

Seminar Report

A Two-Day International Seminar on "Society in Transition: Interdisciplinary Pathways for Sustainable Futures" was organized by the Department of Sociology and IQAC of Night College of Arts and Commerce, Kolhapur on 27th and 28th February 2026. The seminar aimed to bring together academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students to discuss contemporary societal transformations and sustainable development challenges.

The event commenced on Friday morning with a inauguration, featuring a floral tribute to Deshbhakt Ratnappa Kumbhar and the symbolic watering of a sapling. Principal Dr. Uttam Patil set the stage with his introductory address. A profound keynote speech given by Prof. Dr. Richard Axelby of SOAS, University of London. He said about the intersections of technology, economy, and governance,

A plastic-free lifestyle protects the environment, reduces pollution, and decreases waste. It also improves public health and encourages sustainable living. By adopting such habits, we preserve natural resources and create a clean, healthy future. Therefore, the promotion of a plastic-free lifestyle should not be the responsibility of the government alone; every individual in society must embrace it," said Dr. Vishwanath Magdum. He was speaking as the chairperson of the inaugural ceremony of a two-day international seminar.

The chief guest of the conference, Prof. D. Shrikant, shared his insights on the changing dynamics of marriage and family institutions and how technology is impacting both. He further noted that the works of Deshbhakt Ratnappa Kumbhar through the Panchganga Cooperative Sugar Factory, spinning mills, cooperative banks, water supply schemes, and the library movement in rural areas have significantly contributed to the sustainable development of society. The first day's academic deliberations were split into two intensive plenary sessions.

On the second day, the focus shifted toward the digital landscape and grassroots research. Mayaza Luka Babra delivered a compelling special

talk on transnational connections and the impact of social media on international students, which provided a modern context to the seminar's theme. Following this, a dedicated paper presentation session chaired by Dr. M. C. Sheikh allowed scholars and participants to showcase their interdisciplinary research.

During the seminar, Principal Dr. Mohinder Slariya (Himachal Pradesh) and Prof. Dr. Deepti Ranjan Sahu (Lucknow) provided guidance as resource persons. Prof. Ramesh Kamble (Mumbai) and Dr. Vidyanand Khandagale presided over various sessions.

In the concluding session, chief guest Dr. M. C. Sheikh emphasized that students should use modern technology to acquire new knowledge and work honestly in the field of research. He stated that research contributes rapidly to the development of society and the nation.

Presiding over the concluding session, the Principal of Night College, Dr. Uttam Patil said, "Organizing an international seminar at Night College is a matter of pride. This seminar facilitates discussions that are essential for future sustainable development in the current social context.

Researchers from countries including Iran, Syria, Africa, Iraq, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Mauritius, and the Republic of South Sudan as well as from Indian states like West Bengal, Goa, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, presented their papers. A total of 106 research papers were submitted for the seminar.

The introductory remarks were given by the coordinator, Prof. Dr. Mahendrakumar Jadhav, and the vote of thanks was proposed by the co-coordinator, Prof. Dr. Akshata Gawade. The international seminar concluded with the National Anthem.

पुण्य नगरी



प्लास्टिकविरहित जीवनशैली अवलंबा : डॉ. मगदूम

कोल्हापूर : प्लास्टिकविरहित जीवनशैलीचा प्रचार व प्रसार शासनानेच केवळ करून चालणार नाही. प्लास्टिकविरहित जीवनशैलीचा अवलंब समाजातील सर्वांनी करावा, असे प्रतिपादन डॉ. विश्वनाथ मगदूम यांनी केले.

ते 'सोसायटी इन ट्रान्झिशन : इंटर डिसिप्लिनरी पाथवेज फॉर सस्टेनेबल फ्यूचर्स' या विषयावरील दोनदिवसीय आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिसंवादाच्या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या अध्यक्षस्थानावरून बोलत होते. नाईट कॉलेज ऑफ आर्ट्स अँड कॉमर्स येथील समाजशास्त्र विभाग



व आयक्यूएसीने हा परिसंवाद झाला. प्रमुख पाहुणे डी. श्रीकांत, प्राचार्य डॉ. मोहिंदर स्लारिया (हिमाचल प्रदेश), प्रा. डॉ. दीप्ती रंजन साहू (लखनऊ) यांनी साधन व्यक्ती म्हणून मार्गदर्शन केले, तर प्रा. रमेश कांबळे (मुंबई) डॉ. विद्यानंद खांडागळे यांनी

परिसंवादाचे अध्यक्षस्थान भूषवले. समारोप सत्राचे प्रमुख पाहुणे डॉ. एम. सी. शेख, तर अध्यक्षस्थानी प्राचार्य डॉ. उत्तम पाटील होते. प्रास्ताविक समन्वयक डॉ. महेंद्रकुमार जाधव यांनी केले, तर सहसमन्वयक डॉ. अक्षता गावडे यांनी आभार मानले.

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प्लास्टिक विरहित जीवनशैलीचा अवलंब सर्वांनी करावा

डॉ. विश्वनाथ मगदूम

कोल्हापूर, ता.८ (प्रतिनिधी) -

प्लास्टिक विरहित जीवनशैलीमुळे पर्यावरणाचे रक्षण होऊन प्रदूषण कमी होते. कचऱ्याचे प्रमाण कमी होते. प्रसंगी आरोग्य सुधारते, अशा प्रकारच्या चांगल्या सवयीमुळे शाश्वत जीवन जगण्यास प्रोत्साहन मिळते. त्यामुळे नैसर्गिक संसाधने जपली जातात. त्यामुळे स्वच्छ व निरोगी भविष्य निर्माण होते. त्यासाठी प्लास्टिक विरहित जीवन शैलीचा प्रचार व प्रसार शासनानेच केवळ करून चालणार नाही.

