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# Uptake

The month of July should have been the time for all to enjoy the first rains of the monsoon. But this year, as the Met Department has been warning us periodically, the rains may not be as copious as in the previous years. We can only pray that there will be no drought looming ahead of us.

On campus, it has been business as usual with the buildings all sporting a freshly coated paint and welcoming batches of students as they return from their vacation. The long corridors are now beginning to bustle with activity, and it is a glorious start to yet another fresh academic year.

Dr. Shabeena's multilingual poems in Kannada and Hindi welcome the independence day as the nation gears up to celebrate this milestone in India's history. Sumita Guddin's short poem celebrates friendship as friends keep company and sail through the journey of life. Research scholar Indira's poem in Kannada explores the feelings of amazement at the bond that forms

in one's feelings. Pranita Singh has woven a poignant string of verse recalling the lost memories of childhood. Dr. Fida's poem exhorts us to ponder on the lost values of honesty and compassion and bring them back into our lives.

In 'Vignettes,' Dr. Samiya singles out the pleasures of a solo journey to savor all that is beautiful in this world. A warm, genuine smile that radiates from the heart is all that is needed to heal the world where many a smile comes masked with pretensions in the present times. Dr. Saba reminds us to bring back the purity of the smile. The world is full of ordinary people who achieve greatness through their extraordinary deeds. Unearthing such gems from the corners of the country helps us celebrate such valorous deeds, and Dr. Harsha holds the candle to another such glorious sportsperson who has risen through sheer hard work and dedication against seeming odds. Mr. Saravanapandian's caution with his second commandment is timely, as most of us are



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guilty one way or the other, having fallen for the temptation of the smart phone. It is time to keep the device away to spend time with ourselves first.

With the campus buzzing with many activities, it has truly been events galore at many 'Schools,' and all these have been recorded for your reading pleasure. Kaleidoscope is happy to congratulate the achievers, both faculty and students, in its

'Family News' column. It is always heartening to hear from the alumni as they share their thoughts and memories. Trivia compares the house of books coming up in our state much like the magnificent one in Prague. All this in this edition of Kaleidoscope to keep you busy catching up with news you could have missed on campus. Until we meet again, have a wonderful time ahead!

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# **BEYOND CLASSROOM**

**A celebration of  
your talent**





## ಬಂದಿದೆ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಿನ

ಬಂದಿದೆ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಿನ,  
ಭುವಿಯೆಲ್ಲ ತುಂಬಿದೆ ಸಂಭ್ರಮದ ಜೈತನ್ಯ.  
ಮುಗಿಲು ಮುಟ್ಟಿಹಾರುವ ತ್ರಿವರ್ಣ ಧ್ವಜ,  
ಮೆರೆಯುತಿದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾರತದ ವೈಭವ.

ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಸುಗಂಧವು ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆ ಹರಡಿ,  
ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಯ ದೀಪವು ಹೃದಯದಲಿ ಬೆಳಗಿ;  
ರಕ್ತವನ್ನೇ ಹರಿಸಿ ರಕ್ಷಿಸಿದ ವೀರರಿಗೆ ಶಿರವೊಗ್ಗಿ  
ನಮನವ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸೋಣ.  
ಅಮರ ಹುತಾತ್ಮರ ತ್ಯಾಗ-ಬಲದಾನ  
ಯುಗಯುಗಾಂತರಗಳಿಗೂ ಸ್ಮರಿಸೋಣ.

ಜಾತಿ-ಮತ-ಭಾಷೆಯ ಭೇದವ ತೊರೆದು,  
ಏಕತೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರವ ಸಾರೋಣ;  
ಅಹಿಂಸೆ, ಸತ್ಯ, ಶಾಂತಿ, ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ  
ಅಮೃತ ಸಂದೇಶವ ಹರಡೋಣ.  
ವೈವಿಧ್ಯದಲ್ಲೆಯೇ ಏಕತೆಯ ಸೊಬಗು,  
ಭಾರತದ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಹಿರಿಮೆ.

ಅಂದು ಹೊತ್ತಿದ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಹಣತೆ  
ಇಂದಿಗೂ ದೀಪ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಗುತ್ತಿದೆ;

ಅಂಧಕಾರದ ಅನ್ಯಾಯ ಕರಗಲ,  
ಅಸೂಯೆಯ ಸಂಕೋಲೆ ಕಳಚಲ.  
ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೃದಯದ ಬಡಿತದಲ್ಲೂ  
"ಜನಗಣಮನ"ದ ಝೇಂಕಾರ ಮೊಳಗಲ.

ಕೇಸರಿ ಧೈರ್ಯದ ದ್ಯೋತಕವಾಗಲ,  
ಜಳಿಯು ಶಾಂತಿಯ ಸಂಕೇತವಾಗಲ;  
ಹಸಿರು ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಯ ನಂದನವನವಾಗಿ,  
ಅಶೋಕಚಕ್ರ ಧರ್ಮದ ಹಾದಿಯ ತೋರಣವಾಗಲ.  
ತ್ರಿವರ್ಣ ಧ್ವಜವು ಗಗನ ಮುಟ್ಟಿದಾಗ,  
ಭಾರತದ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಜಗದಗಲ ಹರಡಲ.

ಜಯವಾಗಲ ಭಾರತದ ಭವ್ಯ ಪರಂಪರೆಗೆ,  
ಜಯವಾಗಲ ವೀರರ ಅಮರ ತ್ಯಾಗಕ್ಕೆ;  
ಸದಾ ಹಾರಲಿ ತ್ರಿವರ್ಣ ಧ್ವಜ,  
ಸದಾ ಮೊಳಗಲ ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಯ ಘೋಷ.  
"ವಂದೇ ಮಾತರಂ" ಎಂಬ ನಾದದೊಂದಿಗೆ,  
"ಭಾರತ ಮಾತೆಗೆ ಜಯ!"  
ಎಂದು ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೃದಯವೂ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಹಾಡಲ.

## ಸಮಸ್ತ ದೇಶಬಾಂಧವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಯ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು

# Verse Time

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# ಸ್ನೇಹದ ಪಯಣ

ಜೀವನವೆಂಬ ಸಾಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಯಣಿಗರು ನಾವು.  
ಈ ಪಯಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು ನೀವು.  
ಯಾರ ಪಯಣ ಯಾವ ದಿಕ್ಕಿನೆಡೆಗೆ ಸಾಗುವುದೋ  
ತಿಳಿಯದು,  
ಅದರೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜೊತೆಗಿನ ಆ ಪಯಣ  
ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದು.

