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India hosted the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi. The Ministry of Education's session, "Pushing the Frontier of AI in India," argued that AI would help India become a global knowledge powerhouse that supports the Viksit Bharat 2047 Mission. The summit is based on three 'Sutras' of people, planet, and progress to harness AI for wisdom, responsible innovation, and inclusive human progress. Education is one of the key areas the government is emphasizing to democratize access to key AI resources, upskill learners, and create new opportunities.

In India, AI platforms such as DIKSHA are already changing the landscape of the Indian education system. It uses adaptive learning to personalize lessons for students at different levels, while AI-driven translation is also removing the "English barrier" that has long hindered rural learners. Programs like YUVAi, which attracted over 2,500 youth-led AI projects from 38 countries, encourage student innovation. Among the Indian AI companies, Sarvam AI stood out by presenting indigenous models such as Sarvam Vision, which translates complex vernacular scripts and handwriting, helping to reduce the nation's reliance on foreign AI systems.

In collaboration with AI4Bharat, an initiative of IIT Madras, Sarvam AI released Indic Voices, a 12,000-hour speech dataset covering 22 languages and over 200 districts. It is now used to train better speech recognition and translation tools for Indian classrooms. For researchers, Sarvam AI has released its own large language models, including Sarvam-30B and Sarvam-105B, as open-source tools. This means that universities, students, and small startups can use these models freely for their own projects, rather than relying on expensive foreign AI systems.

We can all play our part by taking the initiative to place India's AI-in-education initiatives on the global stage and to achieve AI for economic growth and social good.

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana
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Each year, the presentation of the Union Budget marks an important milestone in India's developmental journey. With the Union Budget 2026–27, India once again embarks on a renewed journey towards growth, innovation, and inclusive development. Every Budget provides an opportunity to assess our economic progress and chart the nation's future. It lays the foundation for growth, guides investments in human capital and infrastructure, and shapes opportunities for future generations. The Union Budget 2026–27 is particularly noteworthy for its forward-looking vision of empowering India's youth and strengthening the nation's indigenous capabilities. Presenting the Budget, the Government aims to "transform aspiration into achievement and potential into performance." This vision finds expression in a Yuva Shakti-driven Budget, recognising the immense potential of India's young population.

One of the defining features of this year's Budget is its emphasis on indigenous capability and self-reliant growth. The policy measures seek to strengthen domestic manufacturing, encourage innovation-led enterprises, reinforce local value chains, and accelerate investments in emerging sectors such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, semiconductors, green technologies, and digital infrastructure. This ambitious vision is supported by sound fiscal management, with a historic capital expenditure of ₹12.2 lakh crore to build infrastructure, create productive assets, and generate long-term employment. At the same time, the fiscal deficit target of 4.3% of GDP and the projected debt-to-GDP ratio of 55.6% reflect a careful balance between growth-oriented public investment and fiscal prudence. Together, these measures reinforce indigenous innovation, local enterprise, and national capability as the pillars of sustainable economic transformation.

The Budget also reinforces the central role of education and research in nation-building. Continued investments in skill development, digital learning, research, entrepreneurship, and technological innovation recognise universities as catalysts of economic and social progress. As India moves towards a knowledge-driven economy, institutions of higher education have the responsibility to nurture socially responsible citizens capable of addressing local challenges while contributing to global progress. Together, we can build a resilient, inclusive, and self-reliant India where education remains the cornerstone of sustainable progress and shared prosperity.

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24 HOURS OF INNOVATION: CUKCS-AITHON SETS NEW BENCHMARK FOR STUDENT CREATIVITY



2 February 2026: Innovation and teamwork took center stage at CUK as the Department of Computer Science successfully concluded CUKCS-AITHON, a 24-hour National Hackathon. Marking the first-ever national-level 24-hour hackathon in North Karnataka, the event became a milestone in promoting technological innovation and problem-solving among students. Held from January 29 to 30, the hackathon attracted participants from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh. After a rigorous selection process, 30 teams advanced to the final round, where they developed technology-driven solutions to real-world challenges.

At the valedictory ceremony, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana commended the participants for their creativity and perseverance. He encouraged students to embrace emerging technologies, strengthen entrepreneurial skills, and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He also appreciated the Department of Computer Science for successfully organizing the 24-hour innovation challenge.

The championship title was won by Team LuminaX from Chennai Institute of Technology, while The Desert Vipers from VIT Vellore secured the runner-up position. Domain awards were presented to Coding Conquerors, AI Dynamos, Neural Nexus, and Netecx. All participants received MATLAB subscriptions and Unstop goodies.

Hackathon Coordinator Dr. Rakesh Kumar Godi highlighted that the event focused on innovation, real-time problem-solving, and interdisciplinary collaboration, with projects evaluated by experts from Microsoft, IBM, C-DAC, and Confluent. More than a competition, CUKCS-AITHON showcased the talent and determination of young innovators, reinforcing CUK's commitment to nurturing future-ready problem solvers and technology leaders.



Finance Club Launched at CUK to Prepare Students for a Dynamic Financial Future

2 February 2026: Recognizing the growing importance of financial literacy and industry-ready skills in today's rapidly evolving economy, the Department of Business Studies at the CUK organized a one-day symposium on "Changing Landscape of the Financial Sector: Emerging Trends and Career Prospects." The event also marked the launch of the Finance Club, a new student-driven initiative aimed at nurturing financial knowledge, investment awareness, and career readiness.

Inaugurating the symposium, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasized that skills are the foundation of employability and entrepreneurship. He encouraged students to develop expertise in financial advisory, investment analysis, and wealth management, noting that financial markets are increasingly influenced by global economic and geopolitical developments. He urged students to use the Finance Club as a platform to gain practical knowledge and prepare themselves for future challenges in the financial sector.

Dean, School of Business Studies, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, highlighted the vast career opportunities available in banking, investment advisory, insurance, mutual funds, and financial consulting. He encouraged students to actively engage with industry experts and stay informed about emerging trends shaping the financial world.

