

Aryabhatta College
Department of Economics
Annual Report for Academic Session: 2016-17

1) Name of Teacher in Charge: Dr. Surajit Deb

2) Brief Details of Faculty Members:

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Teaching Experience	Permanent/ Temporary/ Ad hoc
Mr. Harish Dhawan	M. A.	Associate Professor	Mathematical Economics, Statistics, Political Economy	26 years	Permanent
Dr. Kartikeya Kohli	Ph. D	Associate Professor	Economic History of India, Eco History of Indian Ocean, Indian Economy	25 years	Permanent
Dr. Surajit Deb	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Micro Economics, Public Economics, Environmental Economics	24 years	Permanent
Dr. Suvojit Lahiri	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Macro Economics, Monetary Economics	20 years	Permanent
Dr. Gursharan Rastogi	Ph. D.	Associate Professor	Development Economics	19 years	Permanent (On leave)
Ms. Deepika Goel	M. Phil.	Associate Professor	Econometrics, Statistics, Macro Eco, Monetary Eco	18 years	Permanent
Ms. Astha Ahuja	M Phil.	Assistant Professor Professor	International Economics	16 years	Permanent
Mr. N M Singh	M. Phil.	Assistant Professor	Micro Economics, Macro Economics	12 years	Permanent
Ms Cherry Arora	M. A.	Assistant Professor	Health Economics and Microeconomics	6 years	Ad hoc
Mr. Dinesh Kumar	M. A,	Assistant Professor	Mathematical Economics, Microeconomics	3 years	Ad hoc

3) Student Strength:

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
43	38	40

4) Details of Publication Work by the Faculty Members:**4.1: Journals**

Sr. No	Title of Paper	Authors	Journal	Volume no. year, Page No.	Publisher/ISSN No. / Int. Database	Refereed
1	Ageing and Health Care Expenditures: Some Preliminary Findings from India and China	Surajit Deb	Asia Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT) Working Paper Series	Working Paper No. 163. Page: 1-24.	ARTNeT, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP): Bangkok.	Yes
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4.2: Books or Chapters in Book:

Sr.No	Books, Chapters, Materials other than refereed journal articles	Authors	Editor	Volume no. year, Page No., issue	Publisher/ISSN No. / Int. Database
1	Government Regulation and Private Sector Development in the Grain Market	Surajit Deb	Consumer Unity & Trusts Society (CUTS) International	Book Chapter, 2016	CUTS International: Jaipur, 2016 ISBN: 978-81-8257-244-7
2	Social Development Index 2016	Surajit Deb	Kalpana Kannabiran (Edited)	Book Chapter, 2017	Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2017. ISBN:978-0-19-947443-1
3.	Financial Independence and Monetary Policy Independence:	Dr. Suvojit. Lahiri Chakravarty	John Felix Raj et al.	2016	Regal Publisher ISBN: 978-81-8484-566-2

	The Indian Experience in Emerging Issues on Inclusive Growth, Business and Environment				

5) Participation of Faculty Members in Seminars/Workshops during 2016-17:

Sr. No.	Author	Title of Paper	Details (Organized by)	Nature of Program	Date of presentation	Level (National/ International)
1	Surajit Deb	The Provincial Pattern of Population Ageing and Household Saving in China	International Association for Research in Income & Wealth (IARIW), Canada.	34 th General Conference	25 August 2016	International Dresden
2	Surajit Deb	The Nexus between Disability and Poverty: Analysis Based on States Data in India	IARIW	34 th General Conference	25 August 2016	International Dresden
3	Surajit Deb	The Role of Secondary Cities in China's Urbanization and Economic Growth	Institute of Chinese Studies & Mumbai University	9 th All India Conference on China Studies	12 December, 2016	National Mumbai
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6) Achievement of Students including Participation in Various Societies:

Findings from Result Review of Aryabhatta College: The Economics department of Aryabhatta College was found to be lagging behind comparable colleges in the vicinity in indicators like overall pass percentage and other indicators. However, the department's progress is evident from the year 2016-17 in the sample of colleges comprising Aryabhatta, ARSD, Motilal Nehru and Venkateshwara college. The performance of Aryabhatta in indicators like overall pass percentage, percentage promoted in first division or percentage of failures remains superior than the ARSD or Venkateshwara College. Overall, the Economics department of Aryabhatta College is ranked second after Motilal Nehru and ahead of ARSD and Venkateshwara College.

Department Toppers: Eshaan Sahni (1st Year), Diksha Asija (2nd Year) and Pratiksha Negi (3rd Year) were the respective class toppers in the year.

