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The Indian academic landscape is currently undergoing a complete transformation through technological advancements, research and development, and academic reformations. Together, these structural domains are becoming the driving forces that propel our country toward the targets of Viksit Bharat 2047.

We are witnessing a profound AI technological shift- the current AI model we all lean on, GenAI (ChatGPT, ClaudeAI, Gemini), is only a stepping stone to reach from classical computing to fault-tolerant Quantum AI, that is capable of solving conundrums that no classical systems can solve. Moving in this direction, the government has initiated multiple collaborations under IndiaAI mission and National Quantum Mission, to collaborate on quantum computing, algorithms, AI, and post-quantum cybersecurity. This powerful technology's breakthrough is that it can bring transformation not only in the pure sciences and engineering but also catalyse profound advancements in R&D across the social sciences and humanities. Incorporating quantum literacy across all academic curricula will enhance India's research and development areas.

Beyond the pure sciences and engineering, research and development in the social sciences is equally important. In line with the structural mandates of NEP 2020, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and other government and private funding bodies, such as DST, ANRF, CSIR, Tata Trusts, and many more, have expanded funding for interdisciplinary research. The objectives of these public-private grant bodies are to empower and expand India's research landscape and transform it into a knowledge hub.

Together, these shifts reinforce one another: reformed admissions create research-ready students, ICSSR-style social science funding ensures that technology translates into inclusive development, and quantum-tech partnerships give India a competitive edge globally.

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



The findings of the Karnataka Regional Imbalances Redressal Committee, headed by economist Prof. M. Govinda Rao, have brought renewed attention to the uneven pattern of development across the State. The Committee's assessment places 177 of Karnataka's 236 taluks 75 per cent within the three lower-development categories of most backward, more backward and backward, while 59 taluks are placed in the developed category. The assessment also highlights the concentration of developmental deficits in North Karnataka, with all 59 taluks identified as most backward located in the northern part of the State. These findings invite us to look beyond statistics and reflect on the human dimensions of regional disparity. Development is meaningful only when its benefits reach people across regions and communities. Differences in educational access, healthcare, infrastructure, employment opportunities, digital connectivity and skill development can significantly influence the ability of individuals and communities to participate in the State's growth. Karnataka's impressive economic progress therefore needs to be accompanied by equally strong efforts to ensure balanced human development.

Higher education has an important role to play in this endeavour. Universities must function not only as centres of knowledge and academic excellence, but also as institutions committed to social responsibility and regional transformation. Expanding access to higher education, strengthening academic mentoring, providing language and communication support, improving digital access, promoting scholarships and creating pathways to internships, entrepreneurship and employment can help students from underserved regions participate more confidently in the knowledge economy. For universities located in and serving regions facing developmental challenges, this responsibility becomes even more significant. Research should engage with local realities and generate evidence that can inform practical solutions in education, health, livelihoods, technology and regional development. Outreach programmes should connect universities with schools, colleges and communities so that aspirations for higher education are nurtured early.

The 75 per cent figure is therefore not merely a statistic; it is an invitation to collective action. Balanced regional development requires sustained partnership among government, educational institutions, industry and society. By placing equity, knowledge, innovation and human capability at the heart of development, we can help ensure that geography does not determine opportunity and that Karnataka's progress becomes more inclusive, balanced and sustainable.

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

CUK CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



5 June 2026: CUK celebrated World Environment Day, with a plantation drive and an environmental awareness programme on the university campus. Addressing the gathering, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana underscored the urgent need for environmental protection and responsible use of natural resources. He remarked, "If we save nature, nature will save us," and called upon faculty members, students, and staff to adopt sustainable practices such as conserving water and energy, reducing plastic consumption, and protecting biodiversity. Highlighting concerns including global warming, climate change, biodiversity loss, groundwater depletion, and environmental degradation, the Vice-Chancellor reiterated CUK's commitment to developing a green and sustainable campus through plantation drives, groundwater recharge, rainwater harvesting, energy conservation, and eco-friendly campus management. He also acknowledged the support of the NBCC CSR Fund in strengthening plantation activities on the campus.



As the Resource Person, Prof. N. Sathyanarayan, Dean and Head, School of Life Sciences, and Director, Research and Development, CUK, highlighted the importance of biodiversity conservation. He noted that climate change, forest fires, pollution, floods, landslides, and depletion of natural resources pose serious threats to food security, water security, and public health. Pointing out that India accounts for nearly 8 percent of global biodiversity, he stressed the need to protect forests, rivers, wetlands, wildlife, and other ecosystems. He stated, "Protecting biodiversity is protecting our future," and urged students and citizens to actively contribute to building a greener and more sustainable India.

Prof. R.R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, who attended as the Guest of Honour, drew attention to environmental degradation caused by climate change, industrialization, excessive plastic consumption, and increasing vehicular emissions. He called for collective efforts to reduce electricity and fuel consumption, minimize single-use plastics, conserve water resources, promote public transportation, and increase tree plantation. He emphasized, "Reduce plastic, conserve resources, protect nature." The programme commenced with the ceremonial watering of saplings by the dignitaries. Dr. Oruganti Anjaneyulu, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Programme Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr. P. Kumar Mangalam, Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Language Studies, compered the programme, while Dr. Sangamesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, proposed the vote of thanks. Students of the Department of Music rendered Vande Mataram and the National Anthem. Among those present were Prof. Bharat Kumar, Controller of Examinations, Prof. G.R. Angadi, Prof. Vijayendra Pandey, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Prof. Panduranga V., Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, along with Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff, research scholars, and students.

CUK Launches “Merit List Generation Using Web Portal” for PG Admissions

15 June 2026: CUK has launched a web-based application for automated merit list generation for Postgraduate (PG) admissions for the Academic Year 2026–27. The initiative aims to make the admission process more transparent, efficient, accurate, and technology-driven. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana inaugurated the “Merit List Generation Using Web Portal Application” along with a training programme for faculty members and admission coordinators. The launch marks a significant step towards strengthening digital governance and streamlining the university’s admission procedures.

The newly developed portal enables merit lists to be generated through department-wise, programme-wise, admission round-wise, category-wise, and merit-based processing. By reducing manual intervention, the system is expected to minimize errors, save time, and ensure greater accuracy and transparency in the preparation of merit lists. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said, “The Merit List Generation Using Web Portal reflects our commitment to transparent, efficient, and technology-driven admissions.” He noted that the application would reduce the workload for faculty members and admissions coordinators while facilitating the timely, error-free generation of the merit list. The Vice-Chancellor further stated that the new system would provide students with a faster, more transparent, and user-friendly admissions experience, while improving the overall efficiency of the university’s admissions process.

The programme was attended by Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar; Prof. Bharath Kumar, Controller of Examinations; Prof. K. Hanume Gowda, Chairman, Admission Committee; Prof. G. R. Angadi, PG Coordinator; Dr. Parshuram M. Kamble, UG Coordinator; Senior Professor Channaveer; Samarth Portal technical staff Shri Shravankumar and Shri Surajit; Heads of Schools; Deans; and faculty members of the University.

CUK and Sahitya Akademi Organise Symposium on Karnataka’s Eight Jnanpith Laureates

18 June 2026: CUK in collaboration with the Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, organised a one-day symposium on “The Contributions of the Jnanpith Awardees of Karnataka to Indian Literature” on 18 June 2026. Organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, CUK, the symposium explored the literary contributions and legacy of Karnataka’s eight Jnanpith laureates. Inaugurating the symposium, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, CUK, emphasised the role of language in shaping society and nation-building. He said, “Language plays a vital role in shaping society and contributing to the development of both the community and the nation. Without language, progress, knowledge-sharing, and effective communication would not be possible.” He also highlighted the importance of multilingual education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, noting that proficiency in mother tongues and regional languages strengthens cultural identity and provides a foundation for learning other languages. Prof. Satyanarayana further highlighted the significant contributions of Karnataka’s eight Jnanpith laureates to Kannada and Indian literature, noting that their works have received recognition both nationally and internationally. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Basavaraj Kalgudi, Convenor, Kannada Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, described the symposium as a historic initiative jointly organised by CUK and Sahitya Akademi. He said the programme provided students and research scholars an opportunity to understand the literary contributions of Karnataka’s eight Jnanpith awardees, whose works are distinguished by their originality, philosophical depth, and cultural richness. He added that such programmes would encourage younger generations to appreciate the legacy and national significance of Kannada literature.