Earlier, Prof. A. N. Vijayakumar, Programme Coordinator, explained that the Finance Club was conceived as a platform "by the students, for the students," with a focus on internships, dissertations, placements, and industry interaction. The symposium featured expert sessions by Mr. Nagendra N. V., Mr. Balaji from Motilal Oswal, Bengaluru, and Mrs. Anita Gandhi from Arihant Capital, Mumbai. More than just an academic event, the symposium reflected CUK's commitment to transforming students into financially aware professionals capable of navigating uncertainty, creating opportunities, and contributing meaningfully to India's evolving economic landscape.

Reviving Basava's Legacy: CUK and Sharana Bharath Centre Forge Academic Partnership

3 February 2026: In a significant step towards preserving and promoting the cultural legacy of Basavakalyana, the CUK signed an academic and research Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sharana Bharath Research & Training Centre of Divyajivana Charitable Trust, Basavakalyan. The collaboration aims to strengthen research, heritage documentation, cultural tourism, and community development centered on the philosophy and legacy of Basaveshwara.

Speaking on the occasion, the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described Basavakalyana as a potential global hub of culture and tourism and emphasized the need to develop it as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Referring to the Government of Karnataka's Anubhava Mantapa project, he noted that the city has immense potential to attract global visitors and boost the regional economy. He added that the MoU would enable students, faculty, and research scholars to undertake interdisciplinary projects in tourism, culture, history, management, psychology, and media studies.

Dr. Babasaheb Gadde, Chairman of the Sharana Bharath Research & Training Centre, highlighted plans for collaborative research on Basava philosophy, folk culture, social history, and livelihood models. The partnership will also include heritage documentation, field studies, workshops, training programmes, cultural tourism research, and the establishment of a regional study centre at Basavakalyan.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar observed that Basaveshwara's ideals of equality, dignity of labour, ethics, fraternity, and respect for women remain highly relevant to the vision of Viksit Bharat. He expressed confidence that the partnership would nurture these values among students while contributing to regional development. The MoU marks a shared commitment to transforming Basava's timeless ideals into meaningful research, innovation, and community engagement, ensuring that the region's rich cultural heritage continues to inspire future generations.



CULTIVATING YOUNG MINDS: CUK PARTNERS WITH TATA TRUST TO STRENGTHEN RURAL EDUCATION

5 February 2026: In a significant initiative to strengthen foundational education, the CUK signed an educational and training Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kalike, an initiative of Tata Trust. The partnership was launched along with a one-day training programme for Gram Panchayat Librarians from Koppal and Yadgir districts.

The hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasized that early childhood education is the foundation of lifelong learning and highlighted the role of Gram Panchayat libraries, Anganwadi centres, and schools in nurturing young minds. Referring to the National Education Policy (NEP), he reaffirmed CUK's commitment to supporting innovative learning practices and rural educational development through faculty and student participation.

Shri Shivakumar D., Executive Director of Kalike, Tata Trust, said the initiative focuses on strengthening foundational learning by creating child-friendly libraries and training Gram Panchayat librarians. He noted that the pilot programme could serve as a model for similar initiatives across Karnataka.



Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar stressed the need to improve educational outcomes in the Kalyana Karnataka region by strengthening grassroots learning institutions. The MoU also includes certificate programmes on child-friendly libraries, collaborative research, faculty exchange, and practical learning opportunities for B.Ed. and M.Ed. students. A training manual for Gram Panchayat librarians was released during the programme. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to building stronger rural learning ecosystems, ensuring that quality education reaches children where it matters most at the grassroots.



BUILDING ETHICAL RESEARCHERS: CUK WORKSHOP STRENGTHENS RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

7 February 2026: Reinforcing its commitment to responsible and high-quality research, the CUK concluded a workshop on Research and Publication Ethics, equipping research scholars with the knowledge and tools needed to uphold academic integrity in an evolving research landscape. Addressing the valedictory session, the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana stressed that researchers must continuously upgrade their skills by embracing emerging technologies and modern research tools. He emphasized that research should not only generate new knowledge but also contribute to society by addressing rural development, agricultural advancement, and scientific innovation. Highlighting the importance of integrity in academic work, he urged scholars to adhere to ethical practices and the quality standards prescribed by the UGC. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar underscored that the true value of research lies in its quality rather than quantity. He encouraged scholars to produce impactful publications that enhance the university's academic reputation and contribute meaningfully to the global knowledge community.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. G. R. Angadi, Dean, School of Education, explained how the UGC's structured research curriculum provides a strong foundation for young researchers. Course Coordinator Dr P. S. Kattimani noted that the workshop combined expert lectures with hands-on practical sessions to strengthen research and publication skills.

CUK SYMPOSIUM EXPLORES THE ROAD TO VIKSIT BHARAT

9 February 2026: Understanding the Union Budget is essential for shaping informed business leaders and responsible citizens, was the central message at a one-day symposium on the Union Budget 2026 organized by the School of Business Studies, CUK. The event brought together academicians, economists, industry representatives, and students to examine the Budget's vision, priorities, and implications for India's economic future. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described the Union Budget as a futuristic roadmap toward Viksit Bharat 2047. He encouraged students to critically analyse the Budget and understand its impact on the economy, business, and society, reminding them that today's youth have unprecedented opportunities to contribute to India's development. Chairing the session, Registrar and noted economist Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the Budget's focus on inclusive growth through its three Kartavyas—empowering youth, women, farmers, and marginalized communities while maintaining fiscal discipline. He explained key initiatives in agriculture, infrastructure, education, healthcare, MSMEs, and capital expenditure, along with tax and customs reforms that are expected to influence both industries and consumers. Shri Sharabasappa Pappa, President of the Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KKCCI), appreciated the Budget's long-term vision while emphasising the need for greater attention to the Kalyana Karnataka region.

He also encouraged students to participate in entrepreneurship initiatives such as the Manthan Business Plan Competition. Faculty members presented sector-wise analyses of agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, taxation, tourism, and public finance, providing students with a multidimensional understanding of the Budget. By transforming budgetary numbers into meaningful discussions, the symposium reaffirmed CUK's commitment to preparing students not only to understand economic policy but also to shape India's journey towards a stronger, more inclusive, and future-ready economy.



