

Aryabhatta College

Department of Economics

(Annual Report for the Academic session 2020 to 2021)

1) Name of Teacher in Charge: Sh. Nongmaithem Manichandra Singh

2) Brief details of Faculty members

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Teaching Experience	Permanent/ Temporary/ Ad hoc
Mr. Harish Dhawan	M. A.	Associate Professor	Mathematical Economics, Statistics, Political Economy	31 years	Permanent
Dr. Kartikeya Kohli	Ph. D	Associate Professor	Economic History of India, Eco History of Indian Ocean, Indian Economy	29 years	Permanent
Dr. Surajit Deb	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Micro Economics, Public Finance	30 years	Permanent
Dr. Suvojit Lahiri	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Macro Economics, Monetary Economics	24 years	Permanent
Dr. Gursharan Rastogi	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Development Economics	23 years	Permanent (On leave)
Dr. Deepika Goel	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Econometrics, Statistics, Macro Eco, Monetary Eco	22 years	Permanent
Ms. Astha Ahuja	Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	International Economics	20 years	Permanent
Mr. N M Singh	M. Phil.	Assistant Professor	Micro Economics, Macro Economics, Data Analysis, Research Methodology	16 years	Permanent

3) Student Strength

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
43	65	47

4) Details of publication work by the faculty members

S. No.	Title of Paper/Book/Book Chapters	Authors	Journal	Volume no. year, Page No.	Publisher/ISSN No. / Int. Database	Refereed
1	Types of Vulnerable Households across Social Classes in Rural India	Surajit Deb	Social Change	50 2020 466-472	0049-0857 and 0976-3538	Yes
2	The Poor and the Migrants in India	Surajit Deb	Social Change	50 2020 584-588	0049-0857 and 0976-3538	Yes
3	Living Conditions and Social Distancing Barriers in India	Surajit Deb	Social Change	51 2021 241-245	0049-0857 and 0976-3538	Yes
4	Social Protection Network across Indian States	Surajit Deb	Social Change	51 2021 420-425	0049-0857 and 0976-3538	Yes
5.	Monetary policy transmission in Financial markets- The Case of India	Dr Suvojit Lahiri Chakravarty	Journal of Business Thought	Vol 12, 2021, pp 51-63	Informatics publishing Limited/2231-1734	Yes
6.	Determinants of inflation in India	Pami Dua and Deepika Goel	The Journal of developing areas	Vol 55, No. 2	1548-2278	Yes
7.	Inflation Persistence in India	Pami Dua and Deepika Goel	Journal of Quantitative Economics	Vol 19, pp 525-553	0971-1554	Yes
8.	Child Malnutrition in North-East India,	Surajit Deb	A. Pankaj, A. Sharma and A. Borah (Edited)	Book Chapter, 2021	Sage Publication Private Limited: Los Angeles, CA.	

5) Participation of faculty members in seminars/workshops ,etc

- *Dr. Surajit Deb*
 - Presented a paper titled ‘Unpaid Work and Female Labor-Force Participation: Insights from in India’s Time Use Data’ at IARIW, 36th General Conference, a Virtual Conference held on 24th August, 2021.
- *Ms. Deepika Goel*
 - Participated in a National workshop on Financial Econometrics organized by BASE University, Bengaluru in August 2021.

6) Achievement of Students including their participation in various societies

Sl No.	Name of the Student	Work as Intern/ Research Associate	Company/Organisation/Society
1	Apoorva Sharma	Internship: worked on a Project titled ‘Winning on eRetailer Search’ (01/09/ 2020 to 30/09/2020)	Nestlé India Limited
2	Ansh Mahendru	Social Media Marketing Intern (30/03/21 to 1/05/21”.)	Pathway Education- A partner company of Digital Media Performance Pvt Ltd.
3	Aditya	Business Development Intern (Strategy (10/11/ 2020 to 10/12/2020)	The Soul Spoon
4	Ashwin Kalra	Internship as Research Associate (20th April 2021 to 20th July 2021.)	Association of Students for Analysis and Research (ASAR)
5	Asmita Tiwari	Social Media Marketing intern (2 Weeks Internship)	Marketing team of Digim eglobal
	Asmita Tiwari	Internship as Market research. (June-July in 2020)	Lumevent Private Limited
6	MeghnaYadav	Participated in 'SurakshitDadaDadi Nana Nani Abhiyaan'	PiramalFoundationinpartnershipwithNIT IAayogasanInternfrom13/08/2020to13/10/2020.
	Meghna Yadav	Participated in thecampaign“पढ़ो, बढ़ो, भरों रंग, रीड अलों गएप्प के संग”	PIRAMAL FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
	Meghana Yadav	Participated in Content writing (one month of May, 2020)	GirlUp Vidya
7	Naina Singh	Completed internship in Accounting and Sales (08/06/2020 to 08/07/2020)	TAK Inc.
8	Rishabh Singh	Internship as a Founder from October 2020	Association of Students for Analysis and Research (ASAR)
	Rishabh Singh	working on a defined project with clearly defined deliverables	A.T. Kearney Ltd. from June 24, 2020 – August 19, 2020.

