

About National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) is a centre for advanced applied research in public finance and public policy established in 1976. It is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and funded by Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

The major objectives of NIPFP are to promote and conduct research in public finance and fiscal policy and to improve understanding of the design and calibration of fiscal policies and their consequences for governmental agencies through training, seminars, workshops and by conducting policy dialogues. The thrust areas of NIPFP's current work programme are tax policy and administration, state fiscal studies, analysis of public expenditure management, human development, fiscal federalism, environmental and resource economics and gender responsive fiscal policies.

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Mastering the Budget

An exclusive specialized workshop on state budgets for MLAs

What are the sources of revenue for states?

How can fiscal deficit be controlled?

What would be the impact of the GST on your state?

How are funds transferred for centrally sponsored schemes?

Get answers to these and more at the PRS workshop on 'Mastering the Budget'.

This highly prestigious programme is open to a select group of MLAs from across states. It will help participants understand budget documents and play an active role in the budget process.



Dates : December 15 - 17, 2011
Venue : National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Delhi

LAST DATE
FOR REGISTRATION
November 30, 2011

'The PRS workshop was very useful for MLAs, especially the sessions on how to deal with the bureaucracy and how to communicate with the media.'

Arjun D Modhvadia,
Member of Legislative Assembly, Gujarat

'The workshop for MLAs organized by PRS is an excellent initiative and fulfilled a long standing need to upskill MLAs'

Jassi Khangura
Member of Legislative Assembly, Punjab

The Programme

Fiscal relation between centre and the states:

What is the process of transfer of money from the centre to states? What is the role of the Finance Commission / Planning Commission in the process of allocation of funds to states?

Budget fundamentals:

How does one read a budget document? Where can one find the most important numbers? What are some important financial ratios such as fiscal deficit? Why are they important?

Sources of revenue:

What is the jurisdiction of centre and states with regard to taxation? Who collects how much tax? What kinds of taxes are possible? Why are some kinds of taxes better than others? What is VAT? How does GST affect states?

Understanding funds flow:

How do funds flow within government between central state and local governments? How can MLAs track expenditure at the local level to be able to monitor implementation of programmes?

Balancing the priorities:

How do sources of funds and expenditure allocations indicate the priorities of the government? What inter-generational challenges are important to think about? What can MLAs do to play a more active role in the budget cycle?

Who should attend the programme

Mastering the Budget is a three day workshop for MLAs who seek to understand the ecosystem that affects state finances.

Participation is open to experienced legislators as well as first time MLAs. Preference will be given to MLAs who have participated in past PRS workshops.

Faculty

This first-of-its-kind programme will bring together distinguished economists and experts with extensive experience to provide the participants with a practical hands on approach to state finance.

Programme dates

Registration : November 30
Arrival : December 14
Commencement : December 15, 9:00 am
Conclusion : December 17, 2:00 pm

The language of the workshop will be English.

Programme fee

This exclusive workshop is being offered free of cost to MLAs.

Participants would be required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

All participants will be entitled to receive a travel grant of INR 10,000 to cover the cost of travel to and from the programme.

'PRS is really helpful. I follow them on twitter. PRS has helped me a lot and provided me with information on subjects like Womens Bill , Budget and comparison of State Budgets etc...'

Qazi Nizamuddin
Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand

Registration

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