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City College



is one of the heritage undergraduate institutions in Kolkata affiliated to the University of Calcutta, India. Being located at 102/1, Raja Rammohan Roy Sarani (Amherst Street), Kolkata-700 009, the college now shares premises with Rammohan College (morning girls' college) and Ananda Mohan College (evening college). It was one of the first Indian educational institutions built without the aid of the British, with the modest initiatives of great Indian academicians and social reformers of the time and members of the 'Sadharon Bramho Samaj' like Anandamohan Bose (the first Wrangler of Bengal), Pandit Shibnath Shastri and Rastraguru Surendranath Bandyopadhyay. This institution also played a prominent role in the wake of the Bengal Renaissance of the nineteenth century.

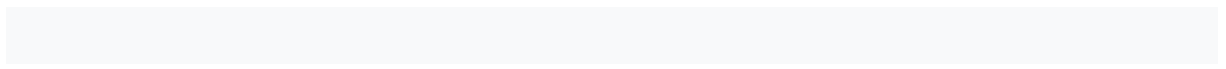
City College started as a High school by **Anandamohan Bose** on 6th January 1879. In 1881, the City school was expanded to a first-grade college. **Sir Alfred Croft** (the Director of Public Institutions) observed in his official report that *'the unaided City College of Calcutta occupied a unique and distinguished position in regard to the reading of science'*. By the year 1920, the college was preparing students for the B.A. examination in English, Sanskrit, Political Economics and Political Philosophy, History and Persian and also for the B.Sc. Examination in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. In 1939, a Commerce Department was opened. This was followed by the inauguration of the Women's department in 1943 and the Economics department introduced co-education system since 2005. Now there are 15 departments in the college and each department is equipped with highly qualified teaching, non-teaching staff, libraries and laboratories as par requirement of the present day.

Many renowned icons of the Bengal Renaissance, including Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Sir Surendranath Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Rajendra Prasad (Former President of India), Harendra Kumar Mukhopadhyay (Former Governor of West Bengal), Umesh Chandra Dutta, Bhashacharya Suniti Kumar

Chattopadhyay, Jibanananda Das, and Muhammad Shahidulla were a part of the faculty at various academic departments of this college.

A few of the notable alumni produced by this institute of excellence are Ullaskar Dutta (Freedom fighter), Soumitra Chattopadhyay (Late Performing artist, poet, editor), Haradhan Bandyopadhyay (Cine Personality), PK Banerjee (Footballer), Bhaskar Saha (Immunologist, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate), Pran Ranjan Sengupta (Mathematician and scientist), Jibanananda Das (noted Bengali poet and writer) and many others. The Department of Chemistry has produced Eminent Professors of Chemistry of Calcutta University- Professor Bijan Kumar Sen, Professor Parimal Kr. Sen, Eminent Professor of Jadavpur University- Professor Rupendranath Bandyopadhyay, Professor of IIT Madras - Professor Sundar Gopal Ghosh and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate- Dr. Pradyut Kumar Ghosh.

Under the careful guidance of **BSES**, City College from its modest start has grown into a mighty institution during the last 140 years. It gradually attains a highly glorious position in the sphere of higher education in Bengal and has planned to augment further to join the race of fast-moving advances of science, technology and education in all spheres of life. In 2017, Government of West Bengal took over the administration of the City College and since then, it is running as one of the aided colleges of West Bengal.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



To the Esteemed Faculty and Students of the Economics Department,

On the auspicious occasion of the inaugural publication of the departmental journal, ECOHOLOGIC, I extend my sincerest congratulations.

In today's dynamic world, the ability to critically analyse and articulate well-considered ideas on socially relevant economic issues is an imperative skill for students' success. ECOHOLOGIC serves as a commendable platform for students to cultivate and showcase these crucial talents. Through the diverse mediums of insightful essays, thought-provoking

poetry, and impactful photography and artwork, ECOHOLOGIC promises to be a rich tapestry of diverse economic perspectives.

This accomplishment represents a significant milestone for the Economics Department. It empowers students to engage in deeper exploration of economic concepts, express their creative potential, and contribute to a vibrant intellectual discourse within the department. Undoubtedly, ECOHOLOGIC will have the potential to become a cherished annual tradition, fostering on-going academic exploration and intellectual engagement.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all involved in this remarkable achievement. I fervently wish you continued success with ECOHOLOGIC in the years to come.

Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay

Principal

বিভাগীয় প্রধানের শুভেচ্ছাবার্তা

অবশেষে অর্থনীতি বিভাগের ই-ম্যাগাজিন বার হচ্ছে। যারা এটাকে সম্ভব করলো, লিখলো, আঁকলো, জোকস পাঠাল, ছবি দিলো, কোটেশন পাঠালো, পত্রিকাটা সাজালো, তাদের সবাইকে আন্তরিক



অভিনন্দন। আসলে এই সময়টাই খুব কঠিন সময়। করোনা এসে আমাদের সবাইকে ঘরবন্দি করে দিলো। ইন্সকুল-কলেজ বন্ধ। ছাত্রছাত্রীদের সঙ্গে সেই ২০২০ সালের মার্চের তেইশ তারিখ থেকে কোন যোগাযোগ নেই, অবশ্য কলেজ তো মার্চ মাসের পনেরো তারিখ থেকেই ক্লাস বন্ধ হয়ে গেলো। সবার প্রশ্ন, এর পর কি? আমরাই জানি নাকি! সবচেয়ে মুস্কিলে পড়লো থার্ড ইয়ারের ছাত্রছাত্রীরা। ওদের ফাইনাল পরীক্ষার মাত্র একটা না দুটো পেপার বাকি ছিল, কোভিড এসে বন্ধ হয়ে গেলো। কবে যে পরীক্ষা শেষ হবে, কবে রেজাল্ট হাতে পাবে, তারপরে যে কি হবে, পুরো বিষয়টাই অনিশ্চিত।

আগস্ট মাস থেকে তাও কলেজে অনলাইনে ক্লাস শুরু হল। সেও এক নতুন অভিজ্ঞতা। বিভাগের জুনিয়রদের থেকে আমাদের মতো বয়স্করা সব শিখলাম, কি করে গুগল মিটে ক্লাস নিতে হয়, কি করে স্ক্রিন শেয়ার করতে হয় এই সব। হোয়াটস্যাপে গ্রুপ তৈরি করা হল। ছেলেমেয়েদের উৎসাহ খুবই ছিল। কিন্তু অনেকেই দেশে চলে গেছে। খোদ শহরের বাইরে নেটওয়ার্ক ততো জোরালো নয়। নয়তো বাড়িতে হয়তো একটাই স্মার্টফোন। ফলে বাড়িতে দুজন ছাত্রছাত্রী থাকলে মুস্কিল, কে ফোনটা নিয়ে ক্লাস করবে। এছাড়াও ডেটার সমস্যা, দৈনিক যা বরাদ্দ, তাতে হয়তো তিনটে ক্লাস করা যায়। তারপর? সারাদিন ডেটা না থাকলে তো হোয়াটস্যাপ থেকে ফেসবুক, কিছুই পাওয়া যাবে না। মেল করা যাবে না, কোন দরকার পড়লে গুগল সার্চ করা যাবে না -- এরকম সব সমস্যা। এছাড়া নেটওয়ার্কের প্রচণ্ড সমস্যা তো যারা নিচ্ছে ক্লাস, তাদেরও। এর মধ্যে বর্ষাকাল এলো। জোরে বৃষ্টি পড়লেই নেটওয়ার্ক গোলমাল করে। ছাত্রছাত্রীরা তাও ভিডিও বন্ধ রেখে ডেটা বাঁচায়, যে ক্লাস নিচ্ছে, তাকে তো ভিডিও-অডিও দুটোই খোলা রাখতে হয়। অনেকের বাড়িতেই অপরিাপ্ত বা আনলিমিটেড যোগাযোগ, তাঁদের ক্ষেত্রে সমস্যা হয়তো কম, কিন্তু থাকছেই সমস্যা।