"ಸ್ನೇಹವೇ ಜೀವನದ ಸೊಬಗು, ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರ ದಿನದ  
ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು."

-ಗುರುಸುಶಿಲ್



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# ವಿಸ್ಮೃತ

ಭೂಮಿಯ ಗುರುತ್ವಕ್ಕೂ ಅಧಿಕ ನಿನ್ನ ಸೆಳೆತ  
ನೆನೆದಾಗಲೆಲ್ಲ ಹಳೆಯ ಪುಟವ ತಿರುವಿದೆ ಸತತ  
ದೂರದಲ್ಲ ಕಾಣುತಿಹೆ ನೋರೆಹಾಲನ ಕಡಲ ಮೋರೆತ  
ಭಾವದಲ್ಲ ಜಗಿದ ಬಂಧಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ವಿಸ್ಮೃತ.

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## आ गया स्वतंत्रता दिवस

आ गया स्वतंत्रता दिवस,  
धरती पर छाई है उल्लास की बहार।  
आकाश छूता तिरंगा लहराता,  
बढ़ा रहा है भारत का गौरव अपार।  
स्वतंत्रता की सुगंध चारों ओर फैली,  
देशभक्ति का दीप हर हृदय में जली।  
रक्त बहाकर देश की रक्षा करने वाले वीरों को  
श्रद्धा से अपना नमन करें।  
अमर शहीदों के त्याग और बलिदान को  
युगों-युगों तक स्मरण करें।

जाति, धर्म और भाषा के भेद मिटाकर,  
एकता का संदेश फैलाएँ।  
अहिंसा, सत्य, शांति और प्रेम के आदर्श अपनाएँ।  
विविधता में एकता की सुंदरता ही  
भारत की पहचान कहलाए।

जो स्वतंत्रता का दीप तब प्रज्वलित हुआ,  
वह आज भी उजाला बिखेर रहा है।  
अन्याय और अंधकार का अंत हो,  
ईर्ष्या और द्वेष की बेड़ियाँ टूट जाएँ।  
हर धड़कन में गूँजे सदा  
"जन गण मन" का मधुर स्वर।

केसरिया साहस का प्रतीक बने,  
श्वेत शांति का संदेश दे।  
हरा रंग समृद्धि का परिचायक बने,  
अशोक चक्र धर्म और प्रगति का पथ दिखाए।  
जब तिरंगा नभ में लहराए,  
भारत की कीर्ति विश्वभर में छा जाए।

स्वतंत्रता केवल अधिकार नहीं,  
यह कर्तव्य की पावन राह है।  
राष्ट्रसेवा हमारा धर्म बने,  
मानवता हमारी पहचान रहे।  
हम सब मिलकर आगे बढ़ें,  
विकसित भारत का स्वप्न साकार करें।

जय हो भारत की गौरवशाली परंपरा की,  
जय हो वीरों के अमर बलिदान की।  
सदा ऊँचा लहराए तिरंगा,  
सदा गूँजे देशभक्ति का उद्घोष।  
"वन्दे मातरम्" के पावन स्वर के साथ,  
"भारत माता की जय!" का जयघोष  
हर हृदय गर्व से गाता रहे।

### सभी देशवासियों को स्वतंत्रता दिवस की शुभकामनाएं

# Verse Time

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## Oil Pastels

There was once a box of oil pastels  
that lived quietly in my drawer.  
A small box,  
filled with colours too bright to be ignored,  
yet familiar enough to feel like home.  
Whenever my mind grew restless,  
my hands would reach for it instinctively.  
I would peel back the lid,  
pick a colour, any colour  
and watch it glide across paper  
like a secret finding its way into the light.  
Hours would disappear that way.  
Three.  
Sometimes four.  
Not lost,  
but lovingly spent.  
The world would grow silent,  
and all that remained  
was colour,  
paper,  
and me.  
When did I forget that box of oil pastels?  
When did the colours I loved  
become something I left behind?  
Years passed.  
And then one day,  
in a stationery shop,  
I saw them again.  
Rows of familiar shades  
waiting patiently in boxes of 12,24,60.  
As if no time had passed at all.

I stopped.  
I stared.  
For a moment,  
I was sixteen again.  
I could almost feel the colours on my  
fingertips,  
the soft dust on my hands,  
the joy of blending two impossible shades  
together  
just to see what they might become.  
I wanted to buy them.  
I really did.  
But somewhere between sixteen and now,  
a different voice had taken up residence in my  
head.  
"When will you have time?"  
"What if they just sit there unused?"  
"Who will even see your drawings?"  
And suddenly,  
something that once brought me joy  
had to justify its existence.  
When did that happen?  
When did creativity become something  
that needed an audience?  
When did joy become something  
that needed a purpose?  
I left the store without them.  
And that felt strangely heartbreaking.  
Because it wasn't just a box of oil pastels  
I walked away from.



It was a version of myself.  
The girl who believed  
that an afternoon spent colouring  
was reason enough.  
The girl who created  
not to impress,  
not to post,  
not to prove anything,  
but simply because she loved it.  
On the walk home,  
one question followed me like a shadow.

### **Why didn't I buy them?**

The answer arrived quietly.  
Because somewhere along the way,  
I became very good at making room  
for everything except the things I loved.  
I learned.  
I achieved.  
I grew.  
But in the process,  
I kept postponing small joys  
for a later date that never came.  
And perhaps that is the real tragedy of  
growing up,  
not that we change,

but that we sometimes abandon  
the parts of ourselves  
that made us feel most alive.  
People say adulthood is about priorities.  
Maybe.  
But surely it cannot mean  
forgetting the things  
that once made our hearts light up.  
Surely it cannot mean  
looking at a box of colours  
and seeing only wasted time.  
So maybe I'll go back.  
Maybe I'll walk into that same shop,  
find that same shelf,  
and bring home that same box of oil pastels.  
Not because I'm an artist.  
Not because anyone will see what I create.  
Not because it will be productive.  
But because somewhere inside me,  
a sixteen-year-old girl  
is still waiting for permission  
to colour outside the lines.  
And this time,  
I think I'll let her.

