

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF UNION BUDGET 2023-24

- 1. 1st Budget in *Amrit Kaal* not disappointing.
- 2. The Finance Bill and proposals, including outlay, will give good boost to Indian Economy.
- A budget almost unconcerned to the global recession, and aimed to growth.
- 4. Concentration on **CAPEX** in infra, youth, agriculture, power and weaker section, technology, ease of doing business, greener options to cut down carbon emission.
- **5.** Income Tax reliefs, mainly election motivated, but welcome.
- 6. Many Customs exemptions withdrawn, may lead to inflationary trend.
- 7. Certain sector specific BCD exemptions continued / BCD reduced, to concentrate on domestic production.
- 8. Overall, growth oriented budget, provided the global scenario holds and the spending proposed reach the actual intended target.
- 9. GST related changes not discussed and can be shared only after going through the fine print.
- 10. It is the right time to be in India and invest in India, and this Budget boosts such idea.