

# Report of the Inauguration Session of the One-Day Round Table on Indo-US Relations

**Theme:** Pathways to a Strategic Reciprocity and Economic Partnership: India and USA

**Date:** 4th April 2025

**Venue:** College Auditorium, Kirti College

**Organized by:** Deccan Education Society

## 1. Introduction and Welcome

The one-day round table conference commenced with a formal inauguration session. Dr. Minal Mapuskar opened the proceedings by welcoming the gathered dignitaries. In her opening remarks, she highlighted the historical legacy of the Deccan Education Society, providing context to the institution's longstanding commitment to academic excellence and nation-building. Following this, Dr. Harshad Bhosale, In-charge Principal of Kirti College, extended a warm welcome to the guests, setting a collaborative tone for the day.

## 2. Felicitations of Dignitaries

The session included a formal felicitation of the distinguished guests who contributed their expertise to the dialogue:

- **Ms. Elizabeth Orlando:** Economic and Political Officer at the U.S. Consulate General Office, Mumbai.
- **Dr. Harinder Sekhon:** A key dignitary who was instrumental in setting the thematic tone for the round table discussions.
- **Shri Sunil Mehta:** Vice President of the Deccan Education Society, who was welcomed in the presence of **Advocate Neel Helekar** (Chairman, CDC Kirti College) and **Shri M.B. Kekare** (Council Member, Deccan Education Society).

## 3. Keynote and Strategic Context

**Dr. Harinder Sekhon** delivered the opening address, establishing the foundational framework for the "Pathways to a Strategic Reciprocity" theme. The session emphasized the evolving nature of Indo-US ties, focusing on both diplomatic strategy and economic synergy.

## 4. Presence of Eminent Scholars

The inauguration was graced by the presence of prominent academics and experts, including:

- **Dr. C. Rangraj ; Prof. Mrudul Nile**

Their participation underscored the academic rigour of the event, ensuring that the subsequent discussions on economic partnership would be grounded in scholarly research and geopolitical analysis.

## 5. Conclusion of the Session

The inauguration successfully transitioned the event into the core round table discussions. The presence of U.S. diplomatic representation alongside the leadership of the Deccan Education Society and Kirti College marked a significant step in fostering academic dialogue on international relations.



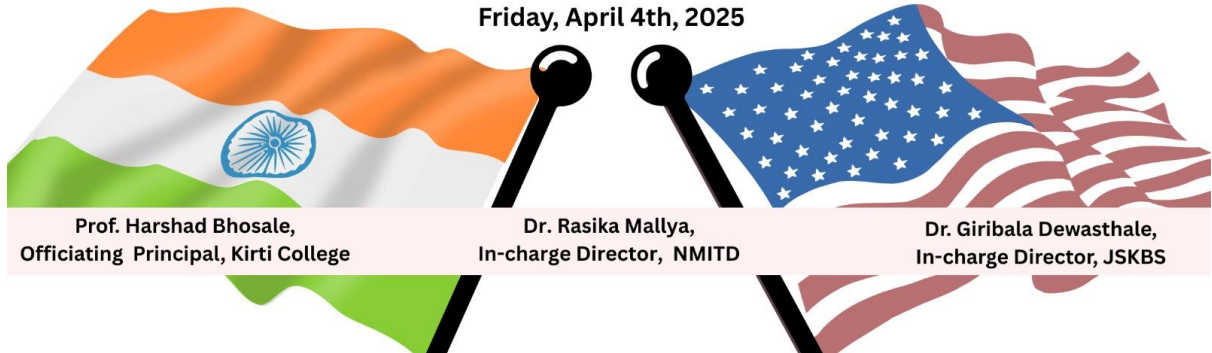
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DES-Mumbai Campus, Dadar, Mumbai, 400028



# ROUND TABLE

**PATHWAYS TO STRATEGIC RECIPROCITY AND  
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

Friday, April 4th, 2025



Prof. Harshad Bhosale,  
Officiating Principal, Kirti College

Dr. Rasika Mallya,  
In-charge Director, NMITD

Dr. Giribala Dewasthale,  
In-charge Director, JSKBS



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**TABLE PROGRAM FOR ROUND TABLE**  
**INDO-US RELATIONS: PATHWAYS TO STRATEGIC RECIPROCITY**  
**AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