# Verse Time

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# Arziyaa

## عرضیاں دل کی

عرضیاں دل کی یہاں سنے گا کون؟

دستورِ انس کی تعمیل کرے گا کون؟

سب لوگ نشے میں ہیں مبتلا

ترغیبِ عشق یہاں دے گا کون؟

چاروں اور خُسن سے بھری فطرت ہے

دیوارِ رنجش مٹائے گا کون؟

بے ایمانی کے بیمار آج لا علاج ہیں

فرضِ کفایہ پورا کرے گا کون؟

قدم کیوں کے جھوٹی سمت پہ ہیں

رہبر منزل یہاں بنے گا کون؟

Who will hear  
the prayers my heart no longer knows how to speak?  
Who will gather  
the broken pieces of a world that has forgotten how to  
care?

Everyone is chasing another illusion,  
drunk on applause, ambition, and empty victories.  
Who will still believe  
that love is stronger than pride?

Something has withered within us.  
Smiles have become masks,  
kindness a language few remember,  
and bitterness the air we breathe.  
Who will be brave enough  
to heal what hatred has wounded?

Honesty is fading like an old prayer,  
while conscience grows quieter with every passing day.  
Who will stand for what is right  
when truth has become so painfully expensive?

So many hearts  
are walking toward the light they think they see,  
never knowing  
they are only following shadows.  
Who will become the lamp  
for those who have lost their way?

One day,  
the silence we have ignored  
will return to question us.  
Sleep will abandon every guilty soul,  
and the longest night  
will not be the one outside our windows,  
but the one within.

Everyone is busy  
building houses for themselves,  
yet no one notices  
the homes collapsing inside another heart.  
Who will pause long enough  
to ask, "Are you alright?"

# Verse Time



سب کی نیندیں اڑ جائیں گی اُس دن

شبِ فرقت میں سوئے گا کون؟

اپنے کاروبار میں مصروف ہیں سبھی

حالتِ اضطراب کی وجہ پوچھے گا کون؟

میرے اپنے ہی لوگ کانٹوں سے عشق کر بیٹھے

مزارِ حافی پہ پھول رکھے گا کون؟

Those I once called my own  
held the thorns so tightly  
that they forgot  
flowers were ever meant to bloom.  
And when my name  
is carried away by time,

when only dust remembers my footsteps,  
who will leave a single flower  
where I chose to rest?

Still...

I refuse to believe  
that hope was created only to die.  
It takes only one hand  
to lift another from the darkness.

Only one voice  
to silence a thousand lies.

Only one heart  
to remind the world  
that compassion is not weakness.

And perhaps...

only one soul,  
still willing to love,  
is enough  
to make heaven smile upon the earth again.

Reference: <https://hashmatfida.blogspot.com/2020/07/gazal-16-arziyaan-dil-ki.html>

# Verse Time

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# Miles That Matter: Where Every Journey Tells a Story

Solo travel is one of the best ways to learn about ourselves. Every trip, whether it is to a nearby town or a faraway one, teaches us something new. The roads we travel, the people we meet, and the places we visit become lessons that stay with us for a lifetime. When we travel, we experience different cultures, traditions, languages, and foods. We realize that people may live differently, but they share the same hopes, dreams, and kindness. This helps us become more open-minded, extroverted, and respectful of others. It teaches us to appreciate diversity and understand that every culture has its own beauty.

Planning a trip, finding our way in a new place, or trying something unfamiliar builds confidence and independence. Sometimes things do not go as planned, but these moments teach us patience, adaptability, and problem-solving. Every challenge becomes an opportunity to learn. Some of the best lessons in life are learned outside the classroom. They are found on winding roads, busy streets, quiet beaches, mountain trails, and even during an unexpected detour. Travel is not just about visiting new places; it is about collecting experiences that stay with us forever.

Every journey begins with excitement and curiosity. Along the way, we meet new people, taste different foods, hear unfamiliar languages, and discover traditions that are different from our own. These moments remind us that the world is much bigger and more beautiful than we often imagine.

But the biggest gift of travel is a new way of looking at life. Stepping away from our daily routine helps us slow down, appreciate little things, and come back with fresh ideas, unforgettable memories, new friendships, and—let's be honest—a lighter bank balance. Yet, we rarely regret the money spent on experiences that stay with us forever.

In the end, travel is not about how many countries we visit or how many photos we post. It is about the unexpected conversations, the wrong turns that lead to beautiful places, the laughter shared with friends, and the moments that make us feel truly alive. These experiences quietly shape who we are.

So, don't wait for the perfect plan or the perfect time. Pack your curiosity, take that trip, and enjoy the journey. Because every mile matters, every journey has a story, and the best souvenirs are the memories we bring home.

## Vignettes

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# Plastic Smile

Smiles were once among the purest expressions of human emotion. A smile symbolized warmth, compassion, kindness, and connection. It had the power to comfort the grieving, encourage the struggling, and reassure those who felt alone. A genuine smile carried humanity within it, often speaking louder than words. Over time, however, the meaning of a smile has changed. What was once spontaneous and sincere slowly transformed into a social habit. People began smiling not because they felt joy, but because they wanted to avoid questions, hide pain, or assure others that nothing was wrong. The smile gradually stopped being an expression of emotion and became a shield.

In contemporary society, this transformation has become even more troubling. Smiling is often prescribed as a solution to emotional distress. Trainers, motivational speakers, and self-help experts repeatedly insist, “Wear a smile,” as though smiling alone can solve internal struggles. This expectation turns the smile into an obligation rather than a choice. People are taught to suppress discomfort, grief, and vulnerability behind a pleasant expression. This is where the smile becomes toxic. Toxicity emerges when positivity is forced and authenticity is discouraged. A smile that once conveyed truth now conceals suffering. Instead of allowing people to express pain, society rewards those who appear cheerful and composed. As a result, emotional honesty is sacrificed for social acceptance.

Ironically, society has now reached a point where even smiles are met with suspicion. When someone smiles too often, people question the intention behind it. Is the smile genuine, or is it another carefully worn mask? In this journey, the originality of a smile has eroded. What remains is something artificial, like a plastic mask, polished on the surface yet detached from reality. Like plastic, it neither decomposes nor disappears easily, lingering as a symbol of emotional performance. The tragedy is not that people smile, but that smiles are no longer trusted as reflections of the heart. When authenticity is replaced by performance, even the most beautiful human expressions lose their meaning. What society needs is not compulsory smiling, but the freedom to feel, express, and be real. Only then can a smile regain its lost purity.

## Vignettes

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# The Fire from The Dusty Lanes of Ghuwara: The Kranti Gaud Story

Ghuwara, not many people know where this tiny village is situated in India.

