Economics Department, 2018-2019

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With the aim of holistic development of our students, we work towards creating an environment that helps them to grow in various respects and providing the much-needed co-curricular and extra-curricular exposure in currently high-demanding times. Our aim is to nurture leadership qualities, developing organizing skills and promoting teamwork; as well as promote creative and critical thinking. The link for Economics department facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/economicsdept.jdmc/

The department has a very active 'Economics Association' that organizes, every year, various intra-department events and Inter-College Annual Economics Festival, *ECOPHORIA*, wherein students get to organize as well as participate in various events such as Paper-Presentation, Panel Discussion, Mock Newsroom, Group Discussion, Turncoat Debate, Quiz, Poster-Making, Cartoon-Making, Ad-Mad Show, Barter, Extempore, Monopoly, Trading and Auction etc. The department launched its annual department magazine, *ECOGENE*, in 2013-14 and 'Annual Lecture Series' in 2016-17. The department also organizes workshops to help students in their preparation for various entrance/ competitive examinations. Workshops are also organized in order to sensitise students towards various issues of importance to individual, inter-personal and society.

The activities/ events organized by the Association during the academic session 2018-19 are as follows:

I. Students' Union Elections

Elections were held on July 30, 2018 for the various posts in the Students' Union, Economics Association.

President - Nabodita Rao
 General Secretary - Ishita Yadav
 Vice-President - Urvi Bhatia

• Treasurer - Ekta

Joint Secretary – Bhavya Palta
 Creative Head – Katyayni Singh

• Coordinators – Kanak Singh (III Year), Sandhya Devi (III Year), Apoorva (II Year) Amisha Garg (II Year), Dishti Sharma (I Year), Prakriti Gupta (I Year)

• Class Representatives - Shelly (III Year), Priyanshi Nagrath (II Year) Harshita Rathore (I Year)



II. Political Economy Workshop

The department organized workshop on 'Political Economy' Session 1 by Sh. Saumyajit Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Economics Department, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi. It was held on 31st August 2018. The session enlightened the students with the concepts relating to the political economy and its importance. Speaker also discussed the concepts of property rights and economic philosophy of capitalism and Marxism. The students really enjoyed the lecture and gained knowledge on various facets of economics in today's world.





III. Freshers' Welcome 2018

'Freshers' Welcome' was organized on 1st September 2018 to welcome the additions in the department. As always, it was a day filled with fun, entertainment and interaction. The theme for the party was: ROYAL.

A great show was put up by the Union including the activities arranged for the first years, dance performances by the second and third years, with some games involving not only the students but also the teachers. All the participants not only graced us with their walks and charmed us with their talents; they impressed us with their eloquent answers as well.

Following first-year students won the titles:

Ms. Economics Hons: Bhavya Palta

Runner Up: Aarushi Ms. Diva: Divya





Freshers' Welcome: The Winners of the Day

IV. Intra Department Students Competitions

In its attempt to provide for opportunities around the year for both their academic learning and personality development, Economics department organised its Intra-Department Economics Festival on 7th September 2018:



i. **Paper presentation competition** – that gave the platform to students to display their understanding and application of knowledge/concepts on various contemporary economic issues. The topics were:

- India- Growing without jobs!
- Doubling farmers' income- An achievable target?
- Demographic contrasts across the world
- Is affirmative action indispensable?
- Value of rupee since independence: Trends, challenges and issues
- Protectionist regime: Need of the hour!

The prize winners of the events were: Mohini Miglani I Year and Urnisha Swargari I Year (*Best Presenters-Shared*); Sonal Madan, I Year and Niharika, I Year (*First Runner Up-Shared*); Rhythm Sethi, III Year and Poonam Ingale, III Year (*Second Runner Up-Shared*); Parul Upadhaya, II Year (*Best Interjector*).



- ii. **Poster Making Competition:** to let the creative side of our students as well as their expression on a variety of sensitive/societal issues come to the surface. The topics for the same were based on several socio-economic issues such as:
- LGBTQ and The Economy
- Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan
- Digital India
- Demonitisation
- Inflation
- Protection of Ozone Layer

The prize winners: Vishakha Mittal, I Year (First Prize) and Shristi Chaudhari, I Year (First Runner Up).





iii. **The Kwizclip Maestro- The Quiz Competition:** An event which involved Economics with a pinch of cinema. Participants were shown movie clips with a hidden reference to economics and were required to decipher the true meaning.

The prize winners: Nikita Dua and Shreya Kapoor, III Year (First Prize) and Yashika Chandra and Nikita Varun, II Year (First Runner up).







iv. **The Devil's Advocate-Turncoat Debate-** Another event, to encourage public speaking, debating and critical thinking. Participants were allotted a topic from an array of socioeconomic issues and were required to speak both for and against the motion. The prize winners: Shristi Chaudary, I Year (*First Prize*) and Rhythm Sethi, III (*First Runner Up*).





