

## **4th Annual Alumni Webinar 2025 – A Meaningful Exchange of Ideas and Inspiration**

The Department of Economics at St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata, successfully hosted its 4th Annual Alumni Webinar on 15 November 2025, bringing together current students, faculty members, and distinguished alumni for an enriching afternoon of academic dialogue and community building. Organized online, the event aimed to unite alumni under a common platform and foster productive interaction between former and present members of the department.

The webinar featured two distinguished speakers whose academic journeys began at SPCMC and have since evolved into impactful professional careers.

### **1. Debanjana Chakraborty**

Alumnus: Batch of 2018–2021

Current Role: Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati

Ms. Chakraborty delivered an engaging talk titled “The Unseen Habits of the Researcher You Want to Be.” She shared valuable insights into the discipline, mindset, and daily practices that shape successful researchers. Her session offered students a practical roadmap for cultivating curiosity, consistency, and academic rigor—qualities essential for thriving in the world of research.

### **2. Dr. Atiba Batul**

Alumnus: Batch of 2013–2016

Current Role: Assistant Professor of Economics, Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore

Dr. Batul presented a compelling research-based discussion on “Empowerment of Women Dwelling in Urban Slums of Kolkata through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.” Her talk highlighted how financial inclusion initiatives can significantly transform the economic and social standing of women in marginalized communities. The presentation offered students a relevant example of applied economics and policy impact.

Throughout the event, students and teachers actively participated through discussions and questions, making the webinar a vibrant exchange of ideas. The alumni speakers also shared personal experiences that encouraged students to envision diverse academic and professional pathways. As an annual initiative, the webinar continues to

serve as a bridge between generations of the department. Beyond academic enrichment, it reinforces a sense of belonging and continuity, bringing the SPCMC Economics community “under one umbrella.”

