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I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our students to the lively hallways of our prestigious university as we approach the start of a new academic year. Every academic year begins with new possibilities, vigor, and the expectation of personal and educational growth.

This year, we are more dedicated than ever to creating an atmosphere to promote intellectual curiosity and holistic growth. Our academic programs are carefully crafted to fulfill the changing demands of the contemporary world, giving our students the knowledge and abilities they need to succeed in their chosen careers. Additionally, we are growing our research programs and promoting interdisciplinary cooperation and creative thinking.

I especially welcome all of our new students. You have joined a group of people who appreciate excellence, diversity, and inclusivity. Our faculty members ignite curiosity in the lecture halls, laboratories, and discussions through their vast knowledge and wide range of teaching experience. Accept this journey with a receptive mind and a readiness to go beyond what you can comprehend. I urge all students to build on the groundwork they have already done, keep pushing themselves, and aim higher.

Throughout this academic year, let us keep our dedication to scholarly achievement, moral leadership, and community involvement. We will overcome obstacles, recognize successes, and progress toward a promising and exciting future.

I hope the upcoming academic year brings you all success and enrichment.

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



Sports can teach valuable life skills to students. Participating in sports can enhance physical, emotional, social, and mental health while steering essential skills needed to navigate life. Fair play, respect for discipline, recognition of the need for teamwork, and cheerfulness, even in the event of defeat, are thus the dominant marks of a sportsman. Sportsmanship is something worthy of admiration. It is conducive to human happiness and welfare. Sportsmanship is an understanding of and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity, and goodwill toward an opponent. It provides student-athletes with critical growth opportunities and allows them to succeed in athletics, the classroom, and life.

Various studies indicated that university students are at risk of becoming disengaged from maintaining adequate levels of physical activity. There has been a highlighted decline in adult physical activity levels in India. To address these issues, the Central University of Karnataka has prioritized both quality teaching and sportsmanship among students to change their overall performance. The University has established a sophisticated indoor gym, a dedicated yoga section with regular activities, two outdoor gymnasiums, and a state-of-the-art fitness center, all of which will help increase students' physical activity level. In consideration of students' future prospects in various sports, the University has constructed court for Kabaddi and Badminton, and a Basketball court will be completed shortly.

CUK's initiative in physical education and sports not only enhance fitness but also boots student confidence. These program foster leadership skills and positive mentoring, improves enthusiasm and emotional wellbeing and contribute to personal and social development, ultimately leading to more tremendous success in life.

Prof R R Biradar
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Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi

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He further stated, "India has excellent universities due to its rich culture. It has long been recognized for its contribution to science, culture, spiritualism, yoga, mathematics, and medicine. People have not only appreciated our expertise but have also undermined our centers of knowledge. It is time to establish our educational institutions and make India the Vishwa Guru. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has achieved this in ten years, a fact that was deemed impossible in the previous 50 years. India is now among the top three economies; by 2047, it is projected to become the number one economy. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, the economies worldwide are struggling, yet India's economy is growing at an accelerated pace. We have introduced the NEP to address India's future requirements. More than 2.5 lakh individuals were consulted in the formulation of the NEP. The New Education Policy has instilled confidence in students, empowering them to shape their future. Similarly, 1.2 crore people have been trained under a skill development program, and creating livelihoods for all of

them. It is a proud movement for all the students.

Over last ten years, investment in education has doubled. Now, every state has central universities, and the number of IITs, AIIMS, and IIMs has increased. In the last budget, the government has allocated one lakh crore rupees for research and development highlighting the importance of education. India's future is in the hands of the youth. The next twenty-five years are yours and you all must work towards nation-building."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana presided over the program and stated, "Today, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has inaugurated the sophisticated instrumentation center, engineering lab, incubation and skill development center, and classroom complex. We have invested over Rs. 84 crores in advanced science and engineering labs. All students and faculty should utilize these facilities to produce high quality research and development." He also stated, "Hon'ble Minister Bhagavant Khuba will build an open gym for the staff and students, and the work will be completed within a month." On this occasion, the university engineer Istalingappa Mahagaunkar and other engineers were congratulated for contributions to the university.

Registrar Prof. R R Biradar has proposed the vote of thanks. On the occasion, Controller of Examination, Kota Sai Krishna, Dean, Campus Development Prof. Channaveer RM, Dean of Students Welfare, Prof. Ravindra Hegadi, Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Prof. Pushpa Savadatti, Prof. Ganesh Pawar and Prof. Vikram Visaji were all present.

PM Ujjwala Yojana, inaugurated at CUK

Wed, 21 February 2024: "The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme, which promotes clean cooking fuels, is extremely significant in reducing indoor air pollution and protecting the health of house hold dwellers," said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Karnataka. He spoke after the inauguration of a one-day project dissemination workshop and panel discussion on the PM Ujjwala Yojana, organized by the Department of Geography, CUK, and sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

Prof Kalpana Markandey from Osmania University, Hyderabad, the Chief Guest at the function, stated, "PMUY plays a vital role in empowering women in households and preventing environmental degradation caused by the use of traditional cooking fuels." "Promoting LPG is essential to achieving Sustainable Development Goals-7 to ensure affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all by 2030", said Dr Abdul Jaleel, an expert from the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

Dr. Sengupta, another panelist, stated, "E-cooking will be the future of India. Transitioning to e-cooking can enhance the quality of life and reduce environmental emissions." Prof R.R Biradar, Registrar, CUK, remarked, "There has been an irreparable loss in health and well-being among family members due to the use of traditional cooking fuels. As a resource-poor region, the Kalyan Karnataka Region Performs poorly on the gender disparity index, Human Development Index, and other developmental indicators."

"We were responsible for gathering firewood and agricultural



waste from the fields, but now we receive LPG delivered to our doorstep. Thanks to LPG, cooking time has been significantly reduced, making the process easier than before", said Chandrakal Pujari, PMUY beneficiary, who was invited to participate in the discussion with other scheme stakeholders. "Usage of LPG, even among socially and economically deprived households, has increased after implementation of PMUY in the Kalyan Karnataka Region. Nearly 82 percent of sample households (575), surveyed across twenty villages in the region, are now using LPG as their cooking fuels", said Dr Sanjit Sarkar, Project Director and Assistant Professor, CUK.

