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Uptake

As with all winters, this year too we saw innumerable problems, mainly in cities like Delhi. Here in Namma Bengaluru, doctors spoke of adamant respiratory cases that refused to go away with mild antibiotics. Every year, pollution levels continue to rise, and we continue to suffer the consequences of our own actions, with no apparent solution in sight.

Ecosophy, grounded in the philosophy of deep ecology, emphasizes recognizing the interconnectedness of all life forms and integrating ecological knowledge with ethical values. The necessity for such an approach becomes evident when considering the current state of environmental consciousness in India, where a significant portion of the citizens remain disengaged or skeptical about environmental issues despite their serious ecological impact. We should be able to reflect on the present, recognize interconnectedness, and envision sustainable futures to facilitate transformative experiences. Is it possible to bring about a change?

Perhaps adopting a design thinking strategy can serve as an effective tool to bring about a transformation in society. Rules refer to government-enacted laws that mandate compliance with environmental conservation efforts. Norms represent the social behaviors that can be influenced by the educational system, driving changes that encourage transformation and promote ecosophical thinking. Thus, a human-centered approach to initiating this transformation is the only way to promote sustainable practices and ensure we survive the deadly ecological disasters that are now no longer in the realm of fiction but fast becoming a harsh reality. Building ecosophical thinking is imperative in today's world, and our dinner table conversations can focus on how we can help navigate this challenging situation. All of us need to transform ourselves into environmental stewards and see how we can bring about a change in our families and

communities. The call to action is urgent, as this is the only way to create generations of responsible citizens and save our country.

I am sure the youngsters do not want to inherit a black legacy of imploding cities and polluted water bodies. Guided responsibly by educational institutions, it is important for our students to channelize their energies and think beyond themselves and participate in whatever way they can contribute for their future.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful time ahead!

Dr. Akila S Indurti
Editor

We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it.

Barack Obama

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BEYOND CLASSROOM

A celebration of your talent

Verse Time

Tax Free

मैने बीते एक वर्ष में एक ही पेड़ को कई बार हंसते व खिलखिलाते देखा है।
देखा है फूलों को प्रपोज करते।

इंद्रधनुष को बादलों से गुजरता देख जब बरखा शर्माती है, तो वह बूंदों के रूप में धरा पर आती हैं।

उन बूंदों को देख तितलियां मंद -मंद मुस्कुराती हैं।
ये मुस्कान ऐसे ही तो नहीं आती है।

लेकीन जब आती हैं तो Tax free हो जाती हैं।

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The Tale of Tusker (Based on a true event)

The creator declared
Humans as the most
Beauteous among
All existent
We are showing
Signs of disfigurement
Ergo, engendering
Inhumanity & viciousness.

Yes, the tale belongs
To the tusker
And her guiltless baby
Famished & foraging
They trusted
We betrayed

The mother suffered
Extreme affliction
The baby murdered
Blameless

The fault was only, Belief
For The human race

The anthropoid is a Con artist
Chicanery is in his Main stream
We have unremembered

The mortality
Yes, we killed
The two living souls
The tusker &
Her dear baby
We killed
Humanity
Faith & peacefulness

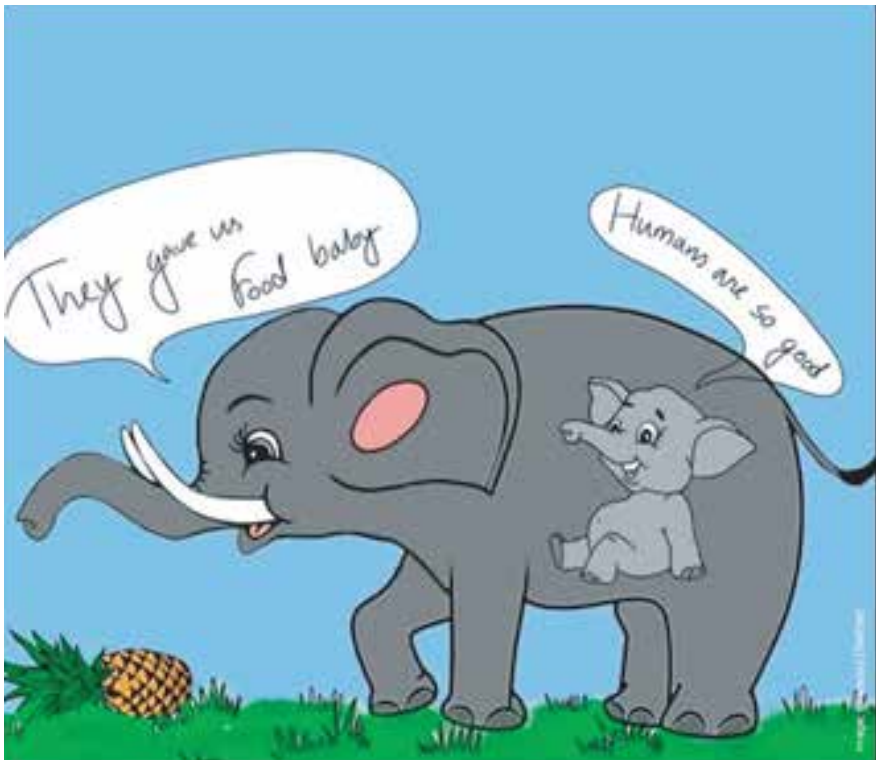
Tenderness
And the aggregate
For which
The Mankind

Reference:
https://hashmatfida.blogspot.com/2020/06/poem-14-tale-of-tusker.html

Verse Time

In the quiet depths of Kerala's Silent Valley Forest, a pregnant wild elephant trusted a human gesture that concealed unimaginable cruelty.
A pineapple, hollowed and packed with powerful crackers, was offered to her as bait.
When she bit into it, the explosion shattered her jaw and silenced her ability to eat.
In pain and confusion, she wandered on, carrying both her unborn calf and her suffering.
What should have been an act of coexistence became a deliberate act of elimination.
Her death stands as a haunting reminder of how compassion failed where humanity was owed most.

Source: https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-52918603



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Redefining Job in a Changing Workplace Terrain

Vignettes

Over time, the workforce has transformed through distinct revolutions. During the Industrial Revolution, employees worked mainly for survival. Their focus was on earning enough to feed their families, and they gave little attention to the nature of work, the number of hours, or the length of service. Loyalty to the employer became a necessity because job opportunities were scarce. Meeting basic needs such as food and shelter guided most decisions.

The Information Revolution created a workforce that entered employment with better financial security. With assets already built by the previous generation, the focus shifted from earning wealth for survival to improving the standard of living. Relocation, new experiences, and better opportunities became acceptable choices as individuals aimed to provide comfort for their families.

The present era marks a Social Revolution that has reshaped the mindset of the workforce. Financial stability and improved living conditions have given rise to new expectations. Employees now seek quality of work and quality of life. The emphasis is on meaningful contribution, personal growth, and a balanced lifestyle.

I resonate deeply with this shift. As an employee, I aim to grow along with my organization and strive to become a better version of myself each day. Motivation fuels my efforts, and salary becomes the reward that supports the physical and mental energy invested in this journey.

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Honey Is Sweet and So Are You

Honey is sweet. A home is sweeter. And sometimes, empathy is the only thing that moves faster than fear.

It was an afternoon in 2011 in Bengaluru. The sun stood unforgiving at three o'clock, pouring heat onto dust, concrete, and unfinished dreams. I was at the site of my half-built house, watching a future slowly rise from the ground.

