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CUK celebrates Republic Day





After nearly two decades of negotiations, the Free Trade Agreement was finally signed on the Republic Day of India, 26th January 2026, between India and the European Union. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen described this as the “Mother of all deals” because this trade agreement represents 25% of the Global economy. This agreement is expected to create new opportunities for 1.4 billion people in India and millions across Europe, particularly in sectors such as trade, investment, technology, and defense equipment. A key feature of the agreement is that India will reduce or eliminate tariffs on 97% European goods. For example, India previously imposed tariffs of 70% - 110% on European cars; these duties will gradually be reduced to 10% over the next five years. As a result, European car prices in India will decrease making them more affordable for the common people. India and the European Union are jointly aiming to double this bilateral trade by 2032.

Discussions are underway between India and the EU on the agricultural sector, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms, and the scale of EU investment in India in different sectors. Earlier, India imposed a 36% tariff on agricultural products imported from Europe; now, negotiations are also ongoing about reducing that amount. According to reports, both countries are trying to exclude the agricultural sector from this agreement, but no final decision has been made.

Alternatively, the EU will also reduce or eliminate tariffs on about 99.5% Indian goods, such as marine products, leather, base metals, jewelry, allowing them to enter European markets duty-free. Another important component of this agreement is the establishment of the EU-India climate platform in India to support disaster relief caused by climate change, for which the EU provided 500 million Euros, with the primary objective of controlling climate-related challenges and promoting sustainable development. This Free Trade Agreement will benefit India and the EU, as both countries will have easier access to their respective markets. Previously, India exported a large volume of products to European markets but faced limited access due to non-tariff barriers. This agreement mentions tariff barriers that will be reduced or eliminated, but it does not explicitly address non-tariff barriers. In addition, this trade agreement will create long-term opportunities for India's semiconductor and mineral industries. Since 1995, the World Trade Organization has been responsible for formulating and regulating international trade-related matters. In the present scenario, its effectiveness has declined due to institutional challenges. Therefore, India decided to build bilateral trade agreements with multiple countries rather than rely solely on the UN's multilateral bodies. Another crucial aspect of this free trade agreement is to reduce overdependence on China. For years, China has controlled the supply chains for rare earth minerals as a tool to dominate other countries by creating economic dependence for extraction and import-export. These free trade agreements are playing a crucial role in protecting countries from different economic traps. Instead of relying on a single country, diverse partnerships with multiple countries will safeguard each country's economic interests, balance global power, and prevent any single country from becoming the dominant global power.

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana
Vice Chancellor
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Artificial Intelligence is set to be the defining force of the 21st century, with an immense impact on education. India aims to develop a future ready education system therefore, it is crucial to examine how AI can be integrated, close equity gaps, and strengthen teaching effectiveness. Recent data suggest that nearly 60% of Indian colleges and universities now permit students to use AI tools, including generative AI, in academic work.

The International surveys show about 68–71% of professors use AI tools for academic purposes, with tools like ChatGPT being especially popular among them. This shift reflects a growing institutional acceptance of AI as an educational support tool rather than mere a technological novelty. At the same time, it underscores the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure responsible, ethical use. AI should support learning, not replace human capacity, creativity, or meaningful classroom engagement. Technology must remain a tool in the hands of educators and learners, not a replacement for intellectual effort.

As a university, we must take a clear stand: the responsible integration of AI into education can open new pathways for research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global competitiveness. My message to our students and faculty is clear: let us embrace Artificial Intelligence as a digital partner to support in academic and professional domains. By combining human intelligence with technological innovation, we can build a dynamic academic environment that fosters excellence, inclusion, and lifelong learning.

Prof R.R. Biradar
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THEATRE AS A BRIDGE ACROSS CULTURES: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE INAUGURATED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



2 December 2025: The Department of English, CUK hosted a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and scholarship with the inauguration of a two-day international conference on “Myth, History and Tradition in Drama and Theatre”. The event brought together eminent academicians, researchers, and theatre enthusiasts from across the country and abroad, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue on the enduring relevance of drama in understanding society and human experience. In his inaugural address, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the powerful role of drama in shaping human minds and perspectives. He noted that theatre enables people to understand diverse cultures, communities, and traditions, serving as a medium that connects individuals beyond boundaries. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Khagendra Acharya from Kathmandu University, Nepal, described theatre as a bridge between nations and cultures.

