

Departmental Activities Report

Department of Economics (2024-25)

1. Introductory Lectures and Ice-Breaking Sessions (23rd – 31st July 2014)

The Department of Economics organized introductory lectures and ice-breaking sessions for BA and B.Com Economics students to foster a positive classroom environment and encourage student engagement. The sessions aimed to familiarize students with faculty members, discuss their educational backgrounds, and outline course objectives. Interactive activities, including Market Simulations, sharing their personal economic experiences of last 5 days, and games like "Truth and Lie," were conducted to promote teamwork, communication, and relaxation.



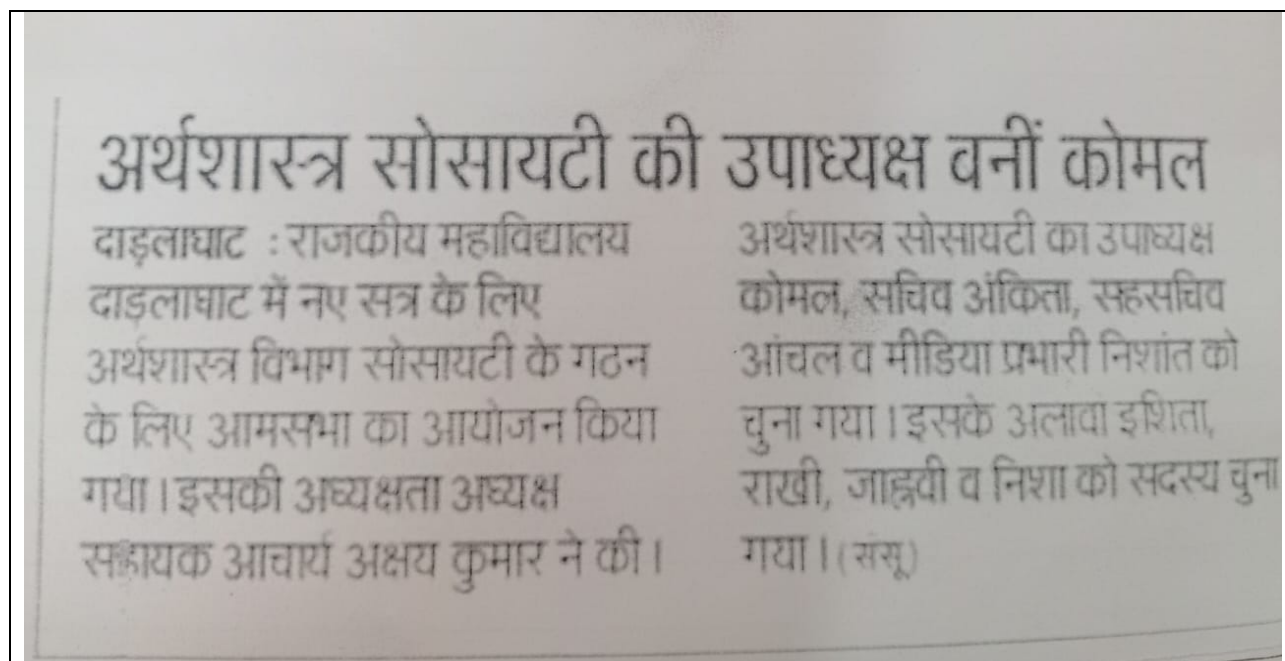
2: Formation of Bhagal Study Circle

On July 31, 2014, Professor Akshay Kumar from the Department of Economics engaged with students in Lecture Hall-1 at GDC Darlaghat. The interactive discussion led to a proposal for establishing a student study circle within the college. This initiative aimed to create a platform where students from diverse

disciplines could come together to foster academic engagement, discussions, and analysis of current affairs. It was decided that the next gathering would be organized as a General Assembly on August 1st to formalize the structure and objectives of the study circle.

3. Formation of Economics Society – "EcoholicsSociety"

On August 5, 2014, a General Meeting was convened in Lecture Hall 1 at GDC Darlaghat to establish the Economics Society for the academic session 2024–25. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Akshay Kumar, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Economics. The primary agenda included the formal formation of the Economics Society, named Ecoholics, and the election of office bearers.



The following resolutions were passed:

President: Mr. Akshay Kumar (Assistant Professor & HoD, Economics), Vice President: Komal, Secretary: Ankita, Joint Secretary: Anchal, Media Incharge: Nishant, Society Members: Ishita, Rakhi, Janvi, and Nisha. This initiative aims to foster interest in economics, encourage discussions, and promote academic engagement among students.

