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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

At Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, we integrate the timeless wisdom of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with contemporary scholarship, pursuing excellence in education, research, innovation and the holistic development of our students.

This month, CVV celebrated a new cohort of graduates at the Dīkṣāntasamārohah Convocation. Reflecting our commitment to grounding modern learning in IKS, Chancellor Pujya Swami Swaroopananda joined students in chanting the Gita at the CM 75 Signature event, and the annual arts fest, Pratibha 2026, brought colour, joy and a passion for performance.

We also nurtured young entrepreneurs through workshops, challenges and expert sessions, while our students and faculty won multiple awards in academics, research and sports. Talented individuals from across India joined our community, bringing fresh perspectives.

Rooted in Indian tradition, CVV continues to champion innovative education, interdisciplinary research and an inventive spirit. I invite you to explore this month's highlights in the pages that follow.

CVV in Focus

CVV Celebrates the Graduating Class of 2026

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) held its 6th Dīkṣāntasamarōhah, Convocation 2026 at Hotel Le Meridien, Kochi, conferring degrees on 223 graduates. The ceremony was presided over by Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission and Chancellor of CVV. Chief Guest and Padma Vibhushan awardee, Dr Padma Subrahmanyam; and Guest of Honour Dr Bhushan Patwardhan, Chancellor of Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute, graced the occasion. Swami Viviktananda Saraswati, Kerala Regional Head of Chinmaya Mission; Swami Advayananda, President of Chinmaya International Foundation; Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora, Vice Chancellor, CVV, and Shri Suresh Wadwani, Managing Trustee CVV Trust joined the gathering, along with



members of the faculty, staff, students and parents who stood witness to the occasion.

Degrees were conferred on 104 undergraduates, 111 postgraduates and 8 PhD scholars. Ms Sethu Parvathy from the BA BEd English programme was awarded the Chancellor's Medal for all-round excellence, exemplary performance and distinguished service to the University community. Eleven others received the meritorious medals.

Addressing the graduates, Dr Bhushan Patwardhan remarked, "Though Gyan (knowledge gathered) and Vigyan (knowledge tested) are important, it is Pragyan, which is wisdom and knowledge matured with reflection that culminates in excellence." Recalling Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda, on the occasion, he stated, Gurudev lit the flame of knowledge years ago, and you will today be carrying forward that flame as you step out into the world.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora, in his address, reminded the graduates, "Do not be satisfied with what you have learned so far. This is only the beginning. Aim high and dream deep." He quoted the Upanishads as he urged the graduates to work ethically, live honestly, and bring glory to themselves, their families, and CVV.

Chief Guest, Dr Padma Subrahmanyam, congratulated the students for being at the centre of learning from where the knowledge of the ancient sciences originated. She congratulated all the graduates and urged them to carry forward the vision that CVV has entrusted in them and to steer our Bharat into progress.

Pujya Swami Swaroopananda, in his ashirvachana, remarked, "Be humble learners, students of character and values. Fear neither the future nor its storms; let your thoughts soar like the sky, face every challenge with excellence, and remember that, as Vedanta teaches, your potential is infinite and so should be your goals."





Dīkṣāntasamarōhah, Convocation 2026, also marked the launch of CVV's alumni portal, a digital platform for the graduates to stay connected with the university community.









CVV Showcases Knowledge, Innovation, and Holistic Development at CM 75

The Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of Chinmaya Mission at the Bharat Mandapam, brought together more than 10,000 people to celebrate the Mission Movement.

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) presented a curated exhibition of stalls that offered visitors an immersive insight into its experiential learning ecosystem. The exhibition showcased flagship research endeavours, entrepreneurial ventures, management methodologies, psychological frameworks, and key institutional initiatives, collectively underscoring CVV's dedication to fostering intellectual curiosity, enterprise, and purposeful education anchored in enduring values.

