REPORT

International Conference on Sustainability, Technology, and Education: Driving Innovations for Viksit Bharat@2047 March 10-11, 2025

Inaugural Session

A two day International Conference on "Sustainability, Technology, and Education: Driving towards Viksit Bharat@2047" was organised by the Department of Commerce and IQAC, Shyam Lal College in collaboration with ICSSR-NRC on March 10-11, 2025 at Shyam Lal College. The International Conference was a testimony of intellect and knowledge sharing as it witnessed the presence of experts from academia and industry from across the world. The International Conference was well received by the Researcher's fraternity alike as over 50 Research papers were presented by Researchers from across the country.

The Conference commenced in the Multi-Purpose Hall at 10.30 am with the gracious presence of Chief Guest Prof. Sushma Yadav (Pro Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana) and Guest of Honour Prof. M.S. Senam Raju (Director SOMS, IGNOU). The event embarked on its enlightening journey by seeking the blessings of the almighty with the lighting of lamps, followed by the University Kulgeet and Saraswati Vandana. Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, Shyam Lal College, along with other members of the Organising Team extended a formal welcome to the distinguished guests and the participants. The esteemed guests were felicitated with mementos and were acknowledged for gracing the occasion with their vibrant presence.

Dr. Varun Bhandari, Co-Convenor of the Conference presented the theme of the Conference and highlighted the relevance of the topic. He highlighted that the transformative ideas essential for India's development are structured around emphasizing responsible resource use and the National Education Policy (NEP) supports this by promoting research, learning, and skill development. He warmly welcomed all the esteemed guests, including Principal Sir.

It was followed by a welcome address by the Principal, Prof. Kar. Prof. Kar congratulated the team for selecting a contemporary theme for the Conference and reiterated the role of education towards Viksit Bharat. He stated that sustainability isn't just a choice anymore, rather it is the need of the hour. He highlighted the need to enhance the competence of the younger generation and discussed how these three pillars, i.e., sustainability, technology and education, are interconnected in driving holistic progress towards Viksit Bharat. He emphasized on the importance of utilizing technology positively and sustainably, without external pressures. He apprised the audience about SLC's sustainability initiatives and how the College is leaving no stone unturned in contributing towards the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Prof. Kar formally welcomed Prof. Kaisa Sorsa, Turku University of Applied Sciences, and University of Turku, Finland who had joined the discussion virtually and requested her to contribute her valuable insights to the discourse.

Prof. Senam Raju further elaborated on the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, using relatable school time stories to illustrate how innovation, hard work, and the efforts of the youth can drive India's progress. Key economic aspects such as GDP growth, national income enhancement, and digital currency were also discussed. He concentrated on three key aspects for achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat@2047, i.e., progress in Gross Domestic Product, Gross National Income and Human Development Index. Additionally, the importance of literacy rate improvement, life expectancy growth, and a low infant mortality rate as political and social indicators of development was highlighted. NEP's focus on nutrition and the benefits of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were also explored, underlining the collective effort required to achieve a developed India by 2047.

Next, Prof. Sorsa touched upon aspects related to sustainable materials and focused on Management Maturity Model. She brought into light the different aspects of sustainable economic development and the efforts being made in different sectors across the globe. She also discussed how the IT sector faces sustainability challenges like high energy use, e-waste, and ethical supply chains. She resonated with the idea of Green IT, circular economy models, and ESG strategies, being important drivers in reducing environmental impact. She quoted that proactive governance and legal innovations ensure accountability, while AI and green software drive future sustainability. Collaboration among businesses and policymakers is key to long-term resilience.

Subsequently, Prof. Sushma Yadav, the Chief Guest of the Conference, appreciated Prof. Kar for his exceptional and inspiring leadership and congratulated the College for taking up such a well thought theme. She emphasized the importance of developing India's own indices in the context of progress, highlighting the need for Educated and Healthy Bharat (*Shikshit & Swasth Bharat*). Accentuating the role of education, she quoted that education is the first step towards a Viksit Bharat. Education births knowledge and knowledge brings prosperity, defining the continuum as *Shikshit-Samarth-Samriddh Bharat*. She stated that to achieve the said goal, we need to highlight the role of *Swadeshi* and *Swawlambi* Bharat. Stressing the role of youth in shaping the nation's future, she discussed Swami Vivekananda's thoughts on unity and strength. Focusing on our Bharatiya concept of 'aham brahmasmi' or the egalitarian concept, she stated that Bharat would be great when Bharat would be happy or in a state of 'anand'. She also touched upon the dual nature of technology, its benefits and risks and the need for responsible use of technology in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat.

