

In a First, Budget Won't be Printed This Year

New Delhi: The Union Budget papers will not be printed for the first time since Independence due to Covid-19 pandemic, sources said. The budget will be presented on February 1.

Every year, the budget is printed in the finance ministry's in-house press, involving nearly 100 employees who have to stay together for nearly a fortnight till the time the papers are printed, sealed and delivered on the day of the budget. However, this year, given the Covid 19 pandemic, the government has decided not to undertake the exercise and share soft copies of the budget instead. "The budget papers will not get printed, soft copies will be provided," an official said. All members of Parliament will receive soft copies of the budget, the official added. —Our Bureau