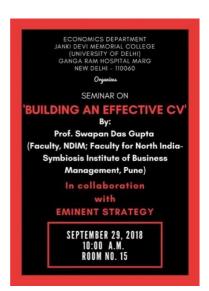
V. Seminars

i. "Financial Skill Development" (29th September 2018) by Mr. Praneet Chakravorty (International Institute of Financial Markets). In the seminar, the speaker informed students on various business strategies and collaboration of companies. He also sensitized them on how one can enhance their career by doing internships.





ii. "Building an Effective CV" (29th September 2018) by Prof. Swapan Das Gupta, faculty at North-India Symbiosis Institute of Business Management. The seminar was focused on how to build and effective and impressive CV, issues relating to the formatting of the same and what is to be highlighted in the same. it was very well attended by the students.





iii. The Department conducted a workshop on "Personal Financial Planning" in collaboration with National Stock Exchange, NSE, on October 10-11, 2018

iv. "What, Why and How of Civil Services" and "Civil Services vs Private Jobs" (23 October, 2018) by Prof. Amrit Singh Chopra, Chief Educator, Unique Publishers and Unique Shiksha. It was in collaboration with Unique Shiksha. In the session, the speaker enlightened the students about the importance of civil services in one's life considering it to be one of the most respectable jobs in the country. He further compared civil services to private jobs and talked how it is one of the safest professions for the women.



v. "Resume Writing and Interview" was held on 23rd October 2018. It was conducted by Prof. Sangeeta Magan, Soft Skills and Personality Tranier, in collaboration with Eminent Strategy. Speaker emphasized the need of having a CV which stood out amongst the rest. She thereby enlisted the essential components of an ideal CV which includes candidate's achievements, co-curriculars, academic performance, LOR, LOA, number of languages spoken by the candidate etc. She also underscored the importance of mannerism which must be adhered to during a personal interview.





vi. "Future of India, the Economic Reforms and the Skills required in the Coming Decades" and "Global Careers in Law, Diplomacy and Public Policy" was organized on 25th October, 2018. Prof. Anand Prakash Mishra (Assistant Dean- O. P. Jindal Global Law School) and Prof. Rajeev Malhotra (Faculty and Executive Director, Centre for Development

and Finance – O.P. Jindal Global University) were the speakers. Prof. Malhotra discussed necessary policies that can transform India from developing to developed nation in the next few decades. Prof. Anand underscored the importance of law in the nation and how our country is lacking to be a true rule of law country. These topics which hold a lot of relevance in our country today were an eye opener for the young minds.



VI. ECOPHORIA 2018

Economics Department organized its Annual Inter College Economics Festival, ECOPHORIA 2018 on 5th of October, 2018.



It began with the inaugural lecture by Prof. Mausumi Das, Delhi School of Economics on the topic "India's Growth Story". Lecture was very well attended by the students and faculty from various colleges and universities.



The lecture was followed by a series of competitive events where students from many colleges of University of Delhi like Hansraj, Dyal Singh College, SSCBS, LSR, Miranda, Hindu, SPM, Indraprastha College along with Department of Financial studies, Indraprastha University, Jamia University and Shiv Nadar University took active participation and won many prizes. Following events were organized on the day of ECOPHORIA, 2018.

1. ECONFERENTIA: The Paper Presentation Competition

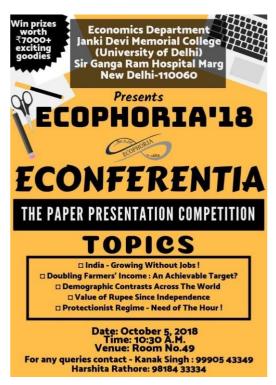
One of the highlighting academic events of ECOPHORIA that saw immense participation by students from various colleges of Delhi University. All the 21 participants were well-researched on their topics and presented their analysis outstandingly. The topics were:

- 1. India Growing without jobs!
- 2. Doubling farmers' income: An achievable target?

- 3. Demographic contrasts across the world
- 4. Value of rupee since independence Trends, issues and challenges
- 5. Protectionist regime Need of the hour!

Students came well prepared with their presentations on different topics with thorough understanding of concepts well supported by case studies, data and experiences from the world. Following are the details of prize winners for the event.

Best Presentation: Deepanshu Vohra, Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi. **First Runner Up:** Samyak Jain, College of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi.







2. PERSPECTIVES: The Panel Discussion

One of the events was PERSPECTIVES: The Panel Discussion. The topic for the Panel Discussion was "Kashmir Valley: Political and Economic Perspective of the Conflict and The Way Forward "and was given to the participants on the spot.

