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India committed to SDGs in education, health & poverty eradication: DAVV V-C

■ IIPS hosts global meet on SDGs progress

■ Experts, researchers and leaders discuss sustainable development at two-day international conference

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IIPS-CoMET 2025 on Accelerating Progress Towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the two-day international conference started at The International Institute of Professional Studies (IIPS), Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya from Thursday.

The conference commenced with an inaugural address by CEO of Atypical Advantage, Vineet Saraiwala, who highlighted challenges faced by disabled individuals in employment. His enter-



prise has placed over 850+ differently-abled individuals in major companies like Nestlé and Tata Motors. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between DAVV and Atypical Advantage to foster inclusive infrastructure.

Dean (administration) IIT Indore, professor Sandeep Chaudhary, emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration for sustainability. He advocated replacing red bricks with eco-friendly construction materials. Dean of Management, DAVV and former secretary of UGC, professor Rajnish Jain, praised India's

efforts in SDG 4 through the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and quoted Mahatma Gandhi on sustainable resource utilisation.

Vice-Chancellor of DAVV, professor Rakesh Singhai, reiterated India's commitment to SDGs in education, health, poverty eradication and climate control, stressing the importance of collective effort. Chief proctor of DAVV, professor B.K. Tripathi, addressed governance's role in achieving sustainability, while director of IIPS, professor Yamini Karmarkar, welcomed the attendees.

Keynote speakers author Dr Armen V Papazian and

Craving Digital's Ashish Limaye challenged financial models and emphasised digital twin technology in sustainable production. The conference also featured the launch of the in-house app 'Upasthiti at IIPS' by Dr Yasmin Shaikh with technical support from students.

Conference convener, Dr Shaligram Prajapat, detailed the event's proceedings, which included three technical sessions where 28 research papers were presented on management, entrepreneurship and technology, fostering discussions on sustainability and innovation.