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### Department Annual Report 3

#### Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

**Department: Economics**

**Year: 2024-25**

**Department Society: Arthashastra**

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### Part B.1

#### Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department

S.no.	Name of the workshop/seminar/conference	Number of Participations/registrations	Date From - To	Poster	Category of Activity	About (Short report on the event)
1.	From Theory to Practice: Exploring Careers after Economics	100	5 October 2024		Seminar (offline)	During the session, our speakers were: 1. Avni Ajay, Junior Analyst at BCG (Miranda House, Batch of 2023) 2. Reva Singh, Senior Associate at Grant



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						<p>Thornton Bharat LPP (Sri Venkateswara College, Batch of 2023)</p> <p>3. Ridhi Soni, Senior Analyst at Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc. (The University of Tokyo, Batch of 2022 and Shri Ram College of Commerce, Batch of 2017)</p> <p>The speakers talked about their professional journey from a student in DU to the best organizations in their respective journeys. They provided insights into what a good resume/CV should be, how to be updated about the latest internship and job opportunities, extra-curricular activities and courses that make a student a suitable candidate for corporate, research and master's opportunities.</p>
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2.	LinkedIn Drive	60	20 October 2024		Online via Google Meet	The speaker Ms. Vartika Rawat was then a student in her 3rd year pursuing her undergraduate degree in Life Sciences at Miranda House College. She provided valuable insights into optimizing the students' LinkedIn presence and tips to make the best use out of the platform.
3.	Internships Roadmap	80	20 November 2024		Online Webinar via Google Meet	On 30th November, 2024, the Career Cell organized a webinar on Internships Roadmap, inviting Ms Pavya Singh, Ms Ojaswini Rao Ayde and Ms Vaishnavi Vohra from batch 2025/26, who undertook exceptional summer internships, shared their insightful journeys – from the application process to their experience, providing a glimpse into diverse internship paths and offering valuable tips.



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4.	Transformative Feminist Financing: How the Monetary Fiscal Architecture can Promote Gender Equality	100	19 February 2025		Department Fest Speaker Session (offline)	<p>Miranda House's Economics Department hosted a seminar on <i>Transformative Feminist Financing</i> during Zenith 2025, with a keynote by Dr. Ritu Dewan, eminent economist and former President of the Indian Society of Labour Economics. She discussed how fiscal and monetary structures shape gender outcomes, stressing that economic policies are never gender-neutral. Key issues included the invisibilization of women's unpaid labour, gaps in gender budgeting, and persistent inequalities in nutrition, healthcare, and social security—exacerbated by the removal of</p>



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						<p>nutrition questions from official surveys. Dr. Dewan also highlighted falling female labour force participation, barriers to credit, informal work vulnerabilities, and gendered taxation</p>
5.	Development and Our Himalayan Periphery: Exceeding Expectations or Gone Astray	100	19 February 2025		Department Fest Speaker Session (offline)	<p>At Zenith 2025, Mr. Deepak Sanan, former civil servant and Senior Visiting Fellow at CPR, delivered a seminar on <i>Development and the Himalayan Periphery</i>. Using human development maps, he highlighted how Himalayan states outperform much of India in literacy, health, and per capita income due to equitable social structures and better access to resources. He contrasted this with the stagnation in states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan, where entrenched elites and unequal land ownership hinder</p>



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						progress. Discussing the Northeast and Himachal Pradesh, he emphasized how social structures, corruption levels, and poor-quality public services shape outcomes. He concluded by urging quality-driven reforms in industry, education, and infrastructure.
6.	Emerging Challenges in India's Social Policy Landscape	100	19 February 2025		Department Fest Panel Discussion (offline)	On Day 2 of Zenith 2025, Arthashastra hosted a panel discussion on <i>Emerging Challenges in India's Social Policy Landscape</i> , featuring five distinguished economists and moderated by Prof. Meeta Kumar. The panel examined gaps between policy intent and implementation across sectors. Mr. V. R. Raman highlighted inadequate social spending, weak local governance, and the need for equitable financing. Dr. Surajit Mazumdar discussed India's premature de-



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						industrialisation, labour surplus, and the mismatch between GDP and employment shares. Dr. Indrani Gupta stressed market failures in healthcare and the urgent need for Universal Health Care. Dr. Reetika Khara critiqued biometric authentication in PDS for excluding vulnerable groups. Ms. Anindita Mukherjee addressed WASH challenges and sustainable urbanisation. The session encouraged students to critically examine policy realities.
7.	Webinar on Law and Economics - 1	100	4 March 2025		Online Webinar via Google Meet	Over the course of the two webinars, the speakers delved into the application of this interdisciplinary field, and the career opportunities in law and economics that



