



## NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON “URBANISATION OF INDIA-A GAME CHANGER?”



The Department of Economics, Loyola College under the leadership of **Prof. Bhagwan Das, Head of the Department and the LEAD president, Dr. Uma Maheshwari** organized the National Symposium, 2016-17. The annual edition of the LEAD National Symposium titled “**Urbanisation of India-A Game Changer?**” was conducted on **14th February, 2017** at Lawrence Sundaram Hall.



The symposium was conducted in the presence of teachers, research scholars and students from colleges nationwide. The chief guest honoring the symposium was **Mr. Dharmendra Prathap Yadav, IAS., Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Government of Tamil Nadu.** Prof. **Bhagwan Das, Head of the**

**Department** welcomed the academic gathering and introduced the theme of this year’s symposium.

The welcome address was followed by the chief guest’s address to the gathering which highlighted how urbanization has changed the Indian landscape and how it will continue to be influential in driving our county forward. He also highlighted the aspects of living which



constitutes urbanization in India such as infrastructural development and improved taxation policies among other things.



The annual department Journal 'Oikinomikos' along with the symposium proceedings were released by the chief guest. 28 articles were published in the journal, which was the same number as last year on the topic "Investment Conundrum".

The session was truly enticing and gave the audience a better perspective on the concept of urbanization and the implications of urbanization. The gathering was also informed about recent government policies and statistical data pertaining to urbanization in India and how it is helping our country as well as how it can be accelerated.



The session was followed by high tea at 3:30 pm. The paper presenters were given certificates by **Mrs. Fathima Vasant, Deputy Principal** and the event concluded with a special address by **Prof.B.Bhagwan Das** which was followed by the vote of thanks by **Dr. Uma Maheswari, LEAD President**.