This research paper focuses on studying the allocation of the budget among four pillars of the Indian economy, education, agriculture, healthcare, and defence by the United Progressive Alliance as well as the National Democratic Alliance over the course of the past few years. The objective of this paper is to determine which government focuses more on which sector in a specific year and to study the various factors which influence it. The data which has been used to analyze the allocations have been picked up from the official Ministry of Finance website. This paper has been written from the perspective of one individual and does not aim to influence public opinion or harm any emotional or political sentiments.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The data in this study has been collected from the official Indian Government Budget website, indiabudget.gov.in. The data for each year has been collated from the Expenditure Budget documents for each sector. The numbers have been adjusted to allow comparison across the years.

The data collected has also been analyzed by using inferential statistics i.e. t-tests. The test statistic for a two-sample independent t-test is calculated by taking the difference in the two sample means and dividing by either the pooled or unpoled estimated standard error, the mean average of the spending in each sector for both the UPA and NDA governments has been calculated.