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8.	Webinar on Law and Economics - 2	100	18 March 2025		Online Webinar via Google Meet	<p>await students in the future. Our students engaged in thought-provoking question answer sessions, and gained valuable insights from our esteemed speakers.</p> <p>Speaker 1: Professor <a href="#">Rajendra Kundu</a> Associate Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University</p> <p>Speaker 2: Professor <a href="#">William Hubbard</a> Deputy Dean and Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law, University of Chicago</p>
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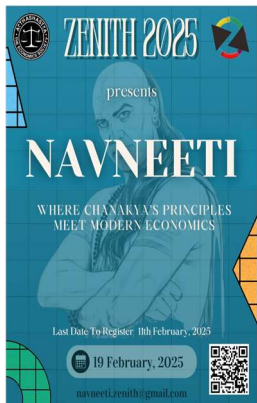




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## Part B.2

### Extension Activities organized

S.no.	Name of the workshop/seminar/conference	Number of Participations/registrations	Date From - To	Poster	Category of Activity	About (Short report on the event)
1.	Market Mayhem	196	19 February 2025		Inter-college Competition	Market Mayhem challenged teams through quizzes, presentations, and a surprise crisis round. Twelve finalists showcased quick marketing strategies, with Strattons Oakment winning in a highly competitive event praised for its real-world problem-solving focus.
2.	Navneeti	250	19 February 2025		Inter-college Competition	Navneeti 2025 challenged teams to apply Chanakya's Arthashastra to modern crises through quizzes, case studies, and a final presentation round. Ten finalists impressed judges with insightful policy solutions, with Teams Sabhyata and Blatzooka emerging as winners in a well-executed event.



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3.	What Would Dumbledore Do?	222	19 February 2025		Inter-college Competition	“What Would Dumbledore Do?” blended economics with fictional worlds through quizzes, puzzles, and an on-spot case round. Ten finalists presented creative policy solutions, with Team Ravenclaw & Slytherin Besties winning a uniquely imaginative, engaging, and boundary-breaking competition.
4.	Clue-Less: An Economic Whodunnit	215	20 February 2025		Inter-college Competition	Clue-less: An Economic Whodunnit blended a murder mystery with economics based rounds and side quests. 33 teams competed through quizzes, strategy games, and clue hunts, with Team Shivaay emerging victorious in a highly praised, thrilling event.
5.	NAVDHAARNA	45	20 February 2025		Inter-college Competition	Navdhaarna 2025 featured three research rounds, with five finalist teams presenting before an expert panel. Diverse topics were explored, and the duo of Tamoghna Chowdhary and Uttam Tiwari won, followed by Fuel Access Alliance as runner-up.



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### Part B.3

Any other event organized as part of students' activities (not listed above)

S.no.	Month	Activity Done	Content Created
1.	July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vertical Heads recruitment for the session 2024-25.</li> <li>Mapped out the structure for the Union Budget Report and conducted an orientation session with members for the same.</li> </ol>	<p>Published by editorial board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 member articles posted on ecotalker</li> <li>2 guest articles by prof AJC Bose posted on ecotalker</li> <li>Aapoorti theme discussion initiated</li> </ol>
2.	August	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted Freshers' Orientation for the batch of 2027/28 .</li> <li>Focus Group Discussion (6th August, 12-13 participants, Seminar Hall) : International Economics Association's multi-year project aimed at enhancing the role of women in the global economics profession by Dr. Monica Biradavolu.</li> <li>Completed the first Grad Story interview and report; work initiated for Grad Story 2.</li> <li>Shortlisted speakers for the Placement Guide seminar and</li> </ol>	<p>DESIGN TEAM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed 4 Ecotalker posts, 1 ZDP post, and 1 Arth by Arthashastra post.</li> <li>Assisted Vishleshan in designing the Union Budget 2024 report.</li> <li>Designed Teachers' Day décor and cards.</li> </ol> <p>EDITORIAL BOARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published 6 member articles.</li> <li>Finalized the Aapoorti theme.</li> </ol>



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		<p>published pending webinar reports from 2023–24.</p> <p>5. Finalized speakers for RCS/RPP P2P sessions, shortlisted topics for Anveshan, and initiated collaboration outreach.</p>	<p>VISHLESHAN</p> <p>1. Published a group analysis report on Union Budget 2024–25.</p>
3.	September	<p>1. Organized Teachers' Day' 24</p> <p>2. Conducted GE, SEC, VAC orientation for the batch of 2027/28 on Google Meet</p> <p>3. Conducted CR elections for batch of 2027/28</p> <p>4. Conducted Joint Secretary elections</p>	<p>Career cell</p> <p>Posted and Circulated 3 Grad Stories (Srishti Menon - Gartner, Samprikta Banerjee - IMPRI, Khushi Shekhar - DSE)</p> <p>Sponsorship team</p> <p>Economics Forever is ready to sponsor ₹6000 in exchange for a</p>



