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# ECOLLECTUAL

- ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, LSR -

**ECONVISTA '19**  
TOWARDS REALISING SDGS 2030



LOOKING BACK AT

## THE FUN AND FLURRY OF ECONVISTA '19

IN NEED OF: THINKING CAPS & ANALYTICAL SKILLS

# inaugural ceremony: econvista '19

- TEJASVI DESHPANDE & MANORAMA PANDEY

The Department of Economics, Lady Sri Ram College for Women, commenced its annual international academic symposium with the inaugural ceremony. The keynote speaker, Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque, the UNICEF Representative to India, reiterated that SDGs have to excite and generate interest from a wide spectrum of disciplines, and transcend the narrow bounds of silos of sectors. By deliberating in platforms like Econvista, she added, we, as a generation, question what can be done individually and collectively, and work towards creating a milestone. This was followed by the Principal's address, and the lamp lighting ceremony.



# panel discussion

- TEJASVI DESHPANDE & DEBAPRIYA CHANDA

The Panel Discussion was conducted on the 18th January 2019, the second day of the LSR Economics Department Festival, Econvista in the college auditorium. The panelists Dr. Jean Dereze, Ms. Nabila Jamshed, Dr. Shagun Sabrawal and Ms. Bhuvana Anand critically addressed and gave their own interpretations on the topics - Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and Bridging the Gap.

Ms. Nabila Jamshed, a representative of the United Nations and alumnus of LSR avowedly spoke about the 'gap' in terms of aspiration and implementation, developed and developing countries and the inherent financial gap.

Dr. Jean Dereze, a Belgian born Indian developmental economist and activist, asserted the essentiality of universal healthcare, quality education, social security and expansion of democracy in the Indian context for an improved global standing and position of India.

Dr. Shagun Sabrawal, through her speech urged us to look at SDG's in the context of India focusing on every SDG with a three-pronged approach - problem, solution and implementation.

Finally, Ms. Bhuvana Anand concluded the discussion by highlighting the significance of the intersectionality between economic growth, social progress and environment sustainability. She advocated the need for redefining and rephrasing of the pre-existing classic notions of poverty, sustainability and inclusivity and questioned the role of the markets and state in the actualizations of the SDG's, both in isolation and synergy. In the end, the panelists addressed the questions of the students and concluded the discussion.

PRE-ECONVISTA EVENT

# Whip The Jam!

- ANSHU SACHAN &amp; PAYAL VERMA



## Round 1: WHISPER CHALLENGE

- **Teams:** 16
- **Rules :** It was a whisper challenge with economics twist. One member of a team has to pick a chit from the bowl which had some economics term in it and lipsync it so that the other member could guess it. The other member was made to wear headphones with loud music playing so that she could not cheat. Whichever team guessed the most number of terms right were selected for the second round. This is how finally 4 teams made it to the finals.



## Round 2: JUST A MINUTE



**Teams:** 4 consisting of 2 students each

**Rules:** A topic was given on which a team has to speak without pausing or stuttering . If they stutter or pause and the other team points out then they have to stop and the other team will continue to speak on the same topic. This goes on for one minute after which the topic is changed and the same process follows.



**Judging criteria:** The team who speaks for the maximum time wins.

**Topics:** RBI, SDG goals, 1991 Economic crisis, LPG, Great depression.

- **Winners:**
- **1st**
- Lakshmi Swaminathan & Jasmin Naur Hafiz
- **2nd**
- Ridhi Kathuria & Kirti Dass

PRE-ECONVISTA EVENT

# Econopoly

- PRIYA BAREJA

The dates change, the themes change, the panelists change, but the one thing that doesn't change about Econvista is the charm of and euphoria around pre-Econvista events. This is one of those few times, when LSR Economics people (actually) enjoy some non-academic stuff.

Econopoly, a pre-Econvista event served the exact purpose. A monopoly, with an economic twist, this had activities and fun games like Heads up, Scrabble, Act-it-Out, Sing-a Song, to name just a few.

An online preliminary round with 25 participants was followed by a final round with 4 teams competing against each other. The actual twist here was "jail" being replaced by a punishment and "Go to Jail" by an activity. After all, we wouldn't hate a punishment of saying out a tongue twister or missing three chances!! To say the least, this was a welcome break from our eight hour schedule, and worth the effort put in by Event Heads Utkarsha Sahay and Ritika Aggarwal.



