

Department of Economics

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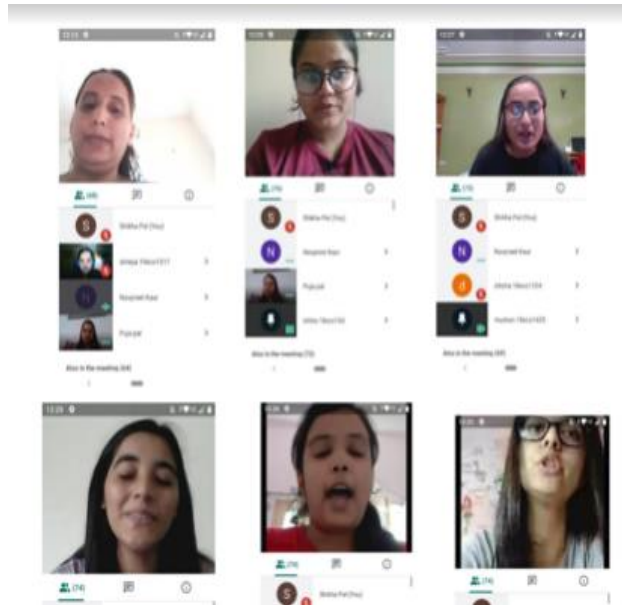
The Economics Department of Janki Devi Memorial College has always intended to provide a holistic setting for its students to prepare them for careers in academia, management, research, government, and many other fields. We work towards creating an environment that helps them to grow in various respects and equips them with the much-needed co-curricular and extra-curricular exposures, a necessity in currently high-demanding times. We aim to nurture leadership qualities, cultivate organizing skills and stimulate teamwork in the students in addition to promoting creative and critical thinking.

Despite the difficult times due to the Covid-19 pandemic that led to virtual classrooms, the Economics Department did not only maintain the steadiness in teaching and learning but also coordinated numerous engaging events for students that aimed towards their overall development.

I. Students' Union Elections 2020-21:

The Students' Union Elections were held in two parts on August 29, 2020 and on December 19, 2020 for the various posts in the Students' Union, Economics Association.

- President- Shikha Pal, III Year
- General Secretary- Dishti Sharma, III Year
- Vice President- Shreya Singh, II Year
- Treasurer- Osheen Sharma,, II Year
- Coordinators- Diksha Mahto, III Year and Ishita Singhal III Year
- Coordinators- Sana Muti, II Year and Ananya Joshi, II Year
- Class Representatives- Yashika Singh, III Year
- Class Representatives- Ishita Kanodia, II Year
- Joint Secretary- Saumya Vig, I Year
- Coordinators- Shilpa Samantha, I Year and Sunidhi Khanna, I Year.
- Class Representatives- Rajasi, I Year



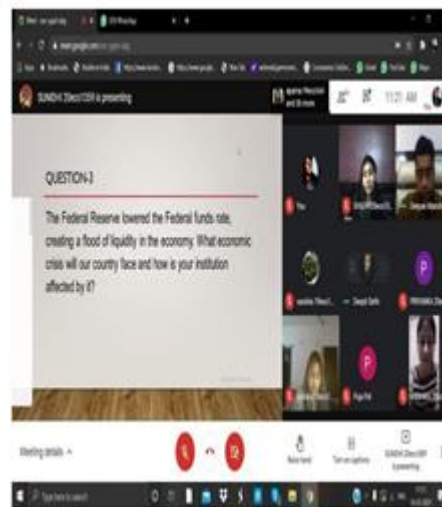
Picture of Students' Union Elections 2020-21

II. Intra-Departmental Events:

a) **Intra Department Festival February 2021:** To expose the aspiring economists to the real-world scenarios for expanding their analytical corner, furnishing them with certainty to determine the voids, and providing proper solutions in this Global Pandemic, the Online Intra Department Festival 2020-21, was organized on February 18, 2021, via Google Meet. The events organised as part of Intra-Departmental festival includes:

