**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**ACTIVITIES 2023-24**

**DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics (2021-23), presented a paper on ‘Poverty in India: An Overview’ in National Seminar on 'Sustainable Development in India: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges' organized by Gujranwala Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Ludhiana on June 27, 2023.
2. Taranjot Kaur (MA, 2020-22) and RitikaDhand (MA, 2021-23) cleared UGC-NET Economics held in December 2023 with the help of Free Coaching available at A.S. College, Khanna.
3. Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics (2021-23), presented a paper on ‘Estimates and Extent of Poverty: A Study of North-Western Region of India’ in National Seminar on 'Contemporary Economic Issues of North-Western India' organized by Department of Economics, Panjab University, Chandigarh on February 19-20, 2024.
4. Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics (2021-23), presented a paper on ‘Role of Agriculture in Making Trillion Dollar Indian Economy’ in National Seminar on 'Issues and Challenges of Commerce in Trillion Dollar Indian Economy' organized by Smt. ArunaAsaf Ali Government Postgraduate College, Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana in collaboration with ICSSR-NWRC, Panjab University, Chandigarh on February 22-23, 2024. And she got Best Paper Award in this Seminar.
5. Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics (2021-23), presented a paper on ‘Women Empowerment through Handicraft Industry in North Western India’ in National Seminar on 'Promotion of Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Development amongst Women in Crafts Sector in North-Western India' organized by DAV College, Hoshiarpur on March 02, 2024. And she got Best Paper Award in this Seminar.
6. Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics (2021-23), presented a paper on ‘Labour Force Participation of Women in India’ in National Seminar on 'Role of Women Empowerment in Economic Development' organized by RKSD College, Kaithal, Haryana on March 05, 2024

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1. Department of Economics observed World Water Day on 22 March 2024, which is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme of World Water Day 2024 is 'Water for Peace'. When we cooperate on water, we create a positive ripple effect – fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges.
2. The Department of Economics organized 16th Dr. B.S. Minhas Memorial Lecture on 01st April 2024 with the collaboration of Dr. B.S. Minhas Memorial Forum. This lecture has been delivered by Sh. Raj Kumar Goyal, Managing Director, Cytozyme Laboratories Inc., Verdesian Life Sciences, North Carolina, USA. In this Lecture, Sh. Raj Kumar Goyal said that Indian economy is an agro-economy, which is highly dependent on the cycle of production, distribution and consumption. He emphasized that to make Indian agriculture future-ready, initiatives like National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, the promotion of scientific warehousing and the adoption of drone technologies have to be promoted and facilitated for small scale farmers too.On this occasion, Scholarships in the name of Dr. B.S. Minhas and Mrs. Raj Minhas were given to three students of economics. Apart from this, ten students, who topped in economics subject, were awarded by Sh. Ajay Bhandari in the memory of his father Sh. Balraj Bhandari.
3. Koshal and Malhotra Education Foundation, Ahmedabad awarded scholarship for the amount of Rs. 20,000 to four students (Rs. 5000 each) who obtained first position in university examinations. This year Sumiti Soni(MA Student majoring in English),Jaskaran Singh (Undergraduate Student majoring in Mathematics), Jaskaran Singh (Undergraduate Student majoring in Physics or Chemistry) and TanishjotKaur (Undergraduate Student majoring in Economics) obtained these scholarships.

**Individual Activities:**

1. Shiv Kumar, Associate Professor of Economics, published a paper on Social Capital and Human Well-Being: A Comparative Study of BRICS Countries, in the journal Artha Vijnana, December 2023, Vol. 65, No. 4, pages: 439-451, ISSN Online: 0975-6884.
2. Shiv Kumar, Associate Professor of Economics, presented a paper on ‘An Analysis of Effectiveness of Poverty Reduction Strategies in India' in International Seminar on ‘Sustainable Development in India: Strategies and Way Ahead’ organized by Goswami Ganesh Dutta Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh on February 27, 2024. (Jointly with Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics, 2021-23).
3. Shiv Kumar, Associate Professor of Economics, presented a paper on ‘Role of Secondary Agriculture in India's Growth Performance’ in National Seminar on 'India's Ambition to Attain US $ 5 Trillion Economy Target: Sectoral Challenges and the Possibilities' organized by Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur on March 15-16, 2024. (Jointly with Ritika Dhand, Student of MA Economics, 2021-23). (100% Financial Assistance was given by IDS, Jaipur).
4. Rajni Kant Sharma, Assistant Professor of Economics, presented a paper on ‘Breaking Barriers: Women Pioneers in Science and Technology' in National Seminar on 'Role of Women Empowerment in Economic Development' organized by RKSD College, Kaithal, Haryana on March 05, 2024.
5. Kavita Sharma, Assistant Professor of Economics, received Ph.D. Degree on the topic "A Comparative Study of Foreign Trade in Indian Economy for Economic Growth and Development" from Sunrise University, Alwar, Rajasthan on June 16, 2023.

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