The symposium comprised three academic sessions covering the works of all eight Jnanpith laureates. The first session focused on Kuvempu, Da. Ra. Bendre, and Dr K. Shivaram Karanth; the second covered Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, V. Kra. Gokak, and U. R. Ananthamurthy; and the third focused on Girish Karnad and Dr Chandrashekhar Kambar. Papers were presented by Dr Prakash Balikai, Dr Nagarathna Parande, Dr Vijay Kumar M. Boratti, Dr Mahendra M., Dr Tharakeshwar V. B., Dr N. S. Gundur, Dr C. Naganna, and Dr Kavitha Kusugal. Addressing the valedictory session, Dr. Manu Baligar appreciated CUK for organising the symposium and providing a platform to celebrate Karnataka’s rich literary heritage and encourage students and scholars to engage with the works of its distinguished Jnanpith laureates.



CUK CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

21 June, 2026: CUK celebrated the International Day of Yoga at the University's Multipurpose Hall under the theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing." The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, officers, non-teaching staff, research scholars, and students.



The programme was inaugurated and chaired by Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, CUK. In his presidential address, he described Yoga as a way of life that promotes physical fitness, emotional balance, mental clarity, and inner peace. He said, "Yoga offers a solution to modern-day stress and promotes holistic development," and emphasised its role in improving overall well-being, self-discipline, and healthy living. Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, and Guest of Honour, highlighted the importance of regular Yoga practice in maintaining physical and mental health and preventing lifestyle-related ailments.

A key feature of the programme was the Common Yoga Protocol demonstration conducted by Shri Rajkumar Bali, Executive Engineer, Health and Family Welfare Department. He guided the participants through various yogic postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques.

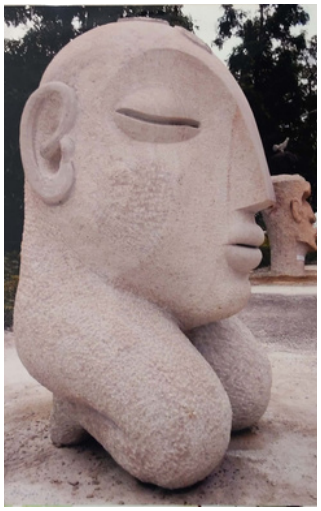
The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. G. R. Angadi, Programme Coordinator, and concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. V. Sai Abhinav, Programme Convenor, followed by the National Anthem. The celebration reflected CUK's commitment to promoting health, wellness, and holistic development and encouraging the university community to incorporate Yoga into their daily lives.



DR. SHIVANANDA BANTANUR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP IN SCULPTURE







Dr. Shivananda Bantanur, Assistant Professor, Department of Music and Fine Arts, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), has been awarded the prestigious National Fellowship in Sculpture for 2025–26 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Fellowship was conferred on 15 June 2026 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of art and culture. An accomplished sculptor and academician, Dr. Bantanur has made significant contributions to sculpture for over three decades. His works, created using materials such as stone, wood, and metal, explore themes of social realities, human values, inequality, struggle, pain, resilience, and the complexities of human life. Through his artistic practice, he has sought to create works that encourage reflection and meaningful dialogue. Alongside his artistic career, Dr. Bantanur has contributed significantly to art education by mentoring aspiring artists and students and nurturing creativity, artistic excellence, and social responsibility among young practitioners. Under the Fellowship, Dr. Bantanur will receive financial assistance of ₹25,000 per month for two years. The Fellowship will support his work on the creation, preservation and research of the sculptural traditions of the state. As part of the Fellowship requirements, he will submit a research progress report to the Ministry of Culture every six months. Congratulating Dr. Bantanur on the achievement, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, CUK, said, "Dr. Shivananda Bantanur has brought pride to CUK through his artistic excellence." He described the National Fellowship as a well-deserved recognition of Dr. Bantanur's lifelong dedication and contribution to Indian sculpture. The Vice-Chancellor also expressed confidence that his continued artistic pursuits would further enrich the field of sculpture and inspire the younger generation. Prof. Vikram Visaji, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages, congratulated Dr. Bantanur and stated that the recognition was a proud moment not only for CUK but also for the art fraternity of Karnataka. The Registrar, Prof. R. R. Biradar, along with faculty members of the Department of Music and Fine Arts, Deans of various Schools, research scholars, students, and the CUK fraternity, extended their congratulations to Dr. Shivananda Bantanur on receiving the distinguished national honour.

DR. P. KUMAR MANGALAM AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS HISPANEX RESEARCH GRANT FROM SPAIN

3 July 2026: Dr. P. Kumar Mangalam, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Central University of Karnataka, has been awarded the prestigious Hispanex Research Grant for the academic year 2026–27 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of Spain. The Hispanex Research Programme is a highly competitive international initiative that supports research and academic activities promoting the Spanish language, literature, and Hispanic studies worldwide. Dr. Mangalam's research proposal was selected among only 15 projects globally, including just two proposals from India, marking a significant international achievement for both CUK and the country. Dr. Mangalam's project will undertake a comparative study of the literary and spiritual contributions of prominent Kannada Vachana saints, including Akka Mahadevi, and the mystical writings of Saint Teresa of Ávila, the renowned Spanish mystic. The study aims to explore shared literary, cultural, and spiritual traditions and strengthen intercultural dialogue between India and Spain while creating opportunities for further scholarly exchange and collaborative research. As part of CUK's initiative to translate Vachana literature into major foreign languages, Dr. Mangalam has already translated nearly 2,500 Vachanas into Spanish, contributing to the global dissemination of Kannada literature and its spiritual heritage. The initiative also includes Japanese translations by Dr. Piyali Roy and German translations by Mr Shivam Mishra.

Congratulating Dr. Mangalam on the achievement, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, CUK, said, "Dr. Mangalam's achievement brings international recognition to CUK." He noted that the award reflects the University's commitment to research excellence and academic innovation and expressed confidence that Dr. Mangalam's continued research would contribute significantly to India's spiritual heritage and the global knowledge community. He added that such achievements would inspire young researchers to pursue excellence in research. Expressing his gratitude, Dr. P. Kumar Mangalam thanked Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana and Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar for their constant encouragement, guidance, and support.

HOSTEL CARETAKERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN STUDENTS' WELL-BEING : PROF. BASAVARAJ M. KUBAKADDI

8 July 2026: The Office of the Dean, Students' Welfare, CUK, organised a one-day orientation programme on "Student Mental Health: Awareness, Identification and Response" for hostel caretakers to enhance their ability to support students' mental health and well-being. Addressing the programme, Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean, Students' Welfare and Dean, School of Law, said hostel caretakers play a key role in ensuring the holistic development, safety, and well-being of students. He noted that CUK accommodates students from diverse cultural, linguistic, and social backgrounds, making hostel caretakers an important source of guidance and support beyond their routine administrative responsibilities. He emphasised the need to create a student-friendly and inclusive campus environment. Prof. Kubakaddi urged caretakers to remain approachable, treat students with empathy and respect, monitor their well-being, and promptly report concerns related to safety, health, hygiene, food quality, and hostel facilities for timely action. The technical sessions were conducted by CUK Counsellors Ms Uttara U. V. and Mr Sandesh J. R., who trained participants to identify early signs of mental health concerns, communicate effectively with students, respond compassionately during crises, and refer students to appropriate support services.



Dr. Mallikarjun Hugar, Assistant Dean, Students' Welfare, Dr Basavaraja Somanamaradi, Chief Hostel Warden, and Shri Charan welcomed the participants, while Shri Arun Kumar proposed the vote of thanks. Hostel caretakers from all seven boys' hostels and five girls' hostels of the University participated in the programme.