- *Paper Presentation Competition-* The event allowed the students to comprehend their understanding and application of concepts on various crucial economic issues that are prevalent in current times. The topics for the presentation were: Farm Bill: Economic incentive or disincentive, Future of E-commerce, Covid- Employment and Poverty in India, Environmental Degradation and Economic Development, Budget 2021-22: Economic Recovery, Stock Market Bubble and Impact of Disinvestment in PSEs on Indian Economy.
- *Ecopinion- The Pursuit of Dispute-* it was a battle to analyse the economic acumen of the contenders. The initial round was a discussion between Team Classicals and Team Keynes on dealing with the same situations. In the second round, the members were assigned an institution each of bank, public and the government.

- *Chase-O-Venture*: was a fun event based on Virtual Treasure Hunt. The participants progressed through some rounds of exciting and catching games.
- *Hind□□□□*- It was a brew of learning and fun. The primary focus of this event was to investigate the participants' living knowledge of India and to provide them and the audience something fresh to learn.

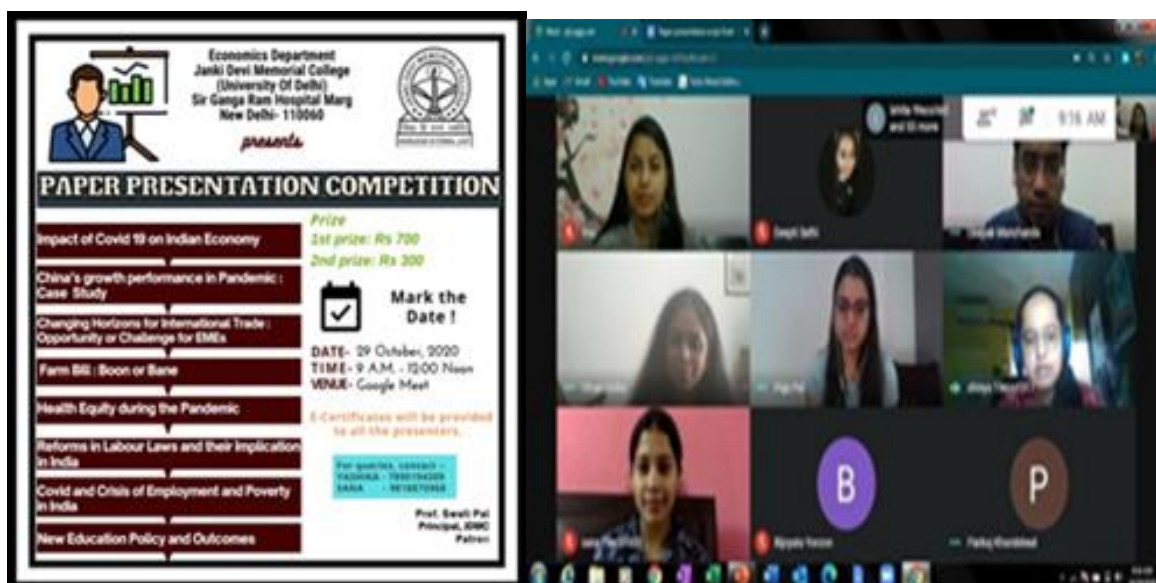


Posters and pictures of Intra Department festival February 2021

b) **Intra Department Festival, October 2020:** To expose the aspiring economists to the real-world scenarios for expanding their analytical corner, furnishing them with certainty to determine the voids, and providing proper solutions in this Global Pandemic, the Online Intra Department Festival was organized on October 29, 2020, via Google Meet. The following events were part of the festival:

- *Paper Presentation Competition* - The competition provided a platform for students to display their understanding and application of knowledge on various contemporary economic issues. The topics for the presentation were: Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Economy, China's Growth Performance in Pandemic: A Case Study, Changing Horizons for International Trade: Opportunity or Challenge for EMEs, Farm Bill: Boon or Bane, Health Equity during the Pandemic, Reforms in Labour Laws and their Implication in India, Covid and Crisis of Employment and Poverty in India and New Education Policy and Outcomes.
- *Economics with Elites*- The principal aim of the event was to scrutinize the economic judgment of applicants through their capability to implement economic theories and concepts. This competition whirled around the fundamental topic of discussion: The Socio-Economic Impacts of the Global Pandemic.
- *Conundrum- Riddle a Little*- This fun event aimed to check how promptly the participants could solve the conundrums within a given time frame.
- *Bing-O-Maniacs*- This fun event revolved around the world of Bollywood and web series, where the students took part in teams with tremendous energy. This competition investigated the knowledge and binge worthiness of Netflix, Prime, other OTTs, and Bollywood.