## A Whispered Promise at the Mecca of Cricket

In the quiet, sacred dressing rooms of Lord's Cricket Ground—the "Mecca of Cricket"—there is a wall. It is a wall of dark wood, heavy with history, where gold-leaf letters immortalize the greatest legends who have ever played the game.

In July 2026, a young, 22-year-old fast bowler from India stood before that board. She did not just look at it; she stared at it for five minutes in silence. In her mind, she was no longer at Lord's. She was back in the dusty, neglected village of Ghuwara in Madhya Pradesh, India, standing barefoot on a gravel road, holding a cheap plastic ball.

Her name is **Kranti Gaud**. Hours after that quiet contemplation, she would rip through the famous English batting lineup, claim a historic 5-wicket haul (5/37), and become the first female cricketer in the history of the sport to have her name carved onto the Lord's Test Honours Board, a feat not achieved by even the great Sachin Tendulkar.

This is not just another sports story. It is a raw, heart-wrenching, and deeply emotional saga of a family's sacrifice, a father's fall and redemption, and a young girl who literally bowled her family out of the deepest depths of poverty.

## The Call of the Leather Ball: Why She Took Up Cricket

Kranti Gaud was born on August 11, 2003, in Ghuwara, a tribal-majority, deeply conservative village in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh. In a place where girls were expected to marry early and resign themselves to domestic chores, Kranti was different.

She possessed a wild, untamed energy. While other girls played with dolls, Kranti's eyes were always glued to the village boys playing cricket in the open fields. She didn't just want to watch; she wanted to feel the thrill of the run-up, the heavy thud of the ball hitting the bat, and the sweet satisfaction of watching the stumps fly out of the ground.

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Her first "cricket bat" was a simple wooden stick, and her ball was whatever plastic or tennis ball she could scavenge. She began playing barefoot. For Kranti, cricket was never a hobby. It was a visceral, desperate need for speed—an escape from the harsh, limiting reality of her everyday struggles of life. She once begged her father to let her leave her studies behind to focus entirely on the game. It was a massive leap of faith for a family with six children, but her soul was already bound to the 22 yards of a cricket pitch.

### **Barefoot and Broken: Her Initial Struggles**

The road from Ghuwara to the national team was paved with physical pain and societal judgment. There were no manicured green outfielders in her village, no bowling machines, and certainly no girls' cricket academies.

Kranti practiced on dusty roads and uneven gravel. Because her family could not afford proper sports shoes, she ran miles barefoot, her soles cracking and bleeding under the scorching Madhya Pradesh sun. When she bowled, it was against the local boys.

Societal prejudice was a constant, suffocating weight. Neighbors and relatives regularly sneered at her parents, asking why they were wasting what little money they had on a girl playing a "man's game."

The turning point came when a local men's team was short on players during an informal match. A young Kranti was asked to bowl. With raw, terrifying pace, she clean-bowled three senior male players in a row. A local coach, Mr. Rajeev Bilthare, was watching. Astounded by her natural talent, he took her under his wing. He trained her free of charge, bought her first real cricket kit, and even gave her a place to stay so she could focus entirely on her craft.

### **The Collapse: How Her Father Lost His Job**

In 2012, when Kranti was just nine years old, the Gaud household experienced a tragedy that felt like a physical blow.

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Overnight, the stable, middle-class life they knew dissolved into thin air. The steady paycheck stopped. The family was forced to evacuate their government police quarters and move into a cramped, dilapidated rented house. The shame, the sudden poverty, and the loss of dignity broke her father's indomitable spirit.

### **Surviving the Darkness: Deep Family Struggles**

With their father out of work and locked in a seemingly endless 13-year legal battle to reclaim his job, the Gaud family entered a period of dark, desperate survival.

The financial crisis was so severe that putting food on the table became a daily battle. Kranti, realizing the gravity of their situation, had no choice but to drop out of school. The burden of keeping the family alive fell on her older brothers, who sacrificed their dreams and education to work as day laborers and bus conductors. Every rupee they earned went into feeding the family and, miraculously, keeping Kranti's cricket dream alive.

There were days when Kranti arrived at practice having eaten nothing but water and a dry roti. She wore worn-out, torn clothes and shoes that were held together by tape. Yet, her mother and brothers never told her to stop. They carried the weight of the world on their shoulders so that Kranti could carry the ball in her hand.

### **Outpacing the Odds: The Ascent to Glory**

The sheer pain of her family's struggle became the fuel for Kranti's fire. When she bowled, she didn't just throw the ball; she channeled every ounce of frustration, hunger, and love for her family into her delivery.

Her rise through the ranks of domestic cricket was meteoric.

- **The Domestic Breakthrough:** Playing for Madhya Pradesh, she became a force of nature, culminating in a match-winning 4/25 in the final of the 2024–25 Senior Women's One Day Trophy against Bengal.

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- **The WPL Dream:** In December 2024, the UP Warriorz bought her for ₹10 lakhs in the auction. In her very first WPL season, she announced her arrival on the world stage by clean-bowling legendary Australian Captain Meg Lanning as her maiden wicket.

- **The National Jersey:** In April 2025, she received her maiden call-up to the Indian national team. Wearing the India blue for the first time, she cried. She would go on to play a pivotal role in India winning the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup, taking a fiery 3/20 against arch-rivals Pakistan.

"When I wear the India jersey, I remember those dusty roads where I first bowled barefoot. That pain built my strength." — **Kranti Gaud.**

### Writing History in Gold: The Lords' Honours Board

On Saturday, July 11, 2026, Kranti Gaud achieved immortality.

Playing in only her second Test match—the historic one-off Test against England at Lord's—the 22-year-old seamer put on a masterclass in swing and seam bowling. Under overcast skies, she tore through the English batting order, dismissing icons like Tammy Beaumont and Heather Knight.

She finished with breathtaking figures of 5/37 from 17 overs, bowling England out for 170 and setting up India's massive 270-run victory. With that performance, she became the first woman ever to earn a spot on the Lord's Test bowling honors board.

As the gold letters of her name were dry-brushed onto the wooden board, her father watched from their small village back in India, tears streaming down his face.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dar8obFTAB4/>

But her greatest victory was still to come. After winning the World Cup, Kranti met with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. She did not ask for luxury cars or a bungalow. With tears in her eyes, she begged the CM to reinstate her father into the police force.