1st place -

Sanskriti Kansal- Economics - 1st year

Ritika Ahuja- Economics - 1st year

Aishwarya Sarma- Economics - 1st year

2nd place -

Saumya Singh- Maths - 2nd year

Vandita Shankar- Maths - 2nd year

# Dr. Saroj Gupta Memorial Paper Presentation



= LATIKA, AVANTIKA BUNGA, AKSHITA ANAND



“ *One of the most prestigious platforms for undergraduate students to present their research...* ”

One of the flagship events of Econvista - the Dr Saroj Gupta Memorial Paper Presentation discussed the theme of this year i.e. Bridging the gap: Towards realising SDGs 2030 in a new light.



**ROUNDS - 2**



**EVENT HEADS -**

Manvi Khandelwal  
Vidushi Arora



**WINNERS -**

1. Kathmandu College
2. Amity Law
3. LSR

After selection of 5 abstracts from numerous entries, these 5 teams were called on to present their views on the topic ‘International Laws and their implications for sustainable growth in South Asia.’

The judges for the event were Dr Manisha Gupta, Ms Ratna M Sudarshan and Dr Neelam Singh. Teams reflected different angles of the topic but altogether agreed on the fact that international laws which came in existence to smooth the global growth have now become hurdles.

# Ecoprayog

- ANSHU SACHAN & PAYAL VERMA



“ *Redefine the ordinary and smash the wheel to create a new one...* ”

Does the idea of cracking and solving economic crises get you excited? Does strategizing and innovation get your brain juices flowing? If unconventional thinking and economic prudence are more your skills, then Ecoprayog was here to fulfill them - a perfect match!



## ROUNDS - 2



## EVENT HEADS -

Devangi Narang  
Dhwani Kachru  
Nikita Khanna

## Rules and regulations

- 1) 3 participants per team
- 2) Cross college teams allowed
- 3) No on-the-spot registrations



## WINNERS -

1. Cross College Team  
(Miranda, DCAC, SPM)
2. LSR
3. Tie between BITS and Jai Hind

# The Dialogue

- SHEFALI DESHPANDE, RASHI ANAND,  
MANORMA PANDEY, PRIYA BAREJA, PAYAL  
VERMA



*“An opportunity for budding economists and policy-makers to address issues in a conducive space.”*

The Dialogue, a flagship event, had 16 participants compete in groups of 4 in the preliminary round, covering topics like environment, BPL, trade wars, and globalization.



## ROUNDS - 2



## EVENT HEADS -

Mehak Jeet  
Nandini Agnihotri

10 participants entered the semi-finals, and two interesting group discussions were held on the topics - impact of GST on the MSME sector, and the maternity benefit amendment bill and its effect on the women workforce.



## WINNERS -

1. Sravya (LSR)
2. Rahul Jha (NPTI)
3. Riya Rath (Cluster)

6 participants qualified for the final group discussion on the topic, ‘Can loan waivers end farmers’ distress?’ After coming to a general agreement that loan waivers do more harm than good, Sravya (LSR) was declared winner.



# Policy Dilemma

- MANORMA PANDEY, RASHI ANAND,  
AKSHITA ANAND



“ *Stimulation of the real world to participate on key challenges we face today..* ”

Policy dilemma was another flagship event that kept the participants on the edge of their seats.

In the first round, developmental necessities like primary schools were auctioned to teams representing Indian states.

For the second round, states traded with each other through barter system.

In the final round, a crisis around the spread of drug resistant pests and the subsequent problems for farmers and consumers needed to be solved.

The 7 teams presented their policies incredibly well, efficiently allocating their resources, and coming up with innovative ideas.



## ROUNDS - 3



## EVENT HEADS -

Devyanshi Kaura  
Pratishtha Kohli  
Ujjwala Singh



## WINNERS -

1. Cross college team (SRCC, NSIT, GARGI)
2. Kathmandu College
3. Cluster Innovation

# Econflux

- MAITREYEE GUHA



*“ In a world driven by the Invisible Hand, there lies an opportunity in front of you to steer the 'Wheels of fortune' your way!*



**ROUNDS - 3**

Econflux was conducted on Day 2 of Econvista by Nikita Balaji and Shefali Deshpande.