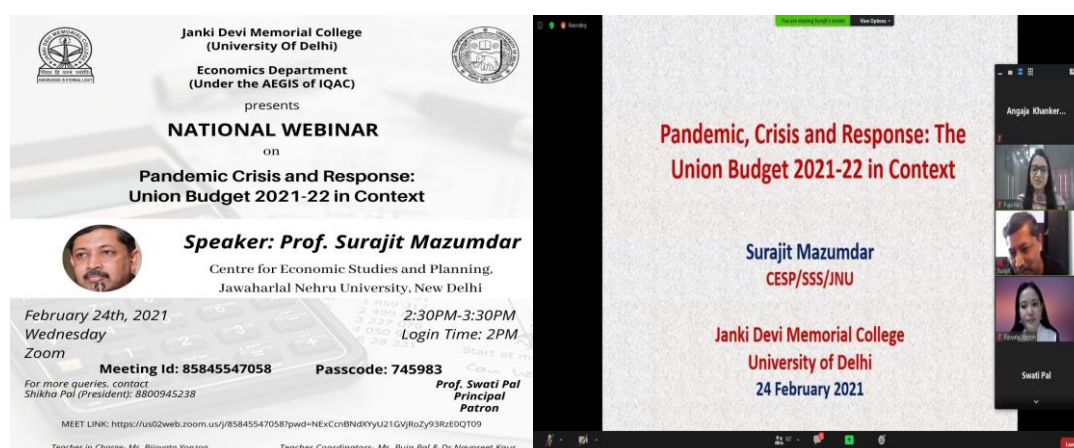




Posters and pictures of Intra Department festival October 2020

III. National Webinars:

a) Pandemic Crisis and Response: Union Budget 2021-22 in Context: The Economics Department, JDMC, organized a national webinar on *Pandemic Crisis and Response: Union Budget 2021-22 in Context* for faculty, scholars, and students across the nation on February 24, 2020. The objective of this webinar was to discuss the Union Budget 2021-22 in the context of the pandemic and the response of the Government. The resource person for the webinar was Prof. Surajit Mazumdar, a Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University.



Poster and picture of national webinar on Pandemic Crisis and Response: Union Budget 2021-22 in Context

b) India's Economic Crisis: COVID-19 and Beyond: The Economics Department, JDMC, organized a national webinar on *India's Economic Crisis: COVID-19 and Beyond* for faculty, scholars, and students across the nation on October 7, 2020. The Resource person for the webinar was Professor C.P. Chandrasekhar, an eminent economist who is a retired Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.



