

# Newsletter



## HOW FEBRUARY'S BUDGET PLANS TO STRENGTHEN EPR POLICIES?

### **Eco-Consciousness – A Major Focus in Budget 2025**

The Union Budget announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitaraman covered various factors. Sustainable waste management is one of those factors which she has addressed to mitigate the mounting waste crisis in the country.

The Union Budget 2025 presented on 1st February, aims to strengthen EPR policies by introducing some of the proposals shared below.





## Sustainability Focused EPR Policies Proposed in Union Budget 2025



- Encourage waste-to-energy project
- Enforce stricter plastic waste management regulations
- Introduce tax benefits and subsidies to incentivize responsible businesses to incorporate eco-friendly product design
- Encourage businesses to use recycled products and contribute towards increasing recycling rate in India
- Support EVs and Battery storage solution providers for adapting sustainable infrastructure, encourage battery storage, etc.
- Reduce the reliability of fossil fuels
- Promote Private Public Partnership for Urban Development
- Take necessary measures proposed under 'Jal Jeevan Mission', Urban Waste, Plastic Waste and other regulations for environmental waste management rule
- Expand EPR Policies by increasing recycling targets to achieve sustainability goals



## Conclusion

India's shift towards zero carbon emission has been highlighted in the Union Budget 2025 to navigate the nation towards a greener planet. Such policies can quickly help a nation to mitigate the Co2 emissions and establish a sustainable ecosystem.