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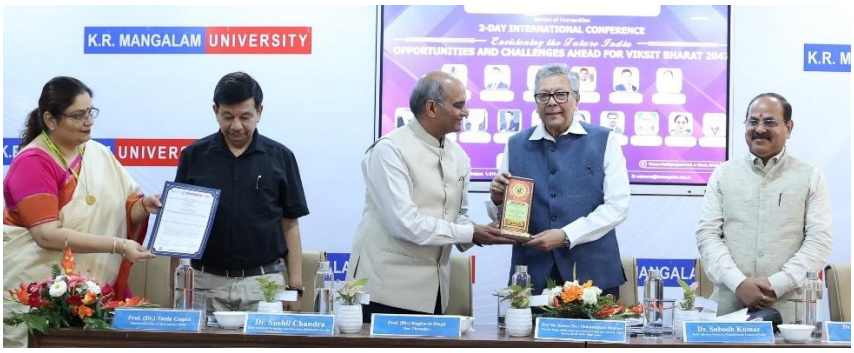
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Preface

The report for the International Conference on "Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047" encapsulates the collective aspirations, deliberations, and scholarly contributions presented during this landmark event, organised by the School of Humanities, K.R. Mangalam University, Gurugram. As India approaches the centenary of its independence, the need to strategise and realise the vision of a developed, inclusive, and resilient Bharat has never been more urgent.

This conference provided a vibrant forum for academicians, policymakers, and thought leaders to engage in critical dialogue on the multifaceted dimensions of India's development. The discussions traversed themes such as democratising governance, sustainable economic growth, mental health priorities, and the pivotal role of literature in fostering cultural synergy. By drawing on global best practices and innovative approaches tailored to the Indian context, the conference aimed to generate actionable insights that will inform policy and practice on the path to Viksit Bharat 2047.

Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest gratitude to all those whose dedication and support ensured the success of this conference and the preparation of this report.

We are especially thankful to our distinguished guests, including Justice (Dr.) Mukundakam Sharma, Ms. Nica Louie, Mr. Steven Schonberger, Prof. Sushil Chandra, Prof. (Dr.) Gulsun Kurubacak Cakir, Mr. Iqbal Ahmad, Dr. Subodh Kumar, Prof. Mehraj Uddin Mir, Prof. (Dr.) Soner Gokten, and all esteemed speakers and session chairs, for sharing their expertise and enriching the proceedings. Our sincere appreciation goes to the leadership of K.R. Mangalam University for their steadfast encouragement and vision, as well as to the faculty and staff of the School of Humanities for their meticulous organisation and tireless efforts.

We also acknowledge the enthusiastic participation of academicians, researchers, students, and practitioners, whose insightful contributions formed the cornerstone of this conference.
Lastly, we are grateful to our sponsors, partners, and the technical team for their indispensable support throughout the event.

It is through the collective endeavour of all involved that this conference and its report have been realised, marking a significant step towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Title:

Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047

Objectives

- To serve as a confluence of ideas, expertise, and visions aimed at charting India's transformative journey towards 2047.
- To bring together global thought leaders, policymakers, industry innovators, academicians, and social entrepreneurs to deliberate on the multifaceted dimensions of India's development.
- To explore economic growth strategies, technological advancements, sustainable development practices, and social reforms necessary for India to become a developed nation.
- To address critical challenges such as infrastructural bottlenecks, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and equitable social progress.
- To highlight the opportunities in harnessing India's youthful demographic and entrepreneurial spirit.
- To foster comprehensive dialogue aligning India's rapid modernisation with sustainable and equitable development.
- To critically examine issues such as bridging socio-economic disparities, managing rapid urbanisation, and mitigating the impacts of climate change.
- To encourage innovative approaches tailored to the unique Indian context and stimulate constructive dialogue for collaborative pathways towards Viksit Bharat 2047.

Themes and Sub-Themes of the Conference

1. Democratising Governance and Shaping Global Influence: Innovative Strategies for Inclusive Policymaking and Strategic Diplomacy

- Enhancing citizen participation in policymaking processes
- Ensuring equitable access for marginalised groups in governance
- Strengthening India's role in international forums
- Balancing regional priorities with global responsibilities
- Navigating complex geopolitical dynamics while maintaining strategic autonomy
- Examining historical models of inclusive governance from ancient and medieval Indian polities

2. Revolutionising Economic Paradigms: Sustainable Growth Models for a Prosperous Viksit Bharat

- Transitioning to a green economy with focus on renewable energy
- Implementing circular economy principles across industries
- Boosting manufacturing and leveraging India's demographic dividend
- Fostering innovation ecosystems in tier-2 and tier-3 cities
- Bridging regional, gender, and communitarian disparities in economic growth
- Analysing the evolution of India's economic policies since independence

3. Cultivating Resilience: Mental Health Priorities in a Rapidly Evolving Indian Society

1. Addressing the impact of modernity on mental health
2. Integrating mental health services into mainstream healthcare
3. Reducing stigma through education and awareness campaigns
4. Developing culturally appropriate mental health interventions
5. Building community support systems and promoting work-life balance

4. Literary Bridges to 2047: Fostering Cultural Synergy through Language and Literature

- Utilising literature to bridge cultural gaps, especially in Sino-Indian relations
- Examining the influence of English on Indian literature and culture
- Leveraging digital platforms for global literary interactions
- Promoting cross-cultural understanding through literary exchanges
- Enhancing India's soft power through literary contributions on the global stage
- Tracing the historical development of Indian literature across various languages and regions

Day One
Inaugural Session and Address of the Invited Speakers

Commencement and Lighting of the Lamp

The inaugural session commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolising the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge and wisdom. This auspicious act, performed by the distinguished dignitaries present, set a solemn and enlightened tone for the conference.

Felicitation of Distinguished Guests

Following the lighting of the lamp, all esteemed guests were honoured with saplings as tokens of respect and appreciation. This gesture reflected the conference's commitment to sustainability and growth, underscoring the organisers' dedication to environmental consciousness and the nurturing of innovative ideas.

Welcome Address by Prof Tania Gupta, Dean, SOHS

Prof Tania Gupta, Dean of the School of Humanities, extended a warm welcome to all guests and participants. In her address, she articulated the relevance of the conference theme and emphasised the importance of collaborative efforts in realising the vision of a developed India by 2047. She also congratulated the organising team for their meticulous planning and execution, which made the event possible.

Address by Prof Raghuvir Singh, Vice-Chancellor

Prof Raghuvir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, welcomed the distinguished gathering and highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of the conference. He discussed the myriad opportunities available to India, including economic growth and global leadership, while also addressing the potential challenges in realising the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Launch of the Conference Souvenir

The conference souvenir was formally launched, marking a significant milestone and serving as a lasting record of the event's themes and contributions.

Chief Guest Address

Dr Mukundam Sharma, Former Judge of the Supreme Court and Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, delivered a profound address emphasising the judiciary's pivotal role in national development. He highlighted the Indian Constitution as the nation's guiding framework, with the Preamble serving as its moral compass. Dr Sharma elaborated on the four foundational pillars

enshrined in the Preamble-Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, and Democratic Republic-underscoring their significance in shaping India's democratic ethos.

He further discussed the three dimensions of justice articulated in the Constitution-social, economic, and political-and the judiciary's responsibility in upholding these principles to ensure equitable governance. Dr Sharma identified seven strategic opportunities poised to propel India towards its 2047 development vision: economic growth, skill development, Digital India initiatives, global leadership, focus on key sectors, inclusive empowerment, and infrastructure development. He also addressed critical challenges such as economic disparities, infrastructural deficits, climate change and sustainability, population control, human capital development, and geopolitical tensions. Dr Sharma emphasised the necessity for a collaborative approach among the judiciary, legislature, and executive to navigate these challenges and realise the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Keynote Speeches

Prof (Dr) Gulsun Kurubacak Cakir, Faculty of Communication at Ankara Vedi University, delivered an insightful keynote address focusing on the transformative role of technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), in national development. She emphasised how AI is reshaping various sectors, with a special focus on its adoption in India. Prof Cakir praised India's proactive approach in integrating AI into skill development programmes and the business sector, noting that a significant percentage of Indian professionals are utilising AI tools at work. This, she observed, positions India as a leader in AI-driven workforce development and economic growth.

Prof Cakir also highlighted India's emerging role in the global AI landscape, with Indian developers contributing significantly to global AI projects. She outlined strategic foresight methodologies such as scanning trends, envisioning future scenarios, backcasting, and implementing strategies to harness AI's potential. Furthermore, she drew attention to India's robust digital ecosystem, citing initiatives like Aadhaar and the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which have revolutionised digital identity verification and instant payments. In conclusion, she underscored the immense potential of an AI-enabled future and the importance of strategic planning and robust digital infrastructure in achieving sustainable development goals.

Prof Sushil Chandra also provided valuable insights in his keynote address emphasising the interconnectedness of three foundational pillars essential for national development: technology, health, and education. He highlighted the synergy among these sectors as crucial for fostering a resilient and progressive society. Dr Chandra discussed the dual nature of Artificial Intelligence (AI), acknowledging it as both a boon and a challenge. He elaborated on the transformative

potential of AI in revolutionising education through immersive learning and in advancing healthcare via personalised medicine.

