

Report- Converge 2.0 Inaugural

Converge 2.0, an industry-academia summit titled "Shiksha-Udyojak Sangam," was inaugurated on March 4, 2025, at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula, Goa. The event aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering a dynamic and future-ready academic culture. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, along with Education Secretary Prasad Lolayekar IAS, Director of Higher Education Bhushan Savaikar, and Professor Niyan Marchon, Coordinator of Converge, were present at the inauguration. The summit attracted industry leaders from companies such as Akasa Air, Intel, Lenovo, IBM, Infosys, and TCS.

The summit provided students with opportunities to participate in the Innovative Idea Challenge, attend workshops, and engage with industry professionals, fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. The function was well organised with brief talks by eminent speakers and exciting spot prizes for participants.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant emphasized the importance of preparing for competitive exams and exploring entrepreneurial avenues from the early years of college to avoid becoming idle graduates.

Budding entrepreneurs were presented with mementos and recognised by the Chief minister for their spirit and effort.

During the Converge 2.0 summit, a key feature was the panel discussion that focused on various topics to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Here's a brief overview of the panel discussions held during the event:

1. Industry-Academia Collaboration
2. Skilling and Entrepreneurship
3. Job Placements and Internships
4. Aligning Education with Industry Demands

This was designed to foster dialogue between key stakeholders in education and industry, creating an environment where students are better prepared for the challenges and opportunities in their future careers.

TIP cel coordinator Ms Ruella Dsouza and Member, Mr Clarence Rodrigues attend the inaugural function along with 14 students of St. Xavier's College, Mapusa-Goa.

