



Report on the Signing of MoU Between Ashokrao Mane Group of Institutions and Kolhapur Engineering and Foundry Clusters Center of Excellence

Date: 16th July 2024 **Time:** 3:00 PM

Venue: GOSHIMA Office, Gokul Shirgaon

Introduction

On 16th July 2024, Ashokrao Mane Group of Institutions (AMGOI) and the Kolhapur Engineering and Foundry Clusters Center of Excellence (KFEC) signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the GOSHIMA Office in Gokul Shirgaon. This partnership aims to foster collaboration in education, research, and industry practices in the fields of engineering and foundry.

Attendees

The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including:

- Mr. Deepak Chorge, Chairman, KFEC
- Mr. Nitinchandra I. Dalwai, Chairman, GOSHIMA
- Mr. Mohan Panditrao, Director, KFEC
- Dr. A. V. Deshmukh, Director, AMGOI
- **Dr. S. S. Sutar**, In-Charge Director, Faculty of MBA
- Mrs. Bhakti Bhadra, CFC Coordinator
- Dr. C.R. Dongarsane, Industry Relation and Program Coordinator
- Prof. S.A. Bhosale, Central Project Coordinator

Event Summary

Welcome Address and Introduction

The event commenced at 3:00 PM with a welcome address by Dr. C.R. Dongarsane, the Industry Relation and Program Coordinator. Dr. Dongarsane introduced the dignitaries and provided an overview of the event's agenda.

Speeches and Insights

Mr. Deepak Chorge, Chairman of KFEC, delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of industry-academia collaboration. He emphasized the potential of the MoU to enhance skill development and innovation in the engineering and foundry sectors.

Dr. A. V. Deshmukh, Director of AMGOI, highlighted the academic benefits of the partnership. He spoke about the opportunities for students to engage in real-world projects and research, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

Dr. S. S. Sutar, In-Charge Director of the Faculty of MBA, discussed the strategic initiatives planned under the MoU. He underscored the significance of collaborative efforts in fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among students.

Mrs. Bhakti Bhadra, CFC Coordinator, provided detailed insights into the collaborative programs and activities that will be undertaken as part of the MoU. She outlined the specific areas of focus, including advanced training, research projects, and industry internships.

Presentation on MoU Objectives and Benefits

A brief presentation was made to outline the objectives and benefits of the MoU. The presentation highlighted the following key points:

- Enhanced learning opportunities through joint projects and research.
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities and expertise from both institutions.
- Development of industry-relevant skills among students.
- Promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Strengthening of ties between academia and industry.

Formal Signing of MoU

At 3:40 PM, the formal signing of the MoU took place. This symbolic act marked the official commencement of the partnership. The signatories included representatives from both AMGOI and KFEC.

Felicitation of Industry Partners

Following the signing ceremony, the industry partners were felicitated for their invaluable contributions. The felicitated individuals included:

- Mr. Deepak Chorge, Chairman, KFEC
- Mr. Nitinchandra I. Dalwai, Chairman, GOSHIMA
- Mr. Mohan Panditrao, Director, KFEC
- Mrs. Bhakti Bhadra, CFC Coordinator

Interactive Q&A Session

An interactive Q&A session was held, allowing attendees to pose questions and share their comments. The session provided an opportunity for participants to engage directly with the dignitaries and gain deeper insights into the collaboration.

Closing Remarks

The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. C.R. Dongarsane, who thanked all participants for their involvement and contributions. He expressed optimism about the future of the partnership and its potential to drive positive change in the engineering and foundry sectors.

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- **Prof. S.A. Bhosale**, Central Project Coordinator, for his kind cooperation in the program.
- All Deans and Heads of Departments for their active involvement and support.
- All faculty members, staff, and students for their participation.
- The organizing committee and technical staff for ensuring a successful event.
- Industry partners and the media for their continued support.

Conclusion

The MoU signing ceremony marked the beginning of a collaborative effort to advance engineering and foundry education and industry practices. This partnership promises significant benefits for students, faculty, and the broader community, fostering innovation and growth.

Dr. C.R. Dongarsane
Industry Relation Coordinator