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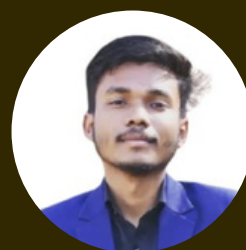
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# STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION



## Fr. Dr. Augustine George Principal

I am pleased to pen the preface for the fourth volume of the Department of Economics magazine, ARTHAVISTA. At the outset, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the editorial board for curating such a thoughtful and engaging publication. The Department of Economics continues to grow in alignment with the college's vision of fostering civic responsibility and strong values among students, while also ensuring academic excellence. This edition captures the department's progress over the past year, both within and beyond the classroom and stands as a testament to the vibrant academic and co-curricular culture we are building together. It is truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm with which students engage in departmental activities, and the unwavering dedication of our faculty in equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and character essential for their journeys as future leaders. I wish the Department continued success in all its future endeavors.



# FOSTERING HOLISTIC EXCELLENCE



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The Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College is committed to nurturing future economists through a holistic education that embraces innovative and evolving pedagogical methods. Our aim is to equip students with the ability to approach real-world situations with clarity, rationality, and a well-rounded perspective. Alongside academic rigor, the Department places a strong emphasis on instilling values of humanity and professional ethics, qualities that empower our students to make meaningful economic and social contributions. Through seminars, guest lectures, conferences, fests, and a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities, we strive to create a vibrant learning environment that supports both foundational and applied skill development. ARTHAVISTA, Volume 4, offers a thoughtful glimpse into the dynamic academic and cultural life of the Department. I sincerely commend the editorial and creative team behind this publication for their dedication and creativity, and I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.



# BUILDING ABILITY AND DREAMS



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It is an absolute pleasure to connect with you through ARTHAVISTA. The Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College continues to demonstrate remarkable commitment and resilience, excelling in every academic initiative and overcoming challenges to deliver a quality education that inspires holistic growth and a spirit of curiosity among students. Being part of a team that strives to nurture the best in our students has truly been a rewarding experience. Along the way, we have created memories that we hope will one day remind our students of the path they once walked, marked by passion, perseverance, and purpose. Future editions of ARTHAVISTA will continue to showcase the diverse work and collaborations across our department, capturing the spirit of learning and innovation we aim to foster. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the management and our respected Dean for their unwavering support and encouragement. A sincere thank you also goes to the faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Economics for their tireless efforts in bringing this magazine to life. I hope you enjoy exploring the pages ahead and find them both engaging and inspiring. Happy reading!



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# MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

## 3rd International Conference on Economics, Business, and Sustainability (ICEBS 2024)

The conference opened with addresses by dignitaries including Mr. David Keynan, who emphasized sustainability through diversity, equality, and modesty. The Principal highlighted the global relevance of the event, supported by over 120 paper submissions. Mr. Keynan's message urged embracing change, referencing Heraclitus, and stressed equitable responsibility and sustainable practices inspired by ancient civilizations. The session underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration for a sustainable future.





## Keynote Session I – Dr. Siti Rahyla Rahmat

Dr. Rahmat addressed challenges faced by smallholders in sustainable supply chains, emphasizing perception gaps and structural barriers. She advocated for inclusive policies, infrastructure investment, and educational support to empower smallholders and promote sustainable development. Her session urged collaboration among government, private sector, and communities to bridge sustainability gaps.



## Keynote Session II – Dr. Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan

Dr. Gopalakrishnan discussed the trade and economic implications of global decarbonization. He analyzed how climate policies reshape competitiveness and trade, particularly for developing economies. The session emphasized balancing growth with sustainability, and called for international cooperation, green investments,

