

SEMINAR ON ADDRESSING SKILL GAPS FOR ACCELERATED, INCLUSIVE & RESILIENT GROWTH HELD

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The GCCI Education & Skill Development committee in association with the Economics Department of Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce & Economics & Akashwani Panaji under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized a State level seminar for graduating commerce students on [August 28](#), 2023 at Panjim. The Seminar was on Addressing Skill Gaps for Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth, as per G20 Agenda through Addressing Domain Specific Skill requirements in Goa State.

The seminar was inaugurated By Vice Chancellor of Goa University, Prof. Harilal Menon. The Guest of Honor was Shri Sanjit Rodrigues IAS, secretary, and Nodal Officer- G20 & the Keynote Speaker was President of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Shri Shrinivas Dempo.

The gathering was welcomed by Shri Sanjay Amonkar, D.G, GCCI. The theme of the Seminar was set by Dr Manoj Kamat, Chair GCCI Education & Skill Development Committee & Principal., Dempo College or Commerce & Economics. The Seminar comprised four panel discussions Manufacturing Industry, Health and Wellness, Tourism and Hospitality & Airport, Port and Logistics. The Panelists were introduced by Ms Pallavii Arrondekar, Director, GCCI.

Praising the initiative Shri Sanjit Rodrigues said that we had to think how to crystallize these discussions in the local scenario. We had to not only see how skills and talents are put to use in meaningful employment but also to see how this can be utilised by the local industry. The skill forecasting for Goa should be ready before the industry requires this.

Prof. Harilal Menon said that this is the era of IOT, Robotics, Drones. The Goa University had worked for 9-10 months on how the NEP based curriculum could be implemented. NEP has given lots of flexibility and this will soon be

implemented in the engineering curriculum. He said that India's digital infrastructure is well in place and India is in fact in the fore front of digitisation implementation. He said that what Goa is lacking is in Mathematics. Mathematics is the language of all disciplines. Research is also important he said and added that GU has introduced 'research' as an integral or of the curriculum. A best teacher is the one who makes a student think. It has to be a learner centric effort rather than a teacher centric effort.

Shri Shrinivas Dempo said that it was time to change the way we think and learn. He said that other than Mathematics. Biology was an important subject. He said that understanding the human mind and body was important in **today's** digital world. With NEP, he said that we need to re-orient our students and ignite their passion. We also had to look at futuristic job opportunities that are being created. The NEP is brilliant but how to implement it is the challenge.

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