A central focus of the showcase was how Indian Knowledge Systems shape the university's academic work. CVV presented its approach to Management and Psychology, showing how perspectives rooted in Indian thought are brought into the study of leadership, organisations and the human mind. The Nada Bindu Gurukulam was also part of the presentation, introducing visitors to a learning space where tradition is practised and not only studied.

Students and faculty stood at the heart of the display. They presented ideas, projects and ventures rooted in Indian Knowledge Systems, and spoke with visitors about how these ideas are taught, applied and practised at CVV. For many guests, the stalls offered a clear picture of what a values-based, knowledge-centred university looks like in everyday practice.

The celebrations continued at CVV's Onakoor Campus on October 29, 2026, in the presence of Pujya Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission and Chancellor of CVV, and other distinguished dignitaries. The programme featured student addresses, Gita chanting and an inspiring discourse by Swamiji on responsibility for oneself, personal growth and the building of character. Emphasising that knowledge and skills must be complemented by strong values, he urged students to uphold dedication, loyalty and integrity as the hallmarks of CVV graduates.













Seven Notes, One Stage:

PRATIBHA 2026 Celebrates Artistic Excellence

PRATIBHA 2026, the annual arts fest at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV), unfurled under the theme Saptha Swaras – celebrating art, culture, and talent, held from September 28 to October 01, 2026. Organised by the CVV students, the arts fest brought together music, dance, theatre, literary debate, poetry and so much more under one stage, displaying the harmony, creativity, and diverse artistic talents of the university's student community.

Led by the theme 'Rhythm of Saptha Swaras – Seven Houses, One Melody' – students were divided into seven factions – Shadjam, Rishabham, Gandharam, Madhyamam, Panchamam, Dhaivatham, and Nishadam – and competed in various on-stage and off-stage contests.

Nishadam house from the PP facility reigned as the champions of PRATIBHA 2026, winning the overall trophy. Ms. Shreya Sreekumar (M.Sc. Clinical Psychology S3) from Nishadam faction was crowned as the Kalathilakam, and Mr James V Biju (M.Sc. Applied Psychology S3) from Nishadam and Mr Aravind Ajith (B.Tech. Data Science S5) from Gandharam were both crowned as Kalaprathibha.

Artistic competitions included engaging competitions in debate, elocution, recitation, essay writing, poetry writing, creative art, painting, mehendi design, clay modelling and other artistic competitions, including off-stage items such as group folk dance, western dance, mimicry, monoact, western music, classical music, mime and much more.

Leading the lineup at PRATIBHA 2026 were acclaimed playback singer Sithara Krishnakumar and Project Malabaricus featuring the young rising playback singer Arjun Nair. Sithara's heavenly vocals and the live band turned the final night into absolute musical bliss.

The arts fest was inaugurated by the Director of Student Affairs – Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Parasar, who remarked that Arts Fest is where our campus community comes alive. It gives students a stage to share their creativity, try something new, and see their peers in a different light. The fest also introduced the newly elected Student Council for the next academic year.

PRATIBHA 2026 stood as a vibrant testament to the creativity, artistic expression, and talent of CVV's students, brought to life through a diverse array of competitions and performances. More than a celebration, the fest reflected the university's steadfast commitment to nurturing learning beyond the classroom, where young artists find the confidence to shine.















CVV Earns 3-Star Rating from Institution's Innovation Council

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth has received a 3-Star Rating from the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education, Government of India, for 2024–25. The recognition acknowledges the university's efforts in fostering student and faculty innovation, startup initiatives, ideation workshops and entrepreneurship. Supported by its Office of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and External Relations, CVV continues to strengthen its research-driven innovation ecosystem.





CVV Receives Ministry of MSME Recognition as Host Institute

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth has been granted Host Institute status by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, enabling it to implement the Incubation Component of the MSME Innovative Scheme. The recognition provides access to financial grants and institutional support to nurture, prototype and commercialise startups. It will strengthen industry collaborations and advance student, faculty and community-led innovation through the university's Chinmaya VISHISHT 360 initiative.