আমাদের ছাত্রছাত্রীরা নানা আর্থিক স্তর থেকেই আসে। কেউ জানালো অভিভাবকের কাজ চলে গেছে তাই ডেটা ভরা সম্ভব হচ্ছে না। অনেক ছাত্রছাত্রী কাজে যোগ দিলো। কাজের জায়গা থেকেই অনেকে অনলাইনে ক্লাসে যোগ দিচ্ছে বা টিউটোরিয়াল পরীক্ষা দিচ্ছে। একটি মেয়ে জানালো বিয়ে হয়ে গেছে, স্বামীর কাজ চলে যাওয়ায় দূরে এক মফস্বল শহরে চলে গেছে, কিন্তু তার মোবাইলে ডেটা থাকলে ক্লাস করার খুব উৎসাহ। আর এক ছাত্রী জানালো তার বাবার আগের কাজটা চলে যাওয়ায় এখন তিনি ঘুরে ঘুরে ক্যুরিয়ারের চিঠি ডেলিভারির কাজ করেন। ফলে মোবাইল বাবার কাছে থাকে। আর সে মেয়ে আবার ভয়ে বাবাকে দিয়ে ফোন করিয়ে এই কথা বলিয়েছে – কি লজ্জা! কি লজ্জা! বলি, মেয়ে যখন ফোন হাতে পাবে, মানে বাবার যখন কাজ থেকে ফেরার সময় হবে বা বাড়িতে থাকবেন, তখন যেন সেই মেয়ে নিজে আমার সঙ্গে কথা বলে। সেই মেয়ের জন্যও যখন ফোন বাড়িতে থাকবে, সেই সময়ে স্পেশাল ক্লাসের ব্যবস্থা হল। আবার এক ছাত্র, বাবা নদিয়া থেকে তাঁতের শাড়ি কিনে সারা ভারতে ডেলিভারি করতেন, ট্রেন বন্ধ হয়ে যাওয়ায় সেই কাজ বন্ধ, ফলে এখন খুচরো জিনিষ, পাউরুটি-বিস্কুট ইত্যাদির অর্ডার নিয়ে ডেলিভারি করেন, ব্যাগ ভারি হয়ে যায় বলে ছেলেকেও সঙ্গে থাকতে হয়, তাই সে ক্লাস করতে পারছে না। কোভিড আমাদের ছাত্রছাত্রীদের আর্থিক অবস্থার অসাম্যের সঙ্গে যেভাবে পরিচয় করাল, তা আমার শিক্ষক জীবনের বাকি সাড়ে তিন দশকে হয়নি।

এর মধ্যে পরীক্ষা হল, কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আমাদের উপরেই বকেয়া থার্ড ইয়ারের পরীক্ষার দায়িত্ব দিলো। প্রশ্ন করবো আমরা, খাতাও দেখবো আমরাই। তবু যা হক, এপ্রিলের বকেয়া পরীক্ষা হল সেপ্টেম্বর মাসে। এর পর তো প্রশ্নপত্র করবে কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, খাতা দেখবো আমরা। সেও সময়ের মধ্যে জমা নেওয়া। অনেক ছাত্রছাত্রী যেখানে, যেমন কমার্সের ক্ষেত্রে, ছাত্রছাত্রীরা হয়তো বাড়ি থেকে লিখে দূরের কোন সাইবার কাফে থেকে আপলোড করেছে, সেটা যে সার্ভারে চাপের জন্যও ‘কিউড’ হয়ে ছিল এবং শেষ পর্যন্ত যায়নি, মানে সময়ের মধ্যে পৌঁছয়নি, সেটা তারা পরে খেয়াল করেছে। তখন ফোনটোন করে প্রচণ্ড কান্নাকাটি!

এককথায় ঘটনার ঘনঘটার মধ্যে কেটেছে এই সময়টা।

ড: শাশ্বতী ঘোষ

অধ্যাপিকা এবং বিভাগীয় প্রধান

অর্থনীতি বিভাগ

FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

‘ECOHOLOGIC’ is the essence of the human spirit. The spirit makes its presence during this period of lockdown, caused due to Covid-19. It is the spirit of helping others to rise up during the pandemic situation.

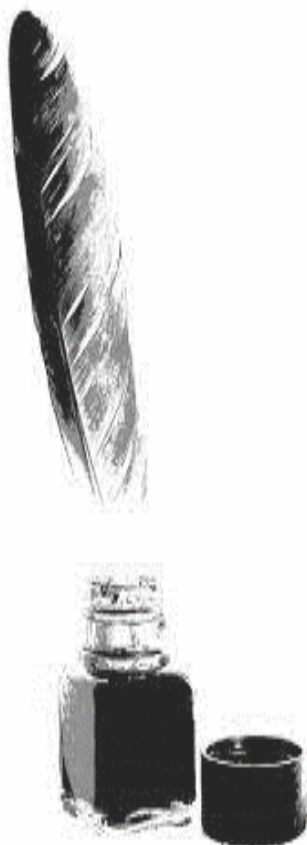
When the covid-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work, where stress and worry are common during this crisis, our students, faculty members have pushed themselves beyond their ability to cope with this crisis. When our family members, relatives were not escaped by the disaster of the pandemic, we all members of our department have stand together to handle the situation so that our students who just cross the threshold of adolescence, few of them have just become self-esteemed, earned their decision-making power should not be trapped with their mental health deterioration. The faculty members tried to make them understand by hook or by crook, we are beside them. Pandemic has triggered global collaboration through the huge promotion of the online mode of education, business, transaction and it makes a dramatic change in a virtual relation among students and teachers though the virtual relation has shown their true flavour eventually to become pure bonding. Despite all the hassles and hesitations, we started online mode of education and build up a strong bond beyond the classroom



among the teachers and students which was signified by organizing a mesmerizing performance of Rabindra Jayanti by our department, conducting a chain of immensely interactive, resourceful webinars and above all publishing the departmental magazine which shows teachers’ and students’ combine effort to erase the **‘Black Dot in A White Paper during Pandemic’**.

**Dr. Souri Maitar
Dr. Pamela Paul
Editorial Team and Faculty members
Department Of Economics**

ANY SUGGESTIONS OR CRITICISM ON THE MAGAZINE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME
READ AHEAD AND ENJOY.....



MESSAGE FROM A REMOTE ISLAND



It is greatly heartening to note that my colleagues and students from the Department of Economics, City College have collaborated to bring out a departmental magazine. My feeling of immense joy is, however, mixed with a tinge of regret. How I miss the experience of my life in City College – wonderful colleagues, dear students, vibrant interactions and the classes (sometimes taken even in the space just outside the teachers’ canteen over a cup of tea and eggroll for everyone)! I can partly guess how Robinson Crusoe must have missed his city life when he spent nearly 30 years in an island after an unfortunate shipwreck. I, too, am missing my ‘City’ life, though of a different kind.

I am certain that the magazine will be well appreciated by its readers. I am also sure that it will be a platform for many first-time writers (from the student community), some of whom will discover a hitherto unexplored skill of giving wings to their creative and analytical aptitude. On my behalf, let me express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone connected with the process of its creation.

Cheers for the newborn!!

Prof. Siddhartha Majumdar
Faculty



Dear Colleagues and Students of the Economics Department, my heartfelt congratulations to everyone who contributed to this remarkable accomplishment of publishing the first issue of the departmental Journal ECOHOLIC. I wish you all continued success with ECOHOLIC!

I'm thrilled to celebrate the launch of your new departmental journal, ECOHOLIC.