Seventh Annual Convocation held at CUK



Fri, 23 February 2024: The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, took place on 23 February 2024 at the Central University of Karnataka. This grand ceremony marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the university and its graduating students. The Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice Sri B. S. Patil, Lokayukta, State of Karnataka, delivered the Convocation Address, while Sri Vijay Keshav Gokhale, the Hon'ble Chancellor of the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, presided over the ceremony accompanied by Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CUK. The students who successfully completed their PhD, M.Phil, undergraduate, and post-graduate programs are awarded degrees at this ceremony. Of these, 296 students were awarded undergraduate degrees, 347 received post-graduate degrees, four candidates were granted M.Phil degrees, and 49 scholars were

conferred PhD degrees. Additionally, the University awarded 42 gold medals to students, 29 gold medals to Post- Graduate students, and 12 to undergraduate students who have scored the highest marks in their respective UG/PG programs offered by the University, and the 'Prof. A M Pathan Gold Medal' for the year 2022 was awarded to a student of M Tech in Information and Communication Technology. The initiative promote academic excellence and acknowledge academic accomplishments among the student body. It is a prestigious recognition of deserving students' remarkable achievements and contributions throughout their educational journey.

Distinguished guests, esteemed scholars, notable alumni, parents, and faculty members graced the occasion offering wisdom and encouragement to the graduating students.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY 2024 CELEBRATED AT CUK

Wed, 28 February 2024: "Students and children should be curious and observant developing a scientific mindset to address problems facing humanity and society," stated Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUK. He spoke following the inauguration of Three-Day event celebrating National Science Day on February 26, organized by the Department of Chemistry at CUK. National Science Day commemorates the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' on February 28 every year. This year's event was celebrated under the theme 'Indigenous Technologies for Vikasit Bharat.'

During the open day activity, over 120 plus High School students and their teachers from Kenbridge School, Appa Public School, and S. R. N. Mehta School in Kalaburagi, participated. Following the inauguration, the student were taken to various laboratories in the Department of Chemistry, where approximately twenty experiments were conducted. Some of the experiments were 'Invisible ink,' 'Elephant toothpaste,' 'Fake blood,' 'Electroplating,' 'Dancing Sodium,' 'Lava lamp,' 'Food adulterants,' 'Hot ice experiment,' 'Vanishing color experiment' etc.

The high school children and the university students displayed the high-end research instruments and their role in chemistry. All the school children were curious and excited and actively participated in these experiments. The school children actively participated in science games and quizzes.



In the evening, cultural events, mini sports, and food stalls were organised for university students. On February 27, science movie screening and cultural events were held. On this occasion, Prof. Raghavaih welcomed all the school children, university students, and guests. Prof. Venkata Ramana Doddi, Dean of the School of Physical Science, briefed the students about the activities planned at these events. Additionally, Prof. Hanumegouda, Prof. S Vishwanath Bhosle, Dr. Harish Holla, Dr. Venkatanarayana, Dr. Dorai Pandi, Dr. Anjaneyalu, Dr. Ashok, faculty members, students, and guests were in attendance.

THREE DAY MINDX MEDIA FEST 2024 INAUGURATED AT CUK

Thu, 29 February 2024: "For professionalism in journalism along with classroom instruction, practical field exposure is essential." said Srinivas Sirnoorkar, journalist and author. He made this remarks during the inauguration of the Three-day event MINDX Media Fest 2024, organized by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at CUK. He further emphasized, "I have observed that individuals who receives only classroom training are not as successful or effective as those who gained experience in the field. To provide practical exposure to the students, invite journalists, politicians, social workers, and industrialists to the campus and organize press meetings and interactions. This will allow students to write about their experience and learn from one another. To advance India, we must bring issues related to rural, women, children, malnutrition, poverty, and agriculture into mainstream journalism. This event will help students get exposure to the practical aspects."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan presided over the program and stated, "Degrees are not the real qualification; studying society is very important for journalists. Students have to go to the villages, communities, and industries to examine how society is operating. Media plays a crucial role in nation-building. Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. We have seen how media has played a role during the emergency. The miserable thing is that truthful and honest journalists face a threat from society for exposing their wrongdoing." Dean School of Media Studies, Prof. Channaveer RM, contributed saying, "Today is a significant day as we have inaugurated the advanced media studio and exhibition of students' works. Journalism students should prepare reports and documentaries highlighting the achievements of individual students, faculty, and departments and creating valuable archives. These will be opportunities for journalism students to learn practically."



The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism coordinator, Dr. Oinam Bedajit Meitei, welcomed the gathering and delivered introductory remarks. He stated, "MINDX, Media Interaction and Exhibition Series by the Department aims to provide a platform for students to showcase their talent and creativity. Attendees can network, collaborate, and engage in thought-provoking discussions and cultural exchanges throughout the three-day festival. Media students from Gulbarga University and Sharnbasava University will also participate in this event. Industry experts will discuss topic such as AI, digital marketing, and media. Various competitive events for the students are also planned."

On the occasion, faculty members from the department including Dr. Deepti, Dr. K Karthik, Dr. Rupa Rani Sonowal, as well as students from CUK, Gulbarga University, and Sharnbasava University were present.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON 'ASSESSMENT OF DIGITAL INDIA FROM POLICY TO IMPACT' AT CUK



Thu, 29 February 2024: "Technological development and application, India is on par with developed nations," said Prof. E A Vayunandana, former Vice Chancellor of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University in Nashik. He made this remark during the inauguration of one day workshop aimed at disseminating the findings of the ICSSR-sponsored short-term project titled "From Policy to Impact: Tracing Digital India's Progress in Enhancing Public Services in Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan organized by the Department of Public Administration at CUK.

Furthermore he stated, "Make technology a facilitator, not a master. E-governance was initiated to bring governance to the doorstep. Hence, from the grassroots level, the parliament government has implemented e-governance, and we have witnessed its impact on the transforming people's lives. The adoption of digital technology in governance has yielded numerous benefits like efficiency and effectiveness in administration, inclusiveness, time-saving, convenience, reduced corruption and hassle lower operational cost, improved accessibility, enhanced transparency, and greater accountability. As a result of e-governance, public satisfaction, trust, and reliability in public governance and ease of use have increased."

Prof. B. V. Dandra, former Professor of Computer Science at Gulbarga University, was the guest of honor and stated, "Anatomy of Digital India consists of the digitization of documents, digital data, digital infrastructure, and statistical software. In addition to this framework, Digital India relies on broadband, universal access, public internet, ICT infrastructure, hardware and chips, and e-governance."

Prof. Y Parthasarathi, added, "Public administration institutes have recognised the need to apply digital technology in governance (e-governance) and opened the gate for e-governance. Initially, there was resistance, however, people eventually acknowledged its significance and embraced it."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana presided over the program and stated, "Research should not be for the sake of promotion, instead solve social problems. All the university teachers and students come forward and work on the issues around you. CUK has worked on the PM Ujwal, Skill India, PM Kisan Samman, and the Digital India project initiative. The findings from these studies will assist the government in making more informed."