Learning Beyond Classrooms

SPARK TO STARTUP: Empowering Student Innovators to Become Entrepreneurs

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth's VISHISHT 360 Incubation Centre launched SPARK TO STARTUP, a 12-week pre-incubation programme, on October 7, 2026, with 30 student innovators among its 41 participants. Inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora, the programme guides ten selected teams through idea validation, prototyping, business modelling and pitching. The launch also featured a workshop on manufacturing led by Mr Siraj Khan, Manager, VISHISHT 360, strengthening CVV's commitment to nurturing student entrepreneurship.



NOVUXTECH Showcases Student Innovation and Technical Excellence

The CST Association of Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth organised NOVUXTECH, a Project Expo and Competition, at the LP Facility on October 14, 2026. The event featured 25 teams comprising 63 students, showcasing innovative technology projects to the university community. The projects were evaluated by Dr. Robin George and Dr. Vivek Deshpande. The competition recognised outstanding student projects, with awards for ReshQMesh, Project Nexus and two third-prize-winning teams.





Yuva Vedika Orientation: Nurturing Student Leadership and Collaboration

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth conducted a two-day Yuva Vedika Student Council Orientation Programme on October 8 and 9, 2026, featuring Ms Nivedha Sriram, Software Engineer at PayPal and former Student Council President of SRM University-AP. The programme familiarised council members with their roles and responsibilities through interactive sessions, leadership insights and collaborative planning activities, equipping them to develop meaningful student engagement initiatives for the academic year.

Navratri Utsav 2026 Celebrates Culture, Creativity and Devotion

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth celebrated Navratri Utsav 2026 on October 14 at its LP Facility, bringing together the university community through music, dance and devotion. Jointly organised by the Lavanya Fashion Club, Natyarasa Dance Club and Chidswara Music Club, the festivities showcased student talent, celebrated India's cultural heritage and fostered unity and camaraderie beyond the classroom.







IEEE Workshop Introduces Students to Basic Electronics and Arduino

The IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) Student Branch organised a hands-on workshop on Basic Electronics and Arduino on October 10, 2026, for first-year B.Tech ECE students. Led by Mr. Arun A and Mr. Praveen Kumar S, the workshop covered electronic components, Arduino programming, sensors and practical experiments. A session by Mr. Akhilesh highlighted IEEE SPS membership benefits, including technical learning, professional development and networking opportunities.

Research Highlights

Vidvatsamvāda: Addressing Global Challenges Through Research and Innovation

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth's inaugural session of Vidvatsamvāda, an intellectual address series, featuring Dr. M. A. Atmanand, highlighted the role of scientific research, technological innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing pressing global challenges, including climate change, marine pollution and environmental sustainability. The interaction encouraged faculty members and students to explore emerging research opportunities, translate scientific ideas into practical solutions and contribute towards a sustainable future.



Samśodhanī: Seminar Series Showcases Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth's Samśodhanī Monthly Faculty Seminar Series, organised by the Office of the Dean Research & Development, was held on September 23, 2026. Featuring presentations by Dr. Suvanish Kumar, Ph.D. scholar Ms. Arathi Saleef and Dr. Haritha H, the seminar explored drug repurposing, disability representation in literature and AI-powered video analytics for smart cities, highlighting CVV's commitment to interdisciplinary research and innovation.





CVV Faculty Win Best Paper Award at IIT Roorkee Conference



Dr. Ammu G. Nair and Dr. Nita Joseph, Assistant Professors at CVV's School of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Heritage, received the Best Paper Award at IIT Roorkee's conference on *Empowering Humanities and Social Sciences*, held on October 9–10, 2026. Their paper, "From Doubt to Dialogue: Student Experiences of Questioning," examines psychological barriers to classroom participation and advocates question-friendly, inclusive learning environments in alignment with NEP 2020. The researchers also plan to develop teacher-training programmes to promote a culture of open dialogue in classrooms.

