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CUK Celebrated 78th Independence Day

Thursday, August 15: The Central University of Karnataka celebrated 78th Independence Day with unwavering enthusiasm and patriotism. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana hoisted the national flag, addressed the gathering and emphasised the role of the universities in nation-building in his speech. He stated that universities should introspect why foreign institutions excel and why most students want to pursue their higher education abroad. He also emphasized on the need to use public funds responsibly, as they rely on taxpayers' money. He encouraged them to focus their research on rural development, highlighting ongoing issues with village infrastructure even after 77 years of independence. Prof. Satyanarayana cited the university's participation in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at Suntanur Village. The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to all the freedom fighters, reminding their sacrifices and contribution to the nation's independence.

The celebration was marked by cultural performances by students including traditional dances and patriotic songs rendered by the students and professors of Music and Fine Arts. Dr Ravikiran Nakod captivated the audience's attention with his blissful tabla performance. The event was anchored by Dr. Kumar Mangalam and Dr. Reshma Nadaf.

Registrar Prof. R R Biradar, Prof. Channaveer R M, Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Finance Officer D Ramadorai, Deans, Heads, Faculty members, non-teaching staff and students were present. The program ended with a commitment to value independence and contribute meaningfully to societal overall growth.

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt greetings to all our students as we embark on a new year ahead. Let this new year be an enriching year of new learnings, experiences and opportunities. As we embrace a new year, a new chapter of our life unfolds before us. At this juncture, let us also remember to cherish, learn and unlearn from the past. May this new year also provide us with an opportunity to relearn a lot.

Learning, unlearning and relearning are very crucial for the growth of our personality and nation

I hope all of you will embrace this journey with an open and curious mind. I encourage everyone to explore beyond their comfort zones because that is where growth happens. Challenge yourself, be your own critique and cheerleader. Life is not a cakewalk; encountering challenges and hardships is inevitable. But do not despair. The most successful people have encountered the most number of failures. Unless you manoeuvre through failure, you cannot achieve greatness in your academic and personal life. Success is an outcome of consistency, dedication and hard work. But as we strive for success, let us also uphold values such as integrity, ethics, kindness and compassion.

University is not just a place for academic excellence. It is an abode of holistic development. Your success is not defined by your grades. In this age of AI (Artificial Intelligence) the ultimate success of the human race is determined by our ability to inculcate and nurture human values.

Let us stay committed to upholding human values on par with achieving academic excellence. Let us dedicate ourselves to the greater good of humanity.

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

Art plays a crucial role in education by supporting holistic development—intellectual, emotional, and social- of the students. Engaging with various art forms such as painting, music, dance, and theatre, enhances the creativity of the students. These platforms allow students to express themselves and articulate their emotions and ideas, which they may struggle to communicate otherwise. Learning different art forms also boosts cognitive abilities and overall mental functioning. Students develop critical thinking skills and improve their problem-solving capabilities. Often, they create something unique and discover new ways to approach challenges.

Various studies have highlighted that incorporating different art forms in the education curriculum boost the confidence of the students. Students can create something meaningful and unique and explore new ideas. These activities enable individuals to gain worldwide recognition, besides fostering a strong sense of self-worth.

By mastering these art forms, students can learn about diverse cultures and their beautiful artistic expressions. They are exposed to various styles, mediums, and concepts from different parts of the world, which helps to broaden their perspectives. Additionally, students can gain insights into various cultural histories and develop an appreciation for these traditions through their art.

The Central University of Karnataka has a Music and Fine Arts Department that encourages students to learn these art forms and express their artistic abilities. The CUK also has PhD programmes in these departments and students get opportunities to exhibit their art forms in different parts of the world. These programs foster enthusiasm and emotional well-being and contribute to personal and social development, ultimately leading to tremendous success in life.

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

ORIENTATION ON "NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020"

Friday, August 2: A one-day orientation programme on NEP 2020 has been organised by the Central University of Karnataka highlighting the policy's vision of implementing flexible, multidisciplinary and value-added courses to empower the future of the students. Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana inaugurated the programme and emphasised the importance of NEP 2020 in providing students with a wide variety of courses that align with their interests. He also opined that scientists must develop sustainable social perspectives, while researchers of humanities and social sciences must adopt a scientific temperament. He further stated that the university's curriculum is designed as per the NEP 2020 guidelines. The university introduced various multidisciplinary, value-added, generic electives and other courses related to the PM Gatishakti and encourages students to select the subjects they are passionate about. He expressed his confidence regarding the employability of the students after completing the course. On the occasion, the Registrar Prof. R.R. Biradar highlighted the aims of NEP 2020 to produce talented, skilled and efficient workforces that successfully make India the powerhouse of hard and soft skills and stressed the importance of hard work, commitment, and time management.

