

## **Union Budget 2021-22 Entrepreneurship Brief**

The year 2020 has been a demanding year for our country and the World. With the impact of the pandemic, it is now projected to contract at 7.7%. With this changing economy, investors were on the edge for a budget that would raise resources without raising taxes and that is how Union budget 2021 looks like. This budget is an inclusive one for the entrepreneurs.

 Atma-Nirbhar Bharat – Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI) - PLI schemes to create manufacturing global champions for an Atma-Nirbhar Bharat has been announced for 13 sectors. For this, the government has committed nearly `1.97 lakh crores, over 5 years starting FY 2021-22.



- India has over 60 million unorganized non-farm MSMEs that employ nearly 50 million people. The proposed introduction of an e-commerce platform to sell products from MSMEs and Village Industries Commission will create discoverability and worldwide allocation opportunities for regional companies. The proposed GI tags and patents for artisans, along with training programs to train 70,000 entrepreneurs, will make way for development and employment.
- The figures for the year advocates that the Indian startups have successfully dodged a bullet, and are moving into an ultimate stage for growth. The steps announced by the government to help ease of business for the startups and the tax exemptions will surely promote more innovation and growth which is highly appreciable but, the eligibility criteria for such exception is difficult and simplification of the same is important to make it accessible and helpful for majority of the players.
- The budget should have included a strong force for the Government to make purchases from Indian companies; this
  would enhance the Atma-Nirbhar mission, drive employment in the startup division and create a better demand for
  home-grown companies.

Overall, it is an encouraging budget with need for a good execution and explanation.

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