

Economics Department

Annual Report 2024-25

Economics Department, Shyam Lal College (Evening), since its inception, has been determined for cultivating an intellectually stimulating environment that facilitates the holistic and multi-dimensional development of its students. The Department offers undergraduate programmes in B.A. (Hons.) Economics and B.A. Programme, designed to equip students with a strong theoretical foundation and analytical skills. Our highly qualified and dedicated faculty members contribute to a rich and diverse academic space, promoting critical thinking and interdisciplinary engagement. Alumni of our department have distinguished themselves in a range of professional domains, including the civil services, academia, banking and corporate sector.

The academic year 2024-25 has been a remarkable one for Economics Department. We successfully organised a wide range of events such as Debate Competition, Students Parliament and an Applied Workshop on Data Analysis and Policy. These activities provided students with valuable opportunities to enhance their knowledge, showcase their talents, and engage in intellectual discussions.

Events and Activities:

1) Inter-College Debate Competition: An Inter-College Debate Competition was organised on 4th Feb, 2025 at 2:30 pm and onwards in college Seminar Hall. The Debate Competition was on the pertinent issue of *Urban Migration: Good v/s Bad for the Indian Economy*. This provided a platform for thoughtful discourse of diverse perspectives on whether urban migration is contributing for or against the Indian Economy. Students from various colleges of Delhi University participated in the event. The competition followed a traditional debate format, with teams arguing for and against the motion. The competition served as a valuable exercise in understanding the multifaceted nature of urban migration making students to explore its complexities and its implications for the Indian Economy.

2) Students' Parliament Session: A Students' Parliament Session was organised on 4th February 2025 at 2:30 pm and onwards in the Conference room of Shyam Lal College (Evening). The agenda of the Students' Parliament Session was *Russia – Ukraine War and the Indian Economy*. The session aimed to raise the critical situation persisting in the world among students so that they can express their views, analyse the situation, and propose potential solutions. Students from various colleges of Delhi University enthusiastically participated in the event. The student parliament session was a valuable exercise in promoting critical thinking and informed debate on a pressing global issue. Students demonstrated a strong understanding of the complex economic issues at stake and offered insightful policy recommendations.

3) Applied Workshop on Labour Force Data for Research and Policy Planning: Economics Department, In Co-Operation with V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, organised a three day Applied Workshop on Labour Force Data for Research and Policy Planning from 2 – 4 April 2025. 25 students from the college were selected and sent to attend the programme at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida Sector 24. The Workshop was a great success and has proven to be instrumental in enhancing our understanding of labour force dynamics through the extraction and analysis of data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). Lectures and

practical sessions were conducted by highly experienced and distinguished faculty members from prestigious institutions, including VVGNI, Shyam Lal College (Evening), Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi, O.P. Jindal Global University and B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi. The comprehensive training provided during the workshop has equipped participants with knowledge of the key official data sources relevant to labour and role of data in policy planning and implementation. Further, it provided practical training on R, QGIS, and STATA for data analysis and visualisation. The comprehensive training provided during the workshop has equipped participants with valuable skills and insights crucial for informed decision-making and policy formulation.

Learning for excellence has been a sterling aspect of the Economics Department, Shyam Lal College (Eve.) and it is overwhelming to note that the year 2024-25 has made a steady progress in the same direction.