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India stands at a transformative juncture, marked by rapid economic growth, technological advancement, demographic change, and increasing global influence. As one of the world's largest and most diverse nations, India has significant opportunities to achieve sustainable development and improve the quality of life of its citizens. However, challenges such as educational inequality, unemployment, social disparities, the digital divide, and environmental degradation continue to hinder its progress. Addressing these interconnected issues through effective policies, innovation, inclusive growth, and public participation is essential for building a prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future for India which is the prime objective of the conference.

Concept Note

India is undergoing a significant transformation shaped by economic growth, demographic change, technological advancement, social aspirations, and environmental pressures. As one of the world's largest economies and the most populous nations, India has considerable potential to emerge as a global leader in innovation, sustainable development, and inclusive growth. The vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 reflects the country's aspiration to become a developed nation by the centenary of its independence.However, this transformation presents a complex set of challenges. In education, disparities in access, quality, learning outcomes, and employability remain important concerns. Economically, generating productive employment, reducing inequality, strengthening agriculture, and supporting small enterprises are critical priorities. Socially, gender inequality, caste-based discrimination, regional disparities, and unequal access to healthcare and essential services require sustained attention. Technological advancements offer new opportunities for innovation and service delivery but also raise concerns regarding the digital divide, cybersecurity, data privacy, and employment displacement. Simultaneously, climate change, air pollution, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and unsustainable consumption threaten long-term development.

These dimensions are closely interconnected and cannot be addressed in isolation. India therefore needs an integrated approach that combines inclusive public policies, technological innovation, institutional reforms, community participation, and environmental responsibility. Against this background, the proposed theme seeks to examine India's changing development landscape, identify emerging opportunities, and explore strategies for building a resilient, equitable, and sustainable future.

About The College

Shankar Narayan College of Arts and Commerce was established in 1994 with a vision to provide Higher and Professional Education in the vicinity of Mira-Bhayandar. The college is permanently affiliated to the University of Mumbai and recognised under Section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC Act and accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade in 2017 and B++ grade in 2023 (Third Cycle). The college provides a stimulating, safe and supportive environment, in which students aim for success.The college started with 47 students and over the years, College has grown both quantitatively and qualitatively having around 9000 plus student - strength. Presently college runs B.Com, B.A. degree courses and Professional Courses like Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS), Bachelor of Banking and Insurance (BBI), Bachelor in Accounting and Finance (BAF), B. Sc. I. T. and also started B.Sc. Computer Science, Bachelor in Financial Market(BFM). There are two post graduate programs in the campus named: M.Sc.I.T. (Information Technology) and M.Com (Advanced Accountancy)

The college has started specialized Post Graduation Course – MMS (Master in Management Studies) in the name of Rohidas Patil Institute of Management Studies. The trust has also established Pravin Rohidas Patil College of Engineering & Technology to cater the need of technical education in Mira-Bhayander area.

The comprehensive and value based education has been the benchmark achieved by the entire stakeholders of the institution. Within a span of 32 years, the college has achieved prominent position in the coastal region by maintaining high teaching standards and by achieving outstanding results in academics, cultural and sports field both at the State and National level.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

Original, interdisciplinary research papers are invited across the broad domains in English, Hindi, and Marathi:

Education

- NEP 2020 and the Future of Higher Education in India
- Digital Learning, AI, and the Transformation of Education
- Skill Development, Employability, and Industry Readiness
- Inclusive Education and Bridging Educational Inequalities
- Research, Innovation, and Academic Excellence in India

Economics

- India's Emerging Role in the Global Economy
- Startups, Entrepreneurship, and the Innovation Ecosystem
- Financial Inclusion and Digital Economy
- Women Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment
- MSMEs and Sustainable Economic Growth

Society

- Social Inclusion, Equity, and Justice in Contemporary India
- Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development
- Gender Equality and Women's Participation in Nation Building
- Media, Communication, and Social Change
- Mental Health and Well-being in Modern Society

Technology

- Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work
- Digital India and Smart Governance
- Cybersecurity and Ethical Challenges in the Digital Era
- Data Analytics, Innovation, and Decision-Making

Environment

- Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Green Economy and Environmental Responsibility
- Renewable Energy and India's Sustainability Goals
- Waste Management and Circular Economy
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Stewardship