He spoke about how drama revives historical narratives, rituals, and traditions, bringing them back to life on stage while strengthening cultural bonds, particularly between regions such as Nepal and Karnataka. Adding further depth to the discussion, Prof. Ravinder Nath, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir, emphasized that drama reflects human emotions and realities. He remarked that theatre inspires both realization and transformation in society and aligning with the vision of the NEP-2020 to strengthen Theatre Studies.

Prof. N. Nagaraju, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of EFLU, Hyderabad, underlined the enduring presence of myth and history in literature and society, tracing their influence from the Renaissance period to the post-war era. Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, reflected on drama as the mirror of life, stating that myth, history, and theatre together form the soul, body, and breath of human experience, teaching lessons that help shape values and character.

In his introductory remarks, Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Head of the Department of English, spoke about the deep connection between drama and everyday life, describing theatre as a collective social expression that reveals truth and reality. The concept note for the conference was presented by the organising secretary, Mr Mahendra M., and the event featured distinguished faculty members, delegates from across India, research scholars, and students.



Ms Madushmita Hatimuria Among India's Top 10 Selected for HOPE Meeting

3 December 2025: In a proud moment for the Central University of Karnataka Ms. Madushmita Hatimuria, a PhD scholar from the Department of Chemistry, has been nominated by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, to participate in the prestigious 17th HOPE Meeting with Nobel Laureates, to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, from March 2–6, 2026.

Working under the guidance of Dr Ashok Pabbathi, Assistant Professor, Ms Madushmita will present her research on “a sustainable solvent engineering approach to enhance enzyme activity for industrial applications.” Her selection is a remarkable achievement, as only ten students across India have been selected by DST for this globally recognised programme. The event will bring together young researchers and Nobel Laureates,

offering a rare platform for academic exchange, innovation, and inspiration. Travel and accommodation for the programme will be supported by DST, India, and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan. Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Prof. Venkata Ramana Doddi, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, and the faculty of the Department of Chemistry conveyed their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the scholar on this outstanding accomplishment.

Her selection not only marks a significant personal milestone but also showcases CUK's growing research excellence on the global stage, inspiring many young scholars to dream bigger and aim higher.

Powering Innovation: CUK's FDP Explores AI and Machine Learning in Electric Mobility

8 December 2025: CUK inaugurated a one-week AICTE-sponsored ATAL Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Electric Mobility Systems”. Organised by the Department of Electrical Engineering, the programme brings together faculty, researchers, and professionals from across the country to explore emerging advancements in smart mobility and intelligent energy systems.

Inaugurating the event, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, highlighted that smart transportation, electric vehicles, and intelligent energy solutions are shaping the future of India's mobility landscape. Chief Guest Sri T. Sitaram, Senior Vice President – Machine Learning Engineering, DBS Bank, delivered the keynote address, emphasising the role of AI-driven analytics and automation in enhancing electric mobility, battery performance, and energy management.

Programme Coordinator Prof. Amarendra Matsa welcomed the participants and noted that around sixty attendees are participating in the FDP, which features expert lectures, hands-on sessions, and demonstrations on AI applications, battery analytics, sustainable design, and smart grid systems. The session was anchored by Co-Coordinator Dr Arunkumar Patil, with faculty members and participants present. The programme reflects CUK's commitment to fostering innovation and equipping educators with the knowledge needed to drive the future of sustainable and intelligent mobility.



CUK OBSERVES 69TH MAHAPARINIRVAN DIVAS OF DR B. R. AMBEDKAR

8 December 2025: CUK solemnly observed the 69th Mahaparinirvan Divas of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr B. R. Ambedkar, paying tribute to his enduring legacy as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of equality, justice, and social transformation.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised that the Constitution remains the foundation of the nation's progress and inclusive development. He noted that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 is deeply rooted in the principles laid down by Dr Ambedkar even before Independence. Highlighting the Constitution's values of equality, social justice, and dignity, he urged the academic community to take pride in a system that nurtures and empowers every citizen.

