

CUK BULLETIN

Independence Day Celebrated in CUK





Wisdom, when systematized becomes knowledge. Indeed, it is imperative to incorporate our ancient wisdom and values into our contemporary academic knowledge. Our nation has a civilization as ancient as 500 millennia that cradles profound knowledge, which is often referred to as the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). For a long time, the monopoly of Western education models has relegated ancient wisdom to a marginal status. This brings a disjuncture between our academic pursuits and civilizational heritage. Now the time has arrived, to foster modern educational models by incorporating our own unique knowledge.

The global challenges like social inequality, climate change, and public health crises, cannot be solved by relying upon a single discipline. Our Knowledge System comprises ancient philosophies, sciences and sustainable practices for innovative and humanistic solutions. Integrating this system into our curriculum will not only foster critical and creative thinking, but can also revive a deeper understanding of our cultural roots and make us more globally aware.

To disseminate this system into our modern academia, government's visionary initiative "One Nation, One Subscription (ONOS)" scheme has been launched. This initiative aims to provide nationwide access to international scholarly journals and databases, resulting in equitable access to knowledge and empowering our scholars and students. This initiative is a great symbol of collectivity and togetherness in achieving global scholarship by creating a strong platform for groundbreaking research.

As our nation strives to achieve the status of reclaiming our knowledge system, we all have to play an active role in this mission. Fulfilling this ambitious goal requires the collective will of students, professors, administrators, one and all. So my message is clear to the teachers, scholars and students, utilize this golden opportunity for making quality research and enhance your knowledge in academics. Everyone's active participation in our nation's initiative will foster an enriching academic environment.

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana
Vice Chancellor
Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi



Our planet is our home. It gives us everything. The air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food that nourishes us. But our current lifestyle is harming this home. As we are damaging the very environment that sustains us, we can't afford to wait any longer to talk about it. We see news stories that the air in some cities is becoming hard to breathe. This isn't just about headlines. It touches every single one of our lives and will define the world we inherit.

IQAir's World Air Quality Report has repeatedly ranked New Delhi among the world's most polluted capitals with an AQI (Air Quality Index) above 140. Similarly, water pollution, deforestation, and overpopulation are serious issues. According to UNEP, 19-23 million tonnes of plastic waste leak into aquatic ecosystems every year, polluting lakes, rivers and seas. All these acts degrade our natural resources and make habitats unsafe for animals and plants. But there is hope.

We have the power to make a difference, and it starts with small, daily choices. It's not about grand gestures; it's about shifting our habits. Even though most of us are familiar with the 4R principle, including Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, we must make a conscious effort to adopt it in our daily lives. We should look for bigger, positive actions. For example, opting for eco-friendly alternatives instead of plastic, conserving water by using it wisely, use of public transportation and supporting the use of renewable energy. And most importantly, plant more trees. They are essential for cleaning our air and fighting pollution. It's also the coolest way to survive our scorching summers.

Every single one of these actions, no matter how small, adds up to take shape into a powerful movement. Today's young generation is already so engaged with the world, and this is your time to lead. Every small step you take, every simple change you make, contributes to a larger, more impactful story. My message to our dear students is simple: let's promise today to make these small changes in our own lives and inspire our friends, family, and classmates to do the same. By working together, we can protect our environment and ensure a healthy, sustainable future for all.

Prof R.R. Biradar
Registrar
Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi

CUK LAUNCHES UGC-NET COACHING TO EMPOWER ASPIRING SCHOLARS



May 5, 2025: The Central University of Karnataka has inaugurated UGC-NET coaching classes at its School of Education, offering vital support to postgraduate students preparing for the competitive eligibility test for teaching and research careers.

Speaking at the launch, Prof. G. R. Angadi, Dean of the School of Education, stressed the importance of discipline and daily study. "Focused study is very important for clearing the UGC-NET. Consistent preparation for at least two hours every day is a must. If you do it for a month, you will definitely clear the exam," he said. Prof. Angadi encouraged students to aim for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) early, calling it a key milestone for pursuing PhDs in reputed institutions.

Adding a motivational touch, two Junior Research Fellows from the Department of Education, Durga Prasad and

Ashwin shared their own NET success stories. Their journeys of perseverance and smart preparation gave aspiring candidates a glimpse of what it takes to achieve success.

The programme was anchored by coordinator Dr. N. Amareswaran, who welcomed faculty and participants. Faculty members Dr. Mayur Pujari, Dr. Ashalatha, Dr. Nisha Prajapati, Dr. Sridevi, Dr. C. Mandal, Dr. B.P. Reddy, Ms. Jyotsna, and Mr. Santosh were present on the occasion.

With the launch of these coaching classes, CUK underscores its commitment to empowering students and shaping future educators and researchers. For many participants, the initiative marks not just an exam preparation journey but a pathway to academic excellence.

