

## **Xavier School of Commerce, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar**

### **1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Commerce in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Innovations, Trends and Practices**

Xavier school of commerce organised its 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Feb.20, 2016. The theme of the conference was “**Commerce in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Innovations, Trends and Practices**”. **Prof. Dr. Fr. Paul Fernandes, S.J., Vice chancellor** of the university while **inaugurating** the conference said the commerce graduates have a lot of responsibilities towards mother earth and stressed the need for green accounting.



**VC, XUB is inaugurating the Conference**



**Dr. P.K. Mohanty, Dean delivered welcome address**

The conference was attended by many eminent guests, delegates, faculty and students from different colleges and universities. **Dr. P.K. Mohanty, dean of the school and convener of the conference** delivered the welcome address.

**Sri Niten Chandra, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** was the **chief guest** on the occasion. In his speech, Sri Chandra said that commerce held the key to every success in 21st century.



**Sri Niten Chandra, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt.**



VC Publicised the Conference Brochure

**CMA Bhabatosh Banerjee**, Retd. Professor of Calcutta University and **Prof. Banikanta Mishra**, Professor of finance were guests of honour in the inaugural session.

A plenary session was held on the theme, “Role of Commerce Education in Nation Building”. **CMA Bhabatosh Banerjee**, Retd. Professor of Calcutta University, **Prof. Hanif** of **St. Xavier College**, Kolkata, **Prof. Achalpathy** of **Osmania University**, Hyderabad, **CA Rajib Sahoo**, Sr. Practicing Chartered Accountant, spoke on the occasion. **Prof. Ranjan K. Bal**, Professor, PG Dept. of Commerce, Utkal University, moderated the session.



Speakers spoke on Commerce Conference



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The speakers were of the view that commerce served both at the macro and micro levels and played a very significant role in “**nation building**”. Almost all of them unanimously agreed that commerce education was in fact currently at the cross road and required collective effort of both academicians and professionals for a more pragmatic change. While some members stressed the need to align the course curriculum with international standards,

others emphasized on the importance of research and industry-academia interface. All the members advised the participants to bring innovation in pedagogy and understand the importance of technology in imparting education.

**Research papers** were presented by researcher scholars, faculty from different colleges and universities and students of the school of commerce in two technical sessions. Many research topics were well discussed and debated. The sessions were chaired by eminent researchers who gave their expert views after each presentation.



**Research Papers Presented by Scholars**



**Fr. Tony Uvary, Registrar giving prizes & Certificates**

**Fr. Tony Uvary, Registrar** of the university graced the valedictory session and gave away the certificates and prizes. **Prof. Sibanjana Mishra**, conference secretary and **Prof. Ranjan Dasgupta**, co-convenor of the conference proposed vote of thanks in the inaugural session and valedictory session respectively.

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