The event was successful with very informative and simulative discussion between the participants and interaction between judges and the participants. It was a fantastic erudite experience where all the participants presented their stance and perspectives with eloquence. It was a very welcoming platform for the students to deliberate upon the prominent issue with gumption

Following are the winners for the same.

First Prize: Shashwat Kumar, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi

First Runner Up: Karan Pawaria, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi Best Interjector: Shreesh Bhan, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi





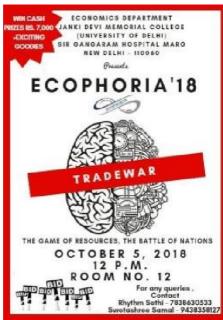
3. Tradewar: The Trading and Auction

The game of resources, battle of nations! A game in which delegates of countries have to bid and win resources, and trade with other countries in order to maintain high records of their portfolio. Ultimately, with the resources they have and the storyline of their respective country provided, they (participants) have to draft policies for their country. Tradewar was one of the games which demanded interesting way of evaluating participants' presence of mind, calculative and analytical abilities.

The prizes for the same were:

First Prize: Ridham Mahajan and Simran Arora, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi

First Runner Up: Ishvam and Shruti Chawla, Shiv Nadar University and Janki Devi Memorial College respectively.







4. Life on Minimum Wage

A competition where students earned money doing various fun activities and had to effectively use it to win the game. All in all, a game where they learnt that life is uncertain, so every actions needs to be preceded by careful thinking.

First Prize; Shivangi, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi **First Runner Up:** Tanya Passi, Shivaji College, University of Delhi



5. QFIESTA- The Economics Quiz

The Quizzards, an initiative of students of Economics Hons showcased a well planned Quiz competition segmented in three rounds comprising of Preliminary and Finals. Questions were asked not only to check knowledge of students in Economics but also to judge them on their general awareness. Teams in two participated in the event and the event was indeed a successful learning experience. The results for the same were:

First Prize Priyanka Sarda and Simran Singh, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi

First Runner Up: Ridam and Soham, Hindu College, University of Delhi



6. AFLATOON CINEMASTER: The Bollywood Show

This event was full of fun and thrill and was a complete package for all the Bollywood buffs. In this participants showed fabulous acting skills along with mirthful personalities. They also enacted skits based on some realistic comical situations.

The prize winners were:

First Prize: Siddhartha Malviya, VIPS; Siddhant Khaturia, B.R. Ambedkar College and Mehak Aggarwal, Janki Devi Memorial College.

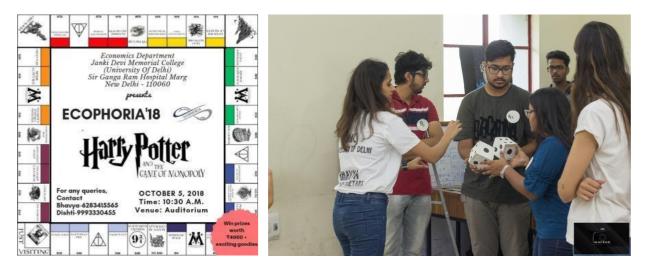
First Runner Up: Harshit, Hindu College; Raman, SGTB Khalsa College and Avni, Janki Devi Memorial College.



7. HARRY POTTER AND THE GAME OF THE MONOPOLY

The competition were participants were to use their knowledge of Harry Potter Show and had to play a Harry Potter theme-based Monopoly event. The game demanded participants using their analytical bent of mind.

Winning Team: Hrithik, Abhishek and Animesh from Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi

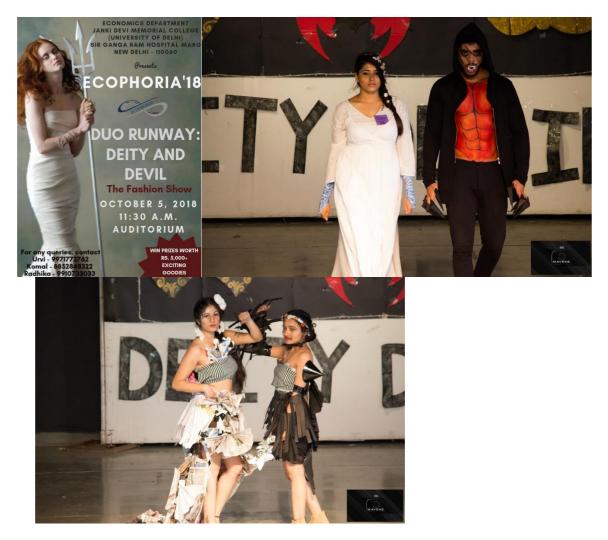


8. DUO RUNWAY: The Deity and The Devil

A Fashion event organized on the day gave the students a very welcoming platform to express their talents especially through waste materials. Contestants made two costumes representing 'Deity' and 'Devil' from recycled or waste materials, and modelled it in a runway style fashion show. It was truly amazing and fascinating to see the magical fingers at work creating such unique, artistic and creative visual treats.

