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Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

PRESENTS



The Economics Fest

2023-24

Welcome to Arth Sangam, where economics meets innovation and intellect! **In our inaugural (first ever) economics fest**, embark on a journey of economic exploration, insightful discussions and creative solutions.

Mark your calendars for Friday,
February 23rd, 2024
We look forward to seeing you at our event!

Inauguration Ceremony

8:30 AM

GLOBAL FISCAL DIALOGUE

9:00 AM

FIRST ROUND
(only Marathi medium event)

EXCAVATORS
(only English medium event)

11:00 AM

TREASURE HUNT

12:30 PM

SECOND ROUND
(only Marathi medium event)

AUCTION

2:30 PM

DANCE
(30 MINS)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Closing Ceremony

Venue: Committee Room, SNDTWU Churchgate Campus

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About Us
SNDT Women's University, founded in 1916 by Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve, is the first Women's University in India and Southeast Asia. Headquartered in Churchgate Campus(Mumbai), it has four other campuses in Juhu (Mumbai), Pune, Shivardhan, Ballarpur (Chandrapur). The university is dedicated to Women's empowerment through education. It's motto is "An enlightened woman is a source of infinite strength".

Our Patrons

Prof. Ujjwala Chakradeo
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
SNDTWU

Prof. Ruby Ojha
Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor
SNDTWU

Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar
Registrar
SNDTWU

Mr. Vikas Desai
Finance And Accounts Officer
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About Department
Department of Economics at Churchgate Campus was established in 1972, under the able leadership of Prof. Ramesh Panse, Prof. S K G Sundaram and Prof. Vibhuti Patel, each for more than a decade. Today the department inculcates market oriented skills in students by conducting workshops, seminars and internships. In the contemporary world of increased globalization and interconnectivity, the Department of Economics, SNDTWU, is offering courses and programs that would facilitate the students to overcome the challenges in a highly competitive twenty-first century.

OFFLINE EVENTS

Attention all students! Get ready for an enriching experience as we bring to you a series of offline events centered around economics concepts. This fest is open to both boys and girls.

Who Can Participate:

- This fest welcomes students ranging from junior college to postgraduate levels.
- Regardless of their academic background. Whether you're a budding economist or exploring economics for the first time, everyone is welcome to join in the fun and learning!

Exciting Prizes Await:

Winners and Runner ups will receive **Cash Prizes** along with certificates to recognize their outstanding performance. And don't worry if you don't clinch the top spots. All other participants will receive a participation certificate

Important Information:

Participants must bring institution ID proofs on the day of the fest for verification purposes. Additionally, upon receiving the registration brochure, ensure to register promptly before the registration closes. Also, be sure to join the WhatsApp groups corresponding to your preferred events to stay updated and connected.

EVENT #1 GLOBAL FISCAL DIALOGUE

How did the Government of George Bush make a way out through 2008 crisis or how PV Narasimha Rao implemented suggestion to improve the situation of Stagnating India? "Global Fiscal Dialogue" brings to you an opportunity to understand the situation of the allotted economy and free it from the crisis. Let us try to understand how the government thinks during policy implications. Come up with essential solutions, pitch in to the renowned institutions for funds and form amazing relations with other countries.

- Medium of event — English and Marathi
- Eligibility — Class 11 and above
- Rounds — 1



Link for registration



WhatsApp Group link

Event Leader: Gayatri Sohani; 9967230969
Teacher co-ordinator: Ms. Aditi Patwardhan

EVENT #2 अर्थप्रवाह

आमच्या अर्थशास्त्र विभागांतर्गत अर्थप्रवाह - एक प्रश्न मंजूशा स्पर्धा सामान्य ज्ञान व अर्थशास्त्र शिकण्याची संधी रीपिड फायरच्या रूपात घेऊन येत आहेत. ही स्पर्धा २ फेब्रुवारी २०२४ मध्ये विभागली आहे. पहिल्या फेरी मध्ये प्रश्नावली देण्यात येतील यामध्ये २० बहुपर्यायी प्रश्न (MCQs) असतील. आलेल्या सर्व स्पर्धकां मधून ज्या ५ स्पर्धकांचे गुण जास्त असतील ते स्पर्धक दुसऱ्या आणि शेवटच्या फेरी साठी पात्र ठरतील. दुसरी फेरी ही बझर फेरी असेल. चला तर मग आपण सगळे खेळातून अर्थशास्त्र शिकू.

