**Event Report**

**Event name : Lecture on World Happiness Index**

**Organised by : P.G Department of Economics**

**Event Date: 10th September 2025**

As part of the ongoing lecture series initiated by the PG Department of Economics, Doaba College, Jalandhar under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Pardeep Bhandari, the first lecture of the session was delivered by Dr. Suresh Mago on 10th September 2025 on the topic “World Happiness Index.” In his address, Dr. Mago emphasized that the true wealth of any nation lies in its people, and that the primary goal of development should be to create an environment where individuals can truly enjoy their lives—focusing on living rather than merely surviving.

He informed the students that **20th March is celebrated as International Day of Happiness** and explained Bhutan’s adoption of **Gross National Happiness (GNH)** in 2008 and later also adopted by the United Nations in 2012.The lecture further elaborated on the six parameters of the World Happiness Index, namely **Real GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom of choice, generosity, and perception of corruption,** compiled by the Gallup Company. He highlighted the example of Finland, the happiest country in the world, where conducive social and cultural conditions foster a sense of well-being among its citizens. Finland’s ranking was attributed to its low-income inequality, social generosity, state-supported healthcare, cultural richness, and strong community values. A video presentation was also shown on Finland’s population and its status as one of the safest countries.

Principal Dr. Pardeep Bhandari appreciated the efforts of the department in enriching the knowledgebase of the students. The event was anchored by Dr. Arti Behl, while Dr. Nayia Mahajan concluded the session with a formal vote of thanks. **Dr. Jagannath, Prof. Yugam, and Prof. Vivek** were also present