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EDITORIAL

I am happy to put the first issue of the CUK Newsletter into the hands of scholarly readers within and outside the university. It is a dream come true for those who are associated with it in one way or the other. We expect that it will be an authentic record of what CUK has done since its inception and what it plans to accomplish in future.

A university is made not only by its infrastructure but also by the hopes and aspirations it embodies for the millions who wait to enter into the higher educational realm and the good and meaningful life it promises. It is a place where knowledge is assimilated, disseminated, and generated. This is the place where millions of young minds are initiated into different disciplines, this is the place where the seeds of universal fraternity are sown, and this is the place where an integration of the mind, the soul, and the body takes place. If setting up universities in almost every part of the country is to serve the purpose, then, the universities should not become islands or elite educational institutions. On the contrary, they should become institutions that reach out to the people, represent them, and work for them in direct or indirect ways. Therefore, the disciplines that our university houses and the programmes run here should be interactive enough with each other and the academic exercises known to each other so that in course of time our university becomes recognised for the larger causes that it champions and the broader values that it holds high.

Now the question is can we think of this kind of integration in the absence of periodicals, journals and, in a small way, newsletters? It is in this context that the CUK Newsletter is planned and again it is with this spirit that the Newsletter is published. The Editorial Board will be gratified if it serves the purpose for which it is published. We solicit responses from all so that our readers would be enriched and incited into constructive action in various ways. We are confident that the Newsletter that we are bringing out will serve the purpose for which it has been envisaged.

I thank the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, and the Registrar of the University for extending the necessary help to us and for making available the information required for the preparation of the Newsletter. The directions, suggestions, and advice they have offered to us have gone into the making of this Newsletter. I must place on record my thanks to Mr. Chandrakanth for the neat typing, Mr. Vinodkumar for providing photos and Mr. Siddu of Sinchana Graphics, Bangalore for the cover design and layout. It is with the help of these people that I am able to complete the work and present it in the form in which all of you can see now. I also thank the Deans, the HODs, the teaching staff, and the non-teaching members of the university for their support and cooperation.

Dr. Basavaraj Donur

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MESSAGE

I would be happy if the newsletter of our CUK contains at least one short article by one of our teachers on some innovation in teaching or problem solving. It need not always be a success story. It should be inward looking and self critical. Our students should realise that all of us are seeking knowledge, and sometimes the best of us fail or succeed with renewed effort.'

Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy

Chancellor

MESSAGE

I am glad that the first issue of the Newsletter of Central University of Karnataka (CUK) is ready for release and I must acknowledge the effort put in by our colleagues. This is a small beginning and we want the Newsletter to be an authentic document of the activities and progress of the university. The objective of the university as I visualize and envisage it is to evolve as a centre of learning that is "different, distinct, and better." We are soon moving to the new 650-acre campus at Kadaganchi, set in a beautiful surrounding. We want to make this campus green and sustainable with proper management of water, energy, and waste.

CUK has taken a lead in starting community colleges. We have also started innovative programmes under the Integrated Dual Degree Programme in Engineering and Sciences. We hope all these initiatives will help the university to carve a niche for itself in higher education in the country. As per the 11th & 12th Five Year Plans, the Government of India has embarked on major expansion of the Higher Education System to educate a large number of youths in different subject areas by setting up new institutions of higher education in different geographical areas. This would be a major opportunity for the youth across the country to access higher education.

In this regard, CUK will position itself to create opportunities in the region of North Karnataka, which of course would attract students from across the country. Gulbarga has a wide diversity of languages, culture, and philosophy, which can be actively fused into a useful knowledge base. I notice tremendous enthusiasm in both our faculty and students and I am sure that this will propel the university to become the best in the country.

I wish the students and staff of our university realise their dreams. I further wish that parents take pride in sending their children to this university. I am sure that the CUK Newsletter will serve its purpose. I thank the Editorial Board for the efforts put in to bring out this maiden issue in the current form.

Prof. S. S. Murthy

Vice Chancellor



MESSAGE

After a long innings in the academic world, yielding to the influence of our Vice Chancellor, I made the decision to shift in August this year from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras to join him in his efforts to build a new university. I joined the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) at Gulbarga with a slight hesitation and reservation which was not totally out of place. I was all new to the set-up and the city as well.

I soon saw the mood of the CUKians (staff and students alike), an exuberant lot, well directed to realize through enthusiastic performance the distinct objectives that their jobs call upon them to do. The CUKians have made this university, which is still in its infancy, a vibrant place of special attraction to students, faculty, and administrative work force from across the nation and the globe as well. A beautiful and world-class campus is getting ready for occupation and I have learnt that a passionate and compassionate squad of faculty members from various schools and departments; a cooperative and committed administrative battalion; and an ever-rising number of student forces representing our nation are all set on the path to march forward to reach the goal. It became clear: I made the match with CUK.

In a short period, I understood that I had made the right decision in joining CUK. I am glad to have given my heart, full commitment, and interest to participate in this mission and do my bit for both the present and future of CUK in achieving glorious gains in the area of higher education and nation building.

It is also heartening to note that the "CUK NEWSLETTER" with an able editorial team headed by Dr. Basavaraj Donur is already in place and in action to bring out the first issue in demonstration of the unparalleled team spirit and collective approach that characterize every cause of CUK. The Newsletter, I am sure, will provide a sense of belonging and ownership to everyone connected with this university. I am so happy that such a project has taken off the ground.

I wish both CUK and the CUK NEWSLETTER the very best of achievements.

Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao

Pro Vice Chancellor

MESSAGE

I am happy to see the first newsletter of the Central University of Karnataka in print thanks to the efforts of the editorial team and Dr. Donur. Newsletters are vignettes in time, which capture the institutions progress, and activities in a time-frame and the presentation of such activities contribute not just to record but to institutional memories as well and thus the newsletter is a document for posterity too.

Four years is no time in an institutions history but when these years relate to the formative and early period, then their importance and relevance are enhanced as they are pointers and precursors to the times that are to come and the emerging contours that an institution is taking to emerge and establish itself.

The Central University of Karnataka has an onerous responsibility and vital role to play in the context of its location, its vision and its institutional architecture. The University will have to grow both as a centre of academic excellence and a relevantly- engaged and socially responsible institution which seeks to make a difference in the lives and aspirations of the stakeholders. I believe that we, as a team, can make this possible.