Dean, School of Social Science, Prof. Channaveer R. M. also spoke. Project Director Dr. Sandeep Inampudi welcomed the gathering. Other project directors including Dr. Gururaj Mukarambi, Dr. Dineh Gehlot and Dr. Supriya Davidwere, were also present and contributed to the workshop.

MEERA PEHLA VOTE DESH KE LIYE CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED

Mon, 4 March 2024: "Make India much more vibrant than it is today," said Prof. J S Patil, Former Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Law University, Dharwad. He spoke following the inauguration of the Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye Campaign organized by the NSS Unit of CUK. He further said, "India is a land of democracy, and we are the most successful democracy in the world. Many world leaders believed that India's democracy would not endure and that we could not rule ourselves. However, we have proven them wrong. We are one of the strongest nations globally, and the 21st century belongs to India because we are the most vibrant democracy in the world. With noble intentions, the Election Commission of India has started educating first-time voters with the 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye' campaign to educate youths on the importance of voting. Therefore, all of you to participate in the election process and vote for the nation, as the success of democracy depends on how its citizens vote. We all share the responsibility of making this nation a superpower. We have proven in the Covid by vaccinating 100 countries and saving millions of lives. We believe in the concept of Vasudeva Kutumbakam."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan has presided over the program and said, "The future is in your hands; no one can change it, and only you can change it. Voting is crucial for the success of democracy. Many countries suffer from dictatorships or monarchies. We can enjoy all the rights because of our vibrant democracy. Hence, all vote to build a strong nation without fear, favor, or discrimination. We should not allow people to make politics a money-making business. Vote without expecting any inducement or personal favor. I have never missed voting, so please vote without failure." Registrar Prof. R R Biradar also spoke on the occasion and said, "If we want



We must vote for the right people for good governance and effective public service. The future of our country rests in the hands of its voters. Nearly 2.63 crore voters are first-time young voters like you. Please go and vote for the nation."

On the occasion, all the students and faculty members have taken the voter's pledge to vote. NSS Coordinator Dr. Shivam Mishra welcomed the gathering and said, "Week along, various activities will be organized per the direction of the Election Commission and Ministry of Education to educate the first-time voters." Mr. K M Sharma anchored the program, and Dr. D Gautham proposed the vote of thanks; Dr. Swapnil Chapekar rendered the National anthem. Prof. M S Pasodi, Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dr. Zohair, and other faculty members and students were present.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON 'PERFORMANCE BEYOND MATRIX: TRAVERSING PERFORMANCE IN EMERGING TRENDS'

Thu, 7 March 2024: "Whole life is a performance; from birth to death, humans assume different roles," said Prof. Tharakeshwar V. B. from EFLU, Hyderabad. He spoke at the inaugural session of a two-day national seminar titled 'Performance Beyond Matrix: Traversing Performance in Emerging Trends,' organized by the Department of English at CUK. He further said, "Before the advent of print media, authorship was in the form of performance. Plays, dramas, and stories were how writers conveyed their perspectives on society and their surroundings. The emergence of print and other modern Media, authors, and plays have become commodities and led to capitalization. Performance is not limited to theatre and dramas; poetry, autobiography, and all forms of any literature can be staged. It is breaking the traditional notion of performance and widening its scope."

Prof. Basavaraj Donur, head of the English department, spoke at the occasion and said, "We enjoy the performance of the play on stage, but it has much pain behind it. Finding the right talent, nurturing, and holding them for longer is difficult. Only the director bears the pain." Registrar Prof. R R Biradar also spoke on the occasion and said, "With the advent of modernism and westernization, Indian culture and society are under threat. We must understand this and protect our cultured civilization." Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan inaugurated the program and said, "There is much scope to learn beyond the classroom."



An event like this provides students to interact with experts and learn from them. The English language plays a significant role in the student's personality development. Hence, we have established an English language teaching and a training lab, a film lab, and evening extra classes for students. Both spoken and written language skills are critical." Organizing Secretary Dr. Renuka L. Nayak welcomed the gathering and delivered introductory remarks. Dr. Mahima Raj anchored the program, and Dr. Jayadevi Jangamshetty, Dr. Ravikiran Nokod, and Dr. Swapnil Chapekar rendered the national song and anthem. Dr. Ashish Belamkar proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. Ganesh Pawar, Dr. Mahendra, Dr. Prakash Balikai, faculty members, students, and participants were present.

CUK WELCOMES YUVA SANGAM TEAM FROM IIT KANPUR

Sat, 9 March 2024: "Karnataka is the land of social reformers; Lord Basaveshwara has addressed many of the social problems that we are facing today in the 12th century," said Sri Mohan Badagandi, First Additional District and Sessions Judge of Kalaburagi. He spoke at the inaugural program of Yuva Sangama IIT Kanpur students' visit to the Central University of Karnataka Kalaburagi. He said, "Today's generation is more blessed with modern technology and facilities than our generation. It is commendable that we are progressing and using this advancement for human betterment. But we are witnessing a decline in moral values and social harmony. Currently, we face many socio-economic problems, such as the caste system, gender discrimination, and economic inequality, but Lord Basaveshwar solved these issues in the 12th century and provided solutions. You are presently in Sharanas and will learn more about them when visiting Basavakalyana. The Philosophy that Basaveshwara has taught is included in our constitution. One of his famous vachana, 'Don't steal, don't kill,' is very famous and has many moral and constitutional values. Today, we often focus on our rights rather than on our duties. We all must understand our responsibility towards this nation and protect our rich heritage and culture. I hope you will enjoy and cherish your visit to Karnataka."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan presided over the program and stated, "Our country is incredible; it is 'Ek Bharath Shresth Bharat.' You have come from various institutions, disciplines, and regions of Uttar Pradesh, but you all are united, and we should not discriminate among ourselves. Our country is renowned for respecting



women. We are going for 50% reservation for women in Parliament and Vidhana Sabhas. Karnataka is known for its social reformers and intellectuals; it is an amazing state. Lord Basaveshwara established the Anubhava Mantapa in the 12th century as a spiritual parliament. This land has given democracy to the world. The Hindu Succession Law was based on the Mitakshara, written by Vijaneshwara, who lived in Martur Village during the region of King Vikramaditya VI of the Chalukya Empire. Karnataka has immensely contributed to India's unity."

Earlier, CUK's Nodal Officer for the Yuva Sangama Program, Dr. Veeresh Kasabegoudar, welcomed the gathering and delivered an introductory speech. He said, "Yuva Sangama is designed to provide a platform for youth to learn about India's Progress (Pragati), Industry (Pradyogiki), Tourism and Travel (Paryatana), Culture and

Heritage (Parampara) and Bridging the gap between the people (Paraspara Samparka). During this tour, CUK students will visit Basavakalyana, Bidar, IIT Dharwad, ISRO IIM Bengaluru, and Mysore. We wish everyone a happy and safe journey." The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor occasionally presented Vachana Personality Development books to the delegates as a special memento. On this occasion, professors from IIT Kanpur, Dr. Gururaj Ville, and Dr. Vijayakumar Panday thanked CUK and the Ministry of Education for this wonderful opportunity and look forward to exploring Karnataka.