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In January 2026, the MP government officially fulfilled that promise. After 13 years of shame and poverty, Munna Singh Gaud proudly put his police uniform back on. Kranti had not just saved her career; she had restored her father's lost dignity.

### **What We Can Learn from Kranti's Journey**

Kranti Gaud's life is a masterclass in human resilience. Her journey offers profound lessons for all of us:

**Pain as Fuel, not an Excuse:** Instead of letting her family's poverty and her father's job loss defeat her, Kranti used her hunger as the driving force behind her lightning-fast deliveries.

**The Power of Family Sacrifice:** Kranti's story is a testament to the quiet heroes behind the athletes—her mother who worked in the fields, her brothers who worked as conductors, and her father who believed in her. Success is never a solo journey.

**Resilience in the Face of Rejection:** She bowled barefoot, faced societal mockery, and survived on bare minimums. Yet, she kept her eyes fixed on the target.

**True Success is Lifting Others:** Kranti's ultimate dream wasn't just individual records. It was bringing back her father's uniform and helping other young, underprivileged girls get the sports gear they need so they don't have to bleed on gravel roads.

From the dusty, forgotten bypasses of Ghuwara to the historic, applause-filled balconies of Lord's, Kranti Gaud did not just play cricket—she staged a revolution.

This video captures the incredible struggle and ultimate triumph of Kranti Gaud, highlighting her family's immense sacrifices and her journey to becoming a world champion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Xp-ENDKY94>

Remember the name- Kranti Gaud – who is destined to achieve greater things for Indian Women's Cricket!

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# The Gen Z Commandments

## Commandment II: Thou Shalt Not Be Offline

Welcome to the age of constant connection.

And the second commandment of Gen Z is simple:

### **Thou Shalt Not Be Offline.**

Not for an hour.

Not for a day.

Not even for a moment.

In 1999, British psychologist Dr. David Lewis conducted an unusual experiment.

Participants were asked to sit alone in a quiet room with nothing to do.

No television.

No books.

No music.

No conversation.

Many reported feeling restless **within minutes**. Today, repeat the same experiment with a smartphone nearby, and most people won't even last that long before reaching for it.



### **Why?**

Because the human brain dislikes uncertainty, silence, and boredom. It constantly seeks stimulation. What was once an occasional escape has become a permanent state of connection.

Then came the smartphone.

According to global digital reports, the average person now checks their phone well over a hundred times a day, often without realizing it. Notifications, messages, reels, and endless feeds are not random features—they are carefully designed using principles from behavioural psychology.

Former Google design ethicist Tristan Harris famously described **smartphones as competing for our attention** every waking moment. Behind every notification lies a simple objective: bring you back.

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Sometimes your phone delivers exciting news.

Sometimes it doesn't.

That **unpredictability** is precisely what makes it difficult to ignore.

It is the same psychological principle used in slot machines.

Dark psychology reminds us that the strongest forms of control rarely rely on force.

They rely on habit.

When checking your phone becomes automatic, you stop making a decision.

The habit begins making it for you.

The consequences are subtle but profound.

Silence begins to feel uncomfortable.

Waiting feels unbearable.

Being alone feels incomplete.

A meal becomes an opportunity to post.

A sunset becomes a photograph before it becomes a memory.

Even conversations compete with the screen. The hidden danger of the Second Commandment is not that **we spend too much time online.**

It is that we slowly forget how to exist offline.

Because if every quiet moment must be filled...

Every pause interrupted...

Every emotion distracted...

Then we never meet the one person we've been avoiding all along—Ourselves

**If your phone disappeared for an entire week, what part of yourself would finally have the chance to speak?**

That answer might reveal how much of your attention still belongs to you.

Next Episode: Commandment III

**Thou Shalt Compare Thyself.**

*Why someone else's highlight reel can quietly become your measuring stick!!*

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**Note: Please send images and photographs separately as attachments. Please do not attach images to Word documents.**

**Please do not send articles as PDF attachments.**



**Roundup  
of activities  
from  
May-July 2026  
EVENTS GALORE**



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# Presidency School of Engineering

## Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

### Industry Training

Organized by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, in association with Mew Technology, Bengaluru, a one-week industry training program on "NI LabVIEW, Data Acquisition, Embedded Systems, and Industrial Automation" was conducted from July 6 to 10, 2026. The training program provided participants with valuable hands-on experience and practical knowledge in NI LabVIEW programming, data acquisition systems, embedded systems development, sensor interfacing, industrial automation, and real-time applications, enabling them to strengthen their industry-oriented technical skills.



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## **Department of Civil Engineering**

### **Poster Presentation on Human Values and Ethics**

The Department of Civil Engineering, Presidency University, Bengaluru, organized “Samanvaya: A Poster Presentation on Human Values and Ethics” as a course-based competition on May 6, 2026. The objective of the Poster Presentation was to provide students with a platform to visually communicate and express their understanding of concepts covered under the course CIV7601—‘Universal Human Values and Ethics.’ The event aimed to reinforce the principles of self-exploration, ethical conduct, harmonious relationships, social responsibility, and awareness of contemporary issues such as drug abuse through a creative and interactive learning approach and was designed to encourage students to move beyond conventional learning methods and engage in reflection, visual expression, teamwork, and communication. It also sought to increase student engagement and participation in the mandatory zero-credit course through experiential learning and healthy competition.

The event brought together shortlisted student teams from various first-year B.Tech sections of the School of Computer Science and Engineering (Core and Specialization Programs). Students participated in groups and presented visually designed posters based on themes derived from the course syllabus, reflecting their understanding of human values, ethics, harmonious living, professional responsibility, and social issues. It was conceptualized as the culminating activity of the course, and students were encouraged to convey strong messages through creativity, symbolism, illustrations, and visual storytelling, supported by brief presentations and interactions with the judges.

The university leadership visited the venue during the event and interacted with the participating students and appreciated the initiative and commended the quality of the posters and the students’ efforts in communicating concepts related to ethics and human values. The judging panel comprising Dr. Akila S. Indurti, Dr. Prachi Beriwal, and Mr. Melwin Samuel interacted extensively with students and evaluated the presentations based on creativity, clarity of message, visual appeal, conceptual understanding, and communication effectiveness.

