




Webinar
‘Personal Income Tax Planning: Budget 2020’
Organized by
Department of Commerce, School of Professional Studies
Netaji Subhas Open University
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REPORT

The Department of Commerce, SPS-NSOU organised a Webinar on- ‘Personal Income Tax Planning: Budget 2020’ on 20th July, 2020 for the students of M.Com. and E-accounting & Taxation courses. In addition to the students of NSOU, faculty members of other colleges also attended the programme. 82 participants were present in the programme and took part in the deliberations.

In Budget 2020, the Union Government proposed new tax system for the personal income tax with increased tax slabs and lower tax rates, This optional tax system is applicable from the previous year 2020-2021. If an assessee opt for the new system, s/he has to forego about 70 exemptions which the Income Tax Act provides. It is important for the individual assessee to compare both the options viz. the old system and the proposed new system. The webinar was organized to discuss the benefits of both the system with detailed deliberations on the income tax provisions.

A promotional poster for a webinar. It features the Netaji Subhas Open University logo on the left. The text is centered and reads: 'Netaji Subhas Open University', 'Department of Commerce (School of Professional Studies)', 'webinar on', 'Personal Income Tax Planning: Budget 2020', 'Discussants', 'Professor Uttam Kumar Dutta', 'CA Shubhayan Basu', 'Professor Anirban Ghosh', 'Participants', 'Students of M.Com. and E-accounting & Taxation of NSOU', 'Venue: NSOU-LMS', and 'Contact: spsnsou@gmail.com; Date: 20 July 2020; Time: 4.00pm to 6.00pm'. The background is a gradient of yellow and green.

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He explained Personal Income Tax Planning concurrent to Budget-2020. He agreed that tax planning is an activity conducted by the tax payer to reduce the tax liabilities by making maximum use of all available deductions, allowances, rebate etc. available under law. He narrated that income tax planning can make a significant difference to tax you pay. Prof. Ghosh also discussed the employment opportunity of having expertise knowledge in Personal Income

Tax Planning. He argued that in day to day, you will be able to navigate tax law to find creative ways to boost your clients' tax efficiency. By this way you will not only be able to explain complex regulations in simple terms but also you will be able to calculate tax liability in meticulous way. He also advised the students to follow the Finance Act passed in every year together with the circular issued by CBDT and case laws to make them updated on the latest provisions of Income tax. Through a proper planning you would be able to minimise your tax bill.

CA Shubhayan Basu, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Commerce, Ananda Mohan College discussed the Personal Income Tax Planning with the complete overview of its objectives, need of personal income tax planning, implementation & way forward. He defined personal income tax with a comprehensive way with Budget 2020. CA Basu also quoted that personal Income tax planning is not a simple one as expected. He argued that there are no hard and fast guidelines can be provided for the purpose of Personal tax-planning, so as to reduce the incidence of taxation to the minimum. In the light of the discussion some practical examples were given with broad guidelines raised by way of tax-planning measures with concurrent to Budget-2020.



Professor Uttam Kumar Dutta, Professor, Department of Commerce, Netaji Subhas Open University started with the fundamental concept of tax planning and its objectives through his constant guidance and encouragement. Prof. Dutta narrated various issues over personal income tax planning. He also highlighted the major provisions of the Union Budget 2020 in respect of personal income tax. Prof. Dutta pointed out that there are no hard and fast parameters can be laid-down for the purpose of Personal Income Tax Planning. In the light of the aforesaid reasons, the assesseees will have to try different combinations in respect of their income bracket, on the basis of their needs and circumstances.

The webinar ended with formal vote of thanks proposed by Shri Sudarshan Roy, Assistant Professor Commerce.

Highlights of the discussions

New section 115BAC

New Tax slab w.e.f PY 2020-21

Rs.		Rs.	
	Upto	250,000	Nil
250,001	To	500,000	5%
500,001	To	750,000	10%
750,001	To	10,00,000	15%
10,00,001	To	12,50,000	20%
12,50,001	To	15,00,000	25%
	Above	15,00,000	30%

Some important Benefits lost:

- Sec 10(5), (13A), (14), (17), (32), 10AA
- Sec 16(i) - (iii)
- Sec 24(b)
- Sec 32, 32AD, 33AB, 33ABA, 35, 35AD, 35CCC
- Sec 57(iia)
- Deductions under Chapter VI - A (Except 80CCD(2), 80JJAA)
- No set off of loss from H.P
- No set off of c/f losses and unab dep (addl dep)
- Lower tax rate for Senior Citizens

Benefits retained

- Exemption U/S 10 [Except Stated Earlier]
- Sec 24(a)
- Sec 30-37 [Except Stated Earlier]
- Sec 54, 54B, 54EC, 54EE, 54F, 54GB
- Sec 57 [Except 57(iia)] Sec 80CCD(2), 80JJAA
- Sec 87A
- 111A, 112, 112A, 115BB