We are living in the proverbial "interesting times" like the Chinese say; times of change and conflict, of development and dissemination, of responsibility and reconstructions both in our society and our institutions. Educational institutions like ours, which have a national mission and mandate, need to evolve and address these challenges so that we become leaders in social and educational change, a change that alone can make a difference to the way our country defines itself and its role in this new millennium.

I am sure that this newsletter and its successors play this role of informing the public and the university community alike on these issues so that we work towards common goals and achievements as we tirelessly work towards earning laurels to our University.

Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi

Registrar (i/c)

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA AS SEEN BY ACADEMICS

Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga which started in 2009 by the Act of Parliament in Gulbarga has made its presence felt in a big way in the state of Karnataka in particular and all over the country in general for the academic activities that it conducted during the last four years. All the three living Jnanpith awardees of Karnataka Dr. Girish Karnad, Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, and Prof. Chandrasekhar Kambar visited CUK. Dr. Harish Hande, Magsaysay awardee also paid his visit to CUK. Prof. Chandrasekhar Patil, Prof. G. N. Devy, Prof. M. M. Kalaburgi, Prof. Sunaina Singh, H. S. Shivaprakash, Mr. Devanooru Mahadeva, Dr. Siddlingayya, Mr. Prasanna, Dr. R. S. Deshpande, Mr. Gopal Kadekode, Dr. Siddayya, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Prof. Madhav Prasad, Prof. Rajendra Chenni, Prof. Rahamat Tarikere and Prof. Pramod Nayar are some of the eminent writers, scholars and thinkers who visited CUK during the last four years.

The CUK Newsletter is grateful to some of the writer-scholars who shared the sweet memories of their stay at CUK. It is hoped that their reminiscences and greetings will give our students and other stakeholders roadmaps for the future and an idea of what CUK is and what it is doing.

MESSAGE

I remember, I remember...

It was sometime last year (August, I remember) that an offer came to me from the Head of the Department of English to go over to the CUK campus, for at least a week, and lecture to the PG students and research scholars. A splendid offer it was. I said yes, thank you; but couldn't make it. When the offer was repeated this year, I said nothing doing and dashed off to Gulbarga. I did need such a break. For almost seventeen years I was out of my familiar 'home' - that is, the teaching world.

I lectured for five days. Was it a mere lecturing? It was a sojourn - 'up the hill and down the dale' - into dark and lovely woods of English poetry. Word by word, sound by sound, silence by silence, I took the learners to the 'text' of the poem and tried to explode the poem from within. No load of information about the poem: no biographical details about the poet: no theories of criticism. It was a sheer delight in disorder. My intention was to sharpen the literary sensibility of the students. Other things they can manage to get in the libraries. This was the way I, as a learner, imbibed literature into the marrow of my bones - through my great 'gurus' like Gokak and Menezes.

The five days on the campus - (the lively mornings with the blooming girls and boys, the lovely evenings with the faculty friends) - are a precious treasure of my life. I'm grateful to Basavaraj Donur - an old 'pucca' student of mine - who keeps calling me his 'guru.'

Prof. Chandrasekhar Patil (Champa)

Bangalore



MESSAGE

As a young University, CUK ought to have the impatience of the young. We look forward to see it straining at the leash in terms of cutting-edge research, new pedagogies, and social vision.

Situated in a historic city, CUK has the potential, if properly harnessed, to reflect upon this history as it prepares the present students to shape (and not just receive) the imminent future. As a university, I hope it becomes a space for critical thinking where there would be no limits to what can be thought, and how.

My best wishes for CUK and its team.

Prof. Pramod K. Nayar

*Department of English
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MESSAGE

I have visited CUK twice on invitation from the Department of English. The kind of welcome and hospitality extended by the CUK administration and faculty made me feel at home, and I could deliver my best on both the occasions. It makes me feel very happy about the manner in which CUK is setting up a benchmark for academic standards and quality of education. Given the fact that CUK is a recently established Central University, the amazing pace at which the university is competing with other newly established central universities leaves us spell-bound. The Department of English has been at the forefront in terms of inviting scholars from various specializations of English and Comparative Literature, and students are being initiated to a wide and varied spectrum of discourses. The open-mindedness of the current faculty and the leadership and encouragement provided by Prof. Nagaraju and Dr. Basavaraj Donur has enunciated a new chapter in academic learning and research. The most important aspect I noticed in both the faculty mentioned above is a grand vision for the Department in the future years - a vision that would encourage healthy competition and a desire to keep updated with the current trends. I have no doubt that in the years to come, CUK will pose a serious academic challenge in a positive competitive spirit to some of the major universities in India.

Dr. Amit Kumar

*HOD of Comparative Literature
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MESSAGE

It is always an exhilarating and heady experience to be associated with a new institution, and the Central University of Karnataka (CUK) is no exception. It was a pleasure to respond to the call of the eminent first Vice Chancellor Professor Pathan and help the fledgling centre of learning in the best way one could.

There is little doubt that the Garib Nawaz Darga at Gulbarga lends special character to the place and its unique ethos. As an interfaith centre, and a space for conversation among rival schools of thought, it should help CUK to serve as a unique centre of academic and spiritual pilgrimage. This was my early experience at CUK, which would remain the lasting one as well.

The spirit of tolerance and accommodation of the place is also borne out by the generous hospitality given by the University of Gulbarga to the CUK which would otherwise be seen as a rival.

I salute this new university, and welcome the starting of a newsletter, which should serve as a forum for informed thought and conversation among the university community. Congratulations!

Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty

*Department of English,
University of Hyderabad*



Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Chancellor, Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, Prof. N. Nagaraju, I/C Registrar and Prof. Sayad Ashpaq at the function on the occasion during chancellor's four-day visit to CUK from 18 - 20 February 2013.



*"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."
-Leo Tolstoy*



Prof. Mallikarjun Alagwadi speaks at the Chancellor's interaction with Faculty function. Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Chancellor and Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor are also seen.



Prof. Tejaswi Kattimani, MAANU, Hyderabad speaks on the Hindi Day organized by Rajya Bhasha on 23 September 2013. Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sunitha Manjanbail, Dr. Reshma Nadaf and Dr. Shivanand Koli are also seen.