The ability to address and understand the economic and social issues of the world is important for students in their career. The departmental journal ECOHOLIC will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their talents in this critical area through insightful essays, poetry, or photography and artwork, ECOHOLIC promises to be a rich source of diverse perspectives on the economic world. I wish ECOHOLIC will become an annual tradition, fostering on going learning and engagement.

Prof. Sandipan Das

Faculty



সিটি কলেজের Economics

Department ই-ম্যাগাজিন শুরু করার

প্রস্তাব শুনে খুব আনন্দ পেলাম । এই

সময়ে (Covid period চলছে) যখন

সবকিছু বন্ধ, কারোর সঙ্গে দেখা করা

যাচ্ছে না, কথা বলা যাচ্ছে না (বৈদ্যুতিক

মাধ্যম ছাড়া) বাড়ির সব কাজ

নিজেদেরকেই করতে হচ্ছে । তার মধ্যে

সময় করে এবং উৎসাহ নিয়ে তোমাদের এই উদ্যোগ খুবই প্রশংসনীয়

আমার অনেক অনেক শুভেচ্ছা রইল তোমাদের জন্য তোমরা নিশ্চয়ই

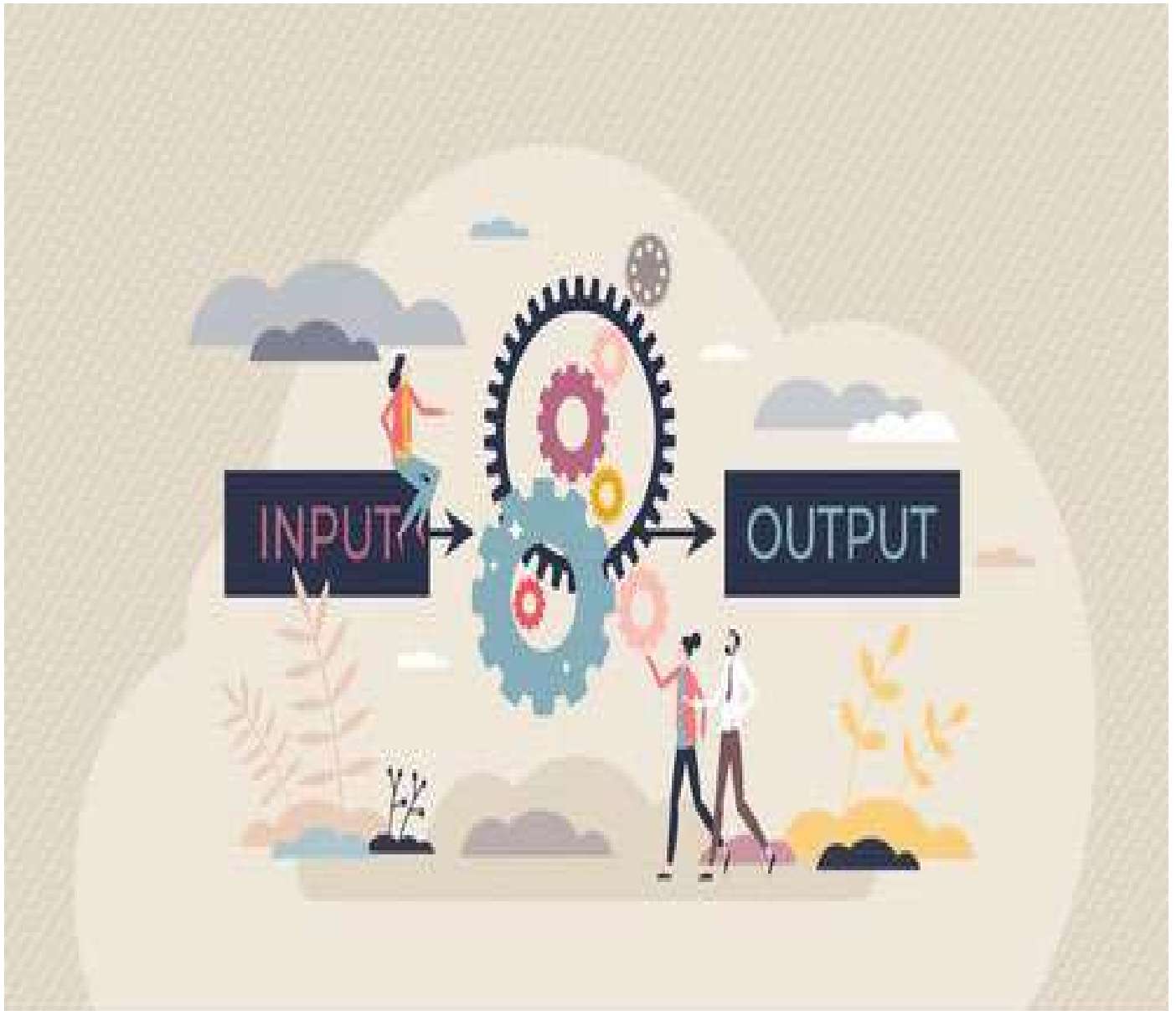
সফল হবে । সবাই ভালো থেকে এবং অন্যকে ভালো রেখো ।

দীপা সিনহা

প্রাক্তন অধ্যাপিকা

অর্থনীতি বিভাগ

সিটি কলেজ



ECOHOLIC'S INPUT-OUTPUT

কাছেই...

সৈকত ঘোষাল, অর্থনীতি বিভাগ, ৩য় বর্ষ

যে পথ বাড়ির অভিমুখে নয়
তার পাশে জন্মায় সাদা কাগজফুল গাছ...
হাত বাড়িয়ে কপাল ছোঁয় তোমার,
ছুঁয়ে বুঝতে পারেনা তুমি মানুষ না দেবী।
শুধু তোমার উপস্থিতি টের পায় মৃত কৃষ্ণচূড়া,
পথ বদলে একটা নদী মোহনা খুঁজতে আসে
তোমার আঁচলে তুমি জ্যোৎস্না বেঁধে রেখো
গভীর গহুরে লুকিয়ে থাকে মানুষের শিকড়
ঝড় নেমে আসে মেঘের ঠিকানায়।

আর সবশেষে,
তুমি গাছেদের সামনে এসে দাঁড়ালে
ওরা বুঝতে পারে বসন্ত খুব বেশি দূরে নয়...!!

সংগ্রাম

সৌমাল্য চৌধুরী, ইংরেজি বিভাগ, ১ম সেমিস্টার

একদিকেতে চলছে গুলি
একদিকেতে বোমার ক্রোধ,
"আমিই রাজা" এই বলে তারা
চালিয়ে চলেছে তাদের শ্রোত।

গরীব মানুষ দিন আনে খায়
"নিচু জাত" বলে তাদের মার
দোষ কি ওদের বলতে পারো
ওরাও মানুষ, নয় জানোয়ার!

হিন্দু - মুসলিম করো ভাগাভাগি
এই করে পাও কিসের সুখ?
এক বৃন্তের ই দুইটি কুসুম
মোরাই একত্র দেশের মুখ!

"জাত" বলে যে হয়না কিছু
"মানুষ" মোদের সবার মান,
মোদের ধর্ম মনুষ্যত্ব -
একই সুরে গাইবো গান!

এর বিরুদ্ধে বলবে যারা
ঠুকে দাও তার দেওয়ালে মাথা -
সংগ্রাম করো যুদ্ধ করো,
"হক" মোদের শেষ কথা!
ভালোবাসাতেই ভাই বোন মোরা
মন্দির - মসজিদ বাজায় বাঁশি,
স্লোগানের স্লোগানে কলরব তোলো -
আমরা সবাই ভারতবাস

A memorable day of my life

Arkaadeb Kapat, 1st Semester, Economics Hons.