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Link for registration



WhatsApp Group link

Event Leader: Samiksha Gayakwad; 8275601735
Teacher co-ordinator: Ms. Kalyanee Sarkale

EVENT #3 EXCAVATORS

Have you ever wondered what Adam Smith would have to say about "Make in India" or how Keynes would react to "Covid Pandemic"? "Excavators" brings to you an opportunity to contemplate over economic problems of today, through the eyes of economists. Let us together bridge this gap between the problems of today and the evergreen solutions found decades ago. This is an event that invites you to come up with economic solutions to modern day problems.

- Medium of event — English
- Eligibility — Class 11 and above
- Rounds — 1



Link for registration



WhatsApp Group link

Event Leader: Mrugaja Churi; 9326374220
Teacher co-ordinator: Dr. Aseema Siddiqui

EVENT #4

TREASURE HUNT

Welcome to the most exhilarating adventure of the year! Unleash your inner explorer as we embark on a thrilling treasure hunt across the campus. Solve clues, conquer challenges, solve puzzles, and discover the hidden treasure, and let the excitement unfold. Get ready for a journey that will test your wits and teamwork. The treasure awaits, are you up for the challenge? Discover the campus secrets, embark on the quest - College life, where every corner holds a hidden treasure!

- Medium of event — English, Hindi and Marathi
- Eligibility — Class 11 and above
- Stages — 5



Link for registration



WhatsApp Group link

Event Leader: Priyanka Vishnoi; 7710820129
Teacher co-ordinator: Dr. S J Suryawanshi

EVENT #5 AUCTION

Get ready for a thrilling ride as we dive into the heart of the game at the college cricket auction! Imagine the Auction Floor as a Battlefield, Teams Crafting their Cricket Kingdom! Witness the Intensity, Feel the Stakes, and See Players Geared up for Glory! Whether a pro or a cricket-enthusiast soul, Get ready for an extraordinary cricket adventure! Get ready to Bid, Cheer, and Soak in cricketing magic - at the College Cricket Auction. The game is on!

- Medium of event — English, Hindi and Marathi
- Eligibility — Class 11 and above
- Rounds — 1



Link for registration



WhatsApp Group link

Event Leader: Sanjana Bot; 9967058846
Teacher co-ordinator: Ms. Tauqeer Surattala

Arthसंगम Economic Fest 2024- Inauguration Ceremony

Date: 23rd February, 2024

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: Committee Room, Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNDT) Women's University, Churchgate



Dignitaries on Dais:

Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad, Head of PG Economics Department

Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar, Registrar

Dr. Dirghau Raut, Director, New Frontiers Unit, DEPR, RBI

Dr. Pratibha Kamble, Assistant Professor, Head of Economics Department at Sathaye College

Dr. Sashikant Munde, Associate Professor in Economics at Siddharth College of Commerce and Economics

Inaugural Ceremony Recap:

The inaugural ceremony for the Economics Department's first-ever Fest at SNDT Women's University took place on Friday, 23rd February 2024, beginning at 9:30 am at SNDT Women's University, Churchgate.

The program commenced as the esteemed guests and dignitaries arrived at the University premises at 9:35 am. The ceremony opened with the Anthem of SNDT Women's University, resonating with the spirit of the occasion.

Following the anthem, Prof. Aditi Patwardhan, Faculty of the Economics Department and the Fest's Teacher Coordinator, extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries. The teachers, students, and participants of the Fest joined in welcoming the guests.