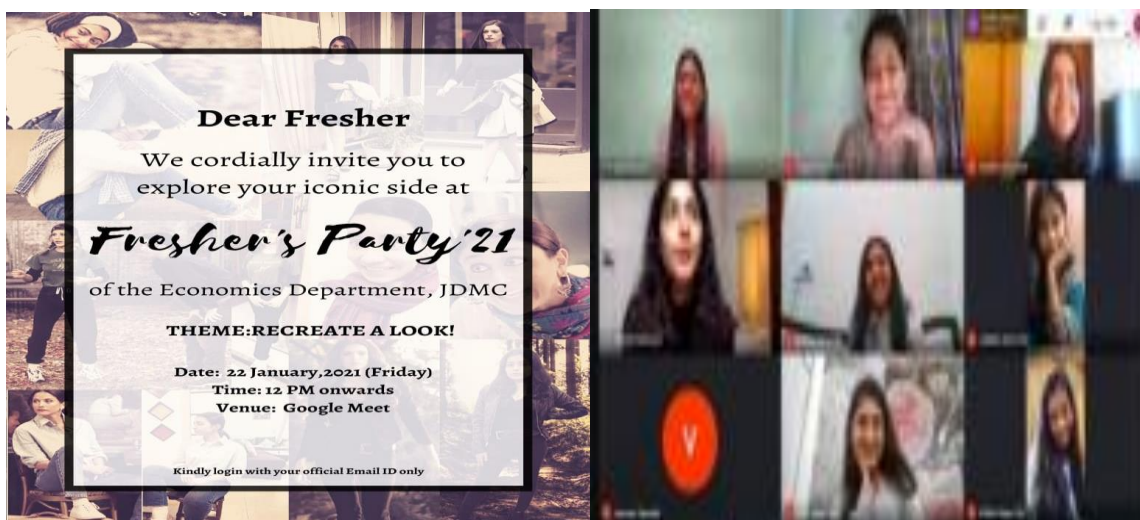
Poster and picture of national webinar on India's Economic Crisis: COVID-19 and Beyond

IV. Freshers' Welcome 2021:

To welcome new students in a cordial spirit, promoting their creative instincts, and boosting their confidence FRESHERS'21 was organized on January 22, 2021, via Google Meet. A splendid show was brought up by the Union, consisting of fascinating rounds, several fun games, and performances by the seniors. The students relished the entire event and caught a glimpse of their new college life.

Following first-year students won the titles:

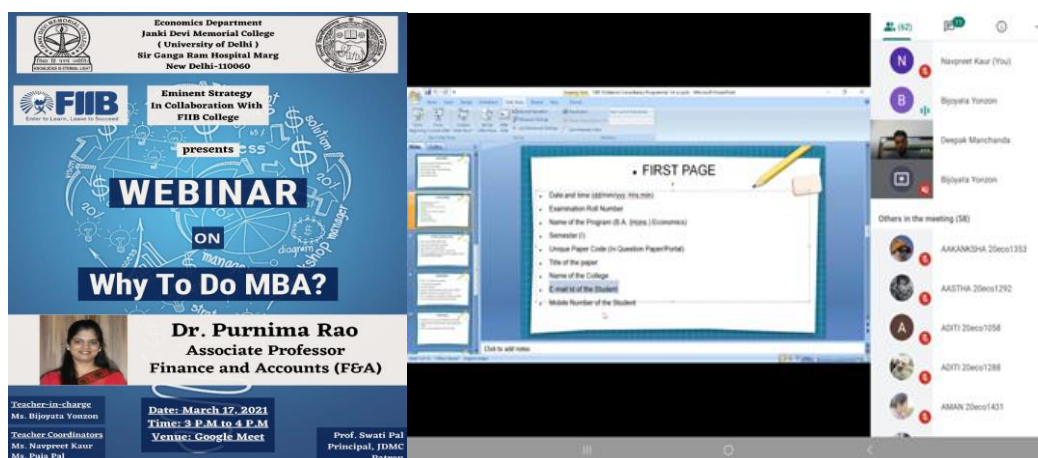
- Ms. Economics Hons: Sunidhi Khanna
- Runner Up: Rajasi Chakraborty
- Miss Diva: Ishika Bansal



