

Centre of Excellence Report for the Academic Session: 2025-26

The Centre of Excellence (COE), in collaboration with the Seminar Committee, initiated the **Dr. Manmohan Singh Lecture Series** to honour the life and legacy of Manmohan Singh and to celebrate his immense contributions to India's economic reforms and evidence-based public policy. The objective of the series is to create a platform where leading economists and public policy experts engage with students and discuss contemporary economic challenges and opportunities for India.

In continuation of this initiative, the Centre of Excellence organised a lecture by Kaushik Basu as the distinguished speaker. The lecture formed part of the ongoing series aimed at fostering informed dialogue on key issues shaping the Indian economy, while carrying forward Dr. Manmohan Singh's vision of thoughtful and research-driven policymaking.



A final evaluation of the five projects sanctioned in the third round of the Centre of Excellence (approved in March 2024) was conducted on 5 August 2025. The review panel comprised Anaya Ghosh Dastidar, Professor, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi; Alok Pandey, Professor and Vice Dean at the Jindal School of Banking and Finance, O.P. Jindal Global University; and the college Principal, Jatinder Bir Singh. The external evaluators appreciated the quality of the projects and offered valuable suggestions for further improvement wherever necessary.



The call for the fourth round of COE project proposals, to be undertaken jointly by college faculty and students, was announced in October 2025. Presentations for the submitted proposals were organised on 24th March 2026. Prof. Suresh Aggarwal, (Retired) Head and Professor from the Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi and currently the Visiting Professor at Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, along with the Principal, Dr. Kawal Gill, served as members of the Review Committee to assess the projects through presentations delivered by the respective Principal Investigators. Following the review, two project proposals were approved for the academic session 2025–26.

The Centre of Excellence remains committed to enriching academics through initiatives that strengthen the research skills of faculty and students and deepen their understanding of current economic and financial issues.

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