Brick by brick. Hope by hope. Building a home is never merely an act of construction. It is the quiet shaping of belonging. When a man builds his abode, his mind becomes an ocean, restless, layered, filled with unfinished prayers and unspoken expectations.

I had bought a house once before, far away on another continent, at a time when life still felt new and faith outweighed fear. It was there that I began my family; it was there that my children learned to walk, to speak, and to dream beneath a foreign sky. Life as an expatriate was never gentle. Work demanded resilience, and belonging had to be earned. Silence often carried its own weight. Survival itself became a quiet and unfolding saga, lived far from home, yet stitched together by hope and perseverance.

The Cry for Help

That afternoon in Bengaluru, as I stood on the unfinished slab of my new house, a scream cut through the ordinary sounds of construction. It was not a call. It was not a shout. It was a scream, raw, urgent, and unmistakably human.

I ran to the unfinished terrace. From there, nearly eight hundred meters away, the scene unfolded at another building, their home. Two men, brothers in their thirties, were trapped on a staircase, running up and down in panic. Above them hung a massive honeycomb, swollen and heavy, disturbed somehow.

What followed was chaos. Bees came in waves of twenty or thirty. They struck, retreated, and returned again. The stings landed like fire. The brothers screamed, stumbled, fell, and rose again. Escape was impossible; the pain was relentless. Balconies filled with onlookers. Neighbors gathered below. The city watched, but no one moved.

In those fractured seconds, my mind flashed with unsettling images—scenes of the Passion I had witnessed in my church and carried quietly within me—one innocent man and an army of tormentors. The brothers were from Iran, strangers trying to complete their medical education in this city, and their helplessness pierced something deep within me. I waited no longer. Empathy moved before thought.

The Rescue

I ran down the stairs and leapt into my black car. The windows were dark. The engine roared to life. In that instant, the car ceased to be a car; it became an ambulance. My racing heart became its siren.

I drove as if time itself were collapsing fast, focused, and unforgiving. The eight hundred meters disappeared beneath the wheels as familiar streets blurred past. Scooters stopped, and pedestrians stared. The urgency carved a narrow path through an ordinary Bengaluru afternoon.

When I reached them, they were barely standing. Their faces were swollen, their skin burned red, and their eyes no longer pleaded; they simply endured. Far across balconies, people stood frozen.

I jumped out without switching off the engine. “Get in! Jump in!” I shouted. Relief broke across their faces. One collapsed into the front seat; the other fell into the back. Their bodies were drenched in sweat, and exhaustion clung to them like weight. My hands slipped on the steering wheel.

Then, the bees followed as I was driving fast.

They entered the car, clinging to the dashboard and slamming against the windshield. I grabbed the T-shirt from the man beside me and used it as a shield, crushing bees against the glass while steering at full speed. Instinct warned me not to open the windows. Outside, more bees chased us, relentless and humming with fury. Inside the dark car, the bees panicked from the heat, confusion, and light ahead. One by one, they fell motionless on the dashboard, defeated by their own frenzy.

The Recovery

I called the hospital while driving: “Two brothers... severe bee attack. Prepare for an emergency." The man beside me was turning a deeper red, pain carving his face into something unrecognizable. I drove faster; four kilometers felt endless.

At the hospital, doctors rushed them in on wheelchairs. I handed over ₹40,000—the maximum I could withdraw in a single day at that time, which was money kept aside for my house construction for the day. I gave it without a moment’s hesitation. I stood watching as medical tools plucked sting after sting from wounded skin, strangers working urgently to save strangers.

That very night, Iranian friends of the brothers came to return the money. They stood quietly with folded hands, their eyes heavy with gratitude. Their silence said more than words ever could. The brothers remained admitted for seven days. That same day, I ensured the honeycomb was removed so no one else in that neighborhood would suffer in silence.

A Lasting Lesson

Time moved on. A decade passed.

What remained was a lesson I still carry: empathy is not merely a feeling. It is a decision. It is a decision to act when it would be easier to watch. It is a decision that briefly dissolves fear, distance, and difference. Some truths do not age; they only deepen.

Months later, the brothers came to our house carrying a jar full of honey. Smiling shyly, one of them said, “Sir, we have retaliated against the bees." Before I could respond, he bent slightly toward my small daughter and whispered, "Honey is sweet, and so are you."

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SaravanaScope
Minds Without Mirrors

Episode 3: The Mirror Outside

STOP! Do not decide your category right now. I kindly request you to hold your horses **until** we reach episode 4.

Some people cannot see themselves clearly.
Some see too much.
And some stop looking inward altogether…
because they begin to believe the reflection is coming from somewhere else.

Ed Warren and Lorraine Warren believed that
"Evil is not always inside a person.
Sometimes, it enters."

They became famous for confronting what they believed were forces beyond the human mind—entities, presences, and darkness that seemed to exist outside the individual. Their cases, later popularized through books and films, were built on a powerful and unsettling idea.

Most of us, when confronted with harmful behavior, eventually ask a question:
What is wrong with me?

But in some psychological frameworks, the question changes:
What is wrong around me?

What happens when the mind stops looking inward… and begins searching for every answer in the dark outside?

That's why Warrens'

gave fear a language,
gave chaos a story.
And for the people who came to them, that story often brought relief.
Because once terror has a name, it feels less like madness and more like meaning.
In that space, the line between perception and belief dissolves.
Fear doesn't disappear—it reorganizes.
Shadows feel intentional.
Silence starts to feel alive.

And the mind, desperate for order, will accept almost any explanation that calms the unknown—even if that explanation begins to rewrite reality itself.

This is not about ghosts.

It is about something far more human:
the need to give darkness a face
so we don't have to face ourselves.

In the next episode, we follow the work of Gaurav Tiwari, where some questions refused to stay buried.

Not every presence is outside…
and not every mirror shows the truth.

Saravanan Circle.
Stay connected.

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The Future-Ready Indian Professional: A Blueprint for Success in 2026 and beyond

As we navigate the year 2026, the definition of a "qualified graduate" in India has undergone a totally seismic shift. To truly excel in 2026 and beyond, students must master the "Four Pillars of Modern Fluency." They are:

1. Financial Intelligence
2. The Entrepreneurial Mindset
3. Strategic Communication
4. Artificial Intelligence Integration (AI Integration)

This article serves as a comprehensive guide to navigating these domains for students and young professionals just starting their careers.

1. Financial Intelligence

Pillar 1: Finance or Financial Mastery: Making the Rupee Work for You (The Wealth Engine).

Financial literacy/financial intelligence is the foundation of independence. According to recent SEBI and RBI data, while India's demography is young, only 27% of Indian adults meet the minimum threshold of financial literacy.

The Power of Compounding in the Indian Context

In India, the annual inflation rate typically hovers around 6-7%. If your money is sitting in a standard savings account earning anywhere between 3% and 7% PA, you are effectively losing wealth every year.

In India, the "wealth gap" is often a "knowledge gap." While the Nifty 50 has shown a CAGR of roughly 12–13% over the last 20 years, many Indian households still keep over 50% of their wealth in low-yield bank deposits and fixed deposits, which is not recommended for the reasons explained above.

Strategic Asset Allocation for Students:

• The Power of SIPs: Imagine two students, Rohan and Priya. Rohan starts a monthly SIP of ₹5,000 at age 21. Priya waits until she is 30. By age 60, Rohan's corpus will be nearly ₹4 crores higher than Priya's, simply because of those 9 extra years of compounding.