Concluding on a thoughtful note, Prof. Yadav urged for a balanced approach that balances technological advancement with sustainability. She stated that there was a need to move towards nature and Bharat (*Bharatiya darshan*), appreciating the role of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in ensuring rootedness among students by focusing on the concept of '*Bharatiya Gyan Parampara*'. Citing the example of our architectural marvels which have stood the test of time, she stated that there was so much to learn from our ancestors about sustainability. In her opinion, there is a need to promote a society in which happiness is deeply rooted in culture, values, and profound relationships exist between both people and the environment.

Plenary Session

The Plenary Session of the International Conference took place in the Multi-Purpose Hall from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm and was dedicated to discussing strategies and insights for realising Sustainable Development Goals in concert with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. It sought to initiate collaboration, propagate innovative solutions, and identify economic and technological upshots critical for India's rise.

The distinguished speakers for the session were Dr. S. P. Sharma (Chief Economist, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI) and Dr. Harsh Thukral (Dy. Director, Economic Services & Productivity Promotion and Public Policy and Regional Development initiative, National Productivity Council) and Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar (Principal, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi). Extensive knowledge and valuable insights were possessed by all the speakers on "Sustainable Development: Collaborative Solutions for Viksit Bharat@ 2047." The session proceeded with the thoughts of Dr. Harsh Thukral, who promoted globalization as a driving force for Viksit Bharat. His quoted real life instances to discuss the four pillars of Viksit Bharat. His insights upon technological innovation ignited the audience with the fact "The opposite of Innovation rests with exnovation." Afterwards, Dr. S. P. Sharma, who had joined the deliberations virtually, shared his wise words about the macroeconomic parameters, importance of digital revolution, Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat and many others. His focus upon circular economy, GDP Growth and others were really vital.

Throughout the session, the speakers acquainted the audience with various training and development programmes which carry the essence of various sustainable goals, pillars of Viksit Bharat, technological innovation and exnovation. The focus on research-based examples made the learning process even more effective, enhancing it with actionable information. Additionally, the focus on circular economy highlighted practical skills and strategies for helping India's transition to economic resilience and environmental sustainability.

Post the plenary session, the audience was requested to join for some brainstorming and networking session over lunch.

Paper Presentations

SESSION IA:

This concurrent session IA was held in Multi-Purpose Hall chaired by Prof. Madhu Vij and cochaired by Dr. Anurag Maurya. In this session, six papers were presented.

The session began with the paper "Navigating Banking's Trend in Carbon Energy Financing: A Bibliometric Analysis with Systematic Literature Review". The review highlighted how financial institutions are increasingly supporting green investments through innovative lending strategies, playing a crucial role in promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Next was the paper "Role of technology in target cost management and sustainability of businesses". The paper addressed how businesses can adopt technological advancements to improve cost-efficiency while simultaneously aligning with sustainable practices. By leveraging

innovative tools, businesses can reduce waste, enhance productivity, and support environmental goals.

The paper "Viksit Bharat: An Interpretive Analysis of the Synergy between Ancient Wisdom and Modern Management Approaches" was further presented. The paper explored how traditional Indian philosophies such as those found in the Bhagavad Gita and Ramayana can inform contemporary management practices. This synergy encourages ethical leadership and corporate responsibility.

Following which the paper "Advancing SDG 9 in Bihar: Challenges and Opportunities in Building Sustainable Infrastructure, Promoting Industrial Growth and Fostering Innovation" was introduced. The paper focused on the need for improved infrastructure investment and renewable energy adoption as essential steps toward the region's sustainable development.

Subsequently the paper "Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based Chatbots on Customer Satisfaction" was presented. This paper showed how chatbots can improve response times, reduce errors, and enhance customer satisfaction.

The last paper of this session was "Performance of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises and its Role in Viksit Bharat". The paper focused on sustainable practices and innovative strategies can enhance MSMEs' contributions to India's development.

Session 1A effectively examined strategies to promote sustainability, innovation, and financial inclusion. Key recommendations included enhancing digital infrastructure, adopting green financing models, and strengthening community engagement. These insights provide valuable guidance for policymakers, businesses, and educators as India progresses toward Viksit Bharat@2047.

SESSION 1B:

The concurrent session I-B was held in the Boardroom on the theme "Sustainability, Technology, and Education: Driving innovation for Viksit Bharat @2047 where eight papers were introduced with the courteous presence of session chair Prof. Seema Gupta and co-chair Dr. Varun Bhandari.

