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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS (Shift - I & Shift - II)



With the blessings of Rev. Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome S.J., the Rector and Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj S.J., The Secretary, the activities of Economics Association for the year 2023-24 began on 13.07.2023. Dr. P. Shenbagaraj and Ms. M. Muthulakshmi were the staff in-charges of the Association for UG and PG respectively. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J. Principal delivered the presidential address in which he emphasized the importance of discipline and holistic education. Dr. K. Damodaran, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, School of Social Science and Humanities, Central University of Tamil Nadu, was the Chief Guest and he delivered the inaugural address. He emphasized the importance, scope and opportunities of Economics for the aspirants. Dr. S. Sasikumar, Head of the Department of Economics (i/c) readout the action plan of the activities of the Economics Association for the year 2023-24.

Rev. Fr. M.D. Varkey, S.J., Memorial Lecture was held on 11.01.2024. Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchiarachi, Senior Economist and Former Principal Advisor to the Director, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Austria, was the Chief Guest and he addressed the students on the topic "Surviving in an Internationally Competitive Environment". The Resource Person of

the programme donated three books to our department library and the guest shared his learning experience in the college.

On 19.01.2024, the department organized Rev. Fr. Oswald Mathias, S.J., Memorial Lecture on “Methods and Measuring of Economic wellbeing”. Dr. R. Ganesasubramanian, Assistant Professor of Economics, St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Trichirappalli was the resource person. He inculcated a great interest in Macro Economics and data analytical perspective with his thought provoking presentation.

Prof. Michael Pro Endowment Lecture on the “Budget Analysis 2024” was held on 13.02.2024. Prof. Dr. P. Arunachalam Emeritus Professor Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala, delivered the lecture on “Budget 2023-24”.

Prof. P. Muthusamy Endowment Lecture and Valedictory function were conducted on 21.02.2024. The chiefguest was Dr. Kathiravan, Associate Professor of Economics, St. John’s College, Palayamkottai. He delivered a lecture on “Arise, Awake and Realise the Power you Hold” and enlightened the students.