

# International conference on discrete mathematics held

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**Panaji:** "Modern mathematical research collaborations increasingly include scientists based in different countries, different disciplines including Social Sciences, Economics and Humanities. We need to be more interdisciplinary, access innovative methods to problem solving, and gain knowledge beyond what our own research group tackles. It is also equally important to establish a worldwide network of researchers with a variety of backgrounds - mathematical, biotechnical, social, political, etc.," said prof Arumugam, Visiting Professor, Department of Computer Science, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool.

Prof Arumugam was delivering the inaugural address as the chief guest at the inaugural function of



**Prof Arumugam speaks after inaugurating the 'International Conference on Discrete Mathematics and its Applications to Network Science' held at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, recently.**

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He also mentioned that

cultivating this awareness would offer rich returns to globally minded researchers, given that effective research collaborations continue to expand, and drive research that is applicable

to real life problems.

Guest of honour, prof D M Kulkarni spoke about the evolution of BITS Pilani and explained about its unique features. In the four-day conference, eminent

mathematicians like prof Jay S Bagga from Ball State University, USA; Prof Jozef Siran from Slovak University of Technology, Slovakia; Prof Ming Wang from Tungkhai University Taiwan; Prof Hinz from University of Munich, Germany and Prof Martin Baca from Technical University of Kosice Slovak Republic gave plenary lectures on various applications of Discrete Mathematics. Over 100 delegates from India and other countries like Germany, Slovakia, USA, Taiwan and Indonesia participated in the conference.

The conference was organised by Department of Mathematics, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus. Head of the department Dr Prasanna Kumar welcomed the gathering and convenor prof T Singh proposed a vote of thanks. Dr Bijil Prakash compered the programme.