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ECONOMISTS AT BIMTECH SESSION OPTIMISTIC ABOUT UNION BUDGET 2025-26, STRESS PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE

Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida hosted a session on the Union Budget 2025-26, with Dr Jagadish Shettigar, Former Member of the Economic Advisory Council, Government of India, Dr Mitali Nikore, Chief Economist, Nikore Associates, and Dr Sharmila Kantha, Principal Consultant, CII, as the esteemed panel members.

Dr Pooja Misra, Area Chair, Economics & IB, BIMTECH, opened the floor with an overview of the budget and the policies including, Viksit Bharat by 2047, increase in Labour Productivity and role of AICs. Dr Nikore touched upon critical impacts of taxation break, government schemes' allocation towards gender budget and support to MSMEs. Dr Sharmila continued the discussion with export policies and positive aspects of boosting Urban Sector Performance. The session moved towards the final stages with Dr Shettigar sharing his views on macro level implications. The speakers were largely of the view that, though the budget provides a strong framework for economic growth, its effectiveness will depend on successful implementation and active private sector involvement.

The session ended with Dr Prabina Rajib, Director, BIMTECH sharing her take away with students and encouraging them to understand how government revenue supports essential sectors such as infrastructure, education, and healthcare.