Dr. Sangamesh delivered a vote of thanks, Dr. Swapnil Chapekar rendered the national anthem, and Kumar Ayush Mishra recited the poems. CUK's Students Kaveri and Komal, who visited IIT Kanpur and Uttar Pradesh as a part of the Yuva Sangama program, shared their experience.

CUK JOINTLY ORGANIZE ONE DAY SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Mon, 11 March 2024: "My mother is my role model. She provided us a good education and culture. Today, who I am, it is because of my mother," said Dr. Umesh G. Jadhav, a Member of parliament representing the Gulbarga Lok Sabha constituency. He was speaking after the inauguration of a one-day seminar held at the celebration of International Women's Day, which was jointly organized by the Central University of Karnataka and the Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Kalaburagi, at the Chamber of Commerce Building."

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CUK Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, was the chief guest. He addressed the gathering and stating, "Without women, we cannot envision any development. Our Prime Minister has emphasized the 'beti bachao beti padhao' program. Since the time of the Indus Valley civilization, we have been known for worshipping women goddesses and high regard for women as mothers. Through reservation for women in local self-

government to Parliament, women participation in all walks of life, women empowerment is now a reality in India. In our university, there are now more girls than boys. Every family is now encouraging girls' education. Compared to the 1980s, the scenario has changed a lot; women's participation has increased across all sectors of the economy, so India's economy is growing. The Prime Minister has developed many programs such as Mudra, SHGs, Stand up India, and start-up India for entrepreneurial development. Women's empowerment initiatives should not be confined to a single day of celebration; instead, we must work every day towards this direction. We have signed a MoU with KKCCI for our mutual benefit. We have to work together to develop industries in this region."

President of KKCCI Sri Shashikant Patil has presided over the program and said, "If we create a conducive environment for women, they can significantly contribute to socio-economic development. Today,

from advanced scientific technology to industry, women are present in every walk of life. Hence, we have started the women's wing, KLAMP, and more than two hundred women have come forward to start industries. We have signed an MoU with CUK to work for industrial development, training development, and employment generation. We will work together in this direction." Earlier, Secretary KKCCI Sri Manjunath Jewargi welcomed attendees and presented the history and work of the Chamber of Commerce. Similarly, Dr. Mohammad Zohair discussed CUK and the objectives MoU.

On the occasion, Prof. Pushpa M Savadatti, Smt. Mukta Jugerkal, and Smt Chandanabala Sethia also spoke. Dr. Ganapati B Sinnoor, Dr. Shivakumar Belli, Dr. Shushma H, Dr. Sailaja Konek from CUK, along with Ramakrishna Boralkar Vice President of KKCCI, Joint Secretary Sangamesh Kalyani, and MC members, CUK MBA students, and invitees were present. Treasure KKCCI CA Uttam Bajaj proposed the vote of thanks.

ECONOMIC FEST: ARTHIKOTSAV 2.0 INAUGURATED

Fri, 15 March 2024: "Successful implementation of government initiatives and programs is a prerequisite for achieving Viksit Bharat," said Shri. Vidyasagar, Founder Chairman of Sagar Asia Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad. He delivered the keynote address on The Viksit Bharat@2047 on the occasion of the inauguration of Eco-Fest "ARTHIKOTSAV-2.0" on the Viksit Bharat@2047 theme organized by the Department of Economic Studies and Planning, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi. He further said, "Today's students are tomorrow's workforce who will make our country as developed by 2047. Along with government initiatives and quality workforce industries, technology and innovation play crucial roles in India's development. We need to produce volumes of products of German quality, not China's. Our youth is going to enjoy the fruits of Developed India. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the youth to aim towards Viksit Bharat."

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUK, has presided over the program and said, "The Government of India's efforts towards Viksit Bharat are immense. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi is tirelessly working for this. He is not working for his family but for the entire country. Positive thinking is required to develop the work that has been going on for the last decade in this country. The Prime Minister called the whole country to participate in the country's development work. Hence, we all have to work for the Viksit Bharat."



The Head of the Department of Economic Studies and Planning delivered an introductory speech. He said, "The organizing committee has arranged a ramp walk, food stalls, and movie night in the evening—the inauguration of ARTHIKOTSAV 2.0 marks the beginning of a joyous and memorable celebration that promises to enrich the lives of all participants. This program will continue till 16 th March 2024".

On this occasion, program coordinator Dr. S. Lingamurthy, Prof. Pushpa M Savadatti, Dr. Panduranga V. Patti, Dr. Mohammad Zohair, Dr. Goutham, Dr. Basavaraj M. S., Dr. Shivakumar M Belli, Faculty members, and students were present.

FAREWELL TO IIT KANPUR'S YUVA SANGAM TEAM

Sat, 16 March 2024: "The concept of national integration is an integral part of our culture," noted journalist and writer Sri Shrinivas Sirnoorkar. He was speaking at the farewell program for IIT Kanpur's Yuva Sangama team, which had just completed a weeklong visit to Karnataka Visit organized by the Central University of Karnataka in Kalaburagi. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan presided over the event.

He said, "Share your experience with your family and friends about Yuva Sangama, One India Great India, and your visit to Karnataka. Yuva Sangama aims to provide a platform for youth to learn about India's progress (Pragati), industry (Pradyogiki), tourism and travel (Paryatana), culture and heritage (Parampara), and bridging the gap between people (Paraspara Samparka). CUK's Nodal Officer for the Yuva Sangama Program, Dr. Veeresh Kasabegoudar, welcomed the gathering earlier. On this occasion, the professor from IIT Kanpur, Dr. Vijayakumar Panday, and all the other members shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to CUK for its excellent hospitality. Some students shared their knowledge and said, "It was a great learning opportunity, and we thank PM Narendra Modi for it."



Dr. Neetin B. anchored the program, while Dr. Sangamesh proposed a vote of thanks; Dr. Jayadevi Jangamashetty and Ravikirana Nakod performed the national song and national anthem. On this occasion, Dr. Nagaraj Dharawadkar, Dr. R. S. Hegadi, Dr. Basavaraj M. S., Dr. N. Babu, Dr. Mallikarjun, Dr. Ganapati B. Sinnor, Dr. Siva M., Dr. Jagadeesh Biredar, Dr. Kavita Sangolagi, and several students were in attendance.

