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19th Nov 2022

Chanakya University official Launch

The official launch of Chanakya University was held, on 19 November 2022, with pomp and fervour amidst eminent people from across all strata of society.

Jnana Jyoti Auditorium, witnessed the coming together of various distinguished luminaries at this event.



Prof. Manjul Bhargava, Field Medallist and Professor at Princeton University said “The idea of having a multidisciplinary background in being able to draw ideas from aesthetics, science and art; to work on whatever you're trying to propel forward is still applicable today; and the best of companies make sure to hire multidisciplinary teams and multidisciplinary people. Some of the greatest inventors of modern day are those who have had a multidisciplinary education - a kind that Chanakya University is trying to achieve”.



Noted writer and philanthropist Padma Sri Dr. Sudha Murty, during the inaugural address said “Learners should have a deep-rooted understanding and appreciation of our culture, history, and at the same time we should keep our mind open to absorb and learn the new and latest technological developments. I believe that gaining knowledge from multiple sources should be the focus for learners. I am sure that Chanakya University will do exceedingly well and will be no less than any Western University”.





Prof. Yashwantha Dongre, Vice Chancellor, Chanakya University welcomed the dignitaries- Prof. M. K. Sridhar, Founder Chancellor, Chanakya University, Sri M. P. Kumar, Pro Chancellor, Dr. Sitaram Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Aluminium Ltd, Sri Kris Gopalakrishnan, Former CEO, Infosys, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar – Shaw, Chairman, Biocon Ltd, Sri T. V. Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services and Dr K. Kasthurirangan, Former Chairman, ISRO along with the members of International Advisory Council & Board of Governorss graced the occasion during the inauguration.

19th Nov 2022

First International Advisory Council Meeting



Leading Luminaries from the field of Education, Research, Business, and Arts at the global level, gathered for the First International Advisory Council (IAC) meeting on 19 November 2022. The meeting was steered by Prof K. Kasthurirangan, Chairman IAC. In his opening remarks he congratulated Chanakya University for taking the initiative in implementing the new National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in letter and spirit. He expressed hope that Chanakya could become a pioneer in implementing the policy and would set an example among other higher educational institutions.



Sri Harish Bijoor remembered that Indian Knowledge System which is progressively being forgotten and there is urgent need to revived .

Dr. Kiran Majumdar Shah said Chanakya should develop incubation centre for ideas leading into practical applications. She also suggested that there should be parallel and progressive development of schools and courses.

Prof. Manjul Bhargava said that there needs to be well-formulated incentive structure for the faculties. to encourage and empower them to pursue research. He also said that there should be mechanisms that identify efforts and hard work of faculty.

Prof. Michel Danino opined that IKS is dialogic and hence it should involve research and project-based teaching. Such approach will not just culminate into publications and popular articles but also help produce thought leaders.



Prof. Sunaina Singh suggested that right from the beginning, emphasis should be on evolving Problem Solving and Critical Thinking capabilities in students.

Other members of the IAC also delved upon these issues and suggested what could be done for creating a world-class institution rooted in Indian values.

Prof Yashvantha Dongre, Vice-Chancellor, made a presentation mentioning about the schools, programs, research, student and faculty diversity, infrastructure, and overall set-up of the university. Earlier, Prof M.K Sridhar, Chancellor, welcomed the august gathering and introduced the members of Board of Governors and the IAC members. Shri M.P. Kumar, Pro-Chancellor delivered the vote of thanks.



10th & 11th Dec 2022

Workshop on Translation and Culture

The workshop on "Translation and Culture" was successfully conducted on 10th and 11th of December, 2022 at Yuva Patha, Jayanagar, Bengaluru. People from the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana participated in the workshop. The sessions included topics such as British Education Policy and its Impact, the issues of translating ideas across cultures and the issues of machine translations. Interesting ideas were discussed as people from different knowledge domains critically engaged with the topics presented by the key speakers. The workshop was successfully concluded on the note of further collaboration on research on translation issues and working towards a solution to it.

The workshop was organized by Centre for Study of Cultures, Chanakya University In collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Govt. of India.

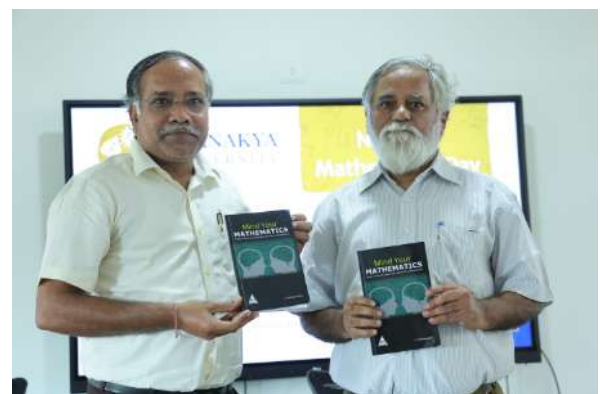




22nd Dec 2023

National Mathematics Day

Chanakya University celebrated the National Mathematics Day on 22 December 2022 to commemorate and honour the contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan in the field of Mathematics. During the event, a book authored by Prof. Parthasarathy titled "Mind your Mathematics" was unveiled by Prof. K Venkatesh, Dean, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. "It is important for parents to inspire children to appreciate maths", said Dr S Parthasarathy. Students and Faculty Members of Chanakya University and students of Rishikul Vidyapeet School were present during the occasion. Dr. Vinayachandra Banavathy, Director, Communication delivered the vote of thanks.