A DIALOGUE WITH PROF. S. S. MURTHY, VICE CHANCELLOR, CUK

Prof. S. S. Murthy is the second Vice Chancellor of Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga. He took over the reins of the University when Prof. A. M. Pathan, the first Vice Chancellor superannuated. Prof. S. S. Murthy is carrying on the tradition laid down by Prof. Pathan. During the last ten months, the university has made huge progress academically and administratively under the guidance of Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor and owing to the

timely advice of Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Chancellor coupled with judicious steps initiated by Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao. He has his own vision for the university, which with a missionary zeal he is trying to translate into reality. He is a dreamer. A dreamer alone can build an institution.

In this interview, Prof. Murthy talks about his vision for the university and his plans for the development of the Hyderabad Karnataka Region.



Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, addresses the students on the occasion of the Independence Day at the new campus in Kadaganchi.



"You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality."

- Ayn Rand

Editor: You are trying to build CUK as a model university in the state as well as in the country. Is it possible to build such a university given the kind of region where it is located and the kind of students that the university is getting?

S. S. Murthy: It would be incorrect to look at students from a viewpoint based on the perceived backwardness of the region where the university is located. Irrespective of where the students are drawn from, the university has a bounden duty to touch and transform the lives of the students who join. This is in addition to stating the fact that over the years the university has evolved into a place with a truly national character in terms of the students joining here every year. Students from different parts of the country and from different socio-cultural, economic, and linguistic backgrounds come here to study. And we try to help the students grow and scale heights with their limitations as individuals. Students are not ignorant. My aim is not to create parasites that would do things as they are told. Students have their own aims and it may not be fair on our part to expect them to move in only one direction shown by us. They have a lot of energy and strength in them. The need of the hour is to create a kind of atmosphere where they can achieve what they want and grow as individuals who also display a sense of togetherness and unity in spite of inherent differences.

Editor: You talk of a free environment. Could you elaborate on it?

S. S. Murthy: Free environment means not imposing restrictions on students in any respect. They should be free to choose any subject and study it the way they want. To ensure a free environment we have introduced the credit system as well as credit transfer system. We believe in free environment to make CUK one of the best universities in the country. We also wish to give a totally different kind of education to our students. We have initiated certain projects and programmes that would help the students study here without allowing drawbacks thrown up by their caste, class, region, religion, gender or language to stand in the way of their progress and well-being.

Editor: Could you share with us your concept of integrated programmes?

S. S. Murthy: We have started two unique programmes namely Dual Degree Programmes in Engineering and Integrated Science this year. We have admitted students to both the programmes. Students admitted to M Tech will study all major branches of Engineering at the graduation level and when they move to their Masters they will choose their specialization. Similarly, students admitted to the Integrated Science Programme will study all branches of science such as Physics, Maths, Chemistry and Botany among others and when they move to the Masters level they will choose either Physics or Chemistry in which they will get their degrees. We believe that this is a unique programme offered only by CUK.

Editor: Could you tell us about the video conference mode of teaching?

S. S. Murthy: You know that we are trying to build a world-class university in Gulbarga, which is marked out in social indices as one of the most backward areas in the state. Very often it is difficult to get eminent scholars from different parts of the country or from the world to this place and arrange their talks. Though the university is ready to invite scholars from every nook and corner of the world, due to lack of basic infrastructure we cannot make it. It is in this context that we thought of arranging special talks through satellite mode of teaching and video conferencing. To begin with, we are establishing a lab in Bangalore and we plan to establish labs in places such as Hubli-Dharwad and Shimoga eventually.

Editor: Could you tell us more about credit system and credit transfer system?

S. S. Murthy: We follow choice based credit system in the university. One credit typically means 15 hours of direct teaching. We allot credits to courses. We have two, three and four credit courses. We also plan to offer one credit course to our students depending upon their need and interest. Irrespective of the number of credits allotted to the courses, every course is neatly assessed for 100 marks and grades allotted.

We also have credit transfer system in the university. A student admitted to M Tech or Integrated Science or any UG programme, if he/she desires to change the programme and join any other programme, he/she can

do so. The credit that she has earned for a particular course will be transferred if one takes up the same course after shifting to some other programme. The student will not lose the credit he has already earned. This is a unique feature of credit system and I expect that this will be of great attraction to our students.

Editor: What steps have you taken to impart skills to students?

S. S. Murthy: CUK is not merely an exam-conducting body. It is a knowledge generating and knowledge-imparting body. We cannot assess the progress of students just by holding end semester exams. Does this serve the purpose of education? No. So, we conduct a continuous internal assessment to test our students through class tests, seminars, assignments, field work, field trip, and so on. The students scoring high marks will of course survive. But the question is: shouldn't those students who score less marks have the right to make their own career? How can they face the challenges of life if we only give them certificates when they go out? Everybody is born with some talent or the other. The university will try to impart to the students the necessary skills with which they can make use of the talent they are born with and make a living out of it.

Editor: You believe in decentralization of power. This is something unthinkable in state universities. Decentralization of power certainly leads to development and progress at all levels. But it is easier said than done. How do you visualize it?

S. S. Murthy: I believe that decentralization makes a university stronger. That is the reason why I have given economic, administrative, and academic liberty to every employee. No university can develop if its employees are not taken into confidence, if they are looked at with suspicion, and if they are not morally boosted. At the same time, liberty without responsibility makes no sense. So, I have given them both liberty and responsibility.

Editor: No nation, no society, can make progress if women are not empowered. This is applicable to universities as well. In this respect could you explain the steps you have

taken to empower girl students?

S. S. Murthy: Women empowerment is one of our main objectives. I believe that education can empower them. It is a tool which will give them the necessary strength to come up in their lives. The university has already taken concrete steps in this direction. We are providing facilities to our girl students. For instance, we don't collect tuition fees and hostel fees from girls coming from families whose annual income is less than 6 lakhs. Can anybody imagine admitting a girl from an economically poor background to a five-year M Tech programme collecting Rs. 1,500/- as admission fees? We have also taken steps to ensure the safety and security of girl students.

Editor: Could you elaborate the facilities given to the students of CUK?

S. S. Murthy: The university gives financial assistance to the students for presenting their research papers at national and international seminars and conferences. UG and PG students get half and full free-ships. We provide laptops to research scholars. In addition to this, every research student irrespective of his/her caste, class or gender is given a fellowship of Rs. 8000/- per month for four years.

Editor: What is your vision of a university?