A total of 81 shortlisted posters were evaluated during the event. The wide range of themes presented demonstrated students’ understanding of topics such as self-exploration, harmony in

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human relationships, trust, respect, ethical professional behavior, and awareness regarding drug abuse. The event concluded with a brief address by Dr. Nakul R., Head of the Department, appreciating the efforts of the organizing team and congratulating the students for their enthusiastic participation. Certificates and cash vouchers were issued to the first and second place winners. Certificates of appreciation and mementos were presented to the judges as a token of gratitude for their valuable contribution and support. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to the coordinators and student volunteers in recognition of their efforts towards the successful organization and execution of the event. The event concluded with a brief vote of thanks by Mr. Gopalakrishnan N., event coordinator, expressing gratitude to the leadership, judges, faculty members, student volunteers, and participants for contributing to the success of Samanvaya. The event successfully transformed course outcomes into an engaging experiential learning activity and provided students with opportunities to develop communication skills, teamwork, creativity, and ethical awareness while promoting value-based learning and holistic development.





## Engineering Modern Concrete Structures for Fire Safety

The Department of Civil Engineering, Presidency University, Bengaluru, organized an international master class titled “Engineering Modern Concrete Structures for Fire Safety” on June 24, 2026. The session was delivered by Prof. Venkatesh Kodur, a university distinguished professor and director of the Center on Structural Fire Engineering and Diagnostics at Michigan State University, USA, who shared his expertise in concrete fire safety engineering. The session pointed out the urgent need to integrate fire safety considerations into the design of modern concrete structures, particularly in view of increasing urbanization, high-rise construction, and the use of advanced construction materials. Various case studies and recent fire incidents were used to analyze the possible causes of fire and future remedial measures. The webinar included an interactive Q&A session where participants raised questions regarding the role of AI in fire safety engineering; curriculum revision keeping fire and other courses related to multi-hazard design; and opportunities for higher studies abroad. The speaker highlighted that AI can support analysis and optimization but emphasized that critical thinking and human decision-making remain essential in design processes.





## Presidency School of Law

### SOL Launches EBC My Studio and Formalises Strategic Partnership

The School of Law, Presidency University, celebrated a significant milestone in its digital education journey with the official launch of EBC My Studio and the agreement signing ceremony held on June 9, 2026. The event celebrated the formalization of a transformative partnership between the School of Law and Eastern Book Company (EBC), bringing together members of the university's leadership team, faculty, and EBC representatives, including Mr. Abhinandan Malik, director, and Mr. Nirmal Bengani, business development manager. The collaboration introduces EBC's Learning My Studio platform to the School of Law, creating new opportunities for innovative teaching, learning, and academic outreach. The platform will enable faculty members to design and deliver specialized online courses and certification programs, expanding access to high-quality legal education for learners across geographical boundaries.

Prof. Dr. Saroj Sharma, Dean, School of Law, played a pivotal role in shaping the vision for this partnership and highlighted the platform's potential to enhance legal education through technology-enabled learning, specialized certifications, and industry-relevant academic content. This partnership reflects the School of Law's continued commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the integration of cutting-edge digital infrastructure into legal education. By empowering faculty to develop and share specialized knowledge through online learning, the initiative is expected to strengthen the School's academic impact and extend its reach to a wider global audience.





## Presidency Makerspace

### Recognition

Presidency University received prestigious recognitions at the PALS Annual Meet 2025–26, held at IIT Madras on June 20, 2026. These are the 'Proud Partner Institute Award 2025–2026, Award of Excellence for Outstanding Overall Performance – Karnataka Zone (2025–2026)' and recognition for successfully hosting 'TINKATHON 2025–2026'. Representing Presidency University, Dr. Divya Rani M.S. and Dr. Manaswini R. attended the annual meet and received the recognitions on behalf of the University.



## Institutional Social Responsibility

### Fostering Safe and Inclusive Workspaces

The Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) Cell, Presidency University, successfully organized a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Awareness Session for faculty members on June 13, 2026. The session was conducted to promote workplace dignity, gender sensitivity, and a culture of respect, inclusion, and safety within the academic community. It aimed to enhance faculty members' understanding of the provisions of the POSH Act while reinforcing the importance of ethical workplace practices and professional conduct.

The keynote address was delivered by Rtn. Mohan Kumar, consultant at Wipro and assistant governor, Rotary International District 3192. Through insightful discussions, practical examples, and real-life case studies, the speaker highlighted behaviours that constitute workplace harassment, the significance of maintaining professional boundaries, and the procedures for reporting and addressing complaints. The session also provided clear guidelines on fostering a supportive and respectful work environment while ensuring compliance with institutional and legal frameworks. The interactive format encouraged faculty members to actively engage in discussions, share perspectives, and reflect on their responsibilities in creating a safe and inclusive workplace. By strengthening awareness of workplace rights, responsibilities, and ethical behavior, the programme reaffirmed Presidency University's commitment to nurturing an academic environment founded on dignity, equality, mutual respect, and collective accountability.

## Advancing Environmental Sustainability

The Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) Cell of the university actively participated in the Guinness World Record Sapling Plantation Initiative on June 27, 2026, in collaboration with United Way Bengaluru and the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), as part of its continued commitment to environmental sustainability. The ambitious initiative aimed at planting 15 lakh saplings in a single day, making it one of the largest afforestation drives in the region. More than 4,000 students from Presidency University enthusiastically participated, collectively planting nearly 60,000 saplings and contributing significantly to the record-setting effort.

The plantation drive commenced with an orientation session that highlighted the importance of environmental conservation, climate action, and biodiversity restoration. Participants gained valuable hands-on experience in sustainable plantation practices while learning about the long-term ecological benefits of afforestation, including improved air quality, enhanced biodiversity, increased carbon sequestration, and the creation of healthier ecosystems for future generations. The initiative stood as a remarkable example of collective action, youth leadership, and community collaboration in addressing pressing environmental challenges. It also strengthened partnerships between educational institutions and community organizations in advancing sustainable development. Through its active participation, Presidency University reaffirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and inspired students to become responsible ambassadors for sustainability and climate action.



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## Sustainability Impact Rankings 2026

Presidency University proudly celebrated a significant global milestone on July 2, 2026, with its recognition in the Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Rankings 2026, one of the world's most prestigious frameworks for assessing higher education institutions based on their contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Among 1,646+ universities from 116 countries and regions, the university demonstrated remarkable progress through its sustained commitment to sustainability, social responsibility, and community impact.

The 2026 rankings reflected notable improvements across multiple Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 4 – Quality Education; SDG 5 – Gender Equality; SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation; SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities; and SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. Presidency University also achieved an impressive overall global ranking of 801–1000, a significant advancement from previous years, highlighting the university's continuous efforts to integrate sustainability into teaching, research, campus operations, and community engagement. The recognition reinforces the university's vision of building a future rooted in innovation, inclusion, environmental stewardship, and global responsibility while continuing to contribute towards a more sustainable and equitable world.