UGC-NET
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST

CUK Seminar Explores Role of Indian Knowledge System in Modern Academia



May 6, 2025: Stress, moral decline, and rising social challenges demand an urgent return to value-based education rooted in Indian traditions, said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor of CUK. He was speaking at the inauguration of a one-day seminar on “The Relevance of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the Present Academia,” organized by CUK in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshana Mandal (BSM), New Delhi.

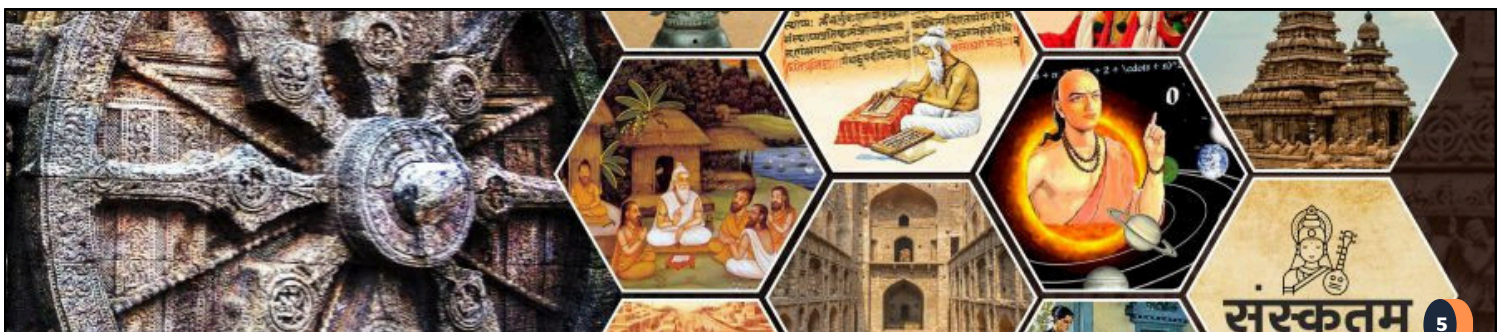
“Human life has become materialistic. The lack of human values, morality, and ethics in our education system is leading to increasing suicidal incidents in society,” Prof. Satyanarayana observed. He stressed that the Indian Knowledge System offers pathways to overcome stress, strengthen human essence, and address ecological and social concerns.

Keynote speaker Dr. Vasudev Aital, HoD of IKS, Pune University, highlighted that IKS is gaining popularity as

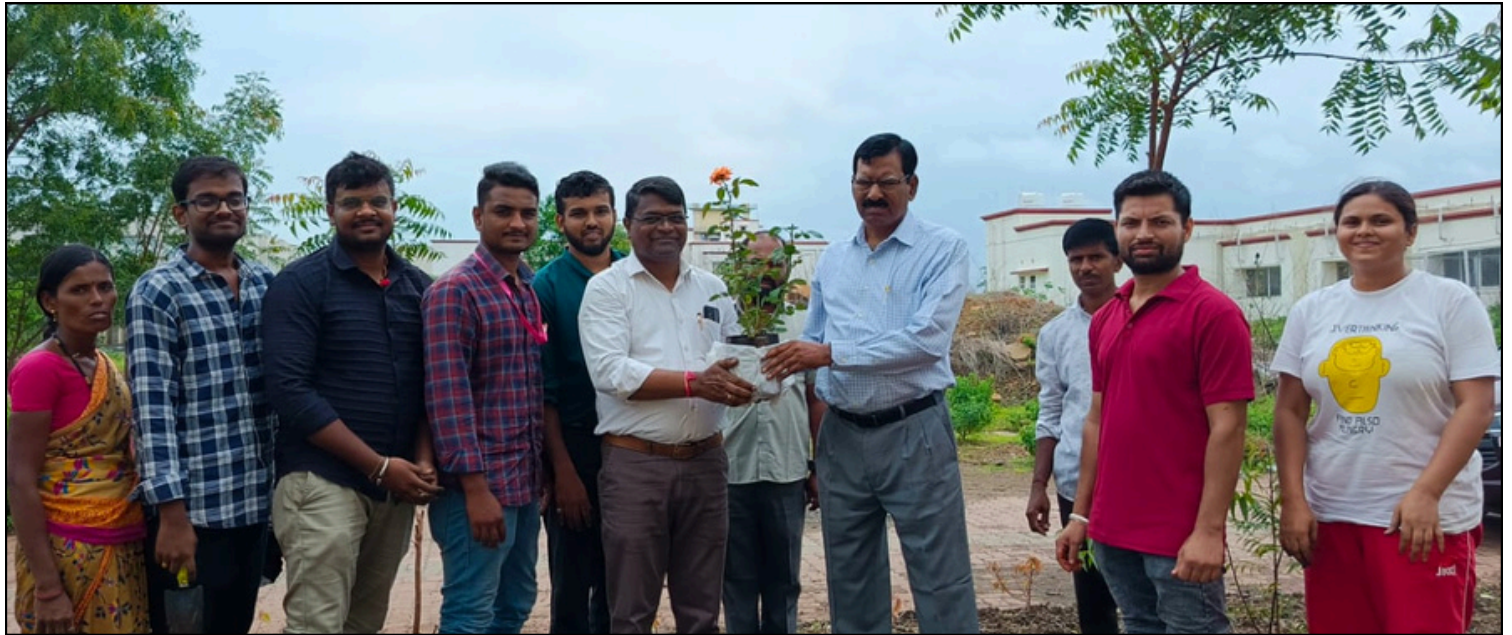
more people seek cultural identity. “The main goal of IKS is to bring Indianness into all sectors. By understanding the Anubandha Chatusthaya—eligibility, subject, benefit, and relevance—we can reconnect with our knowledge traditions,” he said.