RESEARCH ON DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE'S LIFE AND LEGACY SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN UNIVERSITIES



9 July 2026: CUK organised a Special Lecture on "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's Vision for Viksit Bharat" to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee. Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Shri K. Raka Sudhakar Rao, Senior Journalist, Author and Social Activist from Hyderabad, described Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee as an eminent educationist, distinguished parliamentarian and visionary national leader. He further emphasised that Dr Mukherjee's contributions to education, constitutional thought, industrial development, and national integration continue to inspire generations. He noted that Dr. Mukherjee became one of the youngest Vice-Chancellors in India at the age of 33 and later served as a Union Cabinet Minister. Throughout his public life, he remained steadfast in upholding democratic values, constitutional principles and the national interest. Speaking on Dr. Mukherjee's role in India's nation-building, Shri Rao highlighted his contributions during the Partition, his advocacy for national integration, his concern for displaced communities and his commitment to constitutional governance and freedom of expression. He observed that Dr. Mukherjee's vision of a united India continues to find relevance in contemporary national discourse. Referring to Dr. Mukherjee's views on the First Constitutional Amendment, particularly concerning freedom of expression, Shri Rao said that Dr. Mukherjee believed that robust democratic debate and constitutional governance must safeguard fundamental rights while strengthening democratic institutions. On the issue of national integration, he recalled Dr. Mukherjee's famous call for "One Nation, One Constitution, One Flag" in the context of Jammu and Kashmir. He remarked that many regard the abrogation of Article 370 as the realisation of the vision Dr. Mukherjee had articulated decades earlier. Shri Rao urged universities and other institutions of higher education to undertake rigorous, evidence-based research on the life, ideology and nation-building contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee. Such scholarly research, he said, would help students develop a deeper understanding of India's freedom movement, constitutional evolution and national integration while encouraging meaningful engagement with the nation's history and democratic institutions. Presiding over the programme, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Karnataka, said that universities have a responsibility to promote informed, objective and scholarly discussions on the lives and contributions of national leaders. He urged students and faculty members to draw inspiration from Dr. Mukherjee's ideals and contribute towards strengthening education, research and national development.

EFFECTIVE USE OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IS KEY TO BUILDING VIKSIT BHARAT–2047: PROF. BATTU SATYANARAYANA

10 July 2026: The Department of Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), organised a two-day Workshop-cum-Seminar on "Mass Spectrometry-Based Proteomics" for students, research scholars, and faculty members. The programme aimed to provide hands-on training in advanced proteomics techniques, mass spectrometry, and data analysis. Inaugurating the programme, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice-Chancellor, CUK, emphasised the importance of combining academic knowledge with practical skills in today's competitive environment. He said, "Effective use of research infrastructure is key to building Viksit Bharat–2047," and encouraged students to make greater use of the University's advanced laboratories and research facilities to strengthen their research capabilities. Referring to Nobel Laureate Dr. C. V. Raman, Prof. Satyanarayana noted that several landmark discoveries had been made with limited resources, while students today have access to sophisticated research infrastructure. He urged them to utilise these facilities for innovative research and stressed the importance of time management, perseverance, and continuous learning. He also announced that the University is planning to introduce NET coaching classes for campus students. The technical sessions covered sample preparation, high-resolution mass spectrometry, proteomics data acquisition, and data analysis. The sessions were conducted by Shri Balabhau Warkad, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Hyderabad; Prof. Hemalatha Balaram, JNCASR, Bengaluru; and Prof. Mahesh J. Kulkarni, CSIR–National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. Addressing the valedictory session, Prof. R. R. Biradar, Registrar, CUK, congratulated the Department of Chemistry for organising the workshop and urged research scholars and faculty members to apply the knowledge and skills gained during the programme in their academic and research pursuits.



TRANSLATED VOLUMES OF KANNADA VACHANAS INTO JAPANESE, GERMAN, AND SPANISH RELEASED AT CUK

14 July 2026: Translated volumes of Kannada Vachanas in Japanese, German and Spanish were released at the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) at a programme organised by Basava Peetha, CUK, in association with Dr Manmohan Singh, Bengaluru City University and Basava Samithi, Bengaluru. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Aravind Jatti, President, Basava Samithi, Bengaluru, said, "If at all Basavanna has propagated a religion, then it is a religion of Humanity." He said Basavanna's philosophy transcended caste, religion, language, and regional boundaries, and described Vachana literature as one of history's significant social revolutions, promoting equality, compassion, and social harmony. He noted that the initiative to translate Vachanas into Indian and international languages began in 2002 with the encouragement of the late Dr M. M. Kalburgi. He also expressed gratitude to CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana for supporting the translation movement, noting that around 2,500 Vachanas have now been translated into several languages worldwide. Releasing the volumes and presiding over the programme, CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana lauded Dr Jatti's efforts to take Basavanna's philosophy and India's literary heritage to the global stage. He observed that the values of the Vachanas offer timeless solutions to contemporary challenges such as inequality, corruption, greed and environmental degradation. Emphasising the importance of translation under NEP 2020, he said India's rich literary and knowledge traditions should be made accessible through regional and foreign languages.

He also appreciated the translators for successfully conveying the cultural and philosophical depth of the Vachanas. Chief Guest Prof. B. Ramesh, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, described the initiative as a historic contribution to taking India's cultural heritage to the world. He said the 12th-century Basava movement remained relevant nearly 900 years later, with Vachanas embodying equality, social justice, gender justice, fraternity, and human dignity. He assured continued collaboration among the two universities and the Basava Samithi in future translation, academic, and research initiatives. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar said that translating the philosophical wisdom of the Vachanas was not merely a publishing exercise but a contribution to humanity's intellectual heritage. He observed that the Vachanas continue to offer a path towards peace, equality, compassion and social harmony and expressed confidence that their availability in international languages would help spread Basavanna's universal message. Dr. Ganapati B. Sinnoor, Coordinator of the Translation Project and Basava Peetha, CUK, said the initiative reflected the University's commitment to preserving and promoting India's literary and philosophical heritage. Prof. Banumathy Vijaya Krishnan and Mr Shivam Mishra translated the Vachanas into German; Prof. Sudha Sridhar and Dr Piyali Roy into Japanese; and Dr P. Kumar Mangalam into Spanish. The translators were felicitated for their contribution.

CUK ORGANISES ONE-DAY WORKSHOP TO MARK WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY 2026

15 July 2026: CUK observed World Youth Skills Day 2026 by organising a one-day workshop titled "Voice, Verb and Visuals: Language and Soft Skills Conclave" under the global theme "Skills for a Shared Future." The programme was organised by the Soft Skill Development Centre (SSDC) in association with the School of Humanities and Languages and the School of Behavioural Sciences at the CUK Auditorium. Inaugurating the programme and presiding over the inaugural session, CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana said that academic knowledge alone was no longer sufficient in today's competitive world and that students must develop soft skills alongside academic excellence to succeed in both professional and personal life. He emphasised the importance of effective communication, teamwork, leadership, time management, creativity, adaptability, empathy and problem-solving skills. He also highlighted the SSDC's role in equipping students with essential life and employability skills and encouraged them to actively participate in its training programmes.

Welcoming the gathering, Dr. Sushma H., Director, SSDC, said the Centre was established to empower students through personality development, communication skills and career-oriented training. She urged students to make effective use of its workshops, seminars and training programmes for their holistic development. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Vikram Visaji, Dean, School of Humanities and Languages, stressed that language proficiency could be developed only through continuous learning and practice. He encouraged students to strengthen their reading, writing and communication skills to meet global academic and professional standards. Prof. Pavithra Alur, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, observed that learning was a lifelong process and that age should never be a barrier to acquiring new skills. She urged students to treat mistakes as opportunities for learning and highlighted the importance of logical reasoning, communication and critical thinking. The workshop focused on interpersonal and leadership skills through expert lectures

GST REFORMS TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN CUK CONFERENCE ON INDIA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE



16 July 2026: Exploring the transformative role of taxation in India's economic and social development, the Central University of Karnataka organised a two-day National Conference on "GST Reforms and India's Socio-Economic Transformation: Pathway to Viksit Bharat 2047" in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. Inaugurating the conference, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described GST as a major reform that has strengthened transparency, accountability and efficiency in India's indirect taxation system. He highlighted its role in simplifying taxation, improving compliance, strengthening Centre-State fiscal cooperation and generating resources for infrastructure, education, healthcare and welfare. He urged students to understand GST as an important instrument of nation-building. Keynote speaker Prof. Subhash Chandra Roy, Dean, Research and Development, Chanakya National Law University, Patna, emphasised the need for a people-friendly tax regime that encourages voluntary compliance while balancing economic growth with social justice. Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Studies, highlighted the constitutional framework and role of the GST Council in maintaining uniformity. The conference featured keynote lectures, expert interactions, panel discussions and more than 50 research paper presentations by scholars from across the country. At the valedictory session, Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted GST's contribution to economic growth, cooperative federalism, industrial development and public welfare, linking the reforms to the vision of Ek Bharat–Shreshtha Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047. The conference underscored a vital message: effective reforms are not merely about changing systems—they are about building a stronger, more inclusive and prosperous India.