Poster and picture of Freshers '21

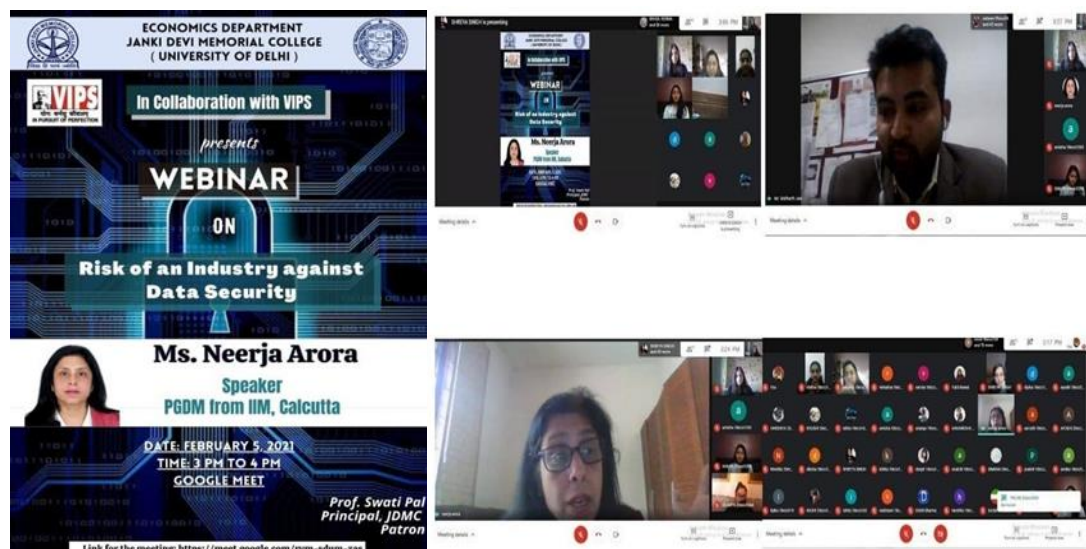
V. Webinars:

a) **Webinar on Why to Do MBA?** : The Economics Department, JDMC in collaboration with FIIP College, is organising a webinar on *Why to do MBA?* for the students of Economics honours III year on March 17, 2021, from 3 pm to 4 pm on Google Meet platform. The webinar opened with a welcome call by the joint secretary of the economics department. The speaker for the session was Dr. Purnima Rao. As the speaker enlisted the importance of pursuing MBA, we reviewed carefully how to get admission in MBA. Furthermore, the practical applications that are prerequisites for any firm nowadays were elaborated. The discussion wrapped up with an exchange on numerous career opportunities in the field and questions were asked by the students to mam. It was a highly illuminating and useful session.



Poster and picture of webinar on Why to Do MBA?

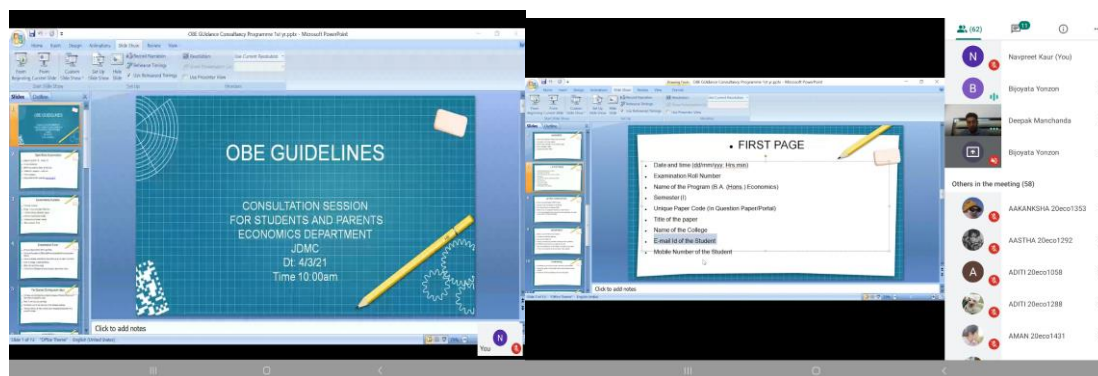
b) Webinar on Risk of an industry against data security- The Economics Department, JDMC in collaboration with VIPS, conducted a webinar on *Risk of an Industry against Data Security* for the students of Economics honours III yr on February 5, 2021, from 3 pm to 4 pm on Google Meet platform. The security standards, that are prerequisites for any firm nowadays, were elaborated along with the information of the cyber-crimes and their objectives.