DREAM BIG, BUILD SKILLS: CUK PREPARES STUDENTS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

10 February 2026: Encouraging students to set ambitious goals and prepare for a rapidly changing job market, the CUK organized a One-Day Workshop on Career Counselling and Placement through the Department of Business Studies. The programme focused on equipping students with the skills, confidence, and professional networks required to secure meaningful careers. Inaugurating the workshop, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana urged students to dream beyond conventional career choices and strive for excellence. He observed that today's generation has access to far greater opportunities than previous generations, not only in government services but also in private industries and entrepreneurship. He encouraged students to aim for higher goals and reminded them that successful alumni have an important role in mentoring and supporting future graduates. The resource person, Sri Suhas Rajput, Founder of Proficient Minds, Belagavi, highlighted that employment opportunities are abundant for students who possess the right skills and confidence. Stressing the importance of professional networking, he explained how platforms such as LinkedIn can help students connect with recruiters and explore career opportunities. He also encouraged students to take an active role in placement activities, as practiced by many premier institutions.



Dean, School of Business Studies, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, noted that while career opportunities have expanded, competition has also intensified, making skill development essential. Earlier, programme coordinator Dr. Sailaja Konek emphasized the need to complement academic excellence with personality development and professional networking skills. The workshop concluded with an inspiring message that career success is shaped not merely by qualifications but by confidence, continuous learning, and the courage to dream big qualities that empower students to become future-ready professionals and contributors to the nation's growth.

BEYOND DEGREES: CUK EQUIPS FUTURE ENGINEERS WITH ESSENTIAL SOFT SKILLS



11 February 2026: The CUK organised "Reengineering Engineers' Soft Skills," a one-day workshop to prepare engineering students with the professional and interpersonal skills required in today's competitive world. Organised by the Soft Skills Development Centre, the programme focused on communication, leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking as essential career competencies. Inaugurating the workshop, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said that technical knowledge alone is no longer enough for success. He emphasized that soft skills such as confidence, communication, public speaking, analytical thinking, and teamwork are crucial for developing a well-rounded personality and achieving career success. Dr. Shushma H, Director of the Soft Skills Development Centre, highlighted research showing that nearly 85% of career success depends on soft skills.

She noted that while technology and AI are becoming widely accessible, human qualities such as emotional intelligence, collaboration, and leadership continue to provide a competitive edge. She also outlined the Centre's plan to offer university-wide training followed by industry-specific skill development programmes. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Amarendra Matsa, Director, IQAC, said that although AI can perform repetitive tasks, it cannot replace human creativity, empathy, and decision-making. He observed that such initiatives help students become industry-ready. The workshop reflected CUK's commitment to preparing engineers who are not only technically competent but also confident communicators, effective leaders, and future-ready professionals.

CUK COMMEMORATES SANT SEVALAL MAHARAJ JAYANTI



17 February 2026: The CUK celebrated the 287th Birth Anniversary of Sant Sevalal Maharaj, honouring the revered social reformer and spiritual leader whose ideals of equality, harmony, and service continue to inspire society. The celebration brought together students, faculty members, and Banjara community members.

The hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described Sant Sevalal Maharaj as a visionary who advocated peaceful coexistence, respect for nature, and unity in diversity. He noted that CUK reflects these values by celebrating the festivals and traditions of communities from across the country. Chief Guest Sri Kumar Maharaj of Neelanagar Shakti Peetha highlighted Sant Sevalal Maharaj's philosophy of "work is worship" and his

contribution to strengthening patriotism and social responsibility among the Banjara community. Guest speaker Sri Sandesh Chouhan, National President of Gor Sikwadi and Gor Sena, Maharashtra, spoke about the saint's progressive vision on justice, women's dignity, and nation-building.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar emphasised the relevance of Sant Sevalal Maharaj's teachings on equality, environmental conservation, and women's empowerment. Traditional Banjara cultural performances added vibrancy to the event. The celebration concluded with a renewed commitment to carrying forward Sant Sevalal Maharaj's timeless message of equality, compassion, and inclusive nation-building.

CUK ADVANCES AEROSPACE EDUCATION WITH IEEE AESS STUDENT BRANCH

17 February 2026: CUK took a significant step towards strengthening aerospace and electronics education with the inauguration of the IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society (AESS) Student Branch Chapter, alongside a five-day workshop on "Radio Frequency & Microwave System Design: From Simulation to Measurement." Organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, the initiative aims to equip students with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills in emerging technologies.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr Puneet Kumar Mishra, Scientist at ISRO and Global Vice President (Education), IEEE AESS, encouraged students to explore the expanding opportunities in space technology and aerospace engineering. He urged them to actively pursue research and innovation and contribute to India's growing space mission. Guest of Honour Mr Mehta S. D., Founder and Director of Trellisign Technologies Pvt. Ltd., emphasised the importance of bridging the gap between academia and industry through skill-based training, collaborative research, and stronger industry engagement. Presiding over the programme, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana appreciated the efforts of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering in promoting research and innovation.



He encouraged students to align their scientific pursuits with the vision of Viksit Bharat and nation-building. Earlier, Prof. Paramesha, Dean and Head of the Department, outlined the department's roadmap for indigenous product development, while programme coordinator Dr Nrusingha Pradhan highlighted the workshop's focus on hands-on learning in radio frequency and microwave system design.

FROM KNOWLEDGE TO WISDOM: CUK CONDUCTS 'DHYAN VIGYAN' SESSION



18 February 2026: Emphasising that true wisdom begins where knowledge ends, the CUK organised an inspiring session on “Wisdom by Intuition – Dhyān Vigyan” to introduce students to the transformative power of meditation and inner awareness. The programme, organised by the Department of Education and Training, encouraged participants to explore intuition as an essential dimension of personal growth and holistic learning.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. B. Sivaramappa, Trustee and Board Member of Pyramid Valley International, Bengaluru, explained that information leads to knowledge, knowledge to intuition, and intuition ultimately to wisdom. Highlighting both the scientific and spiritual aspects of meditation, he noted that practices such as breath awareness, silence, and self-observation help individuals develop intuition, emotional balance, and clarity of thought.

