

IIM students reactions on Union Budget-2017

Shreyash Kedia, PGP 2016-18

WITH this budget, the government has reinstated its mission to achieve a cashless or at least less cash economy. Putting a maximum cap of Rs 3 lakh on cash transactions is perfectly in congruence with the mission. Also, with 10Lac POS terminals, it will be easier for banks and the government to penetrate the rural areas.



Rahul Dewan, PGP 2016-18

I FIND two new provisions really interesting and conducive to promote foreign investment in the country. The fact that 90% of FDI inflows are now automated and the move to abolish the Foreign Investment Promotion board, will have a multiplying effect on reducing red-tapism, procedural delays and the unnecessary waiting time before an institution invests in the domestic sector. This is really good news for the Indian industry. This will surely transform into increased competition and a greater number of



M&A deals.

Dhruv Soni, PGP 2016-18

WITH 5 per cent reduction in corporate tax for only the companies with sub-50 crore turnover, it gives no stimulus to the companies which are actually competing globally. In Spite of Economic Survey 2017 advocating "Universal basic income", there was no move shown by the government neither do we see any employment generation initiatives for the poor.



Prashant Gupta, PGP 2016-18

THE budget focuses on demonetization hit middle class, rural area and sectors like housing, agriculture & social sector. Special focus in on affordable housing which is given real estate sector and more than 3.5 lakh crore rupees allocated which will boost the real estate sector. The income tax cut from 10 to 5% in 2.5-5 lakh is also a welcome and long awaited decision for the honest tax-paying Middle class. The deci-



sion to stick to a prudent 3.2% of fiscal deficit shows the commitment of the government toward sound fiscal policy amid global chaos.

Shibin George, PGP 2016-18

IN terms of impact of on society, Indian Budget 2017-18 has been promising. Rs 38,500 crore have been allocated for MGNREGA in 2016-17. If the total amount is spent, it will be highest budget spend on MGNREGA. Participation of women in MNREGA increased from 45% in the past to 55% while the government plans to spend Rs 27,000 crore on PMGSY (to construct road in villages). Further, it plans to complete 1 crore houses for the homeless by 2017-18. Most ambitious of all is the plan to complete 100% electrification of villages by May 2018. CSR rules have been left unchanged in spite of a demand from corporate to introduce a rebate on it. Meanwhile, it was also revealed that sanitation coverage in villages has increased from 42% in Oct 2016 to 60% under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.