On 14th May, the Economics department of our college, gave farewell to the sixth semester students. The Programme was organised by 2nd and 4th semester students of Economics department. It was conducted in the college premises. All of the students of Economics department, respected professors attended the programme. The chief guest was the ex-head of Economics department, Prof. Saswati Ghosh. The programme started by the inaugural speech by our H.O.D. At first, the students of sixth semester gave their performance. Then, I performed a nice song. After that, all of my friends gave their beautiful performance. There was a chorus performance of 2nd &

4th, 6th semester students too. Next, the students of the sixth semester students shared their memories, experiences with the professors of the department. Some of them shed tears while saying, "The college life was far better than school life, but we couldn't able



to enjoy it due to the pandemic situation." Our professors also shared their lovely memories with the sixth semester students to us. Later, the sixth semester students were awarded with a certificate, flowers, chocolates by the 4th semester students. The programme ended by a mesmerizing speech delivered by one of our Prof. P. Paul. She said, "Thanks to our 2nd and 4th semester students, for gifting us this beautiful programme. We hope our department will be able to organise these types of programmes more & more." The H.O.D also added, "Before ending this programme, I would like to say to my sixth semester students, "Kabhi Alvida na kahena" (the song which was sung by me.). " In fact, the programme was a reunion of all of the Economics department.

My First Day at College

Subhankhi Gope, 3rd Semester

As the sun painted the sky with the hues of daylight, wiping off the stigmas& sorrows of dark night, the fragrance of new blooms pervaded the air, the chirping of birds sounded no less any euphonious music, 22nd November heralded a new day, marked a new beginning. No sooner had the clock struck eight than I jumped out of my bed and got myself ready to embark on the new journey.

A student is considered to be the future helmsman of the country and every student dreams of getting into a renowned college. Education is an indispensable part of mankind. To our utter shock corona virus emerged and got spread worldwide, lockdown prevailed which had a profound effect on all of our lives. All of us were imprisoned at our own homes. Educational Institutions were shut down and thus our college life began having classes in online mode from our respective residence. As the world healed, situations got better, we entered the new normal. 22nd November was the day college re-opened after getting over the turmoil.

Since my birth, my mother accompanied me in every step I took, every step I walked. When it came to me stepping into the college for the very first time, there was no deviation. My mother took me to college and all the way along she kept guiding my dos and don'ts. We reached the college by 10:00 am. When the watch hit 10:30am, students started gathering near the gate. Soon all of my batchmates arrived. My mother waved at me and left for home. Though I was meeting my batchmates in person for the first time, I've known them for one and a half year and were very good friends by then, otherwise the dilemma of with whom to talk to and with what topic to start the conversation with was inevitable.

Finally, the gate was unlocked at around 10:45am and I along with my friends entered the institution. City College, an acclaimed, reputed institution for many reasons. The Structural set-up of years old college building added one more feather to the wings of my enthusiasm. Though the building needs to be renovated at the earliest, it didn't fail to withstand the heritage of North Kolkata. Each pillar of the building has the history of eminent personalities embedded. The staircases hold countless footprints of patriots who dared to rebel, who had the courage to call for revolution against all odds.


Following all the norms of new normal, classes began. All of us were accustomed to procedure of teaching of our professors. We had three classes that day. College life is completely different from school life, it's a different sphere. All of our professors are strict disciplinarian. Needless to say, they are conscious of their duties and tries to live up to them. They put in a lot of effort to ensure that every student come off with flying colours in studies. They count on the efficacy of hard work and adhere to truth. To be honest I kept a distance from the union room under the misapprehension that members are rude and dominant over others. As days passed, my assumptions turned out to be wrong. They were very helpful, never deluded us with high sounding rhetoric.

Since that day, we have witnessed numerous sunsets. The journey hadn't been a cake walk but a roller coaster ride. All of us became Graduated and our paths got diverted. But still the scenes of our first day at college in person is so vivid in my memories. Recalling those days where we attend classes of our honourable professors giving all our ears to those valuable lectures, gossiped at the college canteen makes me ecstatic. Reminiscing those corridors where we laughed boisterously, those staircases where we often had endless conversations debating over the pros and cons of offline classes. Unfortunately, we can't live those days again. I'll cherish the memories of my college life forever and ever.



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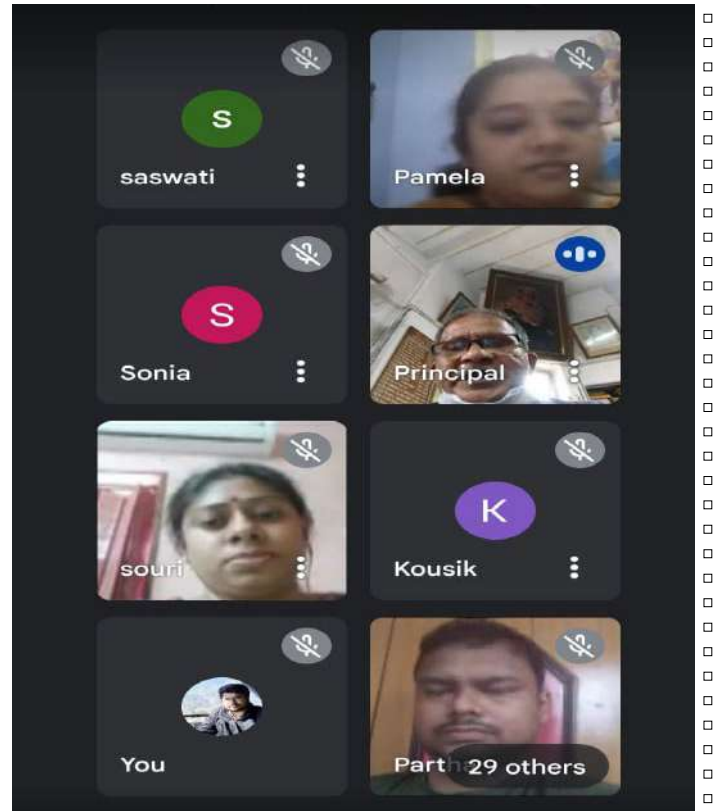
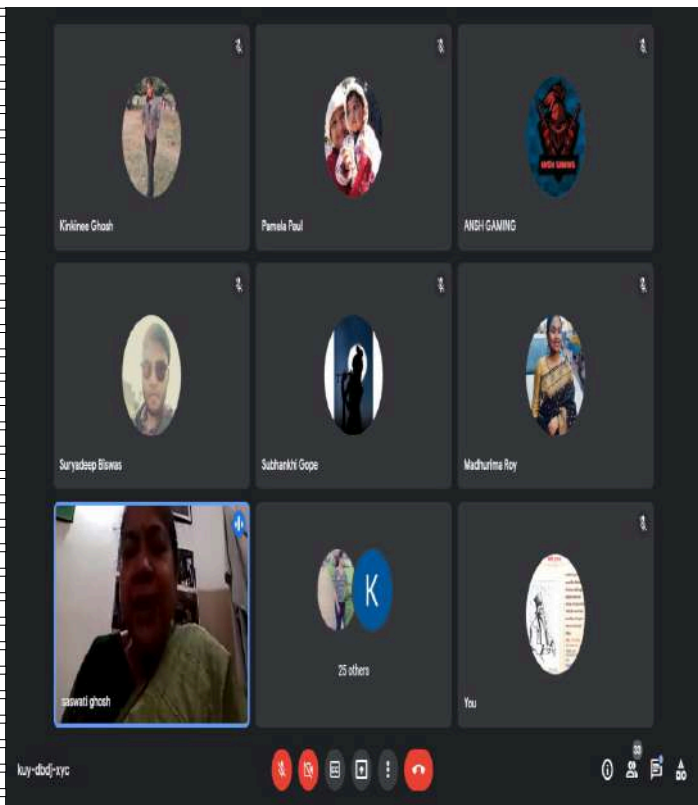