## Calling all Staff/Faculty

**Have you published papers, written books, bagged awards or won accolades recently? Send us a **short report** with an accompanying photograph. Have it featured in Kaleidoscope by mailing it to **[editor@presidencyuniversity.in](mailto:editor@presidencyuniversity.in)****



## Congratulations

Faculty members of the Department of Civil Engineering, who have been selected for the 'Centre for Engineering Education Excellence (CEEE) Mentorship Program' at the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). This is an initiative by the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) and the Infosys Foundation and supported by AICTE, offering individual training support of ₹50,000. It upskills engineering faculty from AICTE-approved institutions with expert-led pedagogy, offering a certification equivalent to a 2-week AICTE ATAL Faculty Development Program.



Dr. Nakul Ramanna



Dr. S. V. Niveditha



Dr. Shwetha A.



Ms. Anju Mathew



Mr. V Ramesh Reddy

## Congratulations

Dr. Sandeep G. M., Assistant Professor—Senior Scale, Department of Mechanical Engineering—SOE, for being recognized by NPTEL-SWAYAM, IIT Madras, as an NPTEL Believer and NPTEL Enthusiast for the January–April 2026 semester.





## Beyond CGPA: Building Your Success

Ms. Sumita Guddin, Assistant Professor, Presidency School of Computer Science and Engineering, Presidency University, Bengaluru, was invited as a guest lecturer at Government Polytechnic College, Rajanukunte, Yelahanka, on June 24, 2026, to deliver a three-hour interactive session titled “Beyond CGPA: Building Your Success Story.” The session encouraged students to look beyond academic scores and focus on building a well-rounded profile through technical expertise, soft skills, communication, and professional readiness. Interactive activities, including a quiz, “Guess the Personality,” and resume-building guidance, provided valuable insights into career development and employability. Students actively participated throughout the session, making it an engaging and enriching learning experience.

During the Valedictory Function held on July 8, 2026, Ms. Sumita Guddin attended as a 'Guest of Honor' and shared the stage with Shri S. R. Vishwanath, Hon'ble MLA of Yelahanka Constituency; Dr. Gopal Krishna Shyam, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Presidency University; the Principal of Government PU College, Rajanukunte; Mr. Gourish Gangadhar Nesaragi, Senior New Product Designer and distinguished alumnus and a respected advocate. In recognition of her contribution, she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.



## PU Family News



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## Q1 Research Publications of PU Faculty

### Congratulations to the faculty.



Dr. Marimuthu K, Professor, PSoCS, published a research article in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc., Q1, IF 7.1) on "Probably Secure PUF-Based Anonymous Mutual and Batch Authentication for Inter-Vehicular Communications in VANET."

Dr. D.P. Somashekar, Assistant Professor, EEE, published a research article in Journal of Energy Storage (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 9.8) on "Optimal capacity configuration and scheduling of Wind-PV-battery-based EV charging stations using advanced Optimized Deep Learning Considering Time-of-Use Pricing and Demand Response with Performance Benchmarking."



Dr. Saravanan Chandrasekaran, Professor, Chemistry, published a research article in Nanomaterials (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI), Q1, IF 4.8) on "Green Synthesis and Characterization of Konjac Glucomannan-Capped Cerium Nanoparticles for Photocatalytic Degradation of Naphthol Blue Black and Methyl Orange Dyes in Wastewater."

Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Professor, Mathematics, published research articles in:

1. International Journal of Thermofluids (Elsevier B.V., Q1, IF 8.98) on "Levenberg Marquardt artificial neural network and response surface methodology for thermal optimisation of time dependent Williamson nanofluid flow in a microchannel."
2. Results in Engineering (Elsevier B.V., Q1, IF 9.4) on "Response surface methodology for Soret-Dufour model of Walter-B fluid flow over a stretchable channel for industrial applications."





Dr. Nandakishora Y, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering published research articles in

1. Cleaner Engineering and Technology (Elsevier Ltd, Q1, IF 7.3) on "Experimental analysis of combustion dynamics in an NH<sub>3</sub>-biodiesel dual fuel diesel engine under varying ammonia flow rates."
2. Next Energy (Elsevier B.V., Q1, IF 6.4) on "Recent advances and challenges in electric vehicle Li-ion battery cooling systems."

Dr. P.R. Deepthi, Professor, Physics, published a research article in Next Materials (Elsevier B.V., Q1, IF 4.7) on "Interfacial band engineering and enhanced visible-light photocatalytic activity of carbon quantum dot modified Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> thin films."



Dr. Prabodh Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, published a research article in Nanoscale (Royal Society of Chemistry, Q1, IF 5.2) on "Combined resistive switching memory and multi-state operation in terpyridine-based Pd(ii) and Fe(iii) complexes for neuromorphic applications."



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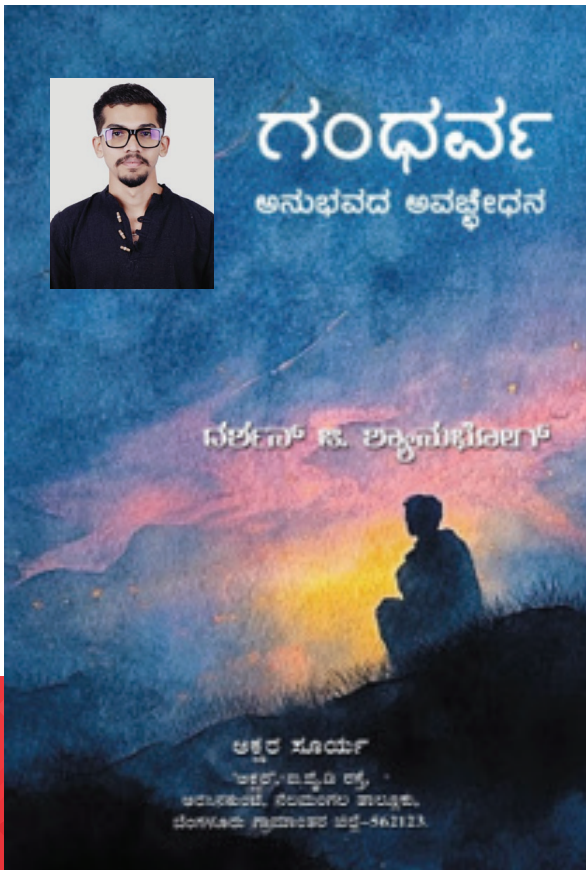