• The 50/30/20 Rule: If your first salary is Rs. 50,000/month:
  - o Rs. 25,000/- (Needs): Rent, PG, groceries, commute.
  - o Rs. 15,000/- (Wants): Netflix, dining out, weekend trips.
  - o Rs. 10,000 (Savings/Investment): Direct into an Index Fund or ELSS.

The Verdict: Starting at age 20 versus age 30 can result in a difference of over approximately 4 crores.

• **Do:** Start a small SIP, even if it's just ₹500/month.
• **Don't:** Fall for "Get Rich Quick" crypto schemes or unregulated options trading. Building wealth takes time. Be patient.

Pillar 2: Tax Planning (Old vs. New Regime)
For a first-time earner in FY 2025-26 (AY 2026-27), choosing the right tax regime is your first major financial decision.

Comparative Study: Old vs. New (2026 Updates)
The New Tax Regime is now the default. Under the latest Union budget of 2026, it has become significantly more attractive for young professionals.

Feature	Old Regime (Optional)	New Regime (Default)
Basic Exemption	Up to ₹2.5 Lakh	Up to ₹4 Lakh
Standard Deduction	₹50,000	₹75,000
Tax-Free Limit	Up to ₹5 Lakh (with 87A)	Up to ₹12.75 Lakh (with 87A & Std. Ded.)
Deductions (80C, 80D)	Allowed (LIC, PPF, etc.)	Not Allowed

The Strategy for Students:
• Choose the New Regime if you earn up to ₹12.75 Lakhs, as your effective tax will be zero. It is simpler and requires no paperwork for investments.
• Choose the Old Regime only if you have heavy commitments like a home loan (Section 24b) or major insurance premiums that exceed ₹3.75 Lakhs in total deductions.

2. The Entrepreneurial Mindset (Think Like a Founder)
Entrepreneurship is not a job title; it is a way of solving problems. In 2026, the "gig economy" and "intrapreneurship" are the primary drivers of the Indian market. You don't need to have a startup in Bangalore or Gurgaon to be an entrepreneur. An entrepreneurial mindset is a cognitive framework defined by proactivity and ownership.

Why It Matters in India
With India's workforce expected to hit 1 billion by 2030, competition is fierce. Data suggests that "intrapreneurs"—employees who act like owners—see 30% faster salary growth in Indian MNCs.
• The Framework: Treat every university project as a "product launch."
• Do's: Look for problems in your immediate environment and propose scalable solutions.
• Don'ts: Adopt the "Chalta Hai" (It's okay/Let it be) attitude; this is the enemy of excellence.

How to Build the Entrepreneurial Mindset
1.Iterative Failure: In a lab, a failed experiment is a result. In business, a failed project is an "iteration."

Example: If your campus event fails to attract a crowd, don't blame the weather. Analyze the "User Acquisition" strategy.

2. Ownership: If you are an intern, don't just "do the task." Ask, "How does this task help the company's bottom line?"

3. Strategic Communication

In a globalized economy, your ability to articulate ideas is your most liquid asset. Research from the Carnegie Institute suggests that around 85% of financial success is due to "human engineering" and communication skills.

Importance in Personal & Professional Life

• Professional: In a 2025 survey of Indian HR heads, "Clear Communication" was ranked higher than "Technical Expertise" for leadership roles.

• Personal: High Emotional Intelligence (EQ) leads to better conflict resolution and networking.

Pro-Tip: Master the 2-**Minute Elevator Pitch.** Learn to explain your career goal or a complex concept in the time it takes to ride a lift.

Your technical skill is your "product," but your communication is your "marketing." Without marketing, the best product remains on the shelf.

Professional vs. Personal Impact

• Professional: In India, "soft skills" are the #1 differentiator in appraisal cycles.

  o Example: Being able to summarize a 50-page report into a 4-bullet email for your manager.

  o Being able to articulate your thoughts effectively to multiple stakeholders makes you stand out from the crowd.

4. Artificial Intelligence Integration

By 2026, AI is no longer "future tech"—it is a utility. India is currently the global leader in AI skill penetration, with a growth rate 3x higher than the global average. AI is no longer about "chatting." It is about workflow automation. India currently has a shortage of 1 million AI-skilled professionals.

The Student's AI Toolkit:

• **Do:** Learn to use AI for research synthesis. Ask AI to "Explain this research paper as if I am 12" to grasp core concepts faster.

• **Do:** Use AI for code debugging or Excel automation.

• **Do:** Learn Prompt Engineering. Treat AI as a highly capable intern—give clear instructions and always double-check the output.

o Don't: Plagiarize. Use AI to synthesize information, not to replace your original thought.

o Don't: Let AI replace your voice. AI-generated content is often generic; your value lies in the unique human insight you add to the AI's output.

Vignettes

AI Adoption and Industry Impact

Sector	Indian Context Impact	Key Tool/Skill
IT & Software	High	Automated Debugging & Documentation
Finance/FinTech	Transformative	Real-time Risk Assessment
Creative/Marketing	High	Personalised Vernacular Content

Summary: Your Success Checklist for the Holistic Indian Graduate

The "New India" professional is a polymath.

- **Financial Intelligence:** Open a Demat account; start a ₹500 SIP. Invests in SIPs and understands the power of compounding. Stick to the New Regime unless your income is very high and you have major deductions.

- **The Entrepreneurial Mindset:** Spend 1 hour a week identifying a "problem" and brainstorming 3 solutions. Solve problems rather than just identifying them.

- **Strategic Communication:** Improve your communication skills. Join a club (like Toastmasters) or practice speaking in front of a mirror. Come on stage whenever you get a chance. Be a good storyteller.

- **Artificial Intelligence Integration (AI Integration):** Learn to use various AI tools like ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Perplexity, etc.—at least one generative AI tool daily to assist you, not replace your work. Use technology to automate the mundane jobs and focus more on the creative aspect.

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Events Galore

Roundup of activities in October–December 2025, January–February 2026

Republic Day








Department of Student Affairs

Sports News

Yoga Competition at SVYASA University

SVYASA University, Bangalore, organized the All India Inter-University Yoga Competition from January 4 to 7, 2026. The Yoga Team from Presidency University actively participated in the 'Traditional Individual' and 'Traditional Team' events. Out of 168 universities from across the country, the PU team secured an impressive 20th place in the Traditional Team event, reflecting their high-level performance.

South Zone Inter-University Tournament at SRM

SRM University organized the South Zone Inter-University Tournament, which was held from December 23 to 28, 2025. Students from Presidency University actively participated in the tournament, showcasing commendable performance, discipline, and sportsmanship. Their participation provided valuable competitive exposure and contributed significantly to their overall athletic development.

Karnataka Kreedakoota

The Karnataka Kreedakoota 2026, organized by the Government of Karnataka, was held in Tumakuru from January 16 to 22, 2026.

Student Sameer from the School of Engineering represented the university in the under-50 kg male kyorugi in the taekwondo event and delivered an outstanding performance by winning the silver medal.

Open International Kickboxing Championship

Mohammed Shyjal, a talented student from the Presidency School of Allied Sciences, was chosen to participate in the Open International Kickboxing Championship held in New Delhi from 4 to 8 February, 2026.

Presidency Premier League

The Presidency Premier League (PPL)—Season 4, began with vibrant energy on February 4, 2026. Generating tremendous response, this highly anticipated event has 24 teams competing in football, 24 in volleyball, 50 in cricket, 9 in basketball, 34 in chess, and 36 in table tennis.