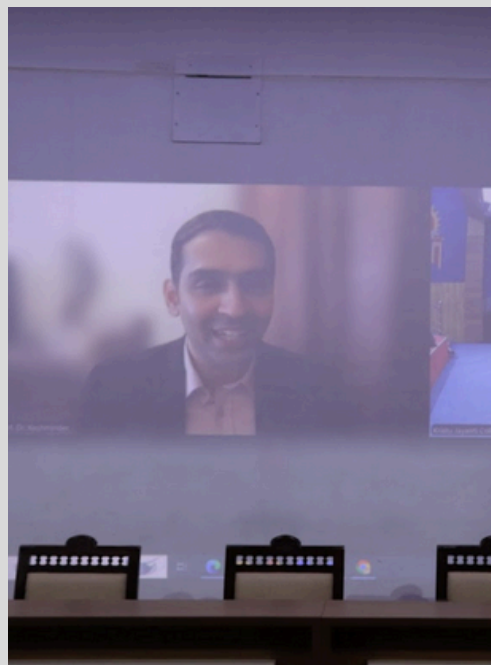


and adaptive strategies to ensure inclusive progress in a low-carbon future.



### Keynote Session III – Dr. Keshminder Singh Jit Singh

Dr. Singh explored how ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) frameworks strengthen economic resilience. He emphasized integrating ESG into corporate governance to mitigate risk, boost stakeholder trust, and drive sustainable growth. Citing case studies, he encouraged businesses to align profit goals with sustainability, underscoring regulatory shifts and the long-term benefits of ESG compliance.



## Plenary Sessions

Five online and one offline plenary sessions allowed for global knowledge-sharing and in-person dialogue. 146 research papers were presented, covering sustainability, economics, and business strategies. The sessions fostered collaborative learning and positioned the conference as a vital hub for advancing sustainability-driven economic research and policy discussions.



## Valedictory Session

Fr. Emmanuel P.J. commended the successful execution of ICEBS 2024 and announced the publication of 146 papers in a Scopus-indexed Springer Nature book series. He distributed certificates and acknowledged participant contributions. Positive feedback reflected the event's academic richness, networking opportunities, and its impact on promoting sustainable economic discourse.





## Kautilya 4.0 – National Intercollegiate Fest

The Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised Kautilya 4.0, a highly anticipated national-level intercollegiate fest aimed at undergraduate and pre-university students from across the nation. The event was structured to promote not only academic excellence but also the holistic development of participants' personalities. The event officially began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment of knowledge and setting a reflective tone for the day. Dr. K. Vinodha Devi followed with a prelude, introducing the objectives and significance of the fest.

The highlight of the session was the keynote inaugural address by Ms. Ashwini Mrinal Bhagat, Senior Director of Netradyne, Bengaluru, who shared valuable insights with the audience. Fr. Joshy Mathew, Director of the Human Resource Department at Kristu Jayanti College, delivered the presidential address, which was both thought-provoking and inspiring. Father emphasised that events like Kautilya 4.0 promote values of fairness, integrity, and innovation, ensuring that competition continues to serve as a force for positive change in the economy and society.



Kautilya 4.0 featured seven significant events, each designed to engage participants in unique ways. These events challenged students to think critically, collaborate effectively, and present their ideas confidently. Kautilya fostered a comprehensive educational environment through competition. They equipped students with critical skills, promote knowledge application, and create a vibrant community of learners, all of which are instrumental in shaping well-rounded individuals prepared for future challenges.



## Economics Club Inauguration

On 24th September 2024, the Department of Economics inaugurated the Economics Club for the academic year 2024–25, with the participation of 95 students from I, III, and V semesters of BA Applied Economics. The event aimed to encourage students to explore economic concepts beyond the classroom, enhance analytical thinking through activities, and foster connections among peers and professionals. The inauguration was graced by chief guests Mr. Nigel John, Head of Talent Acquisition, and Mr. Shambu Reddy, Audit Senior Manager at Withum Smith-Brown LLP, Bengaluru. The event was presided over by Dr. Sivasubramanian K, Head of the Department, along with Faculty Coordinator Mrs. Preethi Sebastian, and club secretaries Mr. Dhreethimon Atreeya and Ms. Ayman Fathima



