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# Students of East West University join TV video confce on budget

## Campus Life Report

A group of students of the department of Economics of the East-West University held a discussion on the current budget for 2012-13 at its

Biplob Nondi moderated the discussion. It was a live programme showed through a video-conference system. Students held discussion on the growth target as it has been set by Finance Minister AMA

cut back load shedding.

They strongly favoured coal mining in Dinajpur area and demanded proper policy in this regard. The students of the East West University were concerned about the agricultural sector, they said



Students at TV video conference session at East West University Campus

Aftabnagar campus last week with ATN News service lending support to the event.

Students spoke on the budget, share views on sectoral allocations, its growth targets, over all ambitions for future and such other issues. Students sat at the conference room of the University having directly connected with ATN News studio where noted economists Dr Benayek Sen was available to answer students questions.

It was primarily a learning exercise on national economy and finance and students sat together to familiarize them with how to discuss budgetary issues and criticize various points. Two faculty members Muntasir Choudhury and

Muhith at 7.2 percent for next year and held the view that it may be achieved, although many others believe it may not be possible. Students justified their belief saying if the government can use the limited resources efficiently with the introduction of coal, with the proper utilisation of foreign aids and loans, reducing the capital output ratio, diversifying exports, increasing investment in both private and public sectors and administer the ADP proferly, the stipulated growth will be possible.

The students criticized the proposed cut in the subsidy in the energy sector and suggested the government to mine coal to set up coal fired power plants to

suggesting introduction of crop insurance to protect farmers from adverse impact of climate. They have also laid emphasis on proper utilization of foreign aid pointing to around \$16 billion waiting in the pipeline in absence of proper utilization policies and capacity to put them to use. The government efficiency must improve to implement the budget.

The budget debate continued for about four hours. Teachers of the Economics Department were also present. The group comprising 12 students Ishrat, Junera, Marzuq, Muntasir, Nourin, Omar, Prince, Pritam, Rifat, Sabrina, Saima and Sanin.

Students were conducted by two faculty members Muntasir Choudhury and Biplob Nondi. ■