However, Dr Chandra also cautioned about the challenges associated with integrating AI, particularly the need to balance Artificial Intelligence (AI), Human Intelligence (HI), and Social Intelligence (SI). He emphasised that while AI can process and analyse vast amounts of data, the human elements of empathy, ethics, and social understanding are irreplaceable and must be integrated to ensure holistic development. Concluding his address, Dr Chandra asserted that a nation's progress is intrinsically linked to its ability to cultivate well-educated citizens and maintain a population that is both physically and mentally healthy. He stressed that education and health are not just individual pillars but are interdependent, and their collaboration, augmented by technological advancements, is vital for achieving the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Guest of Honour Address

Dr Subodh Kumar began his address by highlighting that Viksit Bharat (VB) is the flagship mission of the Government of India under NITI Aayog. He outlined the four major pillars and initiatives of NITI Aayog that are central to this mission: Viksit Bharat, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and Make in India. He emphasised that the education sector is a crucial component of Viksit Bharat, with the role of higher education being especially significant. Dr Kumar stressed the importance of making education multidisciplinary by 2040, implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and ensuring the delivery of quality education. He noted that the vision and mission of any organisation must align with national development goals and be prepared to tackle emerging challenges.

He called upon teachers to organise and raise awareness about the essence of each flagship initiative. Dr Kumar underscored that the aptitude, skills, and knowledge of students should be developed so that they become competent in their respective fields. He expressed hope that this conference would produce guidelines and help achieve some of the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047. Dr Kumar also highlighted the importance of rehabilitation and empowerment as integral to the nation's progress.

Vote of Thanks

The inaugural session concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by the Associate Dean of the School of Humanities. Expressing sincere gratitude, the Associate Dean

acknowledged the invaluable contributions of all who played a role in making the session a resounding success. Special thanks were extended to the distinguished guests, including the Chief Guest, Dr Mukundam Sharma; the Guest of Honour, Dr Subodh Kumar; and the keynote speakers, Prof (Dr) Gulsun Kurubacak Cakir and Prof Sushil Chandra, for their enlightening addresses and for sharing their profound insights.

The Associate Dean also expressed appreciation to the organising committee for their meticulous planning and execution, the faculty members for their unwavering support, the non-teaching staff for their behind-the-scenes efforts, and the participants and students for their enthusiastic involvement. Their collective dedication and commitment were instrumental in the successful commencement of the conference. In closing, the Associate Dean conveyed optimism for the continued success of the conference and encouraged all attendees to actively engage in the forthcoming sessions, fostering meaningful discussions and collaborations aligned with the conference theme: “Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047.”

Technical Sessions Report

1. Offline Sessions

Technical Session 1 Report

Theme: Cultivating Resilience: Mental Health Priorities in a Rapidly Evolving Indian Society
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Session Overview

The session commenced promptly at 1:30 pm in the Multipurpose Hall, K.R. Mangalam University, and concluded at 4:00 pm. It was well-attended, with approximately 25 participants and nine paper presenters. The session was chaired by Prof (Dr) Sakshi Vermani, Associate Professor, School of Psychology and Education, Rishihood University, and co-chaired by Dr Meenakshi Gujral, International Relations Officer, K.R. Mangalam University. Both ensured the smooth progression of presentations and discussions. The session was moderated by Ms. Kashish Pandey, Assistant Professor of Psychology at K.R. Mangalam University.

Presentation Highlights

- **Kopal Agarwal (Research Scholar) & Dr Rekha Kaushal (GD Goenka University):**
  From Grief to Growth: The Role of Death Education in Strengthening Mental Health
  The presenters emphasised that death education, often overlooked in higher education, supports social-emotional learning by fostering emotional resilience, empathy, and coping strategies for grief and loss. Integrating death education into curricula can significantly enhance students' mental health and prepare them for personal and professional challenges involving mortality and bereavement.

- **Narmata Ramtake & Anushka Agarwal with Dr Sakshi Vermani (Rishihood University):**
  Overcoming Language and Communication Barriers in Mental Health Awareness
  This presentation highlighted the importance of addressing linguistic and communicative challenges to improve mental health awareness and accessibility, especially for minority and non-English speaking communities.

- **Vishal Kumar & Khushi Anand with Dr Sakshi Vermani (Rishihood University):**
  Cultivating Resilience: Mental Health as a Cornerstone for a Developed India

The presenters emphasised the essential role of mental health and resilience in supporting India's development, advocating for mental health promotion and support systems within educational institutions and workplaces.

- **Archika Arya with Dr Nudrat Jahan (K.R. Mangalam University):** *Modern Fertility Challenges: Managing Stress, Coping Strategies, and Family Support during IVF Treatment*
  This paper explored the psychological and social aspects of fertility treatments, emphasising the importance of stress management, coping mechanisms, and family support for individuals undergoing IVF.

- **Archana Khosla with Dr Nudrat Jahan (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Breaking Barriers: The Role of Education and Social Support in Reducing Stigma and Enhancing Mental Health among Cancer Patients
  The work focused on how education and social support can diminish stigma and improve mental health outcomes for individuals battling cancer.

- **Ishika Kharbanda (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Cognitive Well-being as a Part of Nation-wide Development
  The presentation highlighted the significance of cognitive health and skills in driving national progress and called for structural improvements in education to foster these skills.

- **Anna Saxena, Tarushi Aggarwal, Vibhati Hans & Ashi Bhatnagar (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Healthcare Professionals under Pressure: Emotional Exhaustion, Job Satisfaction, and Their Effects on Quality of Care
  The research underscored how emotional exhaustion and job satisfaction are key factors in enhancing the mental health and well-being of healthcare professionals, with implications for quality of care.

- **Aprajita Jain (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Lifestyle Modernity and Mental Health: A Review of Emerging Trends and Psychological Implications
  This paper explored how modern lifestyle changes, including technological dependence and urbanisation, impact mental health, highlighting challenges such as increased stress, social isolation, and disrupted sleep patterns.

- **Yashika Singh & Khusboo Yadav (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Building Resilient Communities: The Role of Support Systems and Work-Life Balance in Enhancing Mental Health and Well-Being
  The presenters highlighted the vital role of community support systems and effective work-life balance in improving mental health outcomes.

Discussion and Q&A

After each presentation, an engaging discussion and Q&A session followed. Participants raised insightful questions, sought clarifications, and offered constructive feedback, enriching the discourse around each topic.

Key Themes and Findings

- The critical role of death education in reducing death anxiety, fostering acceptance of mortality, and equipping individuals with coping strategies for grief and loss.
- The necessity of overcoming language and communication barriers to ensure equitable access to mental health care, using culturally sensitive approaches and technology.
- The foundational importance of resilience and mental health promotion in achieving national development, with a call for integration into education and workplace policies.
- The psychological challenges associated with fertility treatments and chronic illness, and the importance of family and social support in navigating these experiences.
- The significance of cognitive well-being and emotional health for both individuals and national progress, highlighting the need for educational reform and support for healthcare professionals.
- The impact of modern lifestyles on mental health, necessitating holistic and preventive approaches to promote well-being.
- The importance of resilient communities and work-life balance in enhancing mental health outcomes.

Recommendations

- **Integrate Death Education into National Curricula:** Policymakers should mandate structured death education at various educational levels to reduce anxiety, foster acceptance, and equip individuals with coping skills.
- **Promote Experiential and Community-Based Learning:** Encourage group discussions, role-play, and workshops to enhance emotional resilience and open conversations about death.
- **Professional Training in Death Education:** Require death education modules for healthcare, social work, and counselling professionals.

- **Mandate Professional Interpreter Services:** Ensure trained interpreters in mental health settings to improve communication and reduce misdiagnosis.
- **Fund Multilingual Mental Health Resources:** Allocate resources for mental health information and support in multiple languages.
- **Implement Cultural Competency Training:** Ongoing training for mental health professionals to address the needs of diverse communities.
- **Integrate Resilience-Building into Education and Community Programmes:** Embed resilience and mental health promotion into curricula and outreach.
- **Expand Accessible Mental Health Services:** Strengthen community-based and tele-mental health services, particularly for vulnerable groups.
- **Promote Public Awareness and Stigma Reduction:** Launch campaigns to destigmatise mental health issues and encourage help-seeking behaviour.

Technical Session 2 Report

Theme: Revolutionising Economic Paradigms: Sustainable Growth Models for a Prosperous Viksit Bharat
Venue: A213, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Session Overview

The technical session commenced promptly at 1:30 pm in Room A213, K.R. Mangalam University, and concluded at 3:30 pm. The session was well-attended, with approximately 25 participants and nine paper presenters. It was chaired by Dr Subhash, Professor, Dornacharya Government College, Gurugram, and co-chaired by Dr Vibha Thakur, Director CDC, K.R. Mangalam University. Dr Renu Verma served as the internal guest, and Dr Kaveri Khound acted as Moderator and Rapporteur, ensuring the smooth conduct of the session.

Presentation Highlights

- **Shreya Bhattacharya (Consulting Designer, Baragaon Weaves):** *The Baragaon Weaves Model: A Case Study on Revitalising Rural Livelihoods and Craft-Based Employment in Barabanki*

  This presentation examined how the Baragaon Weaves Model has revitalised traditional handloom weaving in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, by connecting artisans to fair wages and broader markets. The model blends heritage craftsmanship with contemporary design, utilises digital platforms for market expansion, and has led to increased income, job security, and skill development for artisans, while preserving cultural traditions.

- **Somya Agarwal & Aakriti Bansal (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Boosting Cybersecurity Awareness Among University Students: Tackling Knowledge Gaps and Digital Risks
  The presenters addressed the critical need to enhance digital literacy and cybersecurity awareness, especially among university students. They emphasised that education and awareness programmes are essential for equipping individuals to navigate digital spaces safely and reduce cyber risks.

- **Tanisha Rathod & Aditi Rai (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Female Workforce Participation in India: Issues and Challenges for Sustainable Development
  This paper discussed the persistent challenges of low female labour force participation, high graduate unemployment, and informal employment. The authors highlighted the need for skill development, vocational training, and inclusive work policies to foster sustainable and equitable workforce participation.

