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Budget reflects vision of self-reliance: PM

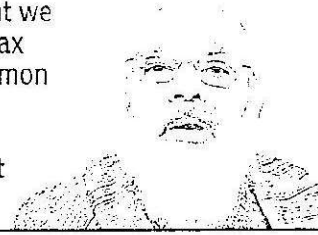
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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the government refrained from increasing tax burden even when many had seemed reconciled to the prospect of people having to split the bill for the fight against Corona. He referred to the appreciation for the Budget for its transparency with numbers. "Our government has made constant efforts that the Budget should be transparent. I am happy that several experts have appreciated transparency in this Budget," the PM said.

He also said the Budget reflects India's growing confidence about its development and will help showcase the country's self-belief which will radiate through the world. "The Budget has been presented amid exceptional circumstances. There is also a sense of reality and confidence of development in it. The influence that Corona created in the world has rocked the entire human race. Amidst these circumstances, today's Budget contains a vision of self-reliance

55 Many thought we will put the tax burden on the common man. However, we focused on a transparent Budget

— Narendra Modi | PM



Budget will steer India through reset of post-pandemic global economy: Shah



Finance minister Amit Shah said the Budget would steer India through the "reset" of the global economy in the aftermath of the pandemic and help it become a \$5 trillion economy. Shah said the Budget is inclusive and a guide to self-reliant India. He said the Budget, prepared under the guidance of the Prime Minister, bore testimony to his commitment to double the income of farmers by fixing MSP at one-and-a-half times the production cost and providing agricultural credit at easy terms. "Measures for the farm sector like provision of Rs 16.5 lakh crore for farm credit, doubling of outlay for micro-irrigation and proposed creation of agricultural hubs are an indication that the agriculture sector has been a priority for the Modi government," said Shah. He said it was praiseworthy that the Centre was able to maintain fiscal prudence even when there was no increase in tax, and thanked the PM for earmarking Rs 35,000 crore for Covid vaccination. TNN

as well as inclusiveness for every individual and class," the PM said, adding that its provisions mark the same proactive approach that characterised the government's response to the pandemic and the "atmanirbharta push."