The dignitaries were felicitated with a sapling and a memento as a token of appreciation. Mr. Nigel John inspired the students with his reflections on personal growth, the importance of valuing everyday moments, and insights from the book *From Good to Great* by James C. Collins. Mr. Shambu Reddy shared his professional experiences and extended his best wishes to the student community. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the beginning of a vibrant academic journey through the Economics Club



## ECONOMIA 2K25 – Intracollegiate Economics Fest

On February 5, 2025, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised ECONOMIA 2K25 themed “AI, Ethnicity, and Economics.” The fest featured four major events—Micro Mastery (JAM), NITI Shastra (Quiz), Econo-Clash (Debate), and Policy Nexus (Policy Making). The inauguration was addressed by Mr. Binny Immanuel Dawson, emphasizing the ethical use of AI, inclusion, and soft skills in the evolving job market. Over 70 students participated in intellectually engaging sessions that fostered critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, and public speaking. The fest provided a vibrant academic platform linking classroom learning to real-world economic, social, and policy issues. It empowered students to explore interdisciplinary connections and emerge as thoughtful, future-ready individuals in a complex global economy.





## Ecnotech 2025 – Skill Exhibition

Ecnotech 2025, the annual flagship event of the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College, was held on January 21, 2025, as a dynamic exhibition promoting innovation and experiential learning. The event opened with a presidential address by Fr. Dr. Lijo P. Thomas, stressing sustainability and creative problem-solving. Mr. Kabir Aswani, Vice President at Moody's Corporation, delivered an inspiring keynote on applying economic knowledge to real-world challenges. Coordinated by Prof. Preethi SG under the guidance of Dr. Sivasubramanian K, the exhibition featured student-made economic models, handmade stalls, and games. The valedictory session, led by Fr. Joshy Mathew, reinforced the importance of skill development. Ecnotech 2025 encouraged leadership, collaboration, and awareness of sustainable development goals in an engaging academic environment.



## Workshop on SPSS

On 8th August 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised a workshop on SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) from 1:40 PM to 3:30 PM for students of V Semester BA Applied Economics and III Semester MA Economics, with 63 beneficiaries in total. The session was conducted by Dr. Saket Ranjan Praveer, Professor at Kristu Jayanti College. The objective was to introduce students to the basics of SPSS and equip them with practical data analysis skills. The workshop began with an overview of SPSS, its interface, and its relevance in social science research. Students were taught how to import datasets, handle missing data, and compute descriptive statistics such as mean, median, and standard deviation. Hands-on exercises included creating frequency tables, performing t-tests, generating charts and graphs, and preparing clean datasets for analysis. Dr. Saket also guided students on how to present SPSS outputs in reports and presentations. The session concluded with a recap and interactive Q&A. The workshop successfully enhanced students' understanding of SPSS, improved their data management capabilities, and prepared them to apply statistical tools for research, analysis, and data-driven decision-making.





## Discovering Economics around Us

On August 12, 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised an expert lecture titled "Discovering Economics Around Us" for the students of 1st Semester MSc Economics and 5th Semester BA Applied Economics, with a total of 81 beneficiaries. The session, held in Room H504 of the Humanities Block from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, was conducted by Prof. Prashant Kulkarni, Faculty at Indus Business Academy, Bengaluru. The lecture aimed to help students understand the practical relevance of economic concepts in everyday life. Prof. Kulkarni highlighted the foundational principles of economics and illustrated how they influence routine decisions and real-world scenarios. His engaging delivery encouraged active student participation and reflection on the subject's real-life applicability. The session successfully bridged theoretical learning with practical understanding, enhancing students' appreciation of economics as a living, everyday discipline.



## The Budget Hour: Live & Exclusive

On February 1, 2025, the Department of Economics organised a live screening of the Union Budget 2025 for 70 B.A. Applied Economics students. The event offered real-time exposure to fiscal policies, focusing on taxation, fiscal measures, sectoral allocations, and social welfare. It bridged classroom learning with real-world application, fostering critical analysis of budgetary decisions. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive—50 students rated it “Outstanding,” and 38 reported enhanced understanding of budget-related topics. The session deepened policy insight and boosted economic literacy.