Dean of Students' Welfare Prof. Channveer R M discussed India's cultural diversities, languages and religions and described CUK as a mini-India, suggesting students live in harmony and utilise the university's advanced infrastructure to develop their personalities.

The programme coordinator Prof. M Prashant outlined the key features and credit framework of NEP 2020, while Dr. Sandeep N explained about the online learning platforms such as NPTEL and SWAYAM. The event commenced with the welcome speech of Dr Uday Patil and concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr N. Babu.

One-Day National Seminar on AI and Research

Wednesday, August 14: The Central Library of Central University of Karnataka organised a one-day national seminar in collaboration with the Indian Library Association, New Delhi on the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. The seminar focused on the role of "AI and Research: Implications and Applications".

The seminar commenced with a tribute paid by Dr. S.M. Pujar Chief Librarian of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai to Dr. S.R. Ranganathan the father of Library Science in India. The inaugural speech highlighted the impact of AI on shaping modern libraries and emphasised the role of AI in simplifying the research process.

Prof. Channaveer R. M, Registrar in charge inaugurated "The Good Morning CUK News Clipping Services" and urged researchers to use AI tools effectively and carefully while employing them in the research work.

Dr. P. S. Kattimani, University Librarian and Organizing Secretary briefly spoke about the purpose of the seminar and presented the Best Library User Awards to recognize outstanding contributions from the stakeholders of CUK.

The seminar featured several presentations including "Learn AI with Packet" by Mr. Pravin Shet; "Impact of 21st Century Disruptive Technologies (AI, Machine Learning, IoT, and Computer Vision) on Society",Dr Gururaj Mukarambi, "JoVE and Write Full, an

Automated Proofreading Tool" by Mr Shivaharn; "Grammarly and AI." by Mr Binnoy and "Remote Access and the Digital Portal" by Mr Gupta V.

The seminar successfully addressed the growing impact of AI in research and showcased its challenges and opportunities. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Satish V. Totar, Deputy Librarian, CUK. He expressed his gratitude towards the delegates, participants, research scholars and organizers for their contributions and for making the seminar successful.

Technological Innovations have brought Immense changes in society

Saturday, August 17: The Central Library of the Central University of Karnataka organised a one-day workshop in which Dr Gururaj Mukarambi, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, CUK, delivered a special lecture on "AI and Research: Implications and Applications". He highlighted the groundbreaking impact of innovative technologies on society and their capacity to transform human life.

He further stated that the growing influence of advanced technologies including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, blockchain, 5G, Drone, and Quantum computing on human life created revolution in various sectors like education, hospitality and tourism, telecommunications, Archeology and Governance. Traditional media are gradually losing their audience to digital media like various OTT platforms, YouTube and more.

He recommended that students learn new technologies alongside their core subjects to remain relevant in the changing academic landscape. He highlighted the importance of NEP 2020 in building a new innovative Indian education system that can produce talented, skilled and efficient workforces. He acknowledged the role of the teachers in promoting technology in education, executing these policies and making it a success.

“TOUR THE WORLD, READ THE BOOK”

Saturday, August 31: The MBA Tourism and Travel Management students at Central University of Karnataka embarked on a fifteen-day National Study Tour organized by the university. At the flag off Prof. R.R. Biradar, Registrar of CUK, stated, “Touring the nation is more enlightening than reading a book; hence the famous saying: 'Tour the world, read the book’.” He also advised them to take the tour as practical learning and observe various aspects of tourism and travel management and learn about destinations, tourism infrastructure, community participation, cleanliness and hygiene, the socio-cultural and economic impact of tourism, itinerary preparation and execution, issues and challenges of crowd management, etc., and make a comprehensive report at the end of the day.

Head, of the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management Dr Goutam D, urged the students to be responsible during the whole journey and advised them to prioritize their health and security as well as respect the local community.

The itinerary includes the iconic destinations in Ahmedabad,

Jaipur, Delhi, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Haridwar, Agra, Mathura and Hyderabad. The study tour aides the students to experience itinerary planning and execution and learn to manage tourism challenges. The faculty members of the department Dr. Siva M and Dr. Jagadish Biradar will accompany the group throughout the journey.