Resource person Prof. Bhimarao Bhosle reflected on Dr Ambedkar's profound influence as a visionary thinker, economist, and social reformer. He described Mahaparinirvan as a symbol of enlightenment and renewal, adding that Dr Ambedkar's ideals continue to offer solutions to contemporary challenges.



He called upon students and scholars to understand Ambedkar's philosophy in its true spirit, rooted in truth, selflessness, and human dignity. Registrar (I/C) and Controller of Examinations, Dr Kota Sai Krishna, highlighted the transformative power of education in Dr Ambedkar's life, stating that he empowered the marginalised through knowledge and reform. He emphasised that Ambedkar's message of equality and freedom remains universal and relevant. The programme brought together faculty, students, and staff in a collective tribute, reaffirming the university's commitment to the ideals of justice, education, and social harmony that continue to shape the nation's future.



The Central University of Karnataka Badminton Men's team is set to participate in the South Zone Inter-University Badminton tournament, scheduled to take place at KL University in Vijayawada from 3rd January to 5th January 2026. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Registrar, Prof. R R. Biradar, Controller of Examinations, Dr Kota Sai Krishna, Director of Physical Education, Dr M. S. Pasodi, and Finance Officer Ramadurai, Prof. R M Chanaveer, Librarian Dr. P S Kattimani and Sports Coordinator Dr Sai Abhinav were present and greeted the team.

VOICES FOR DIGNITY: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATED AT CUK

12 December 2025: The Department of Law at the CUK in association with the Taluka Legal Services Committee and Bar Association, Aland, observed International Human Rights Day with a thought-provoking programme that highlighted the importance of equality, justice, and dignity in everyday life. The event brought together legal experts, academicians, and students to reflect on the constitutional values that safeguard the rights of every individual.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Miss Suman Chittaragi, Principal Civil Judge and JMFC, Aland, emphasised that human rights are the foundation of a just society. She noted that Human Rights enable individuals to live with equality, respect, and dignity, enhancing the quality of life. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the role of the judiciary in protecting human rights and stressed that every citizen must be aware of their rights and duties. He urged students to understand the importance of education in eliminating discrimination and strengthening social harmony.



Keynote speaker Sri M. V. Ekbote, an Advocate, spoke about the global relevance of human rights, stating that they are deeply rooted in the Constitution and guarantee freedom and equality without discrimination. He encouraged citizens to stand against Human Rights violations and uphold constitutional values.

Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Studies, welcomed the gathering, and noted the presence of dignitaries from the legal fraternity, faculty members, research scholars, and students participated in the programme. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold justice, equality, and dignity—reminding everyone that awareness and respect for human rights are essential for building a fair and compassionate society.

CUK STRENGTHENS GLOBAL ACADEMIC TIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LAW FDP

16 December 2025: CUK inaugurated a one-week online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Multidisciplinary Aspects of International Law," jointly organised by the Department of Law, CUK, and the Department of Business Management and Law, University of Technology Mauritius (UTM). The programme brought together academicians, researchers, and legal professionals to deliberate on contemporary global legal challenges and collaborative academic engagement. Inaugurating the programme, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana emphasised the growing relevance of international law in the contemporary global order. He noted that international legal frameworks play a crucial role in preventing the exploitation of weaker nations, addressing climate change concerns, defining responsibilities among countries, and resolving cross-border disputes. Dr Bhavna Mahadew from the University of Technology, Mauritius, highlighted that such FDPs strengthen academic collaboration between India and Mauritius and help understand and

address global challenges. Dr Bisam Nawat Singh, Dean of the School of Business, Management and Finance at UTM, stated that the programme would enhance legal literacy and contribute to economic stability, particularly in island economies, while opening avenues for future collaborative research.

