

International Conference on Emerging Trends and Contemporary Practices – 2022

Inauguration Ceremony

Date: 19th May, 2022

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.15 pm

Mode: Hybrid (online & offline)

No. of Attendees: 125 (online)

210 (offline)

➤ **Opening Remarks: Dr. Jayen Thaker, Master of Ceremonies**

- Introduced the conference as a platform to share experiences, stories and best practices of sustainability from broader perspectives.
- The way Atmiya University incorporates the concept of harmony in curriculum, extracurricular activities, research and innovation.

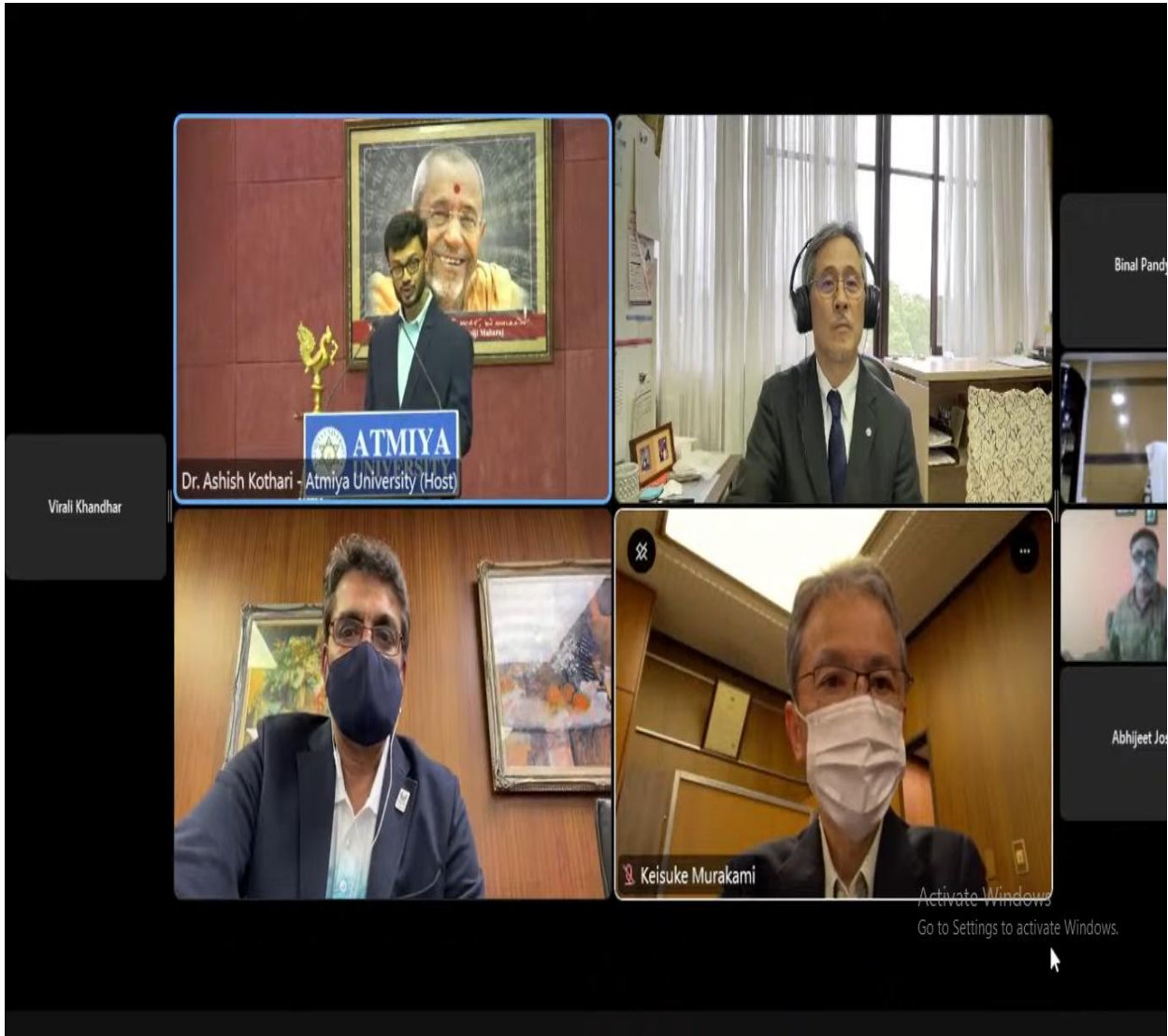


➤ **Welcome Address: Prof. Dr. Shiv Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor**

- A formal welcome to Dr. Hiroshi Sameshima, Prof. Walter Leal, Dr. Anna LekVall and other eminent scholars and speakers.
- Sir in his speech very rightly conveyed that the key to continuous development is joining the knowledge and its practice.
- He expressed that how the paradigm of development has changed as on one side there is constant development and the other side represents the need for a more humanistic solution for human needs.
- He concluded the speech by wishing the scholars, presenters and the participants for productive discussions and innovative ideas fulfilling the true purpose of the conference.