S. S. Murthy: The students of CUK should forget their caste, class, religion, region and gender and feel that they are the citizens of one nation. If students come out of such delimiting and debilitating parameters, not only CUK but also the whole society will progress. So, we are not here only to produce literates; we are here to produce noble citizens who can take this country to great heights in all respects.

My aim is to make CUK one of the best universities in India. This may appear to be very ambitious. But zeal coupled with vision and dedication will certainly make this happen.

With support from my colleagues and students, I am confident of making CUK a top class university in the country. We can look forward to a future when parents are eager to put their wards in CUK.



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA: THEN AND NOW

CUK, which was established in 2009 in Gulbarga, has reached a stage where we can firmly say that the university has made both material and intellectual progress and is able to attract both students and faculty from every nook and corner of the country. Here is a brief account of what CUK has done in the last four years.

Gone are the days when we used to think of Gulbarga as the land of very long, hot, tiring evenings. Today, we may not say that it has changed radically. We have something else to remember when we think of Gulbarga. The establishment of Central University of Karnataka is a milestone not only in the history of Gulbarga but also in the history of the entire Hyderabad-Karnataka region. The university, during the last four years of its existence, has made young aspirant students as well as ambitious, young academicians to dare this scorching sun and make it to CUK, Gulbarga.

When we think of Gulbarga, we remember the scorching sun. As we go back we will learn that this was the place where the Buddhists, Jainas, Sharanas, Sufis, and Dasas lived and propagated their own cults which eventually led the way for the evolution of a pan Indian culture. The place witnessed the ups and downs of many religions. The writings and movements of this place have always been a great surprise to the Kannada literary world and Kannada society. They shaped the Kannada consciousness. What we talk of today -equality, fraternity and

unity -were practised in this part of the state way back in 12th century. The Vacana movement spearheaded by Basavanna is one of the rarest things recorded in India's history. Kavirajamarga, believed to be the first Kannada book which talks about the geography of Karnataka and the mind of Kannadaigas, was composed by Shrivijaya, who hailed from this place. The region that is known as the Hyderabad-Karnataka region, at some points in history, suffered in the areas of art, culture, literature, and language affecting the overall life style of the people of this area. On account of social ills and economic and educational backwardness, the dreams and expectations of the people of this region remained unfulfilled. The Nizam regime destabilized the people who felt a high degree of insecurity and instability under his regime and struggled very hard to protect their language, culture, and land. They had to wait to get freedom for six months after the rest of the country got its independence.

The people living in this multicultural milieu continued to dream of changes. But many a time they were disillusioned and they felt shattered and liquidated. Nanjundappa Commission constituted by the Government of Karnataka to remove regional imbalances and suggest the ways to improve the much neglected region in the state gave a ray of hope to the people and made them dream of better days for their children. The Com-

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mission prepared a blue print for the development of this region with an emphasis on educational growth. People in Hyderabad-Karnataka region stood on their toes when the Central Government gave its nod to start a Central University in Karnataka. The social organizations, politicians, teachers, industrialists, and students of this region joined the movement to pressurize the government to establish the Central University in Gulbarga. Consequently, the Parliament Act of 2009 cleared the way for starting a Central University in Karnataka. By the same Act, fourteen more Central Universities were started in the rest of the country. As expected it was decided to start Central University of Karnataka at Kadaganchi in Aland taluk of Gulbarga district. Prof. A. M. Pathan was appointed the first Vice Chancellor. The whole Hyderabad-Karnataka region was overjoyed to see their dream of getting access to new opportunities in the field of higher education realized. The peasants of Kadaganchi village voluntarily gave away 650 acres of land for the purpose of educational activities. The Central University of Karnataka which functions from the 2nd floor of Karya Soudha on the Gulbarga University campus is all set to shift to its new campus at Kadaganchi.

The first common entrance test was held from 19 - 21 June, 2010 for admitting students to various courses. Students from Jammu and Kashmir,

Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala as well as Karnataka got admission to various programmes. Educational activities commenced on a big scale. To begin with, four Schools and seven Departments were started. Now fifteen departments and seven schools are functioning.

Jnanapith awardee and film actor Girish Karnad participated at the "Meet the Author Programme" and it was a historic day for the university and the people of Gulbarga as it was Girish Karnad's first visit to this historical city. The university also felicitated Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar for the first time after winning Jnanapith Award. He interacted with the students on the same occasion. These two are historic events which the university will remember for a long time.

29 October, 2010 is a memorable day in the history of the university. This is the day when the dream of the people of Karnataka was realized. The foundation stone for the university was laid down. More than 10,000 people witnessed this historic day. Mr. Kapil Sibal, Minister for Human Resource Development, laid the foundation stone. Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge, Union Minister for Labour and Employment and Mr. Dharam Singh, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, attended the programme.

The first convocation of the Central University of Karnataka is another historic day. It was conducted on 28





January 2012 in S. M. Pandit Auditorium in Gulbarga. At the convocation, degrees were awarded to 42 students including 25 PG students and 10 M Phil students of the Department of English, Economics, and Psychology. Ms. Ratnabai Patil was the first student of the Central University of Karnataka to get a gold medal (English). Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Sri Mallikarjun Kharge, gave away the degrees to the students. A Degree of Honorius Causa was conferred on the eminent scientist Prof. Govardhan Mehta on the same day. Litterateur Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy and industrialist Nandan Nilakeni were the other two recipients of the degrees of Honorius Causa. The university is geared up to hold its second convocation in January 2014.

Prof. S. Chandrasekhar who was the Pro Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Karnataka took charge as the acting Vice Chancellor of CUK on 29-06-2012 after Prof. A. M. Pathan superannuated. He worked for the university for seven months. He handed over the charge to Prof. S. S. Murthy on 06-01-2013 when the later was appointed as the second Vice Chancellor. Prof. Murthy is one of the leading Engineering academicians in the country who worked in IIT Delhi for over three decades before coming over to the Central University of Karnataka as the Vice Chancellor. During a very short time as the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Murthy has been able to take very concrete steps to improve the quality of education being imparted in the university. He has restructured the examination pattern in the university and held a series of workshops for revising the syllabus in all departments on par with the best practices in centrally funded institutions.

