

Conference Theme: *Technology and Employment*

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Hosted by: Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

About 60 scholars from 25 institutions participated in the conference.

Professor S R Hashim, President, Knowledge Forum, Chaired the Introductory Session. Professor Sasmita Palo, Dean, School of Management and Labour Studies, TISS Mumbai welcomed the participants. Professor Shalini Bharat, Director, TISS Mumbai made the opening remarks. Professor N S Siddhartha of Knowledge Forum and Madras School of Economics delivered the Theme Address and presented the Guided Tour of the Sessions. Professor K Narayanan of Knowledge Forum and IIT Bombay gave the vote of thanks.

The *Governing Council* and the *General Body* meetings were chaired by Professor S R Hashim, President of the Forum. The General Body decided the following theme for the 14th Annual Conference: *Technology and Economy*

Participation

Scholars from the following institutions participated:

International

1. Georgetown University, Washington DC.
2. Centre for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland
3. CUNY Brooklyn College and Graduate Center, New York.
4. United Nations University, Maastricht, the Netherlands.
5. Pardos, France
6. KU Leuven University, Belgium
7. University of Tokyo
8. United Nations University, Tokyo

Delhi

9. Delhi University
10. ISID
11. Society for Development Studies
12. Institute of Economic Growth
13. Institute for Human Development (IHD) Delhi

Mumbai

14. IIT Bombay
15. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
16. TATA Trusts

Chennai

17. Madras School of Economics
18. IIT Madras
19. Madras Institute of Development Studies

Bangalore/Karnataka

20. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
21. National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal
22. Azim Premji University Bangalore

Other Cities

23. National Institute of Technology Durgapur
24. IDBI Bank Ltd. Kolkata
25. BITS Pilani, Goa

Technical Sessions:

18 research papers were presented.

The following persons Chaired the technical sessions and initiated discussions:

- **K. L. Krishna**, Chairman MIDS and former Director Delhi School of Economics, (DSE)
- **Stanley Nollen** (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.)
- **B L Pandit** (Delhi School of Economics)
- **B N Goldar** (IEG Delhi)
- **Y. S. Rajan**, Distinguished Professor (ISRO)
- **Bino Paul** (TISS, Mumbai)
- **Alakh Sharma** (IHD Delhi)

Session 1: Digital Revolution

Issues Discussed:

- Impact of digital revolution on FDI, MNE and value chains.
- FDI and employment in the era of digitalisation
- Employment and technology

Session 2: *Patents*

Issues Discussed:

- Patent activities of greenfield MNEs
- Patent ownership and MNEs

Session 3: *Environment*

Issues Discussed:

- Sustainability of energy supply in islands
- Water management systems and its impact on employment
- Solid and liquid waste management

Session 4: *Other Dimensions*

Issues Discussed:

- Micro data and macro policy
- Employment, technology and value chains
- Data driven governance

Session 5: *Labour Market and Other Issues*

Issues Discussed:

- Female entrepreneurship and innovations
- FDI, labour market and welfare
- Employment characteristics across states

Session 6: *Panel Discussion*

Concluding Session

Valedictory Address by S R Hashim on

Globalisation, Technology and Employment--Reflections on Emerging Issues

All the participants thanked TISS for the excellent arrangements and their warm hospitality.

Unmesh Patnaik of TISS proposed the vote of thanks