INAUGURATION OF YOGA CLASSES AT CUK

Tuesday, September 3: The Department of Education and Training, CUK, inaugurated yoga classes for the academic year 2024-25. The chief guest, Prof Ravikant Yeshwantrao Patil, Principal of D S T S Mandal Pharmacy College Solapur, gave a detailed speech about the importance of yoga and its holistic benefits for mental and physical wellness. He noted that meditation is the process of de-concentration that leads to natural concentration. He talked about various techniques such as Yoga Sutras, Kundalini Yoga, and Hatha Yoga, noting that only three out of 195 Patanjali Sutras address physical aspects while the rest talk about mental aspects.

The Vice-Chancellor presided over the program and emphasised the importance of incorporating yoga into our daily lives. He further observed that physical activities like yoga, exercise, sports, and walking are important to lead a healthy life and encourage students to prioritize health and utilize the entire facilities of the university.

On the occasion, Registrar Prof. R R Biradar also spoke. Srija has anchored the program and Gopika welcomed the gathering. Demonstration and training sessions were conducted by yoga trainers Dr. Santosh Bashetti and Dr. Jyostna. Prof. G R Angadi, Dr. Basawaraj Kubakaddi, Dr. Lingamurthy, teachers and students were present.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATED AT CUK

Thursday, September 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated by the Central University of Karnataka on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher and former president of India. Prof. Battu Satyanarayan addressed the gathering and emphasised the vital role of teachers in nation-building. He also stated that teachers are the backbone of society and to achieve Vikasit Bharat by 2047 we need to bridge the gap between the rural and the urban by implementing the facilities in rural areas. Universities like CUK, located in rural areas should adopt the nearby villages and focus on their holistic development by leveraging expert minds and resources. He also highlighted the importance of all disciplines in achieving this vision. The coordinator of the program Prof. Satyanarayan welcomed the gathering and delivered introductory remarks. Dr. Ravi Kangai also spoke about the role of teachers on the occasion. A special lecture delivered by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman Atomic Energy Commission of India on the occasion of Teachers Day organized by UGC was screened on the occasion. Controller of Examination, Kota Saikrishna, Finance Officer Ramadorai, Librarian Dr. Parasuram Kattimani, Dean of Student Welfare Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Prof. B B Pujar and all the faculty members were present.
Deputy Registrar Dr Rabhindranath Pandit anchored the program, Dr. Gourishankar proposed the vote of thanks, and students of the Department of Music and Fine Art rendered the national song and national anthem.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY OBSERVED AT CUK

Tuesday, September 10: The Department of Psychology of the Central University of Karnataka conducted a programme on the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day aimed at addressing the issue of growing rate of suicidal thoughts among teenagers and youth. Dr Ashwini N.V. founder and director of Muktha Foundation emphasised the importance of collective efforts in taking measures to prevent suicides. She further stated that not only counsellors but everyone can be a gatekeeper for their loved ones to protect them.
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana delivered a presidential address and mentioned the need for such programmes in educational institutions to create awareness among the students. He observed that young adults are emotionally vulnerable and the institutions must address the issue to prevent such extreme steps. Registrar Prof. R.R Biradar discussed the negative impacts of suicide such as economic, societal, and familial losses. Prof. Channaveer R M, Dean of the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences stressed that suicide may have ecological causes, not just intrapersonal ones. Therefore, interventions should occur at multiple levels. The programme was coordinated by Dr Akriti Srivastava, who introduced the year's World Suicide Prevention Day theme "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with the call to action "Start the Conversation".
The event was attended by Prof. Vijayendra Pandey, Prof. Romate John, Dr. Ravindra, faculty members and students. The motto of this event is to spread optimism and build effective suicide prevention strategies.

‘SWACHHATA HI SEWA’ ACTIVITIES INAUGURATED AT CUK

Saturday, September 14: The Central University of Karnataka organised a two-week-long ‘Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024’ campaign concluding on 2nd October 2024 on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. Prof. Channaveer R.M., Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, emphasised the 18 points constructive agenda for developed India including the adoption of khadi, social harmony, and cleanliness given by Mahatma Gandhi. He shared his experiences of promoting toilet construction and usage in Aland Taluka with the help of MSW students to advocate the advantages of the Swachha Bharat Mission among villagers and make India safe and hygienic.