It is a great honour to have Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy as our first Chancellor. Prof. Murthy is a world class writer, a radical thinker, and an unassuming scholar. He is one of the three greatest writers of the Kannada Navya Movement - Gopalakrishna Adiga and

P. Lankesh being the other two - who created a new wave in Kannada literature and is the only survivor of the trinity. He still writes and participates in all intellectual debates in Kannada. One special thing about him is he is accepted in the English literary world as well. Prof. Ananthamurthy, after assuming office as the Chancellor, paid a four-day official visit to the university. During his stay, he visited each school and met each faculty, discussed academics, offered suggestions, and threw out new possibilities for the faculty to explore new vistas of knowledge. He also met the students and participated in public functions. His visit, his talk, and his magnifying personal aura made deep impact on the students. Despite his ill-health and the frequent dialysis he underwent, he walked about like a young boy of 18 in distinct and tasteful attire, instilling inspiration in the minds of the students. His presence here made the students rethink their commitment, involvement, and priorities.

With his very vast, diverse experience as a leading academic, with his exposure to innovations in the field of higher education at the national and international levels, and with his commitment to education and society, he will be able to give his best to the university to make it a different, distinct, and unique institution of higher learning in the country. If this is achieved the day will not be very far when the Central University of Karnataka will be adjudged as one of the best institutions in the world. Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao who took over as the second Pro Vice Chancellor of the university in August 2013 and the Deans, Heads, and the teaching and the non-teaching staff of the university are extending full cooperation to Prof. S. S. Murthy in his efforts to translate his vision and dream into reality.

- Editor

"Wise men make proverbs, but fools repeat them."

- Samuel Palmer

SHORT COURSES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized a three-day skill building programme on 'Personality Assessment' from 8 March to 10 March 2013. Dr. Vijay Prasad, Clinical Psychologist, Mental Health Hospital, Dharwad was the resource person.
- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized a four-day training programme on "Hypnotherapy" from 14 March to 17 March 2013. Miss Leona Fern of California Institute of Hypnosis, Goa conducted the training programme.
- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized an introductory course on "Psychological First Aid" on 17 April 2013. Dr. Namdev Chawan, ESI Hospital, Gulbarga conducted the course.
- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized an introductory workshop on "Naturopathy" on 26 March 2013. Dr. Girish Patil conducted the course.
- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized a three-day orientation programme on "Clinical Testing and Assessments" from 19 July to 21 July 2013. Smt. Rashmi. R, Counselling Psychologist, Center for Psychological Counselling, Bangalore was invited as the resource person.
- ▶ The Department of Psychology organized a two-day workshop on "Building Positive Psychological Strengths in Psychology" for students from 12 November to 13 November 2013. Ms. Chitralatha, senior scientist, DRDO, Bangalore conducted the workshop.
- ▶ The Centre for Classical Kannada organized a workshop on "Shasanashastra" from 11 March to 16 March 2013. On March 11, 2013 Prof. S. Sheshashastry, a retired professor, Dravidian University, Kuppam, and a renowned scholar of shaasanashastra inaugurated the workshop and delivered the keynote address.
- ▶ The Centre for Classical Kannada organized a workshop on Nighantushastra from 16 September to 17 September 2013 for the research scholars. Shri S. Karthik, Bangalore, delivered lectures.
- ▶ The Centre for Classical Kannada organized a workshop on Bhashashastra from 21 October to 25 October 2013. Prof. S.S. Murthy, the VC, addressed the participants through video conferencing. Prof. B. Mallikarjun and Dr. Basavaraja Kodugunti conducted the workshop
- ▶ The Second Advisory Committee meeting of the Centre for Classical Kannada was held on 29 May 2013 in Bangalore. Prof. S. S. Murthy, the VC, chaired the meeting and Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Jnanpith Awardee, attended the meeting as a UGC nominee while Prof. A. Murigeppa, Former VC, Kannada University, Hampi and Prof. Siddhalingaiah, Chairman, Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara, Bangalore as expert members. Prof. N. Nagaraju, Prof. Shivaganga Rumma, Dr. Vikram Visaji, attended the meeting as internal members. Prof. B. Mallikarjun Director, Centre for Classical Kannada was the Member Secretary.





- ▶ The Department of Business Studies organized a one-day workshop on "Social Entrepreneurship - Inspiring Youth for Sustainable Development." Prof. Alagawadi, Dean of the School, coordinated the event.
- ▶ The Department of Economic Studies and Planning organized a one-day workshop on "Development Challenges for Hyderabad Karnataka Region." Prof. Pushpa Savadatti, Head, Dept. of Economics was the organizing secretary.





Mr. Homnidhi Sharma, Bharat Dynamics Ltd., Hyderabad speaks at a one-day workshop on “Computer Par Hindi Bhasha Ka Anuprayog,” organized by the Department of Hindi on 12th February 2013. Prof. Sunita Manjanbail, Prof. N. Nagaraju, Prof. B. Mallikarjun and Dr. Reshma Nadaf are also seen

- ▶ The Department of Commerce organized a one-day symposium on “Innovations in Financial Sector.” Prof. Laxman Rajnalkar, Dean, the School of Business Studies was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Commerce with ICSSR sponsorship organized a ten-day National Level Workshop on “Research Methodology and Data Processing through SPSS” for SC/ST PhD Research Scholars from 22 March to 31 March 2013. Dr. Shivakumar Deene was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Commerce in association with ICSSR, New Delhi organized a two-week capacity building programme on “Research Methodology and Data Analysis” from May 20 June to 2 June 2013. Dr. Shivakumar Deene was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The School of Humanities and Languages organized a three-day workshop on “Syllabus Designing” from 18 July to 20 July 2013. Prof. Rajendra Chenni and Prof. S. R. Prahlad were invited as the resource persons. Prof. Sunita Manjanbail, Head, Department of Hindi, was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Hindi organized a one-day workshop on “Computer Par Hindi Bhasha Ka Anuprayog” (Application of Hindi Language on Computer) on 12 February 2013. Mr. Homnidhi Sharma, Bharat Dynamics Ltd., Hyderabad was invited as the resource person. Prof. Sunita Manjanbail, Head, Department of Hindi was the organizing secretary.



