

Second 'Debes Mukherjee' Memorial Lecture

The Department of Economics of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata organized the **Second 'Debes Mukherjee' Memorial Lecture on 27th September, 2024**, in the sesquicentenary Seminar Room at 12 noon. The guest speaker for the day was **Dr. Soumyen Sikdar**, retired Professor of Economics, University of Calcutta and IIM, Kolkata. The topic for the program was **'Indian Economy since Independence: is it Sustainable?** This program was in honour of **Professor Debes Mukherjee**, ex faculty member of the Department of Economics and Teacher-in-Charge of the college until his retirement in January, 2008. His wife, Prof. Basabi Mukherjee, was part of the audience. The students and all faculty members from the college and also from other nearby colleges attended the program wholeheartedly. The program was hosted by Dr Jaya Mukherjee, faculty member of the Department of Economics and IQAC Coordinator of the college.

It was a highly enriching and captivating experience to listen to the lecture that threw light on the economic scenario in India divided into two parts: the first part was since independence up to the 1990's and the second part of the lecture focussed on the present economic scenario since reforms in 1991. The speaker highlighted the positive side of the economic development of the country with a cross country comparison but with a note of concern regarding sustainability of the environment and inclusive growth.

There were numerous questions put up by the students and the teachers at the completion of the lecture and Prof S. Sikdar was too glad to answer each one of them. Finally the program ended with a vote of thanks read out by Dr Sudeshna Mitra, Head of the Department of Economics.