- **Prakhar Gupta (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Driving Sustainability: Investments in Green Technologies by Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, and Mahindra & Mahindra for a Viksit Bharat 2047
  The presentation explored the significant investments made by leading Indian automotive companies in green technologies, including solar, hydrogen, and hybrid vehicles, and their alignment with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

- **Shashwat Arya (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Transitioning in Green Economy with Focus on Renewable Energy
  This paper examined the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, highlighting policy frameworks, technological advancements, and investment strategies crucial for a sustainable green economy.

- **Khushi Singh & Muskan (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  The Digital Money Paradox – Could a Cashless Society Create a New Underground Currency?
  The presenters investigated the unintended consequences of a fully cashless economy, including the potential rise of underground or alternative currencies and the implications for financial inclusion and privacy.

- **Aarti Zade, Rishika & Jayant (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Harnessing India's Demographic Dividend Through Sustainable Manufacturing: A Pathway to Viksit Bharat
  This paper emphasised the importance of integrating sustainable manufacturing practices, skill development, and policy reform to leverage India's youthful workforce for inclusive economic growth.

- **Ms Jyoti (MVN University):**
  Empowering Women in the 21st Century: A Comprehensive Analysis of Reformative Measures
  The study analysed legal, social, and economic reforms for women's empowerment in India, highlighting progress and ongoing challenges, and calling for intersectional approaches and stronger institutional support.

- **Garv Nijhara (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Greening Trade: The Role of Environmental Considerations in Regional Trade Agreements
  This presentation explored the integration of environmental provisions in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and their role in promoting sustainable development, climate action, and green technology transfer.

Discussion and Q&A

After each presentation, there was an engaging discussion and Q&A session. Participants raised thoughtful questions, sought clarifications, and offered constructive feedback, which enriched the discourse and encouraged deeper analysis of the topics presented.

Key Themes and Findings

- Traditional craft models, such as Baragaon Weaves, can thrive in the digital age by combining heritage skills with modern design and digital marketing, leading to increased income, job security, and cultural preservation.
- Enhancing digital literacy and cybersecurity awareness is vital for creating a secure and inclusive digital ecosystem, with education and proactive risk management at the forefront.
- Addressing low female workforce participation and high graduate unemployment requires targeted skill development, vocational training, and inclusive policies to ensure equitable economic growth.

- Leading Indian companies are making significant investments in green technologies, which are essential for environmental sustainability and positioning India as a leader in green mobility.
- Transitioning to a green economy necessitates robust policy frameworks and investment in renewable energy to drive sustainable development.
- A fully cashless economy may give rise to underground currencies and privacy concerns, underscoring the need for balanced regulatory frameworks and financial inclusion.
- Sustainable manufacturing and leveraging India's demographic dividend are key to inclusive economic growth and realising the Viksit Bharat vision.
- Women's empowerment in India has advanced through policy reforms, but implementation gaps and social norms remain challenges that require intersectional and community-driven approaches.
- Environmental considerations in trade agreements are increasingly important for balancing economic growth with ecological sustainability.

Recommendations

- **Baragaon Weaves Model:** Incorporate a detailed cost-benefit analysis and assess long-term scalability to strengthen evaluation of financial viability and growth potential.
- **Digital Literacy and Cybersecurity:** Explore the role of government policies and international collaborations in promoting digital literacy and addressing digital risks, especially for marginalised communities.
- **Female Workforce Participation:** Provide a detailed analysis of successful policy interventions that have increased female labour force participation and graduate employment.
- **Green Technologies:** Examine the challenges faced by companies in scaling green technologies, including supply chain constraints and policy support.
- **Renewable Energy:** Include international case studies of successful renewable energy transitions to offer practical insights for India.
- **Digital Money Paradox:** Propose regulatory frameworks that address the risks of underground currencies while promoting financial inclusion and privacy.
- **Sustainable Manufacturing:** Analyse the specific challenges industries face in adopting sustainable practices, particularly in financing and technology transfer.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Explore the role of grassroots organisations and community initiatives in bridging implementation gaps and challenging social norms.
- **Greening Trade:** Further examine the challenges and trade-offs in integrating environmental provisions into RTAs, especially regarding enforcement and the impact on developing economies.

Technical Session 3 Report

Themes: Democratising Governance and Shaping Global Influence: Innovative Strategies for Inclusive Policymaking and Strategic Diplomacy & Literary Bridges to 2047: Fostering Cultural Synergy through Language and Literature
Venue: A309, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Session Overview

The session commenced with a gracious Welcome Address by the moderator, Dr Aditi, who set a thoughtful tone by highlighting the importance of inclusive governance, cultural integration, and strategic partnerships in shaping India's global role. Dr Ashish Shukla, Chair and Associate Fellow at the South Asia Centre, MP-IDSA, delivered an inaugural address emphasising the interplay between governance models and cultural diplomacy, linking academic discussions to real-world policymaking under the Act East Policy and the vision for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Co-Chair Dr Mouli Chowdhury, Former Assistant Professor, MRIIRS, underscored the need to integrate literary studies and cultural theory into governance and diplomacy. She advocated for interdisciplinary collaboration, illustrating how narratives and language shape policy discourse and enhance the cultural resonance of strategies such as the Act East Policy.

Presentation Highlights

- **Mr Pawan Bindal (Saraswati Institute of Law):**
  Legal Barriers and Opportunities for Marginalised Groups in Democratic Governance
  Mr Bindal provided an analytical overview of the legal and systemic challenges faced by marginalised communities in India. He emphasised reforms to improve legal access, including legal literacy initiatives, affirmative representation, and constitutional safeguards, urging a rights-based approach for inclusive governance.

- **Aarti Khandewal & Bhawna Thakran (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  The 'China Factor' in Northeast India: Implications for Security and Connectivity under the Act East Policy
  The presenters examined India's strategic response to China's growing influence in Northeast India, focusing on key connectivity projects such as the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway, which enhance India's regional presence, trade outreach, and security infrastructure.

- **Riya Saini (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Connectivity and Cooperation: Bangladesh and Myanmar as Pillars of India's Act East Policy
  Riya explored the geopolitical and infrastructural significance of India's ties with Bangladesh and Myanmar, outlining how cross-border projects and diplomatic efforts serve as critical enablers for India's eastward expansion and regional integration.

- **Tanya Nagar, Mansi Solanki & Kashish Chauhan (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  The Korean Wave and Northeast India: A Gateway for Cultural Exchange under the Act East Policy
  The team discussed how Hallyu (the Korean cultural wave) has captivated youth in Northeast India, serving as a cultural bridge and promoting people-to-people ties and soft diplomacy within India's engagement with East Asia.

- **Sabnoor Khan (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  ASEAN Centrality and Beyond: India-Indonesia Partnership in Focus
  Sabnoor analysed ASEAN's strategic role in the Indo-Pacific and India's growing bilateral relationship with Indonesia, highlighting maritime cooperation, trade, and shared democratic values that strengthen regional resilience.

- **Digbijoy Sarkar (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Maritime Security and Strategic Alignment: The Indo-Japan Axis in the Quad Framework
  Digbijoy examined Indo-Japan partnership within the QUAD, detailing collaborative efforts in maritime security, naval exercises, and infrastructure financing that reinforce a free and open Indo-Pacific.

- **Tanisha Tanwar (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Indo-Vietnam Cooperation under the Act East Policy
  Tanisha focused on defence, trade, and cultural collaborations between India and Vietnam, illustrating how this partnership, rooted in shared history and regional stability, has become a cornerstone of India's Act East diplomacy.

- **Sharisti Sharma & Tashu Saharan (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  From Shared Heritage to Strategic Cooperation: Exploring Japan-India Relations under the Act East Policy

Sharisti and Tashu highlighted India and Japan's deepening ties through cultural exchange, infrastructure development, and Northeast India-focused projects, also referencing Taiwan's New Southbound Policy and its parallel goals.

- **Mahalakshmi (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  India's Act East Policy and Taiwan's New Southbound Policy
  Mahalakshmi offered a comparative analysis of India's and Taiwan's regional strategies aimed at reducing dependency on China, emphasising converging efforts in education, digital technology, and trade with Southeast Asia.

- **Nidhi Rathee (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  India and Thailand: Fostering Democratic Governance and Strategic Influence in the Indo-Pacific through the Act East Policy
  Nidhi concluded with insights into India's partnerships with Cambodia and Thailand, highlighting cultural connections, especially through Buddhism, and aid-driven diplomacy in reinforcing India's Indo-Pacific influence.

Interactive Session

A lively Question & Answer session, moderated by Dr Aditi, followed the presentations. Students, faculty, and guests engaged in thought-provoking discussions, exploring topics from India's cultural diplomacy in Southeast Asia to the effectiveness of bilateral strategies under the Act East framework. The discourse deepened understanding of how grassroots diplomacy and academic research can shape policy.

Closing Remarks & Felicitation

The Co-Chair closed the session with a Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the scholarly efforts of presenters, the critical feedback from the audience, and the organising committee for ensuring a seamless and intellectually enriching seminar.

Key Themes and Findings

- **Multidimensional Role of the Act East Policy:** The session underscored the evolution of India's Act East Policy-from economic and infrastructural connectivity to a comprehensive tool for regional diplomacy, cultural outreach, gender inclusion, and security partnerships. India's engagement with Southeast and East Asia now encompasses shared heritage, democratic values, education, and climate resilience.
- **Student Scholarship as a Catalyst for Policy Innovation:** Student researchers provided fresh perspectives on complex geopolitical and socio-cultural issues, demonstrating that

academic platforms can incubate ideas aligned with national goals such as Viksit Bharat 2047.