		in Student Internship program (24/06/2020 to 19/08/2020)	
9	Sakshum Kumar Singh	Internship: worked on the "Academical.ly – Sales and Business Development project" (12/04/2021 to 28/05/2021)	Tosh Innovations Pvt. Ltd.
10	Samarth Munshi	Work as Intern on the field of social media marketing from (01/02/2021 to 31/05/2021)	Frankly Retail Private Limited
	Samarth Munshi	virtual internship (4 weeks from 14/08/ 2020 to 14/09/2020)	Child Rights and You (CRY)
	Samarth Munshi	Internship at Career Launcher	Career Launcher
11	Sankalp Rawal	CA Program as a Content Writer (0/07/20200- 01/09/2020)	ForeignAdmits
	Sankalp Rawal	Business Research Intern (09th of January 2021 to 09th of March 2021)	Hvantage Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
	Sankalp Rawal	Work as campus Ambassador	International Model United Nations
	Sankalp Rawal	Internship (01/07/2020 to 31/08/2020)	Zolostays Property Solutions Pvt. Ltd
12	Shreya Suri	Internship in Marketing (11/06/2020 to 25/07/2020)	ComConnection
13	Simran Sahni	Virtual internship (4 weeks from 26/08/2020 to 26/09/2020)	Child Rights and You (CRY)
14	Piyush Pandey	Intern as Research Associate (01/04/2021 to 30/04/2021)	Nikore Associate
15	Ashwin Kalra	Intern as Research Associate (01/04/2021 to 30/04/2021)	Nikore Associate
16	Jyothika Vaidyanathan	Internship (22/06/2020 to 17/11/2021)	Sir M. Visvesvaraya Economic Research Centre, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI)
16	Sakshum Kumar Singh	Intern as Research Associate (01/04/2021 to 30/04/2021)	Nikore Associate
17	Somansh Arora	Internship in Equity Research Analyst (01/04/2021 to 15/06/2021)	Growth Arrow, Bangalore
18	Sufiya Salim	Internship work for Project Cure	Humanity Welfare Council
	Sufiya Salim	Intership on Social Media promotion and to get IMUN online conference referrals	International Model United Nations
	Sufiya Salim	Work as content write (19/05/2020 to 01/09/2020)	Study Woo
19	Tanishq Madaan	internship Completed (01/04/2021 to 31/05/2021)	M/s Vardhan Consulting Engineers

- Nineteen of our students completed Internship in thirty two internship programs from various companies and organizations.
- Six students of Economics (hons) were selected for internship program through 'Internship Fair' 21 – AGNITO held on 6th and 7th of April 2021 at our college organized by 'The Placement Cell and Internship Cell, Aryabhata College'. In addition two Economics (hon) first year students (namely Saumil Chautani and Pavni Arora) were working as junior members of the Cell during 2020-21 session.
- Our students have played very important role in the excellent performance of the Aryabhata College '**ENACTUS**' in 2020-21. The department is proud of Sahej Kapoor (President), Khushi Joshi (Vice-President), Smriti Bhutani (Research & Development head), Anisha Kalita (Senior Member), Ansh Mehandru (Associate member), Muskan Kathuria (Associate member), Ashwin Kalra (Associate member), Udhav Aggarwal (Associate member), Tanishq Madaan (Associate member), Priyanka Patel (Associate member) for their hard work in '**Project Utkarsh**'.
- The students from Economics Department also made crucial contribution towards the work of Entrepreneur Cell of the college. To name a few, Naina Singh (IInd year) worked as president, Sufiya Salim (IInd year) worked as 'Editor in Chief', Tanishq Madan, and Saumil Chautani worked as Associate Members of the cell in 2020-21.
- The students of the department also played significant role in many activities organized by NSS unit of the college. Ms. Geethika Patnaik, B.A. (Hon) IInd year, worked as vice-president of the college NSS unit in 2020-21; and she represented our college at Delhi University level programs in the academic session.

