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***Report on the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held during December 6 to 7, 2024 at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai***

About 80 persons from 32 institutions joined and participated in the Conference.

Professor N. S. Siddharthan, President, Knowledge Forum, Chaired the Seminar. Professor Satyajit Mazumdar, Dean School of Management and Labour Studies, TISS Mumbai welcomed the participants. Professor Shankar Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor, TISS delivered the Inaugural address. Professor K. Narayanan, IIT Bombay and Honorary Secretary Knowledge Forum gave an overview of the Conference. Professor N. S. Siddharthan spoke about the activities and membership of the forum. Professor Bino Paul (TISS and Honorary Treasurer, Knowledge Forum) proposed the vote of thanks.

## **Participation**

Scholars from the following institutions/organisations participated:

### ***International***

1. Faculty of Economics and Business, KU Leuven, Belgium
2. UNU MERIT, Maastricht, The Netherlands

### ***Delhi***

3. Delhi University
4. JNU
5. CSIR-NISTADS
6. Society for Development Studies
7. ICRIER
8. Institute of Economic Growth
9. Institute for Studies in Industrial Development
10. Shiv Nadar University
11. Amity University
12. Jamia Milia Islamia

### ***Mumbai***

13. IIT Bombay
14. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
15. IIM Mumbai
16. VJTI Mumbai

### ***Chennai***

17. IIT Madras
18. Madras School of Economics

### ***Bangalore/Karnataka***

19. National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal

### ***Other Cities***

20. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
21. National Institute of Technology Goa
22. BITS Pilani, Goa Campus
23. IIT Indore
24. IIT Kharagpur
25. IIM Shillong
26. Amrut Modi School of Management, Ahmedabad University
27. Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida

### **Technical Sessions:**

16 research papers were presented in Six technical sessions.




Professors N. S. Siddharthan, Filip De Beule, Ashok Jain, Biswanath Goldar, K. Narayanan and Kaushalesh Lal Chaired these sessions.

Issues Discussed:

- Emerging Developments
- Technology and Industry
- Time Series Forecasting
- Productivity and Efficiency
- Green Economy and Sustainability
- Innovation

**The first Panel Discussion began with the Launch of “Global Meaningfulness Report India”, Chaired by Prof. Y. S. Rajan (Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Professor, ISRO)**

*Speakers:*

-  Dr. Ebba Hansen (Voluntās)
-  Ms. Shraiya Singh (Voluntās)
-  Mr. Nouman Chishti (Voluntās)

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🚩 Mr. Taif Altaf (Voluntās)

The theme of the panel was to explore the idea of Meaningfulness in the Indian context. A wide range of issues were covered in the discussion and the participants were also happy to join the discussion actively.

**The second Panel Discussion on the theme “AI, Analytics and Sustainability”, Chaired by Prof. Ramesh C. Datta (TISS Mumbai)**

*Speakers were:*

- 🚩 Dr. Prashant Deshpande (Senior Vice President HR & Strategy, Reliance Retail, Mumbai)
- 🚩 Dr. Regi Thomas (Managing Director, Nabaloka FPC India Ltd.)
- 🚩 Dr. Kamal Kumar Murari (TISS Mumbai)

The points highlighted were extremely useful for researchers as well as policy makers.

The Conference also had a Poster Presentation by BS students of TISS. Participants of the Conference were explained about all the posters by these undergraduate students. 3 best Posters were presented with Award Certificates.

***Concluding Session***

In the concluding session the participants expressed their appreciation and thanked the hosts, TISS Mumbai for efficiently organizing an excellent conference. Prof. K. Narayanan of IIT Bombay proposed a vote of thanks.

One important feature of this Conference was the active participation of the young researchers, including the students of the Bachelor of Science and faculty members of the TISS Mumbai. The Labour Market Research Facility, School of Management and Labour Studies, TISS made all the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Conference.



K. Narayanan  
Hon. Secretary  
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