CUK FACULTY DR. RAGHAVENDRA BONAL APPOINTED PROJECT CONSULTANT FOR DIGITAL LIBRARY INITIATIVE

21 July 2026: Dr. Raghavendra Bonal, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Karnataka, has been appointed as Project Consultant for a Digital Library, Knowledge Management and Information Science Initiative by Calynonix Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra.

The consultancy marks the first major consultancy project undertaken by the Department since its establishment earlier this year. The project also includes an international offshore Library and Information Science initiative valued at approximately ₹25 lakh, reflecting the growing national and international recognition of CUK's academic expertise. As Project Consultant, Dr. Bonal will provide technical guidance in Digital Libraries, KOHA, DSpace, RFID-based Library Automation and Knowledge Management Systems. The collaboration will also explore the application of his patented innovation, "AI-Powered Interactive Smart Book: Text-to-Animation with Language Customization," in digital education.

Congratulating Dr. Bonal, CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said that the achievement reflects the University's commitment to innovation, industry-academia collaboration and the vision of NEP 2020. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar also congratulated Dr. Bonal and observed that such consultancy projects would strengthen CUK's research, innovation and global outreach.

BUILDING ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCHERS



22 July 2026: The Central Library of the Central University of Karnataka organised a Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) Workshop for newly joined research scholars, focusing on integrity, originality and responsible academic practices. Inaugurating the workshop, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana stressed that honesty, ethical conduct and originality are the foundations of quality research. He urged scholars to choose meaningful research topics, avoid plagiarism, publish in reputed journals and deposit their theses in Shodhganga. He also highlighted the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative, which provides access to more than 13,000 journals, along with the Central Library's digital resources, Turnitin and other research-support facilities. Guest of Honour Prof. Bharath Kumar, Controller of Examinations (I/C), emphasised the importance of research methodology, coursework and publication ethics, describing the PhD journey as one that develops critical thinking, discipline and problem-solving abilities. Dr. P. S. Kattimani, University Librarian and Coordinator of the RPE Course, outlined the workshop's focus on research methodology, topic selection, plagiarism, publication ethics and research databases. Technical sessions by Prof. Rajeev Shesha Joshi and Dr. N. Sandeep introduced scholars to effective research practices and emerging technologies. The workshop reinforced a crucial principle that meaningful research begins with knowledge, but its true value lies in integrity.

CUK PARTICIPATES IN IEEE SPACE 2026 CONFERENCE IN BENGALURU



23 July 2026: The Central University of Karnataka through its Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, participated in IEEE SPACE 2026, one of India's premier conferences on space, aerospace and advanced technologies, held in Bengaluru from 19 to 21 July 2026. CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana, Prof. Paramesha, Dean, School of Engineering and Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dr. Nrusingha Charan Pradhan, Assistant Professor, along with 15 postgraduate students and Ph.D. scholars, represented the University at the conference. IEEE SPACE 2026 brought together more than 70 Vice-Chancellors, Directors, eminent scientists, industry leaders and academicians from across the country, including the Chairpersons of ISRO and DRDO and several distinguished personalities from India's defence, space and research sectors. During the conference, Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana interacted with renowned scientists, including Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Dr. B. K. Das and Dr. S. Somanath, with discussions focusing on strengthening research collaborations, exploring joint research projects and developing future academic partnerships. The Vice-Chancellor also invited the distinguished scientists to visit CUK and interact with and guide its students and researchers. A major highlight was the interaction with Indian astronauts Angad Pratap and Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who shared their experiences and vision for India's future in space exploration, inspiring the participating students.

The conference also provided an important platform for CUK's postgraduate students and PhD scholars to present their research papers before leading scientists, academicians and industry experts, showcasing the innovative research being undertaken in the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering. CUK's participation in IEEE SPACE 2026 reflects the University's growing commitment to research excellence, innovation and meaningful collaborations with premier national organisations such as ISRO and DRDO, as well as with academia and industry.



SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH STRENGTHENS GRASSROOTS GOVERNANCE: PROF. BATTU SATHYANARAYANA

25 July 2026: The Department of Social Work, Central University of Karnataka, organised a Special Lecture on "Research, Writing and Publication" at the University campus. CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana inaugurated and chaired the programme, emphasising the important role of social work researchers and professionals in understanding grassroots realities through field visits, data collection, community interaction, village surveys and community-based research. He noted that such research provides valuable inputs to policymakers in designing welfare programmes and development policies at the State and national levels. The Vice-Chancellor further highlighted the contribution of social work professionals in implementing Central and State Government welfare initiatives through public awareness, facilitating access to government schemes, and promoting positive social and behavioural change. He urged students and research scholars to undertake original, ethical and socially relevant research that contributes to societal progress and national development.

The special lecture was delivered by Prof. Manohar Pawar, Professor of Social Work at Charles Sturt University, Australia, and Visiting Professor at CUK. He discussed research methodology, academic writing and publication ethics, stressing the importance of publishing high-quality research in reputed journals. He encouraged scholars to uphold research integrity and produce impactful academic work with social relevance. Prof. Pavitra R. Alur, Dean, School of Behavioural Sciences; Prof. Channaveer R. M.; Dr. Chitkala Venkareddy; Dr M. Sivamoorthy; Dr. Harish; Dr Ravinder Kumar; and Dr. Srinivas D., along with faculty members, research scholars, and students, attended the programme. Dr Lakshmana G. delivered the welcome address, while Dr. M. Sivamoorthy proposed the vote of thanks. The programme began with Vande Mataram and concluded with the National Anthem, rendered by students of the Department of Social Work.

TEACHERS SHOULD BUILD KNOWLEDGE THROUGH LIBRARIES, NOT DEPEND ON AI: PROF. BATTU SATHYANARAYANA



27 July 2026: The Central Library of the Central University of Karnataka organised a User Awareness Programme on "Library e-Resources" for newly joined teaching faculty members at the Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Seminar Hall of the Central Library. CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana inaugurated and chaired the programme, advising faculty members to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) responsibly and cautioning against excessive dependence on AI tools for academic writing and research. "Teachers should build their knowledge through libraries, reading, and original research rather than depending on AI tools. Excessive reliance on AI may weaken independent thinking, analytical ability, and originality. A teacher's own knowledge, creativity, and academic integrity are the true foundations of quality education," he said. The Vice-Chancellor urged faculty members to make extensive use of the Central Library and its electronic resources. Referring to the Government of India's One Nation-One Subscription (ONOS) initiative, he noted that it provides access to more than 13,000 international scholarly journals, enabling faculty members and researchers to access quality academic literature.

Recalling the challenges faced by earlier generations of researchers who travelled to libraries and consulted printed resources, he said that digital technology has now made scholarly resources readily accessible and encouraged faculty to utilise them for teaching, research and innovation. Prof. Sathyanarayana also emphasised the role of teachers as academic role models, noting that students and research scholars often emulate their teachers' practices. He urged faculty members to engage in meaningful and original research, utilise the University's laboratories, Skill Development Centre and other research infrastructure, publish in reputed journals, and uphold academic integrity by avoiding plagiarism. Delivering the resource lecture, Prof. Panduranga V., Dean, School of Business Studies and Head, Department of Commerce, highlighted how digital resources have simplified the research process. He encouraged participants to make effective use of the ONOS initiative and the University's Central Library and digital resources. Dr. P. S. Kattimani, University Librarian, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the facilities available at the Central Library.

CUK TO ORGANISE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EARTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN ANTHROPOCENE



30 July 2026: The Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), in association with the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Environment and Development (CIIEMAD), National Polytechnic Institute (IPN), Mexico City, Mexico, and the International Network of Researchers on Regional and Environmental Socio-Urban Problems (INRRESP), will organise a five-day International Conference on Earth and Environment in Anthropocene (ICEEA-2026) from 26 to 30 October 2026 at the CUK campus. The conference poster was released and the official ICEEA-2026 website was launched by CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana in the presence of Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar. Indian Conference Conveners Prof. M. Prashanth and Dr. Babu Nallusamy, and Organising Secretary Dr. Tejaswai Lakkundi were present on the occasion, along with faculty members from the Departments of Geography and Geology.

