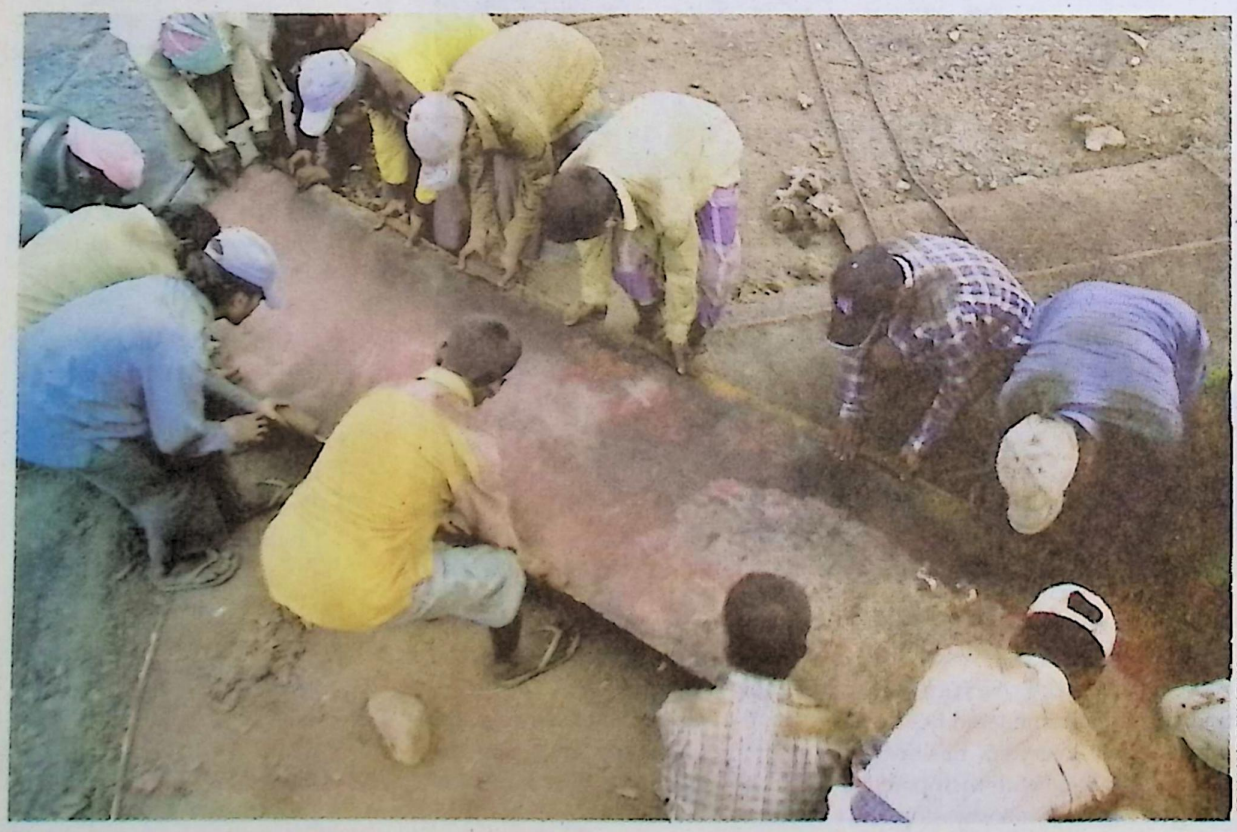
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The Good, Bad and the Uncertain

SYEED AHAMED gives an overall view of this year's budget

THE budget for the fiscal year 2009-10 (FY2010) has attracted a mixed response and has been termed as bold as well as exaggerated, conservative as well as ambitious, and challenging as well as full of rhetoric by different quarters. While pro-poor allocations and taxation has been appreciated, controversial proposals such as the black money recycling scheme invited widespread criticism. While the budget has taken some traditional stances such as block allocations and high government borrowing, it has also introduced some new approaches such as the public private partnership and economic decentralisation.

This article will analyse some good, bad and unknown issues of this year's budget by exploring different budget proposals and post-budget discussions.



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