

Debate on Indian Economy

The Postgraduate and Research Department of Commerce conducted a debate on the topic “Indian Economy – Heading for a Slump or Surge” on 13.09.2019. 28 students participated in the debate, out of which 14 talked about Slump in Economy and 14 argued in favour of Surge in Economy. Dr. T.Nandhini Asst. Professor of our College, Prof .Soundharya of Bishop Heber College, and Professor Vinodhini of Cauveri College and Dr.Rajan from Government Arts and Science College were the judges. The topics were : Share Market, Indian Economy, Automobile, Real Estate, Textile, Hotel & Tourism and Banking.

The Highlights of the Debate at a glance:

Automobile sector: Several factors like the upcoming BS6 emission norms, registration-related matters and a change in the mindset of millennials, who now prefer Ola or Uber rather than committing to monthly instalments to own a car, were responsible for a slowdown in the automobile sector. Many Companies announced holidays for their companies due to low production.Yet in long term these sectors will grow with technological changes.

Regarding Banking sector, Students argued that Merger of banks may affect the seasonal business right now as the process of merger will take a year and the small scale sector will be affected. Others argued that India’s banking sector is sufficiently capitalised and well-regulated. The financial and economic conditions in the country are far superior to any other country in the world. Credit, market and liquidity risk studies suggest that Indian banks are generally resilient and have withstood the global downturn well.

Share Market: Students argued that there is high volatility due to global issues.

In the case of Textile Sector, It is a large foreign exchange earner, and is the second-largest employer (after the agricultural sector) in the country.

Real Estate: This sector of business has been worst affected because of GST.

Tourism Sector: Today tourism is the largest service industry in India, with a contribution of 6.23% to the national GDP and providing 8.78% of the total employment. Hygiene is the problem faced during tour. However, the present central government has taken steps like Swatch Bharath and Building great roads to access points.

Reason for the slump in the economy is due to slow down in sectors like Automobile, marginal fall in Bank retail loans, With the US-China trade war hotting up, global sentiments have remained poor, making the prospects of an export led growth bleak.

The Judges appreciated the conduct of debate and suggested that the students could argue with the support of statistics and data.