ONE WEEK SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON TRANSLATION IN INDIAN LANGUAGES



Mon, 18 March 2024: "Translation helps to liberate and decolonize the mind, brings inclusivity, humanism, and multiculturalism, and contributes to breaking the patriarchy, monoculture, and ethnocentricity," said Prof.Indrani Mukharjee from JNU, New Delhi. She was speaking in the week's inaugural session, 'Skill Development Workshop on Translation in Indian Languages,' organized by the Central University of Karnataka in Kalaburagi in collaboration with the National Translation Mission, CIIL, Mysuru.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Tariq Khan, Officer in Charge of the National Translation Mission at CIIL, Mysuru, spoke on the occasion and said, "India, as an economic power and knowledge-based economy, strongly needs translation. India is a multilingual country that combines different languages and cultures. Understanding the importance of translation and providing higher education in the mother tongue, the Indian Knowledge Commission suggested establishing a National Translation Mission in 2008. We have started working on translating higher education textbooks and reading materials into 22 Indian languages.

Our students are good at certain subjects but cannot do well at higher levels because of the English medium; hence, providing education in their mother language is very important. The reliability of translation is also critical. To create this ecosystem, we (MTM, CIIL) have started working with different universities, institutions, and publishers to create a pool of qualified translators and reliable reading material. Translation is a very lucrative career opportunity. We (MTM, CIIL) serve as the apex body for translations in India. We work for Government agencies as well as private institutions and companies. Now, we are translating the Indian constitution into 11 languages, various government acts and policies, and textbooks into 22 Indian languages. NEP 2020 has galvanized the tarnation by emphasizing education in the mother language and multidisciplinary research. This kind of workshops we are conducting across India to create qualified talent in all the languages."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof.BattuSatyanarayan has presided over the program and said, "Translating novels is not enough. We must also translate scientific and technological innovations, writings, court proceedings, administrative decisions, and policies. Because of the non-availability of literature in the mother tongue, many people are deprived of benefits and justice. We should learn from Germany and Japan, which have progressed by adopting their mother languages in all aspects of life. We are moving in that direction, as the CUET is conducted in 13 Indian languages and English. Osmania University started education in Urdu, and even medicine was taught in Urdu. There are numerous opportunities for you to make use of this."

Earlier, the Dean of the School of Humanities and Languages, Prof.VikramVisaji, discussed the workshop and said, "Without translation, nothing will move. We can know how to get Indian and global writers through translation. CUK plans to start the Department of Translation Studies, and this workshop is a step in that direction."

Program Coordinator Dr.Ankita Satpati welcomed the gathering, and Dr. Kumar Mangalam anchored the program and proposed a vote of thanks. Dr.Swapnil Chapekar rendered an invocation song. Prof.Shivaganga Roomma, Prof.Sunitha Manjanbail, Prof.Bheemarao Bhosale, and Participants were present.

WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY CELEBRATED AT CUK



Wed, 20 March 2024: "Social work students can initiate their own social venture instead of looking for low-paying jobs," said Prof. B.T Lawani, Director of the Research Centre at Savitribai Phule University Pune. He spoke at the celebration of Social Work Day organized by the Department of Social Work at CUK. He said, "Every social worker has the skills necessary to carry out social enterprise. There is a pressing need for a lot of social enterprises in India. They can even look into the entrepreneurial opportunities in agriculture as well." Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana has inaugurated the Social Work Day celebration and exhibition organized by the Department of Social Work. He said, "Social workers have many responsibilities in carrying out social activities. They play a vital role in the well-being of the people. They must be the counselors and advisors to women, children, and farmers." On this occasion, Prof. Channaver R.M., Dean of the School of Social and Behavioural Science, also said, "Social workers can play a significant role in sustainable development."

Head of the Department of Social Work, Prof. Pavitra R. Alur, spoke on the occasion and said, "Social Work Day celebration creates awareness among the people about its role in social development. This year's celebration theme is 'Shared Future for Transformative Change.' It emphasizes community-led approaches, Indigenous wisdom, and harmonious co-existence with nature. Students have prepared and exhibited various social work models such as the sustainable CUK model, the social justice model, and a flowchart demonstrating the value of education, social reformers, and activists, a model school, a wellness center, a child guidance center, a model factory, and the 5S model. People from the nearby villages, school children, and small kids came to see the exhibition, and it was wonderful to see the curiosity on their faces. The event demonstrated its social commitment by supporting local entrepreneurs, offering them space to set up stalls on campus for the duration of the fest.

This initiative allowed producers and farmers to sell their goods directly to consumers at affordable prices. Students from the social work department and others ran a food stall. They also organized numerous games, including 'Guess the Person,' 'Pyramid Ball,' 'Splash Ball,' 'Memory Test,' 'Puzzle Game,' 'Water Ball,' and 'Horror Room.' On the occasion, progressive organic farmer Hanamant Belagumpi and Anandaraj, Director of Margadarshi NGO Kalburagi, were honored. Event coordinator Dr. Sivamoorthy welcomed the gathering, Binsha anchored the program, and Eldose proposed a vote of thanks—a model institution in every district. Hence, we seek outstanding teachers who can partner in nation-building. We are looking for Teachers who are open-minded and lifelong learners. Rastrotthana Parishat is the best place to work and grow." Rastrotthana Parishat's Kalaburagi convener Krishna Joshi also spoke on the occasion and said, "Rastrotthana Parishat was started in 1965 in Bengaluru to build a healthy and sustainable society. Its main aim is 'Rastra Devo Bhava.' It is involved in people's service through various activities such as education, cattle protection, slum development, etc. We believe that moral and valuable education is crucial for nation-building and making good human beings. We are looking for good teachers who understand our value orientation and can join hands in nation-building."

Dean School of Education, Prof. G. R. Angadi, speaking on the occasion, said, "Teachers are nation builders. Today, other than software engineers, good teachers are in demand globally. As our Prime Minister says, we must use this opportunity to make India the Vishwa Guru. We are training our trainees keeping the nation's expectations in mind. Along with knowledge, inculcating Indian ethos and values is very important." Placement Officer Dr. Paramesh welcomed and delivered introductory remarks. He said, "There will be three rounds in this recruitment process. It starts with a written test, then a demo class, and finally an interview conducted by the Human Resource Managers." Dr. Mayur Pujar proposed a vote of thanks.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON 'STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF RURAL ECONOMY IN INDIA: EMERGING ISSUES AND EVIDENCE'



Thu, 21 March 2024: "After independence, the Indian economy moved from an economic growth paradigm to Atmanirbhar Bharat," said Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar of CUK and also a professor of economics. He delivered a special lecture organized by the Department of Business Studies, CUK, on 'Structural Transformation of Rural Economy in India: Emerging Issues and Evidence.' He further said, "The first two decades after independence, the government focused on an economic growth model. This model of increasing national income did not help reduce poverty or improve health conditions and literacy. A survey in the 1970s showed that 54% of people were below the poverty line. Hence, the focus shifted to the economic development model. Increased emphasis was given to technological adoption, innovation, the launch of poverty reduction schemes, the Public Distribution System (PDS), and increasing health and literacy levels. However, this model was only sustained for a short time.

