

Department of Economics

Year of Establishment: 1960

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ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

As the philosophy of life demands, this department trains young minds in logical traits and stretches the thread to society. It unpretentiously arms students with analytical tools for making choice decisions and evaluating policies and programs towards a better society. Our motto is *Analyse, Evaluate and Include*.

Starting its journey in 1960 under the guidance of Mihir Rakshit, this department has been served by distinguished and scholastic professors including Narmal Agarwal, Krishna Chandra Roy Chowdhury, Goutam Sarkar, Amar Parui and Subal Kumbhakar. A vibrant centre of teaching and research, this is the first department in eastern India to offer a compulsory course on Field based Socio Economic Survey and optional course on Energy Economics to PG students. Extensive collaboration with state government departments has resulted in preparation of several Program and Policy Evaluation Reports and four District Human Development Reports. Faculty members are actively engaged in research and contribute to academic fraternity through visitations and consultancy, apart from teaching in India and abroad.

Courses of teaching follow the CBCS pattern and are designed to have a balance between theoretical rigour, analytical tools, and empirical assessment. Students have a wide array of optional papers to choose for specialisation and can have several combinations. Field trips to feel the pulse of rural/urban economies and their problems, visits to financial institutions and industrial units are arranged to expose students to real life situations. Social outreach activities that bring our findings to the stakeholders at the grass root level are very important from the standpoint of policy framing. The department also plans to open PG program in Human Development and Financial Econometrics in future.

University Grants Commission has acknowledged the commendable research activities of the department by upgrading it from SAP-I to SAP-II under DRS Scheme.

COURSES OFFERED

- MA/MSc IN ECONOMICS
- M.PHIL.
- PH.D.
- POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

SPECIALIZATION

ADVANCED ECONOMETRICS
ADVANCED ECONOMIC THEORY
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
FINANCIAL ECONOMICS
ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

IN-TAKE CAPACITY

MA/MSc – 87 SEATS

MPhil – 25 SEATS

PH.D. – FLEXIBLE

FACULTY

NO OF PROFESSORS : 7

NO OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: 0

NO OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:4

NON-TEACHING STAFF: 3

RESEARCH AREA

- FINANCIAL ECONOMICS
- AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
- POVERTY AND INEQUALITY
- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
- ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
- EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

RESEARCH PUBLICATION & ORGANISATION (LAST 5 YEARS)

Department ranked within Top 10 institutions in India by RePEc

■ BOOK PUBLICATION	: 36
■ INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL	: 40
■ NATIONAL JOURNAL	: 101
■ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	: 5
■ NATIONAL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	: 6
■ WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	: 4
■ RESEARCH SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP	: 4

RESEARCH FUNDED BY

- UGC DRS SAP PHASE-II, 2015-19 (PHASE-I SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED IN 2014)
- DOSPI – GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
- ICSSR
- UGC MRP
- MOEF, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- FACULTY MEMBERS COLLABORATE WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS LIKE INSTITUTE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NEW DELHI, INSTITUTE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT RESEARCH JAIPUR, INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE KOLKATA.

SOME OF OUR ALUMNI ARE ASSOCIATED WITH

- DURHAM BUSINESS SCHOOL, UK
- LANCASTER UNIVERSITY, UK
- COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES
- IIM UDAIPUR
- BITS PILANI HYDERABAD CAMPUS
- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SECURITIES MARKETS
- INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT RESEARCH, JAIPUR
- S P JAIN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH
- CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
- PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA
- ERNST & YOUNG