The session began with the paper -" Hybrid Work Culture Challenges: A Myth or Reality". The research explored the evolving landscape of hybrid work culture and its impact on employee well-being, job satisfaction, and organizational justice. The study highlighted the challenges and opportunities in maintaining employee engagement, and leading countries contributing to this field.

The second paper on "Navigating Regulatory Complexities and Financial Constraints: SMEs in India's Evolving Carbon Credit Market and Sustainable Portfolio Diversification Opportunities" addressed the regulatory and financial challenges faced by SMEs in India's carbon credit market and addressed how these challenges can enhance economic growth, sustainability, and a resilient green economy.

The third paper on "Viksit Bharat's Youth Workforce: Striking a Balance between Technostress and Job Satisfaction-a Literature Review" presented. The research identified key sectors such as technology, education, healthcare, and sustainability. The study provided insights into improving work efficiency and policy effectiveness to drive India's development goals.

The fourth paper on "Environmental Policy and Air Pollution in Bihar: A Critical Analysis" examined how air pollution in Bihar poses major health risks, including respiratory diseases. The research adopted a qualitative approach to analyze the evolution of air pollution, government responses, and policy gaps. It also provided recommendations for improving air pollution control strategies.

The fifth paper on "AI and HRM: A New Paradigm in Healthcare Management for the Vision Viksit Bharat" explored the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Human Resource Management (HRM) to address critical challenges in India's healthcare sector. By leveraging AI-driven HRM solutions, the paper highlighted innovative strategies to improve efficiency, patient care, and workforce management.

The next sixth paper on "Bridging the Gap: Storytelling Methods in Literature Teaching – Traditional vs. Innovative approaches" introduced Advance Organizers, Read/Think Aloud, Guided Reading, and Response Journals, fostering interactive learning. Aligned with NEP 2020, this study underscored experiential learning as a means to ignite curiosity, making literature more engaging and reflective.

The seventh paper on "A Study on Green Entrepreneurship in India" explored the rise of green entrepreneurship in India highlighting initiatives taken by eco-conscious entrepreneurs to promote sustainable products. The research emphasized how green entrepreneurship not only aids environmental sustainability but also provides economic opportunities, encouraging young entrepreneurs to adopt sustainable practices.

The eighth and final paper on "Role of Sustainable Education in Current Scenario" concluded the session. This study explored the crucial role of higher education in promoting sustainability and shaping future. The paper highlighted the need for innovative teaching methods, policy alignment, and organizational commitment to embed sustainability.

SESSION 1C:

For session 1C held in Room Number 49, eight papers were presented in hybrid mode. Prof. Sheetal Kapoor was the Chair for the session while Dr. Manish Kumar was the Co–Chair. The first study, "Bridging the Digital Divide among Students," examined student's digital literacy and highlighted the need for improved literacy programs by identifying gaps in cybersecurity knowledge and collaborative tools.

The second paper, titled "Balancing Research, Development and Personal Well-Being: A Study on Work-Life Balance in Indian Academic Institutions for Viksit Bharat", explored work-life balance challenges faced by Indian academics, emphasizing the impact of institutional support, flexible policies, and mental health concerns.

The third paper, titled "Smart & Sustainable Cities: An Innovation-Driven Roadmap for Future-Ready Urban Development in India" showcased successful case studies from India and international benchmarks, highlighting innovations like AI-driven governance, IoT-enabled infrastructure, and climate-resilient urban design.

"Technology Integration in Secondary School Classrooms: Perspectives and Challenges of Physical Education Teachers in Government Schools" was the fourth paper that examined the applications of technology in physical education. Improved student participation was highlighted by a study of 147 Delhi instructors, but it also revealed problems including insufficient training and technical difficulties.

The fifth paper, titled "Sustainable Marketing Strategies & Consumer Buying Behavior: A Review of the Literature", explored the impact of sustainable marketing strategies in the apparel industry on consumer and retailer perceptions and Emphasized on the Triple Bottom Line — Profits, People, and Planet.

"Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Marginalised Communities" was the sixth research paper that examined institutional mechanisms, community-based tactics, and policy frameworks that supports equitable growth.

The seventh paper, titled "Exploring the Role of Circular Economy in the Sustainability of the Clothing Industry in India" emphasized on the necessity of sustainable approaches to lessen environmental deterioration and boost industry resilience.

