



Nagindas Khandwala College
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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

organizes

International Conference on Shaping Aspirations through Innovation, Leadership & Entrepreneurship in the Global Landscape (SAIL 2026)

Date: 6th February 2026

Venue: College Auditorium

Resource Person:

Chief Guest:

Dr. Simon Mak

Founding Vice Chancellor, Universal Ai University, First American Vice
Chancellor in India

Guest of Honour:


Prof. Dr. Anil Singh

Offg. Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Mumbai

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Shambavi Rajagopal

Founder Planet Tomorrow, UAE



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ABOUT CONFERENCE

SUB - THEMES

GLOBAL INNOVATION & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
Focus: Disruptive ideas, deep tech, and global innovation ecosystems
• Tech for Good: AI, Blockchain & Sustainability
• Frugal Innovation Models from Emerging Economies
• Innovation Ecosystems: India and the World
• Startups in SpaceTech, BioTech, and CleanTech

FINANCE, INVESTMENT & CAPITAL ACCESS
Focus: Global funding ecosystems, venture capital, and sustainable finance
• Cross-Border Investment & Global VC Trends
• Impact Investing & ESG Driven Startups
• Democratizing Finance: Crowdfunding & Fintech Disruption
• Public-Private Financing Models for Entrepreneurs


LEADERSHIP, STRATEGY & ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH
Focus: Entrepreneurial leadership, resilience, and team-building
• Leading Startups in the Age of Uncertainty
• Leadership Across Cultures & Geographies
• Women in Leadership: Global Voices
• Agile and Adaptive Strategies for Scaling Up

SOCIAL INNOVATION, INCLUSION & SUSTAINABILITY
Focus: Entrepreneurship for impact, SDGs, rural and inclusive development
• Social Enterprises as Change Agents
• Inclusive Innovation: Gender, Disability, and Region
• Entrepreneurship for Climate Action & Circular Economy
• Education & Health Startups: Access and Equity

INTERNATIONAL TRADE, POLICY & MARKET EXPANSION
Focus: Globalisation, export potential, trade diplomacy, and compliance
• Exporting Entrepreneurship: India to the World
• Navigating International Trade Policies & Agreements
• Diaspora-led Market Expansion
• Intellectual Property & Global Regulatory Challenges

We invite Researchers, Academicians and Postgraduate students to submit their original and unpublished papers with reference to the broad theme of the Conference, addressing their papers to one of the following Conference sub-themes.

SELECTED PAPERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A BOOK WITH AN ISBN NUMBER.



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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & THE FUTURE OF WORK
Focus: Digital economy, automation, creator economy, and skills
• Digital Bharat & the Global South
• AI, Automation & the Future Entrepreneur
• Creator Economy & Monetisation Platforms
• Reskilling, Remote Work & Global Talent Pools

CULTURE, CREATIVITY & INNOVATION IN THE ARTS
Focus: Creative industries, design thinking, cultural enterprises
• Startups in Fashion, Film, Music & Gaming
• Cultural Entrepreneurship in Indigenous Communities
• Design Thinking for Business Innovation
• Globalisation of Indian Creative Brands

EDUCATION, RESEARCH & ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSETS
Focus: Role of academia, youth engagement, and research-driven enterprise
• University Incubators & Cross-Border Collaborations
• Entrepreneurial Curriculum Design
• PhD to Founder: Research Commercialisation
• Global Student Startup Showcases

GUIDELINES

Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished research papers that demonstrate quality research contributions. All submissions must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Length: Authors are required to submit original full length paper ranging from 2500-3500 words.
- Page Layout: A4 size page set up, with one inch margin on all sides, Font: Times New Roman, 12-point, Line Spacing: 1.5, Alignment: Justified, all in-text citations and references must follow APA (7th Edition) style.
- Papers having plagiarism more than 10% will not be accepted.
- Papers must be submitted through the mail on sainkcollege@gmail.com by the specified deadline.
- Authors of accepted papers must present their work at the conference.
- Template for Research Paper can be downloaded from following link: [Click Here to Download the Research Paper Format](#)

Accommodation will be provided on pre-intimation only.
Accommodation will be provided to the participants on conference day only.

OUR SPEAKERS

CHIEF GUEST



Dr. Simon Mak
Founding Vice Chancellor,
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GUEST OF HONOUR



Prof. Dr. Anil Singh
Offg. Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
University of Mumbai

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Shambavi Rajagopal
Founder - Planet Tomorrow, UAE



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SCHEDULE	
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1	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
2	INAUGURATION CEREMONY Keynote Address by the Chief Guest – Dr. Simon Mak Founding Vice Chancellor, Universal Ai University, First American Vice Chancellor in India Topic: "Startup India through the Eyes of Young Entrepreneurs" Address by Guest of Honour – Prof. Dr. Anil Singh Offg. Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Mumbai
3	PLENARY SESSION Address by Speaker – Dr. Shambavi Rajagopal Founder Planet Tomorrow, UAE Topic: "The Sustainability Quotient: from Scrap to Smile, an Entrepreneurial Compass"
4	PANEL DISCUSSION Topic: Fail, Learn, Lead: The Role of Failure in Shaping Entrepreneurial Leaders Mr. Vishal Parekh , Vice President, Jio Platform Limited Dr. Ijan Vaidya , Assistant Professor, Gujarat Arts and Commerce College, Ahmedabad Dr. Shital Bati , Assistant Professor, BMS, KSKV Kachchh University Ms. Mala Mody , Director, Auraa Brand Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
5	PAPER PRESENTATION
9	VALEDICTORY SESSION Address by the Chief Guest – Dr. Smita Shukla Director, IQAC, University of Mumbai