He encouraged students to cultivate meditation as a daily habit to enhance their decision-making and overall well-being. In his inaugural address, Prof. G. R. Angadi, Dean, School of Education and Training, stressed the importance of integrating mindfulness and inner consciousness into modern education to nurture self-aware, emotionally balanced, and socially responsible learners.

A guided meditation session formed the highlight of the programme, allowing participants to experience deep relaxation and mindful awareness. Students actively shared their reflections, describing the session as calming, insightful, and transformative. The programme concluded with a renewed appreciation for meditation as a bridge between knowledge and wisdom, reaffirming CUK's commitment to fostering not only academic excellence but also the emotional and intellectual well-being of its students.

INNOVATION BEGINS HERE: CUK ORGANISES STARTUP ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP

19 February 2026: Reinforcing the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in higher education, the Central University of Karnataka organised a one-day Workshop on the Startup Ecosystem through the Department of Commerce, School of Business Studies. The programme brought together academicians, industry leaders, and startup experts to inspire students to view entrepreneurship as a promising career path. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. S. Raghunatha Reddy, Head, Department of Commerce, Yogi Vemana University, Andhra Pradesh, emphasised that entrepreneurial thinking has become essential in today's rapidly evolving economy. He encouraged students to move beyond conventional career choices and embrace startups as platforms for innovation, leadership, and social impact. Highlighting the university's commitment to nurturing innovation, Dr. Rajeev Joshi, Director of the CUK Incubation Centre, explained how incubation centres support aspiring entrepreneurs through mentorship, funding opportunities, and industry collaborations. Sri Sujay Mudgal, Cluster Head, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KEDM), spoke about government initiatives, digital economy opportunities, and policy support available for emerging startups. Adding a practical perspective, Sri Basavareddy S. M., Founder and CEO of eMileAge Initiative Pvt. Ltd., shared his entrepreneurial journey and offered valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of building a sustainable enterprise.

Presiding over the programme, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, Dean, School of Business Studies, stressed the need for universities to foster innovation-driven learning and strengthen industry engagement. The workshop concluded with a strong message that entrepreneurship is not merely about launching businesses but about creating solutions, generating employment, and driving national development, empowering students to become the innovators and job creators of tomorrow.



WORKSHOP AT CUK HIGHLIGHTS EMERGING TRENDS IN MEDIA AND FILM MARKETING



20 February 2026: Recognising the rapidly evolving media landscape, the CUK organised a one-day workshop on “Trends and Strategies in Television Media and Film Marketing in South India” to equip journalism students with the marketing and communication skills needed in today's digital era.

Inaugurating the workshop, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bhatta Satyanarayana emphasised that journalism education must go beyond conventional reporting and embrace skill-based marketing strategies. He noted that the rise of social media has transformed the way information is created, shared, and consumed, making it essential for aspiring journalists to understand digital platforms and media marketing. He encouraged students to master these emerging skills to remain competitive in the evolving media industry. Delivering the keynote session, Dr. Sreenivasan Subramanian, Marketing Head, Zee Channel, Kerala, highlighted the growing influence of marketing across television, film, and digital media.

He explained how understanding audience preferences, branding strategies, and film marketing trends has become indispensable for media professionals. He also appreciated CUK's commitment to preparing students with industry-relevant knowledge and practical exposure.

The interactive workshop attracted enthusiastic participation from journalism students and research scholars, who engaged in discussions and sought expert insights into the changing dynamics of the media industry. The programme was attended by Prof. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Studies, Dr. Shamala Ramappa, Head of the Department of Journalism and programme coordinator, along with faculty members and students. The workshop concluded with a clear message that in the age of digital media, success in journalism depends not only on reporting the news but also on understanding the strategies that shape how stories reach and influence the world.



CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ JAYANTI CELEBRATED WITH GRANDEUR



23 February 2026: The campus came alive with pride, culture, and patriotic fervour as the CUK Marathi Mandal organised a grand celebration of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti, paying tribute to one of India's greatest warrior-kings and visionary leaders. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described Shivaji Maharaj as a symbol of integrity, bravery, and far-sighted leadership. He urged students to imbibe these timeless qualities in their academic and personal lives, noting that Shivaji Maharaj's courage and commitment to justice continue to inspire generations. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his introductory remarks, Dr. Ravi Khangai highlighted the strategic brilliance of Shivaji Maharaj, emphasizing his innovative military techniques, administrative excellence, and his enduring image as the "People's King." The celebration then transformed into a vibrant cultural festival. Enthusiastic performances of Lavani and Lezim, along with the energetic rhythms of Dhol-Tasha, filled the campus with excitement. A majestic procession carrying the portrait of Shivaji Maharaj through the university grounds became the emotional highlight of the evening, drawing participation from students and faculty alike. Program Coordinator Dr. Mudanar Datta Sarjerao welcomed the gathering, while Mr. Satyam Jadhao compered the programme. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anil Kamble.

WHEN LANGUAGES THRIVE, CULTURES FLOURISH

24 February 2026: Emphasising the vital role of language in preserving culture and identity, the Department of Linguistics at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) celebrated International Mother Language Day with a series of thought-provoking talks and cultural activities highlighting the importance of multilingualism.

Addressing the gathering, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar described language as one of humanity's greatest gifts and a bridge that connects people and cultures. He noted that India is home to remarkable linguistic diversity but cautioned that many languages are disappearing. Urging students to protect their mother tongues, he stressed that preserving languages is essential to safeguarding the nation's rich cultural heritage.

Delivering the keynote address on "Youth Voices on Multilingual Education," Prof. Chandan Panda, Professor of English, said that language is the soul of civilization and the foundation of identity. He encouraged young people to actively use their mother tongues in digital and social media spaces, emphasizing that multilingualism envisioned in the National Education Policy can strengthen India's cultural diversity in the digital age.



Dr. Kota Sai Krishna, Associate Professor of Linguistics, highlighted that language shapes ideas, spirituality, and cultural traditions, while Prof. Vikram Visaji, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages, presided over the programme. The celebration also featured multilingual poetry recitations and prize distribution for various competitions, reflecting the richness of India's linguistic heritage. The event concluded with a powerful reminder that preserving mother tongues today is essential to protecting the cultural legacy of tomorrow.