**EVENT HEADS -**

Shefali Deshpande  
Nikita Balaji

It was a series of exciting puzzles and games related to economics. The event consisted of three rounds, a crossword, a treasure hunt game, and a Family-Feud style quiz, all related to economics.



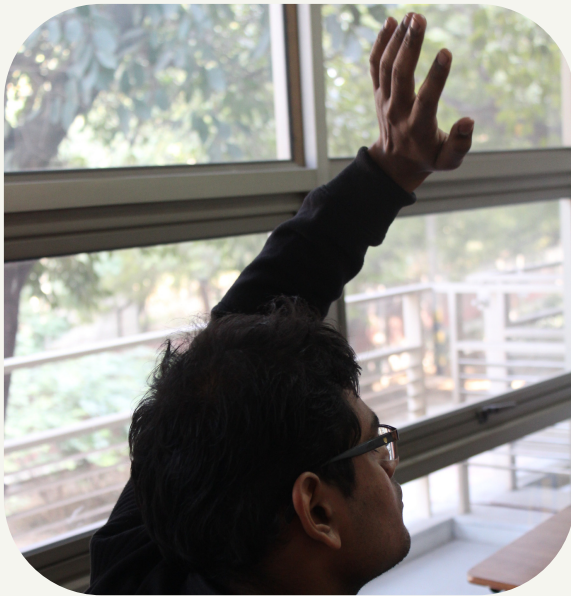
**WINNERS -**

Mansi Agarwal and  
Vanshika Maheshwari  
(LSR)

Participants took on the challenge in pairs. In the end, Mansi Agarwal and Vanshika Maheshwari from LSR came out on top.

# Econundrum

- AVANTIKA BUNGA & LATIKA



“ *A quiz that not only tests your knowledge, but also your ability to think on your feet and your creativity!* ”



## ROUNDS - 2

Econundrum was Econvista's major quiz event. It consisted of two rounds- an elimination primary, and a final round. The prelims had 20 questions, while the finals had 30, with a surprise written connect round in the middle.



## EVENT HEADS -

Disha Trivedi  
Avantika Bunga

Questions were related to the field of economics- some directly from economic research, and some from finance and business. The questions were made in such a way that answers were thoroughly guessable.



## WINNERS -

1. Ankit Sharma and R. Adithya (Hansraj)
2. Ridam Dhawan (Hindu)
3. Ria Chopra and Vindhuja Vijayan (LSR)

Around 20 teams participated in the prelims, with 5 making it to the finals. Both the rounds were extremely engaging, with even the audience thoroughly enjoying it, and guessing answers along with the participants.

# Trick and Trade

- RASHI ANAND, MANORMA PANDEY,  
AYUSHI KAITHWAS



“ *The bigger the risk, the bigger the reward.* ”

They say, ' Trading doesn't start until you lose'. This event of Econvista'19 was as thrilling as walking upside down on a tightrope.

It consisted of 28 teams of 2, divided into 4 groups, to go through 3 exciting rounds. After elimination, 12 teams were to enter the 'Fictionland' followed by 'War or No War'.

It was a fun event with everyone carefully choosing their trading moves and tricking others into believing them.

The Event, conducted by Ranu, Anushka and Akshita, turned out to be an exciting highlight of the day.