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Designed by students, for students, PPL is more than a tournament—it is a celebration of talent, teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. Students form their own teams, fostering strategic thinking, coordination, and unity beyond the classroom. The league promises competitive matches and a memorable sporting experience for both participants and spectators.








Inter-College Sports Fest at KLE

At the Inter-College Sports Fest held at KLE College on February 12, 2026, PU's Men's Badminton Team showcased exceptional skill and determination, securing the runner-up position in the Men's Doubles category.

A special applause to Ridhi, who delivered an impressive performance and secured the runner-up title in badminton singles.

Inter-College Sports Fest at NMIMS University

Presidency University Women's Team secured the runners-up position in the Inter-College Sports Fest held at NMIMS University on February 14, 2026.

NSS: Youth for Change

Presidency University's NSS Cell organized a five-day residential camp at People's Trust, Sreeramanahalli, with 'Youth for Change' as its main theme this year. It was inaugurated on January 24, 2026.




Student Mentoring Program

Faculty Mentoring Framework: Institutionalizing Structured Mentoring Practices for Holistic Student Development and Success

A training session was organized for Faculty Mentors on "Faculty Mentoring Framework: Institutionalizing Structured Mentoring Practices for Holistic Student Development and Success" on January 24, 2026. The session was conducted by the Mentoring Coordinators of the respective schools in their departments, with the objective of strengthening structured mentoring practices and enhancing student-centric teaching–learning processes across the university. The programme was designed to equip faculty mentors with conceptual clarity and practical skills essential for effective mentoring in higher education. It emphasized mentoring as a strategic enabler of student success by addressing learner diversity, academic progression, emotional well-being, and professional development. Participants were introduced to the principles of designing and implementing structured mentoring systems aligned with institutional goals and individual student needs. Key focus areas included recognizing, addressing, and managing academic, personal, and behavioral challenges through systematic mentoring interventions.

Significant emphasis was placed on developing effective communication and basic counselling skills to foster trust-based mentor–mentee relationships. Participative and activity-based

mentoring approaches were also explored to enhance student engagement, motivation, and active involvement in learning. Interactive discussions and reflective exercises enabled faculty mentors to contextualize mentoring strategies within their departmental contexts. Overall, the training strengthened faculty mentoring capabilities and reinforced the university's commitment to holistic student development and continuous quality

Mentoring Excellence

A workshop on 'Mentoring Excellence' for Mentoring Coordinators of Presidency University was successfully conducted on January 5, 2026, with the objective of strengthening mentoring practices as a core pillar of student success in higher education. The workshop brought together experienced academic leaders and student affairs professionals from Presidency University, creating a comprehensive and practice-oriented learning platform for faculty mentors. The session commenced with an insightful address by Dr. S. J. Thiruvengadam, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, who emphasized mentoring as a strategic enabler of holistic student development. He highlighted the evolving role of faculty mentors in addressing academic, personal, and professional challenges faced by students in contemporary higher education environments.

Col. P. L. Jayram, Director – Student Discipline & Sports, discussed practical approaches to identifying and handling student issues, with a strong focus on discipline management and behavioral concerns. His session provided real-life perspectives on preventive mentoring and constructive intervention strategies. Dr. Anu Sukhdev, Dean of the Department of Student Affairs, elaborated on enhancing student participation and engagement through structured mentoring and club activities, demonstrating how co-curricular platforms can be effectively integrated into mentoring outcomes. A detailed overview of the structured mentoring process was presented by Dr. Anni Arnav, Head of the Student Mentoring Program, covering the Linways mentoring module, mentoring frameworks, monitoring mechanisms, review practices, and continuous improvement strategies to ensure consistency and accountability.

The workshop concluded with an interactive session by Ms. N. Namratha Jessica, Student Counsellor, who focused on essential communication and counselling skills for mentors, equipping faculty with empathetic listening and student-support techniques.

Overall, the workshop was highly impactful, equipping Mentoring Coordinators with practical tools, institutional frameworks, and enhanced confidence to guide faculty mentors in fostering student success.

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Events Galore




Mentoring Matters

Presidency University successfully conducted a faculty development program titled "Mentoring Matters: A Faculty Training Program on Student Mentoring and Support" with the objective of strengthening mentoring competencies among faculty members and enhancing student support mechanisms on January 6, 2026, as a part of the Student Mentoring Program. Dr. Padmakshi Lokesh, CEO and MD of Smiles in Milez, addressed the participants on the holistic dimensions of student mentoring, emphasizing emotional intelligence, empathy, and well-being as integral components of effective mentorship. Drawing from her professional experience, she highlighted the importance of understanding student behavior, managing stress, and creating a supportive mentor-mentee relationship that promotes both academic success and personal growth.

Dr. Rachana Saxena, Professor, Department of Commerce and Management, Jain (Deemed-to-be University), focused on the structured and academic aspects of mentoring. Her session emphasized mentoring as a strategic academic intervention, aligning mentoring practices with learning outcomes, student engagement, and career readiness. She also discussed best practices for identifying student challenges and guiding them through informed academic and professional decisions. Dr. Shreevamshi Naveen, Associate Professor from Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, shared practical perspectives on mentoring in multidisciplinary and technology-driven academic environments. Her session highlighted the role of faculty mentors in addressing diverse student needs, fostering discipline, and promoting ethical and responsible behavior.

Overall, the program was highly interactive and informative, equipping faculty members with practical tools, frameworks, and perspectives to strengthen mentoring culture at Presidency University. The training reinforced mentoring as a critical pillar of student success and institutional excellence.

Presidency School of Computer Science and Engineering and Presidency School of Information Science

Application of AI in Technical Education

The Presidency School of Computer Science and Engineering (PSCS) organized a seminar titled "Application of AI in Technical Education" on January 16, 2026, to provide students with a deeper understanding of how artificial intelligence is applied across industries to solve practical engineering problems.

The session was delivered by Dr. Rajesh Dey, Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Applications at the Gopal Narayan Singh University, Bihar. With extensive experience in AI, Dr. Rajesh provided valuable insights into the evolution, growth, and real-world implementations of AI in technical education. Dr. Rajesh covered a wide range of topics, including machine learning applications, AI in smart automation, predictive analytics, and the growing importance of AI in sectors like education and research.

Students actively interacted with the speaker during the Q&A session, seeking guidance on AI-based career opportunities, industry expectations, and the essential skills required for AI-driven roles. The seminar encouraged students to explore AI technologies more deeply and motivated them to take up AI-based projects and research.

NVIDIA Deep Learning

The NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute (DLI) 5-Day Faculty Skill Enhancement Program was conducted from December 11 to 16, 2025, to enhance faculty expertise in artificial intelligence, deep learning, and GPU-accelerated computing. The program successfully bridged the gap between academic curriculum and industry advancements through expert-led sessions and hands-on training on NVIDIA platforms.

Faculty participants gained practical exposure to DGX servers, CUDA frameworks, model training and optimization, generative AI, large language model fine-tuning, and scalable AI deployment using industry-standard tools such as TensorRT, DeepStream, Triton, RAPIDS, NeMo, and NVIDIA NIM.

All intended outcomes were achieved, with participants developing strong practical competency in modern AI technologies. Faculty are now well-equipped to integrate advanced AI concepts, hands-on labs, and project-based learning into subjects like AI, ML, DL, data science, and HPC. The program also strengthened the institution's readiness for emerging technologies, improved teaching quality, and supported NAAC/NBA accreditation requirements.