- ▶ The Department of Hindi organized a two-day workshop on “Syllabus Designing” from 18 July to 20 July 2013. Prof. Rambax Jat, Chairperson of CIL/SLL and CS, JNU; Prof. Alok Gupta, Dept. of Hindi, Central University of Gujarat; and Prof. R. S. Sarraju, Dept. of Hindi, Central University of Hyderabad attended the workshop as resource persons. Prof. Sunita Manjanbail, Head, Department of Hindi was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Kannada organized a national workshop on “Globalization and Kannada Literature” from 3 April to 5 April 2013. Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash and Prof. H. C. Ramachandre Gowda were invited as the resource persons. Prof. Shivaganga Rumma, Head, Department of Kannada, was the organizing secretary.



Prof. H. C. Ramachandre Gowda speaks at the national workshop on “Globalization and Kannada Literature,” organized by the Department of Kannada from 3 April to 5 April 2013. Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash, Prof. Sunita Manjanbail, Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi, Prof. N. Nagaraju and Prof. Shivaganga Rumma are also seen.



Dr. Bindu K. C. of Tata Institute of Social Sciences speaks at the inauguration of the two day workshop on "Research Methodology" conducted by the Department of English from 1st February to 2nd February 2013. Dr. Basavaraj Donur, Prof. Sunitha Manjanbail, Prof. N. Nagaraju, Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi and Prof. Shivaganga Rumma are also seen.

- ▶ The School of Business Studies in association with ICSSR New Delhi organized a two-day national conference on "Sustainable Development and Planning 2013" on 6 September 2013. Prof. R. S. Deshpande, former Director of ISEC, Bangalore inaugurated the conference. Dr. Shivakumar Deene, Assistant Professor of Business Studies, was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Kannada organized a two-day national seminar on "Dalit Movement and Literature" in collaboration with Gulbarga University, Gulbarga from 24 September to 25 September 2013. Laxman Gaykwad, a leading Marathi writer gave the keynote address. Eminent writers Sri Devanoor Mahadeva and Sri Govindayya were present as the chief guests. Dr. Nataraj Hulyar, Prof. Mallika Ganti, Prof. Siddayya, Dr. Sarasvati, Mr. Ramjan Darga, Prof. Kalegouda Nagawar, Mr. L. Hanumanthaiah, Mr. Moornadu Chinnaswami presented their papers. Dr. Anand Teltumbde addressed the valedictory session. Dr. Appagere Somashekhar was the organizing secretary.



Prof. G. N. Devy inaugurates the two-day national seminar on "Theorizing the Region" organised by the Department of English from 27 March to 28 March 2013. Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi, Registrar waters the sapling for the inauguration as Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, Prof. N. Nagaraju, Dean, and Dr. Basavaraj Donur, Head, Department of English look on.





Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, lights the lamp to inaugurate the two-day national conference on "Sustainable Development and Planning-2013" organised by the School of Business Studies, CUK from 6 September to 7 September 2013. Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. R.S. Deshpande, Prof. Mallikarjun Alagwadi, Prof. Pushpa Savadatti, and Dr. Shivakumar Deene are also seen.

- ▶ The Department of Geography organized a national seminar on "Frontiers of Earth Science" on 5 June 2012. Prof. Syed Ashfaq Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Earth Science, was the convener.
- ▶ The Department of Geography in collaboration with Sarva Shikshana Abhiyana organized a three-day workshop on "Preparation of Maps for High School Textbooks" from 30 March to 1 April 2012. Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Professor of Geography, was the organizing secretary.
- ▶ The Department of Geography organized a two-day workshop on "Teaching Geography for School Teachers" at Army Public School, Bangalore from 13 May to 14 May 2012. Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Professor of Geography, was the coordinator.
- ▶ The Department of Geography organized a two-day workshop on "Frontiers of Geo spatial Applications" from 1 July to 2 July 2013 (sponsored by KSTA). Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Professor of Geography, was the coordinator.

Mr. Shivaram Mogha inaugurates the two-day national seminar on "Dalit Movement and Literature" organized by the Department of Kannada held from 24 September to 25 September 2013. Prof. E. T. Puttaiah, Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Laxman Gaykwad, Mr. Devanoor Mahadeva, Prof. H. Govindayya, Prof. Chandrakanth Yatnoor, Registrar, Prof. Shivaganga Rumma, Prof. H. T. Pothe, and Dr. Appagere Somashekhar are also seen.



Special Lectures

The Department of Social Work organized a series of lectures for the students of Central University of Karnataka.

The Department of Geology has an NSF funded collaborative research project titled Pale Intensity, Morphology and Stability of the Proterozoic Geomagnetic Field as Recorded by Mafic Dikes in India with Professor Aleksey Smirnov, Department of Geological Mining Engineering, Michigan Technological University, USA. As part of this project, Ms. Elisa J. Piispa and Ms. Erika visited the Department in January and delivered special lectures in the Department on 7 January 2013.

- ▶ The Department of Hindi organized a special lecture on "Hindi Ka Kala Aur Popular Cinema" (Art and Popular Cinema of Hindi) on March 16 2013. Dr. Harshita of Kalindi College, University of Delhi delivered the lecture.
- ▶ The Department of Hindi organized a special lecture on "Hindi Ka Web Sahitya" (Web Literature in Hindi) on 18 March 2013. Dr. Sunil Kumar Lawte, Kolhapur delivered the lecture.
- ▶ The Department of English organized special lectures on "Research Methodology" for the research scholars from 18 September to 19 September 2013. Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty of HCU and Dr. Amit Kumar of EFLU, Hyderabad delivered the lectures.
- ▶ The School of Business Studies organized special lectures by academicians and industry experts. Mr. Vilas H. Katwa, MD, Katwa Infotech, Belgaum; Mr. Veeranna, Joint Director, VITC, Dharwad; Prof. B. Rajashekhar, School of Management Studies, HCU, Hyderabad; Prof. Kanahalli, Department of Commerce, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga; Mr. Suresh Heblikar, playwright and actor; Mr. S. R. Guragol, ACC, Shahbad; Prof. B. S. Maheshwarappa, Department of Library and Information Science, Gulbarga University; Prof. Jagdeesha, Department of Commerce, KSOU, Mysore; Mr. Vadiraj Vyasamudra and Mr. Krishnamurthy gave special lectures.



Youth Day Celebration - 'Interaction with CUK Students'





Ms. Elisa J. Piispa delivers a special lecture at the Department of Geology on 7 January 2013. Ms. Erika, Prof. Syed Ashfaq and Dr. M. A. Mohammad Aslam are also seen.



Film actor and environmentalist Mr. Suresh Heblkar delivers a special lecture on "Sustainable Development in Local Conditions" organized by the School of Business Studies on 6 March 2013.

