The Union government, in its Union Budget 2018-19, has proposed a Rs 1,000-crore boost for education, a move come as a respite for the education sector that has been in a state of limbo for the past few years.

The budget speech included a proposal to increase the allocation to education by Rs 1,000 crore, taking it up to Rs 52,800 crore from Rs 51,800 crore in the previous year. This is a 5.8% increase in the education budget for the current fiscal year.

The Central Government has made education a priority sector under the National Education Policy, which was announced last year. The policy aims to make India a hub for high-quality education and research.

The budget speech also mentioned the launch of the National Education Mission (NEM) and the setting up of the National Education Mission 2020 (NEM 2020) to provide quality education to all students.

The government has also announced the launch of the Digital India program, which aims to connect all schools and colleges with high-speed Wi-Fi and provide digital content to students.

In addition, the government has announced the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme, which aims to provide cooking gas to 200 million families by 2025. The scheme will provide free LPG cylinders to the poor and provide them with the necessary infrastructure.

The budget speech also mentioned the allocation for the National Health Mission (NHM), which aims to provide quality healthcare to all citizens.

The government has also announced the launch of the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS), which aims to provide health insurance cover to 500 million people, covering 20% of the population. The scheme will provide free health insurance cover to the poor and the elderly.

The budget speech also mentioned the allocation for the National Agriculture Market (NAM) scheme, which aims to provide a platform for farmers to sell their produce.

The government has also announced the launch of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which aims to provide financial assistance to the elderly, the disabled, and the poor.

In conclusion, the government's budget speech has highlighted the government's commitment to improve the education and health sectors in the country. The government has made education and healthcare a priority sector and has allocated a significant amount of money to improve the infrastructure and provide quality services to the citizens.

Where has the social sector money gone?

Govt's fixed-term employment for all sectors irks unions

NEW DELHI: In the last two decades, many states have introduced fixed-term employment contracts for various sectors, including the public sector, to reduce costs and increase productivity. However, several unions have raised concerns about the impact of such contracts on the employees.

The Central Trade Unions (CTUs) have said that the fixed-term employment contracts are a form of exploitation and a violation of the rights of workers. The CTUs have called on the government to withdraw the proposed changes and provide a framework for permanent employment.

However, the government has defended the introduction of fixed-term employment contracts, saying that it is a necessary step to increase productivity and competitiveness.

In addition to the CTUs, the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) has also raised concerns about the proposed changes. The AITUC has said that the fixed-term employment contracts are a form of exploitation and a violation of the rights of workers.

The government has said that the proposed changes are aimed at increasing productivity and competitiveness. The government has also said that it will work with the unions to address their concerns and provide a framework for permanent employment.

Where has the social sector money gone?

Govt allots Rs 15 cr for phone tracking system

NEW DELHI: The government has allocated Rs 15 crore for the development of a phone tracking system to monitor the movement of people.

The allocation is part of the government's efforts to improve the country's mobile connectivity and internet penetration.

The government has been working on the development of a phone tracking system for some time now. The system will help in monitoring the movement of people and ensuring their safety.

Under the scheme, the government will develop a mobile application that will allow users to track the movement of people in real-time. The application will also allow users to receive alerts in case of emergencies.

The scheme will be implemented in phases, with the first phase focusing on developing the mobile application.

The government has also allocated Rs 50 crore for the development of a mobile application to monitor the movement of vehicles.

The government has said that the allocation is part of its efforts to improve the country's mobile connectivity and internet penetration.