



## **DEMYSTIFYING GOVERNMENT BUDGETS**

### **An Orientation Workshop on Budget Concepts, Process, Analysis and Advocacy for Media Professionals**

#### **INVITE**

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS), Bangalore is conducting a half-day orientation workshop on **7<sup>th</sup> December 2018** (9.00 AM to 1.30 PM followed by lunch) about government budgets and its analysis for persons engaged with media (print & other) reporting or writing on public policies, research or advocacy. Attached concept note explains the scope of the workshop.

The workshop will be conducted in English and Kannada (Bilingual). Participants are expected to be able to understand English while they may choose to converse in Kannada.

**There is no registration or participation fee. The applicant or his/her organisation will be responsible for arranging for travel and incurring related costs.**

As limited number of slots is available, preference will be given on first come-first serve basis. However, CBPS might make some selection to ensure diversity in participation.

We welcome all - print / audio-visual / alternative media professionals to apply.

**Last date for submission of Application: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.**

#### **The venue is**

**Radisson Blu Atria Bengaluru,**

**# 1 Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001**

**The detailed agenda will be shared with the participants once they register.**

Kindly send the nominations/applications via email to [director@cbps.in](mailto:director@cbps.in):

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### Concept Note

Every year during February and March there is an intense debate in the media on the forthcoming State or Union budgets. Newspapers feature interviews with and articles by experts and policy analysts on what the government should do in the budget for coming year. Several interest groups working with various sections of the society meet the Finance Minister to seek higher allocations to what they consider as the priorities. The FM on his / her own also holds consultation with various groups such as trade, manufacturing and business associations to seek their inputs on policies. Newspapers and media also speak to people regarding their expectations from the budget.

While budget as a concept and term is generally understood by a majority, very few people can actually make sense of enormous amount of data that they normally contain. Even fewer people actually have any idea of the process through which the budget is prepared. For those engaged in research and advocacy, an appreciation of budgets and ability to understand what they contain is very important.

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies has many years of experience in analysing budgets of state and local governments and conducting capacity building workshops. CBPS proposes to conduct a half- day orientation workshop with focus on state government budget. The workshop is designed to cover the basic budget process, the related concepts and terminologies, and budget advocacy

The orientation workshop will involve a mix of presentations and discussions using examples which will provide an understanding and appreciation of budgets and the numbers it contains. This presentations, exercises and analysis will draw examples from the budget documents of Karnataka and focus on a media perspective.

The broad outline of the workshop includes:

1. **Budget and its concepts:** Budget and Budgetary concepts focusing on what is a Budget, Budget terminologies, Why and How of the Budget, Budget process, Role of different stakeholders in Budget process
2. **Essentials of Budget Analysis:** Introduction to Accounting system and How to read the budget document. Basics of Budget Analysis, Analysis of Sectoral Budgets Gender/Child Budget, Health and Education sector budgets
3. **Budget Advocacy and Media:** Essentials of Budget Advocacy and Role of Media