- **Integration of Culture and Governance:** Presentations highlighted how cultural diplomacy, civilisational ties, and shared values such as Buddhism, literature, and music are strategically leveraged to enhance India's soft power. The importance of investing in "emotional infrastructure"-cultural understanding and people-to-people connectivity-was emphasised.
- **Regional Diversity and Inclusion as Strategic Strengths:** The session brought attention to the voices of India's Northeast and other marginalised regions, exploring how inclusive development and empowerment of women and indigenous communities are essential for holistic development and credibility in multilateral forums.
- **Geostrategic Alliances in the Indo-Pacific:** Presentations on India's relations with ASEAN, Japan, Vietnam, and Taiwan showcased India's commitment to a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific, balancing China's rise by promoting democratic norms and strategic autonomy.
- **Cross-Sectoral Perspectives on Policy Framing:** The interdisciplinary nature of the session reflected the importance of integrating insights from law, political science, cultural studies, and gender analysis to address real-world challenges.
- **Need for Grassroots Diplomacy and Localised Engagement:** A recurring theme was the value of grassroots engagement and local initiatives in foreign policy implementation, including educational exchanges, cultural festivals, and green diplomacy.
- **Capacity Building through Academic Forums:** The session served as a model for capacity building, enabling students to practise public speaking, research articulation, and policy engagement, thereby shaping responsible global citizens and future policymakers.
- **Holistic Diplomacy: Bridging the Tangible and Intangible:** Presenters advocated for a balanced approach to diplomacy that combines trade, connectivity, and security with trust-building, empathy, and cultural solidarity.
- **Alignment with the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047:** All discussions were grounded in India's long-term vision for becoming a developed nation by 2047, positioning the Act East Policy as a vehicle for regional integration, youth empowerment, and ethical governance.

Recommendations

- **Strengthen Legal Access for Marginalised Groups:** Launch targeted legal literacy campaigns, ensure affirmative representation, reform laws for inclusivity, and promote community-based legal clinics in partnership with academic institutions.

- **Enhance Strategic Infrastructure in the Northeast:** Fast-track key Act East projects, improve local participation, and enhance security infrastructure to address geopolitical vulnerabilities.
- **Leverage Bangladesh and Myanmar as Regional Gateways:** Strengthen diplomatic, economic, and energy cooperation; institutionalise trilateral dialogues; and expand cross-border trade and digital corridors.
- **Harness Cultural Diplomacy and Youth Engagement:** Recognise the Korean Wave as a soft power asset, promote youth-led cultural exchanges, and fund research on cultural currents that shape cross-border ties.
- **Reinforce ASEAN Centrality in India's Indo-Pacific Strategy:** Deepen ties with Indonesia and ASEAN, support multilateral platforms, and encourage academic and civil society collaboration.
- **Institutionalise Maritime Security Cooperation:** Expand naval exercises, invest in blue economy projects, and establish a maritime research fund for policy-relevant studies.
- **Diversify Strategic Partnerships Beyond China:** Align with Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, strengthen university partnerships, and promote Indo-Pacific pluralism through multilateral platforms.
- **Deepen Vietnam and Japan Relations with Focus on Northeast India:** Encourage investment in infrastructure, education, and healthcare; create trilateral cooperation models; and facilitate cultural tourism circuits.
- **Embed Buddhist Heritage Diplomacy in Policy Strategy:** Promote shared Buddhist heritage, fund restoration of Buddhist circuits, and engage scholars in Track II diplomacy.
- **Promote Democratic Governance Through Regional Dialogues:** Facilitate forums on democratic values, encourage youth participation in diplomatic simulations, and support civil society exchanges for transparency and inclusivity.

Technical Session 4 Report

Theme: Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047
Venue: A312, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Session Overview

The session commenced promptly at 1:30 pm and concluded at 3:00 pm. It was well-attended and proceeded seamlessly under the able leadership of the Chair, Dr Shobhna Jeet, a distinguished faculty member at K.R. Mangalam University and founding faculty member of the

Department of Law at the Central University of Haryana. Dr Jeet's extensive academic and administrative experience set a high standard for the session. The session was co-chaired by Dr Misha Bahmani, faculty of Corporate and Commercial Laws at IILM Law School, Gurugram, whose expertise in international commercial arbitration enriched the discussions. The session also benefitted from the presence of Dr Minhaj Ahmed Khan, Assistant Professor at K.R. Mangalam University and an erudite scholar in East Asian geopolitics and security studies. The moderators of the session were student moderators Sheetal (B.A. in Political Science) and Aakriti Bansal (B.A. in Economics).

Presentation Highlights

- **Namita Nagar & Namrata Nagar (School of Humanities, K.R. Mangalam University):**
  LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Viksit Bharat 2047: A Policy Roadmap for India
  The presenters underscored the significance of inclusive policy frameworks for a progressive and equitable India by 2047. They emphasised the need for structural reforms, legal safeguards, and awareness-driven programmes to ensure meaningful representation and rights protection for the LGBTQ+ community.

- **Dr Susmita Mitra, Dr Sudipta Kumar Mishra & Anushka Thapliyal (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  System Mapping as an Innovative Policy Tool: Enhancing Impact in UNDP-GEF-SGP-India Grassroots Interventions
  This presentation highlighted the value of system mapping in strengthening developmental outcomes. The team illustrated how this tool can optimise resource use, identify policy gaps, and amplify the effectiveness of grassroots-level initiatives supported under the UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme in India.

- **Dr Biatrisha Mukherjee (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  The Strategic Importance of Chinese Language Learning in India: Opportunities and Challenges
  Dr Mukherjee explored the growing geopolitical and economic relevance of Mandarin proficiency for India's international engagement. The presentation discussed both the opportunities for cross-border collaboration and the educational and cultural challenges that must be addressed for meaningful language policy integration.

Discussion and Q&A

Following each presentation, an engaging and insightful discussion took place. Participants actively interacted with the presenters, raising thoughtful questions and offering valuable observations. The Q&A sessions reflected a deep interest in the themes of LGBTQ+ inclusion, innovative policy tools, and language strategy, leading to meaningful academic exchanges and constructive feedback that enriched the session.

Key Themes and Findings

- **Inclusive Policy Development:** Comprehensive inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals in India's developmental vision for 2047 is essential. Legal reforms, social awareness, and robust policy frameworks are required to ensure equality and representation, with a roadmap that integrates LGBTQ+ concerns into national planning.
- **Innovative Policy Tools for Grassroots Empowerment:** System mapping was identified as a modern and effective policy instrument, particularly in the context of UNDP-GEF-SGP-India grassroots programmes. This approach enables policymakers to identify interconnected challenges, optimise resource allocation, and enhance the long-term impact of development initiatives.
- **Strategic Language Education in a Globalised World:** Mandarin proficiency was recognised as a key asset for India's international diplomacy, trade, and academic exchange. The presentation highlighted both the opportunities and challenges of expanding Chinese language education, calling for targeted policy initiatives to integrate Mandarin studies within India's broader strategic and educational framework.
- **Interdisciplinary Policy and Research:** The session underscored the need for collaboration across disciplines-law, humanities, policy, and technology-to produce holistic and responsive research and policy solutions for evolving national and global contexts.
- **Youth Participation in Policymaking:** The active engagement of student researchers showcased the importance of creating institutional platforms for youth involvement in shaping national strategies for Viksit Bharat 2047 and beyond.
- **Community-Centric Policy Implementation:** Successful policy implementation, especially for vulnerable communities, depends on meaningful community engagement, with a bottom-up approach involving local stakeholders, community leaders, and NGOs.
- **Capacity Building in Higher Education:** Universities should serve as epicentres of practical learning and civic training, offering capacity-building programmes, certification courses, and public lectures on topics such as cybersecurity, gender rights, and governance innovation.
- **Scaling and Replicating Pilot Programmes:** Pilot projects with proven impact, such as the Cyber Ambassadors Programme in Telangana and system mapping initiatives under

UNDP-GEF, should be documented, evaluated, and adapted for wider replication across regions.

Recommendations

- **Integrate Inclusive Policies into the National Development Agenda:** Legal and policy frameworks should explicitly safeguard the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, ensuring equal access to healthcare, education, and employment. Awareness campaigns and training for public officials, educators, and law enforcement are necessary to address stigma and promote equity.
- **Institutionalise System Mapping for Policy Design:** System mapping should be embedded within government policy planning frameworks, particularly in rural development, public health, and environmental sustainability, to align local realities with policy goals.
- **Promote Strategic Language Learning for Global Engagement:** National language policies should integrate Mandarin and other critical languages into higher education curricula to strengthen India's cultural diplomacy and global competitiveness.
- **Foster Interdisciplinary and Cross-Institutional Collaboration:** Mechanisms should be established to facilitate collaboration across departments and institutions for holistic research and policy innovation.
- **Encourage Youth Participation in Policymaking:** Universities and policy institutions should create platforms for students to actively contribute to national strategies, such as student policy labs and youth advisory boards.
- **Enhance Community-Centric Policy Implementation:** Policy planning and evaluation should involve local stakeholders to ensure responsiveness and accountability.
- **Build Capacity Through Higher Education Institutions:** Expand capacity-building initiatives, update curricula, and offer public lectures aligned with the future-ready goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- **Scale and Replicate Pilot Programmes:** Mechanisms should be created to fund, document, and replicate successful pilot initiatives across different regions.

