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Future belongs to those who embrace technology:

Dr. A K Bakhshi

The future belongs to those who embrace convergence and technology," said Dr. A K Bakhshi, a renowned scientist and Founder Vice-Chancellor of PDM University, while addressing the International Conference on Computational Intelligence at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous. Speaking as the principal guest, Dr. Bakhshi highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), multidisciplinary collaboration, and computational studies in shaping the future of education, research, and industry. He stressed that major technological advancements arise from the intersection of different fields, leading to innovations that would be impossible within a single discipline.

Using examples from engineering and physics, he illustrated how their integration has driven breakthroughs in electricity generation and technology. He also discussed how computational methods have fueled major discoveries, particularly in Infor-

mation and Communication Technology (ICT), transforming education through e-books and online platforms. Looking to the future, Dr. Bakhshi predicted that by 2050, online learning would surpass traditional classrooms as AI-driven education personalizes learning experiences.

However, he warned that India risks falling behind unless it makes substantial investments in AI research and educational reforms to keep pace with technological advancements. He emphasized the need for India to modernize its curriculum, incorporating emerging technologies to meet global standards. The conference reinforced the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration, AI-driven education, and policy reforms in securing India's place in the global innovation landscape. Fr. Dr. Augustine George, Dr. Calistus Jude A.L., Prof. Sevaga Pandian A., Dr. Kalaiselvi K., and Dr. Ranjitha M were also present at the event.