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**ISS WEBINAR 2025**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Venue:** Google Meet

**Time:** 11:00 PM

On the morning of 27 April, the Heritage Club of the Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, hosted an intellectually stimulating and deeply inspiring webinar featuring Ms. Shreya Aggarwal, a distinguished officer of the Indian Statistical Service (ISS) and a proud alumna of the department. The session commenced at 11:00 AM on Google Meet and drew an enthusiastic audience of postgraduate students, all eager to explore the path to the ISS and hear directly from someone who had walked the same corridors they now traverse.

The session opened with a warm welcome and introduction to Ms. Aggarwal's academic and professional journey — one marked by ambition, determination, and exceptional clarity of purpose. After completing her M.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Delhi, she began her career in the corporate world, working at HDFC Bank. However, her interest in data-driven public policy and national service led her to set her sights on the Indian Statistical Service. Balancing her demanding corporate responsibilities with rigorous exam preparation, she eventually cleared the ISS examination and now serves in a key statistical role in the Government of India.

Ms. Aggarwal's talk centred around a comprehensive overview of the ISS examination, which is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). She eloquently explained the structure of the examination, which includes four papers on statistical subjects and two general papers. Drawing from her personal experience, she delved into the challenges and strategies involved in preparing for such a competitive exam. She offered detailed guidance on how to structure a preparation timeline, the importance of revision and mock tests, how to analyse previous years' papers, and how to maintain a balance between speed and accuracy, especially in the subjective components of the exam.

One of the most appreciated parts of her address was her candid discussion of the transition from the corporate sector to government service. When asked about how she managed the dual demands of a full-time job and ISS preparation, Ms. Aggarwal offered realistic and actionable insights. She emphasized the importance of setting structured goals, maximizing weekends and after-hours study sessions, and maintaining unwavering discipline. Her practical advice resonated with many attendees who are juggling similar responsibilities.

Following her talk, the session moved into a highly interactive Q&A round. Students posed a variety of questions — from selecting the right study materials and managing time effectively, to maintaining motivation during setbacks and preparing for the interview stage. Ms. Aggarwal answered each question with patience, clarity, and depth, often sharing personal anecdotes that made her responses both relatable and impactful.

As an alumna of the department, Ms. Aggarwal's return to speak to current students carried a special emotional resonance. She spoke fondly of her time at the University of Delhi, crediting the strong