Dean of Students Welfare Dr Basavaraj Kubakaddi underlined the importance of cleanliness to maintain a hygienic environment. He mentioned that it is the responsibility of the citizens to keep the environment clean to reduce health risks and increase the quality of life. He urged individuals to internalise cleanliness as a habit and value and promote the theme ‘Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata’.

Dr. Ganapati B. Sinnoor, the CUK Nodal Officer for ‘Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024’, outlined the two-week-long activities of the campaign. These activities include cleaning the campus, bus stands, drainage systems, and public spaces in Kadaganchi and Suntanur. The campaign is being carried out in collaboration with local village Panchayats and involves organizing walkathons and door-to-door

awareness programs. Additionally, there will be competitions such as poem writing, painting, and "waste to art," all centred around this year's theme of the ‘Swachh Bharat Mission’. Health check-up camps for cleaning workers was also organized during this initiative.

On the occasion, Prof. Channaveer R M Administered the Swachhata Pledge to all the faculty members and students. Prof. M S Pasodi, Prof. Pavitra Alur, Dr Zohair, Dr Deepthi and other faculty members and students were present. Dr. Sailaj Konek anchored the program and welcomed the gathering. NSS coordinator Dr. Shivam Mishra proposed the vote of thanks. The students of the department of Music rendered the national song and national anthem.

TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "VIKASIT BHARAT@2047: WAY TOWARDS SELF-RELIANCE" AT CUK

Sunday, September 15: The Department of Economic Studies and Planning, CUK hosted a Two-day National Seminar on "Vikasit Bharat@2047: Way Towards Self-Reliance" from 17-18 September 2024 in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. Prof. Battu Satyanarayan inaugurated the seminar and Dr. N.R. Banumurthy, Director, Madras School of Economics, delivered the keynote address. Prof. Ashwani Mahajan from Delhi University, Prof. G Ramesh from IIM Bengaluru, Sri Vidhyasagar of Sagar Asia Pvt. Ltd., Sri. B Indrasen Reddy, a Solar entrepreneur from Hyderabad, Registrar Prof. R R Biradar, Prof. K Padmashree and Dr. Basavaraj M. S. organizing secretary of the seminar attended the inaugural session. During the two-day seminar special lectures, panel discussions and five technical sessions took place. Around 100 researchers participated in the seminar and presented their research papers on various aspects of Vikasit Bharat.Prof. Anjal Prakash from the Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, speaking at the valedictory session emphasised the importance of efficient water management and highlighted that Ahar-Pyne is a sustainable water management system that is disrupted by unsustainable practices. He expressed concern about pollution in rivers and water sources, stating that the government should strictly regulate polluting activities.

Registrar Prof. R.R. Biradar presided over the program. He emphasized the importance of increasing per capita income for economic growth. He highlighted the need to enhance the quality of education, reduce unemployment, focus on skill development, and address gender inequality by increasing women's participation in the workforce. These efforts are essential to achieve the goal of Vikasit Bharat.

On the occasion, the Dean School of Business Studies, Prof. K Padmashree, Convenor of the Seminar Dr S Lingamurthy, Dr. Suma Scaria, Dr. Basavaraj M. S., and Dr. Shivakumar Belli were present on the stage. Delegates, resource persons, faculty members and students were present.

NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS WELCOMED AT CUK

Friday, September 20: Central University of Karnataka organized an orientation programme for newly admitted postgraduate students. Hon'ble Judge High Court of Karnataka, Justice Ramachandra D Huddar inaugurated the programme and advised students to respect their teachers, be punctual, and pay attention in class. He also urged them to utilize all the facilities of the campus during their stay.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayan, presided over the program and encouraged students to value education as it forms the foundation for success. He emphasized that while material wealth is not permanent, knowledge endures. He advised students to focus on building careers based on knowledge and to cultivate a well-rounded personality. He also noted that there is a lack of good people in society and urged everyone to strive to be good citizens of the nation.

Registrar, Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the golden rules of students' life such as hard work, confidence, honesty, positive thinking, not comparing with others, emotional stability, self-control and self-discipline and encouraged them to join NSS and yoga activities for their holistic development.

On the occasion, Proctor, Dr. Venkataraman Doddi, Controller of Examination, Kota Saikrishna, Librarian, Dr. P. S. Kattimani, Internal Complaints Committee Chairperson Prof. Sunitha Manjanbail, Research and Development Cell and Nodal Officer Grievance Cell, Prof. Satyanarayana, Chief Warden, Dr. Basavaraja M. S., Cultural Coordinator and Anti-ragging Officer, Dr. Mallikarjun S Hugar spoke about the facilities and services provided by their respective departments and cells. Dean of Students Welfare Basavaraj Kubakaddi welcomed and proposed the vote of thanks.