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উপলক্ষ্যে একটি
সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানের
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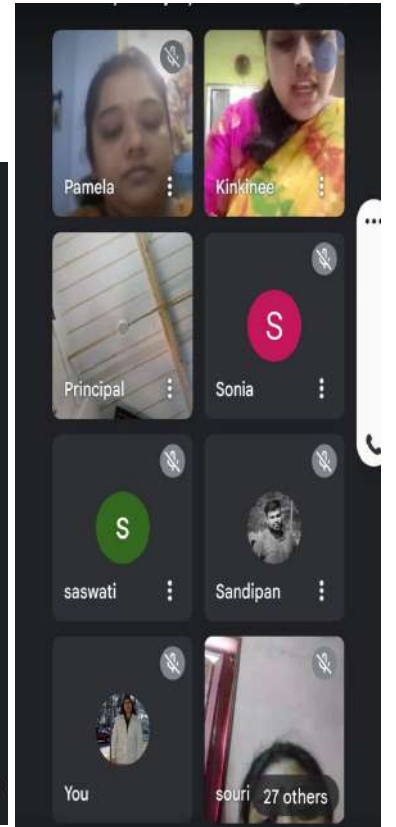
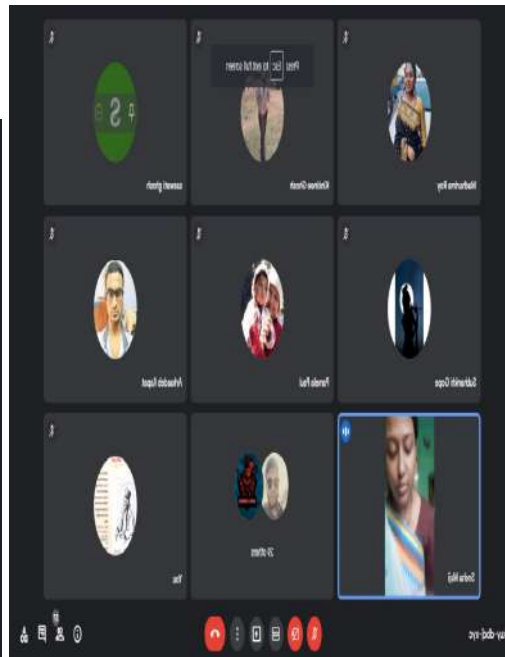
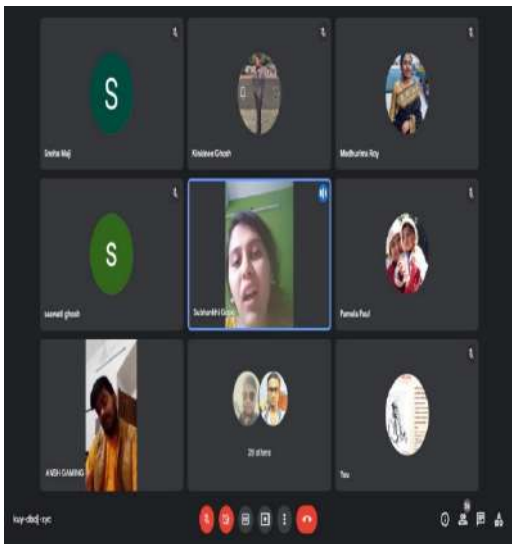
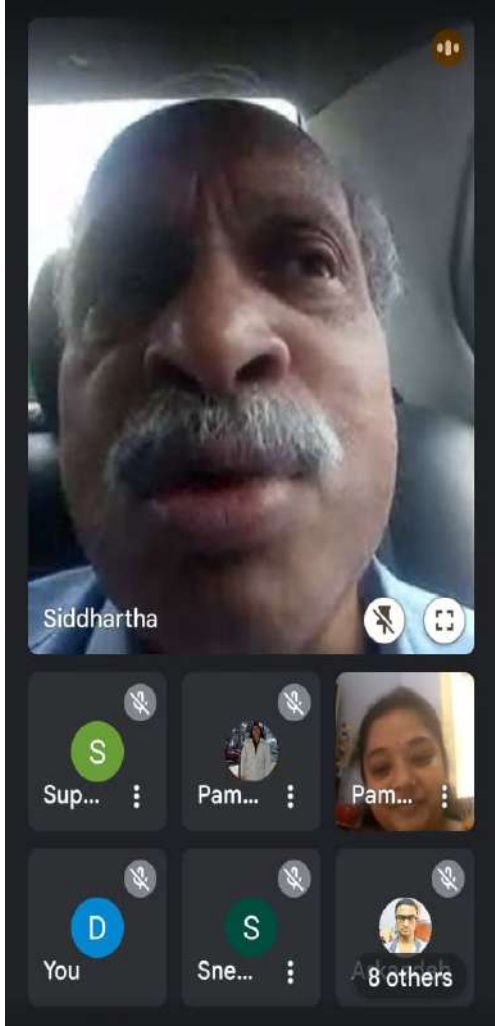
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জন্মদিন মানেই অনন্ত পথ চলার একটা পরিমাপ, একটা মাইলফলক বসিয়ে দেওয়া। মৃত্যুর দিকে একধাপ এগিয়ে যাওয়া। কিন্তু মহা পুরুষেরা প্রত্যেকেই মৃত্যুঞ্জয়ী। মৃত্যুর পড়েও বহু বহু বছর পৃথিবীতে বেঁচে থাকেন তারা, তাদের সৃষ্ট কর্মের মধ্যে। তেমনি, বাংলা সাহিত্যের উজ্জ্বল নক্ষত্র রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর, মৃত্যু তার পরিসমাপ্তি ঘটাতে পারে না। তাই এরা আজও অমর।



রবি ঠাকুরের কবিতা, গান, নাটক তারই রচনায় পরিপুষ্ট হয়ে উঠেছে আমাদের এই অনুষ্ঠান
। আমাদের এই সমগ্র অনুষ্ঠানটি তৈরি করেছে আমাদের অর্থনীতি বিভাগের ছাত্র-ছাত্রীরা ।

ভালো লেগেছে এই ভেবে যে যাদের সাথে মুখোমুখি ক্লাসে দেখা হয়নি, তারাও
আমাদেরকে আপন করে নিয়েছে এই অনলাইন
আলাপচারিতার মধ্যে দিয়ে । ছাত্রছাত্রীরা বহু কষ্টে, বেশ
কিছুদিনের অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমে এবং অবশ্যই আমাদের
বিভাগের শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকাদের সহযোগিতায় এই ধরনের
একটি অনুষ্ঠান গড়ে তুলেছে । কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাই আমাদের
প্রিন্সিপাল স্যারকে এবং আমাদের বিভাগের বিভাগীয়
প্রধান শাস্বতী ঘোষকে । এইভাবে এগিয়ে চলুক আমাদের
কলেজ, আমাদের বিভাগ এবং আমাদের ছাত্রছাত্রীরা ।



এক অন্য রকম রবীন্দ্র জয়ন্তী পালন

কিষ্কিন্ধী ঘোষ, অর্থনীতি বিভাগ, ১ম সেমিস্টার

প্রথমেই বলি বৈশাখ মাস হলো কবিগুরুর জন্ম মাস । এই বৈশাখ মাটি আমার কাছে একদিকে যেমন বয়ে আনে আনন্দের সুর, তেমন অপর দিকে বিষাদের বাঁশিও বাজে! আনন্দের কারণ, এই বৈশাখ মাসটি কবিগুরুর জন্ম মাস। কবিগুরু যিনি বাঙালি তথা আপামর ভারতবাসীর কাছে এক অনন্য অসাধারণ অনুভূতির অপর নামসেই কবিগুরুর জন্ম দিবস উদযাপন করার এক গুরু দায়িত্ব পালনের সুবর্ণ সুযোগ আমাকে করে দেন আমারই শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের শিক্ষকশিক্ষিকারা।