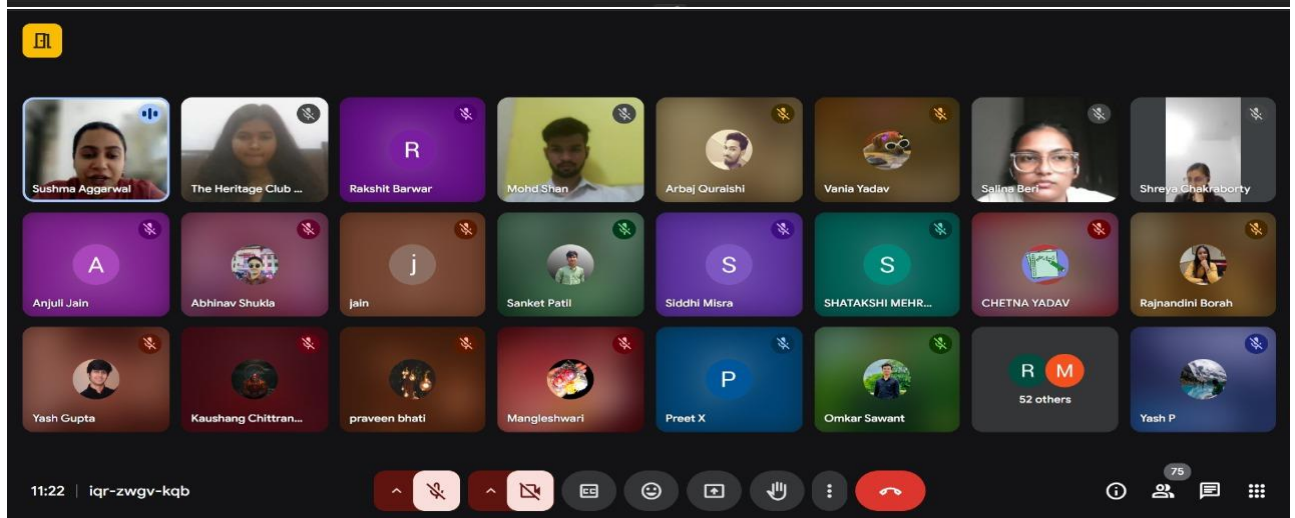
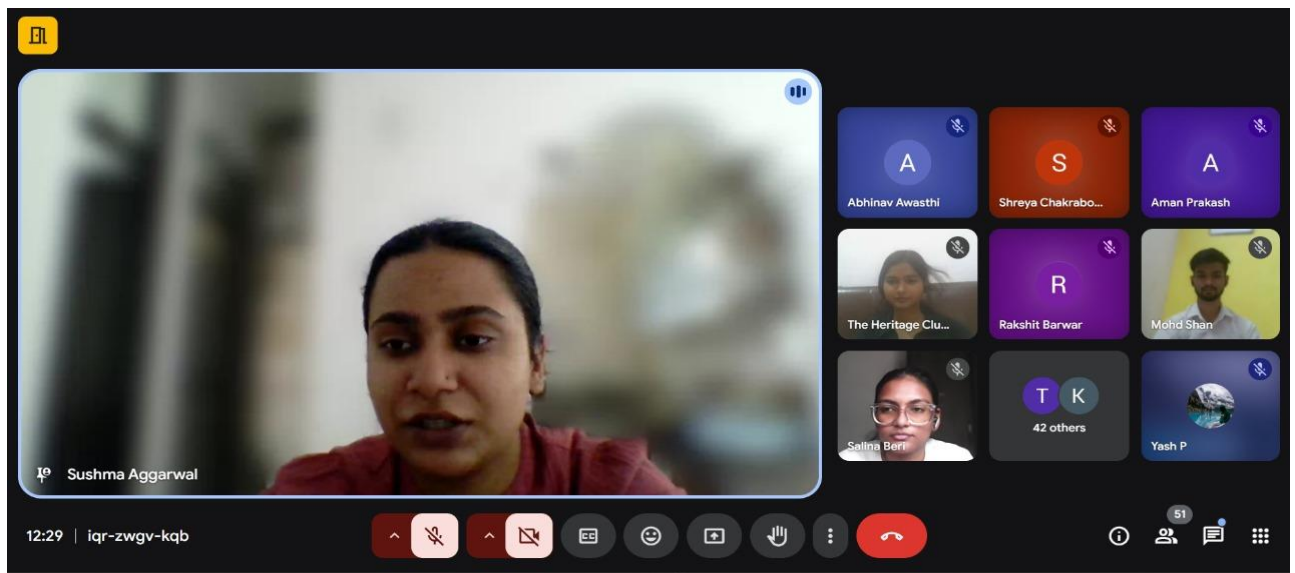
academic foundation and supportive faculty of the Department of Statistics for playing a crucial role in her success. Her words of encouragement were heartfelt, urging students to remain focused, resilient, and passionate about their goals.

The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by the organizing members of the Heritage Club. The department expressed its deepest gratitude to Ms. Shreya Aggarwal for generously sharing her time, knowledge, and inspiration. Her presence served not just as a source of guidance but as a powerful symbol of what dedication and perseverance can achieve.

In every sense, the webinar was far more than an academic discussion — it was a masterclass in purpose-driven preparation, personal growth, and professional transformation. Students walked away not only better informed about the ISS examination but also deeply inspired by Ms. Aggarwal's journey from a student of statistics to a public servant shaping India's data-driven future.

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The images of the event are attached below:-



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Sushma Aggarwal

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Sushma Aggarwal

Rakshit Barwar, Abhinav Awasthi, Shreya Chakraborty, Lagan Gupta, Aman Prakash, The Heritage Club..., Chandan Sharma, Saliha Bori, Anjali Jain, Amritansh Mishra, 50 others, Mohd Shan

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