

## Press Release

### **Assam Government Flags off Budget Awareness Program for Students**

Dispur, January 29, 2018: Finance Department, Government of Assam today launched a massive citizen awareness program seeking suggestions for Budget 2018-19. The first of its kind outreach program under the leadership of Hon'ble Finance Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, was launched simultaneously at select educational institutes in Kamrup (Metro), Kamrup, Dhemaji and Golaghat districts. The program will gradually cover 12 other districts, covering 42 Schools, Colleges and Universities over a period of one week.

The interactive session at K. C. Das Commerce College was chaired by Shri V. B. Pyarelal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Assam. Another participative session at Gauhati University was presided over by Shri Samir K. Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department and the program at Royal Global University was chaired by Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Assam.

This year, the Assam Government has taken a multi-dimensional approach to call for suggestions from citizens. Citizens can share their Budget ideas through [assam.mygov.in](http://assam.mygov.in) platform and Finance Department Website <http://finance.assam.gov.in> till February 16, 2018.

Assam Budget 2018-19 intends to propel the state in the realm of e-Budget, instead of the conventional paper-based one. With this, Assam will join a handful of states that could successfully implement e-Budget. Earlier, Budget copies were printed for consumption by the Members of Legislative Assembly, Departments, media and common citizens.

Come March 2018, everybody across the state can access the every bit of Budget related information with just a click of mouse or mobile screen touch. In another big change, which will be a boost to sectors, the Assam Budget 2018-19 will lay significant stress on girl child, divyang, and elderly, which will ensure empowerment, equality and a better life.