# Alumni Notes

## The fifth Annual Alumni Summit 2026

A strategic planning meeting for the fifth annual Alumni Summit 2026 was convened at Presidency University under the chairmanship of the provost, bringing together the deans of all Schools and the school alumni coordinators. The meeting served as a platform to outline the roadmap for one of the University's flagship alumni engagement initiatives and to strengthen collaboration across academic schools in preparation for the summit. Key discussions focused on enhancing alumni outreach, expanding the University's alumni database, and increasing registrations on the 'My Alumni Network' platform. Participants also deliberated on strategies to encourage greater alumni participation, strengthen communication channels, and foster meaningful engagement with graduates. The roles and responsibilities of the school alumni coordinators were reviewed to ensure effective coordination and sustained alumni connection across all academic programs. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to making the fifth Annual Alumni Summit 2026 a landmark celebration of alumni excellence and institutional pride. By reinforcing lifelong connections with its graduates and promoting active alumni participation, Presidency University continues to strengthen its vision of building a vibrant, engaged, and globally connected alumni community.

## MBA Alumnus Darshan C. P. Publishes Kannada Book 'Gandharva'



Presidency University proudly celebrates the literary accomplishment of its MBA alumnus, Mr. Darshan C. P. (Batch of 2025), on the publication of his Kannada book, 'Gandharva.' Through Gandharva, Darshan has beautifully showcased his passion for Kannada literature and storytelling, making a meaningful contribution to the state's rich literary heritage. His work reflects dedication, perseverance, and artistic expression, demonstrating how academic pursuits can be complemented by creative excellence. His accomplishment serves as an inspiration to students and fellow alumni to pursue their passions with determination while creating a lasting impact in their chosen fields. Presidency University extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Darshan C. P. on this significant milestone and wishes him continued success in his literary journey.



## Strengthening Alumni Engagement Initiatives

The faculty alumni coordinators convened for a strategic meeting to discuss key initiatives aimed at strengthening alumni engagement during the academic year. The meeting focused on enhancing alumni outreach, improving alumni participation, and fostering stronger connections between alumni and the University. Key discussions included increasing registrations on the 'My Alumni Network' platform, encouraging regular interaction with alumni, promoting departmental outreach activities, and familiarizing the coordinators with the platform's features to support effective alumni engagement. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment from the faculty alumni coordinators to work collaboratively towards building a vibrant and connected alumni community through sustained engagement, effective outreach, and impactful initiatives that foster lifelong relationships with the University.

## Reminiscences

### The Lessons I Never Found in a Classroom

There is a strange realization that greets you years after graduation: the most valuable lessons from college rarely came from textbooks, lectures, or examinations. They came from conversations in hallways, failures that stung a little too much, responsibilities that seemed impossible at the time, and the people who unknowingly shaped who we would become.



When I first stepped into Presidency University, success looked very different. I believed good grades would define my future. While academics certainly laid the foundation, college slowly taught me that character would always matter more than marks.

Every event organized, every deadline chased, every presentation delivered, and every responsibility accepted became a lesson in disguise. There were moments when plans collapsed overnight, when disagreements tested friendships, and when leadership meant making decisions that wouldn't please everyone. Looking back, those moments taught me resilience far better than any management textbook ever could.



College introduced me to people from different cities, cultures, languages, and perspectives. We debated endlessly over ideas, laughed at the smallest things, celebrated victories together, and stood by one another during difficult times. Those friendships weren't built because we were similar—they flourished because we learned to appreciate our differences.

One of the greatest gifts of university life is the freedom to discover yourself. Nobody hands you a manual. You learn by making mistakes. You learn by taking chances. You learn by stepping outside your comfort zone, whether that's speaking in front of hundreds of people, leading a team, volunteering for an event, or simply saying "yes" to opportunities that scare you.

As I entered the professional world, I realized that confidence isn't something you suddenly acquire after graduation. It is built gradually through countless experiences that college quietly offers every single day.

Today, when someone asks me what Presidency University gave me, my answer goes beyond a degree. It gave me friendships that have stood the test of time. It gave me mentors who believed in me before I believed in myself. It gave me experiences that continue to guide my decisions long after I left the campus.

To every student currently walking those familiar corridors, embrace every opportunity that comes your way. Attend the event. Join the club. Volunteer for the responsibility. Start the conversation. Make memories, but more importantly, make mistakes worth learning from.

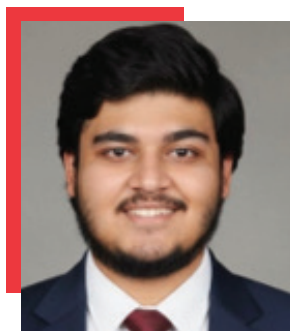
Years later, you won't remember every assignment you submitted or every exam you wrote. But you'll remember the people, the moments, the laughter, the challenges, and the version of yourself that slowly emerged during those unforgettable years.

Some places give you an education.

The University gave me an identity.

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# Pusthaka Mane

Karnataka is all set to have its own Pustaka Mane, or 'House of Books,' much like the 'Book Tower' in Prague, known as Idiom. This is a mesmerizing art installation by Slovak artist Matej Krén located in the foyer of the Municipal Library of Prague (Městská knihovna v Praze). The hollow cylinder is stacked with books with a mirror at the top and bottom to create an optical illusion that makes the tower appear as a bottomless, infinite tunnel. Visitors can peek through a teardrop-shaped hole in the sculpture to see the effect.

Padma Shri awardee 'Pustaka Mane' Ankegowda of Pandavapura taluk has spent five decades of his life building a private library that houses over 20 lakh books in a large building in his village. He maintains it under the Ankegowda Foundation in Haralahalli, and it is claimed to be one of India's free-access libraries. Recognizing his service, the Union government presented him the



Image: Book Tower in Prague

Padma Shri award—one of India's highest civilian honors—in January 2026, in the Unsung Heroes category. But his personal library is suffering due to space constraints. The chief minister of Karnataka, D.K. Shivakumar, has promised two acres of land and Rs 5 crores for developing the library as a center of learning. For Ankegowda, it is not just a mission to collect books, he wants everyone to visit the library and explore ideas freely, without bothering about any commercial considerations.

Image: Ankegowda's personal collection of books



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