By the 1990s, we had witnessed the rich becoming richer and the poor becoming poorer, needing more progress regarding health and literacy. Then, planners and policymakers shifted their focus to human development. Instead of giving freebies, the government focused on skill development, capacity building, and creating a favorable ecosystem for entrepreneurship development; hence, people could become self-reliant. Here, the government gradually withdrew from the market-led economy, allowing for privatization. After the 1990s, the focus shifted to women's development and empowerment, which got attention. For the first time in 1995, the Women Empowerment Index was introduced. It was believed that women's participation would lead to economic development; hence, more emphasis was placed on improving women's health, literacy, and participation in the workforce. Unfortunately, India ranks 127th on the Gender Gap Index, which shows that women's workforce participation is much less than men's. After 2000 and in the last two decades, an inclusive approach to economic development has been emphasized.

If a country is to be developed, all sections of society, including women, the poor, rural communities, and tribal groups, should be empowered and included as stakeholders in economic development. Currently, the government's emphasis is on Atmanirbhar Bharat. India must be self-sufficient in every field and reduce its dependence on imports. Talking about the structural transformation of the rural economy in India, he said, "India, being the largest consumer market, has enormous entrepreneurial and business opportunities. There is no problem from the demand side of the economy, but we have to address the issues from the supply side. It gives young minds a huge opportunity to become entrepreneurs. There is an increasing trend in rural and urban literacy, but the gap still exists. Workers' participation in agriculture is gradually decreasing.

In 1972-73, 85% of rural people worked in agriculture; in 2019-20, this has reduced to 61%. It is suitable for the rural economy that + people move from low-income farms to higher-income non-farm activities. It is evident that in 1972-73, only 16.7 % of people were working in non-farm activities, but in 2009-10, this has gone up to 37.5%. The problem is that rural employees' productivity is Rs. 1 lakh per annum, whereas urban employees' productivity is Rs. 3 lakh. This is mainly because of disguised employment. Therefore, to reduce poverty and income inequality, we have to increase non-farm employment and self-employment opportunities in rural areas for the depressed classes. The study also reveals that irrigated zones have less poverty than arid regions. Hence, we must provide irrigation facilities and encourage farmers to shift to irrigation. On this occasion, the Dean of the School of Business Studies, Prof. K. Padmashree, Head of the Department of Business Studies, Dr. Mohammad Zohair, Dr. Ganapati B. Sinnoor, Dr. Panduranga Patti, Dr. Shushma H, Dr. Sailaj Konek, Dr. Rajlingam, Dr. Kavita Sngolagi, Dr. Srilaxmi, Dr. Jaipal Rathod, Dr. Bhalki Vani, MBA and BBA students were present.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON 'ROLE OF NGOS AND GOVERNMENT IN ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR'



Sat, 23 March 2024: "Child labor issue is directly linked to poverty; if we eradicate poverty, it is easy to eradicate child labor," said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUK. He was speaking after the inauguration of the International Workshop on 'The Role of NGOs and Government Departments in Eradication of Child Labor' jointly organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Karnataka, and the Rural Literacy and Health Program (RLHP) Mysuru at CUK. He further said, "Government alone cannot eradicate child labor. NGOs, civil society, and every one of us must join hands. Girls are more vulnerable to child labor than boys. That is the reason our Prime Minister introduced the program 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado' to promote girl child education."

Ms. Kuduzai-Vimbiso Grace Tseriwa, Coordinator of the Child Labour Project at Terre Des Hommes, Zimbabwe, said, "academia also plays a major role in eradicating child labor. It is essential to educate the child to empower."

Prof. Channaveer, RM Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Science, CUK, delivered a presidential address with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Utlaramesh and the program anchored by Ms. Binsha. Ms. Aaradhya rendered a prayer song. The Head of the Department of Social Work, Prof. Pavitra R. Alur, welcomed the gathering. Smt. Cynthia (RLHP) introduced the workshop theme.

In Technical session-I on 'Child labor situation in Zimbabwe: Role of government,' Ms. Kuduzai Vimbiso Grace Tseriwa, Coordinator, Child Labor Project TDH (G), Zimbabwe, and Mr. Andrew Max Albert Nyekete presented. He explained the importance of government programs like providing nutrition to promote child literacy. Education is one of the significant tools to eradicate child labor. He also pointed out that, along with the government, NGOs has a considerable role in the eradication of child labor. There was a discussion on how the Zimbabwe government evaluates nutrition at status and school enrollment.

Technical session II on the topic 'Role of Government in the Eradication of Child Labor' was hosted by Naveen Kumar, Deputy Director, Women and Child Development Department, Kalburagi, and presented by Mr. Venkatesh Shindehatti. He explained child labor statistics in Kalburagi and their intervention programs in various areas. In the discussion, he added multiple schemes and programs that help children and families move out of child labor.

Technical session III was on the child labor situation in North Karnataka: Bidar and Kalburagi, hosted by Mrs. Saraswathi and presented by Prof. Channaveer R. M. He elaborated on the overall picture of Kalburagi. He also explained various theories regarding the importance of integrating social work with NGOs for the eradication of child labor and emphasized the importance of a multi-disciplinary and integrated approach for the overall development of children, especially in the eradication of child labor.

TWO-DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ON 'DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS' INAUGURATED AT CUK

Wed, 27 March 2024: "Let the nation be a triumph. Let India be the model for the rest of the world. I am sure each one of you is capable of taking this torch further to lighten the path of human rights in the rest of the world," said Hon'ble Justice V. Srishananda, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, while addressing the students at the inaugural ceremony of the Two-Day Training Program on 'Different Dimensions of Human Rights' organized by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, in collaboration with The Department of Law, the Department of Education and Training, and the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi. Further, he said, "Every individual shall act as a protector of human rights, and you all shall reap the fullest benefit from this training program."

Prof. J.S. Patil, former vice-chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, delivered the keynote address and said, "Artificial intelligence is a big challenge not only for human rights but also for all kinds of rights and laws. Now, people are losing their jobs because of AI. Forget about human rights; the survival of human beings will be in danger. We have to fight for our survival with our technological creation. AI is excellent when it is used as your servant. When you allow it to become your master, it will kill you." He mentioned granting citizenship to a robot- Sophia. Prof. Patil emphasized the challenges of artificial intelligence in the law and human rights.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana delivered a presidential address and said, "Lawyers and teachers are the protectors of human rights. Teachers play a



vital role in molding the students' personalities. People in the villages consider the village a family, whereas in the cities, people don't even bother about their neighbors. We must develop an attitude embedded with moral values and ethics to uphold human rights."