The forthcoming conference will mark the third edition of ICEEA. The first edition was held at CUK in 2021, followed by the second edition in March 2025. The conference series reflects CUK's continued commitment to research excellence and international academic collaboration in Earth and Environmental Sciences.

From 26 to 28 October, the conference will feature inaugural sessions, keynote addresses by international experts, technical sessions, research paper presentations, panel discussions and academic interactions. On 29 and 30 October, participants will undertake an educational field visit to major environmental and geological sites, including the Hutti Gold Mines, followed by interactions with field specialists and the valedictory session. ICEEA-2026 will bring together researchers, academicians, environmentalists, policymakers and industry leaders to deliberate on key Earth and environmental challenges of the Anthropocene.

CUK BIDS FAREWELL TO DR. MANJULAKSHI L. ON SUPERANNUATION

31 July 2026: The Central University of Karnataka (CUK) organised a farewell programme at the University's Administrative Hall on Friday to mark the superannuation of Dr Manjulakshi L., Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics.

Presiding over the programme, CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana lauded Dr. Manjulakshi's contribution to the growth of the Department of Linguistics. He said that her dedication, commitment and sustained efforts had played an important role in developing the Department into a well-equipped and vibrant academic centre. "Although Dr. Manjulakshi is retiring in accordance with government rules, her academic journey should continue. She should continue to contribute to academic activities, research and language translation work, as her knowledge and experience will continue to benefit the academic community," he said. Dr. Manjulakshi was felicitated with a traditional shawl, memento and other honours. The Vice-Chancellor also presented her with the official retirement order and other service-related documents in accordance with government procedures. Expressing her gratitude, Dr. Manjulakshi said she would continue contributing to the academic field in the years ahead. Recalling her long association with CUK, she thanked the University for providing her the opportunity to serve the institution and expressed special gratitude to Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana for his



encouragement, guidance and support for her academic pursuits. The programme was attended by In-charge Registrar Prof. Venkataramana Doddi, Controller of Examinations (I/c) Prof. Bharath Kumar, Finance Officer Dr. D. Ramadurai, senior faculty members, University Librarian Dr. P. S. Kattimani, Deputy Registrars, officers, faculty members and staff.

CUK Reviews Six Years of NEP-2020 Implementation and Celebrates Completion of First Four-Year Undergraduate Batch

1 August 2026: The Central University of Karnataka (CUK), under the aegis of Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS-2026) and the Ministry of Education, reviewed six years of implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) and celebrated the successful completion of its first Four-Year Undergraduate Programme batch. Chairing the programme, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana described NEP-2020 as a transformative reform that has made higher education more flexible, multidisciplinary and student-centric. He highlighted CUK's implementation of initiatives such as the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), SWAYAM and NPTEL, which provide students greater academic flexibility and access to digital learning. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the first NEP-2020 undergraduate batch, which completed its programme in 2025–26, and encouraged students to make effective use of the University's laboratories, library and One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) resources. Controller of Examinations (I/c) Prof. Bharath Kumar explained the role of ABC in enabling credit accumulation and academic mobility, while Dr. N. Sandip highlighted the growing participation of CUK students in SWAYAM courses.

In-charge Registrar Prof. Venkata Ramana Doddi and NEP Implementation Committee Chairman Prof. Channaveer R. M. highlighted the policy's emphasis on interdisciplinary learning, skill development and entrepreneurship. The programme reaffirmed CUK's commitment to an education system that empowers students not merely to seek opportunities, but to create them.



CUK Takes a Stand Against Substance Abuse

2 August 2026: More than 800 students gathered at CUK with a shared message: a developed India must also be a drug-free India. CUK joined the nationwide "Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan" by participating in the live virtual address of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Auditorium-1 and Auditorium-2 on the University campus. Led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana, in the presence of In-Charge Registrar Prof. Venkata Ramana Doddi, the programme brought together Deans of all 12 Schools, Heads of 29 Departments, faculty members, research scholars, officers, non-teaching staff and students.



Addressing the gathering, Prof. Sathyanarayana underlined substance abuse as a growing threat to the educational, social, physical and economic well-being of the nation. He stressed that universities must go beyond academics by raising awareness, promoting healthy lifestyles, and nurturing responsible citizens.

In response to the Prime Minister's call, the University administered the "Drug-Free CUK Campus" pledge, urging every member of the campus community to become an ambassador for a drug-free society. "Let us all commit ourselves to building a drug-free CUK campus," the Vice-Chancellor said, calling for collective action to make the campus completely free from substance abuse. The commitment extended beyond the programme, with more than 2,100 CUK students and faculty members registering for the Nasha Mukt Abhiyan through the MY Bharat pledge campaign and receiving online participation certificates.



THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO KEEP LEARNING



4 August 2026: Central University of Karnataka (CUK) welcomed its newly admitted postgraduate students through a two-day orientation programme organised by the Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW), bringing together students from all 12 Schools and 29 Departments. In his inaugural address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana encouraged students to look beyond certificates and focus on acquiring knowledge, skills and values that contribute to their academic, professional and personal growth. Describing CUK as a "Mini India," he urged students to make full use of its laboratories, Central Library, language lab, Placement and R&D Cells, scholarships, hostels and other support facilities. He also highlighted the role of research, innovation and technology in contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The orientation introduced students to academic systems, examinations, NEP 2020, SWAYAM, scholarships, placements, incubation opportunities, sports, counselling and hostel facilities. Deans and faculty members from the Schools familiarised students with their programmes, research opportunities and academic environments.

At the valedictory session, Registrar, Prof. R. R. Biradar called upon students to embrace curiosity, discovery and innovation, stressing the importance of discipline, responsibility and meaningful research. The programme thus moved beyond a formal introduction, inspiring students to transform curiosity into knowledge, knowledge into innovation and education into purposeful contributions to society. The programme also familiarised students with the University's academic infrastructure, student regulations and responsibilities, while sessions on library services, digital learning platforms, sports, counselling, incubation and placement opportunities helped them understand the wider learning ecosystem at CUK. The orientation provided students with a comprehensive overview of campus life and encouraged them to actively engage with the diverse opportunities available beyond their classrooms.



RETHINKING INDIA'S TEMPLES THROUGH THE LENS OF ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

5 August 2026: India's temples are more than places of worship; they are powerful ecosystems that connect faith with tourism, employment, enterprise and social welfare. Exploring this often-overlooked dimension, CUK, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, inaugurated a three-day International Conference on "Temple Economy, Tourism and Public Policy: Governance, Livelihood and Sustainable Regional Development." Organised by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management and the Department of Economics Studies and Planning, School of Business Studies, the conference brought together scholars and experts to examine the economic and developmental potential of temple ecosystems. Inaugurating the conference, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Sathyanarayana observed that major temples contribute to economic activity through transportation, accommodation, food services, local businesses, tourism and allied sectors.

Citing the example of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), he explained how large pilgrimage centres create extensive economic cycles through the movement of millions of devotees, generating employment and contributing to GDP. Calling the temple economy an underexplored research area, Prof. Sathyanarayana urged scholars to examine its economic, social and governance dimensions and generate evidence that can inform public policy and national development. A research report titled "An Economic Analysis of Temples in Karnataka: A Case Study of Ganagapur, Kalaburagi", prepared by Dr S. Lingamurthy in collaboration with Samskruthi Foundation, Telangana, was also released. Keynote lectures and panel discussions explored pilgrimage tourism, sustainable development, employment, infrastructure and the role of food and culture in pilgrimage experiences, with scholars from India and abroad participating. By bringing economics, tourism, heritage and public policy into the same conversation, CUK is opening a new research window. One where sacred heritage is viewed not only through devotion, but also through its potential to create livelihoods and sustainable regional futures.



FIVE YEARS OF PURPOSE, PROGRESS AND PROMISE

8 August 2026: Five years of leadership, determination and institutional transformation were celebrated at the Central University of Karnataka as the University organised a programme on "Review of the University's Functioning" and a felicitation ceremony marking the successful completion of five years of distinguished service by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana. The programme was inaugurated by Justice Shri C.M. Joshi, Former Judge of the High Court of Karnataka, who attended as Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Justice Joshi credited CUK's comprehensive academic and administrative growth to the Vice-Chancellor's hard work, commitment, visionary leadership and determination.