Intelligence from the Deep: The Centre for Oceanic AI at CVV







The Centre for Oceanic AI at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth marks an important step in applying artificial intelligence to the study and protection of our seas. Envisioned as a pioneering research centre, it seeks to create real impact in oceanic AI and marine informatics through national and global collaborations and to develop indigenous technology aligned with national missions.

The Centre's work is organised around three AI platforms. CoralSense AI is an autonomous underwater reef monitor that uses edge AI to distinguish healthy, bleached and dead coral and sends only key data for early bleaching alerts and reef health surveys. BloomMind AI draws on satellite, weather and ocean data to forecast harmful algal blooms three to five days in advance, giving fishermen, aquaculture farms and coastal authorities time to act. Ocean Twin AI is a digital twin of the coastline, with layers for water quality, biodiversity and pollution, helping planners prioritise mangrove and seagrass restoration.

These platforms are supported by vehicles designed and built in-house. Dhruva 1, a combined AUV and ROV, serves shallow reef surveys, harbour inspection and marine debris pickup. Pragna, an AUV rated to 300 metres, supports deepwater habitat mapping and subsea inspection. Agastya, an autonomous surface vehicle, carries water quality probes and radar for bloom sampling and coastline mapping, and acts as a relay for the underwater vehicles. Each carries onboard AI and an in-house tendon-driven gripper, reflecting the Centre's commitment to indigenous design.

The Centre's research record is already substantial. It holds a granted patent (No. 574041) for an AI-enabled zooplankton counting and classifying device, and has secured selection for SAUVC 2026 in Singapore. It is an IEEE OES Chapter and an ANRF collaborator and serves as the AI partner with the Zoological Survey of India on a study of mesophotic reef fish diversity in the Lakshadweep Islands. With more than six ongoing projects, two or more funded projects and over 35 events held, the Centre also works with NCPOR, NPOL, NIO and global marine technology leaders, and supports startup incubation.

The Centre for Oceanic AI reflects the kind of innovation CVV is uniquely placed to lead: research that is rooted in purpose, open to science, and committed to the wellbeing of our oceans and the communities that depend on them. As its work grows, it has the potential to contribute meaningfully to marine conservation, coastal resilience, and the blue economy.



Faculty and Staff Development Programme: Bringing Entrepreneurial Spirit to CVV

The Chinmaya VISHISHT 360 Incubation Centre organised a one-day orientation programme, "Bringing Entrepreneurial Spirit in CVV," on October 17, 2026 at Annakshethra. Held in hybrid mode, the programme brought together 135 faculty and staff, with 124 attending in person and 11 joining online, to build an entrepreneurial mindset across the university.

Dr. S Glory Swarupa, Dean IEER, opened the day with "Unlearning and Re-Learning," using the story of the eagle's renewal to show that staying relevant means shedding old habits and embracing new ways of thinking.

The Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Arora, emphasised that entrepreneurship belongs in every course, not only in management or technology, and urged faculty to bring real-world entrepreneurial problem statements into their teaching.

Four distinguished resource persons led the technical sessions. Dr. Chetan J Shirnali, General Partner, Co-Create Ventures, and Jury, ELEVATE, Government of Karnataka, spoke on the startup mindset and smart funding strategies, stressing that every venture begins with a meaningful problem and that funding follows evidence. He proposed a 90-day innovation sprint for CVV. Prof. Deepak Pandit, Chair Professor and Head of the Institute of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, BML Munjal University, explained how universities can keep good student projects alive through an "Idea-to-Impact Passport" and clear ownership of next steps. Dr. Bhanu Reddy Varla, Partner & Director, Plural Technology Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, outlined India's startup opportunity and the key role faculty play in turning students from job seekers into job creators. Dr. Naga Chaitanya, Founder & CEO, TriQuanta Labs Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, introduced quantum computing and AI-enabled technologies and invited CVV to set up a quantum lab on campus.

