<u>Prof. J. K. Mehta Chair for Economic Studies</u> Institute of Economics and Finance

Prof. J. K. Mehta's Brief Profile:

Prof J. K. Mehta was born to K. M. Mehta in Rajnandgaon in 1901. He completed his graduation from Moir Central College and attended University of Allahabad for post-graduation studies.

In 1968, he became the president of Indian Economic Association. He also served as Head of Department of Economics in Allahabad University and Much inspired by Herbert Stanley Jevons.

Mehta is known for his idea of wantlessness, presenting in 1931 the theory of marginal revenue. He was much inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and spread his theory of economics.

Major Academic achievements and contribution

- Economics of Growth (1st ed., 1964)
- "A Philosophical Interpretation of Economics
- Rhyme, Rhythm and Truth in Economics
- The Elements of Economics Mathematically Interpreted, (1st ed., 1932)
- Gandhian Though

About the Chair for Economic Studies

Professor JK Mehta Chair for Economic Studies, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi UP, has been established to provide a rich understanding on the application of Economics in various fields affecting the economic and social life of human beings so that the curriculum is given more interdisciplinary and respect. In the spirit of choice based system of education, there are also courses which are called free electives to any student of the university irrespective of their discipline. These courses include International Finance, Computer Applications in Economics, Environmental Impact Assessment, and Entrepreneurship, Economic Development and Environmental Economics. The courses are revised at regular intervals to incorporate new knowledge in economic sciences and their applications. In order to foster research aptitude and orientation, which can help our students in their higher studies in economics, which require the students to undertake a directed research work in economics and allied field, the Institute of Economics and Finance gives importance to the development of questioning ability, improving knowledge, creating new knowledge, and articulating diverse perspectives to others. This Chair would foster the philosophy of the Institute and contribute towards research and academic excellence.

J. K. Mehta



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Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh,

Died 9 August 1980 (aged 78)^[1]
Allahabad

Occupation Economist[2]

School or Gandhian economics

tradition

Alma mater University of Allahabad (PhD)

Influences Jevons · Gandhi

Objectives of the Chair

The objective of the chair is to perform following academic functions:

- To organize theme lectures on the pertinent subjects.
- > To collaborate for promoting the main objective of this chair, which is research into all issues related to Economics and Finance that contributes to the development of the Nation.
- ➤ Promote studies on aspects related to various themes of economics
- ➤ Carry out research activities in relation to selected themes
- ➤ Pass on knowledge and technologies regarding the best practices
- > Cooperate in programmes to train professionals and facilitate development of the Bundelkhand Region
- To conduct researches on the economic and environmental feasibility various Projects
- To localize this technology and knowledge through collaborative research efforts.
- To coordinate and to provide a think tank in the contemporary thrust areas assigned to the Chair by drawing expertise and inputs from academics and experts from industry and academia
- ➤ To design and execute capacity building programmes for professional, teachers and scholars in higher education focused towards the thrust areas of the Chair.
- To strengthen the role of universities/ academics in public policy making.
- > To conduct short-term courses in the concerned and allied disciplines.
- To engage studies in research works leading to Higher education.
- To set up library for teachers and researchers working in the relevant field.

The Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (UP) will review the progress of the Chair annually and submit a final report on the activities and outcome of the Chair.