Guest of Honour Prof. Venkatesh Raikar, former VC of Sanjay Ghodawat University, emphasized BSM's role in shaping the National Education Policy (NEP-2020), adding that schools must reintroduce India's culture, history, and values.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar echoed that IKS, spanning art, medicine, economy, and Ayurveda can help youth navigate psychological challenges and re-establish India as a Vishwa Guru. The seminar brought together faculty, scholars, and students, sparking a call to integrate India's timeless wisdom into modern education.



CUK Reaffirms Commitment to Sustainability on World Environment Day



June 5, 2025: CUK celebrated World Environment Day with a call to action: protect, preserve, and plant for the future. The campus came alive as students and faculty joined hands for a cleanliness drive and tree-planting activity.

The day's events were inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, who planted a sapling to mark the beginning of the green initiative. "Every sapling we plant today is a step toward a healthier tomorrow," he said, urging the university community to make environmental care a daily responsibility rather than a once-a-year ritual.

Students, faculty members, and staff participated enthusiastically, filling the campus with renewed energy and a shared sense of purpose. The simple yet symbolic act of leaning and planting reflected the larger theme of this year's Environment Day—individual action for collective change.

Dean of the School of Legal Studies, Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, along with several faculty members, joined the drive, highlighting the importance of academic institutions leading by example in sustainability practices.

As saplings took root across the campus, the celebration served as a reminder that meaningful change begins with small, consistent actions. For CUK, the day was not just about marking a global event, but about reaffirming its role in nurturing environmentally responsible citizens.



PROF. AMARENDRA MATSA APPOINTED AS NEW IQAC DIRECTOR AT CUK

June 14, 2025: Prof. Amarendra Matsa, Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, has been appointed as the new Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in CUK. His two-year tenure begins with the responsibility of strengthening CUK's academic and institutional standards.

The formal handover took place on June 13, 2025 as outgoing Director, Prof. Ganesh Pawar of the Department of Hindi, passed on the charge to Prof. Matsa. The transition marked not just a change in leadership but also a moment of continuity for the university's quality assurance initiatives. In a supporting role to the new Director, Dr. Sandeep N, from the Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Nagaraj Dharwadkar from the Department of Computer Applications, have been appointed as Deputy Directors. Together, the team is expected to drive forward CUK's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and governance.



11TH INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED

June 21, 2025: "Yoga not only keeps our body healthy but also our entire life. Yoga practice makes our career successful with a sound mind and body" said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor CUK. He was addressing the gathering after the inauguration of the 11th International Yoga Day celebration at CUK. He said "For the past 11 years, yoga day has been celebrated in more than 175 countries. It expresses the significance of yoga in human life. To keep ourselves happy and healthy, practice of yoga is a must. The nation's health is measured in terms of human health. Our health is the wealth of the nation. We all should devote at least one hour for yoga practice. Because, yoga is the best medicine for both mental and physical health. Practicing Yoga on the Day of Yoga is not enough. We have to pledge ourselves to practicing it every day."

Registrar Prof. R R Biradar also spoke on the occasion and said "Yoga is the medicine for Stress, BP, Sugar, Heart Attack, Weight Loss etc. The celebration of International Yoga day signifies its importance and the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health' across the world. At different stages of the academics the youth have to adopt Yoga as a discipline. It supports in constructing a healthy and strong nation thus achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047."

Dean, School of Education and the Nodal officer of the event, Prof. G R Angadi, welcomed the gathering. More than 200 students from Govt. High School, Suntnoor and Vidya Vardhak Sangh High School, Kadaganchi. Along with teachers, Malayya Hiremath, Smt. Sangeeta, Syedsab Madyal, Vilas Jadhav, Mallikarjun Poojari, participated in the celebration.



