

Literature is beyond language, syntaxes and grammar: Phanshikar @ RCOEM Literature Festival

Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management kickstarted its annual College fest's, Pratishruti'23 opening ceremony- Aarambh by holding its maiden Literature Festival. The festival was inaugurated by the **Chief Guest, Mr. Vijay Phanshikar**, the Editor of the esteemed daily, The Hitavada. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries, Mr. Vijay Phanshikar; Dr. R.S Pande, Principal, RCOEM; Dr. Rashmi Shahu, Dean of Students; Dr. Gaurav Goyal, Pratishruti'23 Faculty in-charge; Mr. Suryadeep Khungar, General Secretary, Students Representative Council and Ms. Antara Andulkar, Cultural Secretary, Students Representative Council.

Mr. Vijay Phanshikar chronicled his career trajectory while being the Editor of The Hitavada for the past 30 years. Also, he narrated the story of Somerset Maugham, about his journey and style of writing beyond the framework of language, syntaxes and grammar. He iterated that the literature is a work of mind but driven by heart.

The ceremony was proceeded by an insightful panel discussion moderated by **Ms. Aasawari Shenolikar, Deputy Editor of The Hitavada**. The panel comprised of eminent authors like **Dr. Tejinder Singh Rawal, Dr. Sanjay Arora, Dr. Lokendra Singh and Mr. Sachin Jahagirdar**. The discussion started with the significance of storytelling, then neuroscience behind storytelling, importance of pocket-size stories in today's era and concluded with an enthralling story by Dr. Rawal. The program was compered by Mr. Jay Suklikar and Ms. Tanika Mathur. Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Antara Andulkar.