ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

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St. Joseph's College was established in 1927. Department of Economics started the journey at St. Joseph's college in 1970. The present student strength in Economics department is about 50. After Covid, the trend of student strength is slightly downwards. Presently, we have three permanent and one Part-time faculty in our department. Department of Economics has been running an innovative activity 'ECO-WATCH' from last seven years. The students have done this activity smoothly in this session also. Students also participated in various other co-curricular activities like sports, NSSO, NCC etc. On the whole, the Department of Economics has been moving with the objective to produce human capital for the society.

Here, it is crucial to addressed that the education system has been going through a transition period from last few years. The change was started with (1+1+1) system and then Semester system. With the introduction of new syllabus under semester system, various new courses have been introduced. The institution has been facing different types of challenges. No exception in the department of Economics. However, the department has been trying to solve the challenges with the cooperation with faculty, students, and administrative staffs.

The 2022-23 session has been started from 1st August, 2022. The department has organized the orientation programme for the first semester students. The students celebrated the 'Teacher's Day' in our department. Overall result of University Examination was mixed in this session. In 6th semester, total 23 students appeared (14 BA+ 9 BSC) in the examination. Total 21 students passed. Out of 21 students total five students got A+. In 4th semester, total 10 students appeared in the examination. Out of 10 students total eight students passed. In 2nd semester total 18 students appeared in the examination. Out of 18 students total four students passed. Three exstudents Gaynendra Bhandari, Vipassana Yonzon, and Priyata Tamang qualified NET exam in 2023.

During this session, Sujoy Kanti Ghoshal has done one Refresher Course on Research Methodology (Interdisciplinary) from 19th December, 2022 to 31st December 2022 under UGC, HRDC, JNU. Mr. Bishal Rai presented a paper 'Digital Finance and Digital Payments Interface in India: A Reality Check' in the seminar 'Dimensions of Digital Finance and Digital Payments in India' organized by Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling during 15-16 September 2022.

During this session the department of Economics upgraded with new four computers. Overall, a through introspection was made jointly by the department as well as college administration and remedial measures were also subsequently initiated. The department has been provided with staff study room, departmental library, computer with printer and other necessary infrastructure. These proved to be beneficial both for the students as well as faculties.

Here, some pictures of departmental programmes have been attached in below.







