Edu plans are fine, provided they are implemented: Parikh

Foundation for Liberal And Management Education president & eminent educationist wants the budgetary provisions to be translated into reality

Education is the core of any society, which leads it to the path of growth and prosperity. The Union Budget 2009-10 seemed to give a relatively good importance to education, but its implementation is all that matters. A budget can only be successful, if the planning is executed properly and finally benefits the people of the country.

Many things are announced in the budget, but not implemented. Like the promise made last year of setting up new management in the IIMs and ITIs. However, I am happy with the announcements made in regard to higher education, and the way the government is having a positive vision to lead the country on the path of literacy.

The deduction allowed in the interest for loans on higher education would benefit many. All I am concerned about is that it should be implemented immediately, otherwise the current year's students would not be able to avail of the benefit.

Indira Parikh

FOR STUDENTS' SAKE: The deduction allowed in the interest for loans on higher education would benefit many.

The budget seems to look good to me, but that is only if all that is promised is actually implemented with concerted efforts by the state and the Centre.

(As told to Ankita Maru)