COMMUNITY YOGA AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT BHIMALLI VILLAGE

Saturday, September 21: The Community Yoga Awareness Program was organized by the Central University of Karnataka at Adarsh Vidhyalaya, Bhimalli Village, Kalaburagi Taluk. The event highlighted the importance of yoga in daily life especially among children for their mental and physical wellness.

Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar CUK addressed the gathering and underlined the vital role of students in nation-building. He said, "Children are the wealth of the nation and the development of the country depends on the integrated development of the children." He stressed the regular habit of practising Yoga increases memory power, concentration and performance in the study and makes the children both physically and mentally stronger. He also said that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body and advised the children to adopt Yoga as a daily habit because the Vikasit Bharat 2047 depends on their overall development.

On the occasion Sri Kalinga D, Principal, Government Adarsh Vidhyalaya Bhimalli, Prof. G R Angadi Dean, School of Education

and Training, Dr. N Babu, Yoga Instructor Jostna Ambewadkar, Dr. Devika, Dr. Suchishmita Sahoo were present. Mr. Tarun Anchored the program and welcomed the gathering. A vote of thanks was proposed by Principal Sri Kalinga D. CUK students Gopika, Narendra and Nikhil have demonstrated the asanas and around 200 plus students have participated in the yoga program.

TWO NEW HOSTEL BUILDINGS INAUGURATED AT CUK

Saturday, September 21: The Central University of Karnataka has inaugurated two new hostel buildings. The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayan, announced that these new hostels can accommodate a total of 1,080 students. This brings the university's total student accommodation on campus to over 3,000, making it a fully residential university. Further, he outlined the plan to construct four more hostels, start four to five new departments and double the student intake in all the programs.

On the occasion Registrar Prof. R R Biradar, Chief Engineer Sri I S Mahagaonkar, DSW Dr. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Chief Warden Dr. Basavaraj M S, CPWD Engineer Vikram Sharma, Prof. Channaveer R M, Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Prof, R S Hegadi, Prof. G R Angadi others were present.

Rotary Club of Gulbarga Midtown has organized an Umbrella distribution program for the women outsourcing employees coming from nearby villages to Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi.

In this program Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of CUK Prof Battu Satyanarayana, Prof RR Biradar, Registrar, Rtn. Nagaraj Patil, President of the Club, Rtn Vaman Reddy, Secretary of the Club,

Rtn Ambadas and Dr Anant D Chinchure Assistant Professor and project chairman were present.

Dr. Anant D Chinchure gave introductory remarks on the program, Rtn Nagaraj Patil welcomed the gathering and Rtn Vaman Reddy proposed a vote of thanks. On the occasion, more than 40 umbrellas were distributed to the women employees of CUK.

CUK ORGANIZED 'SWACHHATA HI SEVA' ACTIVITIES AT SUNTANOOR VILLAGE

Sunday, September 22: In collaboration with the Gram Panchayat, the Central University of Karnataka organized a 'Swachhata Hi Seva' program at Suntanoor Village, Aland Taluk, to accentuate the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

"Keeping our house and surroundings very clean and hygienic is the real wealth," said Prof. R.R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK. He further stated that cleanliness not only prevents diseases but also it increases the quality of life by enhancing health and productivity.

Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Gram Panchayat Suntnoor, Praveen Kumar Udugi urged the people to construct toilets and use them to keep the village clean and disease-free.

He applauded those who constructed toilets in their house and used them properly. The village cleanliness workers were honoured by CUK during an event that included a walkathon, cleanliness drive, swachhata pledge, and awareness activities. Participants included Government High School students and staff, CUK NSS volunteers, MSW and BSW students, Gram Panchayat staff, ASHA workers, Anganwadi staff, and ANM staff. Key figures present were Dr. Ganapati B Sinnoor (Nodal Officer), Dr. Deepthi (NSS Coordinator), and Mrs Ambika Hulamani (Gram Panchayat President). Shri Sanjay Kumar, ICT Coordinator, led the audience in taking a Cleanliness Oath. The program featured a prayer song by Kumari Umashree Khanapur, with Prof. Pavitra R. Alur welcoming attendees and Dr. Bhagyashree anchoring the event. Mr. Shravan Kumar Varavi proposed a vote of thanks.

