

Centre of Excellence Report for the Academic Session: 2024-25

As a tribute to India's 13th Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Centre of Excellence, in collaboration with the Seminar Committee of the college, launched the **Dr. Manmohan Singh Lecture Series** on February 18, 2025. The inaugural lecture, titled "***Manmohan Singh: Steering India Through Global Economic Challenges***," celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Singh while providing a deeper understanding of his significant contributions in shaping modern India. The college was privileged to host Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia as the keynote speaker for this session. In his address, Dr. Ahluwalia offered unique insights into the strategic decisions and vision behind the policies adopted under Dr. Singh's leadership. He elaborated on how these economic strategies helped shape contemporary India. The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer segment, where Dr. Ahluwalia patiently addressed students' queries, making the session highly interactive and insightful.



A mid-term evaluation of the five projects sanctioned in the third round of Centre of Excellence projects (approved in March 2024) was conducted on February 7, 2025. The review panel comprised Dr. Anaya Ghosh Dastidar, Professor, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi; Dr. Alok Pandey, Professor and Vice Dean at Jindal School of Banking and Finance, O.P. Jindal Global University; and the college Principal, Dr. Jatinder Bir Singh. The project teams presented their progress, and the panel provided constructive feedback and guidance to ensure the successful completion of the research projects.



To equip students with essential data analysis skills, the Centre of Excellence organized multiple training sessions during the academic session. On January 23rd and 24th, 2025, Dr. Neha Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Kirori Mal College, conducted a specialized workshop on **RStudio** for B.A. (Hons) Economics students. This hands-on session provided students with valuable insights into data visualization and statistical analysis using RStudio. Conducted in offline mode, the workshop was well-received, with students benefiting from Dr. Verma's expertise and the comprehensive resources shared during the session.



Furthering the objective of enhancing research capabilities among students, the Centre of Excellence, in collaboration with the PGDIM programme, organized a *Training Session on SPSS Software* on February 20, 2025. The session was led by Dr. Neha Saini, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management Studies. In this five-hour interactive session, Dr. Saini provided in-depth training on various statistical techniques commonly used for data analysis, including frequency distributions, histograms, crosstabulations, chi-square tests, t-tests, ANOVA, correlation, and regression analysis. Her structured approach and engaging teaching style made the session both informative and impactful, equipping students with essential analytical skills necessary for their project reports.



The Centre of Excellence remains committed to fostering an enriching academic environment through such initiatives, aimed at enhancing students' research skills and understanding of contemporary economic and financial issues.

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