REMEMBERING THE DARK DAYS OF DEMOCRACY: CUK OBSERVES SAMVIDHAN HATYA DIWAS

June 25, 2025 : “The Emergency was a worse experience than colonial rule—fundamental rights were suspended, citizens silenced, and democracy itself put on trial,” said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of CUK while chairing the observance of Samvidhan Hatya Diwas 2025 on campus.

He recalled how the judiciary faced its greatest threat during the Emergency, with 32 judges removed and elections postponed. “The MISA Act was used to arrest citizens without reason. It is now time to truly understand the meaning of democracy, the very foundation of India,” he urged.



Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar added that the Emergency also marked a violation of economic rights. “Social justice was endangered, poverty was imposed and even basic facilities such as food and electricity were denied,” he said, stressing the suffering of ordinary people.

Opening the session, Nodal Officer Prof. R. S. Hegadi called the Emergency “a shameless period in the history of the world’s largest democracy” and urged students to learn from it to strengthen their responsibility towards the nation.

CUK EXCELS AT DISTRICT YOGASANA SPORTS



July 8, 2025: CUK made its presence felt with a remarkable performance at the Kalaburagi & Bidar District Yogasana Sports Competition held on July 6, 2025, at Virashaiva Kalyana Mantap, Kalaburagi. Showcasing both discipline and determination, CUK students and faculty secured top honours across multiple categories, proving the university's growing strength in Yogasana sports.

In the senior age group (18-28 years), Babulal Bind (Dept. of Physics) emerged first in Traditional Yogasana – Male, while Narendra Patil (Dept. of Economics) secured second place. Among female competitors, Pratima (Dept. of Physics) clinched first place in Traditional Yogasana, Pratibha (Dept. of Physics) earned third place, and Bhagyashree (Dept. of Business Studies) secured first place

in Artistic Yogasana (Single). Adding further pride, CUK faculty also shone in the competition. Dr. Devika Dabke (Dept. of Mathematics), competing in the senior category C (45-55 years), secured first place in Traditional Yogasana – Female. Their achievements have provided them an opportunity to represent the district at the State-level Yogasana Championships, positioning CUK as a strong contender.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar, Yoga Co-ordinator Dr. S. Lingmurthy, Dean Prof. G. R. Angadi, and yoga instructors Ms. Jyostna Ambewadkar and Mr. Santosh Bashetti congratulated the winners, applauding their commitment and spirit.

“ONE NATION, ONE SUBSCRIPTION ENABLES NOVELTY IN RESEARCH”, SAYS PROF. R R BIRADAR

July 9, 2025: CUK inaugurated the ICSSR-Sponsored Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on “Research Methodology and Quality Publications for Young Faculty Members in Social Sciences,” marking a significant step toward strengthening research culture and academic excellence.

Addressing the inaugural session, Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, highlighted the growing importance of accessible research platforms. “The ‘One Nation, One Subscription’ initiative enables access to over 30,000 publishers and 13,000 journals free of cost. India ranks fourth globally in scientific publications, yet only ninth in citations. This shows us it is time to pursue research seriously—with feasibility, novelty, ethics, and relevance to society,” he stressed.

Prof. G. R. Angadi, Programme Director and faculty from the Department of Education, underlined the vital link between quality research and higher education. “The quality of research decides the future of higher education. This programme connects research and society at a larger scale,” he noted.



Delivering the keynote, Prof. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director of the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, emphasized the role of young faculty in shaping knowledge systems. “It is the need of the hour to engage in research for nation-building and to encourage rigorous practices that strengthen knowledge production,” he remarked. The two-week programme, scheduled from July 7 to July 18, 2025, brings together young faculty members and scholars from across states to enhance their research methodology skills and publication quality in the field of social sciences.

CUK SEMINAR STRESSES URGENT NEED FOR LEGAL REFORMS IN INDIA



July 11, 2025: A decisive step towards reforming India’s colonial-era legislation took center stage at the one-day seminar on ‘New Criminal Laws’, organized by the Department of Law, Central University of Karnataka. The event, held under the “One Day, One University” campaign in collaboration with the Central Detective Training Institute, Bangalore, and the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, brought together legal experts, police officials, and academics to discuss the country’s latest legal reforms.

Delivering the keynote address, Shri Kadloor Satyanarayanacharya, retired Principal Sessions & District Judge, emphasized the historic importance of repealing outdated colonial laws. “It is only now, after the 75th year of Independence, that we have taken a decisive step to replace them. Legal reform is essential to maintain social stability and uphold the liberties of the people as guaranteed by our Constitution,” he said.

Mr. Rajashekara N, Deputy Inspector General at BPR&D, stressed that laws must remain citizen-centric. He highlighted the importance of procedural updates for the police, including mechanisms such as zero FIRs and e-FIRs, while encouraging students to familiarize themselves with the reforms to safeguard their rights.