## Student Presentation of Union Budget 2025

On February 3, 2025, the Department of Economics organised a full-day presentation on Union Budget 2025, involving 120 students from various BA Applied Economics and BSc programs. Thirteen postgraduate students from MSc and MA Economics formed six groups to present critical components of the budget, including taxation, public expenditure, education, women's welfare, health, and technology. The objective was to foster critical analysis of fiscal policies using data-driven insights. Presenters employed statistics, charts, and case studies to support their analysis. The session encouraged interactive discussions, deepening students' understanding of budget impacts on society and the economy.



## Breaking Barriers, Building Legacies: The Rise of Women in Leadership

On March 7, 2025, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College hosted an Expert Talk titled “Breaking Barriers, Building Legacies: The Rise of Women in Leadership” to mark International Women’s Day. The session was led by Dr. Marlene Morais, Advisor and Former Principal of Guru Nanak College, Chennai, and attended by students of I M.Sc Economics and II BA Applied Economics. Conducted in hybrid mode, the talk focused on empowering students with insights into gender equality, leadership challenges, and strategies for overcoming societal barriers. Dr. Morais emphasized the importance of education, perseverance, and policy support in fostering women’s leadership. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, allowing students to explore topics like work-life balance and leadership growth. Feedback reflected high satisfaction, with 90% of students agreeing the session enhanced their understanding. The event successfully inspired participants to recognize and contribute to gender-inclusive leadership.





## Attitude and Integrity (AI)

On February 4, 2025, a session on “Attitude and Integrity – Key Drivers for Mastering the Future” was conducted for 96 B.A. Applied Economics students by Dr. Jonas Richard A. The talk highlighted the importance of integrity and mindset in academic and professional success. Through real-life examples and interactive discussion, students were encouraged to adopt ethical decision-making, leadership, and resilience. Over 90% of participants found the session insightful, motivating, and relevant to their career goals, making it a valuable and timely exercise in personal and professional development.



## Young Economists Dialogue

On January 25, 2025, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised the Young Economists' Dialogue under the theme "Shaping Economies for Tomorrow," in honor of Republic Day. The event aimed to provide a platform for II Semester M.Sc. Economics students to critically examine and propose forward-looking economic policies for India's development. A total of 29 students actively participated, presenting research-driven ideas addressing key issues such as inequality, unemployment, and climate change. Their presentations were supported with relevant data and case studies, followed by engaging Q&A sessions that fostered deeper discussion and critical thinking. The dialogue emphasized the importance of empowering young minds to think innovatively and responsibly about national economic challenges. The outcome was a strong demonstration of students' analytical and policy formulation skills, bridging academic knowledge with practical applications. This initiative successfully cultivated a sense of civic responsibility and economic vision among participants.





## Ancient Economic Ideas and Its Relevance in Modern Economy

On August 26, 2024, 48 V Semester B.A. Applied Economics students participated in a student-led discussion titled “Ancient Economic Ideas and Their Relevance in the Modern Economy” using the Think-Pair-Share method. Divided into four groups, students analyzed and presented ancient economic philosophies and critically examined their contemporary relevance. The session fostered analytical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills. A Q&A segment deepened understanding, helping students confidently connect classical theories to present-day economic challenges through participatory and reflective learning.



## Banking Dynamics: How Financial Inclusion Fuels Economic Growth

On February 22, 2025, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College, in collaboration with St. Anthony's College, Shillong, organised a student panel discussion titled “Banking Dynamics: How Financial Inclusion Fuels

Economic Growth.” Attended by 44 students, the event offered an insightful exploration of financial inclusion and its role in empowering marginalized communities and promoting women’s economic independence through tools like microfinance institutions (MFIs), self-help groups (SHGs), and microloans. Participants examined success stories and challenges related to financial access, policy frameworks, digital payments, and the importance of consumer protection. The panel emphasized the transformative impact of inclusive banking systems on sustainable economic development, especially for underserved populations. The event also featured a dynamic Q&A session where students shared their perspectives and raised thoughtful questions on policy measures, impact assessment, and the future of digital financial literacy. The discussion helped students connect theoretical understanding with real-world applications, improving their knowledge of how inclusive finance contributes to equitable growth. Feedback indicated strong satisfaction, with most participants expressing interest in attending similar events in the future.