Prof. Aditi Patwardhan, the host for the inaugural ceremony, then introduced the Head of the Economics Department, Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad, followed by the introduction of the chief guests for the Economics Fest:

Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar (Registrar)

Dr. Dirghau Raut (Chief Guest)

Dr. Pratibha Kamble (Chief Guest)

Mr. Sashikant Munde (Chief Guest)

The official inauguration took place with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, including Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar, Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad, Dr. Pratibha Kamble, and a student coordinator, Miss. Mrugaja, marking the formal beginning of the Economics Fest.

Following this, Prof. Aditi Patwardhan invited Registrar Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar to felicitate the chief guest, Dr. Dirghau Raut, with a token of appreciation. Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad then presented a token of appreciation to Registrar Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar. In turn, Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar felicitated the chief guests Mr. Sashikant Munde and Dr. Pratibha Kamble.

Each dignitary was then invited on stage to share their insights with the students. Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad, Head of the Economics Department, provided an overview of the Economics Fest, highlighting the scheduled events, and extended a warm welcome to all the guests and participants. He also encouraged everyone present, expressing gratitude to the organizers and participants alike.



The highlight of the ceremony was the address by Dr. Dirghau Raut, Director of the New Frontiers Unit, Department of Economic and Policy Research at RBI, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. Dr. Raut expressed his gratitude for being part of the Economics Fest and commended the organizers for the detailed fest brochure. He delved into topics such as the high public debts of various countries, the relationship between innovation and

economics, and various economic theories. Dr. Raut also enlightened the students on UPI transactions and Central Bank Digital Money (CBDC), suggesting the inclusion of 'Personal Finance' in the Economics syllabus for a better understanding of managing personal and family budgets.

Following Dr. Raut's insightful speech, Registrar Dr. Vilas Nandavadekar delivered a plenary talk focusing on the evolution of currency transactions. He drew parallels between past experiences of long queues at ATMs for cash withdrawals and the current era of a digital India, where even a beggar in a local train has a QR code for transactions. Dr. Nandavadekar emphasized the importance of using digital money safely and highlighted the array of job opportunities available in India for students specializing in Economics. He concluded by commending the efforts of the Economics Department, professors, and event organizers for promoting Economics beyond its traditional academic scope.

In the keynote session, Dr. Sashikant Munde shed light on the subject of 'Econometrics,' emphasizing its role in forecasting a country's future economic trends. He also touched upon 'Budget Management' within individual families, urging students to learn effective financial management skills. Dr. Munde expressed his gratitude for being part of the fest and eagerly looked forward to judging the first event, 'Global Fiscal Dialogue.'

The Inaugural Ceremony came to a close with a vote of thanks by Event Organizer, Miss. Prachi Sharma.

The ceremony was gracefully compered by Prof. Aditi Patwardhan, adding a seamless flow to the event.

Global Fiscal Dialogue

The Global Fiscal Dialogue – first event of the fest is hosted by Ms. Anuja Mangutkar from MA Part 2. She first introduces and thanks the judges, Dr. Shashikant Munde and Dr. Pratibha Kamble for their presence and commitment to the event. Dr. Shashikant is a reputed Associate Professor at Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce and Dr. Pratibha is an Assistant Professor at Sathaye College. She also thanks the students from different educational institutes for their active participation and support.

Anuja then introduces and explains the event - Global Fiscal Dialogue. Under which, each participant has been provided a case study consisting of a set of problems faced by a country. They have to provide solutions to the given set of problems. They'll be presenting those solutions to the IMF/World Bank in order to gain credit to finance these measures. Each participant will be representing a different country.

