

# BITS Goa Economics Conclave

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**Panaji:** The Department of Economics at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus will organise BITS Goa Economics Conclave on March 20 and 21, with an intention to stimulate debate and critical thinking under the broad title "Changing Contours of Indian Economy: Welfare Implications and Policy Responses."

The event will be graced by eminent economists from institutes of national importance, practitioners and experts. The keynote address will be delivered by Padma Bhushan Prof Madhav Gadgil (Centre for Ecological Sciences Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore).

The two-day event will include talks by Prof Satya R Chakravarty (ISI, Kolkata), Prof MG Chandrakanth (Director, ISEC Bengaluru), Dr Sibichen K Mathew (IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Bengaluru), G R Akadas (Director, MSME Development Institute, Goa), Prof Arun Kumar (Professor Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU, New Delhi), Prof R Nagaraj (IGIDR, Mumbai), Prof Gopal Naik (Chairperson, Economics and Social Sciences, IIM Bangalore), Dr J Dennis Rajakumar (Director, EPW

Research Foundation, Mumbai) and K Anpazhakan (Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax, Goa).

The event will conclude on March 21 with a valedictory address of Prof Raghurama G (Director, BITS-Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus).

This open-to-all event will provide a platform to discuss diverse development policy issues and concerns, namely; economic reforms and manufacturing sector growth, demonetisation and curbing the black economy, role and significance of MSMEs in India, the economic sociology of fiscal compliance and technological challenges in India, corporate financing and investment behaviour in India, measuring inequality, poverty and welfare, sustainable development in emerging economies with special reference to India and towards a cooperative commonwealth.

The event, which is being sponsored by NABARD and SIDBI, aims to provide an avenue for disseminating contemporary public policy research and emerging practices with special reference to India across a wide set of domains.