"Vertical Urbanism: Indore's Approach to Future-Ready Infrastructure" was the title of the eight papers. The study highlights how crucial stakeholder collaboration, sustainable practices, and inclusive planning are to successful implementation. It emphasised vertical urbanism as a viable approach to the urban development and progress of Indore. The session concluded with a strong emphasis on collaboration, policy support, and technological advancement as essential factors in fostering sustainable progress and societal well-being.

SESSION 1D:

The session 1D was held in the Computer Lab 2. Under this session, seven papers were presented. The session was chaired by Prof. Ruchika Ramakrishnan and Co-chaired by Ms. Priya Khanna. The session began with the paper "Industrial Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure: A Roadmap to India's Vision of Viksit Bharat". It emphasised on the robust industrial development strategy that promotes economic growth, social transformation and sustainable progress.

Furthermore, the second paper i.e "Exploring the Sustainability Aspect of Mycelium: The Innovative and Biodegradable Plastic" was presented. The paper exhibited a comparative lifecycle analysis (LCA) and industry case studies. Also, the paper proposed integration of corporate partnerships, government schemes and circular economy.

In addition to this, the third paper "Digital Governance and Sustainable Development: Analyzing the Impact of Government Initiatives for Viksit Bharat@2047" was presented. The paper analyzed the digital governance initiatives and sustainable development goals, specifically within the context of India & Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.

Subsequently, the fourth paper "Empowering India through Education: A Key Driver for Viksit Bharat@2047" was presented. The paper explored a complete modification of education that emphasizes the present issues faced by government schools and their learning structure in rural areas.

The fifth paper "Green Equity and Sustainable Investments, A Correlation from Individual Investors Perspective" was presented. The paper indicated the link between investor awareness and the rise of sustainable investments, explaining how educated individuals drive corporate ESG strategies.

The next working paper i.e. sixth was "From Digital Divide to Digital Inclusion: A Grounded Theory Study on Achieving Socio Economic Sustainability". It presented the interrelation between socioeconomic sustainability and digital accessibility in India, focusing on the digital divide as a barrier to socioeconomic development.

Further, the seventh paper "Increasing rate of Mobile Applications: A Smooth Journey of Digitalization of Viksit Bharat" was presented. The journey of mobile app proliferation marks a key milestone in the roadmap towards a technologically advanced, inclusive, and digitally empowered nation, underscoring the critical role mobile applications play in achieving a Viksit Bharat.

The session focused on key areas such as industrial growth, sustainability, digital governance, education, and financial investments, all aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The discussions brought forward critical challenges, innovative solutions, and policy recommendations essential for India's progress. Each presentation contributed valuable insights, emphasizing the role of technology, governance, and economic strategies in shaping a sustainable future. The session provided meaningful academic exchange and encouraged future research and concluded with a strong emphasis on research-driven strategies, collaboration, and the implementation of sustainable development initiatives.

SESSION 1E:

The concurrent session 1E was held in Seminar Room and was chaired by Prof. Kavita Arora and co-chaired by Dr. Neelam Dabas and seven research papers were presented.

Firstly, the session started with the presentation of the paper on the topic "Effect of Firm Generated Content and User Generated Content through Social Media on Consumer Buying Behaviour" was presented. The paper conferred the rise of social media and its transformation on consumer buying behavior, with firms increasingly using social media marketing instead of traditional advertising. This paper examined the influence of firm-generated content (FGC) and user-generated content (UGC) on purchasing decisions for electronic products. This paper highlighted the importance of

social media marketing in influencing consumer decisions, providing valuable insights for businesses to refine their digital strategies.

Subsequently, the paper "The Role of Social Media Influencers in promoting Sustainable Consumption: Perspectives and Themes" was presented. This paper showed the impact of social media influencers (SMIs) on eco-friendly purchasing behaviors through bibliometric analysis and a systematic literature review. This paper bridges influencer marketing and sustainable consumer behavior, providing valuable insights for businesses, researchers, and policymakers to optimize sustainability marketing strategies.

Next, the paper "Sustainable Business Practices: Driving up valuation of Small and Medium Enterprises" explored the business ecosystem of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which played a vital role in India's economy by contributing to employment, innovation, and growth. The paper further investigated the role of SMEs in fostering a sustainable business environment and their contribution to India's development, alongside an analysis of investor participation in SME platforms compared to main board trading.