Our first participant was Mr. Krishna Joshi. He was representing Russia. He suggested the following measures-

- Collect gas from acres of various fields across Siberia by different plantations practices.
- Creation of gas pipelines from Krasnoyarsk (Russia) to Urumqi(China) through investments by China (1 billion), Russia(1 billion) and World Bank(5 billion).
- Creation of gas plant from China (Urmuqi) to India (New Delhi) via Himalayas to encourage exports of Gas from Russia to both India and China, since they both are huge gas consuming nations.
- This will increase profit and result in creation of jobs (through transportations).
- He also suggested to devalue the currency of Russia to curb inflation.
- He also mentions how Russia will take 40 years to repay their loan while having 10 years of grace period.
- It will also have floating interest rate at the time of MOU.
- He also analyses that the cost of transporting gas would be 3- 4 MMBtu.
- He also mentions how a cost of 30 billion dollars would be required to finance this entire measure. 5 billion each, by both India and China. 10 billion by Russia and 10 billion by the world bank. Lastly, he mentions how tenders also need to be awarded later.
- Therefore, he has asked for a loan of 10 billion Dollars.

Our second participant was Ms. Kanishka Bothra

She was representing Brazil.

She mentions how Brazil is an upper developing economy and presents the problems faced by the Brazillian Economy.

These are the solutions provided by Kanishka-

- To lower the interest rate so as to create more jobs.
- Create proper Tax Compliances so as to increase the revenue.
- Establish control measures to reduce expenditures.
- Provide public employment services to reduce unemployment.
- Youth need to be educated with proper technological know-how so that adequate resources are utilised in the economy.
- Literacy, Education and Health needs to be improved by the Goverment.
- Cost-effective Insurance schemes need to be provided for unemployed and migrant workers.
- Anti-corruption measures need to be implemented to improve political scenario. Transparent judicial system is along needed along with that
- FDI and MNC investments are necessary to enhance the growth of startups and MSMEs.
- The trade barriers need to be reduced so as to promote imports and globalisation.
- Ethical business practices and promotion of domestic industries is also needed
- Loan asked by the participant to implement these measures is of 100 million dollars.



Third participant of the event was Mr. Surendra Singh from Siddharth College of Arts, Commerce and Science. He was representing Germany. He had been given a case study consisting of problems faced by the German Economy.

According to him,

- Education needs to be made free or low cost to generate a skilled population.
- He also suggested to impose high taxes on imports so as to reduce inflation. High taxes will reduce imports and encourage exports, thereby affecting inflation.
- Improve relations with those countries that share an absolute advantage with Germany.
- In order to reduce chemical emission and pollution, he suggests that there is need for chemical industries to be set up in those countries where the costs of land are cheap and the population is also less. And the labour of Germany is to be used for those industries so that the employment increases and is efficiently used.
- Loan asked by the participant is 500 million dollars.

Mr. Vishal Gupta from Shankar Narayan College was the Fourth participant of the event. He represented Italy.

He suggested these solutions for the case study-

- Since Italy is a farm dependent nation, so he suggested Solar Panels to be produced so as to encourage lower water consumption and low electricity use. This will reduce their time consumption and generate more income. It will also allow unused lands to be used.
- Italy can also make huge investments in other nations to improve relations and imports.
- Platforms to be created by the government to show how both regions (Southern Italy and Northern Italy) are interdependent and need each other. This is to tackle regional dispute.
- He also suggested three more ideas-
- Issuing government bonds to repay debts.

- Lowering the interest rates so that startups and MSMEs will be encouraged to take and repay loans.
- Cutoff on debts to be issued for those who can't afford to repay, so that all the debts can be settled.
- Loan asked by this participant is 2 billion Dollars.

Ms. Suprava Samanta was the Fifth participant and she represented Japan.

She suggested these measures for her case study.

- More renewable sources to be used
- Measures and Policies to achieve energy security.
- Green investments need to be encouraged.
- In order to ensure food security, there is a need to transform agriculture-based nature to more industrial one.
- Reduce dependence on imports and encourage use of our own resources.
- Schemes of government to ensure high GDP growth.
- Fiscal Deficit needs to be reduced so as to reduce Inflation.
- To tackle the Ageing population, they need to utilise this population and make them more productive.
- Concrete revenue measures need to be established.
- Reforms to increase productivity of labour.
- Mergers and acquisitions need to increase to boost productivity and income.
- Lower the expenditure of the country.
- Increase in paternity leave so that child bearing responsibility can be of both parents and more women can contribute towards workforce, this increasing the revenue.
- Pensions should be increased by the Government so to increase more consumption.
- Reduce prices for inputs for farmers so that the farm productivity is boosted.
- Promote the growth of Wheat Soy and Rice so as to reduce imports and encourage exports.
- This participant asked loans of 2 billion dollars from the IMF for reducing imports and increasing exports.
- 50 billion dollars from the World Bank for zero emission use.