*"If you don't build your dream, someone else will hire you to help them build theirs."
-Dhirubhai Ambani*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

FACULTY

AWARD

- ▶ Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, Associate Professor of Geography, was awarded a fellowship by Commonwealth Commission, UK. It is a prestigious fellowship given only to the few scientists who have made extraordinary contribution to their field of specialization. Dr. Sulochana was awarded this fellowship under Geospatial Science. She has joined the University College, London to pursue her research in her specialization.
- ▶ Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Professor of Geography, received Young Technologist Award from Union of Geographic Information Technologists, Bangalore. This award was given for her research paper on urban sprawl assessment of Gulbarga city using multiple sub-sections of Shannon's entropy analysis.
- ▶ Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Professor of Geography, received the UGC Research Award for her proposal on assessing the neo-urbanization of Gulbarga City. This award consists of a stipend equal to that of her salary, with relief from teaching for two years which includes a study leave of 6 months with a research fellow on Rs. 5,000/-stipend. She will be funded by the UGC for one foreign travel as part of this project to attend conferences or workshops related to her work.
- ▶ Dr. Basavaraj Kodagunti, Assistant Professor of Kannada, has been awarded a Fellowship by the Bhasha Research Centre, Baroda for his work on Indian Grammars.
- ▶ Dr. Rajanna Thaggi, Assistant Professor of Kannada, received 'Prof. Tejaswi Kattimani Sahitya Puraskara - 2012' for his work 'Kamakupa,' a Russian novel rendered into Kannada through Telugu.



PRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

- ▶ Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, Associate Professor of Geography, presented her paper on “Integrating the Urban Poor for Better Urban Governance” at Planet Under Pressure Rio +20 UK from 26 March to 29 March 2012.
- ▶ Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, Associate Professor of Geography, presented her paper on “Detecting Slums from the Quick Bird Data-case of Pune,” organized by ISPRS 2012, International Congress in Australia from 25 August to 1 September 2012.
- ▶ Dr. Archana Kujur, Assistant Professor of Geography, presented a paper on “Breastfeeding and Weaning Practices: Through a Gender Lens” organized by Asian Population Association Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand from 26 August to 29 August 2012.
- ▶ Dr. Archana Kujur, Assistant Professor of Geography presented a paper on “Does Desire for Male Child Bring Differentials in the Child Care After Birth?” at XXVII International Union for Scientific Study of Population in Busan, South Korea from 26 August to 31 August 2013.
- ▶ Dr. Vijendra Pandey, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented a paper titled “The Effect of Justice Rules on Justice Perception in Indian Context” at the XIII International Conference organized in Stockholm, Sweden from 8 July to 12 July 2013.
- ▶ Dr. Vikram Visaji, Associate Professor of Kananda, as a member of the delegation of Indian writers, participated in the Frankfurt Book Fair-2013 held in Germany from 9 to 13 October, 2013 and delivered a talk on ‘My Poetry, My World.’

STUDENTS’ SEMINARS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- ▶ Veeranna Madiwalar, MA student in the Department of English received the Central Sahitya Akademi Youth Award which consists of Rs. 50,000 and a copper plate for his first collection of poems titled “Nelada Karuneya Dani.” The award is established to encourage young poets below the age of 35. Veeranna is the first Kannada poet to have received this coveted award.
- ▶ Deepak Kumar, PhD Scholar in the Department of Geography has received INSPIRE-DST fellowship to pursue his doctoral degree.
- ▶ Pravin, PhD Scholar in the Department of Geography has received the UGC-JRF fellowship.
- ▶ Ravi, PhD Scholar in the Department of Geography has received the UGC-JRF fellowship.
- ▶ Asma Melinamani, PhD Scholar in the Department of English has cleared the UGC-NET.

- ▶ Prakash Balikai, PhD Scholar in the Department of English presented a paper on “English and Englishes in the Context of Globalization” at the Conference organized by NELTA, sponsored by the British Council and held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 16 February to 18 February 2013.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ The Centre for Classical Kannada proposes to organize a training programme on reading of “Halegannada” and “Nadugannada” texts for the young college lecturers.
- ▶ The Centre for Classical Kannada proposes to organize workshops on “Nighantu Shaastra,” “Bhaashaashastra,” and “Shaasanashastra”; and a workshop on “Nighantu Shaastra.”
- ▶ The Department of English proposes to organize a two day national seminar on “Culture and Counter-Cultures” in January 2014.



PROJECTS

- ▶ Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, Associate Professor of Geography, has received the HUDCO Project on “Application of Geoinformatics in Housing the Urban Poor - Gulbarga City” (Rs. 18, 60,000/-).
- ▶ Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, Associate Professor of Geography, has got the UGC Major Research Project on “Assessing the Impact of Urbanization on Gulbarga City by using Geoinformatics” (Rs. 12,50,000/-).
- ▶ Dr. Basavaraj Donur, Associate Professor of English, has got the UGC Major Research Project on “Collection, Translation and Analysis of Folk Plays of Karnataka in the Context of Globalization” (Rs. 8, 40,000/-).
- ▶ Dr. Priya Narayanan, Asst. Professor of Geography, has got the HUDCO Project on “Assessing and Modeling the Infrastructure Crunch of Gulbarga City: Holistic Approach to Plan a Sustainable City Using Geo-spatial Technology” (Rs. 24, 70,000/-).
- ▶ Dr. Priya Narayanan, Asst. Professor of Geography, has got the Basic Science Research Project on Modeling and Predicting the Urban Growth of Gulbarga: Path Finding Sustainable Future Using Geoinformatics” (Rs. 6,00,000/-).
- ▶ Dr. Jilly John, Asst. Professor of Social Work, has got the UGC Major Research Project on “Impact of Child Mental Health Orientation on Parents through Neighborhood Groups: A Comparison between Kerala and Karnataka for 2013-15.” (Rs. 8, 04, 600/-).



- Dr. Lakshmana G., Asst. Professor, Department of Social Work, has got the UGC Major Research Project on “Risk and Protective Factors among Street Children with and without Substance Abuse: Assessment and Development of an Intervention Programme” (Rs. 7,04,600/-).

FACILITIES CUK

COMPUTER LAB

The Lab organized a two-day workshop on “A-View Software Training Programme” for the faculty and research scholars from 9 April to 10 April 2013 and it also organized weekly discussion sessions on A-View software with eminent research scholars for the students and faculty.

