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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

As we continue our journey toward scholastic excellence, guided by the wisdom of Indian knowledge traditions, I am proud of how our community has connected students with Indian Knowledge Systems through academic, research, and experiential learning.

Last month, we held a national conference on IKS, promoting interdisciplinary dialogue between Indian knowledge traditions and contemporary academic disciplines. As an ode to our gurus, the university community also celebrated National Teacher's Day. Across the university, students, staff, and faculty took part in sessions on financial literacy, trade policies, AI in the new age, and Indian values.

Our students' achievements in national-level competitions and contests have placed CVV at the forefront of success. CVV continues to strive for interdisciplinary learning and holistic development rooted in Indian heritage and knowledge systems. I invite you to explore the highlights from our university community in the pages that follow.

CVV in Focus

Bridging Indian Heritage and Tomorrow: NYCIKS 2026

A 3-Day National Youth Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (NYCIKS 2026) was held from September 10 to 12 at Adi Sankara Nilayam, Veliyanad, on "Indian Knowledge Systems for a Sustainable Future." The conference brought together 205 participants and distinguished speakers exploring IKS across science, health, architecture, ecology, economics, and knowledge traditions, including Prof. K. Ramasubramanian, Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra, Dr Sooraj M. Subrahmanyan, Dr L. Sampath Kumar, Shri Raghava Krishna, Prof. Ramakrishna Pejathaya, Dr Harsha Simha M. S., Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Swami Swatmananda, Dr Vinayachandra Banavathy, and Dr Jayaraman Mahadevan.



CVV Celebrates National Teacher's Day, Honours the Gurus

CVV celebrated National Teachers' Day on September 9, 2026, bringing together students, faculty, and leadership to honour its teaching community. The celebration featured student-led games and competitions, the launch of the inaugural Darpan monthly newsletter, and the presentation of the Outstanding Faculty Awards to six faculty members for excellence in teaching and mentorship. The event also formally announced the formation of Yuva Vedika, CVV's student council.







National Sports Day Celebration 2026

CVV celebrated National Sports Day on September 2, 2026, under the theme "Khelega Bharat, Jeetega Bharat." Organised by the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, the celebration promoted physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and sportsmanship. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 300 students representing various academic programmes, with senior university officials addressing the gathering during the inaugural session.





Sanskrit Day Celebration 2026

The School of Linguistics and Literary Studies celebrated Sanskrit Day on September 3, 2026, at the Lalita Pratishthanam campus, Onakkoor. Around 70 students from Classes I to XII, representing schools across Kerala, participated in competitions including drawing and painting, quizzes, reels, shloka recitation, storytelling, and solo and group singing. The event encouraged young learners to explore Sanskrit's richness and contemporary relevance.



Campus Engagement & Learning

Hands-On Workshop on Strengthening Financial Literacy

The School of Business and Economics hosted "Trade Smart: From Campus to Market" on September 22, 2026, a financial literacy workshop for undergraduate students. Industry experts Mr Pravas of Geojit Financial Services and Mr Basuri of DSP Mutual Fund led sessions on financial and capital markets, investments, and long-term financial planning, helping students develop practical financial awareness and informed decision-making skills.





Insightful Financial Literacy Programme

CVV conducted a Financial Literacy Programme for 47 Sevak workers on September 21, 2026, under C-RAN's Rural Livelihood and Skills Wing, Swarojgar Shakti, with support from CIRDAP. Dr Sanjith S.R. served as the resource person, covering essential financial concepts including inflation, household budgeting, banking services, savings, investment options, and systematic investment planning to strengthen financial awareness and decision-making.





CVV Hosts Internal Hackathon Selects Teams for Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) conducted its Internal Hackathon for the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) on September 8, 2026. The hackathon brought 126 students in a full day of ideation, problem-solving, and pitching. Twenty-one teams of six members each took part in the event. Reflecting CVV's commitment to inclusive participation, every team included at least one female member.



AI and the Future of Work: A Masterclass by Ms. Titli Banerjee

The campus hosted an insightful and eye-opening Masterclass session featuring Ms. Titli Banerjee from Centific Global Solutions, Hyderabad. The session, titled "How AI is Transforming the Workplace," was organized to provide final-year students on September 11, 2026 with crucial industry perspectives on navigating employability in the rapidly evolving corporate landscape.

Hands-on Workshop on Business Analytics

The School of Business and Economics organized a one-day hands-on workshop for BBA and MBA students titled “Business Analytics for Managers: From Data to Decisions” on September 24, 2026, introducing the application of business analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and digital tools in managerial decision-making. The programme combined conceptual discussions, practical demonstrations, and hands-on activities, enabling participants to understand how business data can be analysed, transformed into meaningful insights, and effectively utilised to support informed managerial decisions.



