

Report (2018)

The Economics department had a year filled with interactive sessions, talks and introduction of innovative events which ushered in a spirit of learning. The department began the new session with the Plural Eco Lecture held on 29th August 2018, which was addressed by Dr Anand Murugesan, Faculty at Central European University, who gave an insight into "Psychology of Poverty and Development." Dr Murugesan threw light on how poverty may have psychological consequences that can lead to economic behaviors that make it difficult to escape poverty. Since the welfare consequences of the mistakes of those who are poor is severe, the mental stress of decision-making due to low income levels exacerbates the conditions of the poor. Such stark realities were brought out in the lecture and discussions held with Dr Murugesan.

The Economics department held the Fresher's Debate on 5th September, 2018 to provide a platform to the freshers to showcase their penchant for discussing pressing economic issues. The topic given to the participants was: 'Are loan waivers the only solution to Agricultural Crises?' The Economics Department also held an interactive intra-college quiz session for the first time. The quiz was on a myriad of current economic issues and economic theories, both old and new. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the students of KNC. The event was a great learning experience for all those involved and helped to spread the spirit of learning and knowledge of economics. Another new addition to 2018 events was the inter-college Online Cartooning Competition based on the topic "The Devaluation of the Rupee". There was active participation from students of different colleges and the winner was chosen on the basis of the likes attained by the cartoons submitted on various social media platforms as well as the skill of the participant and the cartoon's relevance to the topic. This event was not just a fun activity but also raised awareness about the devaluation crisis.

The year culminated with the publication of the annual journal of the Economics Department, *Ecocentric*. The journal provided the students an opportunity to reflect on the year and voice their opinions and views on different economic issues.