Persistent Memory Systems: Integrating MCP with AutoGen Agents

A full-day workshop on "Persistent Memory Systems: Integrating MCP with AutoGen Agents" was organized by Cosmic Crew on November 18, 2025 at Presidency University. The workshop focused on enhancing participants' understanding of how persistent memory systems can significantly improve the intelligence, adaptability, and context awareness of autonomous AI agents.

The session explored the Model Context Protocol (MCP) and its role in enabling long-term memory retention and retrieval in AI systems. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of AutoGen Agents, their communication workflows, and the integration of persistent memory backends such as Redis, Chroma, and Pinecone. The workshop also addressed embedding techniques and real-world applications, enabling students to connect theoretical concepts with industry practices. The hands-on approach,

interactive discussions helped participants gain practical exposure to designing memory-enabled autonomous agents. The event effectively bridged theoretical academic learning with emerging technological trends in AI, offering valuable insights into the future of intelligent systems.

The QUANTAVERSE Industrial Visit to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Koramangala, on January 12, 2026, offered participants an immersive and insightful exposure to the domain of applied science and optics. The visit introduced students to advanced scientific and industrial environments where theoretical principles converge with real-world research and technological applications. The session featured live demonstrations of optical phenomena, guided technical explanations by industry professionals, and interactive discussions.

In addition to experimental demonstrations, participants were given the opportunity to observe detailed scientific models of major Indian astronomical and space-research instruments, including a telescope model of ASTROSAT, the coronagraph payload of the Aditya-L1 mission, and a 30-meter class ground-based telescope model. These exhibits provided valuable insight into large-scale astronomical instrumentation and national space research initiatives.

Furthermore, students had the opportunity to engage in an interactive session with a research scientist, who shared in-depth insights into the technical and practical aspects of the astrophysics and space research domain. This interaction helped participants understand the complexities, methodologies, and career pathways involved in the field of astronomical research.

Participants gained a clear understanding of how fundamental scientific concepts are implemented in practical systems and research settings. The event successfully fostered scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper appreciation for experimental and applied sciences.

The Blockchain Trilemma: How Bitcoin and Ethereum Approach Security, Decentralization, and Scalability

The Faculty and Student Development Programme (FSDP) on "The Blockchain Trilemma: How Bitcoin and Ethereum Approach Security, Decentralization, and Scalability" was conducted on December 19, 2025, via Google Meet. The program was organized by the School of Computer Science & Engineering, Presidency University, in association with Pencil Bitz Publications. Mr. B. Mohanraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology, Sona College of Technology, Salem, Tamil Nadu, used real-world examples, case-based illustrations, and simple analogies to explain complex technical constructs.

The primary objective of this FSDP was to enhance the understanding of both faculty members and students on blockchain technology, with a focused treatment of the inherent trade-offs between security, decentralization, and scalability. The program began with an inaugural address by the Head of the Department, emphasizing the growing academic and industry relevance of blockchain systems in modern computing, finance, and distributed application ecosystems.

The technical session covered: Blockchain fundamentals and distributed ledger concepts, Cryptographic foundations, Architectures of Bitcoin and Ethereum, Consensus mechanisms (PoW, PoS), and Layer 2 scalability solutions and the broader blockchain trilemma.

A lively Q&A, conceptual questions, and participant discussions ensured meaningful engagement from both faculty and student participants.

The Entrepreneurial Mindset: From Idea to Impact.

The Presidency School of Computer Science & Engineering organized an inspiring session titled "The Entrepreneurial Mindset: From Idea to Impact" on October 15, 2025, to inspire and guide the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. It aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world application by providing students with the necessary tools and strategies to develop their entrepreneurial skills. The focus was on nurturing a mindset that sees challenges as opportunities and is prepared to navigate the journey from a nascent idea to a successful business.

Indian Navy Awareness Program

The Indian Navy Awareness Program, jointly organized by CCS, CIT, and the student community, was successfully conducted on January 29, 2026, featuring Captain Hemanth Kumar as the resource person. He delivered an inspiring and insightful session on the role of the Indian Navy in safeguarding the nation. Through compelling real-life experiences, he highlighted the values of discipline, leadership, patriotism, and the spirit of service that define naval life. His address emphasized the noble responsibility of serving the nation and the pride associated with wearing the uniform. The session sparked immense curiosity and enthusiasm among students, leading to an engaging interaction filled with thoughtful queries on career pathways, eligibility criteria, training opportunities, and long-term growth within the Indian Navy. Students were deeply motivated by the captain's message on national service and the diverse opportunities available in naval forces beyond conventional career choices. The event not only broadened students' awareness of defense careers but also instilled a renewed sense of purpose, national responsibility, and aspiration to contribute meaningfully to the country.

Technopia 2026

Technopia 2026 was successfully organized by the Presidency School of Computer Science & Engineering, Presidency University, on January 23, 2026, at the CSE Labs to provide a platform for students to enhance their technical skills, encourage innovation, and promote collaborative learning through a series of engaging academic and technical activities. The event featured competitions such as the Code and Solve Challenge, Poster Presentation, Technical Quiz, Prompt Engineering Battle, Tech Tambola, and Tech Debate. Students participated both individually and in teams, demonstrating strong problem-solving abilities and technical knowledge. Technopia 2026 concluded with the announcement of winners and distribution of cash prizes worth ₹18,000, making the event a grand success.

Presidency School of Engineering

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

Events Galore

The Power of Plotting: Signal Processing Basics on MATLAB

A workshop on "The Power of Plotting: Signal Processing Basics on MATLAB" was organized on October 29, 2025, under the IEEE Signal Processing Society, Presidency University Student Branch Chapter. The session offered a comprehensive introduction to signal processing concepts, from the basics of continuous and discrete-time signals to practical plotting in MATLAB. Participants actively engaged in running MATLAB scripts, exploring common commands, and visualizing various signal types.

IEEE Student Branch Societies and Council Inauguration

The inauguration of IEEE PELS, IEEE IES, IEEE CTSoc, and IEEE CEDA at Presidency University was held on October 31, 2025. The morning session featured talks by Ms. Soniya Agrawal, Mr. Vishal A. G., and Mr. Prabindh Sundareson, who addressed financial backing, scholarships, fellowships, travel grants, member hierarchy, and society-specific industrial applications. Dr. Premananda B.S. spoke about opportunities through the IEEE Council on Design Automation and research involvement. Inauguration certificates were formally presented to the respective societies. A key highlight of the event was the live demonstration and introduction of the Presidency University IEEE site, showcasing all IEEE-related information, events, memberships, and resources. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, enabling students to clarify pathways for participation and technical growth.

Outreach Program for School Students

The one-day Basic Computer Training Program for government school students held on November 22nd, 2025, aimed to introduce essential digital skills to learners for Grades 8 & 9. The event began with a brief orientation on the importance of computer literacy, followed by an engaging session on basic computer parts and functions. Students then received hands-on practice in MS Word and PowerPoint, learning how to create simple documents and presentations, thus helping them develop confidence in using technology for academic purposes. The session also covered shortcut keys and safe internet usage to build responsible digital habits. To encourage participation, prizes were awarded to a few students for their enthusiasm and performance, and lunch was provided to all participants. An interactive Q&A and feedback session helped conclude the session. By offering simple, practical demonstrations and guided activities, the event sought to bridge the digital learning gap, encourage curiosity toward technology, and empower students with skills that are increasingly necessary in today's education system and future career paths.

Cascade 2025

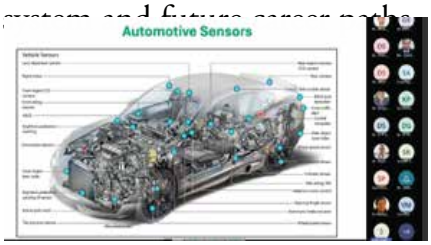
A two-day technical competition designed to strengthen students' skills in both analog and digital design was held on November 7-8, 2025. Mr. Alok Das, Chair of IEEE CAS Bangalore Section, delivered an insightful inaugural session on analog system trends. The day also marked the inauguration of the Presidency IEEE Magazine. Participants then proceeded to the first round—an online MCQ test covering analog fundamentals—followed by a hands-on analog design round using tools such as Cadence and LTspice. After the design round, Dr. Sarfaraz Hussain, Secretary of the IEEE CAS Bangalore Section, addressed the students and shared valuable insights before the announcement of winners.

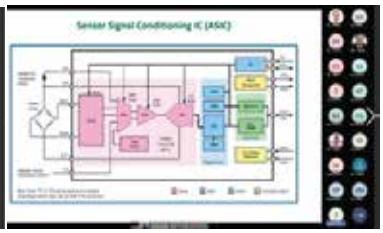
The second day focused on digital design, beginning with a keynote session by Mr. Hariprasad Bhat, vice chair of the IEEE CAS Bangalore Section, who spoke about advancements in digital systems and design methodologies. Students then took part in a digital MCQ round, followed by a practical coding-based design round in Xilinx Vivado. The event also featured Mr. Jayesh Tanwani, Chair Elect of the IEEE CAS Bangalore Section, who interacted with participants after the final round and presented awards to the digital design winners.

Events Galore

Fabrication Techniques and Characterization Methodologies for Advanced Sensor Application

A webinar on the subject was held on January 21, 2026, with resource person Mr. Sakthivel, who currently serves as Director (Semiconductors & Sensors) at Rotary Electronics Pvt. Ltd. He explained sensor integration within a complete data acquisition system and also gave a brief insight into how sensors interface with multiplexers, signal conditioning circuits, analog-to-digital converters, and processing units to form reliable measurement systems. The relevance of excitation circuits, internal compensation sensors, and system-level correction techniques was discussed, particularly in the context of automotive electronics, where hundreds of sensors operate simultaneously.education





Industrial Visit

The industrial visit to Bloom Energy, Bangalore, on January 30, 2026, was designed to provide an extensive overview of the lifecycle of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) technology, focusing on design, testing, and data-driven management. The visit provided a comprehensive technical deep dive into Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) technology, highlighting a remarkable 65% efficiency and Bloom's unique focus on R&D design and testing. Key topics included the simulation of DC-DC converters, KPM PCS testing, and the integration of ultracapacitors and AC bus architectures. Students explored their global Big Data infrastructure, specifically the use of MongoDB (NoSQL) and PostgreSQL for remote product monitoring. Additionally, international certification standards like UL/CSA/IEC and the use of LabVIEW for environmental stress testing were also reviewed. The session concluded with vital insights into hiring processes, internships, and industry-standard soldering and assembly practices.

Visit to Toyota Kirloskar Motors, Bidadi

An industrial visit to Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. (TKM) was organized to provide practical exposure to students and to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-time industrial practices. Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. is a joint venture between Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan) and Kirloskar Group (India). The company manufactures popular models such as the Innova Crysta, Fortuner, Urban Cruiser Hyryder, and other vehicles. TKM is globally recognized for its emphasis on quality, safety, reliability, and sustainability.

Department of Civil Engineering

Pre-Placement & Industry Readiness Training

This training, organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, Presidency School of Engineering, January 7-13, 2026, began with Dr. Nakul R, Professor and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, stressing the need for early industry orientation to prepare budding engineers for real-world challenges. The Chief Guest, Mr. Vinod Kumar S, Head of Rustomjee, Prestige Vocational Education and Training Center, Prestige Constructions, Bengaluru, underscored the importance of practical exposure, professional discipline, and continuous skill enhancement for success in the construction sector. The Dean of the School of Engineering, Dr. Ramesh Sengottuvelu, encouraged students to fully utilize the opportunity, while Mr. Sachin Amarnath, Partner, Corporate Management and Training Initiatives (CMTI), outlined the industry-focused structure and methodology of the training.

The Department of Civil Engineering organized this six-day Pre-Placement & Industry Readiness Training for III and IV year B.Tech and II year M.Tech students as a domain-specific initiative to bridge the gap between academic learning and on-site construction practice and to build confidence for internships and entry-level roles. The training, conducted in collaboration with CMTI, combined expert lectures, hands-on activities, and career-focused guidance. Sessions led by industry professionals such as Mr. Sachin Amarnath and Er. Ashok Kumar familiarized students with construction

materials, core and shell methodologies, planning tools like WBS and CPM, organizational roles, and the criticality of civil–MEP coordination. Students practiced drawing interpretation, basic estimation, resource planning, and billing workflows, mirroring the responsibilities of site and planning engineers. Strong emphasis was also placed on professional skills and career readiness. Students worked on career roadmaps, internship strategies, LinkedIn branding, interview preparation, and presentation skills and were introduced to emerging practices such as Building Information Modeling (BIM). Participant feedback highlighted the interactive nature of the program, the relevance of case studies and role plays, and the way the sessions clarified real-time project execution and employer expectations. Overall, the initiative significantly strengthened students' technical understanding, industry awareness, and employability, reflecting the department's commitment to producing industry-ready civil engineering graduates.

Industrial Visit

As an important component of the training, the Department of Civil Engineering arranged an industrial visit to Prestige Camden Gardens, Thanisandra, Bengaluru, providing students with first-hand exposure to a live construction site and reinforcing the industry-oriented objectives explained during the inaugural sessions by the department and industry leaders. Coordinated with Prestige Constructions through Mr. Vinod Kumar S, Head – Rustomjee, Prestige Vocational Education and Training Center, and led on-site by Er. Ashok Kumar, Founder and CEO, CMTI, the visit translated the classroom concepts of planning, coordination, and quality into real-world observations.

The visit began with a mandatory safety induction and PPE checks, reinforcing professional norms of site safety and discipline. Students then toured various work fronts, where they observed the sequencing of core and shell, MEP, and finishing activities and compared planned construction sequences with actual site progress. They witnessed quality control practices for shuttering, reinforcement, concreting, and finishing, as well as safety systems such as permit procedures, toolbox talks, and identification of unsafe acts and conditions.

A key highlight of the visit was exposure to real project documentation, including Daily Progress Reports (DPRs), Work Inspection Requests (WIRs), inspection checklists, photographic records, and RFI logs. Students documented their learnings in structured observation sheets, linking their classroom learning on planning tools, drawings, and resource management to the realities of on-site execution. The industrial visit thus served as a vital bridge between theory and practice, helping students visualize construction workflows, appreciate on-site coordination, and internalize the standards expected of industry-ready civil engineers.

Presidency School of Commerce

Research in Business

A workshop on the "Essentials of Business Research" organized by Dr. Syed Abid Hussain, professor, PSOC, and the coordinator of the EL Fortuna Marketing Club, was held on January 21, 2026, for graduate students, to effectively bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and real-world application. The session concentrated on the entire research process, from identifying a business problem to producing the final report, to ensure that students are ready for their impending dissertations and professional jobs.