Snehavarnam: An Act of Service, Love and Compassion

CVV Seva Club organised Snehavarnam, a two-day wall-painting initiative at the Palliative Care Unit of Government Medical College, Kottayam. Forty-four student volunteers worked together to transform the hospital’s walls and observation rooms with colourful artwork, creating a more pleasant and welcoming environment for patients and families. The initiative also fostered empathy, social responsibility, teamwork, and a spirit of service among students.













Research Highlights

ŚODHA DĪKṢĀ Session on Crafting Compelling Seed Grant Proposals

The Office of the Dean–Research & Development organised ŚODHA DĪKṢĀ, a weekly hybrid research training session on September 15, 2026. Prof. Sunitha Grandhee led a session on "Crafting a Compelling Seed Grant Proposal: Tips and Strategies," covering project goals, methodology, outcomes, budgeting, and team composition. Participants also received a practical six-week roadmap for developing, reviewing, refining, and submitting proposals.



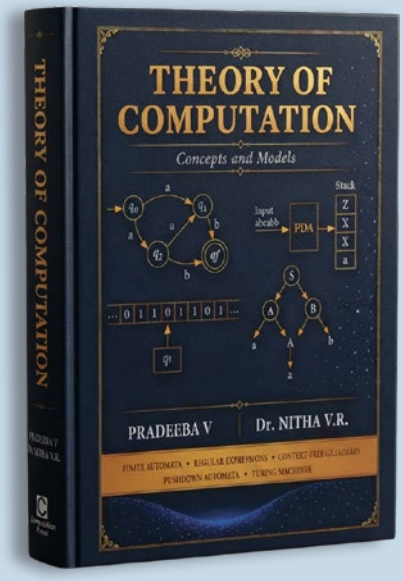


Samśodhanī: A Platform for Engaging Research Discussions

The Office of the Dean–Research & Development hosted the August edition of Samśodhanī, its monthly research seminar series. The forum brought together the CVV research community to explore and refine ideas through a range of presentations. The programme featured faculty research by Dr Nitha V R, PhD research by Ms Neeraja Sheth, and an innovation presentation by Dr Vidya Gopal TV, showcasing research across disciplines.

CVV Professors Publish a Book on Computational Studies

Dr Pradeeba V. and Dr. Nita V. R., Assistant Professors in the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies and the Department of Computational Studies, respectively, have co-authored a seminal work titled Theory of Computation: Concepts and Models. This comprehensive volume serves as a resource for students pursuing degrees in Engineering and Computer Science, as well as for researchers and aspirants preparing for competitive examinations in the technical domain. The book delves into the foundational principles of computation, presenting a thorough exploration of theoretical frameworks and models that underpin this critical field of study.



The Breath and Being Well – The PranaSense Venture at CVV



The PranaSense project at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth marks an important interdisciplinary step in the scientific study and personalisation of pranayama. Developed in collaboration with technology partners, the project seeks to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems, yoga psychology, physiological sensing, and artificial intelligence into a structured platform for understanding the effects of breathwork on body and mind.

The system being explored uses non-invasive wearable sensing to monitor parameters such as heart rate, heart rate variability, breath rate, respiratory patterns, posture and movement, and selected indicators of mental state. Early work has included the use of wrist-based and chest-based device configurations, enabling researchers to examine both baseline physiological states and changes that occur during and after guided breathwork. These signals are being studied alongside structured pranayama protocols so that the project can move gradually toward evidence-informed personalisation.

CVV's distinctive contribution lies in ensuring that the technological development is not separated from the deeper knowledge traditions from which pranayama emerges. The project draws on CVV's strengths in IKS, psychology, yoga studies, research methodology, and interdisciplinary education. This allows the work to ask not only whether a breathing practice produces measurable change, but also how such practices should be understood, taught, adapted, and responsibly applied.

The long-term vision of PranaSense is to develop a closed-loop breathwork intelligence platform: one that can assess a person's physiological and psychological state, guide appropriate practice, monitor response, and refine recommendations over time. In this way, CVV is helping to shape a model of innovation that is rooted in tradition, guided by science, and directed toward human wellbeing.

PranaSense reflects the kind of innovation CVV is uniquely placed to lead: scholarship that is rooted in tradition, open to science, and committed to human flourishing. As the project develops, it has the potential to contribute meaningfully to the future of wellbeing, education, and integrative health research.



