



LUD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),
COLLABORATIVE STRENGTH: EMPOWERED NETWORKS FOR A
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



The Let Us Dream (LUD) Conference recently took place at St. Francis De Sales College in Electronic City, Bangalore, focusing on the theme “Collaborative Strength: Empowered Networks for a Sustainable Future.” The event served as a platform for individuals and social service organizations dedicated to societal upliftment across education, health, and social sectors. Rev. Dr. Binu Edathumparambil, Principal of St. Francis De Sales College, delivered the inaugural address, setting the tone for the discussions that followed. Keynote speaker Dr. Geetha Ramanujan, founder of GR Educational Institutions, emphasized that “humanity is the caste and empathy is the creed,” advocating for collaboration to support the marginalized in society.



INSIGHTS FROM EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL PANELS

A panel discussion on educational policies featured Ms. Mary Anita from ACTS Group of Institutions, Ms. Sharmila Jois Vellal, a special educator, and Dr. Sridevi Varanasi from IFIM College. They explored the vital role of parental involvement and community support in enhancing educational outcomes, particularly for special needs children. The health panel included contributions from Rajeev BR, who highlighted the importance of transportation for mental and physical well-being, and Priya Rakesh, who introduced cleansing practices like Panchakarma. Systla Rukmini addressed mental health resilience, emphasizing the need for social support systems to combat loneliness and stress. In a session on “Youth and Employability,” speakers Mr. Gupta, Suja Warrior, and Dr. Manish discussed the critical skills young people need in today's job market. They facilitated an interactive activity centered on “Vikasit Bharat,” encouraging participants to brainstorm solutions in areas such as entrepreneurial skills and the integration of technology and business acumen. The session underscored the importance of building employability skills early, fostering partnerships between schools and industries to better prepare youth for successful careers.



CHANGEMAKERS SESSION AND CLOSING KEYNOTE

The afternoon session featured inspiring words from community changemakers, including social service leader Rtn. Sudarshan R and social worker Mr. Sunil Kumar M. The event concluded with a closing keynote address by Ms. Latha Chembrakalam, Vice President and Head of the Technical Centre of India at Continental Automotive, reinforcing the conference's commitment to empowering communities through collaborative efforts. Overall, the LUD Conference highlighted the importance of collective action and shared knowledge in driving meaningful change at local, national, and international levels