2. **Online Sessions**

Technical Session 1 Report

Theme: Cultivating Resilience: Mental Health Priorities in a Rapidly Evolving Indian Society
Venue: A212, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 PM

Session Overview

The session featured a diverse range of research presentations addressing the complex intersections of mental health, gender, culture, environment, digitalisation, and youth resilience in the context of Viksit Bharat 2047. Each presentation was followed by an engaging discussion and Q&A, with participants raising insightful questions and seeking clarifications, which enriched the academic discourse. The session was chaired by Professor Rajeesh Nair, Director of ADARSH, Public Health Foundation of India. The co-chair was Dr. Nandita Chaube, senior assistant professor of the National Forensic Sciences University of Delhi Campus.

Presentation Highlights

- **Aarti Vats (PhD JRF Scholar) & Dr Swati Chauhan (MRIIRS):** *Beyond the Bell Jar – Strengthening Mental Well-being for Viksit Bharat 2047*
  This presentation explored how modernisation in India is reshaping gender roles and expanding opportunities for women, while simultaneously intensifying mental health challenges due to societal pressures and the "superwoman" ideal.

- **Dr Sarishti Joshi (The ICFAI University, Himachal Pradesh):** *The Therapeutic Soundscape: Indian Classical Music as a Medium of Mental Health within Musical Sociological Discourse*
  Dr Joshi highlighted how Indian classical ragas serve as emotional technologies, aligning with natural rhythms to reduce anxiety, foster inner harmony, and reinforce cultural identity. She advocated for music therapy as a culturally resonant tool for mental health.

- **Rinki Hooda & Dr Nudrat Jahan (K.R. Mangalam University):** *Cultivating Environmental Identity for Sustainable Behaviour and Mental Well-being: Pathways toward Community Resilience in Viksit Bharat 2047*
  The presenters emphasised that fostering a psychological connection to nature promotes

sustainable behaviour and emotional resilience. They advocated for systemic integration of nature-based practices into education and policy.

- **Diksha Joshi (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Integrating Community Support Systems to Foster Work-Life Balance Among Mental Health Professionals: A Multidisciplinary Review
  Diksha Joshi's review highlighted that formal and informal support systems reduce burnout and promote resilience among clinicians, stressing the importance of integrated, community-based wellness strategies.

- **Shivangi Panchal (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Stigma in Vocational Education: A Literature Review on Its Impact on Career Identity, Mental Health, and Resilience Among Students
  The study revealed that stigma negatively impacts vocational students' self-worth and aspirations, but resilience-bolstered by social support and positive framing-can empower them to overcome these challenges.

- **Manisha Verma & Dr Madhurima Mukherjee (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Predictive Factors in Non-Suicidal Self Harm and Suicide Ideation in Young Adults
  This presentation examined the growing concern of self-harm and suicidal ideation among Indian youth, emphasising the need for culturally sensitive research and interventions.

- **Pooja Chawla & Sajid Jamal (Aligarh Muslim University):**
  Enhancing Mental Health Resilience among Indian Youth in the Digital Era: Identifying Critical Factors and Strategies through a Multi-Criteria Approach
  The study focused on digital risks and resilience factors, identifying smartphone dependency and digital addiction as critical risks, and digital literacy as vital for enhancing youth resilience.

- **Vishal Tiwari (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Women's Mindset No Different? Exploring Women's Attitude Towards Sexually Assaulted Women
  This research revealed both empathetic and regressive views among women regarding

rape survivors and perpetrators, highlighting the complex and often contradictory societal attitudes towards sexual violence in India.

- **Anahat Kukreja (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  The Impact of Emotional Freedom Technique and Occupational Therapy on Managing ADHD in Adolescents
  The study examined how combining EFT and Occupational Therapy could improve emotional regulation and focus in adolescents with ADHD, advocating for holistic, personalised mental health care.

- **Sushila Kumari & Dr Manju Antil (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Digital Dependency and Youth Mental Health: Fear of Missing Out as a Challenge for Viksit Bharat
  The session explored how excessive digital engagement and FOMO contribute to mental health concerns among youth, calling for interventions to build emotional resilience and promote digital well-being.

- **Rachita Narang (K.R. Mangalam University):**
  Attachment Styles and Perception of Parenting by Adolescents
  The study explored how adolescents' perceptions of parenting behaviours influence their emotional development and attachment styles, highlighting the impact of parental attitudes and family dynamics.

- **Sonia Boken & Anita Mangalani (SGT University):**
  A Study of Sleep Among College-Going Students in Relation to Gender
  The study revealed that female students experience significantly poorer sleep quality than males, with longer sleep latency, shorter duration, and greater daytime dysfunction, underscoring the need for gender-sensitive interventions.

Key Themes and Findings

- **Women's Mental Health:** Modernisation empowers women but also exposes them to increased psychological stress, particularly due to conflicting societal expectations and stigma surrounding mental health.
- **Music Therapy:** Indian classical music, through specific ragas, can promote mental clarity, reduce anxiety, and reinforce cultural identity, though its integration into mainstream mental health care remains limited.

- **Environmental Identity:** A strong connection to nature fosters sustainable behaviour and emotional resilience, but institutional gaps hinder wider adoption. Embedding environmental identity in public programmes is recommended.
- **Community Support for Professionals:** Peer support networks and community-based wellness initiatives significantly reduce burnout among mental health professionals, though formal support infrastructure remains insufficient.
- **Stigma in Vocational Education:** Stigma leads to diminished self-worth and career aspirations among vocational students; resilience, mentorship, and inclusive education can counteract these effects.
- **Youth Self-Harm and Suicide Ideation:** Emotional dysregulation, strained family dynamics, and social isolation are key predictors. There is a pressing need for culturally relevant research and community-based interventions.
- **Digital Resilience:** Smartphone dependency and digital addiction are central concerns for youth mental health. Digital literacy and detox strategies are vital for fostering resilience.
- **Attitudes Towards Sexual Assault:** Even educated women may internalise patriarchal norms, perpetuating regressive attitudes towards survivors. Value-based education and empathy training are necessary.
- **ADHD Interventions:** Holistic approaches, such as combining EFT and Occupational Therapy, show promise in improving adolescent mental health, but more research is needed.
- **Digital Well-being:** Digital dependency disrupts sleep and emotional regulation, with FOMO intensifying anxiety and compulsive behaviour. Digital stressors require urgent attention in public health.
- **Parenting and Attachment:** Parenting styles significantly affect adolescent attachment and emotional development. Authoritarian and controlling approaches contribute to insecure attachment and dysregulation.
- **Gender and Sleep:** Female college students experience poorer sleep quality than males, largely due to academic, social, and psychological stressors, highlighting the need for targeted interventions.

Recommendations

- **Strengthen Mental Well-being for Women:** Raise awareness, normalise mental health conversations, and expand accessible, women-focused support systems. Support interdisciplinary research on gender and mental health.
- **Integrate Indian Classical Music in Mental Health Care:** Recognise music therapy as a valid tool, promote collaboration among musicians and therapists, and develop clinical frameworks for its integration.

- **Promote Environmental Identity and Eco-Mental Health:** Integrate environmental identity into curricula and community programmes, promote urban green spaces, and revive traditional ecological knowledge.
- **Enhance Professional Well-being:** Strengthen peer support and flexible work policies, address stigma, and develop tailored policies for practitioner mental health.
- **Reduce Stigma in Vocational Education:** Implement mentorship, inclusive curricula, and promote successful vocational pathways to shift public perception.
- **Address Youth Self-Harm and Suicide Ideation:** Conduct culturally relevant research, introduce emotional health education, and improve access to youth-focused resources.
- **Foster Digital Resilience:** Promote digital literacy, launch awareness campaigns, and encourage healthy tech practices in schools.
- **Challenge Patriarchy and Support Survivors:** Implement value-based education, launch awareness programmes, and promote respectful masculinity and support for survivors.
- **Integrate Holistic ADHD Interventions:** Encourage research and pilot integrated therapies, address stigma, and foster collaboration among therapists, educators, and families.
- **Advance Digital Mental Health for Viksit Bharat:** Launch national digital well-being programmes, include digital hygiene in curricula, and train educators and parents to recognise digital stress.
- **Strengthen Adolescent Attachment Through Parental Support:** Support research on parenting, promote work-life balance, and develop culturally informed parenting programmes.
- **Enhance Sleep Quality Among College Students:** Implement gender-sensitive wellness and sleep education, provide targeted support for female students, and encourage better sleep hygiene.

Technical Session 2 Report

Theme: Revolutionising Economic Paradigms: Sustainable Growth Models For A Prosperous Viksit Bharat
Venue: A303, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May 2025
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Session Overview

Technical Session 2 was conducted online from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in Aryabhata 303 as part of ICEFI – 2025. The session was chaired by Prof (Dr) Soner Gokten, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Baskent University, Ankara, Turkey, and co-chaired by Dr

Siddharth Bhattacharya, Professor of Finance & Statistics, JK Business School. Dr Ojasvi Dixit served as moderator, ensuring a smooth and engaging flow of presentations and discussions.
A total of twelve research papers were presented by scholars and students, providing a rich array of perspectives on sustainability, economic resilience, inclusive policy frameworks, and innovation for achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Presentation Highlights

- **Dr C S Anuradha (SASTRA University):**
  A Study of Circular Economy Practices of Startups in India's Defence Manufacturing Sector
  This study illuminated the innovative integration of circular economy principles by Indian startups in the defence manufacturing sector. The research showcased practices that minimise waste, promote resource efficiency, and align with national goals of sustainability and self-reliance.

- **Priyanshi Gaba (Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University):**
  Beyond China: How India Can Lead Global Manufacturing with Industry 4.0 by 2047
  The presenter examined India's potential to outpace China in global manufacturing by adopting automation, AI, and IoT. Emphasis was placed on workforce upskilling, infrastructure modernisation, and coherent policy frameworks.

