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## **A Report on Guest Lectures & Seminars (2025-26)**



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## 1) GUEST LECTURE

- **Topic:** **The Great Balancing Act India's Journey's Through the New global disorder**
- **Speaker:** **Dr. Avichal Sharma** (Assistant Professor, Christ University, Lavasa, Pune)
- **Date:** 08/08/25
- **No. of Students Attended:** 30



**Summary:** Dr. Sharma's lecture was highly relevant, exploring India's complex foreign policy and economic strategy in a multipolar "new global disorder." He discussed the challenges of navigating the US-China rivalry and the impact of geopolitical events. The central theme was India's pursuit of "strategic autonomy"—maintaining relationships with competing blocs like the Quad and BRICS. He also touched upon economic challenges, such as supply chain disruptions, and the opportunities for India to become a global manufacturing hub.

The program was skillfully conducted (Sanchalan) by Dr. Jigyasa Pandey.

The vote of thanks (Dhanyavad Gyapan) was delivered by Dr. Neeta Mishra.

## 2) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **Indian Knowledge Tradition and Economic Thought**
- Speaker: **Sumita Shrivastava** (Professor, Govt. Digvijay College, Rajnandgaon)
- Date: **08/08/25**
- No. of Students Attended: **20**



**Summary:** This was a unique session that connected modern economics with ancient Indian philosophy. Prof. Shrivastava discussed concepts from texts like Kautilya's 'Arthashastra,' focusing on the balance between 'Artha' (wealth) and 'Dharma' (duty). She argued that these ancient ideas about ethical wealth creation, sustainable consumption, and trusteeship are incredibly relevant today. The lecture provided a strong argument for building a modern economy that is not just prosperous but also equitable and just.

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### 3) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: "**Demographic Features of India**"
- Speaker: **Dr. Shashi Kiran** (Assistant Professor, Govt. Gajanand College, Bhatapara)
- Date: 10/10/25
- No. of Students Attended: 48



**Summary:** Dr. Kiran provided a deep analysis of India's population structure, with a strong focus on the "demographic dividend." He explained this as the economic growth potential from having a large working-age population and a low dependency ratio. However, he also delivered a crucial warning: this dividend is a limited window of opportunity. He stressed the urgent need for massive investment in skills (Skill India Mission) and healthcare (Ayushman Bharat) to realize this potential.

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#### 4) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **Vocal for Local**
- Speaker: **Dr. Raksha Singh** (Professor)
- Date: 10/10/25
- No. of Students Attended: 48



**Summary:** Dr. Singh discussed this initiative as a cornerstone of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) campaign. She emphasized that this is not about isolation but about strengthening the domestic economy. By supporting local artisans, MSMEs, and industries, we can create jobs, reduce our import dependency, and build community resilience. The lecture also covered the challenges, such as ensuring global quality standards and effective marketing for local products.

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## 5) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **Modern Banking System and Reforms on Narasimhan Committee**
- Speaker: **Chandan Goswami** (Assistant Professor, Late Dau Rampratap Sai Govt. College, Rani Tarai, Durg)
- Date: 13/10/25
- No. of Students Attended: 32



**Summary:** This lecture was a foundational topic in Indian economics, focusing on the landmark Narasimham Committee (I & II) reforms. Prof. Goswami detailed the "before" picture of India's nationalized, inefficient banking sector. He then explained how these reforms transformed the industry by reducing SLR/CRR, introducing private sector banks, deregulating interest rates, and enforcing prudential norms for NPAs. He argued these reforms are the primary reason for the resilient banking system we see today.

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## 6) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **Indian Economics - Past, Present and Future Outlook**
- Speaker: **Dr. Aparna Ghosh** (Assistant Professor, St. Thomas College, Durg)
- Date: **13/10/25**
- No. of Students Attended: **41**



**Summary:** Dr. Ghosh presented a current analysis of Chhattisgarh's economic performance and its strategies for growth. The talk focused on the state's efforts to move "beyond mining" and diversify its economy. She discussed new policies aimed at attracting investment in sectors like food processing, services, and IT. The lecture highlighted the state's potential, given its rich resources and central location, while also discussing the importance of developing human capital to ensure long-term, sustainable prosperity.

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## 7) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: "**Chhattisgarh's Economic Odyssey Navigating Growth and prosperity**"
- Speaker: **Dr. Shraddha Mishra** (Assistant Professor, Radhabai Govt. New Girls College, Raipur)
- Date: 14/10/25
- No. of Students Attended: 36



**Summary:** Taking a narrative approach, Dr. Mishra guided students through the state's economic journey, discussing major policy successes like the acclaimed PDS (Public Distribution System). The lecture's core was the "navigation" aspect: balancing the rapid industrial growth in core sectors (steel, power) with the crucial challenges of social well-being, environmental protection, and ensuring that development reaches the most marginalized communities.

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## 8) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **Planning in India**
- Speaker: **Dr. Sunil Kumar Kumeti** (Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University)
- Date: 15/10/25
- No. of Students Attended: 40



**Summary:** This was a foundational lecture on India's economic history. Dr. Kumar-Kumeti reviewed the era of the Five-Year Plans, starting from the Mahalanobis model's focus on heavy industry. He then discussed the evolution of planning, especially after the 1991 reforms. The core of the talk was the significant shift from the Planning Commission (which allocated funds) to the NITI Aayog, which acts as a "think tank" to promote cooperative federalism and guide states.

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## 9) GUEST LECTURE

- Topic: **"25 years growth story of Chhattisgarh"**
- Speaker: **Dr. Ritesh Kumar Agrawal** (Professor, Swami Atmanand English Medium College, Raigad)
- Date: 25/08/25
- No. of Students Attended: 42



**Summary:** Dr. Agrawal provided a comprehensive overview of the state's economic journey since its formation in 2000. He highlighted the key sectors, such as agriculture (making the state a "rice bowl"), mining (iron ore and coal), and energy (a power surplus state), that have been the primary drivers of its growth. He presented data on the rise in state GDP and per capita income. The lecture also thoughtfully addressed the path ahead, focusing on the need for economic diversification and sustainable development.

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