He observed that under Prof. Satyanarayana's leadership, the University had moved steadily in the right direction, establishing new benchmarks through academic, administrative and institutional achievements. He further noted that the Vice-Chancellor's clear vision and tireless efforts had enabled CUK to progress towards its institutional goals despite challenges. Justice Joshi called upon the teaching and non-teaching staff to sustain the spirit of dedication, guidance, development and achievement demonstrated during the past five years, keeping the interests of students and the nation at the centre of their efforts. The programme offered an opportunity not only to review CUK's institutional journey but also to recognise the leadership and collective commitment behind its progress. As CUK looks ahead, the five-year milestone stands as more than a celebration of the past. It is a reminder that lasting institutional growth is built when vision is matched by determination and when an entire university moves forward with a shared purpose.

FIVE YEARS OF PURPOSE, PROGRESS AND PROMISE



7 August 2026: Over the past five years, CUK has witnessed a journey of growth shaped by perseverance, collective effort and a clear vision for the future. Receiving felicitation on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana called upon the University community to work together towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Prof. Satyanarayana said that the vision could become a reality only when all stakeholders in higher education joined hands to strengthen the quality of education and shape students' future. Reflecting on his tenure since assuming office in July 2021, he acknowledged the challenges the University faced, including limited resources, staff shortages, documentation gaps and financial constraints. Despite these hurdles, CUK has steadily advanced, emerging as an important centre for academics and research among the country's higher education institutions. Prof. Satyanarayana credited this progress to the collective dedication and sustained support of the teaching and non-teaching staff. A commemorative report titled "Imprints on Minds and Footprints on Land", documenting his academic and administrative contributions to CUK over the past five years, was released on the occasion. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the Vice-Chancellor's significant contributions to institutional growth, research promotion and quality higher education. Deans and senior faculty members also acknowledged his role in administrative reforms, student development, infrastructure expansion, green campus initiatives, biodiversity conservation and cultural harmony. The felicitation was not merely a tribute to five years of leadership, but a reflection on what collective vision can achieve. As Prof. Satyanarayana urged, the journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047 begins with institutions that grow together and CUK is determined to be part of that journey.

"A LEGAL CAREER DEMANDS PREPARATION, ETHICS AND LIFELONG LEARNING" – JUSTICE C.M. JOSHI

12 August 2026: For aspiring lawyers, knowing the law is only the beginning. At CUK, law students gained a practical perspective on the profession during an interactive session with Justice C.M. Joshi, Former Judge of the High Court of Karnataka, organised by the Department of Law. Sharing insights from his journey as an advocate and judge, Justice Joshi underlined preparation, research, ethics and practical exposure as the foundations of a successful legal career. He advised students to approach courtroom practice with discipline and responsible advocacy, stressing that effective lawyers need not rely on unnecessary confrontation. Emphasising the importance of continuous learning, he reminded students, "Studies will not end here. This is only the beginning," encouraging them to remain committed to learning throughout their professional lives.

The session also addressed the growing role of Artificial Intelligence in legal research and the justice system. Justice Joshi cautioned students against depending uncritically on AI-generated legal work, emphasising that technology must complement—not replace—human judgment, careful verification and professional responsibility.

The interaction became particularly engaging as Justice Joshi shared experiences from his own educational and professional journey, including the challenges he encountered and the role of hard work, discipline and practical experience in overcoming them. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi. Dr Anant D. Chinchure, Head, Department of Law, welcomed the gathering, while Ms Vandita Tiwari anchored the session. Faculty members, research scholars and UG and PG students participated. For CUK's future legal professionals, the session offered more than career advice. It delivered a lasting reminder that law demands not only knowledge, but integrity, judgment and a commitment to keep learning.

WHERE KNOWLEDGE MEETS INCLUSION: CUK OPENS JNANASETU LEARNING CENTRE

13 August 2026: At CUK, a celebration of libraries became a celebration of opportunity as the Central Library marked National Librarians' Day, commemorating the 134th birth anniversary of Padma Shri Dr S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science. A major highlight was the inauguration of the 100-seat, high-technology-enabled "Jnanasetu" Learning Centre by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, along with the launch of a dedicated library website designed to support visually impaired students. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Satyanarayana emphasised that while classroom teaching offers focused knowledge, libraries open access to an almost limitless world of learning. He encouraged students to make the library an integral part of their academic and personal growth. He also highlighted access to more than 13,000 international journals from over 30 major publishers through the Government of India's "One Nation – One Subscription" initiative, as well as digital resources, including e-library services, Wi-Fi, Turnitin, and grammar-enhancement tools.



Chief Guest Prof. N. Satyanarayana, Dean, School of Life Sciences, noted that Jnanasetu and the special website go beyond commemoration, reflecting Dr Ranganathan's vision of libraries as instruments of knowledge and social progress. The occasion also recognised academic excellence. Faculty, staff, research scholars, and students were felicitated for their outstanding research achievements and exemplary use of the library. Prof. Sheshanath Bhosale received recognition for the highest number of high-quality Scopus-indexed publications, while Dr N. Sandeep was honoured for the highest number of citations.

CARRYING THE TRICOLOUR, CARRYING THE VISION OF VIKSIT BHARAT

15 August 2026: Patriotism filled the CUK as the University celebrated the 80th Independence Day with a series of programmes that brought together the campus community in the spirit of national pride and nation-building. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana hoisted the National Flag at the Administrative Building in the presence of faculty members, officers, staff and students. Addressing the gathering, he reflected on India's remarkable journey since Independence and its achievements in education, science and technology, medicine, defence, research, innovation and information technology. Emphasising the pivotal role of universities and young people in realising Viksit Bharat @2047, the Vice-Chancellor called upon the University community to contribute actively to nation-building. He urged universities to remain centres of quality education, research, creativity and knowledge creation, while encouraging faculty and students to continuously develop their skills, think critically and pursue innovative solutions. Adding colour and energy to the celebrations, CUK organised a 5-km Grand Tiranga Yatra from the Administrative Building to the University's main gate. Led by the Vice-Chancellor, faculty, officers, staff and students marched proudly with the Tricolour, filling the campus with patriotic slogans.

The celebrations also commemorated the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram through a special programme at the Multipurpose Hall. A lecture by Dr Kota Saikrishna, Head, Department of Linguistics, and cultural performances by students celebrated India's rich heritage. Prizes were also distributed to competition winners. The celebrations concluded with a tree plantation drive, during which the Vice-Chancellor planted saplings on the campus.



RETHINKING TOGETHERNESS IN A CHANGING SOCIETY

18 August 2026: As relationships and social structures evolve, the meaning and responsibilities of marriage are being examined through new legal and social perspectives. Exploring these changing dimensions, the Department of Law, CUK, in collaboration with Vijnaneshwar Pratishthan Trust (R), Martur, organised a one-day National Symposium on "The Evolution of Togetherness: Sanctity, Legality and Society in Marriage and Live-in Relationships" at the University campus.Delivering the keynote address, Justice Krishna S. Dixit, Former Judge of the Karnataka and Odisha High Courts, emphasised that marriage is not merely a legal contract between two individuals but a foundational social institution that influences family stability, social values, and the welfare of future generations. Reflecting on the Indian civilisational tradition, Justice Dixit observed that marriage is regarded as one of the sixteen samskaras, embodying commitment, mutual responsibility, trust and social obligations. He called for the preservation of cultural and social values while responding thoughtfully to changing lifestyles and global influences. He stressed the need to balance individual autonomy with social responsibility, emphasising women's freedom, equality and empowerment while also considering the broader interests of families and society. Justice Dixit highlighted emerging legal questions surrounding marriage and live-in relationships, including succession, inheritance,



property rights, maintenance, parental responsibilities and the welfare of children. He emphasised the need for a comprehensive legal examination of these evolving relationships. Highlighting the contributions of Kittur Rani Chennamma, Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar and scholar Ubhaya Bharati, he noted the important place of women in India's traditions of leadership, governance and intellectual life.

WHEN FAMILIES CHANGE, SOCIETY CHANGES TOO



19 August 2026: As lifestyles and relationships continue to evolve, the changing nature of the family has emerged as an important social and legal concern. Reflecting on these transformations, CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana expressed concern over the weakening of the traditional family system and its wider impact on society.

