

**International Conference on  
"New Horizons in Commerce, Management, Information Technology, Economics and  
Social Sciences" 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**BRIEF REPORT**

M. E. S. Vasant Joshi College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar in collaboration with AKI Poona College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Pune organized an International Conference on the topic 'New Horizons in Commerce, Management, Information Technology, Economics and Social Sciences'. Total of one hundred and twenty participants registered for the conference. The conference began with the panel discussion on the topic 'New Horizons in Commerce, Management, Information Technology, Economics and Social Sciences'. The discussants were part of our MOU with GCCI Goa. Mr. Kishore Shah (member GCCI), Talent Analyst & Organization Development Professional, CA Thomas Andrade, NMr Mangirish Salelkar (founder president Goa technology association), Director Umang Technologies and Prof. Nandakumar Sawant, Professor & Head, Dept of Geography, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao Goa. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Pradeep Salgaonkar (member GCCI), Director, SALDOTS Academy. The panelists discussed on the various implications of technology and data on the industry and the academia. The panel discussion was followed by the Inaugural function.

The chief guest for the event was Mr. Manguirishi Pai Raikar (ex President GCCI), the guests of honour were Mrs. Lalita Joshi, Treasurer of Murgaoon Education Society and Prof. Aftab Anwar Shaikh, Principal of Poona College. The Principal of M. E. S.'s Vasant Joshi College, Prof. Manasvi M. Kamat welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. The conference Coordinator from Poona College, Dr. Nasreen Parvwez Khan briefed the theme of the conference where she mentioned that the focus on the theme was chosen because the world is undergoing a paradigm change at a rapid rate in the field of Management, Information Technology, Economics and Social Sciences. The dignitaries lit the traditional lamp after which Dr. Champa R. Parab, IQAC Coordinator, M. E. S.'s Vasant Joshi College presented the guests with potted plants. Mrs. Lalita Joshi addressed the gathering and mentioned that there are problems at the global level due to changes occurring in the world but the solution needs to be found at the local level as the needs of each area would be different.

The chief guest of the inaugural function Mr. Manguirishi Pai Raikar addressed the audience by congratulating both the colleges for organizing the conference. He elaborated on the transition that is taking place from traditional education to the technology and skill-based education and talked about the way forward.

The edited volume containing the research articles of the conference proceedings was released at the hands of the chief guest during the inaugural programme.

The Principal of Poona College, Professor Aftab Anwar Shaikh was felicitated during the inaugural for his contribution, innovative ideas and excellence in the field of academics and his extensive research work. He then shared his thoughts to the audience urging them to focus on vocational skills. He insisted that in today's world, there is a need for mentors and coaches not teachers alone.

Each guest was felicitated with a memento and a copy of the Golden Jubilee Souvenir. The inaugural function was followed by the first technical online presentation of three international delegates from Sri Lanka, Australia and Singapore.

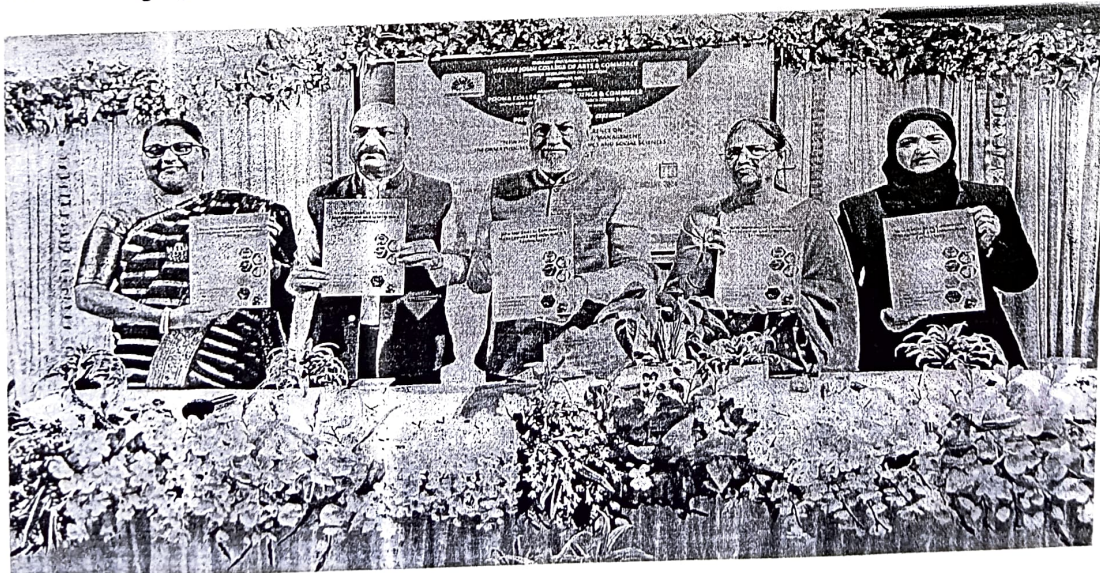
The first Speaker of the session was Prof. Ravi Dissanayake from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. His paper was titled 'New Horizon of Commerce: The Role of Digital Transformation'. He emphasized that the digitization and Digital transformation should work together to create natural culture or ecosystem.

The Second speaker for the session was Ms. Grace from Australia. She stressed on research and innovation in IT, business and health care and how it drives economic growth.

The third speaker Mr. Karan Kunwar, CRM Specialist (Senior Process Application Specialist, Mölnlycke Health Care, Singapore) spoke about how IT is shaping the future of Singapore. He also elaborated on the top trends in Singapore such as AI, IOT, Cloud Computing, VR, AR and blockchain.

The online session was followed by a short lunch break after which two parallel Technical Sessions were held offline, in two parallel rooms – the main Seminar hall and a classroom. The technical session 1 had 15 paper presentations from delegates from Goa and Pune. The session I was chaired by Dr. Pradeep Salgaonkar. The Technical Session II was chaired by Dr. Nandkumar Sawant, 16 papers were presented in this session.

After the technical sessions, the Valedictory session commenced with Mr. Ralph De Souza (ex president GCCI) as the Chief Guest and Mr. Sanjay Amonkar (director general GCCI) as the Special Guest. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Rochana Kharangate, Vice-Principal of M. E. S.'s Vasant Joshi College. The International Conference "New Horizons in Commerce, Management, Information Technology, Economics and Social sciences" concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.







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