## The Economic Visionary: A Tribute to Dr. Manmohan Singh

On January 3, 2025, the Department of Economics organised a student-led presentation session titled “The Economic Visionary: A Tribute to Dr. Manmohan Singh” for IV Semester MA Economics students. This intellectually enriching event aimed to honor the legacy of Dr. Manmohan Singh by examining his pivotal role in shaping India’s economic transformation. Four students—Ngayur Mungrei, Olive Elias, Mohit Lakshminarayan Kapse, and Shawna John—presented well-researched insights into key phases of Dr. Singh’s career, including his early academic contributions, the landmark 1991 liberalization reforms as Finance Minister, his inclusive growth policies as Prime Minister, and his leadership on the global economic stage. The presentations highlighted how Dr. Singh’s economic vision opened India to the global market, promoted equitable development, and enhanced India’s international stature. The event not only deepened students’ understanding of economic policymaking but also developed their analytical and presentation skills.



## Aptitude Alchemist 2.0

From August 21 to 23, 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised a three-day workshop titled “Aptitude Alchemist 2.0” for I Semester M.Sc. Economics and V Semester B.A. Applied Economics students. Conducted by Mr. Dennis Jose, Founder and Chief Trainer of DJ Classes, the workshop aimed to build foundational aptitude skills and boost student confidence in preparation for competitive exams. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including quantitative aptitude, logical reasoning, verbal ability, syllogisms, puzzles, clocks and calendars, and reading comprehension. In addition to theory, students participated in problem-solving sessions, mock exams, and learned strategic approaches for time and stress management. The workshop was highly interactive, blending real-time examples with practical tips and tricks. Feedback from the 80 student participants indicated increased aptitude, improved test readiness, and strong interest in future advanced workshops. Rated highly in terms of content, organization, and trainer expertise, the event successfully enhanced students’ analytical thinking and exam-taking strategies.





## Transition from Campus to Corporate – Alumni Lecture

On September 20, 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised an Alumni Lecture titled “Transition from Campus to Corporate” for 1st semester MSc and 5th semester BA Applied Economics students, with 81 participants. The session, held in Conference Hall P1, featured Mr. Shalu K S, Data Process Analyst at Target Corporation and alumnus of the 2017–19 MA Economics batch. Drawing from his own journey, he shared practical advice on navigating the shift from academia to the corporate world. Key topics included workplace expectations, essential skills, adaptability, and long-term growth strategies. The session inspired students to take ownership of their career paths, emphasized the value of mentorship, and reinforced the department’s focus on holistic, real-world preparation for professional success.



## Alumni Batch Gathering – Yaadein 2025

On February 22, 2025, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised Yaadein 2025, a vibrant alumni gathering held at the H1 Auditorium. The event brought together five alumni alongside 92 undergraduate and 56 postgraduate Economics students, offering a joyful space to reconnect with peers, faculty, and the institution. The inaugural session featured distinguished dignitaries from Kristu Jayanti College of Law, the Office of International and Domestic Relations, the Jayantian Alumni Association, and the Department of Psychology. Their addresses emphasized the role of alumni in mentorship, professional growth, and institutional development. The celebration continued with energetic cultural performances by BA and MSc Economics students, followed by interactive games, ice-breaking sessions, and online interactions that fostered engagement and fun. The event served as a bridge between past and present, inspiring students with real-life journeys of alumni. Filled with nostalgia, joy, and meaningful reflection, Yaadein 2025 strengthened the alumni-student bond and celebrated lifelong Jayantian spirit.





