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Department of Economics, University of Ladakh, organised two lectures on “Budget 2024: Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities for India” and “Unlocking India’s Potential: The Importance of Gender Equality in Delivering the Sustainable Development Goals”.

Leh, [03/08/2024] The Department of Economics has organised two lectures on “Budget 2024: Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities for India” and “Unlocking India’s Potential: The Importance of Gender Equality in Delivering the Sustainable Development Goals” on 3rd of August, 2024 at the conference hall of the University of Ladakh, Leh campus.

At the outset, an overview of the lecture session along with an introduction about the resource person was briefly introduced by Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics. The Dean of College Affairs, Dr. Phuntsog Angmo, formally welcomed the resource person Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu with the traditional Khataks and Memento as a token of appreciation to the esteemed speaker. The lecture session witnessed the participation of more than 60 students from EJM College, the Departments of Economics and Commerce, as well as faculty members, making it a significant milestone in invoking interest in the Economics discipline.

The two lectures investigated the intricate layers of budget dynamics, starting from the key concepts related to the union budget to the main priorities of the budget 2024-25, equipping the participants with the knowledge, policies, approaches and perspectives needed to make meaningful strides towards understanding the budget systematically.

In the first session, the resource person focussed on the nine priorities: productivity and resilience in agriculture, manufacturing and services, infrastructure, employment and skilling, urban development, innovation, research and development, inclusive human resource development and social justice, energy security, and next-generation reforms. The esteemed speaker has emphasised the role of these nine priorities in the Union Budget 2024-25 for a path of strong development and all-round prosperity for the nation. Further, the speaker also discussed the various challenges that need to be addressed to ensure sustainable economic growth, fiscal stability, and inclusive development. Lastly, she highlighted the opportunities for India to harness its growth potential, promote inclusive development, and enhance its global economic standing. The first session was followed by a question-and-answer session in which the students actively participated.

During the second lecture session, the speaker elaborated on the sustainable development goals that were adopted by UN member states in 2015. Dr. Shaveta Kohli emphasised the role of gender equality in all seventeen SDGs that were adopted in transforming our world. Further, the speaker elaborated on the questions to be taken into consideration when designing gender equality indicators and highlighted that gender equality is central to all SDGs.

The lecture session concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Kailash Bharti Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the resource person, Dr. Shaveta Kohli, faculty members, and students of economics from EJM College Leh for their gracious presence and making it a huge success.