Presiding over the session, Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, underlined the urgency of tackling emerging challenges. “We must identify outdated laws and bring in reforms that address modern issues such as cybercrime,” he remarked. The seminar began with a welcome address by Dr. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Jurisprudence Studies, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anant D. Chinchure. Faculty members, research scholars, and students actively participated, making the seminar a vibrant platform for dialogue.

CUK HOSTS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON GENERATIVE AI, HIGHLIGHTS TRANSFORMATIVE ROLE IN EDUCATION



July 12, 2025: Artificial Intelligence is no longer a distant concept but an everyday reality—and educators must be ready to embrace it. This was the message at the One-Day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Generative AI, organized by CUK in association with Capabl India, Bangalore, and the Computer Society of India (CSI) under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme.

In his address, Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, emphasized the growing relevance of AI across sectors. “Generative AI tools are proving highly useful in the teaching-learning process. AI is spreading like wildfire across all spheres of life,” he said. Citing examples, he explained how AI-enabled drones are transforming agriculture, how IoT-driven healthcare tools track patient progress in real time, and how automation is reshaping industries such as automobile manufacturing with innovations like driverless cars. “AI is revolutionizing education, reshaping research, and transforming the academic journey,” he added.

Prof. R. S. Hegadi, Convener of the program, underscored the responsibility of teachers in adapting to new technologies. “Teachers must stay ahead of students in using AI effectively. FDPs like this are vital, as knowledge gained must be shared and propagated among students,” he remarked.

Sessions were led by Mr. Umang Surana, Co-founder of Capabl India, and Mr. Mohammed Ameer, who introduced participants to advanced AI tools including Gemini, NotebookLLM, Gamma, Loveable App, and N8N. A specialized training session was also conducted by an AI Corporate Trainer from Airbus India.

The program drew participation from over 70 teachers representing Kalaburagi, Raichur, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, and Solapur. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Godi, Co-convener.

The day ended with a strong message: for educators, embracing AI is not optional—it is essential for shaping future-ready classrooms and nurturing the next generation of learners.

“AI CANNOT REPLACE HUMAN BEINGS. KNOWLEDGE IS TRANSCENDED THROUGH BOOKS SINCE GENERATIONS”: PROF. BATTU SATYANARAYANA

July 15, 2025: In an era dominated by Artificial Intelligence, the timeless role of books in shaping knowledge and society was strongly reaffirmed at the CUK. The university hosted the release of the book “DDC Readymade Class Numbers for Agriculture and Allied Science” authored by Dr. Shilpa S. Uplaonkar, Dr. Raghavendra B. Bonal, and Dr. Chikkamanju.

Chairing the event, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said that no technology can replace the human spirit of learning. “AI cannot replace human beings. Knowledge has been transcended through books for generations. Books not only transfer knowledge but also help solve problems. Universities exist to address such problems. A library is like an ocean, and classification of books is essential—the present book provides valuable knowledge on this,” he remarked.

Chief Guest Dr. P. L. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, UAS Dharwad, stressed the universal importance of book classification. “This book will serve as a useful reference for universities everywhere. Writing books is not just academic work; it helps society by addressing and understanding its problems,” he noted.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar lauded the initiative, saying, “Book writing is a best practice—it motivates both teachers and students. Convener Dr. Raghavendra B. Bonal highlighted that



the book was designed in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) as a comprehensive, ready-to-use tool. Co-convener Dr. Shilpa S. Uplaonkar added that the work was the outcome of extensive research.

The event was attended by deans, heads, coordinators, and officers from CUK and the University of Agricultural Sciences. The programme opened with a welcome address by Dr. Shailaja Konek and concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Rakesh Patil, along with renditions of the National Song and Anthem.

CUK SEMINAR HONORS BIRSA MUNDA AND TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS' ROLE IN INDEPENDENCE



July 17, 2025: The legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other tribal warriors in India's freedom struggle was brought to the forefront at a two-day National Seminar on "The Contribution of Birsa Munda and Other Tribal Freedom Fighters in the Indian Independence Movement", inaugurated at the CUK in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

Delivering the keynote address, Shri Ranendra Ji, renowned Hindi litterateur and former IAS officer, highlighted Birsa Munda's lifelong fight against injustice. "Birsa Munda was involved in the freedom struggle since childhood. Tribal history is rich and dates back to the time of Buddha and Ashoka, but has been marginalized since the colonial era. On February 13, 1832, 250 Munda fighters laid down their lives against the British, with women also playing a significant role. Birsa Munda's ten guiding principles, including Tulsi worship

and abstinence from alcohol, reflect his vision of social reform. The title 'Bhagwan' is a metaphor for his spirit," he said.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasized that freedom is inseparable from the sacrifices of tribal communities. "Birsa Munda's contributions extended beyond resistance—he fought for forests, identity, and dignity. For Viksit Bharat 2047, we must bring every community to the forefront of society," he remarked.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar underscored the need for further research on tribal contributions, while Prof. Vikrama Visaji, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages, noted, "Tribals have shown us how to live as human beings. History has silenced their voices, and universities must bring them back into the narrative."