Honorable Guests across the Globe



➤ **Presidential Address : Prof. Dr. Sheela Ramachandran**

- Madam, in the very beginning, established the purpose for the conference i.e. for networking across the globe.
- Understanding and realizing that the ideas of achieving sustainable development goals must come into practice now has also been one of the reasons for this conference.
- The role of higher education is that of the transforming agent. The higher education institutes will help the young learners to change their mindset toward sustainability.
- Realizing the true meaning of sustainable development goals will touch upon the five Ps: People, Planet, Peace, Partnership and Prosperity.
- The conference is the food for thought which will lead to great outcomes in future.



- **Special Address: Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Sameshima, President, University of Miyazaki**
- Sir mainly emphasized the requirement of rural and urban development together and how ignoring one of these would mean compromising the other.
 - He was extremely appreciative of the innovative idea of keeping the SDGs in the focus of the conference.
 - Urban and rural dichotomy is a major challenge for the governments of the world as it will create major differences between urban and rural settings, leading to unequal distribution of quality education, facilities and human resources.



➤ **Key Note Address : Prof. Walter Leal (Recorded Video), Chair of Climate Change Management Hamburg University, Germany**

- The address was mainly about how universities and learning institutes can take actions in the direction of sustainability.
- Sustainability can be achieved in universities through research, operations, education and community engagement.
- Leadership, government framework, funding, networks and institutional diversity are some of the key lessons that are required to learn for future sustainability.
- Sir made a conclusion by showing some of the ways in which the students can contribute in the battle against the climate change and sustainability



➤ **Special Address: Anna LekVall, Counsel General of Sweden, Mumbai**

- At the very outset of her speech, she appreciated the priority given to the vital concept of SDG at the conference.
- Representing Sweden, she showed the openness that Sweden has for innovation, new thinking and solving problems for the next generations.
- She had the idea of Sweden and India going hand in hand to co-create and find solutions for sustainability, progressive policies, gender equality and many such issues.

The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks, presented by Dr. G. D. Acharya, Prof. Emeritus, Atmiya University.



Day-1 May 19, 2022 Thursday

**May 19, 2022, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
INAUGURATION**

Technical Sessions (3.30 - 5.00 pm, Parallel Tracks)

**TRACK- 1 Sustainable Wellness
Session: AW1**

**TRACK- 2 Sustainable Business
Session: AB1**

**TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology
Session:AT1**

**TRACK- 4 Indigenous Knowledge System
Session: AK1**

(5:15 – 6:45 pm, Parallel Tracks)

**TRACK- 2 Sustainable Business
Session: AB2**

**TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology
Session: AT2**

**TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology
Session: AT3**

Day-2 May 20, 2022 Friday

3:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Technical Sessions

(3.30 - 5.00 pm, Parallel Tracks)

TRACK- 1 Sustainable Wellness

Session: YW2

TRACK- 2 Sustainable Business

Session: YB3

TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology

Session: YT4

(5.15 – 6:15 pm, Parallel Tracks)

TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology

Session: YT5

TRACK- 3 Sustainable Technology

Session: YT6

May 20, 2022, 6.15 pm – 7:20 pm

VALEDICTION

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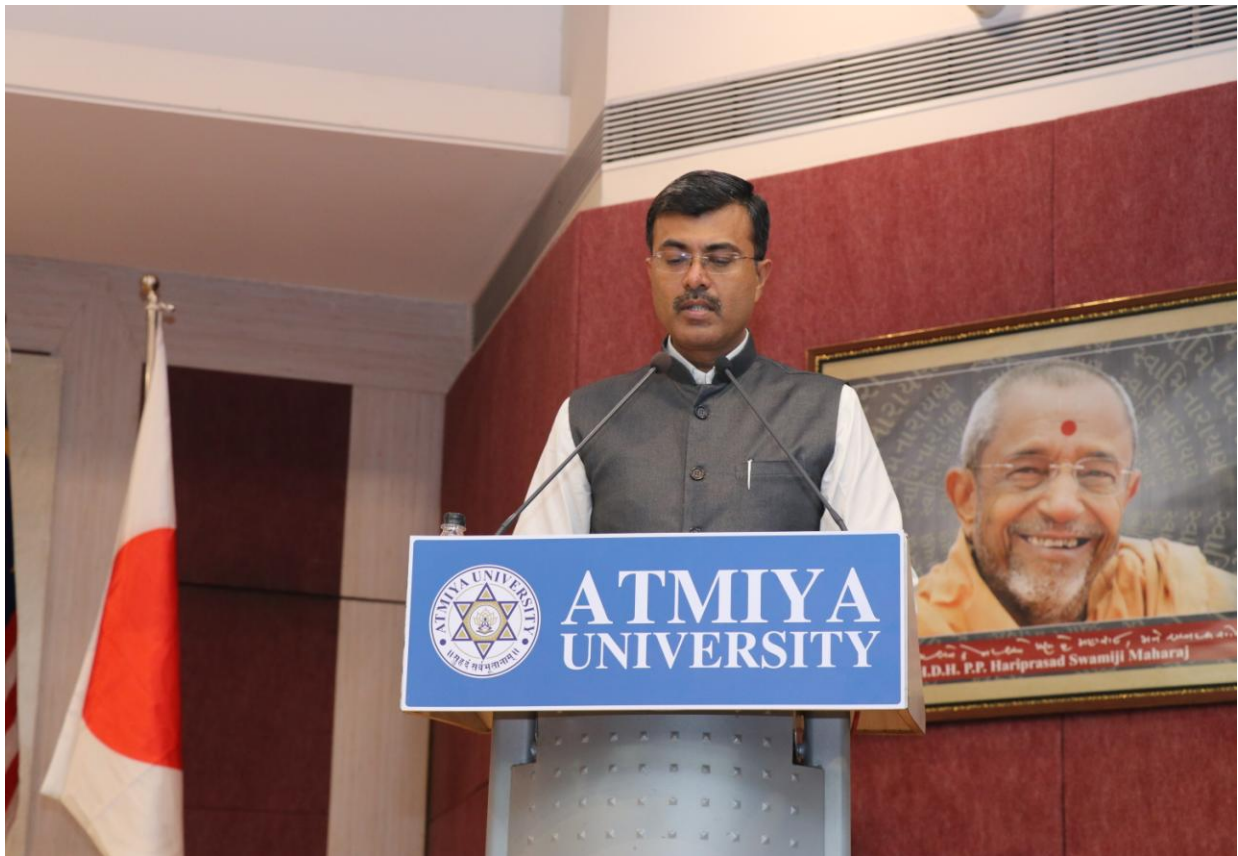
- **Opening Remarks: Dr. Vishal Vora, Secretary of the conference**
- **Welcome Address: Dr. Ashish Kothari, Dy. Registrar**
 - A formal welcome to Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Prof. Dr. Pooran Chandra Pandey, Dr. Prof. Sheldon Schuster, Dr. Samir Vaidya and all those who had joined the event.
 - The conference had been a grand success owing to the excitement, zeal and commitment shown by the committees, research scholars across the globe and the reviewers.
 - He concluded with a note of having a conference next year with the same amount of excitement, zeal and commitment addressing the global issues and implementing the possible solutions.



➤ **Conference Report : Dr. Divyang Vyas, Dean-Transformative Academics**

- The report presented by Sir was a sure evidence of the success of the conference.
- 4 Tracks: Sustainable Wellness, sustainable business, sustainable technology and Indigenous Knowledge System having 8-10 sub-tracks for each.
- The tracks, instead of focusing on one area, tried to cover multiple domains making it transdisciplinary.

Total received submissions	: 155
Total Reviewers	: 28
Selected papers for presentation	: 117
Total technical sessions	: 12
Total Participants	: 478
International Experts	: 15