- **Nishtha Bhateja & Komal Sharma (KRMU & Guru Jambheshwar University):**
  Atmanirbhar Bharat Holding Hopes of Viksit Bharat
  This paper explored the grassroots implementation of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, especially in MSMEs and rural entrepreneurship, arguing that empowering local industries and communities is essential for holistic development and economic resilience.

- **Mehak Taneja, Kuldeep Kumar, Moksha Pabreja (KRMU):**
  Income and Wealth Inequality in India: A Critical Challenge on the Path to Viksit Bharat 2047
  The presenters analysed the structural roots of economic inequality in India, stressing the urgency of inclusive growth. They advocated for progressive taxation, access to quality education, and robust social protection schemes.

- **Sanjay Sharma & Prof Renu Verma (KRMU):**

Achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Migration: A Critical Analysis of Uttarakhand State
This case study assessed the impact of outmigration on rural economies, education, and healthcare in Uttarakhand, proposing localised solutions to reduce distress migration and promote balanced development.

- **Monika Beniwal, Muskan Oberoi, Aparna (KRMU):**
  Gender Equality in BRICS: A Comparative Study of Female Labour Income and Participation
  The study provided a comparative analysis of gender disparities in workforce participation and income across BRICS nations, suggesting best practices from Brazil and Russia to enhance female labour outcomes in India.

- **Arnav Singh Rathoud, Maahi Saini, Prof Renu Verma, Rohini Kumari (KRMU):**
  Policy Unpacked: Review of National Education Policy's Rollout and Reception
  This review focused on the implementation of NEP 2020 across Indian states, identifying successes and gaps, particularly in rural areas, and recommending improvements in teacher training, digital infrastructure, and multilingual pedagogy.

- **Simran & Rishabh Malik (KRMU & College De Paris):**
  Exploring Herd Behaviour and Risk Aversion Bias in Adoption of Technology in Finance
  This behavioural finance paper explored how psychological biases influence the adoption of fintech solutions, offering recommendations for financial literacy programmes and design-based nudges.

Discussion and Q&A

After each presentation, a robust Q&A session encouraged scholarly engagement. Participants raised thoughtful questions about methodology, data sources, and policy implications, resulting in meaningful dialogue and fostering networking among researchers and faculty.

Key Themes and Findings

- Sustainability, circular economy, and green finance emerged as foundational pillars for Viksit Bharat.
- Inclusive policies addressing gender, migration, inequality, and regional imbalances are critical.
- Technology adoption and behavioural insights are shaping future policy and economic behaviour.

- Education reform and harnessing the demographic dividend are essential for long-term growth.

Recommendations

- **Strengthen institutional frameworks** for the circular economy and green finance through targeted incentives and awareness campaigns.
- **Facilitate gender-responsive budgeting and labour policies** to close participation gaps in emerging sectors.
- **Support behavioural research** to improve adoption of digital financial tools and foster inclusive innovation.
- **Enhance policy monitoring systems** for flagship schemes, ensuring transparency, equity, and effective feedback mechanisms.
- **Promote localised implementation** of NEP and SDG-aligned programmes in migration-prone regions.

Technical Session 3 Report

Theme: Democratising Governance and Shaping Global Influence: Innovative Strategies for Inclusive Policymaking and Strategic Diplomacy
Venue: A216, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May, 2025
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 PM

Session Overview

This session addressed the urgent need for more inclusive, transparent, and collaborative governance systems in an evolving global order. Leaders from government, civil society, academia, and the private sector convened to discuss the intersection of democratic innovation and global strategic influence. The session was chaired by Professor Krishna Menon, whose address framed governance as a democratic and inclusive process rather than a purely managerial exercise. Drawing on feminist theory and decolonial perspectives, Professor Menon challenged participants to consider whether the inclusion of women and marginalised voices transforms governance systems or is absorbed and diluted by them. She emphasised the importance of embedding democratic citizenship, addressing internal hierarchies within the Global South, and situating local governance experiences within broader federal and global contexts. The co-chair of the session was Dr. Ila Joshi, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Jaypee Institute of Information Technology in Noida.

Presentation Highlights

- **Bindu (Research Scholar, KRMU) & Dr Anshul Saluja (Assistant Professor, KRMU):**
  Inclusive Global Education Policy: Strategies, Challenges, and Evolving Framework
  This paper critiqued the Eurocentric nature of global education policy, advocating for a decolonial and context-sensitive approach, particularly for India. The authors emphasised policy mobility, assemblage, and discourse analysis, comparing practices in India, Fiji, Norway, and Japan. They highlighted gaps in inclusion for marginalised communities and called for better feedback loops and integration of lived experiences in policy design.

- **Varun Jain (Assistant Professor, Lovely Professional University):**
  India as a Developed Nation by 2047: Roadmap and the Case for Inclusivity
  This presentation critically assessed India's development indicators and inclusion challenges, focusing on gaps between policy intention and implementation, especially in public services and law enforcement. The presenter called for reform in outdated laws, improved implementation, and a shift towards ethical governance, highlighting the need for cultural change alongside policy reform.

- **Lakshmi Ashok K (Research Scholar, Ambedkar University Delhi):**
  The Role of State-Supported Institutions in Shaping Women Leaders at the Local Self-Government Level: A Case Study based on the Experience of Kerala's Elected Women Representatives
  This case study examined women's political participation in Kerala's Panchayati Raj Institutions, focusing on the role of Kudumbashree and KILA in capacity-building. The study found that women with Kudumbashree backgrounds transitioned more smoothly into political roles, while those without such backgrounds relied heavily on state training programmes. The presentation addressed structural barriers and local socio-political dynamics, with recommendations to situate Kerala's experience within India's broader federal context.

- **Dr Mona Gupta (Assistant Professor, KIT College of Education):**
  From Heritage to Hope: Indigenous Governance as a Pillar of Sustainable Development
  This paper linked Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) to the Sustainable Development Goals, highlighting concepts such as Dharma, Mimansa, Niti Shastra, and Vastu Shastra. The presenter demonstrated the contemporary value of traditional Indian wisdom in water conservation, urban planning, and ethical policymaking, advocating for digitisation, community involvement, and teacher training to integrate IKS into mainstream curricula.

- **Dr Minhaj Khan & Dr Kaveri Khound (K.R. Mangalam University):**

Infrastructure Diplomacy and Developmental Realism: Japan's Strategic Engagement in Northeast India

The authors analysed Japan's infrastructure-led diplomacy in Northeast India, mapping ODA-funded projects in connectivity and transport. The paper positioned this engagement within broader geopolitical competition, emphasising development realism and the strategic and economic implications for India's Act East Policy.

- **Dr Srishti & Dr Saleem Ahmad (Assistant Professor, KRMU):**
  Unseen Yet Essential: Women's Political Participation, Care Work, and the Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047
  This paper offered insights into the interaction between ideology and gender in political participation, with particular relevance to the Women's Reservation Bill. The authors were encouraged to include comparative analysis with women in other political parties for broader context.

Discussion and Q&A

A brief but engaging Q&A session followed the presentations, with participants raising questions on the feasibility of implementing inclusive education policies across India's diverse states, the replicability of Kerala's Kudumbashree model, practical reforms for ethical governance, and the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems into mainstream curricula. Due to time constraints, detailed exchanges were limited, but the discussion reflected keen interest in bridging theory with practice.

Key Themes and Findings

- The necessity of developing inclusive governance frameworks anchored in civic engagement and local realities.
- The importance of digital democracy tools, balanced with attention to misinformation and surveillance risks.
- The value of multi-level, people-centred diplomacy and cross-sector collaboration for institutionalising inclusive policymaking.
- The need for reform in international institutions to amplify underrepresented voices.
- The contemporary relevance of traditional Indian knowledge and grassroots models for sustainable development.

Recommendations

- **Develop inclusive governance frameworks** grounded in civic engagement and local realities.

- **Promote digital democracy tools** while addressing risks related to misinformation and surveillance.
- **Enhance diplomatic agility** by investing in multi-level and people-centred foreign policy approaches.
- **Foster cross-sector collaborations** to institutionalise inclusive policymaking.
- **Advocate for reforms in international institutions** to elevate underrepresented voices.

Technical Session 4 Report

Theme: Literary Bridges to 2047: Fostering Cultural Synergy through Language and Literature
Venue: A203, K.R. Mangalam University
Date: 9th May, 2025
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Session Overview

This session highlighted interdisciplinary and multicultural approaches in literary studies, with research scholars and faculty exploring the intersections of language, mythology, diaspora, culture, identity, and psychological narratives. The speakers engaged deeply with both classical and contemporary literary works to illuminate global, national, and local concerns, contributing to a robust intellectual exchange. The Chair was Dr. Gunjan Agarwal, who is the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Languages at Shobhit University. The Co-Chair was Dr. Savi Khera, who is an Assistant Professor of English at Gurugram University. The session was moderated by Dr. Ambika Bhatnagar, Assistant Professor of English at K.R. Mangalam University.

Presentation Highlights

- **Fostering Global Cultural Competence Through Literary Dialogues:** Ms Alka Sahni (Research Scholar, K.R. Mangalam University) and Prof Prakash Chandra Jena presented research on how school-based international literary collaborations can cultivate global awareness and cross-cultural understanding. Their study advocated integrating such initiatives into curricula to nurture empathy and intercultural sensitivity among students.

- **The Influence of English on Indian Literature and Culture:** Mr Rajeev Dayma (Research Scholar, K.R. Mangalam University) and Dr Shivani

Wadhwa (Assistant Professor) critically analysed the pervasive impact of English on Indian literary creation and cultural identity. The research discussed the colonial legacy of English, the resulting linguistic hierarchies, and the emergence of hybrid identities in Indian writing.