## Impact of Geopolitical Tensions on Global Trade – Panel Discussion

On September 24, 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College organised a panel discussion titled “Impact of Geopolitical Tension on Global Trade” for students of BA and MA Economics, benefiting 120 participants. The event aimed to encourage critical thinking on how geopolitical conflicts disrupt global trade. Seven undergraduate panelists, selected through a two-stage screening, examined conflicts like Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine, exploring their effects on international relations, trade flows, and economic stability. The session was moderated by first-year MA students who ensured structured, engaging dialogue. Key themes included the role of global institutions, impacts on producers and consumers, and the need for policy responses. Panelists showcased strong analytical skills, debated diplomatically, and proposed thoughtful solutions. The event concluded with moderator insights emphasizing the importance of geopolitical awareness in understanding modern trade dynamics, inspiring students to actively engage with global economic issues through informed and collaborative discourse.



## Student Discussion on Technology in Economic Development

On August 26, 2024, the Department of Economics organised a student-led discussion on “Technology in Economic Development Through Socratic Method” for 56 first-semester BSc students from Computer Science, Statistics, and Economics. The objective was to enhance subject understanding and build communication skills through collaborative learning. Students were divided into five groups, each exploring the impact of technology on agriculture, labour, industry, and society. The session featured structured presentations followed by a Socratic-style discussion, encouraging participants to critically assess both the advantages and challenges of technological adoption. A concluding Q&A session fostered deeper reflection and peer engagement. The activity successfully promoted analytical thinking, confident articulation, and balanced assessment of economic issues, helping students bridge theoretical knowledge with practical sectoral analysis in a dynamic and participatory learning environment.





## Anti-Ragging Awareness Week

On August 14, 2024, the Department of Economics at Kristu Jayanti College observed Anti-Ragging Awareness Week with a lecture titled “The Power of Peer Support: A Ragging-Free Campus.” The session was attended by 104 students from I M.Sc, II MA, and V BA Applied Economics. Delivered by Mrs. Mary Sadhana Abraham, Faculty Member at Kristu Jayanti College of Law, the lecture focused on the psychological, emotional, and social impacts of ragging. She emphasized that such behaviors may stem from learned patterns and highlighted the importance of peer support and institutional mechanisms like anti-ragging cells. The session also addressed cyberbullying as a growing concern. Through real-life examples and reflective discussion, students were encouraged to create a respectful, inclusive campus culture. The session effectively raised awareness and inspired students to actively uphold a safe, ragging-free environment grounded in empathy and collective responsibility.



## New In-Demand Skills for Future Entrepreneurs

On September 11, 2024, the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, organised an expert talk titled “New In-Demand Skills for Future Entrepreneurs” for 150 students from BA Applied Economics, BSc CSE, and PG Economics programs. Delivered by Mr. Aji Varghese, Founder of Indus Optics and Malgudi Arts, the session focused on building core entrepreneurial competencies. Key skills discussed included digital literacy, communication, leadership, public speaking, financial management, networking, and adaptability. Mr. Varghese shared real-world insights and encouraged students to embrace innovation and continuous learning. The interactive session included a dynamic Q&A that offered valuable guidance and motivation. Students appreciated the practical relevance and engaging delivery, gaining clarity on what it takes to thrive in today's business landscape. The talk effectively empowered participants with essential tools and mindsets for entrepreneurial success.





## Panel Discussion on Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences 2024

On October 15, 2024, the Department of Economics organised a panel discussion on the 2024 Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences, attended by 54 students from I MSc and II MA Economics. Six student panelists led the session, discussing the contributions of Prof. Daron Acemoglu, Prof. Simon Johnson, and Prof. James A. Robinson. The discussion focused on their research highlighting the role of institutions, governance, and colonial legacies in shaping economic development. Themes such as inclusive versus extractive institutions and the impact of political leadership were explored, particularly in relation to underdeveloped countries and India. The event encouraged students to connect academic theories with real-world development challenges. A concluding Q&A session with faculty enriched student engagement. The discussion deepened understanding of global economic structures and successfully highlighted the relevance of Nobel-winning research in today's economic landscape.