CUK PROFESSOR SHESHANATH V BHOSALE IS AMONG THE TOP TWO PER CENT OF SCIENTISTS

Tuesday, September 24: Stanford University, USA and Elsevier have included Dr. Sheshanath Vishwanath Bhosale of the Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga as among the world's top 2% Scientists 2024 in the field of Organic Chemistry. His name has been listed for the 5th time in a row. In a press statement, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga said that it is a matter of great pride for the University that Dr Sheshanath Vishwanath Bhosale, UGC-Professor of Organic Chemistry of the University School of Chemical Sciences has been included in the elite list of Worlds Top 2% Scientists 2024. Standford University experts have recently published a list of Worlds Top 2% of Scientists working in various research fields. This list of Worlds Top 2% of Scientists is created by Stanford University experts based on their evaluations such as publications, citations, h-index and composite indicators for career long-term impact of research.

UGC-Professor Sheshanath Vishwanath Bhosale obtained his PhD from Freie University, Berlin, Germany. After a post-doctoral study at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, he joined Monash University, Melbourne, Australia as an Australian Research council-APD Fellow where he worked for 5 years. Then he moved to RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia as AustralianResearch Council as an Australian Future Fellow for six years. Thereafter, Dr. Sheshanath Bhosale joined Goa University, Goa, India as a UGC-FRP Professor, where he worked for 5 years. In March 2023, Professor Sheshanath Vishwanath Bhosale joined the School of Chemical Sciences, Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga working in the field of Organic Supramolecular Chemistry. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and a Member of the Maharashtra Academy of Science.

UGC Professor Dr. Sheshanath Vishwanath Bhosale has published more than 300 peer-reviewed research papers in highly reputed international journals with >10000 citations and h-index 45, he has published 15 book chapters and edited one book chapter. So far, Prof. Bhosale supervised 15 Ph.D. students. He is on the Editorial Board of various international high-ranked journals such as Nature Scientific Reports, Chemistry Open (Wiley-VCH), Aggregates (Wiley-VCH) and several journals from MDPI publishers. He has been working as a reviewer for over 50 international Journals of repute. His research interest is the synthesis of small organic molecules with possible applications in the field of nanomaterials, supramolecular chemistry, sensors, lipid chemistry, bio-organic chemistry, artificial photosynthesis and supercapacitors, organic solar cells with a base of synthetic organic chemistry. The Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Karnataka, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Registrar, Prof. R. R. Biradar congratulated him for this outstanding achievement and said, "It will inspire other researchers for research accomplishments and foster a culture of research in the University."

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHIJI AND SHASTRIJI CELEBRATED AT CUK

Wednesday, October 2: The Central University of Karnataka celebrated the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, emphasizing their contributions to the nation. Professor Manohar P. Joshi, a Professor of English at Walchand College of Arts and Science in Solapur, described Mahatma Gandhi as "more universal than God." He highlighted Gandhi's global influence on notable leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Albert Einstein, and Malala Yousafzai. Professor Joshi underscored Gandhi's principles of Satya, Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Swadeshi, and Trusteeship, which play a crucial role in creating a sustainable society.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Buttu Satyanarayan presided over the program, explaining Gandhi's contribution to building a self-reliant nation. He envisioned an independent nation through prayer and protest to achieve freedom from British rule.

Talking about Lal Bahadur Shastri, he quoted his notable slogan 'Jai Jawan and Jai Kisan' and explained his immense contribution to the nation during the crisis.

Registrar Prof. R.R. Biradar also spoke about the Gandhian model of holistic development and his commitment to the upliftment of the marginalised community. He remarked that Gandhi's vision aligns with self-reliant India or Atmanirbhar Bharat.

On the occasion, prizes were given to the winners of various events organized as part of 'Swachhata Hi Sewa'.

Nodal Officer, 'Swachhata Hi Sewa', Dr. Ganapati B Sinnoor welcomed the gathering and presented the report on the various activities conducted as a part of 'Swachhata Hi Sewa'. Dr. Prakash Balikai anchored the program. Dr. Shivam Mishra proposed a vote of thanks. On the occasion, Dr. Jayadevi Jangamshetty, Dr. Ravikiran Nakod and Dr. Swapnil Chapekar performed the Bhajans and national songs. Prof. Channaveer R M, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Prof. Basavarj Kubakaddi, Prof. G. R. Angadi, Prof. R. S. Hegadi and deans, heads, faculty members and students were present.