- **Tracing the Evolution of Indian Mythological Narratives:** Ms Bhumika Sihag (PhD Scholar, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies) examined the dynamic reinvention of Indian myths across languages, regions, and periods. The presentation emphasised the adaptability of mythological stories and their role as living texts shaping communal identity and moral reflection.
- **Bridging Worlds: Cross-Cultural Understanding Through Diasporic Literature:** Ms Nitika Wadhwa (Research Scholar) and Dr Apoorva Hooda (Assistant Professor, K.R. Mangalam University) analysed diasporic narratives in works by Kavita Daswani and Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. Their comparative study illustrated how literature on migration and identity fosters empathy and enriches multicultural discourse.

- **Existential Crisis in Anita Desai's Where Shall We Go This Summer?:** Ms Risha (Research Scholar, K.R. Mangalam University) and Dr Swati Chauhan explored existential and psychological dimensions in Desai's novel, focusing on alienation, identity, and the search for selfhood. The analysis linked postcolonial anxieties and gendered experiences to the protagonist's journey.

- **Stories Beyond Borders: English as a Medium of Cultural Synergy:** Ms Namrata Joon (Assistant Professor, Dronacharya Government College) discussed how English operates as a conduit for intercultural dialogue in Indian literature, enabling writers to articulate hybrid identities and reach wider audiences while preserving cultural specificity.

- **Representation of Marginalised Voices in Ismat Chughtai's Work:** Ms Ayushi Goyal (Research Scholar, K.R. Mangalam University) highlighted how Chughtai's fiction foregrounds silenced voices, particularly women and the marginalised, challenging dominant socio-cultural narratives and laying the foundation for feminist literary traditions in South Asia.

- **Exploration of Gendered Identities in Indian Mythology:** Dr Ambika Bhatnagar (Assistant Professor, K.R. Mangalam University) examined representations of queer and gender-diverse identities in ancient Vedic and mythological

texts, challenging the notion that non-normative identities are Western imports and revealing India's pluralistic literary heritage.

Discussion and Q&A

After each presentation, a lively discussion and Q&A session ensued. Participants engaged in thoughtful exchanges, raising questions and seeking clarification on various aspects of the presented research, which enriched the academic discourse.

Key Themes and Findings

- **Global Cultural Competence:** Literary dialogues and international collaborations at the school level nurture empathy, intercultural sensitivity, and global citizenship, bridging geographical and cultural divides.
- **English as a Cultural Force:** The English language, while a legacy of colonialism, has become a medium for negotiating hybrid identities and fostering intercultural dialogue, though it also poses challenges to indigenous languages
- **Resilience of Mythological Narratives:** Indian myths remain adaptable and relevant, serving as repositories of cultural values and tools for communal identity across time and space.
- **Diasporic and Multicultural Literature:** Diasporic narratives humanise migration experiences and promote cross-cultural empathy, highlighting the tensions between tradition and modernity.
- **Psychological and Existential Themes:** Contemporary Indian literature, exemplified by Anita Desai, addresses alienation, identity, and mental health, reflecting broader societal anxieties.
- **Marginalised and Queer Voices:** Literature by Ismat Chughtai and explorations of gender in mythology foreground silenced and non-normative identities, challenging dominant discourses and advocating for inclusivity.

Recommendations

- **Integrate international literary collaborations** into school curricula to foster global cultural competence.
- **Promote multilingualism and protect indigenous languages** alongside English to sustain India's literary diversity.
- **Encourage further research** on the adaptation and reinvention of mythological narratives in contemporary literature.

- **Support literary works and scholarship** that foreground marginalised and queer voices, contributing to a more inclusive literary canon.
- **Facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue** between literary studies, cultural theory, and social sciences to deepen understanding of identity, migration, and representation.

Day Two
Panel Discussion Report

Theme: Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047
Date: 9th–10th May 2025
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, K.R. Mangalam University
Organised by: School of Humanities (SOHS)

Session Overview
The panel discussion focused on the theme "Inclusive Growth and Well-being: Bridging Political, Economic, Social, and Mental Health Divides." The session was anchored by Dr Biatrisha, Assistant Professor of Chinese Language, SOHS, who warmly welcomed the distinguished panellists and audience. The Dean of SOHS, along with the Controller of Examinations (COE), Dr Vineet Dahiya, extended formal welcomes and felicitated the guests with saplings, symbolising respect and the commitment to sustainable growth.

Keynote Address
The session commenced with a keynote address by Dr Nitya Nanda, Director at the Council for Social Development (CSD). Dr Nanda delivered a thought-provoking analysis of economic inequality in India, noting that while consumption inequality has declined, income disparity persists. Utilising sector-wise employment data, he highlighted the predominance of informal labour and the limited reach of the formal economy. Dr Nanda critically compared India's and China's economic growth models, drawing attention to the challenges of inclusive growth and the need for more effective resource management. His address set the intellectual tone for the ensuing panel discussion.

Panel Discussion
Moderated by Mr Iqbal Ahmad, Senior Broadcast Journalist at BBC Indian Language, the panel brought together eminent experts:

- Prof Mehraj Uddin Mir, Professor Chair, Motilal Nehru Chair, K.R. Mangalam University
- Dr Nitya Nanda, Director, Council for Social Development (CSD)
- Prof (Dr) Meenakshi Mittal, Professor, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi

Each panellist offered unique perspectives on bridging India's divides:

Prof (Dr) Meenakshi Mittal addressed the interconnectedness of political, social, and economic disparities, underscoring their cumulative impact on mental health. She emphasised the necessity of robust local governance and effective grassroots implementation of policies, while also highlighting the importance of equitable resource allocation to empower marginalised groups.
Prof Mehraj Uddin Mir structured his address around four critical questions: India's capacity to achieve Viksit Bharat 2047, the means to realise this vision, the opportunities available, and the challenges ahead. He reflected on the significance of "Bharat" as a diverse socio-cultural and economic entity and defined "development" as the equitable distribution of resources. Prof Mir identified India's youthful demographic, entrepreneurial culture, and skill development as key opportunities, while also acknowledging challenges such as corruption, healthcare access, migration, social discrimination, and educational quality.

Dr Nitya Nanda drew from literary and historical references to interrogate the recurring issues of resource scarcity and mismanagement in India. He argued that the core problem is not a lack of resources, but their inefficient and unequal distribution. Dr Nanda also stressed the importance of recognising mental health as a societal issue requiring both medical and social interventions.
Interactive Q&A

The discussion was followed by a dynamic Q&A session, with the moderator posing incisive questions to the panellists:

- **On poverty and GDP:** Dr Nanda clarified that GDP is an inadequate measure of welfare and that poverty is a complex, structural issue not fully captured by household expenditure data.
- **On representation and equity:** Dr Mittal advocated for monetising women's productivity and urged youth to view politics as a movement for change. She distinguished between equality and equity, calling for needs-based resource allocation.
- **On communal tensions and implementation:** Prof Mir highlighted India's constitutional strengths and welfare schemes, stressing that the real challenge lies in effective execution rather than policy intent.

During the student Q&A, panellists addressed topics including budget restructuring, private sector reservation, constitutional amendments, regional disparities, tax policy, and the mental health impact of poverty and unemployment. They collectively emphasised that implementation, not policy design, remains the primary hurdle, and that social intervention is critical for addressing mental health concerns.

Closing Remarks

In his concluding remarks, Mr Iqbal Ahmad reiterated the urgent need for policies that promote social justice and economic equality, underscoring the role of inclusive development in shaping a progressive nation. The Controller of Examinations, Dr Vineet Dahiya, expressed gratitude to the moderator and panellists, and highlighted the significance of such forums in shaping India's future. He urged participants to translate the session's insights into purposeful action.

Acknowledgements

The organisers extend sincere thanks to the moderator, panellists, and all participants for their insightful contributions and active engagement. The panel discussion served as a catalyst for critical reflection and dialogue, reinforcing the conference's commitment to envisioning an inclusive, equitable, and resilient India by 2047.

Valedictory Session Report

Theme: Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047
Date: 10th May 2025
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, K.R. Mangalam University
Organised by: School of Humanities (SOHS)

Session Overview
The valedictory session served as a fitting conclusion to the two-day international conference, encapsulating the intellectual rigour, collaborative spirit, and forward-looking vision that defined the event. The proceedings were anchored with poise and clarity by Dr Shivani Wadhwa, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SOHS).

The session commenced with the introduction and felicitation of the distinguished guests on the dais:

- **Guest of Honour:** Ms Nica Louie, Environment Health Scientist (Retd), U.S. Environment Protection Agency
- **Chief Guest:** Mr Steven N. Schonberger, Director (Retired), Water Global Practice, World Bank
- **Dr Rahul Sharma,** Registrar, K.R. Mangalam University
- **Dr Anjana Singh,** Dean Students Welfare, K.R. Mangalam University
- **Prof (Dr) Tania Gupta,** Dean, School of Humanities
- **Dr Nudrat Jahan,** School Coordinator, School of Humanities

All guests were honoured with saplings, symbolising growth, sustainability, and the shared commitment to a greener future.

Welcome and Reflections
Dr Nudrat Jahan initiated the session with a warm welcome and an insightful overview of Day 1 of the conference. She expressed optimism regarding India's progress and reaffirmed her belief that India is poised to reclaim its position as a developed nation. Dr Rahul Sharma extended heartfelt congratulations to all participants and contributors, acknowledging their pivotal roles in the conference's success. He described the conference as an agent of change and emphasised that the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 is not merely aspirational but entirely achievable.