Hon'ble Director General of UTM, Dinesh K. Hurreeram, shared that the FDP would cover key areas of international law, including human rights, economic law, and environmental law. He expressed appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of around 475 attendees from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. Earlier, Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean of the School of Legal Studies, CUK, welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Dr Jayanta Boruah proposed the vote of thanks. The FDP reflects CUK's commitment to global academic cooperation and strengthening the understanding of international legal systems in an increasingly interconnected world.

CUK HOSTS WORKSHOP ON EMERGING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION

20 December 2025: A one-day workshop on “Recent Developments in Education: Issues and Challenges” was organised at CUK in association with the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, bringing together academicians, teachers, and students to discuss on the changing landscape of education in India. Delivering the inaugural address, Prof. Vishnukant Chatpalli, former Vice-Chancellor of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, highlighted the growing internationalisation of education under the National Education Policy (NEP). He noted that foreign universities are preparing to establish campuses in India, while Indian institutions are also exploring global expansion. He emphasised the need to restructure the regulatory framework to meet the demands of 21st-century education and spoke about ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening higher education governance and reforms gaining momentum in the post-COVID period. In his presidential address, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana stressed that NEP marks a shift from theory-based learning to skill-oriented education focused on research, creativity, and critical thinking.



He noted that India must strengthen its technological and policy capabilities to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 and highlighted the need to increase higher education enrolment from 28 per cent to 50 per cent. Guest of Honour Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, emphasised NEP's focus on quality, accessibility, affordability, and transparency, noting that both soft and hard skills are essential for the future job market. Technical sessions featured insights from Prof. Thiyaagu and Prof. Gowrishha on evolving learning systems and changing student profiles. The workshop served as a vibrant platform for a globally connected education system for the nation's future.

PROF. SHESHNATH BHOSALE CONFERRED NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD



23 December 2025: Prof. Sheshnath Bhosale, Professor of Chemistry at the Central University of Karnataka, has been conferred the prestigious Prof. Wahid Uddin Malik Memorial Award-2025 by the Indian Council of Chemists (ICC) in recognition of his significant contributions to research in the field of Chemistry.

The award was presented during the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, held from December 22 to 24, 2025, at KLE Technological University (KLE Tech), Hubballi. The honour was formally bestowed by Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Public

Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy, along with office bearers of the Indian Council of Chemists. This recognition highlights Prof. Bhosale's sustained academic excellence and impactful research contributions, bringing pride to the university's scientific community.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana and Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar congratulated Prof. Bhosale on this achievement and appreciated his dedication to advancing chemical research and strengthening the university's academic reputation at the national level.

CUK PROMOTES RESEARCH ACCESS THROUGH 'ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION' PROGRAMME



6 January 2026: The Central University of Karnataka organised an awareness programme on the 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS) initiative, highlighting its role in expanding access to scholarly knowledge and strengthening research culture. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, emphasised that the Government of India's initiative provides unified access to a vast range of scholarly journals and digital resources. He noted that effective use of these resources would empower youth and contribute to the nation's knowledge development.

Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, explained that ONOS provides access to more than 13,000 international journals and e-resources through a single digital platform. She stated that the initiative supports students, faculty, and researchers by enhancing research opportunities, increasing academic output and reducing

institutional costs.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the university's efforts in conducting ICT-based training and induction programmes to integrate INFLIBNET resources with existing library services. He said the platform ensures free access, removes financial barriers, and opens new possibilities for interdisciplinary learning and research.

Dr T. S. Kattimani, Librarian and Programme Coordinator, described ONOS as a national-level initiative aimed at educating academic communities on accessing journals and databases through a unified portal, encouraging effective use of these resources. IQAC Director Prof. Amarendra, along with faculty members, deans, heads, and research scholars, attended the event. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr Satish Tatar and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr G. J. P. Dixit.

CUK GAINS GLOBAL RECOGNITION AT IEEE MAPCON 2025

14 January 2026: CUK earned international acclaim by receiving prestigious recognition at IEEE MAPCON 2025, one of the world's largest conferences in Radio Frequency and Microwave technology, held at Grand Hyatt, Kochi, Kerala. The conference attracted participants from over 45 countries, with more than 1,800 delegates and 250 international experts representing leading universities, research laboratories, and industries worldwide.