"HINDI IS CONNECTING LANGUAGE OF INDIA"

Thursday, October 3: "Hindi is the Connecting Language of India" said Anirbhan Kumar Biswas, Deputy Director, Department of Official Languages, Government of India at the review meeting of implementation of the official language held at Central University of Karnataka. Highlighting the importance of Hindi, he said that Hindi unites the people of the country and people can work confidently at any part of India. Alongside Hindi, the demand for regional languages also increasing and teaching multiple languages enhances employability. He told the officials of CUK to encourage people to learn Hindi and provide training to those who are interested.

Registrar, Prof. R. R. Biradar said "CUK is taking all possible steps to promote the official language. We are organizing special training programs and various events to encourage our employees and students to learn Hindi." On the occasion Finance Officer, B. Ramadorai, COE Kota Saikrishna, Prof. Ganesh Pawar, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Dr. P. S. Kattimani, Dr. Ganapati B Sinnoor, Dr. Azaruddin, Mr Vinod Tandurkar, Deputy Director, Raj Bhasha Section, CUK Dr Reshama Nadaf, Member Secretary Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Dr. Hirasingh Rathod, AGM Administration BSNL Sanjeevkumar Kasabe were present.

STUDENTS' MAGAZINE IMAGIKA LAUNCHED AT CUK.

Tuesday, October 8: The Department of English, Central University of Karnata, launched the students' half-yearly magazine, Imagika, providing a platform to express their literary talent.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana praised the initiative and said, "Magazine will help students find their way of expression and become accomplished literati". He further stated that this is how future writers are created. He encouraged students to become spokespersons for society by addressing issues through their writing and bringing important topics to the forefront, where they can be noticed and addressed.

Prof. Basavaraj P. Donur, Head of the Department of English and Chief Editor of Imagika underscored the theme of the magazine's first issue, Absurdism, which explores a sense of rebellion in the complexities of existence set against the world's apparent indifference.

Editor of the Magazine Dr. Ashish Belamkar said "The title of Imagika carries the components of self ('I'), to create ('Ma' in Sanskrit) and imagination which are integral aspects of the

creation of any form of art. This issue has all the articles written by the students" On the occasion all the faculty members of the department and students were present.

MAHARSHI VALMIKI JAYANTI CELEBRATED AT CUK

Thursday, October 17: The Central University of Karnataka celebrated Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti by organizing a program that highlighted the contributions of the great sage and the relevance of his teachings."Maharshi Valmiki was not a robber, it is a misconception spread among the people" said Dr. Savita Kusugal, Professor of English Rani Chennamma University, Belagavi. She referenced the judgement of the Punjab and Haryana High Court that calling him a robber is a punishable offence. She further said, "Ramayan is a biographic sketch of Rama. It is the first of its kind. There is a need to do in-depth research on Valmiki and his writings. Ramayana has many life lessons we can emulate. Unfortunately, today we have ritualized the celebrations without following their preaching."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanaraya emphasized the significance of Maharshi Valmiki during the program, highlighting the enduring relevance of the Ramayana and its valuable life lessons, urging everyone to read it. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar pointed out the moral lessons the Ramayana offers, stressing their importance in addressing societal issues like a lack of morality and discipline.

Program coordinator Dr. Sangamesh welcomed attendees, while Mr. Ashish anchored the event. Students from the Department of Music and Fine Art performed the national song and anthem, and several students delivered speeches on Maharshi Valmiki. The event was attended by Deans, Heads, Faculty members, and students.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY OF FPOs

Wednesday, October 23: A two-day Karnataka State-level Workshop on Capacity-Building of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to Enhance Performance and Achieve Sustainability jointly organized by the Department of Social Work, CUK, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalaburagi at KVK Kalaburagi.

Dr. M. M. Dhanoji, Dean, College of Agriculture Science, Kalaburagi said, "It is the time to go back to a natural and simple lifestyle" He emphasized the importance of restoring traditional food habits, engaging in physical activities, adopting a positive mindset, and treating one another well to attain a healthy and longer life.

D.r Raju Teggelli, Head, of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, gave significant market tips on promoting the products of farmer producer organizations and said "There are customers who buy the same product at different price points and different places.

Farmers should become professional and should know how to sell Rs. 200 products to Rs. 250, Rs. 300 and Rs. 400 to different customers to increase the value of the product, customer satisfaction and profit."