Poster and picture of Webinar on Risk of an industry against data security

VI. Consultation Session with students on OBE

On March 04, 2021, a Consultation Session was organized by the Economics Department, JDMC for its I Year students and their parents, in reference to the upcoming Open Book Examinations (OBE). The Session was conducted for an hour at 10.00 a.m. on the Google Platform. The participants were informed about the necessary guidelines for the OBE. The queries and confusion of students were clarified by teachers.



Pictures of consultation session on OBE with students

VII. ECOPHORIA'21:

The annual inter-college fest of the Economics Department -Ecophoria was organised after two years from April 9 to 13, 2021 in online mode. Union under the guidance of teachers organised the following events:

- *Inaugural lecture on Aatmanirbhar Bharat*: The fest commenced with an Inaugural lecture by Prof N. R. Bhanamurthy, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE University), Bengaluru on the topic “Aatmanirbhar Bharat”. The COVID-19 pandemic made 2020 a difficult year for the Indian Economy. It had suffered even before the pandemic. According to PM Modi, Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan is designed to aid India out of the Coronavirus crisis by making her self-reliant. The objective of this webinar was to discuss this newly launched scheme in greater length and through an economic lens.
- *Meraki: Craft your Vision*: Meraki was an Online Inter-College face painting/poster making competition where participants got to show their creative and innovative sides by submitting either a poster or face painting on socio-political topics and were marked based on creativity and originality of the idea. The event was held on Instagram from April 10 to 12, 2021. The event ended on a successful note where we saw the creativity of participants and their enthusiasm towards the art. The first prize was given to Swati from central academy and second prize to Tushita Arora from JDMC.
- *Ad Mad 2.0- Let's advertise with a cause*: Ad Mad was an Advertisement making competition for students to demonstrate their creativity in marketing by reaching out to the hidden actor in them. They had to promote it till they sell it. This event was held on Instagram from April 11 to 12, 2021. The event turned out to be an interactive one where we got to see a variety of ideas flourishing out of their brains in a creative way. The first prize was given to Bhavouk from DDUC and second prize to Chahat Pahuja from Kalindi college.
- *EQUILIBRIA'21- A state of balance*: Equilibria'21 was organised by The Quizzards show- the quiz society of our department. Revolving around basic economics, this event was designed to test overall economic knowledge in a very balanced way to cover all the aspects. Equilibria was held on April 12 11:00 AM onwards. The mode used was

zoom and through google forms. The first prize was given to Sushant Bhaat and Divyansh and second prize to Aru Jain and Anshita.

The Fest came to a close with the announcement of the winners of all three events and the successful launch of our annual department e-magazine "Ecogene" in its eighth edition. Despite the fact that this was the first time Ecophoria was held online in light of the current situation, it was a fruitful and memorable event.

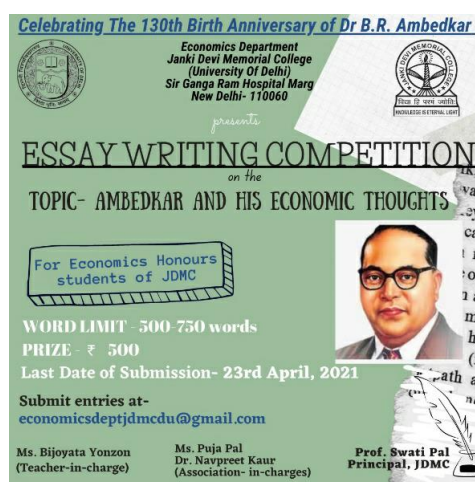




Posters and pictures of Ecophoria' 21

VIII. Essay writing competition on Ambedkar and his Economic Thoughts:

The Economics Department of JDMC organized an essay writing competition, for its students, on the theme “Ambedkar and his Economic Thoughts” to celebrate the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with April 23, 2021 as the last date of submission. The objective was to make the students critically understand the topic, and to shape and share their ideas based on it. The competition primarily focused on how most of the economic planning strategy post-independence was based on Ambedkar’s ideology and his economic ideas which holds great importance even to this day. The word limit for the essay was 500 to 750 words. The winner of the competition was Ms. Khushi Jain from second year.



Poster of essay writing competition on Ambedkar and his Economic Thoughts