Marking a significant achievement, CUK received the esteemed "Best Large Chapter Award IEEE MTT-S Student Branch," selected among twelve large chapters worldwide. This recognition highlights the university's growing excellence in technical activities, student engagement, and global research collaboration. Representing the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Prof. Paramesha, Dean, School of Engineering, and Dr Nrusingha C. Pradhan attended the conference and served as Session Chairs. Dr Pradhan also played a key role as part of the core organising team and was awarded a Travel Grant of ₹1.52 lakh for his contributions.

CUK students made an impressive mark at the event, with 18 students selected as conference volunteers through a highly competitive national-level selection process.



They received free registration, accommodation, travel support, and other benefits. Adding to the achievements, Ms Sowjanya, a student at CUK, received an award of ₹80,000 to attend the conference. Following the event, the faculty and students met the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, and shared the outcomes. Appreciating their accomplishments, he encouraged them to continue contributing to innovation and research aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047's vision. The achievement stands as a proud moment for CUK, strengthening its presence on the global academic and research stage.

MAKAR SANKRANTI CELEBRATED AT CUK



14 January 2026: The Department of Education at the Central University of Karnataka celebrated Makar Sankranti with enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of festivals in promoting value-based education and cultural awareness among students. The celebration reflected the spirit of gratitude, learning, and unity, while connecting tradition with academic learning.

Makar Sankranti, which marks the Sun's transition into Capricorn, signifies the arrival of longer days, warmer weather, and new beginnings. It is a time to express gratitude for nature's abundance and embrace spiritual growth. The festival is celebrated across the country under different names, including Pongal in Tamil Nadu, Lohri in Punjab and Haryana, Uttarayan in Gujarat, Magh Bihu in Assam, Poush Sankranti in West Bengal, Khichdi Parv in Uttar Pradesh and

Bihar, and Sankranti in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana, reflecting India's rich cultural diversity.

The programme offered meaningful academic insights by linking the festival to seasonal changes, solar movements, and agricultural practices. It also encouraged students to understand the deeper values associated with such celebrations, including sharing, gratitude, and community bonding. By blending science, culture, and tradition, the event created an engaging learning experience beyond the classroom.

The event was inaugurated by Dean Prof. G. R. Angadi. Faculty members, PhD scholars, M.Ed. and B.Ed. Students and non-teaching staff participated in the celebration, making it a vibrant and inclusive occasion that strengthened cultural understanding and unity on campus.

PONGAL CELEBRATED WITH TRADITIONAL FERVOUR AT CUK

16 January 2026: Tamil students of CUK celebrated Pongal with great enthusiasm and vibrant cultural spirit on January 15. The celebration brought the essence of the harvest festival to life on campus. The day-long celebration reflected the richness of Tamil traditions and highlighted the spirit of gratitude, unity, and joy associated with the festival.

The festivities began in the morning with a traditional puja, followed by the creation of colourful rangolis that added a festive charm to the venue. Students performed an energetic Kummi dance, symbolising happiness and togetherness, and actively participated in various cultural programmes and competitions that captured the significance of the occasion.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan presided over the celebration and highlighted the importance of the festival, stating that Pongal is celebrated across India in diverse ways as a mark of gratitude for nature's bounty. He noted that the festival also signifies the beginning of the Sun's northward journey, known as Uttarayan, and emphasised that such celebrations strengthen unity in diversity and promote cultural harmony on campus.

As part of the event, students, along with dignitaries, also initiated a tree plantation drive near the classroom complex, symbolising growth, sustainability, and collective responsibility towards nature. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar, Finance Officer Shri D. Ramadurai, Dean of Student Welfare Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi, faculty members, and students were present on the occasion. Event Coordinator Dr Jeyavel welcomed the gathering. The celebration left behind a strong message of cultural pride, environmental awareness, and togetherness within the university community.