এই মাসটা আমার কাছে আনন্দের কারণ এই বৈশাখ মাসে যেমন আমার এক গুরুর জন্মদিবস আবার সেরকম বেদনারও কারণ আমার এক গুরুর মৃত্যু মাসও বটে। আমার জন্মদাতা পিতা আমায় ছেড়ে চলে যান এই মাসটিতেই। সেই দুঃখ ভুলে যাই কবিগুরুর লেখা কবিতা, গান ও অন্যান্য লেখা পড়ে। তার গান “শুধু যাওয়া আসা শুধু শ্রোতে ভাসা” । আহা!! কী অসাধারণ জীবনের কথা তিনি বলেছেন। এই গানটি শুনলে মন জুড়িয়ে আসে । মনে হয় জীবন যেমন সত্য মৃত্যুও তেমনই সত্য। যাপন তো করতেই হবে। যাই হোক, ২৫ বৈশাখ ওই “করোনা” কালীন পরিস্থিতিতে অনলাইন অনুষ্ঠান সঞ্চালন খুব সহজ কাজ ছিল না । বহু চড়াই উত্থাই পার করে শিক্ষকশিক্ষিকা এবং ছাত্রছাত্রীদের অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমের পর কবিগুরুর জন্মদিন উদযাপন করতে সক্ষম হই।

অনলাইন অনুষ্ঠানে আমাদের ছাত্রছাত্রীদের মধ্যে সংযোগস্থাপন এবং সুসংখলভাবে অনুষ্ঠান উপস্থিত করা ছিল বড় কঠিন কাজ । সেই ভীষণ পরিস্থিতিতে, সিনিয়র-জুনিয়র সকলে মিলে সুন্দর ভাবে যোগাযোগ করে সুন্দর নাচ, গান, আবৃত্তি ও নাটকের মাধ্যমে সুন্দর এক অনুষ্ঠান উপস্থিত করতে সক্ষম হই। এই অনলাইন আমাদের শিখিয়েছে সরাসরি সাক্ষাৎ না করেও কী করে একে অপরের সাথে সংযুক্ত থাকা যায়।

২০২১ সালে 'করোনা'কালীন সময়ের ২৫ বৈশাখ শিখিয়েছে কীভাবে ওই কঠিন সময়ে একটু বিশুদ্ধ অক্সিজেন পাওয়া লোভে আমরা কবিগুরুর বন্দনায় শুধু মুঠো ফোনের মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠানটি সাফল্যমন্ডিত করার চেষ্টায় নিজেদের নিয়োজিত করেছিলাম।

কী আশ্চর্য ! একদিকে করোনার অমোঘ হাতছানি, যার মৃত্যুর মিছিলে সাক্ষী আমরা, অপর দিকে জন্মদিবস পালন করার সাক্ষী সেই আমরাই। আবার মনে পড়ে যায় গানের সেই লাইন, ”শুধু যাওয়া আসা , শুধু শ্রোতে ভাসা” ।

আজ যখন শুনলাম আমাকে বলা হলো ২০২১এর করোনাকালীন সময়ের ২৫ বৈশাখ পালন সম্পর্কে কিছু লিখতে, তখন মনে হলো আজ তো শুদ্ধ অক্সিজেন পাচ্ছি, আজ তো জানি হয়তো কালই মরে যাব না। আজ তো জানি হয়তো কালই আপনজনের মৃত্যু দেখতে হবে না । কিন্তু সেদিন অতো ভয়ে ভয়ে বাঁচার মধ্যেও কিন্তু আমরা চেষ্টা চালিয়ে গেছি ভালো থাকার। কবিগুরুকে নতুনভাবে আহ্বান করার, কবিগুরুর জন্মদিন অন্তর থেকে সঙ্ঘবদ্ধভাবে পালন করার। সেই স্মৃতি চির উজ্জ্বল হয়ে থাকবে।

The RBI Museum Visit

Money is a topic of universal interest and also an intrinsic component of the cultural heritage of a country mirroring its socio-economic history. Hence a museum devoted to money should be interesting for everyone. With this concept we planned (with the permission of our principal) to visit the 'Reserve Bank of India Museum' as a part of our student's



activities. The students (Hons.) of the Economics department along with the teachers

visited this place on 22.04.2022. This museum has been opened recently by the Reserve Bank of India, in their original premises at 8 Council House Street, Kolkata.



We found that the displays have been organised into three main galleries. “The History of Money” explains how

economies grew after money replaced the barter system. Various objects used as money, including grains, salt, cowries and even giant stones are on display. The second gallery is called “Story of Gold” and it also features a full-scale vault for demonstrating how gold is handled and stored. The third gallery is “Genesis of RBI” where one can learn about the history of RBI. Some old machines



used for minting of coins, printing of bonds and stapling of currency notes can also be seen.

Apart from these galleries, the Museum will immerse you in a one-of-a-kind experience that explains money, its role in the economy and also your role in it in a very unique, fun and interactive way. There is an option that one can weigh



themselves on a scale and get the body weight in terms of gold bullion. One of the interesting things that I had also experienced was the option of trying to lift a faux gold bar. This gave an idea how gold being a dense metal is almost thrice as heavy as anything similar made of iron.

There is also a small sale counter near the

entrance, where one can purchase some souvenirs of one's visit to the museum, including artifacts made from shredded currency notes.



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An Economic Survey

The Covid-19 outbreak is playing havoc across a spectrum of livelihoods all over the



world, business is a part of that. One of the worst affected segments is the book trade. Since the e-commerce boom, the number of physical book shops around the globe is dwindling. Google Trends data shows that searches for books due to pandemic were relatively higher compared to pre-pandemic across countries. As

visits to physical stores were restricted, and many book shops were running low on money, consumers went online to shop, causing online purchases to grow higher and higher.

Our study of book selling industry is of particular relevance with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing importance of e-commerce. **The purpose of this study** was to assess the changes in livelihood pattern of booksellers due to impact of pandemic on e-commerce, which can help to propose a better way for improving the livelihoods of book sellers against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The primary survey has been conducted on **69 book sellers in College Street area**.

31 students collected data from these book sellers following the primary survey questionnaire prepared.

Aim of the study is to focus whether average number of book sales per day has been hampered due to pandemic among the book sellers.

This particular area was selected for various reasons. Firstly, proximity as this area is very close to City College. Apart from City College, many other educational institutions including colleges, schools, universities are situated in this renowned ‘*College Street Boi Para*’, this book town is the paradise of book lovers which instigates to choose *College Street* as a study area for primary survey.



Though the study is mainly focusing on the sales of study books which is mainly seasonal but other fiction and non-fiction books are also considered to get the scenario of the per day average sales in

this area during the pandemic and posits a conclusion through the comparison between pre- and post-pandemic situation.

Here are the primary findings. Data reveals a crucial fact that average number of books selling per day falls significantly among those sellers who had no online payment mode facility or cash on delivery facility in pandemic situation.



Few sellers uphold the facts behind maintaining more or less same sales scenario. They are able to maintain the sales target through the online selling as they have own book store website or they are connecting the customers through the WhatsApp.

Some brick-and-mortar book sellers dismissed the threat of e-books, arguing they continue to remain a niche segment but smaller bookstores face a tougher challenge. Along with e-books, online market places such as Amazon and Flipkart pose an extential threat to small bookstores.

For now, bookstores are themselves leveraging technology to reach loyal readers. During lockdown most of the orders comes from WhatsApp. Clearly, bookshops are being forced to innovate new avenues for them.

