

Andhra Christian College::Guntur

Department of Economics

Seminar Report on "Population"

Event Overview:

- **Seminar Topic:** Population
- **Occasion:** World Population Day
- **Date:** 11th July 2022
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- **Venue:** Department of Economics, Government Degree College for Women, Guntur
- **Audience:** B.A. Students
- **Organized by:** Department of Economics, GDC (W), Guntur
- **Key Participants:**
 - **Dr. V. Jyothsna Kumari**, Principal and RJDCE i/c
 - **Teaching Faculty**, Department of Economics, GDC (W)
- **Resource Person:** Dr. N. Martha Mrudula, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, A.C. College, Guntur

Introduction:

The Department of Economics, Government Degree College for Women, Guntur, organised a seminar on "Population" in observance of World Population Day on July 11th, 2022. The event aimed to raise awareness about population issues and their impact on socio-economic development, particularly in the context of India.

Seminar Objectives:

1. **Awareness Raising:**
To educate students about the significance of World Population Day and the global concerns related to population growth.
2. **Understanding Population Dynamics:**
To provide a comprehensive understanding of population trends, including growth rates, demographic transitions, and their implications for economic development.
3. **Addressing Socio-Economic Challenges:**
To explore the challenges posed by overpopulation, such as resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and pressure on public services.
4. **Promoting Informed Discussions:**
To engage students in meaningful discussions about the role of population policies and the importance of education and healthcare in managing population growth.

Proceedings of the Seminar:

- **Welcome Address:**
The seminar commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. V. Jyothsna Kumari, Principal of GDC (W) and RJDCE i/c. She highlighted the importance of understanding population

issues in the broader context of sustainable development and urged students to actively participate in the discussions.

- **Introduction of the Resource Person:**

A brief introduction of the resource person, Dr. N. Martha Mrudula, was given by a faculty member from the Economics Department. Dr. Mrudula's expertise in economics and her extensive research on population studies were acknowledged, setting the stage for an insightful session.

- **Keynote Presentation by Dr. N. Martha Mrudula:**

Dr. Mrudula delivered an engaging presentation on the topic of population. She began by discussing global population trends, highlighting key statistics and demographic patterns. The presentation then focused on India's population scenario, examining factors contributing to high population growth, such as fertility rates, mortality rates, and migration patterns. Dr. Mrudula also discussed the concept of the demographic dividend and its potential to drive economic growth, provided the necessary investments are made in education and healthcare.

A significant portion of the presentation was dedicated to the socio-economic challenges posed by overpopulation, including unemployment, urban congestion, and environmental stress. Dr. Mrudula emphasized the need for effective population policies, citing examples of successful family planning initiatives and the role of women's education in controlling population growth.

- **Interactive Discussion:**

The presentation was followed by an interactive session where students and faculty members had the opportunity to ask questions and share their perspectives. The discussion touched on various topics, including the impact of population growth on resource allocation, the role of government policies in managing population dynamics, and the importance of public awareness in promoting sustainable population practices. Dr. Mrudula addressed these queries with detailed explanations, encouraging students to think critically about these issues.

- **Closing Remarks:**

The seminar concluded with closing remarks from a faculty member of the Economics Department, who thanked Dr. Mrudula for her informative presentation and commended the students for their active participation. The importance of continuing education and research on population issues was underscored as a key takeaway from the seminar.

Outcomes of the Seminar:

1. **Enhanced Awareness:**

Students gained a deeper understanding of population issues, particularly in the context of India, and the global challenges associated with population growth.

2. **Critical Thinking:**

The seminar fostered critical thinking among students, enabling them to analyze the complex relationship between population growth and economic development.

3. **Engaged Participation:**

The interactive session facilitated active engagement, allowing students to express their views and learn from the insights shared by the resource person.

4. **Broadened Perspectives:**

The seminar broadened the students' perspectives on the importance of population policies and the need for informed decision-making in addressing population-related challenges.



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