CUK LAUNCHES SOFT SKILLS TRAINING TO ENHANCE STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY



19 January 2026: A three-day Soft Skill Training Program was inaugurated at CUK with an aim to equip students with essential personality and employability skills. The program is being organised by the Soft Skills Development Centre, CUK, in collaboration with Magic Bus India Foundation, which works for the Reliance Foundation Skilling Academy, Bengaluru.

Inaugurating the program, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUK, emphasised the importance of soft skills in personality development and career success. Addressing the students, he said that communication skills form the basic foundation for leadership and professional growth, especially for students of business studies. He noted that while aptitude and domain knowledge are important for placements, soft skills are crucial for securing jobs and succeeding in the workplace. A resource person from Magic Bus India Foundation, Mr Ajay, explained that the three-day training will focus on generic, technical, and job-oriented competencies.

He shared that the sessions will be activity-based and interactive, including group discussions, role plays, and games, ensuring mutual learning and active participation, making the training both engaging and practical for students. Earlier, Director of the Soft Skill Development Centre, Dr Shushma H, delivered the introductory address and highlighted the need for students to be prepared to take up future opportunities with the right skills. She stated that the centre was established to bridge the gap between industry requirements and student capabilities by providing 360-degree skill training and helping students become future-ready. Dean, School of Business Studies, Prof. Panduranga V. Patti welcomed the gathering. Dr Safia Parveen anchored the program, and Dr Mahendra G proposed the vote of thanks. On the occasion, Dr M. Zohair, Dr Rekha, Dr Poojitha, Prof. Devarajappa, Prof. Padmashree, Dr Ganapati B. Sinnor, Dr Lingamurthy, Dr Shivakumar Belli, Dr Jagadeesh, Dr Nataraj, Dr Naveen, Dr Sailaj Konek, along with faculty members and students, were present.



The Central University of Karnataka Football Men's team is set to participate in the South East Zone Inter-University Football Tournament, scheduled to take place at Woxsen University, Zaheerabad from January 5 to January 11, 2026. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Director of Physical Education, Dr. M. S. Pasodi, and Dean, School of Chemical Science, Prof. Venkataramana Doddi, were present and greeted the team.

KARNATAKA GOVT TEAM VISITS CUK TO STUDY RESERVATION POLICY



21 January 2026: A delegation from the Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, visited the Central University of Karnataka to study the implementation of the Central Educational Institutions Act, 2019, particularly the reservation system followed at the university. During an interaction with the team, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana stated that CUK has implemented the Government of India's reservation policy in letter and spirit. He explained in detail the mechanisms and procedures adopted by the university to ensure effective implementation, and noted that the Central Government has sincerely and systematically appreciated CUK's efforts to uphold reservation norms. The visiting delegation included Dr Rakesh Kumar K, IAS, Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, and E. Venkataiah, IAS (Retd.), Advisor, SCSP/STP Nodal Agency, along with other officials from Bengaluru. They held detailed discussions with university authorities to understand the institutional practices, monitoring systems, and administrative processes related to reservation and inclusive policies. On the occasion, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar, Liaison Officer of the Equal Opportunity Cell Prof. Devarajappa, Dean, School of Law, Prof. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Liaison Officer, EWS Cell Dr. Ganapati B. Sinnoor, Liaison Officer, OBC Cell Dr. Basavaraj M. S., Liaison Officer, Minority Cell Dr. Alim Pasha, Deputy Registrar Dr. Azaruddin, Dr. Pandit, and Assistant Registrar Sunil K. were present. The visit facilitated meaningful academic and administrative exchange, reinforcing the university's commitment to equity, transparency, and inclusive education while strengthening coordination between the university and the state's social welfare authorities.

CUK CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOTERS DAY, URGES YOUTH TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY

27 January 2026: Emphasising the importance of responsible citizenship and democratic participation, CUK celebrated National Voters Day with a strong call for youth engagement in the electoral process. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana urged all those who have crossed eighteen years of age to register as voters, stating, "Voters are the heart of democracy. Voting is not just a right but a responsibility." He expressed concern that voting percentages are often lower in educated urban areas compared to rural regions and encouraged students not to treat Election Day as a holiday, but as an opportunity to contribute to the nation's future.