## People, Planet, and Peace: Navigating Growth vs. Sustainability

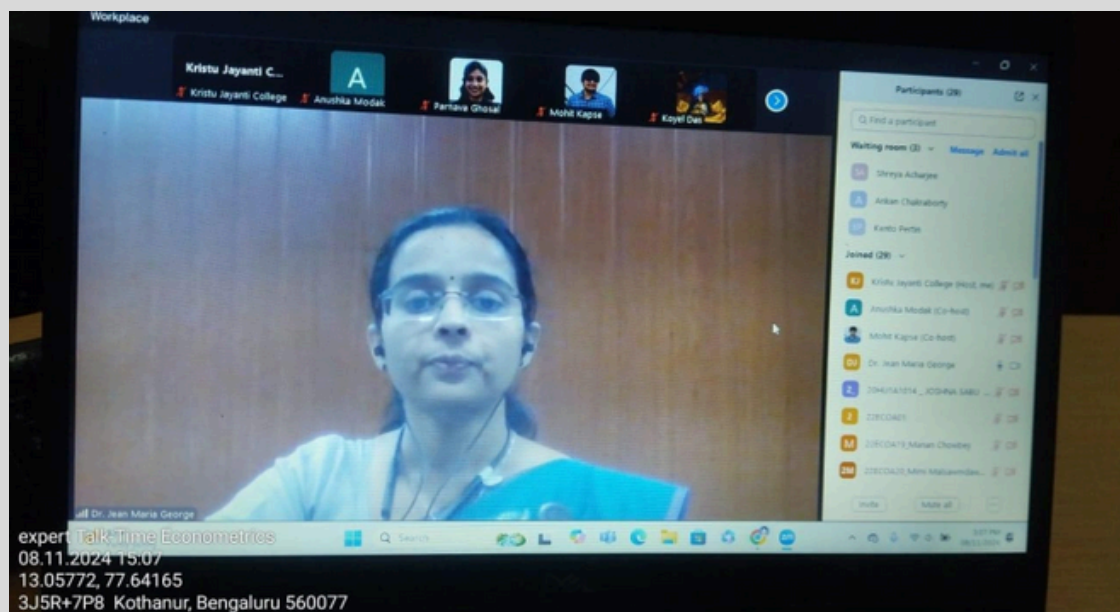
On October 24, 2024, to mark United Nations Day, the Department of Economics hosted a panel discussion titled “People, Planet, and Peace: Navigating the Tensions between Economic Growth and Sustainability” for I BA Applied Economics students. Held in the H1 Auditorium, the session featured six student panelists and 20 participants. The discussion focused on the challenges of balancing development with environmental and social responsibility. Topics included the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the need for inclusive green growth. Panelists emphasized ethical industrialization and climate-conscious policy. An interactive Q&A explored issues like policy implementation in developing countries and the cost of renewable transitions. The event concluded with a call to rethink economic models that prioritize equity and sustainability, deepening students' understanding of global interdependence and encouraging civic engagement in climate action.





## Expert Talk on Time Series Dynamics

On November 8, 2024, the Department of Economics organised an expert talk titled “Understanding Time Series Dynamics: Estimation, Volatility, and Autocorrelation Modeling.” The session was led by Dr. Jean Maria George, Assistant Professor at Christ College, Irinjalakuda, and attended by 55 students from BA, MSc, MA Economics, and STEC programs. Dr. George introduced key concepts in time series analysis, including estimation techniques, autocorrelation, and volatility modeling. She focused on advanced models such as ARCH and GARCH, highlighting their applications in forecasting, financial risk assessment, and policy analysis. The session offered students valuable insights into analyzing time-dependent data and its relevance in real-world economic contexts. A concluding Q&A helped clarify core concepts and inspired further exploration. The talk effectively strengthened students’ understanding of time series econometrics—an essential skill for careers in economics, finance, and data science.