Dr. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean of the School of Legal Jurisprudence Studies at the Central University of Karnataka, welcomed the guests and wished the participants to make the best use of the program. Prof. Basavaraj P. Donur, Director of Academics; Prof. G. R. Angadi, Dean of the School of Education and Training; ; Dr. Anant D. Chinchure; Dr. Renuka S Gubbewad,, and the students were present.

CUK'S ANNUAL SPORTS, CULTURAL, AND INNOVATION FEST ANKUR-2024 CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY

Sun, 7 April 2024: "Events like Ankur serve as platforms to bring out the talent hidden in the students," said Prof. Promod B Gai, former Vice Chancellor of Karnataka University Dharwad and Executive Council Member of CUK. He spoke at the concluding ceremony of CUK's Annual Sports, Cultural, and Innovation Fest ANKUR-2024 at CUK. He further said, "Along with curricular activities, students must develop an interest in extracurricular activities. You have to develop a model personality, and for that, you have to follow successful role model personalities in your life. To succeed, one has to have self-confidence, sincerity, hard work, and patience."

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, presided over the program and said, "Winning and losing are not important; participation is essential. Participation in such events helps to develop your all-around personality. When you go out of the campus, you will face many challenges. This is the real-life examination you are going to face. Reading books and taking examinations are not enough. You have to prepare yourself to face real-life challenges. Hence, you have to participate in every event. It would be best not to become too excited when you win and depressed when you lose. You have to take these as learning lessons and make yourself stronger. I congratulate all of you for participating enthusiastically in all the events and making them successful."

CUK Registrar Prof. R R Biradara also spoke on the occasion and said, "Sports are an industry, and it is increasing. Annually, it contributes Rs. 15,766 crore to India's GDP and is growing at 11%, more than the GDP growth rate. The Indian sports goods manufacturing industry exported 3.6 billion US dollars in 2003, and it will reach 6.9 billion US dollars by 2027. India is earning substantial foreign exports from this industry."



The university has built up much indoor and outdoor games infrastructure, so use it to shape your personality." In" the innovation festival, awards were given in three categories. Asad Ali from Electronics and Communication won first prize in Agriculture innovation. Raviraj from Electrical Engineering won first prize in the pure science category.

G Kavya from the Department of Business Studies has won first prize in the Social Science category. The School of Business Studies has won the overall championship in the sports category. The School of Social and Behavioural Science has won the overall championship in cultural events. Dean of Students Welfare Prof. R S Hegadi delivered introductory remarks. Dr. Nitin B and Dr. Rooparani Sonawal anchored the program. Dr. Sandeep N welcomed the gathering. Dr. Ashis Belamkar proposed a vote of thanks. Cultural events coordinator Dr. Mallikarjun Hoogar rwinners'winners' names. Similarly, Dr. Sai Abhinav read the names of the sports event winners, and Dr. N Sandeep read the names of the innovation event winners.

GOOD PLACEMENT DRIVES AT CUK



Sat, 20 April 2024: "Bring a good name and reputation to CUK, and will become the brand ambassador of the university," said Prof. Battu Satyanarayan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUK, after distributing job offer letters to CUK students selected by various companies during the second phase of the 2023-24 academic year placement drive. A total of 40 students were placed in various reputed organizations. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of hard work, sincerity, and discipline to be successful in both career and life. We always try to ensure that our graduating students leave with either a job in hand or for NET/JRF certificate.

On this occasion, Registrar Prof. R R Biradar also spoke and stated, "To get employment, soft skills are more critical than hard skills (knowledge gained from subjects). Good knowledge about soft skills such as communication, interpersonal relations, motivation, leadership, and team management is becoming crucial for effective career management. Getting a job and keeping the job is also very important. Good knowledge of soft skills helps in this regard."

On this occasion, the Placement Officer, Dr. Paramesh, also discussed the university's current placement activities and the upcoming opportunities available for CUK students across various fields in different reputed organizations. He said, "In the academic year 2023-24, we have placed 90 students through campus placement in companies such as Azim Premji Foundation, Avanti Fellows, ESAF Small Finance Bank, Home First Finance, TCS-BPS, Niva Bupa Health Insurance, Qspiders, and others. The placement season for 2023-24 will continue until the end of August. Many organizations are currently in the placement process, and we still expect more placement opportunities for our students. We are happy that our MBA student, Sonam Sharma has got the highest Rs. 9 lakh package per annum from ESAF Small Finance Bank."

WORLD EARTH DAY CELEBRATED AT CUK

Thu, 25 April 2024: "We are tenants of the earth, not the owners. We have to leave the earth as it is before going," said Dr. H S M Prakash, former Deputy Director General of the Geological Survey of India. He was speaking after the inauguration of the World Earth Day celebration organized by the School of Earth Science, CUK, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology.

He said, "In the last 30-40 years, we have overused the earth's resources, leading to many problems. Today, big cities, including Bengaluru, are facing severe water problems. Excessive industrialization and urbanization have led to the mindless use of resources. We blame CO₂ for increasing temperature. But climate change has been happening for the last 4.5 crore years. Geological changes are common and regularly keep happening. There was fear that by 2020, many port cities would submerge under water due to increased sea levels. But it was an overestimation, and nothing much happened. Increased CO₂ helps plants to get their food through photosynthesis. It is a good carbon. CO₂ helped with the formation of limestone beds. The greenhouse is false propaganda, but now people understand it."

Speaking about the mineral deposits in the Kalyana Karnataka Region, he said, "Minchgeri village near Lingasugur has vast deposits of Rare Earth Minerals. We founded it in 1992-93. More work is now going into this. Similarly, the Machanur area near Raichur has copper deposits. Here, our ancestors mined copper. Hence, this region has many mineral deposits."

Chief Guest and Chairman of Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Kalaburagi Chapter, Prof. M. S. Jogad, also said, "This year's theme of Earth Day is 'Earth vs. its plastic.' Everybody knows that we all are responsible for the increase in the use of plastic. Everywhere we see plastic, it is a difficult trend. Nano-sized plastic particles have been found in human blood vessels, posing a threat to heart attacks. The question is how to avoid the use of plastic. We all have to change our attitude, and the government has to create appropriate



policies instead of passing the buck on others. Students should come forward to research how to make plastic biodegradable. We will fund such research works."