Chief Guest Dr Shubhashchandra Rathod, Professor of Practice in the Department of Law, highlighted the growing importance of voters in ensuring free and fair elections. He described educated youth as the strength of democracy and encouraged students to register and vote without fail. Guest of Honour Prof. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean of Student Welfare, stressed the need to respect the Constitution by participating in elections and noted that low voter turnout often results in representatives being elected by fewer than half of the population. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar underlined the link between good governance and responsible voting, encouraging students to adopt the motto "My India, My Vote for Vikasit Bharat."



Program Coordinator and SVEEP Nodal Officer Dr Ganapati B. Sinnoor explained that National Voters Day is celebrated to create awareness among youth, marking the establishment of the Election Commission of India on 25 January, 1950. The event concluded with a strong message: every vote matters, and active participation in elections is essential to building a vibrant, responsible, and progressive democracy.

NRSC SUBMITS GROUNDWATER PLAN FOR CUK

30 January 2026: In a major step towards sustainable campus development, the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad, submitted a comprehensive "Groundwater Management and Sustainability Plan for CUK" to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana. The initiative highlights the university's commitment to securing long-term water resources through scientific planning and advanced technology.

Presenting the report, Dr. Ishwar Chandra Das, Director, Geosciences Group, NRSC, stated that the Central University of Karnataka holds significant potential for groundwater exploration and sustainable water security. He explained that the campus, located in a basaltic terrain, has groundwater movement influenced by fractures, joints, and weathered zones. The study adopted a multidisciplinary approach using remote sensing, GIS, magnetometer surveys, ground-penetrating radar, and electrical resistivity tomography, along with extensive field investigations, to assess the hydrological framework and

groundwater potential.

The findings revealed varying conditions across the campus, with declining water levels in some areas and shallow levels in others, driven by moderate rainfall, overburden thickness, and limited recharge. Based on detailed geo-hydrological mapping, the report proposes practical measures such as cascading check dams, reservoirs, trenching structures, contour bunding, and subsurface dykes to enhance water recharge and control runoff. It also identifies 21 new sites for groundwater exploration, recommending drilling depths of 150–200 meters.

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana expressed the university's vision to become self-reliant in water resources and assured phased implementation of the recommendations. He thanked ISRO Chairman Dr V. Narayanan for supporting the initiative. The project marks a crucial step in building a resilient, eco-conscious campus prepared for future needs.

CS-AITHON 2026 IGNITES INNOVATION AT CUK



30 January 2026: CUK set the stage for technological creativity and national collaboration with the inauguration of CS-AITHON 2026, a national-level hackathon organised by the Department of Computer Science, held as a Pre-Summit Event under the AI Impact Summit-2026 of the Government of India. The hackathon brought together young innovators from across the country, united by a shared vision to solve real-world problems using artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

Chief Guest Dr Chandrasekhar Buddha, CEO of Anuvadini AI and Chief Coordinating Officer, AICTE, inspired participants by stressing the importance of building secure, indigenous digital platforms. He encouraged students to create innovative, India-centric technological solutions that strengthen national development and digital independence. Presiding over the inaugural session, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the growing relevance of emerging technologies in areas such as digitalisation,

smart agriculture, and nation-building. He urged students to turn creative ideas into practical applications that advance the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Welcoming the gathering, Prof. Srikantaih K. C., Head and Dean, School of Computer Sciences, emphasised the department's commitment to fostering innovation. Dr. Nagaraj V. Dharwadkar, Nodal Officer, presented an overview of the hackathon, noting that 102 teams with nearly 300 students from across India initially submitted abstracts. After evaluation, 40 teams comprising about 120 participants were shortlisted for the on-campus competition, representing multiple states nationwide.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Hackathon Coordinator Dr. Rakesh Kumar Godi. CS-AITHON 2026 is a powerful platform that empowers young minds to innovate, collaborate, and shape the nation's technological future.



THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND UNITY

"Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonized and united properly; then it becomes a spiritual power."
—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



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