Presiding over the programme, the Vice-Chancellor observed that modern lifestyles are reshaping family structures, pointing to the growing presence of old-age homes in urban areas and instances of elderly parents being neglected. He recalled that the traditional joint-family system was built on mutual cooperation, emotional bonds and shared responsibility, values that he noted are increasingly being challenged by changing patterns of marriage and relationships, and by declining mutual trust and respect. He further highlighted how emerging relationship patterns, including live-in relationships are contributing to broader changes in the way family and social relationships are understood. Appreciating the Department of Law and its students, Prof. Satyanarayana emphasised the importance of engaging with contemporary legal and social questions surrounding marriage, family and evolving relationships. He noted that academic institutions have an important role in creating spaces where such complex issues can be examined through informed discussion and meaningful dialogue. The programme brought together legal professionals, academics, faculty members, and students from various law colleges, providing a platform for exchanging perspectives on the evolving dimensions of family and society. As families evolve, the challenge is not simply to preserve traditions, but to ensure that compassion, responsibility, trust and respect remain at the heart of human relationships.

CUK Builds a Stronger Foundation for the Researchers of Tomorrow

19 August 2026: Turning ambitious ideas into opportunities for advanced learning, research and innovation, the Central University of Karnataka, Department of Mathematics, inaugurated a Computing Laboratory, High Performance Computing (HPC) Laboratory and National Board of Higher Mathematics (NBHM) Library at the University campus. The facilities were inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, who also released Charting Your Path: A Guide to Career and Higher Education Opportunities in India and Abroad, a career guidance initiative for B.Tech. Mathematics and Computing students. Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor urged students to move beyond theoretical knowledge and become innovators, researchers and entrepreneurs capable of contributing to national development. Emphasising creativity, technology, practical skills and continuous learning, he called upon young minds to transform ideas into research, innovations and start-ups in pursuit of Viksit Bharat@2047. He encouraged students to make effective use of the newly established laboratories and library as platforms for advanced learning, skill development and cutting-edge research. Prof. G. Janardhan Reddy, Head, Department of Mathematics, welcomed the gathering and outlined the objectives and capabilities of the new facilities. Prof. Bharath Kumar, Controller of Examinations; Prof. Rajeev Shesha Joshi, Dean, School of Physical Sciences; and Dr. P. S. Kattimani, Central Librarian, highlighted their academic and research significance. The initiative represents more than an expansion of campus infrastructure. It signals CUK's commitment to creating an environment where students can access advanced computational resources, deepen their mathematical knowledge and pursue ambitious research.



Think Beyond. Innovate Beyond. Build Beyond

20 August 2026: Inspiring a new generation of researchers to turn technological possibilities into solutions for society, the Central University of Karnataka Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), inaugurated the 2nd IEEE International Conference on Next Generation Communication and Information Processing (IEEE INCIP-2026) at the University Auditorium. The two-day international conference brought together researchers, academicians, scientists, industry experts, entrepreneurs, and students from India and abroad, creating a platform for exchanging ideas and exploring the future of communication and information technologies. Inaugurating the conference, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana urged young researchers to harness technology responsibly for nation-building. Emphasising the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies, he called upon researchers to ensure that technology strengthens human creativity, ethical research and independent thinking, rather than replacing them. He encouraged students to identify real-world challenges and develop technology-driven solutions that create meaningful social impact. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Srinivas Talabattula, Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, discussed emerging communication technologies, next-generation networking, and the challenges of designing communication systems capable of serving billions of users. Dr. Chinmoy Saha, Professor at the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, encouraged students to actively participate in national and international conferences and highlighted the need for ethical AI in research. Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted ICT's transformative contribution to economic growth, employment and exports, tracing the evolution of communication from pagers to smartphones and 5G–6G technologies in the journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047. The inaugural ceremony also witnessed the release of the IEEE INCIP-2026 Souvenir by the Vice-Chancellor and dignitaries.





CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH

CUK WELCOMES ITS 17TH MBA BATCH WITH 'NAVARANGA 2026'



20 August 2026: A new chapter in management education began at the Central University of Karnataka as the Department of Business Management welcomed its 17th MBA Batch through 'Navaranga 2026', an inaugural programme designed to inspire students for their academic and professional journey. Presiding over the programme, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana highlighted the pivotal role of youth in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. He urged students to embrace lifelong learning, adapt to a rapidly changing world and continuously strengthen their knowledge, skills and competencies. Offering an industry perspective, Shri Rajashekar S., General Manager–Procurement, Orient Cement Limited (Adani Cement), encouraged students to move beyond textbook learning and develop skills in research, innovation, problem-solving and value creation—qualities essential for navigating the evolving professional landscape. Shri Sharanabasappa Pappa, President, Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emphasised the power of reading, the responsible use of information technology and the importance of viewing failure not as defeat, but as a stepping stone towards success.

A special highlight of the programme was the play 'Kis Taraf? – A Tale of Two Paths', based on the *Kathopanishad* and written and directed by Dr. Shivakumar M. Belli. Through the timeless idea of choosing between two paths, the performance offered students a thoughtful reflection on choices, values and the direction of life.

The programme brought together MBA and BBA students, faculty and staff in celebrating the beginning of a new academic journey. Navaranga 2026 was more than a welcome; it was an invitation to choose wisely, learn continuously and walk boldly towards a future shaped by purpose and possibility.

CUK INSPIRES YOUNG INNOVATORS FOR VIKSIT BHARAT 2047

21 August 2026: Turning curiosity into innovation and real-world challenges into practical solutions, the CUK, School of Computer Sciences, Department of Computer Science, organised an Awareness and Orientation Workshop on Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026 at the University campus.

Addressing the students, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana urged young innovators to observe real-world problems closely and transform their ideas into affordable, technology-driven solutions. Emphasising multidisciplinary thinking and collaboration, he encouraged students to focus on agriculture, healthcare, rural development and other public-oriented sectors in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.Chief Guest Prof. Chinmoy Saha, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, stressed the importance of understanding problems deeply before developing technological interventions. He highlighted emerging areas such as smart mobility, sensing and communication technologies, V2X systems, agriculture, healthcare, disaster management, space applications and low-cost technologies, particularly for addressing challenges in rural communities.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar described Yuva Shakti as a driving force behind India's development and urged students to complement knowledge with innovation, skills and responsibility. Drawing inspiration from Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, he encouraged students to turn dreams into ideas and ideas into meaningful action.



A panel discussion on "Technology and Innovation for Viksit Bharat 2047" explored emerging technologies and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration. Technical sessions further familiarised students with SIH guidelines, team building, prototype development, presentations and evaluation criteria. The workshop concluded with a powerful message that India's future will be shaped not simply by those who identify problems, but by those courageous enough to turn problems into solutions.

CUK EXPLORES THE FOUNDATIONS OF A JUST SOCIETY

23 August 2026: Exploring the philosophical foundations of social harmony and justice, the Department of Social Work, Central University of Karnataka, organised a special lecture on "Social Harmony and Dharma" at the University campus. The lecture was delivered by Justice Sri Krishna S. Dixit, former Judge of the High Courts of Karnataka and Odisha, who reflected on the role of Dharma in shaping Indian society and its enduring relevance in contemporary life. Addressing the gathering, Justice Dixit described Dharma as a universal moral principle centred on justice, responsibility, social harmony and collective welfare. He emphasised that Dharma transcends religious boundaries and serves as a guiding principle for individuals, institutions and rulers. He noted that Indian civilisation has historically upheld the principle that no ruler stands above Dharma and the rule of law. Explaining the distinction between Varna and Jati, Justice Dixit highlighted the traditional understanding of Varna as being associated with an individual's qualities, actions and occupation rather than birth. Citing figures including Vishwamitra, Maharshi Valmiki, Vedavyasa and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, he underscored the importance of merit, knowledge and achievement in social progress. Drawing from the Ramayana, he highlighted values of duty, patriotism, fraternity, justice and devotion to the motherland. He also recalled Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's transformative journey, emphasising education, scholarship and visionary leadership as powerful instruments of social change.