It facilitates the conduct of virtual classes through video conferencing to enable the departments to conduct classes from distant geographical locations.

The Lab through network management system and e-mail service provides authorized access to the network and internet resources and mail services to the research scholars, the students, and the staff. It also provides technical support and assistance to students, faculty, and staff besides helping them in analysing problems and implementing solutions, networking as well as server administrator duties and helping them in system stability, accessibility, and proper configuration of assigned technical systems and components. It performs computer trouble-shooting to diagnose system problems; analyses hardware and software functionality; and identifies, locates, resolves and repairs problems within the scope of its authority.



The Library took the following steps for Automation with RFID

- LibSys7 is an integrated multiuser library management software that caters to the requirements of advanced handling of library resources and services.
- The features of LibSys7 constitute Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, Serial Control and Web OPAC.
- RFID is a technology that promises to increase efficiency and productivity and enhance user satisfaction while rendering the services.
- Automated transaction alerts to library users through mails.
- All books/back volume journals are tagged with RFID circuits.
- It started Web-OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) to provide the bibliographic databases of library resources with printed indexes. The system includes a word-based search facility using Boolean operators that can narrow down a search to meet very specific user needs.
- It started Institutional Repository DSPACE to digitalize publication of the university and faculty including theses and dissertations, rare material and archival material, and also to upload the same on DSPACE software.
- It organized training programme for the faculty, research scholars and students on Prowess database and SPSS version 2, Springer e-books, EBSCO-Host and Emerald database.

- It organized User Orientation and Information Literacy Programs to promote use and acquaintance of e-resources, learning materials, UGC INFONET e-resources, CD/DVD databases, research communication, presentation skills, information exchange, and online access to Internet and web resources. Various user-oriented training programmes are organized.

CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO CUK

Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Chancellor, paid a four-day official visit to the University from 18 February to 20 February 2013 after his appointment as the University's first Chancellor. During his visit, Prof. Murthy addressed the press and he suggested that CUK should start a digital magazine to publish research papers of both the faculty and research scholars and that the magazine should publish papers in Kannada, Hindi, and English. He opposed the setting up of private universities and expressed his strong opposition to the privatization of educational and health sectors.

Prof. Murthy held meetings with the Deans and HODs and spent a day in the School of Humanities and Languages to which he belongs. He gave suggestions to the faculty and asked them to take up projects which will have a direct bearing on the rural masses. He met the students and the teaching and non-teaching staff of the university



Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, felicitates Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, Chancellor, during his first official visit to the Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga. Prof. Dayanand Agasar, Registrar, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga joins him.





Prof. N. Nagaraju speaks on the occasion of the birthday celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Shri Babu Jagajeevan Ram on 14 April 2013. Prof. Shivaganga Rumma looks on.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community college, conceptually envisioned as alternative to the formal educational and instructional system, is an attempt to include the excluded; it tries to bridge the gap in skill development between the general and marginalised sections of the society, between developed and less developed regions and between the dropouts/10+2 pass and those formally qualified and certified. With such objectives, MHRD, Government of India ambitiously flagged off the project. The initiative by the Central University of Karnataka to establish a community college fits the requirements of the region in which the university is located; the region being, by several indicators, characterised as underdeveloped.

The keywords, as articulated by a nodal agency, are: 'access and flexibility in curriculum and teaching methodology; cost effectiveness and equal opportunity in collaboration with industrial, commercial and service sectors of the local area; responding to the social needs and issues of the local community; internship and job placement within the local area; promotion of self-employment and small business development; declaration of competence and eligibility for employment.'

Making a modest beginning after exploratory interactions and workshops, three colleges were chosen to start three diploma level courses in Healthcare, Energy, and Aircraft Maintenance. The partnering institutions for operationalizing the courses are Gulbarga Community College for Women, Gulbarga; APS College of Engineering, Bangalore; and Hindustan Aviation Academy, Bangalore. Efforts are underway to sign MoU with Carmel Community College, Bidar to start diploma in Nursery Teacher Training and Heritage Art.

Prof N. Nagaraju,
Nodal Officer



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The National Service Scheme (NSS) was formally inaugurated through the Vanamahotsava program on 15 August 2013 on the new campus of Kadaganchi. Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, gave pledge to the NSS volunteers and Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, made the NSS volunteers chant the NSS Slogans. The NSS volunteers, teachers, and non-teaching staff of all the departments and schools planted trees. Teachers, students and non-teaching staff of each school shouldered the responsibility to nurture the plants. The NSS students planted 300 plants on the campus. The NSS Programme Officers Dr. Lingadevaru, Dr. Channabasappa, Dr. Ganapati, Dr. Somashekhar, and Dr. Sudeep B.S. conducted the NSS activities in their respective schools.



Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor plants a sapling on the occasion of the Vanamahotsava organized by CUK. Mr. Veeranna Kammar and others look on.



"If you don't value your time, neither will others. Stop giving away your time and talents. Value what you know & start charging for it."

-Kim Garst



Prof. S. S. Murthy, Vice Chancellor speaks at the workshop on "Community Colleges: Towards a Roadmap" organized by CUK on 7 March 2013. Dr. Chennavira R.M. and Sri F. R. Alphonse are also seen.



Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, waters a sapling on the occasion of the Vanamahotsava organized by CUK.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The NSS of Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga conducted a blood donation camp at the University on 8 October 2013 and a large number of students and staff members came forward to donate blood to save the lives of people. Dr. Channaveer R.M. was the NSS Coordinator.

RAJYA BHASHA

Rajya Bhasha observed the Hindi Day on 23 September 2013. Prof. Tejaswi Katimani, Professor, Department of Hindi, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad delivered a special talk on the occasion. Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao presided over the function. Dr. Reshma Nadaf was the convenor of the function.

KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA CELEBRATION

The University celebrated the 58th Kannada Rajyotsava on 1 November 2013. Prof. Basavaraj Sabarad delivered a talk on the occasion. Prof. M. N. Sudheendra Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor, presided over the function. Dr. Vikram Visaji and Prof. Shivaganga Rumma were present at the function. The university conducted poetry-writing competition for the students and the prizes were given away to the students on the occasion. A poetry recitation function was also held in which the students read out their poems. Dr. Basavaraj Donur presided over the poetry recitation function.



"Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake."

- Chessmaster Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakower

