

Department of Economics

Annual Report (Academic Year 2024-25)

Introduction

While presenting the annual report of the Department of Economics for the academic session 2024–25, it is important to remember the contributions of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh and Dalit Mitra Pandharinath Patil, whose work continues to inspire students of Economics.

It is often said that the prosperity of a nation depends not on its geography or culture, but on the quality of its institutions. Inclusive political and economic institutions work for the welfare of common people and promote long-term economic growth. In this context, the 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson for their work on “The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development.” The principles highlighted in their research have been reflected in the work of Shri Shivaji Education Society since 1931 through its efforts toward the development of the Vidarbha region. Through education, employment generation, and economic prosperity, the institution has made significant contributions to society.

The Economics Department strives to teach Economics not merely as a theoretical subject but as an applied discipline that influences daily life. With this objective, students are educated about agriculture, entrepreneurship, the Reserve Bank of India, and various policies of the State and Central Governments.

Major Activities Conducted :

1.World Population Day (11.07.2024)

On 11 July 2024, the Department of Economics organized a Poster Competition on the theme “Population as a Serious Problem” to mark World Population Day at Shri Shivaji Science and Arts College.

The program was presided over by Principal Dr. Meena Nikam. The chief guest was Prof. Dr. Dilip Mahajan of S.P.M. College, Chikhli. Prof. Dr. Vanita Pochhi, Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), and Dr. Imtiaz Jukalkar, judge of the poster competition, were also present. The competition awarded first, second, and third prizes.

2. Drug-Free India Campaign (13.04.2024):

The Department of Economics organized a Drug-Free India Campaign at Shri Shivaji Science and Arts College. The program was chaired by Principal Dr. Meena Nikam. Prof. Dr. Vanita Pochhi, IQAC Coordinator, and Prof. Dilip Gavande were present.

The chief speaker, Dr. Prakash Shingane, Municipal Councilor of Chikhli, guided students on life skills and awareness regarding addictive substances. A pledge for a Drug-Free India was administered to create awareness among students.

A total of 104 students, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, participated in the event.

3. Various Schemes of the Indian Postal Department (13.04.2024):

A joint program was organized by the Indian Postal Department and the Department of Economics. The chief speaker, Mr. Nikam, provided information about various schemes offered by the Postal Department. Mr. Gajanan Ingale and Mr. Poonam Saheb also explained different postal savings and welfare schemes.

The program was presided over by Principal Dr. Meena Nikam, and Prof. Dr. Vanita Pochhi, IQAC Coordinator, was present.

4. Orientation Program (Diksharambh) (06.09.2024):

An orientation and welcome program was organized for newly admitted students.

The program introduced students to the history, culture, values, and achievements of the college. Students were also informed about the subjects offered in the Arts Faculty, future career opportunities, the contributions of social reformers, and the importance of developing a vision for social progress.

5. World Food Day (16.10.2024):

To commemorate World Food Day, the Department of Economics organized a Rangoli Competition. The event was presided over by Principal Dr. Meena Nikam. The chief guest was Mr. Madhukarrao Patil, Life Member of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati.

He emphasized the need to encourage people worldwide to reduce hunger and malnutrition.

Prof. Dr. Vanita Pochhi was also present. The introductory speech was delivered by Dr. Sunita Kalakhe, the program was conducted by Prof. Avinash Padghan, and the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Minal Deshmukh.

A total of 20 students participated, and first, second, and third prizes were awarded.

6. Poverty Eradication Day (17.10.2024):

The Department of Economics celebrated Poverty Eradication Day. The event was chaired by Principal Dr. Meena Nikam, while Mr. Madhukarrao Patil, Life Member of Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati, attended as the chief guest.

Prof. Sunil Pawar guided students regarding the serious issue of poverty in India.

A total of 27 students participated in the event.

The program was conducted by Dr. Sunita Kalakhe, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Avinash Padghan.

7. State Bank of India Workshop (07.02.2025):

The Department of Economics organized a workshop on the State Bank of India (SBI). The workshop was presided over by Prof. Dr. Vanita Pochhi. The chief speaker, Mr. Nilanjan Halder, explained how banks provide various modern services to customers in today's digital era. Other dignitaries present included Mr. Paresh Unche, Mr. Dauraj Jadhav, and Prof. Sandeep Unhale.

The introductory speech and anchoring were done by Dr. Sunita Kalakhe, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Shashikant Patil.

The workshop was attended by teaching and non-teaching staff along with 71 students.

8. World Consumer Rights Day (20.03.2025):

On 20 March 2025, the Department of Economics organized World Consumer Rights Day. The program was chaired by Principal Dr. Vanita Pochhi. The chief guests included:

Ms. Priyanka Sonkusale, Deputy Tehsildar, Naginadas Bairagi, District President, Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat, Shrikant Andhare, District Secretary, Sachin Kulkarni, District Organizer Sudhir Lanke and Rakesh Chopra, Taluka President Vijayshree Kharat, Sanjay Chopra, Amol Khunare, Shailesh Pore

Mr. Naginadas Bairagi guided students on consumer rights and consumer protection laws. Deputy Tehsildar Ms. Priyanka Sonkusale explained how the platform works to ensure that consumers' voices reach the authorities and to prevent exploitation of consumers.

The program was anchored by Dr. Sunita Kalakhe, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Avinash Padghan.

Teaching and non-teaching staff along with 35 students participated in the event.

9. Avishkar Research Competition (25.10.2024)

To encourage research aptitude among students and enhance their understanding of research methodology, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University organizes the district-level Avishkar Research Competition for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

In this competition, Raju Bade, a student researcher from the Department of Economics, was awarded the Second Prize.

Additionally, Ku. Vaibhavi Moraganje and Shri. Aditya Mukkalwar, students of B.A. First Year, also participated in the competition.

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