Prof (Dr) Ramesh Pattni OBE
Professor of Psychology and Indian Psychology



Dr. Chiplunkar Addresses Faculty and Students at Central Sanskrit University

A five-day Continuous Professional Development Programme on "Indian Knowledge System in School Education" was held from September 7–11, 2026, at Central Sanskrit University, Guruvayoor. Dr M. Sudarshan Chiplunkar, Associate Professor and Head, LLS, CVV, conducted two academic sessions exploring personality development, leadership, and holistic education through the Pañca-kośa concept and insights from the Bhagavad Gītā.

Sree Sankara College Hosts Invited Talk by Dr. Mishra

Dr Rajnish Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor, School of Linguistics and Literary Studies, CVV, attended the Premchand Jayanti Celebration and Hindi Association Inauguration at Sree Sankara College, Kalady, as Chief Guest. He delivered a special lecture on Munshi Premchand and Artificial Intelligence, focusing on human sensitivity, social reality, and the future of Hindi literature, and highlighting the enduring relevance of Premchand's humanistic vision.





Mr Athul Speaks at International Conference on Biopolymers and Green Composites

Mr Athul Ravi, Assistant Professor and Head, Centre for Biomaterials and Sustainable Chemistry, Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, was invited to speak at the 11th International Conference on Bio Polymers and Green Composites (BPGC 2026), organised by the Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Kochi, on September 10 and 11, 2026. At the conference, he delivered a talk titled "From Green Nanochemistry to Functional Wound Dressings: A Critical Case Study in PVA-CuO Nanocomposite Design."

CVV Faculty Explore Values, AI and New Age Assessment

From Gita Panchamrit to Course Outcomes to Responsible Teaching Practice, Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth hosted a Faculty and Staff Development Programme (FSDP) cum Faculty Orientation Programme (FOP) on September 26, 2026, bringing faculty and staff together to reflect on values, technology and the future of teaching and assessment.

The programme was addressed by Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora; Prof. Dr Anuradha Parasar, Dean, Academic Affairs; Br. Dr. Ved Chaitanya; Dr Abha Mohan, Associate Dean, UG and PG Programmes; Dr. Raisun Mathew, Assistant Dean, Doctoral Programmes; Dr. Anand H S, Associate Dean, STEM; and Dr. Pramod Dinakar, Associate Professor, School of EGCS.

The forenoon FSDP session was led by Br. Dr. Ved Chaitanya, who guided faculty and staff through the Gita Panchamrit shlokas. He explained the meaning of each shloka and explored the philosophical question of who God is. Through engaging anecdotes and stories, he made these timeless teachings accessible and relevant to everyday life and work.

The session exclusively for faculty was led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora. He traced how Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z and Gen Alpha differ in the way they think, learn and engage. Today's learners are digital natives, self-driven, collaborative, socially conscious and entrepreneurial, and many already turn to AI to learn and solve problems.

Dr. Abha Mohan, with Dr. Raisun Mathew, explained how the revamped curricula place experiential learning at the centre. Dr. Anand H S discussed the opportunities and challenges AI brings to assessment, showing how thoughtful prompting can support tasks like preparing question papers, while stressing that every output must be checked by the teacher.

Prof. Dr. Anuradha Parasar offered an overview of the revamped curriculum and the importance of aligning course outcomes, learning experiences, and assessment. Dr. Pramod Dinakar and Mr. Krishnakumaran Thampi, COE, guided faculty in framing clear, measurable course outcomes using Bloom's Taxonomy and observable action verbs.

The programme concluded with a stream-wise workshop and course plan design where faculty formulated new ways of assessment. Together, the sessions reflected CVV's commitment to education that is rooted in values, responsive to a changing world, and centred on the learner







Student Achievements

CVV Crowned Overall UG Champion at CALICO 2026 Management Fest

CVV's BBA students won the Overall UG Trophy at CALIGO 2026, the 13th national-level management fest organised by Marian Institute of Management, Marian College Kuttikkanam, on September 16–17. The event brought together more than 1,000 students from institutions across India. Competing in management challenges focused on leadership, creativity, strategy, analytical thinking, and teamwork, the CVV team emerged as the overall UG winners under the theme "The Synergy of Arts."



Alumni Connect

CVV Alumni Revitalise Sanskrit Learning by Connecting with Gen Z Trends

CVV alumni Hridya Suresh and Vinamra Herle, who completed their BA in Sanskrit in 2021, launched ***Tribe Sanskrit*** in May 2025. The platform uses raps, reels, jingles, and digital content to make Sanskrit accessible and engaging for Gen Z audiences while retaining its classical essence. Featuring creative adaptations of the Bhagavad Gita, popular songs, television themes, and folk music, the initiative has received appreciation nationwide.



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