Prof. Pavitra Alur, Head of the Department of Social Work, CUK appreciated the need for Social Workers to work with the FPOs. Dr. Sangappa, Scientist, Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, elaborated on the essence of producing and promoting millet laddus and creating a market for the product to achieve sustainability of the FPOs. Prof. Channaveer RM emphasized the essence of collaboration between CUK, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and the Indian Institute of Millets Research to work together to empower the FPOs to achieve sustainability. Dr. Lakshamana G, the Co-organizer of the workshop, was present. Mr. Anil Sajjan, FPO Coordinator anchored the program. Around 33 Farmer representatives of 17 FPOs from different parts of Karnataka participated in the workshop.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA ON “FROM FORESTS TO SHORES”

Thursday, October 24: The Department of History and Archaeology, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), in collaboration with the Department of South Asian Studies, Ghent University, Belgium, organized an international symposium titled “From Forests to Shores: Exploring Landscapes and Material Culture of the Western Ghats and Malabar Coast.” The event focused on inter-disciplinary research to examine the earliest occupation and settlements of Nilgiris. For this, we are conducting archaeological, paleo-ecology, archaeometry and ethno-linguistics of the Toda settlements of Nilgiri.

Dr. Daniela De Simone, Project Director and Assistant Professor in South Asian Archaeology, Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University, Belgium highlighted the objective of the Nilgiri Archaeological Research project is to research Toda Community and Megalithic practices across the upland mountains of Nilgiri hills in India.

Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor, CUK inaugurated the symposium and emphasised the importance of research on traditional knowledge like herbal medicine, health care practices, forest conservation and sustainable living practices. He further said, “Indian historians and Archeologists should conduct more research studies on such tribal communities and conserve their heritage and culture. CUK will extend full cooperation for such collaborative projects and we will engage our research and postgraduate students in such projects. We will initiate students and Doctoral students exchange programmes between both universities to foster research.”

Dr. Arjun R. from CUK who is also a Co-Project Investigator delivered an introductory speech regarding the conference organized as part of the MoU signed between CUK and Ghent University, Belgium last year to conduct joint research on the

archaeology of Toda communities in the Nilgiris, a tribal community living there almost over 2000 years. They speak the Toda language, whose population was reduced to about 2002 as per the 2011 census becoming one of the endangered communities of India. Their adaptability to tropical forest ecology and climate society, culture, heritage and language are crucial areas of research. He noted that the project will be funded by Ghent University with an estimated budget is Rs. 9 crores.

Head of the Department of History and Archeology, CUK Dr. Ravi Khangai also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Sara Mondini, Ghent University, Dr. Abdul Majid, Dr. Remya V.P, Dr Vijay Sarde, Dr. Sri Laksmi T, Dr. Sujata, Dr Dhanraj and Mr Shubam from CUK were present. The program was anchored by Mr Deepak Pal, a Doctoral Student at CUK.

PRODUCT-DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN PRODUCERS’ GROUP

Friday, October 25: “University-Village engagement translates into skill and economic value,” said Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor, CUK at a Product-Development and Entrepreneurship Training for the Deendayal Antryodaya Yojana under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for the Kayaka Women Producers’ Group of Gunjbablad village organized by the Department of Social Work, CUK to foster women empowerment in rural areas.

He highlighted the significance of university-community engagement in empowering women's groups, emphasizing the need for women to acquire skills to develop and market food products for sustainable livelihoods. He noted CUK's role in providing market opportunities and suggested that women promote backyard vegetable gardens for better health. Additionally, he mentioned that the skill development training programs can help process food products like tomatoes into items such as pickles. He assured the women that CUK would continue supporting the producer groups in Gunjbablad village.

Dr. Ambarish Ganachari, Department of Food Processing and Food Engineering, Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Kalaburagi conducted a training session on Peanut cookies (chakki) products explaining the process of making the peanut cookies, packing, pricing, promoting and marketing. The session included a live demonstration where participants actively leaned and practised cookie-making techniques.

Prof. Pavitra Alur, Head of the Department of Social Work appreciated the zeal of the women to learn preparation of new products to improve their livelihood status and thanked the university for its consistent support of the extension programmes of the Department.

Prof. Channaveer R. M. organized the program. Mr. Abhijit, NRLM Officer of Zilla Panchayat, Kalaburagi also participated in supporting the women groups. Shri. Ningappa, Headmaster of the Gunjbablad school also supported in organizing the training program. 21 women participants from different NRLM groups were involved in the training program.

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