Our Sixth participant was Ms. Chanchal YK Bhimawat from MP Shah Women's College. She represented Yemen.

- She spoke about the GDP and Low economic stability in Yemen. She also mentioned terrorism and large dispute between Shia and Suni caste of Muslims.
- She suggested to tackle the problem of terrorism.
- Focus on improving the infrastructure (roads, airports, waterways and transports) of the country.
- She asked for a loan of 20 million Dollars.

Khan Rahat Abdulla was the Seventh participant who represented Maldives. She mentions the

- Energy crisis faced by Maldives.

- She says that Maldives is too much dependent on tourism.
- She also talks about the problems faced by tourism such as global warming.
- She suggests to enhance tourism infrastructures such as resorts and beaches.
- She also highlights the problem of Coral Bleaching.
- Thereby she suggests measures of Leaf Plantations and Green Industries Management to tackle the above-mentioned problems.
- She asked for Loan of 1 million dollars

Ms. Shaikh Saba Parveen was the Eighth and last participant of the event and she represented Iran.

- She highlights how Iran is famous for picking wars with their neighboring countries and their excessive oil exports.
- She talks about how Iran is less stable economically.
- Iran faces a financial crisis due to international and economic sanctions. She suggested more taxes to be imposed on imports so as to increase exports of other products.
- She also mentions that Iran's dependency on Oil needs to be reduced and that it needs to focus on other products as well.
- Inflation can also be reduced by tackling the international sanctions and Oil dependency.
- Unemployment exists in Iran due to the government not focusing on the youth's skills and education.
- Economic reforms and structures need to be formed.
- Other sources of revenue need to be encouraged.
- She mainly highlights the promotion and establishment of tourism structures such as hills, mountains and others for more tourists to visit Iran, thus generating more revenue.
- Loan asked by this participant was 2 billion dollars.

The event concludes by the judges applauding and praising The Department of Economics for organizing such a unique and creative event. They also appreciate the Student Committee for their dedication, creativity and efforts. The participants were also commended for their hard work and research skills.

Lastly, Ms. Mrugaja Churi from Part 1 takes over the hosting. She once again thanks the judges for their remarkable presence and feedback. She notes the smooth organization of the event and starts introducing the next event - Excavators.

The Excavators Event

A warm welcome was given to esteemed Faculty members, our judge Ms. Nandini Dubey, participants, and our fellow students.

Before we began our event, we had the pleasure of introducing our judge who evaluated the performances of our talented contestants. We were honoured and privileged to have had with us Ms. Nandini Dubey. Ms. Nandini Dubey is the Founder and Content Specialist at Pa Se

Paise Information Solutions. She was a Freelance Writer at eSense Learning Pvt Ltd with subject matter expertise in Economics. She is indeed a prestigious alumna of our university who pursued her Graduation and Post-Graduation in Economics from our SNDT Women's University. Her report on "The Future of Post Offices as Banking Institutions in India" was published in "The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy." We were very grateful and thankful for her presence that day.

We started with the quote that "It is said that an ounce of behaviour is worth a pound of words." The discipline of economics, in our opinion, is a prime example of this concept. Many economists have developed enlightening theories over the years that amounted to "a pound of words" but were later demolished when history revealed "an ounce of behavior." For the same reason, we introduced the Event Excavators under our fest Arthसंगम.

We offered participants an opportunity to contemplate economic problems of today through the eyes of economists. The aim was to bridge the gap between current problems and timeless solutions found decades ago.