Mr. Chetan J. Shirnali also joined an open discussion in the Pre-Incubation Programme. The session focused on identifying high-potential business opportunities and the practical aspects of transforming innovative ideas into viable ventures. The interaction saw participants present their ideas and ongoing projects and receive individual guidance from the resource person. The discussion covered product development, business model formulation, business strategy, market opportunities, market size, target customers, and challenges associated with entering and competing in the market.

The afternoon turned ideas into action. Faculty and staff formed teams of eight, each tackling The afternoon turned ideas into action. Faculty and staff formed teams, each tackling a real challenge from campus life, and pitched their solutions to the resource persons. Anna Dhara: From Our Fields to Your Plate proposed a farm-to-campus food supply chain linking local farmers and Kudumbashree groups through a student-built ordering app, with banana-leaf packaging and biogas from organic waste. Smarter Parking, Safer Movement suggested zoned parking, one-way routes, pedestrian walkways and a phased move to sensor-based digital parking.

Faculty-Led Startup Promotion Initiative set out a mentorship programme, workshops, an idea competition and industry tie-ups, aiming to launch at least one faculty-mentored startup this academic year. Echo Reduction in Atrium Buildings recommended acoustic panels, ceiling baffles, curtains and improved speaker systems for clearer lectures and events.

AI-Assisted Communication Skills Practice proposed an AI chatbot and voice assistant, integrated into the university's SMS platform, to help students practise public speaking, presentations, group discussions and interviews at no extra cost. The AI scores each session, faculty assign their own marks, and the final score is the average of both, blending data-driven evaluation with human mentoring. Several of these practical proposals can be taken forward as pilot projects through the Incubation Centre.

In the concluding session, Dr. Vidyeswari shared feedback on behalf of participants, noting that the AI era offers new support and opportunities for entrepreneurship, and that this is the right time for faculty to nurture an entrepreneurial mindset in every student.





Faculty and Staff Corner

Dr. S. Glory Swarupa Honoured at AGRI100 2026



Dr. S. Glory Swarupa, Dean – Innovation, Entrepreneurship and External Relations at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, has been named an AG 100 2026 Honoree in recognition of her contributions to entrepreneurship, skill development, rural industrialisation, women's empowerment and inclusive development. With nearly three decades of experience, she has worked to connect skills with entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities, strengthening grassroots enterprise and economic self-reliance among rural communities, particularly women and youth.

CVV Faculty and Staff Cricket Team Clinch Runner-Up Position

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth's Faculty and Staff Cricket Team secured the Runner-Up position at the GPTC Kalamassery All Kerala Staff Cricket Tournament, held on October 11 and 14, 2026. Anoop Vijan received the Man of the Match award twice and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Ananthu Unni earned one Man of the Match award. The achievement celebrates teamwork, sportsmanship and sporting excellence among CVV employees.



Student Achievements



Blending Ayurveda and AI: CVV Students Win First Prize

A team of third-year B.Tech. students—Namitha Prasanth, Ravishankar Varier R, Meenakshi Deepkumar Soumya and Krishnadev B Nair—won First Prize in the Poster Presentation at an international conference hosted by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri. Guided by Dr. K. R. N. Aswini, their paper integrates AI-driven retinal analysis with Ayurvedic ophthalmology to propose an innovative framework for preventive vision care inspired by Ārogyabuddhi.

Welcoming Onboard

Prof. Sivakumar Krishnan

Chief Academic Development Officer

We are pleased to welcome Prof. Sivakumar Krishnan as the Chief Academic Development Officer, Academy of Faculty Skills, Curricular Innovation and Quality (AFSCIQ) at Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth.Prof. Sivakumar holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from University of Michigan and a B.Tech. in Aerospace Engineering from IIT Madras. He is also a certified Engineering Educator. A passionate engineering educator, Sivakumar is an executive committee member of the International Society for Engineering Pedagogy (IGIP), Austria, and a former Associate Editor of the Journal of Engineering Education Transformations. His work on teaching and learning has been recognised through the Times of India Ascent Award, an ASEE Honourable mention and IUPUI Jaguars Favourite Professor Award.

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