Economic Society Activities in 2016-17: The Economics Society of Aryabhata College – called as - Mind over Matters – regularly organized academic seminars and workshops in both the semesters of this academic year.

Other Extension or Community Development Activities in 2016-17: Besides academic activities, the Society undertook a mission “Hand to Hand”, in which they collected used warm clothes from college students during the winter months and distributed among the children and family members of construction workers at the college site.

Publication of Student’s Magazine in 2016-17: The Society also worked very hard for the completion of a “Student’s Magazine” covering topics from Economic/Political Issues, Current Events and Sports.

Organization of Annual Economic Society Festival in 2016-17: The Society organized the Annual Economics Fest “SCIMONOCCE-2017” on 15-16 February 2017, where about 600 students from various DU colleges and other institutions took part in various activities, events and games.

7) Co-curricular Programs conducted by the Department

Orientation Program: The orientation program of the department for the first year students was conducted on 20th July 2016.

Fresher’s Party: The Fresher’s Welcome of the department for the first year students was conducted in 4th week of September, 2016.

Students Trip/Excursion: Two Student’s Trips, one in the months of October and the other in January, respectively were organized.

Visit to Book Fair: The visit to World Book Fair at the venue: “Pragati Maidan” for the 3rd year students of the department was combined with the faculties-visit on 13th January 2017.

Farewell Function: The Farewell Function for the 3rd Years took place on 19th of April, 2017.

Economic Society Function: The final Economic Society Function took place on 27th of April, 2016.

Academic Seminars throughout the Year: The following academic seminars took place during 2016-17:

- 1). Lecture by Prof. Vikram Dayal (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi) on “Current Environmental Issues in India” in September 2016.
- 2). Workshop by Mr. Rahul Kumar (Institute of Commerce and Management) on “Applications of Actuarial Science” in October 2016.
- 3). Lecture by Prof. Pinaki Chakraborty (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi) on “Goods and Services Tax: Implications for India” in February 2017.
- 4). Workshop by Mr. Jaideep Singh (Barclays Bank) on “Analytical World and Economic Applications” in April 2017.

8) Library Budget sanctioned for the Department: Rs. 80,000

9) SWOC (Strength ,Weakness , Opportunities, Challenges) Analysis of the Department:

1. Strength:

- Classes were held regularly and the prescribed syllabi for each and every paper of all the three years were completed in time, before the preparatory leave.
- The teachers of the department cooperated in holding some extra remedial classes for the low-performing students.
- Regular tutorial classes were conducted for the students.
- Previous year’s papers were solved in tutorial classes for the students to get the examination practices.
- Some faculties contributed to academic publication and participation in national and international seminars.

- It may be mentioned that the name of Ram Lal Anand (Evening) or Aryabhata College can be located for participation in International Think-Tank's website, International Research Portals or Institutional Website of Foreign Universities for participation.
- A few students got admission into the foreign Universities like London School of Economics on the basis of departmental recommendations.

2. *Weakness*

- The department suffered in respect of room availability for main as well as tutorial classes, since the college was relocating to a smaller building.
- The shortage of seminar room constrained the organization of academic functions and seminars of the department. There is a long waiting time involved in booking the seminar room for departmental activities.
- Since it took a long time for the Seminar Room to get fully-equipped for sound and display (audio-visual equipment), many of the academic activities had to be carried out in open-areas, therefore remained not so well documented in department records.

3. *Challenges:*

- The college changed its context from an evening to a regular or morning college, and the increases in the cut-off percentage or improvements in the quality of the first year admissions were evident.
- The challenges in terms of the availability of infrastructures, running bigger classrooms or making two sections were clearly noticeable.
- The participation of students in academic as well as extra-curricular activities was found to be improving. It was realized that this new college has tremendous possibilities to showcase student's talents in these activities.
- It was realized that fund allocation would be required for recording-maintenance-display of these activities.
- It was also comprehended that there is a need to form the Alumni Association of the department.

10) Future Plans of the Department:

- There is a proposal to organize one national-level seminar in the next year and subsequently plan one international-level seminar in the following year.
- There is also a proposal to organize talks by renowned speakers in the subject.
- A proposal was submitted to the college and the University's concerned branch seeking permission and fund-allocation to open a "Research Centre" and one "Data Centre" focusing on the demographic-economic-social issues or employment-livelihood aspects of respondents living in Delhi and NCR regions.
- The college has initiated offering Add-On Courses Cell from this year. There is plan to design one Add-on Course Module from the Economics department.