In conclusion, whatever may be happening worldwide, the new kinds of research, methods and technologies learned during the pandemic are not temporary but are being



confidently implemented and opening up a new space for managing online consumer behaviour. Book sellers must focus on the digital capabilities of their consumers and clearly identify where they need to gain their trust. Each of the trends above has accelerated significantly with the onset of the pandemic.

Traders have to follow the trends with consumers simultaneously. As research shows, the cumulative impact of the pandemic on consumer behavior has significant implications for business.

Traders can no longer defend their pricing policies with factors that no longer have a benefit and are not crucial to a consumer in the new reality.



Though the *‘College Street Book Town’* exists due to its flavour of traditional face to face interaction between sellers and consumers but to sustain in this pandemic situation most of the book traders had to follow the trend of online selling.





ECOHOLIC'S E-কড়চা

WEBINER - I

WEBINAR ON
**The Race to Survival :
 Indian Economy in Turmoil
 & A Struggling Sports Sector**

Date : 5th August, 2020 (Wednesday)
 Time: 4 PM - 6 PM

Organized jointly By

**Department of Economics & IQAC
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 102/1, Raja Rammohan Sarani
 Kolkata-700009** and

**Department of Economics & IQAC
 Vivekananda College for Women
 Barisha, Kolkata- 700008**

SPEAKERS

<p>Dr. Ajitava Raychaudhuri Professor & Former Coordinator Centre for Advanced Studies Department of Economics Jadavpur University</p>	<p>Sri Soumyadeep Roy Arjuna Awardee Commonwealth Gold Medallist & Current Coach of Indian National Table Tennis Team</p>
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RELEVANT INFORMATION

- > Registration is free but compulsory.
- > Registration to be done through the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbo_RddqjWOpNHV92JOxpYH_PRLtUdytlkQYttZjAstVuXQ/viewform?usp=pp_url by 3rd August, 2020 (5 PM).
- > Live YouTube streaming channel link :
<https://www.youtube.com/c/CityCollegeKolkata>
- > The webinar link will be mailed to the registered participants.
- > E-certificates will be issued after successful submission of feedback.
- > Contact : Sri Siddhartha Majumdar (9830705675)

The department of Economics and IQAC organised a webinar on 5th August, 2020. It was jointly organised with the department of Economics and IQAC, City College, Kolkata. The theme was ‘The Race to Survival: Indian Economy in Turmoil and A Struggling Sports Sector. The speakers were

- 1) **Dr. Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor of Economics and Former Co ordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University.**
- 2) **Sri Somyadeep Roy, Arjuna Awardee, Commonwealth Gold Medalist and Current Coach of Indian National Table Tennis Team**

Dr. Raychaudhuri presented an overview of post-covid economic crisis and possible impact on different sectors. Mr Somyadeep Roy focused on Sports industry which was one of the worst affected sectors.

Webinar on INVESTOR AWARENESS
 Jointly Organised by
 Dept. of Economics Dept. of Commerce
 IQAC, City College
 In Collaboration with
BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Date : 25.02.2022
Time: Batch I : 12:00 pm
 Batch II : 2:30 pm

BENEFITS

- DO'S AND DON'TS OF MANAGING MONEY
- STARTING THE BASICS OF CAPITAL MARKET
- SAVING, INVESTING AND BUILDING WEALTH
- AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF PONZI SCHEMES

Registration Link:
 Batch I - [Click Here](#)
 Batch II - [Click Here](#)

Around 268 persons registered for this webinar. There was an interesting interactive session. 182 participants submitted feedback forms. We received very good feedback.

This webinar was organised online, the proposal coming from Bombay Stock Exchange and Economics Department happily accepted the offer for investor awareness among the students and asked for collaboration with Commerce Department, who also consented eagerly. It was held in two batches. Batch 1 consisting 49 participants and Batch 2 with 36 participants.

The resource person was **Ms. Darshana Rampuria, CA.**

Darshana has been as investment banker and an internal part of some SME IPOs, carries an experience of over eight years in the field of business consulting and debt capital raising. She has excellent clarity in her deliveries and she explain the following points:


- Dos and Don'ts of the Managing Money
- Starting the basic of the Capital Market
- Saving, Investing and Building Wealth
- Awareness of the Dangers of Ponzi Schemes

The power point presentation has very innovative graphics. After her presentation, students of both the batches interacted avidly and Ms. Rampuria explained all the quarries and doubts.

Webinar
on
**Externalities, Decision making and
The Role of Government**

Jointly Organised by
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Speaker
Dr. Jayati Bhattacharya
Associate Professor, Department of Economics,
Vivekananda College for Women

 **23 April, 2022**
 **5.30PM**

Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/5W913HhcuTbTyAf97>

The department of Economics and IQAC organised a webinar on 23rd April, 2022. It was jointly organised with the department of Economics and IQAC, City College, Kolkata. The theme was ‘Externalities, Decision making and The Role of Government.

The speaker was
Dr. Jayati Bhattacharya.

The PowerPoint presentation and with various graphs and charts clearly explained the concept of ‘Externality’ and its effects in our daily

life. This might be problematic by creating conflict between private cost or benefit and social cost or benefit. Some other related issues such as property rights, the problem of decision making and market failure in the presence of externalities were also elaborately discussed. This session end with the role of the government as a controller and a producer of the public goods. After her presentation and a remarkable explanation of the matter students willingly interacted with her and the speaker explained all the quarries and doubts.

Webinar
on

The 'Wizard of Oz': The Monetarist Model, The Gold Standard and The Social Cost of Inflation- A Piece of Economic History in The Guise of A Kids' Story

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City College

Speaker
Dr. Nandini Daniari
HoD, Assistant Professor,
Department of Economics,
Ananda Mohan College

20 May, 2022 **5.30PM**

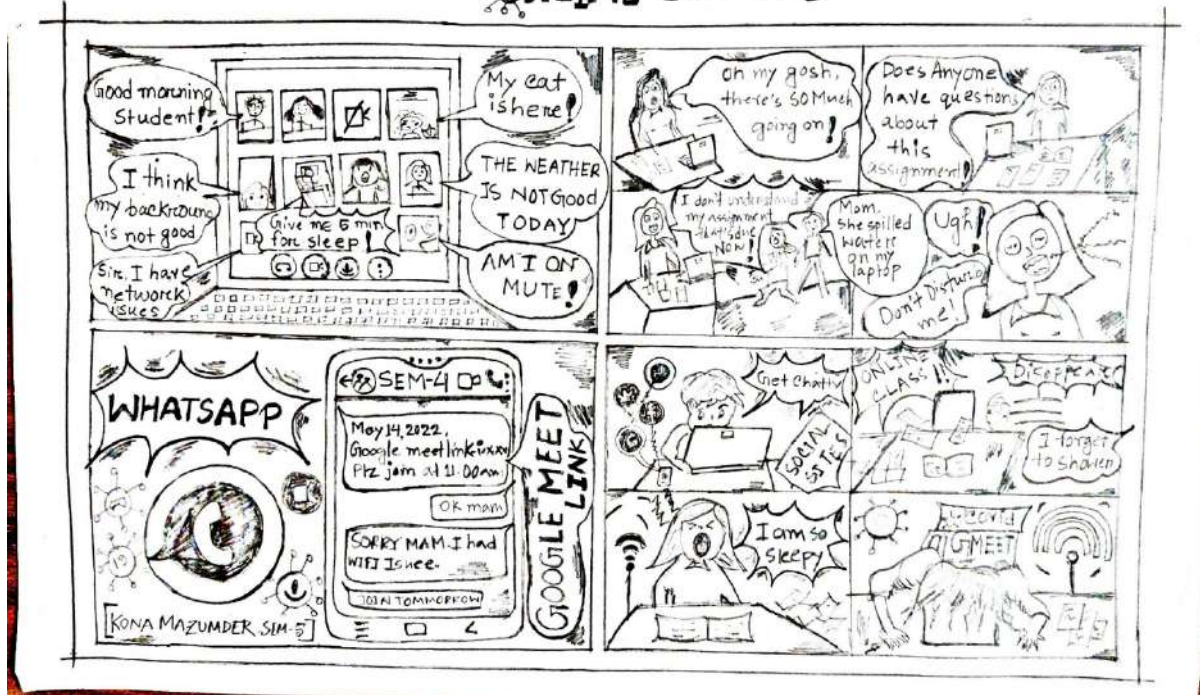
Registration Link : [Click here](#)