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department trip General Body meeting on Google Meet</li> <li>Economics workshop by Daniel Zizzo (Academic Dean and Head of The University of Queensland's School of Economics in Australia)</li> <li>Circulated Google forms for the department trip to collect consent forms and advance payment.</li> <li>Vertical Orientation for the batch of 2027/28</li> <li>Vertical recruitment forms released for the batch of 2027/28</li> </ol>	<p>webinar on career prospects after economics.</p> <p>Editorial Board Conducted interview of Dr. Surjit Bhalla Research paper process initiated for Aapoorti</p> <p>Vishleshan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation meeting held for RPP/RCS programme.</li> <li>Selected participants for the RPP/RCS programme</li> <li>Held meetings with the selected teams.</li> <li>Formulated and shared resource kit on research for RPP/RCS participants.</li> </ol> <p>ZDP Scripted, recorded and uploaded an interview collaboration episode with Satvik Chauhan (Founder of South Asian Policy Initiative)</p>
4.	October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vertical recruitment results released</li> <li>Personal details of freshers collected through Google sheet</li> <li>Conducted Freshers' 2024</li> <li>Department trip payment refunded</li> </ol>	<p>CAREER CELL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on the case comp guide has begun.</li> <li>Grad stories posted</li> <li>Seminar "From Theory to Practice: Exploring Careers After Economics" conducted.</li> </ol> <p>VISHLESHAN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted the first workshop "how to get</li> </ol>



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			<p>published” under the RCS programme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Conducted an orientation session for Anveshan with the whole team.</li> <li>3. Completed Literature review and index formulation for Anveshan Research.</li> <li>4. Began working on the dashboard project and survey designing for anveshan.</li> </ol>
5.	November	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ordered union badges</li> <li>2. Collected students' information regarding internships, awards received for sports/cultural performance and scholarships received in the academic year 2023-24 for college report.</li> <li>3. Core Union meeting regarding Zenith preparation.</li> <li>4. Winter merch hoodie design and vendor decided</li> </ol> <p>SPONSORSHIP TEAM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalised Konnifel as Associate Sponsor and worked on the mou of konnifel.</li> <li>2. In talk with Startup News for Media Partner.</li> </ol>	<p>CAREER CELL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Started the work on case comp guide</li> <li>2. Internships webinar conducted</li> </ol> <p>EDITORIAL BOARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Worked on Aapoorti, submissions</li> <li>2. Published member articles</li> <li>3. Worked on in house research paper</li> </ol>
6.	December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collected and placed orders for Arthashastra's official winter merch hoodie</li> </ol>	<p>EDITORIAL BOARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Worked on the research paper.</li> </ol>



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Circulated student feedback form, scholarships form for the college's official records</li> <li>3. Started planning for Zenith 2025</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Collected entries for aapoorti.</li> </ol> <p>VISHLESHAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed and uploaded the dashboard and report for the 'Economics behind ISRO' group project.</li> </ul>
7.	January	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distributed Arthashastra winter merch.</li> <li>2. Circulated Zenith 2025 event heads form</li> <li>3. Core meeting to shortlist events for Zenith</li> <li>4. Meeting with shortlisted event heads to finalise events for Zenith</li> <li>5. Created Zenith OC group, event head checklist sheet, meeting with event heads</li> <li>6. Circulation of event coordinator forms</li> <li>7. Meeting with 1st years to explain the responsibilities of event coordinators and zenith press members.</li> <li>8. Selection of guest entries for aapoorti</li> <li>9. Opened up registration for Navdhaarna</li> <li>10. Prepared zenith reel content - teaser, save the date, zenith recap , quiz/polls</li> <li>11. Finalised startupnews.fyi as media partner.</li> <li>12. Finalised unlimited greens as a gifting partner.</li> </ol>	<p>EDITORIAL BOARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 6 member articles published on ecotalker</li> </ol>



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		13. Also finalised du India and Interview Buddy as sponsors for zenith.	
8.	February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Circulation of Zenith Press forms</li> <li>2. Shortlisted members for Zenith Press journalism and photography, allotted events.</li> <li>3. Meeting with Zenith Press members.</li> <li>4. Collected responses for Zenith stalls</li> <li>5. Arranged Zenith stall equipment and ID card holders.</li> <li>6. Conducted Zenith 2025 on 19th and 20th February</li> <li>7. Collected Zenith Press reports and photographs.</li> </ol> <p>EDITORIAL BOARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shortlisted articles and research papers for aapoorti</li> <li>2. Shortlisted finalists for Navdhaarna</li> </ol>	<p>DESIGN TEAM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Made zenith reel covers, 5 competition, panel discussion and speaker session and Timeline posts.</li> <li>2. Poster for competition and speaker session+panel discussion.</li> <li>3. Offline decor for Zenith-general and 5 competitions.</li> </ol>