

KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES (JAN'20-DEC'20)

The Department of Economics held several events throughout 2020.

On 19th February 2020, the Economics Department held its annual fest – Ecophoria. Professor Lekha Chakraborty, Professor at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, Research scholar at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, New York presided over as the Chief Guest. Her inaugural lecture was followed by various competitions like Paper Presentation, Shark Tank 2.0 (Start-up Ideation), Quiz Pro Quo, Policy Making Competition, Quizzitch (Harry Potter Quiz), Monopoly, Photography and Filmography competition, Meme-athon (meme making competition) which saw an active participation of more than 1500 students from many prestigious colleges.

Owing to the pandemic, the session's activities were paused for a while but soon our activities shifted to online platforms such as Zoom and Google Meet.

An International webinar was conducted on 6th May 2020 on the topic 'Importance of Cyber Security in the World of Pandemics and Social Media' to brainstorm on the usefulness of cyber security in a changed world after Covid- 19. Keynote speaker for the event was Dr Samrat Mondal (Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna), along with Dr G K Patra (Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR 4PI, Bangalore) as Distinguished speaker, Dr Joseph Moganti (Managing Director, CPG Inc. Hyderabad) as Special speaker and Mr Khurram Chaiwalla (Data Privacy Manager, Bayer Group, Singapore) as Corporate speaker.

On 25th May 2020 another webinar was organised on the topic 'Geopolitics of Corona Virus Pandemic: Re-Evaluating Globalisation and National Interest'. The speaker, Prof V.K.Kaul (Former Head and Dean Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi), discussed various issues concerning the idea of globalisation arising in the light of the pandemic.

As part of the Young Economist Lecture and Discussion (YELD) Series, a lecture was organised on the 'Banking Crisis in India' on 30th September 2020. Prof. Krishnakumar S., (Faculty, Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University) was the speaker for the event who talked about how the banking crisis has affected the economy and what different steps can be taken to steer the economic growth of the country.

To keep up the spirits of students during pandemic the department also hosted movie and documentary screenings for the second and third year students of the department. 'The Social Dilemma' and 'Jaane bhi do yaaro' are few examples.

On 27th November 2020, the department conducted an engaging webinar on the topic 'Reconfiguring Higher Education: Reflections on NEP 2020' on Google Meet. The speaker, Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay (Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU) and the participants had an insightful discussion on what the policy entailed for the future of higher education. New features and possible hurdles to the policy were also discussed.