POWERING A GREENER TOMORROW: CUK HOSTS WORKSHOP ON SOLAR ENERGY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES

26 February 2026: Highlighting the growing importance of clean energy in India's sustainable development journey, the CUK, in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi, organised a one-day workshop on "Optimal Utilisation of Solar Energy for Electric Vehicles (EVs): Comprehensive Analysis and Strategic Measures." The workshop brought together academics, industry experts, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to explore innovative solutions to advance renewable energy and electric mobility. Inaugurating the programme, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised that solar energy and electric vehicles are vital to India's economic growth and environmental sustainability. He observed that effective utilisation of the country's abundant solar resources can reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels while accelerating the transition to clean and pollution-free transportation. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Phanindra Goyari described solar energy as a key driver of green growth and stressed the need to overcome technological, infrastructural, and financial challenges to achieve large-scale adoption of renewable energy.

Solar entrepreneur Shri Indrasen Reddy shared practical insights into rooftop solar initiatives and entrepreneurship opportunities, while Shri Ashutosh Kashyap highlighted the importance of green finance instruments, including solar-linked loans and bonds, to support sustainable enterprises. Organising Secretary Dr S. Lingamurthy noted that the workshop aimed to foster dialogue among researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders on renewable energy, entrepreneurship, and rural integration. Technical sessions covered advancements in solar technology, solar-EV integration, agricultural applications, sustainability, and consumer behaviour. The event also featured Arthikotsav, the annual fest of the Department of Economic Studies and Planning, with quizzes, policy marathons, cultural programmes, and student activities that encouraged learning beyond the classroom. The workshop concluded with a shared vision that harnessing renewable energy today is not merely an environmental necessity but a strategic investment in building a cleaner, self-reliant, and energy-secure India.

EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF AI THROUGH PARALLEL COMPUTING



28 February 2026: The Department of Computer Science at the Central University of Karnataka hosted an insightful technical lecture on "Parallel Computing and its Impact on Artificial Intelligence," delivered by Prof. L. M. Patnaik, former Vice-Chancellor of the Defence Institute of Advanced Studies (DIAT), Pune. Drawing from decades of pioneering research, Prof. Patnaik explained the principles of parallel and soft computing and demonstrated how these technologies have become the backbone of modern Artificial Intelligence. Reflecting on his early research at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, he recalled how first- and second-generation computers were used to solve real-world societal problems, highlighting the remarkable evolution of computing technologies over the years.

Encouraging students to move beyond merely using AI applications, Prof. Patnaik emphasized the importance of

understanding the mathematical foundations and logical reasoning that power intelligent systems. He urged young researchers to harness technology thoughtfully and innovatively to develop meaningful solutions for society.

The programme was coordinated by the Department of Computer Science, with Prof. Srikantaiah, Dean, School of Computer Science, welcoming the guest. Dr Gururaj Mukarambi introduced the speaker, while faculty members, including Prof. R. S. Hegadi, Prof. Nagaraj, Dr P. M. Kambale, and Dr Maduri Kagale, attended the session. Dr Poornima anchored the programme. The lecture left students with a valuable reminder that the future of Artificial Intelligence depends not only on using intelligent tools but also on understanding the science that makes them possible.

SEVEN CUK STUDENTS SECURE PRESTIGIOUS BHUMI FELLOWSHIP

1 March 2026: CUK added another feather to its placement achievements as seven students from the Departments of Social Work and Psychology were selected for the prestigious Bhumi Fellowship, a two-year leadership programme dedicated to transforming education and empowering communities.

Presenting the fellowship letters, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, congratulated the students and reaffirmed the University's commitment to student success. "Our goal is to ensure that every student secures meaningful employment before leaving the University. This achievement reflects the academic excellence, professional competence, and social commitment of our students. I appreciate the efforts of the faculty and the Placement Cell in guiding and mentoring them," he said. Placement Coordinator Dr Harish Kumar Choudhary stated that four students from the Department of Social Work (MSW) and three from the Department of Psychology were selected by the Chennai-based Bhumi Foundation. The fellows will serve as full-time professionals for two years with a monthly fellowship of ₹30,000, while contributing to education and community development initiatives across the country.



Programme Manager, Ms Nandana from Bhumi Foundation congratulated the selected students and appreciated their decision to pursue careers that create meaningful social impact through education and leadership. The event was attended by Prof. Channaveer R. M., Prof. Pavitra R. Alur, Head of the Department of Social Work, and Prof. Vijendra Pandye, Head of the Department of Psychology, who conveyed their best wishes to the students. The achievement reflects CUK's growing emphasis on quality placements, experiential learning, and nation-building, empowering students not only to build successful careers but also to become compassionate leaders committed to creating lasting social change.

CELEBRATING SCIENCE, INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION



5 March 2026: National Science Day was celebrated at the CUK to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect and inspire students to pursue scientific innovation for nation-building. Inaugurating the programme, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the vital role of science and technology in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Referring to this year's theme, "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat," he stressed the need to encourage greater participation of women in STEM fields. While India is among the world's leading contributors to STEM graduates, he noted that women remain underrepresented in scientific careers and urged students to contribute to solving challenges in climate change, healthcare, agriculture, cyber security, space, and defence through research and innovation.

The celebration featured engaging chemistry demonstrations, science exhibitions, and competitions. Students from Rashtrrothana School, Appa Public School, Mount Carmel School, and Government Degree College, Gadag, enthusiastically participated alongside CUK students. Dean of the School of Physical Sciences, Prof. Venkata Ramana Doddi, welcomed the gathering and outlined the significance of National Science Day. Programme Coordinator Dr Origunti Anjaneyulu, faculty members, researchers, and students were present. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to nurturing scientific curiosity, promoting inclusive innovation, and empowering young minds to shape a sustainable and technologically advanced India.