The seminar drew participants from across India, including faculty, research scholars, and students. Coordinated by Prof. Sandeep Ranbirkar, the event concluded with cultural renditions.

CUK LAUNCHES 'NASHA MUKTA BHARAT PAKHWADA,' CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

July 23, 2025: With an urgent call to safeguard youth from the growing menace of substance abuse, the CUK inaugurated the two-week "Nasha Mukta Bharat Pakhwada" campaign. The initiative is jointly organized by the Equal Opportunity Cell, the Department of Social Work, and the Department of Psychology.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rahul Mandakanalli, MD Psychiatrist, Kalaburagi, expressed concern over rising drug addiction in the Kalyana Karnataka region. "In the last three to four years, cases of addiction have sharply increased. Social media and mass media, including web series, are significantly influencing youth. Drug abuse not only damages physical and mental health but also weakens social well-being. Parents and educational institutions must remain vigilant, as prevention is the strongest tool against addiction. Awareness programmes like this help shield students from the lure of drugs," he said.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana formally inaugurated the campaign, emphasizing collective responsibility.

"Preventing addiction is far easier than treating it. Teachers, administrators, and parents must work hand in hand to guide, educate, and mentor students. Only then can we build campuses that are truly drug-free," he stressed.

Highlighting the national context, Prof. Pavitra Alur, Dean, School of Social Sciences, noted, "Between 2012 and 2018, studies showed a steep rise in drug addiction across 372 districts in India. To counter this, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in 2020. Since then, every year this fortnight-long campaign spreads awareness nationwide. This year's theme, 'Mission Drug-Free Campus,' resonates strongly with universities."

The inaugural programme featured a skit and awareness rally by psychology students, reminding that a drug-free campus is not just a vision, but a shared mission requiring vigilance, education, and compassion.

CUK REVIEWS FOUR YEARS OF PROGRESS, HIGHLIGHTS BOLD REFORMS AND FUTURE VISION



July 26, 2025: CUK held a special programme to review the university's progress over the last four years, reflecting on significant reforms, academic advancements, and infrastructural growth under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana.

Prof. Promod B. Gai, former Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka University Dharwad and Executive Council Member of CUK, lauded Prof. Satyanarayana's leadership. "He is a tough and bold decision-maker whose contribution to CUK's growth is immense. His four years have been not just successful but meaningful. From introducing the Institutional Development Plan to strengthening academic and research activities, financial discipline, administrative reforms, and examination system improvements—these efforts form the pillars that will carry CUK to new heights," he said.

In his presidential address, Prof. Satyanarayana emphasized the university's role in shaping future leaders. "Universities are centres of human resource development. With quality education,

we can prepare leaders in science, entrepreneurship, governance, law, and social service. People are at the heart of university functioning—hence I prioritized filling teaching and non-teaching positions, doubling research projects and funding, and expanding hostel facilities. Today, we are a fully residential campus with over 2,500 students. Administrative efficiency has been enhanced through complete digitization, and CUK is among the first to fully implement NEP 2020 and all 32 modules of the Samarth Portal," he noted.

On the occasion, feedback on university functioning was shared by senior faculty and administrators. The event also saw the launch of a Certificate Programme on Entrepreneurship Development with the Wadhvani Foundation, the release of the Institutional Development Plan, and an edited volume titled "Applied Artificial Intelligence" by Prof. R. S. Hegadi.

The programme concluded with cultural renditions, affirming CUK's commitment to continuous growth and innovation in higher education.

CUK HONORS SOLDIERS ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS



July 26, 2025 – The Central University of Karnataka (CUK), through its NSS (National Service Scheme) Unit, respectfully remembered Kargil Vijay Diwas. The event included a special candle lighting ceremony and talks, with many teachers, researchers, NSS volunteers, and students joining in.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON “TRADE WAR: ISOLATIONALISM OR MULTILATERALISM?”



August 8, 2025: “The tariff increment has significantly affected the exports of India, bullion market, equity market and forex market of India. And India is expected to lose 64 billion dollars from this trade war with USA” said Prof. Kailas Thaware, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. He was speaking on “Trade War: Isolationalism or Multilateralism?” at the Department of Economic Studies and Planning (DESP), Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi.

He further said, “The current trade war, going on between India and USA on the increment of tariff on Indian exports by USA is because of Russian oil imports by India. China is less penalized by US tariffs because most investors in China are American. Foreign-invested enterprises (FIEs) contribute to over 45% of China’s exports, and many of these are American or US-affiliated. American companies have extensive supply chains in China, which means that tariffs on Chinese goods often indirectly hurt U.S. companies by raising their input costs or disrupting operations”.

