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PROGRAMME REPORT ON

Guest lecture-Guilds (Shreni) and Cooperative Business Models in Ancient India

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Department of Commerce

Special Lecture	Experts / Guest Speaker	Beneficiaries
<p>Guilds (Shreni) and Cooperative Business Models in Ancient India</p> <p>Date / Period: 07-11-2025 Time: 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.</p> <p>Report / Summary / Key points discusse</p> <p>Department of Commerce, Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology, organized an insightful Guest Lecture on the topic “Guilds (Shreni) and Cooperative Business Models in Ancient India” on 7th November 2025 at Annai Maniammai Hall. The session was scheduled from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and students of the commerce department.</p> <p>The guest speaker, Ms. A. Cathrine, Deputy Registrar and Managing Director of the Thanjavur Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Store, delivered an enriching lecture emphasizing the historical and economic significance of ancient Indian guilds (Shreni) and their parallels to modern cooperative business structures. She explained how the Shreni system in ancient India functioned as a well-organized collective of traders, artisans, and producers who maintained quality standards, mutual support, and shared economic benefits within their community. Ms. Cathrine elaborated</p>	<p>Ms. A. Cathrine, Deputy Registrar and Managing Director, Thanjavur Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Store.</p>	<p>II B.Com. PA&II M.Com.Students</p> <p style="text-align: center;">67</p>

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<p>on how these early business models promoted values of self-governance, collective decision-making, and equitable profit distribution, which continue to influence the cooperative movement in India today.</p> <p>The lecture concluded with a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the speaker's valuable contribution and the organizing team's efforts.</p> <p>Overall, the session provided students with a comprehensive understanding of India's ancient economic wisdom and its relevance in shaping inclusive, cooperative, and sustainable business models in the modern era.</p> <p>Ms.V.Varsha and Ms.G.Gayathri from II B.Com (Professional Accounting) shared their reflections and feedback on the lecture. They expressed their appreciation for the speaker's practical insights and highlighted how the session deepened their understanding of the historical roots of India's cooperative movement and its modern-day applications.</p>		
		

Attachments (as separate file):

1. Event Flyer / Poster [PDF]
2. Participants' list with attestation (signature & seal of the organizer) [Scanned PDF]
3. Feedback (if applicable)



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