CUK LECTURE INSPIRES SCHOLARS TO PURSUE RESEARCH WITH SOCIAL RELEVANCE



9 March 2026: The Office of the Dean, Students' Welfare at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) organised a special lecture on "The Relevance of Research in Scholarly Writing" for faculty members, research scholars, and students. Delivering the keynote address, former Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Law University, Prof. T. R. Subramanya, urged scholars to choose research topics that are socially relevant and capable of influencing policy and legal reforms. Drawing on historical examples, he explained how research has contributed to major social and legal transformations despite limited resources. He encouraged young researchers to question existing ideas, adopt investigative thinking, and undertake studies that address contemporary issues such as social justice, sustainability, and global challenges. Highlighting concepts like inter-generational equity, he stressed that impactful research

should extend beyond academic publications to create lasting societal change.

Guest of Honour Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, emphasized the importance of quality, originality, and impactful scholarship in academic research. Presiding over the programme, Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Studies, reminded scholars that legal research should contribute to social welfare, drawing inspiration from great reformers such as Saint Vijnaneshwara and Lord Basaveshwara, whose ideas transformed society through knowledge and justice. The lecture witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students. Dr. Mallikarjun S. Hugar welcomed the gathering, Dr. K. M. Krishna Sekhar Sarma anchored the programme, Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T. G. introduced the resource person, and Dr. Basavaraj M. S. proposed the vote of thanks.

CUK INTRODUCES ARABIC, JAPANESE AND SPANISH COURSES

12 March 2026: CUK has launched Executive Certificate Programmes in Arabic, Japanese, and Spanish from the academic session 2025-26. The announcement was made during a webinar on "Avenues and Opportunities of Learning a Foreign Language in Today's Context", organized by the Department of Foreign Languages Studies. Inaugurating the webinar, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar said that learning foreign languages has become essential in today's interconnected world of business, education, and global communication. He noted that language proficiency enhances employability and creates new opportunities for students, professionals, and job seekers.

Dean, School of Humanities and Languages, Prof. Vikram Visaji observed that foreign languages not only improve career prospects but also deepen understanding of diverse cultures. Dr P. Kumar Mangalam, Coordinator of the Department, explained that the programmes will be offered online at an affordable fee to benefit learners from various academic and professional backgrounds. Language experts Dr Muhammed Aslam E. K. (Arabic), Dr Janashruti Chandra (Japanese), and Dr Swagata Basu (Spanish) highlighted the growing global relevance of their respective languages and the career opportunities they offer in education, business, diplomacy, and international collaboration.



The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs Piyali Roy. Faculty members, students, and language enthusiasts participated in the programme, which marked the beginning of a new initiative to equip learners with multilingual skills for a globally connected future.

Empowering Women, Building the Nation: International Women's Day Celebrated at CUK

13 March 2026: Reinforcing the importance of gender equality and women's leadership in nation-building, CUK celebrated International Women's Day with an inspiring programme highlighting the need for inclusive development and women's empowerment.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mamatha B. R. (IAS), State Information Commissioner, Karnataka Information Commission, emphasized that women's empowerment is essential for building an equitable society. She called for collective efforts to ensure gender equality, create greater opportunities for women, and promote a culture of social responsibility and solidarity.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the invaluable contributions of women across every sphere of society. He noted that women continue to play transformative roles in leadership, education, administration, and family life, making them indispensable partners in the nation's progress.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar observed that women are the backbone of India's social and economic development. From nurturing families to contributing to agriculture, education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, science, and technology, he said women play multiple roles that are vital to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He added that International Women's Day serves as a platform to celebrate women's achievements, strengthen their rights, and accelerate efforts towards an inclusive and gender-equal society.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Pavitra Aloor, while Dr. Shyamala R. welcomed the gathering and Dr. Shailaja S. Konek proposed the vote of thanks. Faculty members, students, and staff from various departments participated in the celebration. The event concluded with a powerful message that empowering women is not merely a social responsibility, it is the foundation for building a stronger, more inclusive, and progressive nation.

Strengthening the Foundations of Research: ICSSR-Sponsored Workshop at CUK

14 March 2026: The Central University of Karnataka announced an ICSSR-sponsored Research Methodology Workshop for Social Science Research Scholars, aimed at strengthening the research capabilities of young scholars. Releasing the workshop brochure, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised that a sound understanding of research methodology is essential for producing meaningful and impactful research. He noted that regular training programmes are necessary to help scholars update their research skills in a rapidly evolving academic environment. Highlighting the growing role of technology and Artificial Intelligence in research, he stressed that ethical considerations must remain at the core of all scholarly work.

Workshop Director Dr S. Lingamurthy informed the audience that the programme, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, has been designed to address the contemporary needs of research scholars. He stated that experts from leading institutions across the country will deliver sessions on various aspects of research methodology, helping participants strengthen both conceptual understanding and technical competencies. The workshop is scheduled to commence on 16 March 2026.

Head of the Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Dr Suma Scaria, Workshop Co-Director, Dr Mallesh, and Dr Basavaraj M. S. were present on the occasion. The initiative reflects CUK's commitment to nurturing a strong research culture and empowering scholars with the knowledge, skills, and ethical foundation needed to address complex societal challenges through quality research.



AKYUTHA-2K26 CELEBRATES INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



17 March 2026: Promoting innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial thinking, the Department of Business Studies at the Central University of Karnataka inaugurated AKYUTHA-2K26, its annual management fest, alongside the launch of the MBA Entrepreneurship Specialisation. Inaugurating the event, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana encouraged management students to become job creators rather than job seekers. Emphasising that entrepreneurship is central to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, he described the new MBA specialisation as a significant step towards nurturing future entrepreneurs. He noted that events like AKYUTHA provide students with practical exposure to management, innovation, and leadership.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr Chetan Shrinali, Partner, CoCreate Ventures, highlighted India's rapidly growing startup ecosystem and the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping the future of business. He encouraged students to

embrace AI-driven skills, think innovatively, and build enterprises that address real socio-economic challenges. He also emphasised the immense entrepreneurial potential in sectors such as agriculture through technological innovation and value chain integration. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar spoke about India's expanding startup ecosystem, MSMEs, and unicorns, urging students to seize emerging opportunities through innovation and technology. Dr Safia Parveen outlined the highlights of AKYUTHA-2K26, featuring competitions such as Best Manager, Shark Tank, Marketing, Finance, HR, Treasure Hunt, and cultural events, with participation from over 100 teams. Prof. A. N. Vijayakumar, Head of the Department of Business Studies, and Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, Dean, School of Business Studies, also addressed the gathering. The event brought together faculty members, students, and industry professionals in a vibrant celebration of innovation and enterprise. More than a management fest, AKYUTHA-2K26 serves as a platform where ideas evolve into opportunities, inspiring students to become the entrepreneurs and leaders of tomorrow.