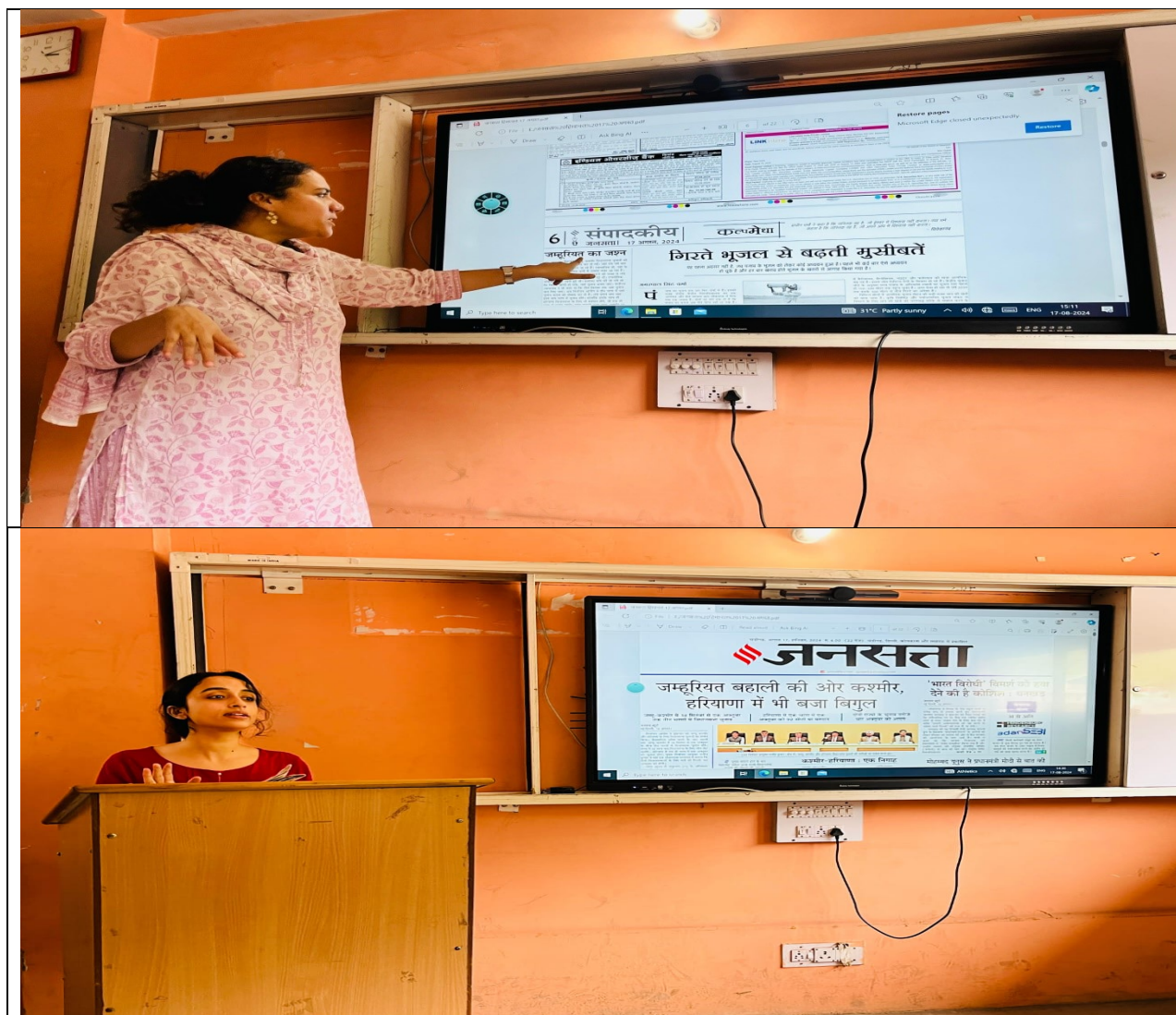
4: Guest Lecture on India's History and Future Prospects

Organized by the Economics Society Ecoholics and Bhagal Study Circle, a guest lecture was held on August 14, 2024. Dr. Jaiprakash Sharma, Assistant Professor of Political Science, delivered an insightful session on India's history, its current scenario, and future prospects. He emphasized the use of maps to enhance understanding, providing valuable insights into India's geopolitical, geographical, and socio-economic dynamics. The lecture was attended by faculty and students with great enthusiasm, fostering critical thinking and a broader perspective.



5: Guest Lecture on How to Read a Newspaper

On August 17, 2024, the ECOHOLICS Society hosted a guest lecture on “How to Read a Newspaper”, presented by Bhuvi Sharma (Assistant Professor, History) and Rachna Tanwar (Assistant Professor, Hindi). The session focused on enhancing students' critical reading skills. The speakers shared valuable techniques for analyzing news articles, understanding context, and identifying biases. This lecture greatly enhanced students' ability to comprehend and analyze current affairs.



6: Academic Bank Credit Workshop

On 9th September 2024, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Economics jointly organized a one-day workshop on Academic Bank Credit in Darlaghat. During the workshop, students were guided on how to create their Academic Bank Credit IDs. Asst. Prof. Puneet Thakur, Head of the Department of Commerce, and Asst. Prof. Akshay Kumar, Head of the Department of Economics, provided detailed explanations on maintaining Academic Credit in a digital format, helping students better understand the process and its benefits.



7 Educational Tour.

The Department of Economics at Government Degree College, Darlaghat, organized an educational tour from October 27-29, 2024, to Manali, Sissu, Kullu, and Bijli Mahadev to study the economic impact of tourism. Students explored key sites, including the Hidimba Devi Temple, Atal Tunnel, and local markets, analyzing tourism-driven economic growth. They interacted with vendors and locals to understand pricing strategies, employment opportunities, and infrastructure development. A survey was conducted to assess tourism's role in boosting local enterprises, preserving culture, and integrating regional markets. The findings highlighted both economic benefits and environmental challenges linked to tourism.



8: Guest Lecture on Global Commerce Trends

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce at GDC Darlaghat, organized an online guest lecture on global commerce trends on December 31, 2024. Dr. Bhushan Azad, Assistant Professor at GDC Kumarsain, discussed key topics such as digital transformation, sustainability, and the expansion of e-commerce. He also highlighted emerging career opportunities in FinTech, international trade, and digital banking. The session concluded with a networking segment, where students engaged with the speaker and received valuable career guidance.

