International conference on Discrete Mathematics at BITS- Pilani

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"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 'International Con-



ference on Discrete Mathematics and its Applications to Network Science' organised by and held at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus from July 7-10. 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 Tunghai 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.