CUK CHAMPIONS INCLUSIVE LEARNING THROUGH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

18 March 2026: CUK organised a one-day workshop titled "Vision Beyond Sight: Empowering the Visually Impaired Users" in collaboration with Nava Kalyana Jyoti Janapara Vedike, Kalaburagi. The programme also featured the inauguration of the Multilingual Horizon OCR Software, a technology that enhances accessibility by supporting multiple regional languages for visually impaired users. Inaugurating the workshop, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised the need to integrate visually impaired individuals into mainstream society through modern technologies. He reaffirmed the University's commitment to inclusive education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and announced that CUK would continue extending academic and technological support to visually impaired students across the Kalyana Karnataka region. He also encouraged participants to make full use of the University's Braille Resource Centre and assured continued efforts to strengthen accessibility initiatives. Resource person Dr Uday Kiran K. T., Associate Professor of Music, highlighted the transformative role of the

Braille Resource Centre in promoting accessible teaching and learning. He paid tribute to the pioneering contributions of Louis Braille and Gnyanyogi Dr Pandit Puttaraj Gawai, whose work has inspired generations of visually impaired learners. Adding to the initiative, Sri Ananda Dandoti, President of Rotary Club of Gulbarga North, donated 20 walking sticks to visually impaired participants, while Mr Siddaram J. Sitanoor, President of Nava Kalyana Jyoti Janapara Vedike, reflected on the legacy of Louis Braille and Dr Puttaraj Gawai. Earlier, University Librarian Dr P. S. Kattimani outlined the workshop's objectives and highlighted CUK's efforts to strengthen inclusive education, including the appointment of visually impaired faculty members. The workshop drew around 75 visually impaired participants, faculty members, and students. More than a technical training programme, the event reaffirmed that true empowerment begins when education, technology, and accessibility come together, ensuring that no learner is limited by sight but is inspired by opportunity.



BIHAR DIWAS BRINGS COLOURS OF TRADITION TO CAMPUS

25 March 2026: Showcasing India's rich cultural diversity, the CUK celebrated Bihar Diwas with vibrant cultural performances, traditional customs, and enthusiastic student participation, reinforcing the University's commitment to fostering national integration and cultural harmony.

Inaugurating the celebration, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described CUK as a "Mini India," where festivals and traditions from across the country are celebrated with equal enthusiasm. Emphasising the spirit of unity in diversity, he noted that such celebrations strengthen mutual respect, cultural understanding, and friendships among students from different regions, making the campus a true reflection of India's pluralistic identity. The event was graced by noted Bhojpuri, Hindi, and Telugu film actor Shri Pankaj Kesari as the Chief Guest. A prize distribution ceremony recognised students from various states

who excelled in the competitions organised as part of the celebrations. The cultural programme brought Bihar's rich heritage to life through traditional folk dances, including Jhijhiya, Kajri, and Jat-Jatin, melodious group songs, poetry recitations, and a captivating presentation on the Chhath Festival. Energetic performances celebrating Bihar's folk traditions received enthusiastic applause from the audience. The programme concluded with the serving of the traditional delicacy Litti Chokha, allowing participants to experience Bihar's culinary heritage.

Faculty members, students, and research scholars from different departments participated enthusiastically, making the celebration a memorable tribute to Bihar's vibrant culture. More than a cultural event, Bihar Diwas reaffirmed that campuses become stronger when diversity is celebrated, traditions are shared, and every culture finds a place to belong.

ANKUR 2026 IGNITES THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE



27 March 2026: The CUK celebrated Ankur-2026, its annual festival of culture, sports, and innovation, providing students with a vibrant platform to showcase their creativity, leadership, and competitive spirit. Inaugurating the festival, Hon'ble Justice C. M. Joshi, Former Judge of the Karnataka High Court, emphasised that creativity and innovation are the driving forces behind personal and national progress. He observed that India's strength lies in its talented youth, democratic values, cultural diversity, and technological advancement, adding that events like Ankur nurture innovative thinking and prepare students to contribute meaningfully to society. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the crucial role of students in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Describing CUK as a "Mini India," he said the University's diverse and multilingual environment inspires innovation, collaboration, and holistic development among students. Dean of Students' Welfare Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi noted that Ankur provides opportunities for students to discover their potential, develop confidence, and refine their skills beyond academics. The festival also recognised outstanding achievements in innovation, with Bakka Prabhu receiving the PhD category award for AI-based research on the Indian economy, while Sawli Gupta and Anurag G. were honoured in the Master's and Undergraduate categories for their work on psychological health. The School of Engineering won the overall Cultural Championship, while the School of Business Studies emerged as the overall Sports Champion. Faculty members, staff, research scholars, and students participated enthusiastically in the celebrations. More than an annual festival, Ankur-2026 reflected CUK's commitment to nurturing creativity, innovation, leadership, and teamwork qualities that empower students to become future changemakers and nation builders.

EXPERTS DISCUSS GST'S ROLE IN SHAPING VIKSIT BHARAT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

30 March 2026: Bringing together academicians, policymakers, and students to deliberate on one of India's most significant economic reforms, the Central University of Karnataka hosted a one-day conference on "GST: Benefits for People, Business, Government Revenue and India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat-2047." The conference was jointly organised by the Department of Economic Studies and Planning, the Department of Commerce, and the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research (CMDR), Dharwad.