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Report

The conference commenced with rendition of the college anthem. **Prof. Dr. Moushumi Datta**, Principal and Director, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the legacy of Nagindas Khandwala College, urging participants to engage meaningfully and collaboratively. **Shri Dilip Gala**, Honorary Secretary, MKES, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to academic excellence and shared the vision of MKES evolving into a cluster university. **Prof. Dr. Mona Mehta**, Vice Principal, IQAC Coordinator and Convener, outlined the objectives of SAIL 2026 and emphasized how innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurship were seamlessly woven into the conference design. A major academic highlight was the release of **three volumes of conference proceedings**. After a rigorous plagiarism test that included AI measurement 110 research papers were compiled into three volumes. The Volumes carry the title of the Conference – These timely publications highlighted the conference's commitment to prompt knowledge sharing.

Title of the Volumes: Shaping Aspirations through Innovation, Leadership & Entrepreneurship in the Global Landscape	
Volume I	ISBN 978-81-995983-0-0
Volume II	ISBN 978-81-995983-5-5
Volume III	ISBN 978-81-995983-8-6
Total No. of papers published	63 teaching faculties + 47 research scholars and students= 110
Publishing House	Khandwala Publishing House

MKES Campus is proud to have prolific authors led by the Principal and Director, Prof. Dr Moushumi Datta from the front, who let their pen do the talking. The following books were released by the dignitaries on the dais marking an important academic highlight of the ceremony.

Sr no	Title of the Book	ISBN No	Author	Co-Authors
1	Agricultural Geography	ISBN 9788198953032	Prof. Dr. Moushumi Datta	Dr. Amrita Aggarwal, Asst.



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				Prof. Ashley Fernandes
2	Advertising-2	ISBN 97881- 995983-6-2	Dr. Preeti Tripathi,	--

The Chief Guest, **Dr. Simon Mak**, Founding Vice Chancellor of Universal AI University and the first American Vice Chancellor in India delivered the keynote address on “*Startup India through the Eyes of Young Entrepreneurs*,”. He highlighted the aspirations and challenges as we move towards India 2047 and the need to encourage the innovative mindset of youth in the startup ecosystem. He underlined failure and risk taking as important elements in an entrepreneurial journey to develop resilience. He broke myths that surround the meaning of entrepreneurship and believes that true entrepreneurs are born in young minds. Campuses must celebrate their young entrepreneurs - as heroes# VIP.

Prof. Dr. Anil Singh, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Mumbai (video message), emphasized on Education should teach **how to think, not what to think**, Focus on **job creators over job seekers**, Leadership rooted in **social service and** Commended MKES for SAIL 2026. The inaugural session was smoothly compered by Dr. Swapna Joshi., Conference Joint Secretary and Ms. Sheitaal Desai.The ceremony concluded with Prof. Dr. Kavita Kalkoti, HoD Commerce and Conference Secretary, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, and organizers.

Dr. Shambavi Rajagopal, Founder, Planet Tomorrow (UAE), spoke on “The Sustainability Quotient: From Scrap to Smile – An Entrepreneurial Compass.”. Key take aways from the session were Sustainability as purpose-driven entrepreneurship, transforming waste into social value, powerful examples of resource usage and environmental impact and planet Tomorrow showcased sustainability as inclusive, scalable, and impactful. The session was skilfully compered by Ms. Sheitaal Desai, Dr. Pallavi Tawde Coordinator, Department of Computer and Information Science proposed the vote of thanks.

Taking the inaugural address forward post lunch, the spot light was turned on to a panel discussion on the theme “Fail, Learn, Lead: The Role of Failure in Shaping Entrepreneurial Leaders”. The panel comprised Mr. Vishal Parekh, Vice President, Jio Platform Limited, Ms.



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Mala Mody, Director, Auraa Brand Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Dr. Ijan Vaidya, Assistant Professor, Gujarat Arts and Commerce College, Ahmedabad, and Dr. Shital Bati Assistant Professor (BMS), KSKV Kachchh University. Prof. Dr. Mona Mehta, the moderator guided the dialogue and encouraged meaningful interaction among the panelists. Dr. Meha Mandawewala, BFM Coordinator and Conference Secretary compered the session and. Dr. Poonam Popat. proposed the vote of thanks. The conference comprised 4 parallel research paper tracks, each focusing on a specific sub-theme aligned with the main conference theme. A total of 66 research papers were presented by participants.

The International Conference– *Shaping Aspirations through Innovation, Leadership and Entrepreneurship in the Global Landscape (SAIL 2026)* was led from the front by Prof Dr Moushumi Datta, Director, MKES Institutions and Principal, Nagindas Khandwala College, as Chairperson and Prof Dr Mona Mehta, Vice Principal, the IQAC Coordinator and Convener of SAIL 2026. The Conference stands as a testament to **collaborative learning, responsible leadership, and innovation with purpose.**

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