National Education Policy 2020

- NEP 2020: Current Scenario, Scope and Future
- Teaching Pedagogy - its Scope in NEP
- NEP 2020: Inculcation of ethics and values among students
- NEP 2020 and Scope for Library Science
- NEP 2020 and Language and Literature Teaching
- NEP 2020 and Social Sciences

Indian Knowledge System

- Indian Knowledge System and Sustainable Economy
- Indian Knowledge System and Environmental Issues Redressal
- Indian Knowledge System and Nation Building
- Indian Knowledge System and Languages
- Indian Knowledge System and Technology
- Indian Knowledge System and Higher Education

Literature

- Literacy, empowerment, knowledge, and liberation throug education
- The Struggle for Identity and Dignity
- Poverty, Inequality, and Human Suffering
- Urban Alienation and Modern Life
- Women, Resistance, and Empowerment in Contemporary Literature
- Migration, Displacement, and Belonging
- Globalisation and Cultural Identity
- Democracy, Freedom, and Human Rights in Literature

Social Sciences

- Economic Growth and Social Inequality
- Youth, Demographic Dividend, and Employment
- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Caste, Class, and Social Justice
- Globalisation and Indian Society
- Rural Transformation and Agricultural Change
- Urbanisation and Changing Indian Cities
- Democracy, Citizenship, and Social Responsibility
- Cultural Diversity and National Integration
- Public Health and Human Development
- Science, Technology, and Ethical Governance

SUB-THEMES: HINDI & MARATHI

Sub- Themes: Hindi

१. राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति (NEP) २०२० और हिंदी भाषा का महत्व

२. हिंदी भाषा और रोजगारपरकता

३. कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) और साहित्यिक परिप्रेक्ष्य

४. भूमंडलीकरण एवं साहित्यिक नवाचार

५. मीडिया एवं हिंदी भाषा

६. हिंदी साहित्य में वर्णित मानसिक स्वास्थ्य

७. पर्यावरणीय एवं साहित्यिक उत्तरदायित्व

८. भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणाली और हिंदी साहित्य

९. भाषा और वर्तनी

१०. वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्थाएं एवं हिंदी साहित्य

Sub-Themes: Marathi

१) कामगार महिला आणि असंघटित क्षेत्र : अधिकार व सामाजिक संरक्षण

२) भारतीय स्त्रीवादाचे भविष्य : नवीन पिढीची आव्हाने आणि दिशा

३) हवामान बदलाचा पर्जन्यानावर होणारा परिणा

४) जैवविविधतेचे संवर्धन आणि त्यापुढील आव्हाने

५) भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्थेतील उत्पन्नातील विषमता

६) भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्थेतील आर्थिक विकास आणि आर्थिक वृद्धीचा अभ्यास

७) आधुनिक शिक्षणातील कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्तेचा (AI) वापर आणि परिणाम

८) स्मार्ट क्लास रूचा अध्ययन आणि अध्यापन प्रक्रियेवर होणारा परिणा

९) भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणाली आणि मराठी साहित्य : स्वरूप व महत्त्व

१०) मराठी साहित्यातील नीती मूल्य आणि भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा

११) आदिवासी लोकसाहित्य आणि भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा

About Bhayander

Bhayandar, also spelled as Bhaindar or Bhayander, is a suburb located in the western suburbs of Mumbai and the northern most suburb of the island on the western side, near the Vasai Creek. It has a large Marathi, Aagri, Koli, and mixed-community population. The region has mesmerizing places like Ghodbunder Fort, A 16th-century historic fort built by the Portuguese that later came under Maratha and British rule, offering views of the Vasai Creek. Uttan Beach, a quiet coastal spot known for its rocky shores, local fishing communities, and proximity to the Global Vipassana Pagoda which propagates nothing but Peace of Mind, Bhayandar is well-known for its steel utensil manufacturing, while the broader area serves as a major, densely populated residential extension of Mumbai.

How to Reach Bhayander

Dadar to Bhayander takes 40 Minutes by Local Train (Western Line).

The distance of Bhayander from Thane is 26 Km. Frequent MSRTC buses are available from Thane Bus Station.

The nearest railway stations is Vasai Road, Thane and Dadar Central.

The nearest airport is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Mumbai 27 kms away from Bhayander.

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