also, as it had done in 2005-06.
- No over-draft since February, 2004.
- Entire debt taken in the year used for creation of capital assets.
- Amendment proposed in the FRBM Act to create a Rajasthan Development and Poverty Alleviation Fund, and Rs.100 crores proposed to be transferred to it in the year 2006-07 and Rs.200 crores in the year 2007-08.
- Plan size likely to be enlarged to Rs.8,755 crores in 2006-07 and Rs.12,820 crores in 2007-08.

- CM's five point programme for women announced to attempt to substantially achieve, by 2011:
 - 100% enrolment in respect of girl students
 - ending child marriage
 - availability of institutional delivery facilities to all women
 - crude birth rate to be reduced to 21/1,000
 - 1000 jobs per district to be created for women over the next three years
- A new all-women battalion to be raised and named "Hadi Rani Armed Corps".
- 30% reservation for women in police recruitment to be ensured.
- 2000 new angan badi buildings to be built.
- 1500 new angan badi centres to be opened.
- All the 6608 new common services centres [e-Mitra scheme] to be allotted to women.
- Dairy booths and parlours to be allotted only to women.
- A 10,000 rupee fixed deposit to be made in the name of each daughter, if son-less parents adopt "terminal method" after birth of 2 daughters.
- A new cycle at only Rs.300 to each girl who has to travel more than 2 kms. to reach a secondary school.
- Transport voucher of Rs.5 per school day to each girl, if the distance to a secondary school is more than 5 kms.
- A new "Nirmal Ghat Yojana" to build bathing ghats for women.

- A special livelihood programme, costing Rs.20 crores, to be launched with the aim of finding employment for one lac youth.
- Computer education on wheels: a bus with computers to be provided in each district. 75% of the cost of the bus and computers to be borne by the Government.
- New package for SSI [Small scale industries] to be announced soon.
- A new contributory pension scheme, "Vishwakarma" , on the lines of CPF scheme for government employees, to be launched for un-organized labour.
- Unemployment allowance to all graduates registered with employment exchange: Rs.400 per month for boys, Rs.500 for girls, and Rs.600 for the handicapped.
- Constitution of a "Economically Weaker Sections Commission" announced, to identify the economically weaker sections, and to assess their needs.
- Mid-day Meal upto class 8th in all blocks of the state. Government of India partially supporting only "educationally backward blocks"; state will bear the entire cost of the other blocks, apart from its contribution to the blocks partially supported by Government of India.
- 1500 upper primary schools to be upgraded to secondary schools, 600 secondary schools to be upgraded to higher secondary schools.
- 12,300 teachers to be appointed.
- Modernisation of education in Madarsas will be supported by a grant of Rs.2.50 crores.
- Current rate of scholarship in Sainik School, Chittorgarh ranges from Rs.2775 per annum

to Rs.9100 per annum. This is hiked. Revised range from Rs.6000 per annum to Rs.15000 per annum.

- Sanskrit education: 16 new Ved Vidyalayas; corpus grant of Rs.2.50 crores to Sanskrit University.
- An international level students cultural centre to be opened in Kota.
- All villages having a population of 7,000 or more [338] to get playing fields and playing equipments.
- A new stadium policy to construct stadiums as per standardised type design at tehsil level, district level and divisional level, over the next three years.
- "Gramin Yuva Kendras" to be opened in each block of the TSP area with the view to fostering sporting talent.
- A women's basket ball academy to be opened at Jaipur.
- A sports school to be opened in PPP at Sikar.
- Currently, maximum prize for winning a medal at a national or international level for a sportsman from Rajasthan is Rs.50,000. This is to be revised and will range from between a minimum of Rs.25,000 and a maximum of Rs.15 lakhs.
- In a phased manner, 365 medical facilities in the state to be opened for 24 hours.
- 7,500 ANMs to be appointed.
- 100 new ambulances and 52 new mobile medical units for Medical & Health Department.
- Each of the seven divisional headquarters to have mobile surgical units. At present there are three: at Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur.

- 130 new sub-centres and 30 new PHCs to be opened.
- 15 PHCs to be upgraded to CHCs.
- Barmer, Dungarpur and Jhalawar to have an additional GNM nursing college.
- Para medical council to be established.
- 2 new trauma hospitals on BOO basis.
- New hospital at Mansarovar to be run and managed in partnership with an established hospital such as Bombay Hospital.
- 20 ayurved dispensaries to have new buildings.
- 30 new ayurvedic and homeopathic dispensaries to be opened. 10 new unani dispensaries to be opened.
- BPL families left out in revised survey, due to artificial limit of 17.36 lakhs imposed by Government of India, to be adopted by the State Government and to continue to get facilities of wheat, BPL medicare card and CM Jeevan Raksha Yojana.
- 5 lakh just above poverty line families to be helped by giving their daughters an annual grant of Rs.2,000 per year for passing 10th, 11th and 12th classes. Money encashable on graduation.
- Widow and disabled pension raised from Rs.250 per month to Rs.400 per month.
- Children of widows, and not only orphans, to be covered under the Palanhar Scheme and to get Rs.675 per month assistance.
- Widows getting pension, if they marry, to get a gift of Rs.15,000.
- A handicapped person getting pension, if opting to do his own business, to get a lump-sum of Rs.15,000.