First Prize: Vanshika Nagpal, Aakash Singh and Akhil Khurana, Shivagi College, University of Delhi.

First Runner Up- Damini Chauhan, Rohit Bhati and Vaishali from Hansraj College, University of Delhi.



9. QUEEN'S TRINKET IN FANTASYLAND: The Treasure Hunt

Queen's Trikent in Fantasyland was one of the popular events of ECOPHORIA this year where students participated in huge numbers to, locate clues in different places of the college and reach final destination to win the prize.

Winning Team: Abhishek, Zakir Hussian college (Evening), Vijay, Shivagi College; Tarun, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce and Jatin, Shivaji College, University of Delhi.



Besides the academic and non-academic events, the students of Economics Hons. put up stall of *Selfie station* also. The festival witnessed active participation from students across the university in all the events and the show was a huge success.



VI. The Economics Association organized its first ever "Campus Ambassador Programme" for its Annual Academic festival Ecophoria 2018.

Students from various other colleges of Delhi University participated in huge number in this event for promotion of Ecophoria in their respective colleges; social media marketing and getting contacts of office holders of various societies and department.

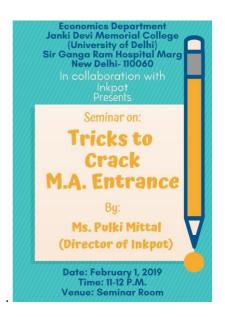


VII) Annual Lecture Series

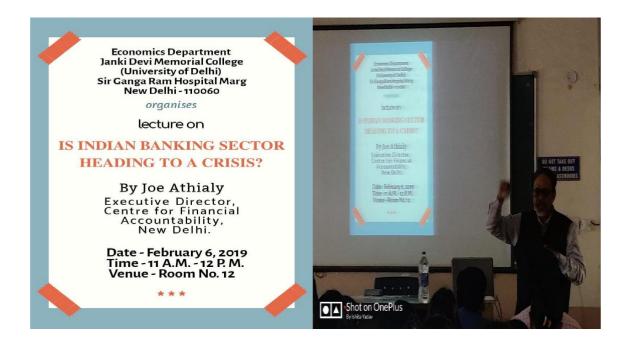
The department organized its Annual Lecture Series for the academic year 2018-19 on February 1, 2019. Mr. Shankar Prasad Sarma, Joint Director in Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Haryana talked on "Nudge Towards Happiness: Economics of Happiness". He emphasised on the concept of happiness while working: how to maintain the balance between work and play, shared some shocking facts on depression and that the very purpose of the life is to be happy. Everyone present there surely enjoyed the lecture as well left with the positive imprints on happiness in life.

This was followed by an interactive session by Ms. Pulki Mittal, Director of Inkpot on "How to crack M.A. Entrance". Seminar was very well attended by the students and surely benefitted a lot from such a wonderful and engaging session.





VIII) Economic Department organises lecture on "Is Indian Banking Sector Heading to a Crisis?" - A thought provoking lecture was delivered by Mr. Joe Athialy, Executive Director, Centre for Financial Accountability, New Delhi. In the lecture, the speaker informed students on various aspects of current situation in Indian Banking, what all are the possibilities and dangers for the entire banking sector in India. A very informative and apt discussion keeping in mind the current banking scenario.

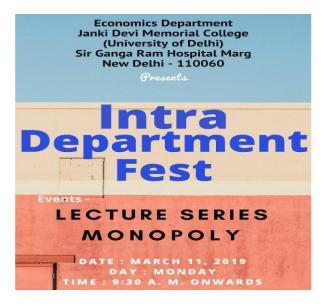


INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL FESTIVAL

The Economics Association organised Intra-Departmental Festival on 11th March, 2019, which was inaugurated by an enlightening session on: "Regimes of Capitalist Accumulation-Changes and Continuity" by Sh. Saumyajit Bhattacharya. The session broadens the knowledge base of the students as well as help them understand the real world economics problems and their probable solution.

After such a thought provoking and indulging session, the festival was followed by the game: Harry Potter and the Game of Monopoly. Participants were to use their knowledge of Harry Potter Series and had to play the game.





OFFICIAL FAREWELL PARTY- ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT- 2018-19



Economics Department organize the official farewell party for the 2016-19. A journey come to end, filled with memories of bringing laurels, happiness, courage, enthusiasm, proud moments, infectious spirit and great camaraderie with us will be sorely missed. We wish the students of batch 2016-19 did not have to go. But now that the moment of your farewell is here, we wish you all the very best. Also, release of the 5th Edition of Ecogene. Miss Diva Prize was won by Shubhangi Bansal.