Economics Association: Éclat Daulat Ram College 2019-20 Report

Éclat, the Economics Association of Daulat Ram College, commenced the 2019-20 session with the organisation of **elections of the office bearers** for the new session. There was a great amount of campaigning done by the students of the department for various posts. The key office bearers for 2019-20 session elected by the students are: Nikita Malik (President), Geetika (Vice-President), Shruti Sharma (General Secretory) and Vanshika Jaggi (Treasurer).

With the executive body thus formed, the Association organised its freshers party to welcome the first year Economics honours students, on 4th September 2019. The programme commenced with the giving away of badges to the newly appointed key executives of Éclat along with the heads and vice heads of various committees in Éclat. The Editorial Board of **Optima**, the annual publication of the Economics Association was also felicitated thereafter. The ceremony was followed by the 'Miss Freshers' contest in which the first-year students showcased their confident personalities. The title of Ms. Freshers' 2019 went to Vanshika Jaggi, Ms. Talented was given away to Vasudha Upreti and Ms. Best Dressed was won by Nishtha.

Éclat conducted its Annual Youth Conference: **Mutasir** on 4th November 2019. The conference was graced with the presence of experts in economics who took the stage to discuss different economic issues, offered their unique perspectives and solutions for the same. The conference was kick-started by Dr. Mahua Paul (ISID), an extremely learned and experienced professional who has worked on several projects directly under the Government of India, giving students an insight into the various indicators of economic slowdown in the country. This was followed by an in depth talk by Dr. Surajit Das (CESP), professor at JNU who has also worked on government projects, various boards and committees across the country. Dr. Das discussed some unique and hard-hitting solutions to the problem of economic slowdown. The last speaker was Dr. Indrani Gupta (IEG), known for her expertise and immense knowledge in the field of health economics. She engaged with the students and teachers alike while providing an economic breakdown of the current scenario of health care in India.

The conference ended with the release of the seventh edition of the Annual Economic Outlook, Optima, which was themed 'Feminist Economics'.

Soon after the beginning of the new semester, on 11th- 12th January, 2020, Éclat organised the fifth edition of **Daulat Ram College Model United Nations Conference** (DRCMUNC) in collaboration with the prestigious UN institute, United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. With over 200 registrations the conference involved a simulation of four committees namely: United Nations General Assembly (DISEC) which discussed the role of blood diamonds in small arms trade, United Nations Human Rights Council which deliberated on protection of the rights of victims of human trafficking, United Nations Security Council that debated upon finding solution for peace building after a conflict and All India Political Parties Meet that discusses the reasons for the downfall in Indian Economy. These committee provided the delegates an experience of real-life diplomacy and policy making. The 2019-20 edition of DRCMUNC also collaborated with NGO's like *PAGC foundation* which works

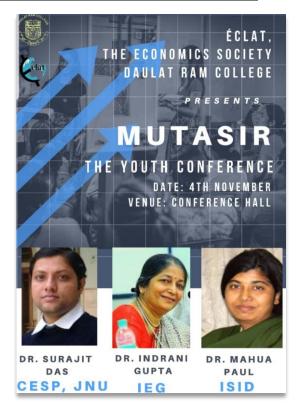
towards providing help and assistance to women who have been victims of sexual harassment, *Organ for Life Foundation* that works for creating awareness about organ donation and *Citizen's Awakening* that works toward solving the ecological problems in the world.

The Association has also organised seminars in the interim, by Eminent Strategy, Coach G etc which aimed at providing counselling to the students of the department regarding the career opportunities and academic options available after graduation.

The Association continued its exciting journey with the organisation of the annual Economics fest, **Economania** on 31st January, 2020. In the fest, Éclat witnessed a fervent participation of students from various colleges and universities in events like *Ittehad*: debate, Factonomics Brandism, Meme Game, House of Cards, Board game and many more. Finally, the Association plans to end its 2019-20 journey with giving a bitter sweet farewell to the third-year students of the department, wishing them loads of luck for their future ventures.

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Economics Association, Éclat's 2019-20 journey in pictures:





MUTASIR 2019-20



OPTIMA 2019-20 Launch

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Freshers' Welcome by Economics Association 2019-20



Miss Freshers' Contest winners for 2019-20