Delivering the keynote address, Ch. V. Sai Prasada, former Director, INDT and CEA, Government of India, highlighted GST as a transformative reform that has simplified India's tax system, reduced cascading taxes, strengthened ease of doing business, and increased government revenue. He noted that the unified tax regime has created a common national market, supported small taxpayers through digital compliance, and enhanced the competitiveness of domestic industries. Inaugurating the conference, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar emphasised that GST has played a vital role in establishing the vision of "One Nation, One

Tax, One Market." He explained how GST reforms have widened the tax base, improved consumer confidence, boosted manufacturing, and promoted fiscal efficiency, laying a strong foundation for India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Speaking on the occasion, Dean, School of Business Studies, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, observed that GST has significantly improved the business environment by reducing transaction costs, supporting MSMEs, enhancing competitiveness, and stimulating economic growth. Earlier, Conference Director Dr. Basavaraj M. S. outlined India's GST journey and highlighted its success in expanding the taxpayer base while reducing the overall tax burden.

Faculty members, students, and participants from CUK and Sharnbasva University actively took part in the conference. The deliberations reaffirmed that effective tax reforms are not merely instruments of revenue generation but powerful drivers of inclusive growth, economic resilience, and sustainable national development.

CUK REGISTRAR EARNs SECOND PHD, HONoured AT MANGALORE UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

1 April 2026: Marking a significant academic achievement, Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar of the Central University of Karnataka was conferred his second Ph.D. degree by Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka Sri Thawar Chand Gehlot during the 44th Convocation of Mangalore University held on 28 March 2026. Prof. Biradar completed his doctoral research on "Fiscal Policy Reforms' Impact on Fiscal Performance and Economic Development: An Analysis of Major States in India" under the guidance of Prof. Nayanatara S. Nayak, Professor at the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research (CMDR), Dharwad. His research examined the impact of fiscal reforms on government expenditure, public debt, fiscal discipline, and economic growth across India. The study found that fiscal reforms have strengthened fiscal discipline, expanded productive capital expenditure, and improved public financial management. It also recommended increasing investment in productive assets while reducing unproductive expenditure to promote sustainable economic growth and support India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.



The hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana and Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR, congratulated Prof. Biradar on this remarkable accomplishment, praising his dedication to academic excellence while successfully discharging his administrative responsibilities. The achievement reflects CUK's growing commitment to research excellence and lifelong learning, inspiring faculty and students alike to pursue knowledge that contributes meaningfully to society and national development.

ODISHA'S COLOURS, CULTURE AND SPIRIT COME ALIVE AT CUK

7 April 2026: The CUK came alive with the colours, traditions, and spirit of Odisha as the Odia Parivar celebrated Utkala Divas 2026 with great enthusiasm. The event brought together students, faculty members, and guests for a vibrant celebration of Odisha's rich cultural heritage, and it received congratulatory messages from distinguished personalities, including ministers, scientists, actors, and directors from the state. One of the highlights of the celebration was the unveiling of a beautifully crafted Jagannath idol created by students, followed by a traditional puja performed by the dignitaries. The occasion also marked the launch of ARKABHUMI, the university's first Odia magazine, reflecting CUK's commitment to promoting India's linguistic and cultural diversity. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana praised the peaceful and inclusive nature of the Odia community, while Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar appreciated Odisha's achievements in healthcare and economic development. Chief Guest Dr K. C. Gouda, Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR, Bengaluru, emphasised the potential of Utkala Divas celebrations to contribute meaningfully to Odisha's development. The celebration featured more than 25 cultural performances, including Odissi dance, Sambalpuri folk dances, bhajans, and a powerful student skit depicting the historic Kalinga War, captivating the audience with Odisha's rich artistic and historical legacy.

The festivities concluded with the serving of traditional Odia delicacies to over 600 participants, leaving everyone with a deeper appreciation of the state's vibrant culture. Utkala Divas reaffirmed CUK's commitment to celebrating India's diversity, fostering mutual respect among communities, and creating a campus where every culture finds its place and every tradition inspires unity.



STUDENTS SHOWCASE THE FUTURE OF SMART TOURISM

9 April 2026: Demonstrating how technology is reshaping the travel industry, the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) organised a Digital Technology in Tourism Exhibition, where students presented innovative solutions designed to make tourism smarter, more sustainable, and visitor-friendly. Inaugurating the exhibition, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised that the tourism sector offers immense employment opportunities and encouraged students to become job creators rather than job seekers. He noted that tourism contributes significantly to India's economy and highlighted the growing role of artificial intelligence and digital technologies in generating new employment opportunities. Stressing the importance of industry-ready skills, he urged students to combine technological expertise with strong human and service skills to succeed in the evolving tourism sector. The exhibition featured a range of student-developed innovations, including a robot receptionist, robot server, AI-based travel itinerary planner, QR code-enabled destination information system, 3D campus tour, geo-fencing, GPS-based traffic and parking management, hologram virtual tourism, solar-powered smart benches, digital teller machines, and models promoting sustainable tourism and nutritious food for travellers.



The exhibition was attended by Dean, School of Business Studies, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti, faculty members, and students. The event concluded by showcasing how creativity, digital technology, and practical learning can together redefine the future of tourism, inspiring students to develop innovative solutions for an increasingly technology-driven world.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE COLOURS AND CULTURES OF THE NORTH EAST



16 April 2026: The Central University of Karnataka celebrated North East Festival 2026, bringing together the vibrant traditions, art, music, and heritage of India's North Eastern states. Organised by the North East student community, the festival served as a platform for cultural exchange while reinforcing the spirit of unity in diversity.

Chief Guest Shri Iada Martin Marbaninag, IPS, ADGP (Administration), Karnataka, highlighted the growing contributions of people from the North East across diverse sectors, encouraging students to embrace their cultural identity while striving for excellence and nation-building. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described CUK as a "microcosm of India's pluralistic society," where students from different regions learn and grow together. He appreciated the North East student

community for organising an event that strengthens inclusivity, mutual respect, and cultural understanding on campus.

The celebration featured captivating traditional dances, folk music, instrumental performances, and cultural presentations that reflected the rich heritage of the North Eastern states. Registrar (In-charge) Prof. Channaveer R. M., Dean of Students' Welfare Prof. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Programme Coordinator Dr. Jomyir Bagra, faculty members, and students participated in the festivities.

The festival concluded on a high note, leaving the campus enriched with the colours, traditions, and stories of the North East, while reaffirming that celebrating India's cultural diversity is one of the strongest foundations for national unity.



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