

Gujarat Economic Association

39th Annual Conference.

Venue: K.S.K.V. Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh.

Date: 6th & 7th Feb'2009.

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF.

- I 39th Conference was held at K.S.K.V.Kachchh University Campus.
- II Inauguration Ceremony was held on 6th Feb'09 at 10:00 A.M.
Dr. Govind Rao- Director, N.I.P.F.P- Delhi- leading scholar on Fiscal Management inaugurated the Conference.

He concentrated on "Fiscal Out look of India-in consideration of current financial crisis. In his address he expressed the limitations of Government on fiscal space for adjustment. To him monetary measures strengthened by fiscal packages could be of much more help to resist against the odds of recession.

Prof. Dr.Y.K.Alagh expressed delight over the type of the progress the district is achieving. He however expressed the concern for limitations in education and urged Govt.to be more pragmatic towards higher education demands of blossoming University, He guided the participants as permanent President of Gujarat Economic Association.

Prof. Dr. Himmatbhai Patel- Retd. Professor & Head, Department of Economics, Sardar Patel University was the conference president. In his presidential address he focused on Gujarat's commitment towards achieving Human Development. Besides Presenting theories he provided basic – key data which show the merits and demerits of the Govt. towards moving for human development. He elaborated Govt's current policy measures and asked for participatory approach to materialize the desired goals into reality. Inaugural session was presided by Hon' Vice chancellor of K.S.K.V.Kachchh university Dr. K.V.Gor. He expressed the feelings of joy for making event meaningful through participation.

Shri Anil Gor -Registrar of university welcomed all. Local organizing secretary Dr. Tusar Hathi introduced the guests and Prof. Dr. Shridharan –Department of English presented vote of thanks.

Soon after the lunch on first three technical sessions were held. Two sessions on the theme "Demographic Dividend in Gujarat" and 1 on "Globalization Financial Market."

Prof. A.A.Shaikh presented key paper on "Demographic Dividend" while Retd. Prof. Zafar Husain Laliwala and Dr. Pradip Prajapati- Reader Depetment of Economic School of Social Science- Gujarat university presented key paper.

Ret. Prof. Dr. Niranjn Pandya chaired a technical session on :Globalizing Financial market" while one session on Demographic Dividend was chaired by Prof. Himmarbhai Patel, while Pri. Dr. Gaurang Trivedi served as repoteur. Prof. Dr. Ghanshyam Upadhyay chaired the other session where Prof. Varshaben Tandel served as

rapporteur, Prof. Dr.Srinivas Rao from South Gujarat University was rapporteur at the technical session on financial markets.

In the evening Late Dr. D.T. Lakdawala Memorial lecture was delivered by veteran worker and ex finance minister of Gujarat – Res. Sanatbhai Mehta, He presented on the theme "Changing Economic profile of Gujarat? He expressed concern over the limitations of the state in respect of achieving growth with equity and justice. He was found much worried for education and health status of Gujarat, the two key parameters of "Inclusive Growth."

Earlier Prof. Dr. Niranjana Pandya briefed about Lakdawala Memorial trust. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.V.Gor congratulated Hon'ble Speaker for his commitment towards the cause and called it exemplary one for the young generation to follow.

Late in the evening a cultural programme was held at Garbas of Mukthivan Swamibapa Mahila College, Bhuj and a Drama from Sheth S.V. Arts & Commerce College, Mandvi was well applauded by the audience. Prof.R.V.Basia Coordinated of the whole programme.

On second day 7th morning first session was a "Panel Discussion" on "Human Development in Kachchh." This session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mahesh Joshi- Professor & Head Saurashtra University, Rajkot Practising Social Worker- eminent figure in Kachchh, Mr. Liladhar Gada narrated his own experiences at grass root level and expressed deep concern for Govt.'s little indifferent approach. Prof. Yogesh Wansia, a lecturer in Economic from Sabargam South Gujarat presented in brief his major findings on his Doctoral work that he completed on "Comparative Study of Kachchh and Surat Districts in respect of Human Development. Mr. Rajesh Bhatt, President Chamber of Commerce, Kachchh- expressed his views in respect of industrial groups solidarity towards achieving the desired goals. Intervening the discussion- Prof.A.A.Shaikh (Amdavad) and Prof. H.P.Trivedi (Vidyanagar) made some observations in this respect.

Prof. Dr. Suresh Paradva Asst. Professor Department of Economic from Kachchh University expressed vote of thanks at end of panel discussion.

During Plenary session rapporteurs briefly presented the areas which were reflected in the technical sessions.

Valedictory function was completed with reciprocal approach. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.V.Gor and conference president Dr. Himmatbhai Patel mutually expressed the feeling of joy and satisfaction.

Prof. Dr. Mohanbhai Patel Secretary of Gujarat Economic Association congratulated the University people for making event more meaningful.

General body meeting virtually proposed Dr.Mrs. Alakhandaben Patel's name as next year conference President, Subject theme for the next years conference are decided as under

- I) Gujarat Economy Challenges and Opportunities.
 - II) Human Resource Development and Economic Security.
- Every one dispersed with satisfaction.