## UGC-NET & CSIR NET/JRF Training Orientation

On February 27, 2025, the Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Centre for UGC-NET and CSIR NET/JRF Training, organised an orientation session for 30 I M.Sc Economics students. Mr. Joel Jacob, Research Scholar at NIT Goa, conducted the session, offering a detailed overview of the exam structure, eligibility, syllabus, and preparation strategies. He emphasized early preparation, suggesting time-bound study plans, solving previous papers, mock tests, group discussions, and effective time management. The session aimed to guide students toward academic and research careers through the UGC-NET and CSIR NET/JRF pathways. A concluding Q&A allowed students to clarify doubts and receive personalized advice. Mr. Jacob also shared a registration link for the training program. The session successfully provided students with direction, motivation, and practical tools to begin their exam journey with confidence and clarity.





## Viksit Bharat 2047 – Student Economics Summit

On August 14, 2024, to commemorate the 78th Independence Day, the Department of Economics hosted the Viksit Bharat 2047 – Student Economics Summit at 1:40 PM for students of I M.Sc and III MA Economics. The summit aimed to involve young economists in discussions on India's developmental path toward becoming a global economic power by 2047. Five student presenters shared insights on key strategies and policy frameworks for inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainable progress. With 32 participants actively engaged, the summit fostered critical thinking, collaboration, and public speaking. The event served as both an academic exercise and a motivational platform, encouraging students to take ownership of their role in nation-building. It deepened their understanding of developmental economics and inspired a proactive approach to shaping India's future, making the summit a meaningful and empowering learning experience.



## Field Visit – Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory

On October 25, 2024, the Department of Economics organised a field visit to the Dairy Day Ice Cream Factory at Harohalli Industrial Estate, Bengaluru, for 88 students from I, III, and V semesters of BA Applied Economics. Coordinated by Dr. Nirmala M. M. and Dr. Rohith S., the visit aimed to connect theoretical learning with industrial application. Students observed the entire production process—from sourcing raw materials to packaging—and learned about supply chain management, production efficiency, and quality control. The visit also offered insights into how consumer behavior and market trends influence business strategies. Aligned with courses like Indian Economic Issues and International Economics, the experience helped students contextualize academic content. It strengthened their analytical skills and enhanced their understanding of real-world economic operations, fostering greater appreciation for the intersection of economic theory, production systems, and managerial decision-making in a competitive market environment.



## Village Development Programme

The Department of Economics conducted a Village Development Programme on April 3, 2025, at Marjenahalli, Kolar District, involving 98 students from II MA Economics, II and III BA Applied Economics. The initiative aimed to provide students with practical exposure to rural socio-economic conditions. Activities included visits to the Village Panchayat Office and the Primary Health Centre, where students engaged with local officials and understood grassroots governance and healthcare challenges. At the Government Primary School, students conducted educational sessions and distributed learning materials to 62 schoolchildren, followed by a cleanliness drive promoting hygiene awareness. A socio-economic survey was also undertaken to assess household living conditions and access to basic amenities. The programme successfully bridged academic learning with field-based experiences, fostering civic responsibility, data collection skills, and awareness of rural development. Feedback indicated high satisfaction and community involvement, with students expressing increased motivation and a deeper understanding of inclusive development practices.





## Village Development Programme – MSc Economics

On April 9, 2025, the Department of Economics organised a Village Development Programme at the Government Primary School in Marjenahalli, Kolar District. The initiative involved 29 MSc Economics students and benefited 62 schoolchildren. Aimed at connecting academic learning with rural realities, students led interactive sessions to strengthen foundational skills and promote engagement. A notable contribution was the donation of a 108-capacity idly cooker to enhance the school's Mid-Day Meal Scheme, aligning with SDG Goal 2: Zero Hunger. Students also conducted a socio-economic survey focused on health and education to understand community challenges better. This participatory outreach helped students apply economic concepts in real-world settings and propose inclusive solutions. The programme successfully combined service learning, rural immersion, and social responsibility, nurturing awareness, empathy, and practical skills. It left a meaningful impact on both students and the local community, highlighting the role of youth in inclusive and sustainable development.





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