## ROUNDS - 3



## EVENT HEADS -

Akshita Ghusingha  
Anushka Verma  
Ranu Jain



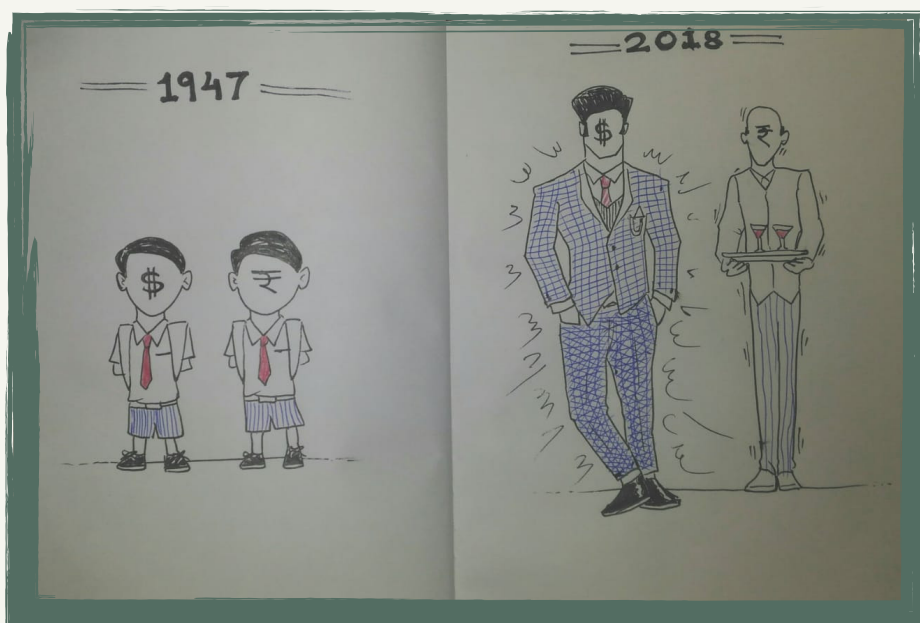
## WINNERS -

1. SGTB Khalsa
2. BITS, Pilani
3. BITS, Pilani

# Ecotooner

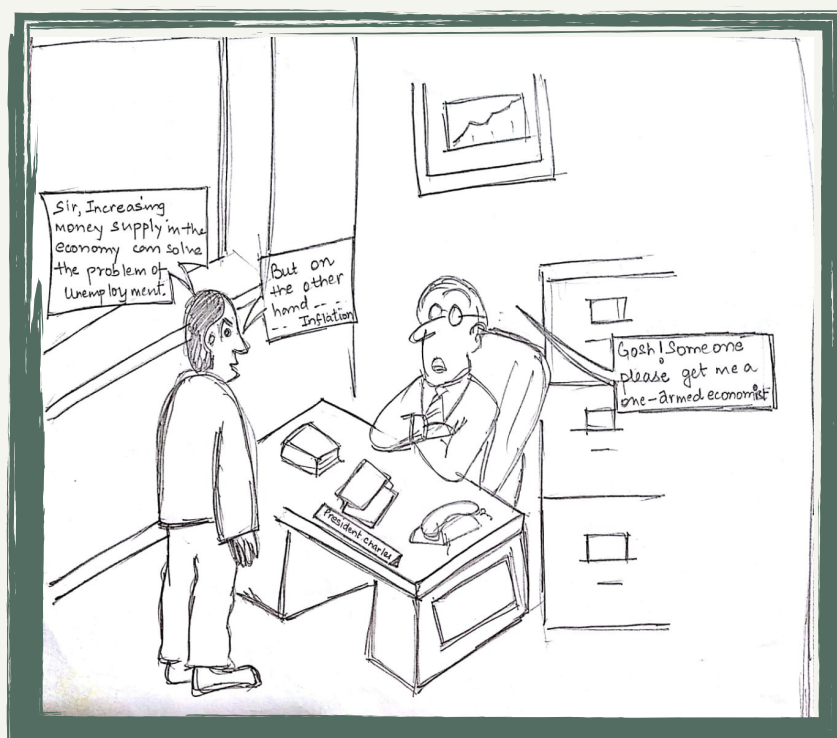
- DEBAPRIYA CHANDA

Let's face it, the only way most of us sit through our lectures is by constant doodling on the margins of our notebooks. One of the online events of Econvista, Ecotooner decided to take this creativity a notch higher, and invited cartoon/doodle entries on anything pertaining to the realm of economics. Amongst the many witty and satirical entries, the following emerged winners:



1st place - Vaibhav Butola (KMC)

2nd place - Manvi Agarwal (LSR)



# Caption This!

- REPORTING TEAM

For our second online event, it was a picture captioning competition. Presented below is the picture for which the participants needed to come up with a clever caption for, feel free to try your hand at it too!



**"REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE,  
FIVE HUN-'DREAD' NOT 'HAZAAR'-DOUS AS YET"**

1st place - Pranav Kakkar (Thapar University)

**"WOULD INDIA DE-MODI-TIZE THIS 2019  
AS ECONOMY GOES NUTS"**

2nd place - Anant Shrivastava (BITS Pilani)



We would like to thank all the people - the teachers, guests, staffs, students (our union, the organizing committee with team heads, event heads, volunteers, participants, attendees), and all those have helped - for working so hard and putting in so much effort. Such an amazing academic event could not have been pulled off without you all. Thank you!

A special shoutout to the coverage team for taking such amazing pictures to capture the best moments over the two days!

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