



## Society Activity Report 2020-21 THE CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

The Centre for Economic Research strives to inculcate an academic culture of seeking knowledge in the vast, multi-faceted discipline of economics. As a departmental society, we attempt to take our learning beyond the confines of the classroom. The following is a list of events that we hosted around the year:

### **Seminar on “A Crash Course in Implementation Theory” – 19/01/2021 & 27/01/2021**

Dr. Gopakumar Achatunukutty (IGIDR) conducted a 2-session crash course in Implementation Theory which familiarised the audience with the design of institutions to achieve desirable outcomes taking into account the strategic behavior of individuals. The audience was introduced to social choice correspondences and effectivity correspondences under the results of implementation theory. Results from game theory were also introduced.

### **Seminar on “Gendered Demand for Modern Cookstoves in the presence of Environmental Health Complementarities” – 8/02/2021**

Dr P.P. Krishnapriya (DSE) introduced the audience to how the household demand for a technology that improves environmental health - an electric cookstove - is related to prior health interventions in rural Odisha. Her research helped converge the gap between information provision, preferences, and bargaining power to show how auctions for cookstoves vary as per gender and prior information.

### **Goutham Krishna Research Fellowship 2020-21 – Completed in June 2021**

Two teams were awarded the Goutham Krishna Research Fellowship to carry out research projects over the course of the academic year 2020-21. Presentations for the same were held over Zoom on 26th June 2021, attended by faculty members and students. The first team comprising Antora Bhattacharya, Surbhi Bassi, Shreya Murarka, Mufti Taha Shah, Gulhaider Zaidi worked on the topic - 'The Default Effect: Analysing the Impact of the 3 E's on Savings Behaviour', exploring the default bias. They were mentored by Prof. Benston John. The second team comprising of Poorvi Gupta, Ananya Iyengar, Nidhi Priya worked on the topic 'Inoculation against the Other Pandemic: A Consumer Side Approach to India's Fake News Problem' and were mentored by Prof. Poonam Kalra. Both Research Papers were completed in June 2021 and presented before an audience of 75.