

### Website launch: International Conference on Statistics-ICS 2023

The Department of Statistics, Nilkamal School of Mathematics, Applied Statistics and Analytics (NSoMASA) is all set to hold the first International Conference on Statistics 2023 (ICS2023) at SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed-to-be University), Mumbai, from March 20th to 22nd, 2023.

This conference aims to promote national and international exchange of ideas among statisticians and practitioners in academia, government and private sectors, providing an opportunity for professional networking, especially for those in the early stages of their careers, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the field of statistics. The central theme of the conference is *"New Age Statistics for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence"*.

The launching of conference website of ICS 2023 was held on the 17th of January, 2023. Students from NSoMASA, along with the faculty of the School, were gathered to witness the beginning of one of the first international events organized by the Department of Statistics of NSoMASA. The Dean of NSoMASA, Dr. Sushil Kulkarni, Head of the Department, Prof. Sunil S. Shirvaiker, and the Joint Deputy Director for Placements, Mr. Shailendra Vidhate, were invited as the chief guests for the evening.

The entire event was compered by Dr. Pradnya Khandeparkar. Prof. Dr. K. S. Madhava Rao, Chair, ICS 2023 commenced the ceremony by welcoming guests, professors and students, by briefing them about highlights of the conference. The conference includes inaugural, plenary, keynote and invited speakers drawn from about 12 international Universities and 10 national Universities. Further, more than 200 faculty and research scholars from Universities in India are expected to attend the conference and present their research work in contributory sessions. As the first activity of the evening, Mr. Shailendra Vidhate launched the official website for ICS 2023. Thereupon, the developer of the website and School's IT technician, Mr. Nilesh Katalkar, guided everyone through the website, to help with registration and easy access of other information. This was followed by the release of the ICS 2023 brochure, by Dr. Sushil Kulkarni, the Dean of NSoMASA, wherein he talked about the importance of student participation in the conference. The key points in the brochure, regarding the conference speakers, paper presentation in the conference and poster making competition, were highlighted by Dr. Leena Kulkarni. Finally, the official email address for ICS 2023 was activated.

Prof. Sunil S. Shirvaiker concluded the ceremony by proposing a vote of thanks and urged everyone to participate in the upcoming international conference. And lastly, Dr. Pradnya Khandeparkar expressed her appreciation towards student volunteers who assisted in designing of the brochure and in other events related to the conference.