No. of Participants: 15

Before we proceeded with the Main Event, we went through the Case Study once:

The United States, a developed country with rapid growth in technological advancement, was facing a sheer scale of infrastructural challenges. The challenges — roads, ports, bridges, airports, power grids, and fiber optic cables — were affecting the growth of the manufacturing sector. There wasn't enough money being set aside to fix and improve the infrastructure, even though it was really important. This meant that they needed to find a way to ensure they had enough money to make things better, even with other competing demands. The irony was that even with the USA being the most market-friendly economy and having enormous infrastructural needs, it continued with a government-led, if not government-only, mindset to tackle these challenges.

Recession was being experienced at the same time. Businesses were losing money due to falling aggregate demand and, as a result, were laying off workers, causing mass unemployment. Structural unemployment, the mismatch between the skills that workers in the economy could offer and the skills demanded by employers, was also being experienced due to growing technological advancements. From the perspective of trade relations between the USA and China — the US was the "tech headquarters" while China was the global "workshop." There was increased tension between the US and China leading to decoupling. The US wanted to reduce its manufacturing dependence on China and was considering a shift in its production base.

The need for a change in the production base led to an increased burden on the domestic manufacturing sector as well. Not having good access to high-speed internet due to poor infrastructure was making it harder for some people to get a good education, access healthcare, and find good jobs. This meant that some communities were being left behind due to a lack of the same opportunities as others because of improper internet access.

We considered the digital divide, infrastructural challenges, and structural unemployment in this case.

We then moved towards the main part of our Event Model Presentation.

We then had our open defence where questions were posed to participants.



Vote of thanks was presented by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to all those who made the event possible. We thanked our faculty members who were always available for us and all our volunteers without whom we could not have imagined this event. We greatly appreciated the valuable inputs from all our participants who represented different Economists. We hoped to see their extraordinary and beneficial policy recommendations in established newspapers soon.

Last but not least, we thanked all the audience for being with us throughout the event and gracing it with their presence. The event winners (Namita Devadiga - Winner Krishna Joshi - Runner Up) were announced in the Closing Ceremony. We requested all the participants and audience present to attend other exciting events organized by our volunteers.

Welcome of Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Ujjwala Chakradeo

After the Excavators Event, the Arthसंगम Economics Fest was graced by the esteemed presence of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ujjwala Chakradeo, who was warmly welcomed by the Head of the Department of Economics, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Phad. The event began with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Asema Siddiqui, setting a tone of enthusiasm and appreciation for the gathering.

Dr. Ujjwala Chakradeo, in her address, expressed her genuine delight at being present at the prestigious event, Arthसंगम. She highlighted the significance of the theme, recognizing the pivotal role that money plays in shaping economies and societies. Dr. Chakradeo commended all the participants, volunteers and faculty members for their dedicated efforts in organizing such a remarkable fest.

The Vice Chancellor's presence added a sense of honor and motivation to the fest, inspiring all present to engage deeply in the discussions and activities lined up for the day. Her words resonated with the spirit of Arthसंगम, emphasizing the importance of economic awareness and the role of young minds in shaping the future of our economy.



Dr. Ujjwala Chakradeo's encouragement and appreciation served as a catalyst for all participants to delve into the events of the fest with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Her gracious presence was a testament to the University's commitment to fostering intellectual growth and academic excellence in the field of economics.

As the Vice Chancellor concluded her address, the hall resonated with a round of applause, acknowledging her support and encouragement for Arthसंगम. Her words of wisdom and encouragement set the stage for a day filled with insightful discussions, engaging activities, and valuable learning experience.

The Auction Event

The Auction event, held at 4:45 PM, featured a competitive atmosphere with 10 enthusiastic participants vying for various coveted items. Over the course of an hour, the room buzzed with excitement as bids flew back and forth. Among the spirited contenders, Pooja Yadav emerged as the triumphant winner, showcasing a keen eye for valuable items and strategic bidding. Following closely behind was Faiza Shaikh, the talented runner-up, whose astute manoeuvres kept the competition fierce until the final moments. Their impressive performances added to the thrill of the event, leaving a memorable mark on all those in attendance.