On the occasion, Dr. Suma Scaria, Head, DESP, CUK, Dr. S Lingamurthy, Dr. Basavaraj M S, Dr. Mallesh, research scholars and students were present.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON ‘CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE’

August 8, 2025: The Department of Law at the Central University of Karnataka organized a thought-provoking special lecture on the theme “Changing Dimensions of Legal Knowledge.” The session brought together legal scholars and students to reflect on the evolving role of learning, listening, and critical thinking in shaping the future of law.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. G. B. Patil of Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, urged law students to cultivate a lifelong relationship with books. Drawing from the legacy of juristic legends, he reminded students that analytical rigor combined with joyful reading can sharpen interpretation skills and strengthen courtroom presence.

Adding another dimension, Prof. T. R. Maruti from the University of Mysore emphasized the overlooked discipline of listening. “Listening is the silent superpower of law. The practice of ‘sit and observe’ transforms knowledge into wisdom. Attentive listening sharpens observation and builds clarity, both vital for persuasive advocacy,” he noted. Head of the Department of Law, Dr. M. Kubakaddi, highlighted the need to connect theoretical insights with practical realities of the courtroom, encouraging students to bridge academic learning with professional practice. The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anant D. Chinchure.



Faculty members, research scholars, and students actively participated, making the event a space of reflection and inspiration.

The programme concluded with the idea that the essence of legal wisdom lies in the harmony of reading and listening.

CUK HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REIMAGINING CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE

August 12, 2025: The Department of Law, Central University of Karnataka inaugurated its Online International Conference titled "From Micronarratives to Metanarratives: Reimagining Criminal Jurisprudence in a Globalised World," bringing together voices from academia, the legal fraternity, and human rights institutions across the globe.

Delivering the inaugural address, Shri Bharat Lal, Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, highlighted India's moral and constitutional strengths on the global stage. "India's global stature is deeply rooted in its soft power, anchored in democracy, free elections, human rights, and environmental conservation," he said. Stressing on criminal justice reforms, he drew attention to pressing issues such as overcrowding in jails, the growing number of undertrial prisoners, and the urgent need for a jurisprudence that connects the voices of the marginalized with legislative and judicial frameworks.

On this occasion, Shri S. S. Mittalkod, President of the Karnataka State Bar Council, released the Book of Abstracts, featuring the diverse research contributions of participants. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasized the critical role of legal education in nation-building, stating, "We need highly skilled lawyers who will stand as pillars of a progressive society, working hand in hand with educators to shape the India of 2047."

The conference featured six technical sessions covering themes such as Global and Comparative Perspectives of Criminal Jurisprudence, Digital Criminology, and Interdisciplinary Approaches. Forty research papers were presented, alongside two plenary sessions with international panelists from Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and India. With its focus on bridging grassroots narratives with global legal challenges, the conference marked a significant step towards shaping an inclusive, rights-based, and globally responsive criminal justice system.

CUK MARKS NATIONAL LIBRARY DAY, HONOURS LEGACY OF DR. S. R. RANGANATHAN



August 14, 2025: CUK commemorated National Librarians' Day on August 12, paying homage to the "Father of Library Science in India," Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. The celebration served as a reminder of the timeless role of libraries in shaping education and knowledge in the country.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana led the observance by offering floral tributes to Dr. Ranganathan and reflecting on his enduring legacy. "In today's digital age, libraries and librarians continue to hold the same importance as they always did, despite the perception of obsolescence. The internet can complement libraries, but it can never replace them," he remarked. Urging students to rediscover the value of libraries, he described them as "centres of wholesome education and fountains of boundless knowledge."

University Librarian Dr. P. S. Kattimani welcomed the gathering and highlighted Dr. Ranganathan's monumental contributions to the field of library science and the development of librarianship

in India. He emphasized that Dr. Ranganathan's vision transformed libraries into inclusive spaces of learning, research, and community enrichment. Adding to the tribute, Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean of Student Welfare, and Dr. Satish Totar, Deputy Librarian, underscored the relevance of libraries in advancing student welfare and supporting academic excellence. Heads of various departments, library staff, research scholars, and students also joined the celebration, reflecting the university community's collective recognition of the role libraries play in their academic and personal growth.

The event not only honoured the past but also reaffirmed CUK's commitment to fostering a culture of reading, research, and intellectual curiosity. In an era where digital tools dominate, the university reminded its community that the library remains the heart of higher education—bridging tradition with the evolving needs of the future.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME WELCOMES NEW PG STUDENTS AT CUK, STRESSES DISCIPLINE AND HOLISTIC GROWTH



August 14, 2025: CUK held an Orientation Programme for newly admitted postgraduate students of the academic year 2025–26, blending inspiration with practical guidance for their academic journey ahead.