The paper "Digital Education and Ed-Tech Innovations: A Review on Sustainability Technology." Empowering Tomorrow" was then introduced. The paper exhibited the rapid evolution of digital education and Ed-Tech innovations over the past decade which significantly transformed learning environments, providing unparalleled accessibility, flexibility, and engagement. The paper emphasized the need for strong policy interventions, infrastructure development, and ethical technology adoption to fully harness the potential of Ed-Tech in shaping a future-ready education system.

Next, the paper "भारत में समावेशी विकास की अवधारणाः प्रमुख विदेशी निवेश और विकसित भारत@2047" was presented. The next paper for the session was "Exploring the Types of Play and It's Impact on Early Childhood Development". The paper drew attention towards the crucial role of play in early childhood development by shaping both the brain and body, supporting brain structure and functioning, and facilitating synapse connections. Engagement in various types of play help foster cognitive, emotional, physical, social development and essential for cultivating creativity, problem-solving skills, and social interaction. The paper highlighted that play is a critical element in early childhood education, promoting holistic development and encourages play-based learning which foster cognitive, emotional, and social growth in children.

The paper "Sustainable Development Goals: A Review on Sustainability" concluded the session 1E. The paper introduced that how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a global framework for achieving a sustainable and equitable future. India, with its vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, seeks to integrate these goals into its national policies to foster economic growth, social progress, and environmental sustainability. The paper examined India's progress towards achieving the SDGs and proposes strategies to ensure long-term development. The paper concluded with India's commitment to achieve the SDGs by 2047 aligns with its broader vision of becoming a self-reliant, sustainable, and globally competitive nation.

SESSION 1F:

The concurrent session 1F was held in Computer Lab 1 with Dr. Megha Jain as the Chair and Dr. Anant Kumar Upadhyay as the co-chair. In total, 4 papers were presented virtually. Each presenter had been allotted 10 minutes for the presentation of their selected topics.

The very first paper titled "Analysis of sustainable development goals in developing nations" was presented. The presentation started with the explanation of the different aspects that contribute to the sustainable development of a country including poverty, inequality, climate change and economic growth. The key SDGs and Challenges in developing nations were explained with some statistical data. No Poverty (SDG1), zero hunger (SDG2), Good health and well-being (SDG3) were focused in the presentation. The presentation came to a conclusion with a point that strengthening governance, investing in infrastructure, fostering innovation, and international cooperation are essential to accelerating progress and ensuring sustainable development.

The next paper was presented having the topic "Critical study of impact of funds over controlling pollution in Ganga". This presentation began with appreciating sacred and economically vital river Ganga. Major funding initiatives for Ganga Pollution Control were explained by and the critical challenges and failures were also highlighted during the presentation. Recommendations were included in the paper and it concluded with a point that effective fund utilization, strict regulatory mechanisms, and community participation are necessary for long term success in pollution control.

The next paper that followed was "Technostress in higher education: A Digital transformation in Vikasit Bharat @2047". The paper included the mixed method approach combining the qualitative and quantitative case studies. The findings of this very research was that 74% of faculty experienced high technostress due to digital overload using the exact statistical data.

The last paper of this session was "Government initiatives for Vikasit Bharat @2047". This presentation included the steps taken by the government of India to realize the vision and focused on the challenges and the aspirations. This presentation was presented by evaluating secondary data. The recommendations and the implementations were also highlighted in the paper.

Day 2: Round Table Discussion

The Round Table Discussion was held in the Board room and commenced with a warm welcome of the dignitaries. The event acknowledged the support and contribution of Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC was his unwavering support and guidance. The Discussion featured esteemed speakers including Prof. Haneet Gandhi, Dean Admission, University of Delhi, Prof. Runa Sarkar, IIM Calcutta, Ms. Swapnali Naik, Scientist D & Joint Director (Technical), NIELET and the moderator of the session, Dr. Amna Mirza, University of Delhi. The distinguished speakers were felicitated with mementos as a token of appreciation for their gracious presence.

The discussions began with Prof. Sarkar, who joined virtually and elaborated on the importance of sustainability, its relationship with technology and education, and the Industry 5.0 concept. She quoted how sustainability was all about thinking of the future. She stated that future is all about leveraging technology and it should be appropriately used to widen our horizons. She reiterated that the 'Bottom of pyramid" approach be followed while keeping the stepping stone for a

sustainable future. She highlighted the significance of focusing on quality of life and emphasized the necessity of a mindset shift for sustainable development, which was later summarized by Dr. Mirza.