The programme was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana. Prof. Pavithra R. Alur, Dean, School of Social Sciences, welcomed the gathering, while Dr Harish K. Chaudhary, Programme Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks. The lecture concluded with the timeless ideal, "Sarve Janah Sukhino Bhavantu, Sarve Santu Niramayah" a powerful reminder that true social harmony begins when justice and collective welfare become shared responsibilities.

IEEE INCIP 2026: CUK OPENS NEW FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



23 August 2026: The CUK marked a significant milestone in its academic journey with the successful conclusion of the IEEE International Conference on Innovations in Communication, Information, and Processing (IEEE INCIP 2026), organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE). The valedictory ceremony was held at the University on 23 August 2026.

The conference, the first major international conference organised by the Department of ECE, brought together researchers, academicians, professionals and students from diverse institutions, creating a vibrant platform for presenting research, exchanging ideas and exploring future academic collaborations. Delivering the valedictory address, Chief Guest Prof. Chinmoy Saha, Professor, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, appreciated the organising committee and highlighted the importance of hosting an international conference at CUK for strengthening the academic and research ecosystem of the Kalyana Karnataka region. He emphasised that such platforms enable students and researchers to share knowledge, build professional networks and engage with emerging developments. The programme was chaired by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, who congratulated the organising committee for its successful efforts. He encouraged students and researchers to pursue research, innovation and academic excellence as pathways to nation-building. He also urged students to explore the diverse regions of Bharat and gain a deeper understanding of its rich cultural and intellectual heritage. Adding to the celebration of research excellence, six Conference Best Paper Awards, representing the six technical tracks, were presented by the Vice-Chancellor. With participant feedback collected to strengthen future editions, INCIP 2026 concluded not merely as an event, but as a beginning, opening new avenues for collaboration, inspiring young researchers, and reaffirming CUK's growing role as a hub of innovation and knowledge in Kalyana Karnataka.

KNOWLEDGE BEYOND SIGHT: CUK OPENS NEW DOORS THROUGH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

24 August 2026: Breaking barriers to learning and reaffirming its commitment to inclusive education, the CUK organised a one-day workshop on "Knowledge Sharing Through Assistive Technology" for visually impaired students at the University Central Library. Organised in collaboration with the Gnana Vandana Competitive Training Centre, Ranebennur, the programme highlighted how technology can transform access to education, information and career opportunities for visually impaired learners. Presiding over the programme, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana announced that the Braille Resource Centre at the CUK Central Library, equipped with advanced assistive technologies, is open to visually impaired students. He encouraged learners to use its resources for higher education, competitive examinations and career development. Emphasising their exceptional memory, learning and comprehension abilities, he urged students to harness technology to pursue their aspirations without limitations. Chief Guest Prof. Bindu S. Patil, Professor of Periodontology, S. Nijalingappa Dental Medical and Research Institute,



Kalaburagi, highlighted the importance of accessible learning resources. She introduced her book Tooth Teacher, created specifically for blind students to promote dental health and oral hygiene. A significant highlight was the release of the Braille and MP3 audio editions of Tooth Teacher, developed by the CUK Central Library to make the publication accessible to visually impaired learners. More than 30 students participated in practical sessions on the Braille Resource Centre, e-Digital Library services and assistive technologies, led by Dr. Udayakiran K. T., Dr Jayantha Barua and library staff.

YOUNG MINDS, SHARED CULTURE CUK PREPARES FOR YUVA SANGAM PHASE-7

26 August 2026: Strengthening the bonds of unity through youth, culture and shared experiences, the Central University of Karnataka has been selected for Yuva Sangam Phase-7, a flagship educational and cultural exchange initiative under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) programme of the Ministry of Education. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, released the official poster for the programme. For Phase-7, the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, has been paired with CUK. The exchange will enable students from both institutions to experience each other's culture, traditions, educational institutions, governance systems, innovation ecosystems, heritage and community life through a 5–7-day educational visit. Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said Yuva Sangam strengthens emotional connections among India's youth and embodies the spirit of "Unity in Diversity." The programme is built around five themes—Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions and Culture), Pragati (Development and Governance), Paraspar Sampark (People-to-People Connections), and Pradyogiki (Technology and Innovation). Online registration has been extended until 31 August 2026 for eligible youth aged 18–30, including students, NSS and NYKS volunteers, and young professionals.

The initiative reflects the vision of NEP 2020 by transforming education into an opportunity to understand India beyond textbooks. When young people cross borders of language, culture and geography, they discover not differences, but the many threads that weave India into one nation.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:
CUK CHAMPIONS SPORTS, FITNESS AND STUDENT WELLBEING

27 August 2026: Reinforcing the message that academic excellence goes hand in hand with physical fitness, CUK participated virtually in 'Khelo India Samvad – Khel Ki Baat, PM Modi Ke Saath', organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under the MY Bharat initiative as part of National Sports Day 2026 celebrations.

Addressing students, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana urged them to make sports and physical activity an integral part of their daily routine. He encouraged every student to take up at least one sport, stressing that regular exercise enhances concentration, confidence, mental resilience and overall productivity. The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the University's indoor and outdoor sports facilities, gymnasium and professional coaching support, encouraging students to make full use of these resources. Reflecting on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address, he said the programme would inspire young people to embrace the Fit India movement and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat–2047. Prof. Basavaraj M. Kubakaddi, Dean, School of Legal Studies and Dean of Student Welfare, reminded students that "health is the greatest wealth" and called for a balance between academics and physical activity. The Vice-Chancellor also launched the new website of the Department of Physical Education and Sports and felicitated basketball players Suresh, Sirajuddin and Santosh for their achievements. We should understand that a healthy body, a resilient mind and an active spirit are essential foundations for building tomorrow's achievers.



TWO CUK TEAMS REACH FKCCI FINALE



29 August 2026: Two student-led startups from the CUK have advanced to the final round of the prestigious FKCCI Manthan Startup Fund 2026, marking a significant achievement for student entrepreneurship and innovation at the University. Organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), the Manthan Startup Fund is Karnataka's flagship annual business-plan competition, providing aspiring entrepreneurs with mentorship, investor interaction, funding opportunities and industry exposure.

The CUK finalists present solutions to everyday challenges through technology and innovation. 'Next Bus', developed by MBA students Srushti Priya and Azhar Iqbal, along with MBA (Tourism and Hotel Management) student Mukesh G., is an AI- and IoT-enabled public transport platform offering real-time tracking, ETA, crowd-density information, route recommendations and SOS safety features, based on insights from nearly 1,000 commuters. 'Purna Yatra', developed by Unkuru Lakshmana Rao, Prince Kumar, Unnava Yogeshwara Rao and Mundya Vittal, offers a "One Plan, One Payment, Complete Trip" solution that integrates travel planning, transport, accommodation, attractions, and food through a single checkout. At the final presentation in Bengaluru on 27 August, both teams impressed industry experts and investors with their innovation, social relevance and market potential. The winning teams will compete for a total prize of ₹25 lakh.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said the achievement reflects the spirit of NEP 2020, which promotes innovation and entrepreneurship alongside academic excellence. These young innovators are turning classroom learning into solutions with the potential to shape tomorrow's world.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED
WITH ENERGY AND TEAM SPIRIT



30 August 2026: The Central University of Karnataka celebrated National Sports Day 2026 with enthusiasm, commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand and highlighting the importance of sports in student life.

The programme began with Vande Mataram, followed by a floral tribute to Major Dhyan Chand, remembered as the "Wizard of Hockey" for his contribution to Indian hockey. Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Battu Satyanarayana said that sports are essential for the holistic development of students, fostering discipline, leadership, teamwork, resilience and character. He encouraged students to make physical fitness a regular part of life and utilise the University's sports facilities. Leading by example, the Vice-Chancellor joined students in a friendly basketball game, inspiring students to embrace an active lifestyle.

Registrar Prof. R. R. Biradar highlighted the role of sports in developing confidence, perseverance and a positive outlook, stressing the importance of balancing academics with physical activity.

Volleyball, basketball, and Football events were also announced to strengthen the sporting culture on campus. Dean, Students' Welfare Prof. Basavaraj Kubakaddi, Dean Prof. Raghavaiah, faculty members, Sports Coordinator Dr Sai Abhinava and students participated. The celebration ended with a powerful message: excellence is built not only in classrooms, but also on the field.





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""Freedom is not just about independence; it is about self-discovery and self-realization."" — Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.









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