Guest of Honour Address

Ms Nica Louie addressed the audience with a focus on the developmental impact on health, particularly among children. She highlighted the alarming statistic of a 6.5% drop in IQ due to prenatal exposure to insecticides and pollutants in low-income areas of New York City. Through a series of critical questions—"What are we building? What is it made of? What will happen when it goes down?"—she emphasised the importance of designing with reverence and foresight, advocating for preventive measures rather than reactive clean-up.

Chief Guest Address

Mr Steven N. Schonberger offered a global perspective on India's development, reiterating India's identity as both Vishwa Mitra (global friend) and Vishwa Guru (global teacher). He asserted that India is too significant to be ignored, given its crucial positions economically, demographically, politically, and militarily. Mr Schonberger addressed ongoing challenges such as poverty, spatial imbalance, and the shift from casteism to classism, while stressing that sustainability must remain at the heart of human progress.

Reflections from University Leadership

Dr Anjana Singh, Dean Students Welfare, spoke on the hurdles that lie in the path of achieving Viksit Bharat. She encouraged participants to view these challenges as opportunities for research and growth, expressing pride in K.R. Mangalam University's contributions to addressing issues such as poverty, women's empowerment, healthcare, quality education, and youth engagement.

Conference Report and Achievement
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Dr Srishti Srivastav and Dr Minhaj Ahmed Khan, Assistant Professors of Political Science, SOHS, KRMU, presented a comprehensive report on the conference. They highlighted the event's objectives and successes, noting the participation of 19 universities and organisations, over 120 paper submissions, and 80 presenters across various technical sessions, which were chaired and co-chaired by 16 dignitaries.

Recognition and Closing

The session proceeded with the distribution of certificates to the best paper presenters, recognising the contributions of both online and offline participants.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Prof (Dr) Tania Gupta, Dean, School of Humanities. She expressed her gratitude to the Almighty, the chief guest, guest of honour, university administration, Deans, Associate Dean, School Coordinator of SOHS, the technical staff, and the media team for their invaluable support in making the conference a resounding success.

Feedback Form

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Media Coverage

Press Release (English)

K.R. Mangalam University's School of Humanities Organises an International Conference on 'Envisioning the Future India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for Viksit Bharat 2047'

K.R. Mangalam University's School of Humanities organised a two-day international conference on 9–10 May. The aim of this conference was to provide a common platform for policymakers, academics, experts, and young researchers to collectively deliberate upon India's developmental trajectory up to 2047. Over 120 research papers were received from across the country, of which 80 were presented in eight technical sessions. These sessions facilitated discussion on diverse topics such as politics, governance, economic equality, mental health, and cultural advancement.

The inaugural session commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Prof. (Dr) Tania Gupta, Dean, School of Humanities, who emphasised the need for collective effort towards national development. Prof. (Dr) Raghuvir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, underlined the necessity of interdisciplinary collaboration. The chief guest, Justice (Dr) Mukundakam Sharma, former Judge of the Supreme Court and former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, highlighted the role of the judiciary in safeguarding constitutional values and its contribution to national progress. The guest of honour, Dr. Subhash Kumar (former Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India), stressed the central role of higher education in national campaigns such as Viksit Bharat, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and Make in India. Keynote speakers Prof. (Dr) Gülsün Kurubacak Çakır, Faculty of Communication, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Turkey, and Prof. Sushil Chandra, Dean, School of Psychology and Education, Rishihood University, shed light on the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital learning.

The second day began with a keynote address by Dr. Nitya Nanda, Director, Council for Social Development (CSD), followed by a panel discussion. Participants included Prof. Mehraj Uddin Mir (Professor Chair, Motilal Nehru Chair, K.R. Mangalam University), Prof. (Dr) Meenakshi Mittal, Professor, University of Delhi, Dr. Nitya Nanda, and Mr. Iqbal Ahmad, journalist, BBC Indian Language Service/CNR. The discussion underscored the need for inclusive and equitable development while addressing socio-economic disparities.

The valedictory session began with an inspiring address by Dr. Rahul Sharma, Registrar, K.R. Mangalam University. The guest of honour, Ms. Nica Louis, Environmental Health Scientist (retired), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, emphasised sustainable development focused on environment and health. The chief guest, Mr. Steven N. Schonberger, retired Director, Water

Global Practice, World Bank, shared global experiences and suggested strategies for tackling developmental challenges.

The conference concluded with the presentation of the report by the organising secretaries and a vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr) Tania Gupta, Dean, School of Humanities.

Press Release (Hindi)

के.आर. मंगलम विश्वविद्यालय के स्कूल ऑफ ह्यूमैनिटीज़ द्वारा 9-10 मई को "इनविजनिंग द फ्यूचर इंडिया: ऑपर्चुनिटीज़ एंड चैलेंजेस अहेड फॉर विकसित भारत 2047" (भविष्य के भारत की परिकल्पना: विकसित भारत 2047 के लिए अवसर और चुनौतियाँ" विषय पर दो दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया। इस सम्मेलन का उद्देश्य नीति-निर्माताओं, शिक्षाविदों, विशेषज्ञों और युवा शोधकर्ताओं को एक साझा मंच प्रदान करना था, जहाँ वे भारत के 2047 तक के विकास पथ पर सामूहिक रूप से विचार कर सकें। प्रमुख विषयों में आर्थिक विकास, सामाजिक समानता, सतत विकास और तकनीकी नवाचार पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया।

सम्मेलन में देशभर से 120 से अधिक शोध-पत्र प्राप्त हुए, जिनमें से 80 शोध आठ तकनीकी सत्रों में प्रस्तुत किये गए। इन सत्रों में राजनीति, शासन,आर्थिक समानता, मानसिक स्वास्थ्य और सांस्कृतिक प्रगति जैसे विविध विषयों पर चर्चा हुई।

उद्घाटन सत्र की शुरुआत दीप प्रज्वलन से हुई, जिसके बाद प्रो. (डॉ.) तानिया गुप्ता, डीन, स्कूल ऑफ ह्यूमैनिटीज़ ने अतिथियों का स्वागत किया और राष्ट्रीय विकास के लिए सामूहिक प्रयास पर बल दिया। प्रो. (डॉ.) रघुवीर सिंह, कुलपति, ने बहु-विषयक (इंटर-डिसिप्लिनरी) सहयोग की आवश्यकता को रेखांकित किया।

मुख्य अतिथि जस्टिस (डॉ.) मुकुंदकम शर्मा, पूर्व न्यायाधीश, सुप्रीम कोर्ट एवं पूर्व मुख्य न्यायाधीश, दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट, ने संविधानिक मूल्यों की रक्षा में न्यायपालिका की भूमिका और राष्ट्रीय प्रगति के लिए इसके योगदान को रेखांकित किया। विशिष्ट अतिथि डॉ. सुभाष कुमार, (पूर्व सदस्य सचिव, रिहैबलिटेशन काउंसिल ऑफ़ इंडिया) ने विकसित भारत, आत्मनिर्भर भारत, डिजिटल इंडिया और मेक इन इंडिया जैसे राष्ट्रीय अभियानों की महत्ता बताते हुए उच्च शिक्षा की केंद्रीय भूमिका पर बल दिया।
मुख्य वक्ता प्रो. (डॉ.) गुलसुन कुरुबाकक चाकिर, फैकल्टी ऑफ कम्युनिकेशन, अंकारा हाजी बायराम वेली यूनिवर्सिटी, तुर्की और प्रो. सुशील चंद्रा, डीन, स्कूल ऑफ साइकोलॉजी एंड एजुकेशन, ऋषिहूड विश्वविद्यालय, ने कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) और डिजिटल लर्निंग की परिवर्तनकारी क्षमता पर प्रकाश डाला।

दूसरे दिन की शुरुआत डॉ. नित्या नंदा, निदेशक, काउंसिल फॉर सोशल डेवलपमेंट (CSD) के मुख्य भाषण से हुई, जिसके बाद एक पैनल चर्चा आयोजित हुई। इसमें प्रो. मेहराज उद्दीन मीर (प्रोफेसर चेयर, मोतीलाल नेहरू चेयर, के.आर. मंगलम विश्वविद्यालय), प्रो. (डॉ.) मीनाक्षी मित्तल, प्रोफेसर, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, डॉ. नित्या नंदा और श्री इकबाल अहमद, पत्रकार, बीबीसी इंडियन लैंग्वेज सर्विस/सीएनआर ने भाग लिया। इस चर्चा में सामाजिक-आर्थिक असमानताओं को दूर करते हुए समावेशी और न्यायपूर्ण विकास की आवश्यकता को रेखांकित किया गया।

समापन सत्र की शुरुआत डॉ. राहुल शर्मा, रजिस्ट्रार, के.आर. मंगलम विश्वविद्यालय के प्रेरणादायक वक्तव्य से हुई। विशिष्ट अतिथि नीका लुई, सेवानिवृत्त पर्यावरण स्वास्थ्य वैज्ञानिक, यू.एस. एनवायरनमेंटल प्रोटेक्शन एजेंसी ने पर्यावरण और स्वास्थ्य पर केंद्रित सतत विकास पर बल दिया। मुख्य अतिथि श्री स्टीवन एन. शॉनबर्गर, सेवानिवृत्त निदेशक, वॉटर ग्लोबल प्रैक्टिस, वर्ल्ड बैंक ने वैश्विक अनुभव साझा करते हुए विकास की चुनौतियों से निपटने की रणनीतियाँ सुझाईं।

सम्मेलन का समापन आयोजक सचिवों द्वारा रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने और प्रो. (डॉ.) तानिया गुप्ता, डीन, स्कूल ऑफ ह्यूमैनिटीज़ के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ हुआ।