Subsequently, Ms. Swapnali Naik addressed the critical role of AI in education and its alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. She shared an inspiring story of how her organisation, NIELET had trained 8th-grade students in AI, python and mentioned how AI will shape future job markets by upskilling the youth. She also emphasized the Union Budget's support for AI integration in education, fostering sustainable development by bridging the rural-urban divide through remote learning. She highlighted the importance of digital inclusion, such as assistive technologies like speech-to-text for disabled individuals, and stressed the need for robust digital infrastructure and teacher competence to accomplish the goal of Viksit Bharat. Her discussion was later summarized by the moderator Dr Mirza.

Prof. Haneet Gandhi elaborated on the advancements in technology over the decades and the importance of adapting to change. She beautifully explained the concept of sustainability by citing the example of our historical forts which have been sustainable for years. She reiterated that how even our ancestors were abreast with the latest technologies that they could successfully create such marvels. She then, discussed the Viksit Bharat initiative, encouraging students to contribute to national development through their creative innovative ideas. She shared her personal experiences with AI and programming, emphasizing the effectiveness of video learning and the benefits of journaling. She highlighted AI's role in system transparency and efficiency and urged students to identify real-life problems and find innovative solutions through a multidisciplinary approach.

When requested to throw some light on the exemplary online admission process in University of Delhi, she was kind enough to summarize the entire process for the audience. She stated that how it is important to be a part of the system and understand one's audience for one to be successful, followed by coming up with workable thoughts and ideas, collecting and disseminating the required information among all the stakeholders, understanding their needs and concerns, identifying outliers and improvising on them every day, and finally getting back to the stakeholders for their feedback and ideas. She concluded by stating that it doesn't need much to create anything new. Every problem leads to creation of new ideas.

The event proceeded with an interactive Q&A session. Numerous questions pertaining to administration's support towards students and how students can effectively work with administration were asked, which the speakers responded that continuous improvements and initiatives are being undertaken. The speakers suggested engaging in internships at colleges and Vice Chancellor programs, working diligently, and utilizing APAAR ID benefits for academic and professional growth.

The Round Table Discussion concluded with an expression of gratitude to the speakers, guests, and organizing members. The event successfully highlighted the importance of technology and education in driving sustainable growth and development in India and the audience definitely gained valuable insights from the session.

Valedictory Session

The two-day international conference on "Sustainability, Technology, And Education: Driving Innovations for Viksit Bharat@2047" concluded with resounding success, with the constant support and guidance of our Principal, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar. Prof. Kar expressed his gratitude towards all the delegates and participants and attributed the success to the hardwork and commitment put by the Commerce Department and IQAC team for their excellent management and coordination. Galaxy of speakers from across the globe from different fields of academia shared their views on sustainability, education, technology, and its relevance in the context of "Viksit Bharat" over two days of intellectually enlightening sessions.

In the valedictory speech, Prof. Munim Barai, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University College of International Management, Japan was the guest of honour for the valedictory session. He appreciated the title of the conference and reinforced on the importance of collaborative efforts in education, technology, and sustainability to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. He touched upon the sub-themes of the conference in detail and related them to the contemporary world. His insights regarding the current issues faced by India were eye-opening. His emphasis on topics related to economy, circular economy, technology, AI, job generation through AI, education, and the great old culture of education in ancient India made the session interesting and illuminating. He stated that India has enjoyed the title of being the oldest civilization of the world and given the humongous young population we have, India has the power of becoming the next Global Education Hub".

The Convenor of the Conference, Dr. Megha Jain presented the Conference Report that witnessed enthusiastic participation, promoting meaningful academic and professional discourse. The Conference Co-Convenor Dr. Neelam Dabas expressed her gratitude towards the Smt. Savita Gupta, Chairperson, Governing Body, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, Shyam Lal College, Prof. Kusha Tiwari, IQAC Director, Prof. Kavita Arora, Conference Director, Prof. Ruchika Ramakrishnan, Conference Director, Ms. Priya Khanna, Organising Secretary and the Core Organising Committee comprising of Dr. Anurag Maurya, Dr. Manish Kumar, Ms. Palak Kakkar, Ms. Jyoti Sharma, Ms. Shweta, Ms. Radha Bhola, Ms. Swati, Mr. Amit Kapoor and Dr. Anant Kumar Upadhyay for their tireless efforts in making the Conference a truly engaging and learning experience for all. She extended her gratitude towards the Sponsors of the Conference, ICSSR-NRC for providing the motivation and financial support for organising such a Conference on such a contemporary topic. She thanked the Administrative and Technical Support staff and the student volunteers for making the event a resounding success. 120 participants attended the event Some geo-tagged pictures of the Conference are as follows:









