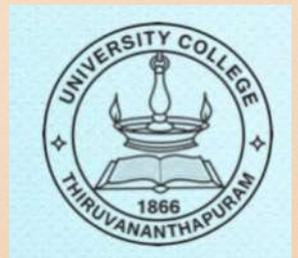




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National Seminar

on

Union and State Budgets 2026-27

Implications for Sub-National Fiscal Health

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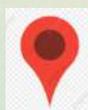
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Call for Paper Submission

Academicians, policymakers, experts, researchers and PhD Scholars are invited and request to submit the paper at ppriseminar@gmail.com on or before February 23, 2026.

Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline:	February	23, 2026
Registration Deadline:	February	25, 2026



Mini Conference Hall, Government Guest
House, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

About PPRI

Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) is an autonomous social science research institute under the Department of Finance, Government of Kerala. The PPRI is mandated to furnish data-informed policy inputs to governments at the national and state levels. The present seminar is a part of the mandate of the Institute to translate its mission into a policy-oriented outcome.

About Seminar

Though the constitution defines annual budgets as mandatory financial statements, yet budget manifests the perspective of the government in power with respect to source of funds and major heads of expenditure. Budgets of the Union as well as state governments are political documents reflecting the ideological moorings of political coalitions in power. The government of Kerala and the Union government presented their annual financial statements for 2026-27 on 29th January and 1st February 2026 respectively. The incumbent government in Kerala presented its last budget while it was the 3rd budget of the ruling coalition of the NDA government at the Centre. Despite financial constraints, the state budget received wide acclaim for its all-encompassing inclusive development approach. However, a section of the academia expressed concern over the financial manoeuvrability of the government of Kerala to implement a welfare package of that scale and magnitude. The skepticism assume special significance in the context that the 16th Central Finance Commission has stopped the budget deficit grant to state governments.

The budget of the union government was presented in the wake of a 10-20 percent probability of a retrogression in the world economy. Free trade agreements with European Union, USA and other countries in the context of the US tariff war, will have implications for the national and sub-national economies in India. The union budget has been critiqued for not widening the states' share from the divisible pool of resources. Even after GST 2.0 reforms, there has not been substantial increase in tax buoyancy in the country. Against this context, the national seminar aimed at identifying the macro and micro implications of the union and the Kerala budgets for 2026.

Following themes (not strictly confined to) for the seminar

- Union Budget 2026-27 and Fiscal Health of State governments;
- Budget and Its Implications on Parliamentary Democracy and Cooperative Federalism;
- Union Budget 2026-27 and 16th Finance Commission: Implication for Kerala
- Trend in Fiscal Burden to States on Central Sector Scheme;
- Kerala State Budget 2026-27 and Strategy to Balance Development and Fiscal Health
- Environment and Climate Change Financing: Issues and Concerns;
- Next Generation GST Reforms (GST 2.0) and Its Implication for Kerala;
- Local Self-government Institutions and 16th Finance Commission.

Registration

Registration is mandatory for all participants and paper presenters. Please scan the QR code to register.

Registration Fee: ₹300 per person



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