Sr. No	EVENT	GUEST DETAILS	TIME
1.	Fellowship-Tea/Coffee	All The Invitees	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
2.	Lighting of the Lamp	All The Dignitaries	9:30 AM - 9:35 AM
3.	Welcoming All the Dignitaries and Brief Introduction About Kirti College	Dr. Minal Mapuskar, Vice-Principal and Life Member- Des	9:35 AM - 9:40 AM
4.	Inauguration Of the Round Table & Opening Remarks on U.S.-India Relations.	Elizabeth Orlando Esq., Consul For Economic Affairs, U.S. Department Of State.	9:40 AM - 9:50 AM
5.	Setting the Tone of the Round Table.	Dr. Harinder Sekhon, Distinguished Fellow at CUTS International	9:50 AM-10:00 AM
<b>SESSION – I</b>			10:00 AM - 10:55 AM
6.	Contribution Of the U.S. States to The Growth of U.S.-India Relations.	Dr. V. Rangraj And Prof. Harshad Bhosale	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM
7.	India-U.S. Relations: Geo Political Changes with Defence Cooperation.	Dr. Sameer Patil, ORF. Mumbai	10:15 AM - 10:30 AM
8.	An Overview of Indo-U.S. Relations.	Saurabh Shah, CEO Universal Business & Corporate Services Centre (UBCSC)	10:30AM - 10:45 AM
9.	Reflections By the Chair.	Dr. Harinder Sekhon	10:45 AM - 10:50 AM
Q & A SESSION			10:50 AM - 10:55 AM
<b>TEA BREAK 10:55 TO 11:10 AM</b>			
<b>SESSION –II</b>			11:10 AM - 12:50 PM
10.	The Emergence of Trump 2.0: Opportunities and Challenges Before Indo U.S. Relations.	Prof. Mandar Chaudhary	11:10 AM - 11:25 AM
11.	Forging New Avenues of Diplomatic Engagement in the Changing World Order (India, China And U.S.A)	Prof. Arawind Yelery, JNU	11:25 AM - 11:40 AM
12.	Rethinking The U.S.-India Economic Playbook.	Mr. Ashutosh Patki PG Student	11:40 AM - 11:50 AM
13.	New Frontiers of Collaborations and Political Economy.	Ms. Janhavi Kolte, Kirti College	11:50 AM - 12:00 PM
14.	Reflections By the Chair.	Prof. Mrudul Nile, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai	12:00 PM - 12.05 PM
Q & A SESSION			12:05 PM - 12:15 PM
15.	Valedictory Address – Summing Up and Future Trajectory.	Dr. Harinder Sekhon	12:15 PM - 12:45 PM
<b>LUNCH 12:50 PM ONWARDS</b>			



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9:00AM TO 1:00PM | KIRTI COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:**

**ELIZABETH ORLANDO ESQ.**  
CONSUL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.  
US CONSULATE GENERAL MUMBAI.

**DR. HARINDER SEKHON**  
DISTINGUISHED FELLOW,  
CUTS (CONSUMER UNITY & TRUST  
SOCIETY) INTERNATIONAL

We look forward to your valuable presence

**EVENT IS FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING AND LUNCH**



# भारत-अमेरिका संबंधांवर गोलमेज परिषद



कीर्ती कॉलेजमध्ये चर्चात्मक कार्यक्रम

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डेक्कन एज्युकेशन सोसायटीच्या मुंबई कॅम्पसने भारत अमेरिका यांच्यातील भूराजकीय आणि वित्तीय संबंधांवर कीर्ती कॉलेजच्या सभागृहामध्ये एक दिवसीय गोलमेज परिषदेचे आयोजन केलं होतं. कीर्ती महाविद्यालय, एनएमआयटीडी आणि जेएसकेबीएस या डेक्कन एज्युकेशन सोसायटीच्या संस्थांनी एकत्रितपणे परिषदेचे आयोजन केलं होतं.

अमेरिकन दूतावासातील वरिष्ठ अधिकारी एलिझाबेथ ऑरलॅंडो यांच्या हस्ते या गोलमेज परिषदेचे उद्घाटन झालं. भारत अमेरिकेतील द्विपक्षीय संबंध अधिक दृढ व्हावेत या दृष्टीनं त्यांनी सखोल चर्चा करताना सांगितलं, 'समान लोकशाही मूल्य, हितसंबंध आणि अधिक व्यापक आर्थिक सहकार्यावर दोन्ही देशांनी अधिक भर दिला पाहिजे'. या परिषदेतील निरोप समारंभाचे भाषण डॉ. हरिंदर सेखों यांनी केलं. त्यांनी आपल्या भाषणामध्ये सांगितलं, 'महाविद्यालयीन

पातळीवर अशा गोलमेज परिषदेचे नियमितपणे आयोजन केलं गेलं पाहिजे. त्यानंतर त्यातील चर्चेचा जाहीरनामा प्रसिद्ध करायला पाहिजे, जेणेकरून सामाजिक, आर्थिक, शैक्षणिक प्रयत्नांमधून भारत अमेरिकेतील संवाद कार्यक्षम होईल'.

परिषदेमध्ये जेएनयूमधील प्राध्यापक अरविंद येलेरी, समीर पाटील, इंडो-अमेरिकन चेंबर ऑफ कॉमर्सचे राष्ट्रीय कार्यकारिणी सभासद सौरभ शहा, इंडिया इम्पोर्टर काऊन्सिलचे संस्थापक अध्यक्ष वि. रंगराज आणि मुंबई विद्यापीठातील राज्यशास्त्राचे प्राध्यापक मृदुल निळे उपस्थित होते. तसंच डेक्कन एज्युकेशन सोसायटीचे उपाध्यक्ष सुनील मेहता, सीडीसीचे अध्यक्ष व डीईएसचे विश्वस्त अॅड. नील हेळेकर, डीईएस परिषदेचे सभासद एम. बी. केकरे, सुष्मा घुमरे आणि उषा मराठे यासुद्धा उपस्थित होत्या. कीर्ती कॉलेजचे प्रभारी प्राचार्य डॉ. हर्षद भोसले, एनएमआयटीजीचे प्रभारी संचालक डॉ. रसिक माल्या आणि जेएसकेबीएसचे प्रभारी संचालक डॉ. गिरीबाला देवस्थळे यांनी गोलमेज परिषद आयोजनामध्ये महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावली.