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The Department of Economics organized a wide range such activities throughout the year 2019. The Annual Departmental Day – Ecophoria was held on 29th January, 2019. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prabir Purkayastha, Founder of Newsclick, Founder Member of Delhi Science Forum, President of Free Software Movement of Indian Engineers and Science Activist on “Historical Materialism”. It was followed by various inter-college competitions such as Paper Presentation, Start-Up Challenge, Connectonomics, Quiz Pro Quo, Ad Mad, Monopoly, Treasure Hunt and the TriviaZard Tournament which saw active participation of more than 1500 students from many prestigious colleges and universities across Delhi and Delhi-NCR. The Economics Department conducted their annual Fresher’s Debate on 28th August, 2019 to provide an opportunity for the newcomers to step out of their comfort zones and interact with the department faculty and seniors with a sense of healthy competition. The topic for the debate was “Does globalization necessarily lead to sustainable development across the globe?” The first session of the Annual Plural Economics Lecture Series was organized by the department with Professor Arun Kumar, former Professor at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU and currently the Malcolm Adisheshiah Chair Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences as the speaker of the session on 25th September, 2019. The lecture comprised of an extensive discussion on the current state of the Indian Economy, with the topic being “Two Circles of Growth in India”. The Department of Economics conducted the 55th A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition on 22nd October, 2019 with the objective of encouraging students to think and speak on Economics and other subjects, besides enabling them to display their oratory skills. There was participation by around 15 students from various departments of the college and all of them put their best foot forward. On 2nd November, 2019 the Economics Department organized a GRETL Software Workshop conducted by Ms. Nupur Kataria, Assistant Professor, Maitreyi Collge, University of Delhi. This workshop was well received by the students for gaining a good understanding of statistics and improving their quantitative skills. A new addition to the Economics Department was the Young Economist Lecture and Discussion Series (YELD). It is an initiative undertaken by the students of the Economics Department in pursuit of open discussions on the various issues concerning our economy. The first lecture session hosted Professor Jayati Ghosh, Head of the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU as the acclaimed speaker on 5th November, 2019. The theme for the session was “Gender and Economics. The session was followed by a question-answer round which saw inquisitive participation by students as well as teachers.