7) Co-curricular Programmes conducted by the Department

1. September 2020:

- Webinar: In the midst of the COVID-19 prevention restrictions the Economic Society of the Aryabhata College – **Mind over Matter** organised its first webinar of the academic session 2020-21. The topic of the webinar was "COVID-19 and the future of the Indian Economy". The talk was delivered by Prof. Ram Singh of Delhi School of Economics.

2. November 2020:

- Online Orientation Programme: Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the orientation program for new students was held only in the month of November.

The new students admitted to the first year were welcomed and inducted into the department.

3. February 2021:

- As a continuous endeavour towards academic excellence a one day webinar was organized by the economic society a part of the society's three days Annual Fest- '*Arthavaad*'. There were three sessions in the one day webinar with three eminent speakers on three different topics.
- The first topic of the webinar was "An Update on India's Real Economy". The speaker for the webinar was Dr. Shamika Ravi, who is a Research Director at the Brookings Centre.
- The second topic of the webinar was "Union Budget & Economic Survey". The team invited Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India as a guest speaker.
- The third speaker for the webinar was Dr. Poonam Gupta, who is a Lead Economist at the World Bank. The topic of the session was "Inflation Targeting in India: An Assessment".
- Despite the restrictions, the economics society held four inter college competitions – 'Knit-your-Niti', 'Ekon-buzz', 'Tradeverse' and 'Seven Days to Die'.
- The Economics Society was led by Ms. Ritika Nandi as president of the society. There were altogether thirty two students working with her in the society at different capacity in the academic session 2020-21.
- The Economics Department also published the third edition of the department magazine- 'Viewpoint' on the first day of its annual fest- '*Arthavaad*' in the month of February 2021. A very vibrant, enthusiastic and hardworking team of students involved in the publication of the annual magazine. The team was led by a third year student Ms. Sana Midha as Editor-in-Chief, and she worked with thirteen other students' altogether which was drawn from all the three batches of B.A. Economics (Hon).
- The magazine team organized an All India Article Writing Competition for all undergraduates' students in the country on three themes that revolved around hot topics belonging to the subject area of economics. The competition was held completely online amidst the pandemic. Twenty four of our students made contribution for publication in the article section of the magazine.
- The magazine team also involved in collection of Articles and empirical research reports for the magazine from various departments of our

college as well as from a few other colleges of Delhi University. The whole exercise took months and the long preparations came to an end with a completely changed new 'Viewpoint'.

8) Library Budget sanctioned for the Department:

Rs. 110000

9) SWOC (Strength ,Weakness , Opportunities, Challenges) Analysis of the Department

1. Strength:

- Most faculty members have a PhD. and M. Phil qualification from reputed institutions.
- The research work in terms of publication is a strong point of the department.
- Given the COVID-19 pandemic situation participation of some of the faculty members in seminar/workshops is encouraging.
- Besides academics, the department members, teachers and especially the students are participating in extra-curricular activities including NSS programs both at the college and university level as a representative of the college.

2. *Weakness*

- Some members of the faculty, although pursuing Ph. D., have yet to complete it. Once they do so, the academic profile of the department would further strengthen.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic there was a slight down in the participation of seminar/workshops and it needs to be encourage.
- While the students are participating in extra-curricular activities, including the organization of the annual Economics Society festival, such participation is on a limited scale, the department would have to make more efforts to improve upon this.
- There is still need for improvement on documentation of activities that are carried out by the students at the department, intra-college and also at inter college level.
- There is very little extra-campus activity by the students and once the situation permits there is a need for improving upon it.
- There are less interaction with the alumni members and consequently requires significant improvement on this front.

3. *Challenges*

- In order to better contact and enhance student participation in various activities, there is a need to increase contact with the alumni members of the college and maintain the same both at national and international level.
- In order to better record the activities of the students, there is a need for creating synergy between the faculty members and the students at the department level as well as among the various heads of staff council committees and societies at the intra-college level. Besides this, resources need to be devoted to capturing and recording the activities.

- Improving audio-visual equipment in the college in order to make the teaching and extra-curricular activities more engaging for the students.

10) Future Plans of the Department

- Increase participation in social outreach and community development programmes.
- Provide ample choices to the students for Discipline Specific Elective Papers (DSE) and offering more skill enhancing add-on courses for increasing job prospects and research work.
- Fine-tune lecture delivery and other projects to the emerging audio-visual facilities in the field of education.
- Continuous improvement on department magazine, to help students develop their writing skills and appreciate subject development beyond the classroom.
- Beginning an interview series of eminent personalities of various backgrounds to get valuable insights from their life experience and get inspire the people in general and the young students in particular.