Addressing the freshers, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana reminded students that true education extends beyond books. "Reading books alone will not contribute to your knowledge. Knowledge also comes from learning behavior, interpersonal relationships, and working together as a community," he said. He emphasized discipline, commitment, and resilience as non-negotiable traits for success, urging students to face life's challenges with courage. Linking personal growth to national progress, he added, "When you become financially independent and strong, you contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047."

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the university's support

systems, noting mechanisms in place to address student concerns. He encouraged active participation in extracurricular activities and stressed the role of soft skills—communication, leadership, problem-solving, and critical thinking—in career building. "CUK not only provides degrees but also platforms to acquire the skills that shape future leaders," he remarked.

Dean of Student Welfare Dr. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi reiterated that the university's rules and facilities are designed for the welfare of students, calling the orientation the beginning of a transformative academic journey that nurtures both preparedness and responsibility.

The programme also included briefings from faculty and officers on student welfare, sports, scholarships, examinations, counseling, and anti-ragging measures. In a symbolic close, students pledged for a "Nasha Mukta Bharat" led by Lt. Dr. Ranganathan, reinforcing the university's commitment to a safe and supportive campus.



INDIA'S STRENGTH LIES IN SELF-RELIANCE: CUK MARKS 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



August 15, 2025: "India is a self-reliant nation. We do not depend on any other country for science, technology, finance, or defence. Our strength lies in self-empowerment," said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the CUK, while addressing the 79th Independence Day celebrations on campus.

In his keynote message, Prof. Satyanarayana urged the university community to embrace the spirit of nation-building. "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan must be the guiding slogan of Viksit Bharat. Higher education institutions carry the responsibility of shaping this vision. CUK is already collaborating with ISRO, DRDO, and other premier institutions to advance research and innovation," he said. Highlighting the contributions of faculty across disciplines, he added, "Our projects in science, social sciences, and humanities are not just academic exercises—they are vital to the nation's progress."

As part of the celebrations, the Vice Chancellor led a spirited

Tiranga Rally, symbolizing unity and pride. The university also actively participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, reaching out to neighbouring villages over the past three days to spread the message of patriotism and collective responsibility.

The occasion was graced by Prof. Pramod Gai, Executive Council Member and former Vice Chancellor, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar, Finance Officer Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, and senior faculty, including Prof. Ranganath, Prof. Channaveer, Prof. Bhosle, and Dr. Rajashri, alongside deans, heads, coordinators, faculty, research scholars, and students.

The programme blended solemnity with celebration. Dr. Reshma and Dr. Prakash anchored the event, while Dr. Jayadevi and Dr. Nakod rendered the National Anthem and Vande Mataram, filling the air with patriotic fervor.

The 79th Independence Day at CUK was not just a commemoration of freedom but a reaffirmation of India's journey towards self-reliance, resilience, and a shared vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BHARATIYA MODEL OF CURRICULUM DESIGN HELD AT SIT, KALABURAGI

August 21, 2025: "A job is the byproduct of education; its true purpose is to create human beings," said Sri B. R. Shankaranand, National Organizing Secretary of Bharatiya Shikshana Mandal, New Delhi. He was delivering the inaugural address at the National Conference on 'Bharatiya Model of Curriculum Design' jointly organized by CUK, Bharatiya Shikshana Mandal, and Shetty Institute of Technology (SIT), Kalaburagi.

Tracing the roots of India's educational challenges, he recalled how colonial policies of 1835 derailed India's knowledge traditions by producing clerks for British administration. "For 200 years we followed that system, becoming mentally enslaved. Now is the time to create a Bharatiya curriculum that nurtures healthy individuals, families, and societies, leading to a strong nation," he emphasized. He added that education should be outcome-based, teacher-guided yet student-centric, and aimed at truth, justice, and fearlessness—goals aligned with NEP 2020.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CUK, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, delivered the keynote as Chief Guest. He highlighted India's growing global appeal in culture, science, and philosophy. "The goal of Viksit Bharat is to provide the world with a role model in education. True meaning in human life comes from Indian knowledge traditions, where knowledge holds more value than certificates," he said. He lauded the Bharatiya Shikshana Mandal's commitment to building such a framework. Other speakers included Sri Basavaraj Anami, President of Bharatiya Shikshana Mandal Uttar Prantya, and Sri Anirudh Shetty, Director of Shetty Group of Institutes.

The programme began with a welcome by Prof. Ravindra Hegadi and concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Pallavi Patil. Delegates also observed two minutes of silence in memory of Poojya Dr. Sharabasavappa Appa. The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation from academics, leaders, and students, reaffirming the shared vision of creating an education system rooted in India's values and responsive to the world's needs.



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