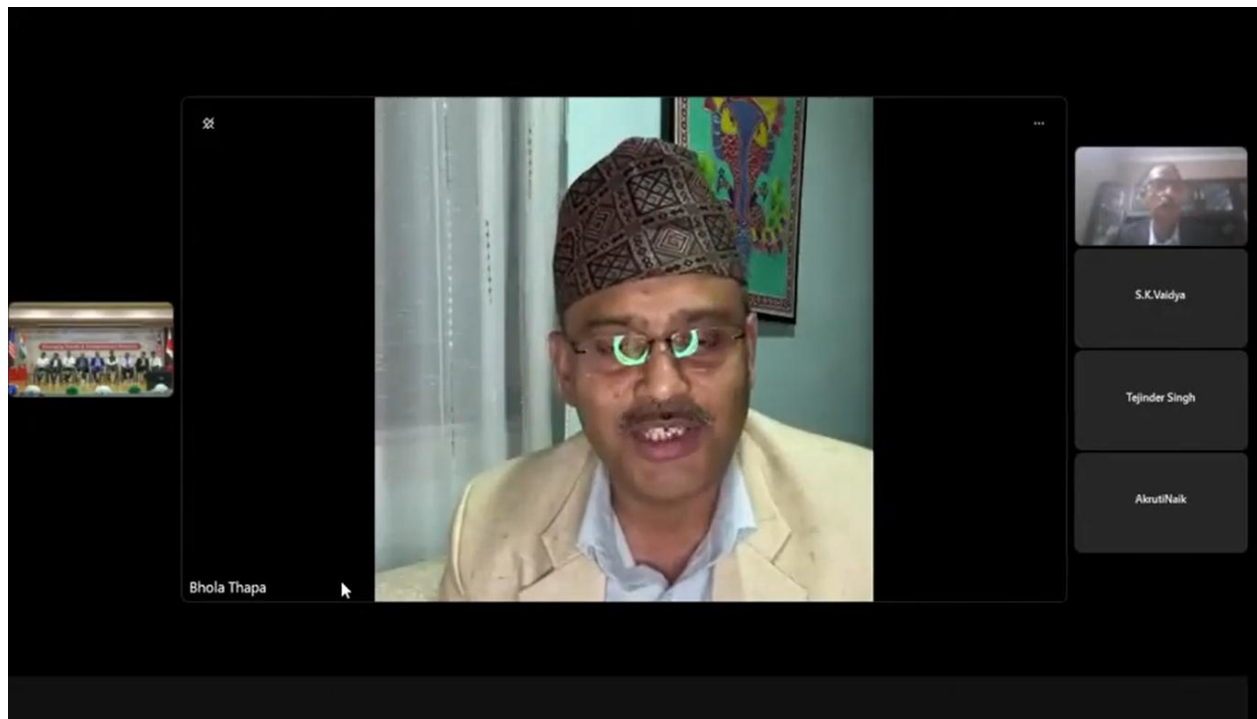
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- The challenges in the implementation of sustainability in many areas such as: no or limited alternatives for the current scenario, copying the ideas of developed countries without realizing our own circumstances, situations and resources.
- He rightly pointed out that sustainability means taking into consideration the social, economic and environmental aspects. The integration of these three only will lead to true sustainability.
- Isolating any of these will lead us nowhere. Similarly, according to him, the performance metrics in all the industries are dominated by the economic aspects which should be changed.
- The only way to move towards sustainability is to have a holistic approach.



➤ **Special Address : Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Nepal**

- He expressed his happiness for the progress of the conference with the fruitful deliberations and discussions addressing the SDGs.
- The Nepal government too is taking serious efforts towards sustainable development and one of the positive results was a noticeable decrease in the poverty line.
- Showed hope for better women's education as there was a hike in the enrollment of female students at Kathmandu University.
- At the end, sir conveyed his compliments for organizing such a meaningful conference and expressed his wish to work with Atmiya University.



➤ **Felicitation Address: Dr. Prof. Samir Vaidya**

- According to sir, the conference was the platform for the upcoming researchers to allow themselves to share their learning and to broaden their research by being open to new ideas and perspectives. And also a platform for introspection where we track our progress and realized the areas where we can improve.
- For Atmiya University, the concept of sustainability is more relevant as it has been practicing sustainability in various aspects.
- Keeping it very short, sir congratulated the organizing team, partnering universities and all the enthusiastic participants for the support they have shown.



➤ **Valedictory Address: Dr. Pooran Chandra Pandey**

- He expressed his appreciation for organizing the conference at such a time when addressing the issue of environment and sustainability has become a major concern.
- His talk mainly revolved around the idea of how people and the Planet are the main two pillars on which everything is based. Taking these two for granted will lead to the downfall of human society.
- Mentioning the Stockholm Conference -1972, he made it a point that with the healthy Planet will come the prosperity. It becomes the topmost priority for all to preserve planet Earth as people have already started seeing the negative effects of the overconsumption of resources that we have.
- He firmly believes that the education given to the younger minds should be inclusive of not just the information but also the moral values and the idea of preserving nature and the Planet.
- Changing the mindset and change in the lifestyle will certainly contribute positively in making the Planet healthy and in the sustainability.



Vote of Thanks: Dr. Manhar Kagathara, Associate Dean, School of Diploma Studies