प्लास्टिक विरहित जीवनशैलीचा अवलंब समाजातील

सर्वांनी करावा, असे प्रतिपादन “सोसायटी इन ट्रांझिशन इंटर डिसिप्लिनरी पाथवेज फॉर सस्टेनेबल फ्युचर्स” या विषयावरील दोन दिवसीय आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिसंवादाच्या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या अध्यक्षपदावरून बोलताना डॉ. विश्वनाथ मगदूम यांनी केले.

परिसंवादाच्या समारोप सत्राच्या अध्यक्षपदावरून बोलताना नाईट कॉलेजचे प्राचार्य डॉ. उत्तम पाटील म्हणाले की, नाईट कॉलेजमध्ये आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिसंवादाचे आयोजन ही अभिमानाची बाब आहे. आजच्या सामाजिक स्थितीला अनुसरून हा परिसंवाद भविष्यातील शाश्वत विकासाचा आधारभूत अशी चर्चा घडवून आणतोय. ही चर्चा समाज

उपयोगी होईलच अशी अपेक्षा सर्वांनी व्यक्त केली. या परिसंवादामध्ये इराण, सिरीया, आफ्रिका, इसक, बांगलादेश, नायजेरिया, मॉरिशिस व रिपब्लिक ऑफ साऊथ सुदान या देशातून तर पश्चिम बंगाल, गोवा, कर्नाटक, उत्तर प्रदेश व महाराष्ट्र आदी राज्यातील संशोधकांनी आपल्या संशोधन पेपरचे सादरीकरण केले. परिसंवादाचे प्रास्ताविक समन्वयक प्रा. डॉ. महेंद्रकुमार जाधव यांनी केले तर सह समन्वयक प्रा. डॉ. अक्षता भावडे यांनी आभार मानले.

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**International Seminar on "Society in Transition :
Interdisciplinary Pathways for Sustainable Futures"**


Organized by

Department of Sociology

2025-2026

Date of Activity Organized	27 th and 28 th February, 2026
Name of the Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Mahendrakumar Jadhav Prof. Dr. Akshata Gawade
Names of the Expert or Resource persons	Prof. Dr. Richard Axelby SOAS University, London Dr. Mohinder Slaria Himachal Pradesh Pof. Dr. Deepti Ranjan Sahu Lucknow University, Lucknow
No. of Participant (Students + staff)	94 + 03 = 97
Objectives of the Activity	To discuss about the various pathways that help the sustainability of society.
Outcomes of the Activity	Academicians and Researchers got insights of interdisciplinary pathways for sustainable future.


Coordinator


Prof. Dr. Uttam Patil
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* Glimpses of the International Seminar *



- Introductory Address by Principal Dr. Uttam Patil



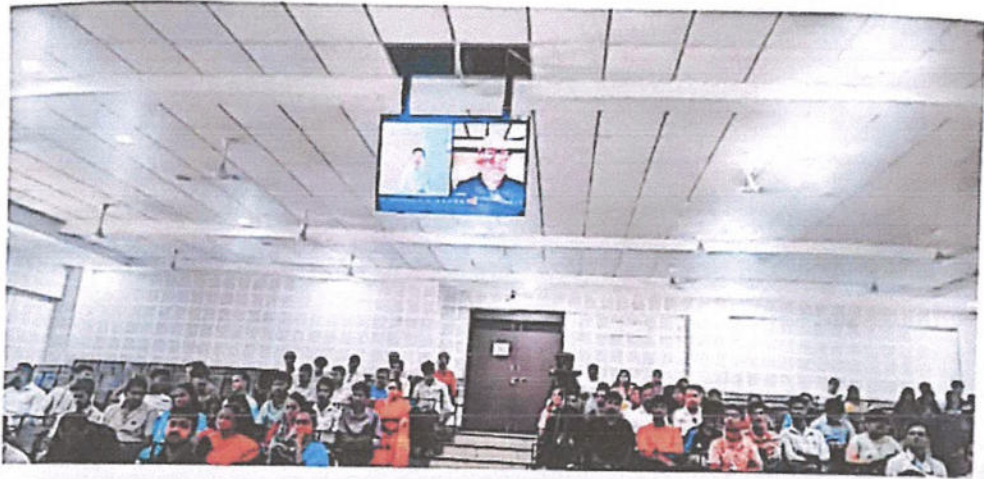
- Welcome & Introduction of Chief Guest by Prof. Dr. M. A. Jadhav



- Dignitaries unveiling Deliberative Research Journal.



- Prof. D. Shrikanth giving guidance as the chief guest



- Prof. Dr. Richard Axelby giving online guidance as a keynote speaker.



- Speech of the Inauguration function Dr. Vishwanath Magdum



- Prin. Dr. Mohinder Saniya (H.P) providing online guidance as a Resource Person.



- Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kamble giving guidance as a chair person.



• Prof. Dr. Dipti R. Sabu (Lucknow) providing guidance as a Resource person.



• Dr. Vidyanand Khandagale (SUK) giving guidance as a chairperson.



• Spellbound Foreign & Indian delegates.



• Prof. Dr. A.A. Gawande expressing gratitude.