Resource person Dr. Renee Narmatha, assistant professor at Bangalore's Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, introduced students to both qualitative and quantitative research methods, aiming to provide a practical experience defining problems and formulating hypotheses, data integrity, and ethical issues in business studies.

Detailed discussions on sampling strategies, data analysis utilizing programs like SPSS/Excel, and research design (exploratory vs. causal) were held along with interactive sessions where students created research questions for actual business situations through a "Problem Pitch" exercise (e.g., "Impact of AI on Consumer Loyalty"). The guest speaker also urged participants to make optimum use of university database resources and understand secondary data. Beneficiaries included 65 final semester BBA, BBB, and BBD students.

Lake Conservation

The Outreach Program initiated by PSoC in collaboration with the ISR Cell, Presidency University, successfully completed its first phase on Jan 24, 2026, with the participation of 81 students, 15 faculty members, and 2 faculty coordinators.

Dr. Sathyanarayana Gardasu and Dr. Aamir Rashid Bhat from PSoC coordinated the program with Ms. Neha Panwar from ISR along with Mr. Chidananda Murthy Aradhya, Founder and President of Yuva Sanchalana Charitable Trust (R.), who addressed the participants and gave a brief on the importance of Bengaluru's lakes and the need for their conservation. Mr. Karthik, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, provided active support towards lake conservation. The lake cleaning drive at Itagalpura Lake provided a heightened sense of awareness and environmental consciousness to all the students who participated in this service learning initiative, as reflected in later interactions with the students.

UNO Reverse– A Cognitive Reframing Challenge

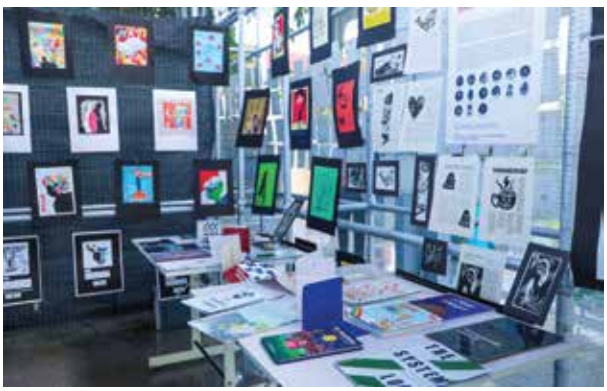
The EL Fortuna Club successfully organized a unique and intellectually stimulating competition titled "UNO Reverse" on February 5, 2026, at Presidency University, Bengaluru. The event centered on the advanced managerial skill of cognitive reframing, challenging participants to rethink conventional marketing approaches. Teams were assigned "defective" products and tasked with building compelling brand identities around them. This exercise pushed students to move beyond feature-based selling and adopt narrative-driven, strategy-focused branding techniques. A total of nine teams participated in the competition, which witnessed innovative thinking, persuasive storytelling, and sharp strategic pivots. Demonstrating exceptional creativity and logic, Team Sabbal Gang secured first position, while Team Chuimui emerged as the second position holder.

The event highlighted a critical lesson for today's competitive markets—the ability to transform weaknesses into Unique Selling Propositions (USPs) is a powerful strategic advantage. The performances reaffirmed that with the right perspective, no product is truly "bad," only differently positioned.

Presidency School of Design

FLUX – Experiential Week 2026

FLUX, reflecting the idea of constant movement and change, views design as an evolving process rather than a finished state. Within a design school, learning unfolds through cycles of inquiry, experimentation, iteration, and reflection—where ideas are continuously shaped by context, dialogue, and critique. FLUX foregrounds this state of becoming, placing emphasis on process over product and celebrating the journeys through which student thinking and making take form. FLUX 2026 held from January 21 to 24, 2026 presented students' work from the Odd Semester 2025 through a curated exhibition and spatial installations that highlighted design thinking, experimentation, and making beyond the classroom. The program included curated walkthroughs for invited guests and hands-on workshops for visiting school students, while creating space for dialogue between students, educators, industry professionals, schools, parents, and the larger design community.



Presidency Makerspace

Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation Design

A workshop on 'Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation Design,' held on January 28, 2026, by Presidency Makerspace under the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Presidency University, provided students with valuable insights into creative problem-solving, critical thinking approaches, and innovative design methods. Participants actively engaged in discussions, interactive activities, and real-life problem-solving exercises, making the workshop highly impactful and inspiring. The event received an enthusiastic response from students, who appreciated the practical learning experience and engaging session format. The workshop encouraged participants to think differently, collaborate effectively, and apply design thinking principles in their academic and professional journeys.

AI Knowledge Conclave 2026: From Ideas to Impact

Presidency University, Bengaluru, successfully hosted the AI Knowledge Conclave 2026 under the theme "AI for Atmanirbhar Bharat—HEI Pre-Summit Engagements towards India AI Impact Summit 2026." Organized by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and Presidency Makerspace, the four-day conclave brought together students, faculty, industry leaders, and innovation enthusiasts to explore the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in entrepreneurship, social impact, and national development.

Day 1 – AI Bootcamp: From Idea to Impact The conclave commenced with an AI Bootcamp, equipping students with the mindset and tools to transform innovative ideas into scalable solutions. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Mahesh Hegde, Founder & Director, LearnEx Consulting Pvt. Ltd., who emphasized adaptability, innovation, and real-world problem-solving using AI. Sessions by Mr. Navratan Katariya (MeitY–NASSCOM CoE) introduced design thinking and lean startup principles, while Mr. Harish, Senior Manager – PLA, provided insights into the incubation ecosystem. Mr. R. S. Hiremath, CEO, FLEXITRON, shared practical strategies on idea selection, market research, and business model validation.

Day 2 – Learning from Entrepreneurs The second day focused on entrepreneurship and business strategy. Mr. Sriram Jeyabharathi, co-founder & COO of OpenTurf Technologies, shared his journey of product scaling and startup insights. Mr. Debmalya Bhattacharjee, Trainer – L&D, delivered a masterclass on value propositions, legal/IP essentials, customer acquisition, and funding pathways. Dr. Aurobindo Kiriyakere, Assistant Professor, Presidency School of Management, linked academic frameworks to industry practices, highlighting sustainable innovation and leadership.

Day 3 – Practical AI Learning and Industry Exposure: Day three emphasized hands-on learning and real-world AI applications. A session on climate solutions, conducted by REAP NGO, introduced students to AI-driven sustainability initiatives. A panel discussion on "Building the AI Ecosystem: Trust, Talent, Innovation, and Impact" included Mr. Girish Kunthur Shivananda (AMD), Mr. Srivathsa E.S., and Drs. Ramesh M. and Mary Jeyanthi (Presidency University), exploring responsible AI, sectoral transformation, and ethical deployment.

Day 4 – AI Idea Pitch Session The conclave culminated with an AI Idea Pitch Session, where student teams presented innovative AI-driven solutions addressing real-world challenges. Participants received expert feedback, refined their ideas, and explored pathways for future incubation and entrepreneurial development.

Fostering Innovation and Collaboration The AI Knowledge Conclave 2026 fostered a culture of innovation, collaboration, and responsible AI adoption. It inspired students to think beyond conventional boundaries and contribute to India's vision of becoming a global innovation hub. The event reaffirmed Presidency University's commitment to experiential learning, entrepreneurship, and nurturing future-ready innovators.

Young Minds Explore Innovation at Presidency University Makerspace

As part of the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Activity Calendar, students from PM SHRI Government High School, Sakaripura, Davanagere District, visited the Presidency University Innovative Lab (Makerspace) on February 4, 2026, for an immersive exposure to innovation and technology.