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, presided over the program and said, "We always respect our mother and Mother Earth. Plastic is an artificial problem. Earlier, we were used to shopping with 'ganni' bags, but now people go empty-handed and bring everything in a plastic bag. This culture and practice should stop. Today, our cities, lakes, rivers, and beaches have become full of plastics. Not only animals on the earth but also aquatic species are facing danger. We must be mindful of how we use of resources. Groundwater levels are depleting. Even if we dig 1000 feet, we do not get water. With the increasing use of chemicals and fertilizers, we have polluted the agricultural land." The Program convener, Dr. Archana Kujur, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. Tejesvi Lakkundi proposed a vote of thanks.

CUK ALUMNI POOJA SURYAKANT HARALAYYA SECURED FIRST RANK IN KSET



Wed, 29 May 2024: Pooja Suryakant Haralayya, an alumnus of the Department of Chemistry at the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, has scored the highest marks in the KSET 2024 in Chemistry exam. She told the press, "KEA announced the provisional KSET results, and I scored 204 out of 300 marks and stood first in Chemistry. I have scored 66 out of 100 in General Paper and 138 out of 200 marks in Chemical Science." Pooja hails from a poor rural family. Her mother and father are agriculture laborers from Malked village in the Sedam Taluka of Kalaburagi district. Pooja, a hard-working and intelligent girl, also stood first in her taluka in the SSLC examination, scoring 93.9%. She completed her Master of Science from CUK in 2023 and is pursuing a B.Ed from SRK College, Raichur. Additionally, she passed the JRF (Junior Research Fellow) exam conducted by Joint UGC-CSIR New Delhi last December on her second attempt. When asked about her plan, she said, "I want to pursue PhD from Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru or any of the top IITs. My family is fully supporting me in pursuing my goal." She also thanked her teachers from CUK for guiding and mentoring. She said, "I came from Kannada medium and studied in Government schools and colleges. The teachers at CUK helped me a lot through their guidance and mentoring. The teaching was also excellent. I am very thankful to my teachers."

10TH INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED AT CUK

Fri, 21 June 2024: "For generations, India has been practicing yoga as part of health, fitness, and medicine," said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CUK. He spoke after the inauguration of the 10th International Yoga Day celebration at this university. He said, "Yoga Day has been observed internationally for the last ten years. It shows the importance of yoga as a part of health management. To keep ourselves happy and healthy, practicing yoga is essential. Youths should dedicate at least one hour to yoga practice every day. Because youths are the nation's assets, youth's health is national. If we don't practice yoga, we will become dependent on medicine. Yoga keeps us both physically and mentally healthy. Symbolically, practicing yoga just one day is not enough; today, we must pledge to practice to make it every day."



Registrar Prof. R R Biradar spoke on the occasion, stating, "Yoga helps us reduce the risk of heart attack, BP, Sugar, and many other diseases. There are different forms of Yoga in the Indian medicine system, and Astanga yoga is one of them. We should practice Yoga daily to stay healthy and happy." Earlier, the Dean of Students' Welfare, Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, welcomed the gathering and said, "At the request of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the United Nations designated June 21 as International Yoga Day and 177 nations are observing this day worldwide. It is a moment of pride for all of us."

Dr. Rajiv Joshi anchored the program; Dr. Swapnil Chapekar rendered the national song and anthem. On the occasion, students demonstrated various Asanas. Yoga instructor Ms. Joytsna and Dr. Santosh, program coordinator, Prof. G R Angadi, Director of Physical Education, Prof. M. S. Pasodi, Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Faculty Members, and Students were present.



CUK PHD SCHOLARS AWARDED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND

Fri, 28 June 2024: Two PhD scholars, Ananya Sikdar and Amritha Balakrishnan, from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at CUK have been awarded travel grants of USD 2000 each to present their research papers at the Annual International Conference hosted by the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, from June 30th to July 4th, 2024. IAMCR is a global professional association of media and communication researchers. The association promotes media and communication research worldwide, addressing socio-political, technological, policy, and cultural processes. Its members include individuals and institutions from over 100 countries across all continents. It is among the most prestigious gatherings of scholars, researchers, and professionals in media and communication. It is a platform for exchanging various research topics, ideas, and opinions.

This conference will provide an invaluable platform for discussion, collaboration, and networking with professionals, experts, and scholars. Both Ananya Sikdar and Amritha Balakrishnan are pursuing their PhDs under the supervision of Dr. K. Karthik. They are the two recipients of this travel grant out of 29 selected from 150 applicants worldwide.



Ananya will be presenting a paper titled 'Beyond the Queer Visibility: Examining Sexual Minorities Narratives in Indian Web Series'; and Amritha's paper titled 'The Emerging Landscape of Femtech: A Study of Indian Period Tracking Apps.'

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar, Head of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dr. Deepthi, and supervisor Dr. K Karthik congratulated both students on their remarkable achievements. They wished them success in their presentations and future endeavors.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME ORGANIZED AT CUK



Sat, 29 June 2024: "National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) offers hands-on job training to both technical as well as non-technical students including ITI, PUC, Diploma, and Graduates," said Vijay Shankar Pandey, Director, Board of Apprenticeship Training-Southern Region, Chennai during an awareness program organized at CUK. He further said, "To provide training and placement opportunities for intermediate and degree students, the Government of India has enacted The Apprenticeship Act, which came into effect in 1973. Under this act, the Board of Apprenticeship Training was established to bridge the gap between students, institutes, and companies by offering training and placement opportunities. Under this scheme, a guaranteed minimum stipend of Rs. 9000 per month, with Fifty percent of this amount being directly credited to the trainee's account by the central government."

Discussing the activities conducted under the program, he said, "career guidance program for the UG final year students, organizing apprenticeship fairs to provide an opportunity for companies and students bring on a single platform and maintain a database of trainees, institutions, and companies. Students together in the final year can register at <http://nats.education.gov.in>." He further added, "Today's industry needs skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and interpersonal, adaptability, flexibility, positive attitude, domain-specific competencies, ethics and values, creative and innovative thinking."

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayan delivered the presidential address and said, "Everyone talks about unemployment, but how to solve it is vital. Educational institutes are responsible for making students employable and providing a platform to get a job before leaving the campus through placement. Hence, this program is arranged to provide information about training and placement opportunities to our students. Students should become entrepreneurs and create jobs rather than seeking jobs. While on campus, use the facilities to acquire the necessary skills and competencies."

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar also spoke on the occasion and said, "In today's world, knowledge and skills are essential for success. Students must develop both soft and hard skills, as certificates without these skills hold little value. In terms of skilling, India lags behind developed countries. Eighty percent of people in developed countries are skilled through formal training; in India, it is just 5 percent. According to a 2024 survey report, only 54 percent of the graduates are employable, and the annual unemployment rate is around 8 percent. Hence, programs like this are the need of the hour." Placement officer Dr. Paramesh S. P. welcomed and delivered introductory remarks.



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