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During the Conference, an informative presentation on the Indian Society of Lighting Engineers (ISLE) was made by Dr.Prakash Barjatia, Governing Body Member of ISLE, and also Advisor – MIT School of Technology Management (MITSOT), Pune who not only supported this Conference but who was also instrumental in introducing Lighting Design Capsule in PG Program in Architecture, in this College, may be first ever in the country. For the Conference, Prof. Dr. Manikrao Salunkhe, Hon.Vice Chancellor, BVDU was invited as the Guest of Honour. Other invitees included Prof. Dr. Shashank Joshi, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, BVDU, Pune, who also read out message of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Manik Rao Salunkhe.

The Conference which had 3 Segments - Product Presentation, Paper Presentations and Interactive Workshop was supported by Lighting Industry, namely Endolite, Parwani Enterprises, Padma Traders, OEM Systems (Bag Electronics) and K-Lite, whose Products were also displayed at the venue. During Post Lunch Session, an Interactive Workshop on Lighting Design for Architectures oriented towards explaining the design approach to attain a good illuminous through various Techniques and Tools along with Practical Demonstration with the help of lights and fixtures provided by Endolite was conducted by Er.Kaustubh Nandurbarkar of Vertices, Pune and also an active Member of ISLE with the help of Ar.Adwait Gunderkar and Mr.Pravin Bari, which was appreciated by all. Mr.Stan Alvares, Er.Sudhir Patil and Ar.Navnath Jadhav - ISLE Enthusiasts ; Prof. Priya Bangle, Prof. Aditi Lanke, and Prof. Manasi Kulkarni – Faculty Members; Mr.Aashish Upadhyay, Ms.Shruti and Ms.Diksha Patil – Student Representative made their all out efforts to make the Conference successful. The Conference concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony for which Mr. Ramesh Chavan was the Chief Guest.