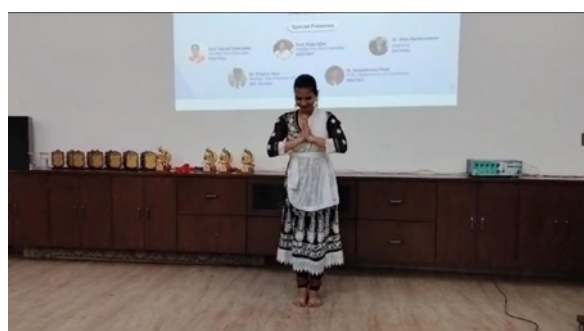


The Cultural Event

In the evening, students and teachers gathered together for an enchanting Cultural and Artistic celebration following a day filled with various spirited competitions. The event kicked off with a mesmerizing performance by Anuja Mangutkar of Part 2, who had previously showcased her talents in the Republic Day parade at Delhi's Rajpath, elegantly presenting a Kohli dance representing Maharashtra.

Next, the stage was graced by Megha Naresh Salonke from Part 1, whose eloquent speech on the Cultural Segment captivated the audience. Megha had recently participated in an Elocution Competition, securing the esteemed 3rd prize in a competition organized by Mumbai University, DLLE, and MKLM college.

Concluding the evening's festivities, Aqsa from Part 1 delivered a poignant speech on the theme of Unity in Diversity, leaving a lasting impact on all those present. As the evening drew to a close, the host expressed heartfelt gratitude to the participants and the attentive audience for their invaluable contributions, which undoubtedly made the event a resounding success.



The Valedictory Event

The valedictory event of the Arthसंगम Fest was graced by the Honorable Pro Vice Chancellor of SNTD Women's University, Dr. Ruby Ojha. Dr. Ojha expressed her delight at being present at the event, stating that although she now holds a high administrative post, witnessing the fest made her wish she was a teacher, actively involved in organizing such vibrant gatherings. Her presence added a touch of inspiration to the occasion.

Dr. Ruby Ojha, in her motivational speech, commended the participants, winners, organizers, and students for their dedicated efforts in making the Arthसंगम Fest a resounding success. She emphasized the importance of such events in fostering academic growth and holistic development among students.

During the ceremony, Dr. Ojha personally handed out trophies, certificates, and cash prizes to the deserving prize winners. Her gesture of recognition and encouragement was met with applause and gratitude from all present.



Global Fiscal Dialogue:

- Winner: Krishna Joshi – Rs. 1000
- Runner Up: Suprava Samantha – Rs.500

Excavators:

- Winner: Namita Devadiya – Rs. 1000
- Runner Up: Krishna Joshi – Rs. 500

अर्थसंगम:

- Winner: Neha Ramesh Palsamkar – Rs. 500
- Runner Up: Sunita Zima Kokare – Rs. 250

Auction:

- Winner: Pooja Yadav – Rs. 1000
- Runner Up: Faizaa Shaikh – Rs. 500

Treasure Hunt:

- Winning Team:

- Alfiya Khan – Rs. 300
- Arshiya Kalshekar – Rs. 300
- Sandeep Sadhasivan – Rs. 300
- Ashwini Katam - 300
- Pooja Yadav – RS. 300

Online Events:

- **Essay Competition:**
 - Winner: Rashna Choksi – Rs. 1000
 - Runner Up: Soni Singh – Rs. 500
- **Meme Mania:**
 - Winner: Priti Jadhav – Rs. 600



In a special moment, Dr. Ojha singled out Dr. Sanjaykumar Phad, the Head of the Department of Economics, for his pivotal role in spearheading such a grand fest. She commended his dedication and leadership, acknowledging the fest's success as a testament to his vision and hard work.

The valedictory event concluded on a high note, with participants, winners, and attendees leaving with a sense of achievement and inspiration. Dr. Ruby Ojha's words of encouragement resonated throughout the hall, marking the Arthसंगम Fest as a memorable and impactful event in the annals of SNDT Women's University.