The novel "The Story of the Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by the American writer L. Frank Baum is one of the most successful, world famous piece of children's literature loved by generations of readers. But researchers have discovered far too many parallels between Dorothy's yellow brick odyssey and the economic and political events and issues of the late 19th

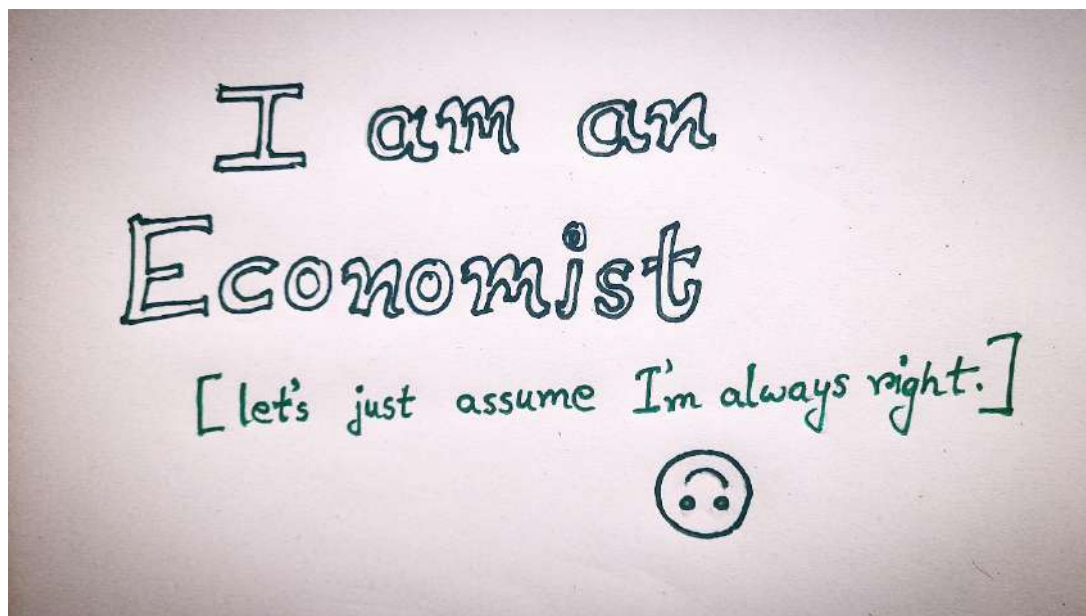
century, particularly the populist movement. For the students of economics, the period provides real time “experiment” on role of expectation in inflation (here deflation) and it involves issues of gold standard's functionality, inflation as really being a monetary phenomenon (here deflation) and role of expectation, and its political implications, the "monetary allegory" of Oz is highly intriguing. Was it Baum's intention to write a subtle political satire on monetary issues or merely an entertaining fairy tale for children? We try to seek some answers.

Eco--Fun--Nomics

ONLINE CLASSE'S



Kona Majumder, Economics honours, 3rd Semester



Sneha Manji, 2nd Semester, Economics Honours



1. I AM NOT AN ACTOR, BUT I PLAY MANY ROLES, FROM TAKING A SEAT TO SHAPING ENROLS. WHO AM I?

2. I MAY SOUND LIKE HOMEWORK, BUT I'M MORE OF A LEDGER, TRACKING WHAT COMES IN AND OUT WITHOUT A SHREDDER. I AM.....?

3. I HAVE A BIG HEAD AND ALSO HAVE A BIG TAIL, BUT NO BODY. GUESS ME.....?

4. I HAVE MANY TEETH, BUT I CAN'T EAT, I CAN'T CHEW, I CAN'T TEST ANYTHING. WHO AM I?



Across

3. cost, any production cost that changes as output changes

5. product, The total output of the firm per period

6. run, A period during which at least one of a firm's resources is fixed

Down

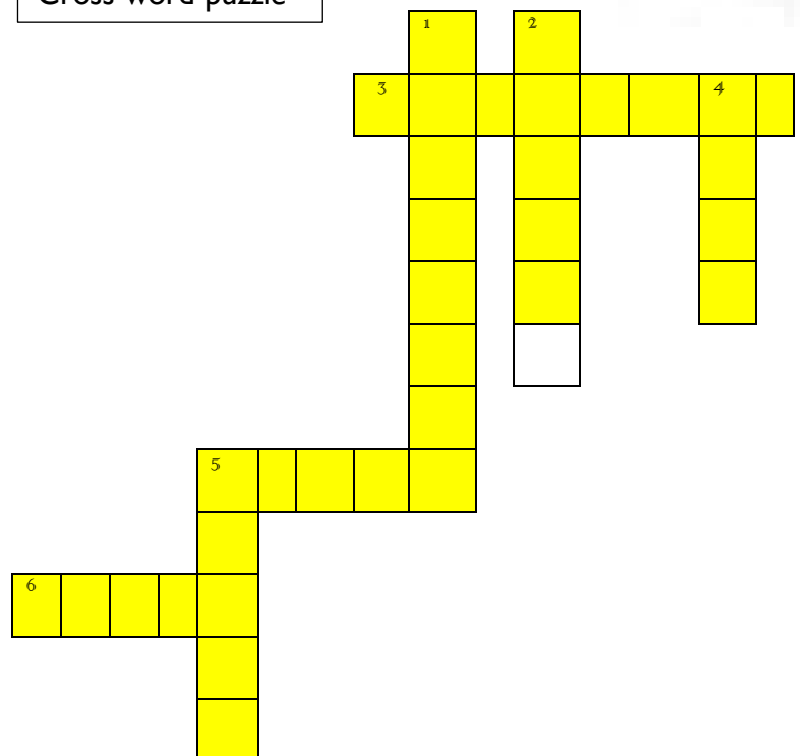
1. revenue, the change in total revenue from selling another unit of the good

2. cost, any production cost that is independent of the firm's output

4. run, A period during which all of a firm's resources can be varied

5. cost, The sum of fixed cost and variable cost

Cross-word-puzzle





DO YOU KNOW.....?

- **Economics was originally called 'political economy'**

Economics is politics and it can never be a science. Yet the dominant neoclassical school of economics succeeded in changing the name of the discipline from the traditional 'political economy' to 'economics' at the turn of the 20th Century. The Neoclassical school wanted economics to become a pure science, shorn of political (and thus ethical) dimensions that involve subjective value judgments. This change was a political move in and of itself.

- **The Nobel Prize in Economics is not a real Nobel Prize**

Unlike the original Nobel Prizes (Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Medicine, Literature and Peace), established by the Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel at the end of the nineteenth century, the economics prize was established by the Swedish central bank (Sveriges Riksbank) in 1968 and is thus officially called the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. Members of the Nobel family are known to have criticized the Swedish central bank for giving prizes to free-market economists of whom their ancestor would have disapproved.

A Baggage of Memories



With the Pass out Batch of 2020-21 (Under 1+1+1)



With the Pass out Batch of 2020-21 (Under CBCS)

Puzzle answer

1. Labour
2. Budget
3. A Coin
4. A Comb



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