The visiting group comprised 46 students and 4 teachers, who were welcomed with an orientation session on the purpose of Makerspaces and their role in nurturing creativity, design thinking, and problem-solving skills. The session highlighted how ideas evolve into prototypes and how innovation contributes to nation-building.

The students were taken on a guided tour of the Makerspace, where they witnessed a wide range of student-led projects developed by Presidency University innovators. The demonstrations included solutions in artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, embedded systems, automation, and sustainable technologies. Each project was explained with its real-world application, giving the school students a practical perspective on engineering and innovation.

A key highlight of the visit was the interaction between school students and university innovators. The university students shared their learning journey, challenges faced during project development, and the importance of teamwork and creativity. This exchange created a vibrant learning environment and encouraged the visiting students to ask questions, explore new ideas, and think beyond textbooks.

The visit concluded with a feedback and interaction session, where students expressed their excitement and inspiration after seeing technology in action. The experience successfully ignited curiosity and strengthened interest in STEM education among the young learners. The exposure visit stands as a meaningful initiative by Presidency University to connect with schools and foster a culture of innovation from an early age.




NASSCOM Industrial Visit: Bridging Academia and the Startup Ecosystem

Students of the Presidency University Makerspace participated in an industrial visit to NASSCOM on February 5,2026, gaining firsthand exposure to India's rapidly growing startup and innovation ecosystem. The visit was organized with the objective of helping students understand how innovative ideas are transformed into scalable and sustainable business ventures.

A major highlight of the visit was the interaction with Mr. Navratan Katariya, Director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship (IoT & AI), MeitY–NASSCOM Centre of Excellence. His session provided valuable insights into the realities of startup building, innovation strategies, and the challenges of scaling ideas in competitive markets. Drawing from real-life experiences, he motivated students to think beyond conventional career paths and explore entrepreneurial opportunities.

One of the most engaging aspects of the visit was the opportunity provided to students to pitch their startup ideas. The participants received constructive feedback from industry experts, helping them refine their concepts and understand how to make them market-ready. This hands-on experience allowed students to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and real-world application.

Throughout the session, students gained in-depth knowledge of startup ideation, market validation, competitor analysis, feasibility and scalability, pricing strategies, investor expectations, pitch deck preparation, and elevator pitching techniques. They were also introduced to various government startup schemes, funding opportunities, and legal registration processes.

The interactive discussions, practical case studies, and live pitching sessions made the event highly engaging and impactful. Beyond technical knowledge, the visit significantly strengthened students' communication skills, confidence, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial mindset.

With 18 students and 3 faculty members participating, the NASSCOM industrial visit proved to be an inspiring learning experience. It successfully encouraged students to explore careers in innovation, startups, and leadership, reinforcing the importance of industry exposure in shaping future-ready professionals.

Founder's Day

Presidency University celebrated Founder's Day 2026 on February 4, honoring the 50-year legacy of Dr. Nissar Ahmed, Chancellor and Founder-Chairman. The event recognized his profound impact on education and his role in shaping institutions defined by curiosity and leadership. The university community marked the milestone with deep gratitude and pride.








Events Galore

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PU Family News

Congratulations,

Dr. Basavaraj Devakki, for having successfully completed the AICTE-sponsored QIP PG Programme in 'Robotics' at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Palakkad and for the NPTEL certifications in the robotics domain, achieving an "Elite" certification in Robotics, Foundations of Cognitive Robotics, and Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Core Engineering Disciplines.

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Q1 Research Publications of PU Faculty

Congratulations to the faculty.

Dr. Deepthi P.R, Professor, Physics, published a research article in Scientific Reports (Nature Research, Q1, IF 3.9) on **"Nonlinear kinetics, isotherms, and thermodynamic approach in the carcinogenic ions elimination by Mn2.7Al0.3O4 sorbent."**

Dr. Gopidesi Radha Krishna, Asst. Prof, Mechanical, published a research article in RSC Advances (Royal Society of Chemistry, Q1, IF 4.6) on **"Optimization of compression ratio in LHR engine fueled with nano Al2O3-emulsified biodiesel using RSM and machine learning."**

PU Family News

Dr. Gopal Krishna Shyam, Professor & HOD, PSoCSE, published a research article in Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 8.0) on **"Self-supervised social attentive deep reinforcement learning-based group recommender system."**

Dr. U. Mahaboob Pasha, Professor & HOD, Physics, published a research article in Ceramics International (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 5.6) on **"Nonlinear optical and structural properties of silver nanoparticle-embedded borotellurite glasses."**

Dr. N. Sivasankara Reddy, Associate Professor, Physics, published a research article in Ceramics International (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 5.6) on **"Nonlinear optical and structural properties of silver nanoparticle-embedded borotellurite glasses."**

Dr. Naveen C S, Assistant Professor, Physics, published a research article in Synthetic Metals (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 3.9) on **" High-frequency EMI shielding performance of nickel-substituted cobalt nano-ferrites encapsulated by polyaniline."**

Dr. Sk Safikul Islam, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, published a research article in Nanoscale Advances (Royal Society of Chemistry, Q1, IF 4.7) on **"Ethylenediamine modified carbon nanospheres from biomass for selective membrane filtration."**

Dr. Joseph Michael Jerard V, Professor, PSoCSE, published a research article in Sensors International (KeAi Communications Co., Q1, IF 3.4) on **"Simulation-driven dual-band Graphene–Silver terahertz metasurface biosensor integrated with machine learning for mode-resolved hemoglobin detection."**

Namma Bengaluru!

All of us who take pride in Namma Bengaluru, the city that has given us so much, will be interested in knowing the significance of the various suffixes that constitute the names of areas in the city. You have the Keres, as in Arekere and Tavarakere; the Hallis, as in Guddahalli and Chokkanahalli; the Ghattas, as in Bannerghatta and Challaghatta; the Guppes, as in Attiguppe and Kathiriguppe; the Godis, as in Kadugodi and Hebbagodi; the Kuntes, as in Konnanukunte and Bagalakunte; and the Kavals, like Vyalikaval and Jarakabande Kaval.

Udaya Kumar P. L., who calls himself the accidental historian and serves as the Honorary Project Director at The Mythic Society, Bengaluru, explains the significance of these suffixes succinctly. A long time ago, before it transformed into a concrete jungle, the city was, he says, made of 'rugged mountain passes, intricate water networks, rolling heaps, and protected commons—land used by the community but safeguarded by the state.' Sitting 900 meters above sea level, perched on the Deccan Plateau, Bengaluru is not a flat tabletop but an undulating terrain of ridges and valleys. It must have been a wonderful sight to see the city in the olden times. The old Bengaluru region consisted of small villages or settlements called hallis, while ghatta meant the rugged slope of mountain ranges. "Guppe" or "kuppe" means "heap," "a pile," "a mound," or simply "settlements perched on raised earth." The keres, or water bodies, formed the lifeline of the city. Localities with "kere" as their suffix would have been glorious wetlands once upon a time, and all that remains now are only the names that symbolize a rich past. The kodis and the kuntes carried these water grids further, while a Kaval was state-protected grazing ground. Cattle that grazed in these verdant lands by day returned to their doddis, or secure grounds, at night.

Quite interesting, isn't it? The names of the areas describe a forgotten past, and it is for us to cherish these images of a bygone era where life was slow-paced in its pastoral simplicity.

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