- Juvenile Homes to be established in 26 districts; with this all districts in Rajasthan will have Juvenile homes.
- All divisional headquarters to have Balgrahas, offering adoption services.
- Backlog of SCs/STs reduced from 21,000 three years back to just over 10,000.
- An Ambedkar Seat and Park to be established.
- A Rajasthan Social Sector Viability Gap Funding Scheme to be launched.
- In the ST and SC quota for vacancies in TSP area in scale nos. 1 to 6, there is a special reservation of 45% and 5% respectively for local residents. This special reservation to be extended to all scales, other than State services.
- 5 new Ashrams hostels to be opened.
- 150 Maa-bari centres to have new buildings.
- Presently, if huts of BPL families in TSP area are destroyed by fire, assistance of Rs.2,500 is given. This is to be raised to Rs.10,000. Moreover, non-BPL families will also be covered and given an assistance of Rs.5,000.
- A special renovation and improvement programme for Beneshwar Dham at a cost of Rs.2 crores.
- Allocation for Guru Golvalkar Scheme to be enhanced to Rs.60 crores.
- 100 new villages to be included in the Adarsh Gram Scheme.
- Budget for the Magra, Dang and Mewat Boards to be enhanced to Rs.5 crores each.
- A minimum support price of Rs.7 per kg. for ratanjot announced.

- Special prize of Rs.1 lakh announced for each panchyat qualifying for the "Nirmal Gram" award for sanitation.
- An Untied Grant of Rs.1 crore to each district to take up projects in the district plan.
- Honorarium of Zila Pramukh raised from Rs.3,000 per month to Rs.4,000; of Pradhan from Rs.2,000 to Rs.2,600 and Sarpanch from Rs.400 to Rs.600 per month.
- Rajasthan Innovation Foundation with a corpus of Rs.3 crores set up.
- Girl students doing Phd. in agriculture to be given a special grant of Rs.10,000.
- Rajfed to set up a revolving fund for procurement and storage of fertilizer, as a buffer against seasonal shortages.
- A nursery regulation act to be enacted.
- Breeding farms for Tharparkar, Rathi, Gir and Kankrej.
- Gau-seva Ayog to get a grant of Rs.2 crores.
- 285 AH dispensaries to be upgraded to Vet. hospitals over the next two years.
- 40,000 ha. closures to be created in the tribal areas under the joint forest management scheme.
- Rajasthan to spend 36.86% of its 11th Plan outlay on power. Expects to be surplus in power by the year 2008.
- 3 new 400 KV Sub Stations to be set up.
- 3 new 220 KV Sub Stations to be set up.
- 12 new 132 KV Sub Stations to be set up.
- The Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Vijay Jyoti Feeder Renovation Programme to undertake renovation of 4675 feeders in the first phase.
- A lower rate of 70 paise per unit to be recommended to RERC for agricultural

connections on feeders having T&D losses of less than 15%.

- A missing link programme of Rs.300 crores, to be implemented over the next two years.
- Outlay for drinking water in the 11th Plan is 163% more than the outlay in the 10th Plan.
- Work on Barmer Lift Canal to start in 2007-08.
- Work on Nagaur Lift Water Supply Scheme to start in 2007-08.
- Water supply in 5 municipal towns to be transferred to the local bodies, in the coming year.
- 9 new minor irrigation schemes to be taken up.
- 2 major irrigation schemes to be posed to the Central Water Commission for technical approval.
- Feasibility reports to be prepared for 5 schemes in Mahi and Chambal basins.
- Renovation work on Khari feeder to be completed in the next two years, to expand capacity to carry water from Nandsamand to Rajsamand.
- Remaining works of IGNP to be finished over the next four years at the cost of Rs.300 crores.
- Revamping of the IGNP and Chambal canal system to begin. Initial outlay Rs.50 crores.
- Damaged Firozpur feeder and associated canals to be repaired. Initial outlay Rs.3 crores.
- Rajasthan Community and Business Alliance set up earlier, to take up several projects like de-salination, re-cycling of waste water, de-silting of lakes etc.

- Khalas to be covered in the IGNP; outlay of Rs.3 crores in the year 2006-07.
- On farm development works in the uncovered areas of Phase II to be taken up, by dovetailing with NREGS/SGRY/farmers own labour.
- Apartment Owners Act to be introduced in the current session of the assembly.
- Jaipur to be made a wi-fi city.
- Sub-urban transport to be encouraged by giving through permits from sub-urban town to sub-urban town.
- Rs.3 crores "Seed Money" to be provided for improving cremation grounds [Baikunth Dwar Mukti Dham Yojana].
- A special kacchi basti improvement programme to be undertaken.
- Gharonda scheme to be expanded.
- Sugar factory of GSM at Ganganagar to be shifted.
- New Directorate of Consumers Affairs to be established.
- Bhiwadi Industrial Development Authority to be revamped and revived.
- Additional equity to be given to RFC.
- Rs.5 crores set apart for improvement of temples.
- Hotel policy to be amended to cover rural and heritage tourism.
- A new institute of heritage conservation to be established.
- A new school of kalbeliya dance to be established.
- Local bodies to be given monetary incentive of Rs.1 for every

Rs.2 of additional own resources mobilised by them.

- 150 new police chowkis.
- Allowance for homeguards raised from Rs.100 per day to Rs.110 per day.
- 5,200 new constables to be recruited for the police.
- 2,000 ex-servicemen to be recruited as Jail Praharis, Forest guards, and for stationery duty.
- 8 new ACJMs/Civil Judge Courts to be opened.
- New schemes announced to carry an approximate cost of Rs.1,200 crores. A lump-sum provision of Rs.1,250 crores made for funding these new and innovative schemes.