

**Title of Event: Panel Discussion on “THE DYNAMICS OF INDIA’S SLOWDOWN: A SELF-INFLICTED PROCESS”**

**Organized by: Department of Economics**

**Date: 22.03.2021**

**Number of participants: 110 registrations and 80**

**Report of the event:**

An insightful **Panel Discussion** was held on 22nd MARCH 2021 which commenced at 10:00 am; on the topic of “**THE DYNAMICS OF INDIA’S SLOWDOWN: A SELF-INFLICTED PROCESS**”. It was conducted on an **online platform** that is Google Meet. With more than **110 registrations** and **80+ participants**, the event was a successful one. Our respectable Principal, Prof. **Gurmohinder Singh** addressed the gathering, and then a welcome speech was given by our Convener Dr. **Meena Singh**. She gave her views and enlightened us on the topic of discussion. With **3 esteemed Panelists** on board, the event allowed participants to dig deeper into the reasons behind the slowdown of the Indian economy and its recovery. Our first panelist was **DR. SP Sharma** who is the Chief Economist at the leading industry body PHDCCL. Dr. S P Sharma has around 24 years of diverse experience in the various areas of the economy, trade, and industry. Our second panelist, **Prof Shakti Kumar**, is currently the head of the center for economics studies and planning. His Areas of Specialization are Public Finance, Mathematical Economics. He has 15 years of P.G. teaching experience. Our 3rd Panelist was **Prof. Ram Singh**, a professor at Delhi school of economics, Delhi university. His areas of interest are Law and Economics, Public Economics, Contract Theory, and Microeconomics. He is a recipient of a lot of awards and honors. The panel discussion aimed at inviting views from economists from different sectors of the economy to analyse the sectoral growth in India and give suggestions regarding a few policy changes that could revive India’s growth trend. It also highlighted the linkages between the sectors i.e. Agriculture, Industry and Services and the growth of the Indian Economy. The panelists concluded that India is experiencing a V shaped recovery but government needs to put emphasis on the social sectors of the country especially health and education with infrastructure growth. We concluded the event with the takeaway that slowdown of the Indian economy is not necessarily a Self- Inflicted process. A **Question-Answer Session** was conducted after each panelist gave their views respectively which helped the participants resolved all their queries simultaneously. Lastly, **Dr. Ishmeeta Singh** gave the vote of thanks and the **feedback form** was circulated via the Chat Box. Thus, the event concluded on a positive note.