3rd Jan 2023

One-day Workshop on Word Creation in Sanskrit

Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, Chanakya University conducted a One-day Workshop on Word Creation in Sanskrit with financial assistance from Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (BBS), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, and in association with Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Govt. of India, Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha at Poornaprajna Research Centre, Bengaluru on 03rd January 2023. Sri Sri Vishwaprasannatirtha Shreepadaru inaugurated the workshop and blessed the participants in his benedictory speech. Vid. Janardana Hegade (Editor, Sambhashana Sandesha, Bengaluru) discussed the points to be kept in mind while coining the words with several examples.

Dr. Ramakrishna Pejathaya (Associate Professor, Chanakya University) explained the background and need of the 'shabdashala' project of CSTT, and moderated the practical session. Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat (Associate Professor, Chanakya University) explained the potential of Sanskrit and Panini Vyakarana in forming thousands of words.

The workshop was conducted in three sessions of interactions followed by a practical session. More than 60 participants enthusiastically participated in the workshop.



5th Jan 2023

Inauguration of PG Programme



The inauguration of the pioneering batch of post graduate students was held on 05 January 2023. The inaugural programme commenced with lighting of the lamp by the Vice-Chancellor Prof Yashavantha Dongre, the Deans and a student representing the first batch. Prof. Dongre officially welcomed the students and congratulated them on joining the University.

Dr Sushant Joshi, Registrar emphasised that one should look for finer details while doing any work and assured the students of any support they need. Prof Ashok, Dean, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences said that the experience of learning has to be joyful, and the institution is committed to give the students that experience.

Prof. K. A. Venkatesh, Prof. Rajesh V. Kumar, Dr. Sandeep Nair and Dr. Vinayachandra Banavathy addressed the students and welcomed them.

10th Jan 2023

Talk on ‘The Relevance of Indian Knowledge Tradition In Contemporary World’

Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), organized a talk on “The Relevance of Indian Knowledge Tradition in Contemporary World” by Dr. Sampadananda Mishra, Professor at the Rashtram School of Leadership, Rishihood University, Sonipat. Dr. Sampadananda Mishra conducted an interactive session with the PG students of the university. He signified the traditional thoughts given by the Rishi Parampara that, everything in the existence is form of divinity, by refining, evolving, and transforming one could attain the perfectness of divinity. He affirmed that the core value of education should be the knowledge of One-self (*Atma Jnana*). He concluded his talk by highlighting the three tasks suggested by Sri Aurobindo which is to transform laymen into the new age global leaders with the highest vision.



10th Jan 2023

Discussions on establishing School of Sustainability



Dr Mohan Gupta, Senior Scientist, Federal Aviation Administration, United States of America, visited Chanakya University on 30 January 2023 and held a discussion with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior officials of the University about setting up of a School of Sustainability. He explained that sustainability is multi-faceted and to attain sustainability one should have trans and multi-disciplinary approach to the issue at hand. Mentioning that sustainability does not mean just green, he said that it is an all-encompassing domain. He emphasised that the idea of taking such an initiative should be based on problem solving, solution oriented and next- generation transformational change with focus of Atmanirbhar Bharat and NEP 2020. Some of the critical focus areas of sustainability were discussed- demography-urban planning-cybersecurity-climate change-waste management-public health-agriculture-technology-energy efficiency among others.

12th Jan 2023

National Youth Day



Psychological capital, which comprises of hope, efficacy, resilience, and optimism is vital for the growth of an individual and having this enhances the cognitive resources of a student, according to Dr. Ashish Pandey, Professor, IIT Mumbai. While speaking on National Youth Day, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Dr Pandey, mentioned the need for investing in activities which improve the quality of our lives.

He was addressing the students and faculty of Chanakya University on the topic of mindfulness, and its relevance in education, and explained how daily investment in physical and mental exercises help people to lead a meaningful and peaceful life. He cited many scientific research articles to substantiate his arguments and said that these ideas were already enunciated by Swami Vivekananda hundred years ago.

He conducted a short, but an effective activity, which helped the audience to realise why it's important to be self-aware and how knowing the self is the source of flourishing.

26th Jan 2023

Republic Day

Chanakya University celebrated the historic occasion of the 74th Republic Day of India, on 26 January 2023. Celebrations were held at the Brigade Orchards Campus of the University. Dr Ashok – Dean, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences hoisted the Tricolour during the event. Staff and students of Chanakya University enthusiastically participated in the celebrations.



3rd & 4th Feb 2023

Authorpreneur Workshop

Chanakya University hosted a two-day workshop covering the aspects of becoming an Authorpreneur (Author-Entrepreneur) conducted by Prof Saiswaroop Iyer, an author of five novels and an assistant professor at the University with about 11 years of practical exposure to creative writing. The programme was conducted on 3rd and 4th February 2023.

The attendees came from diverse backgrounds right from a post graduate fresher to a retired army personnel, a financial entrepreneur in the US to two monks. The workshop was open to online as well as offline attendees.

The contents of dissemination for day 1 included the structure of story, process of writing a book for commercial audience, salient features of genres, outlining, crafting of a story unit and aspects of time management and motivation for writers. They were exposed to thorough hands-on sessions that took them a step forward in realising their author-pursuits.

Day 2 focussed on the commercial aspects of converting a manuscript into a market ready book and the journey beyond writing that included topics like multiple Ips of a book, potential revenue channels of an author entrepreneur beyond royalties, key aspects of traditional and independent publishing and book launch strategies.

The attendees expressed increased confidence in unleashing their creative potential and working towards building their author platforms after the workshop. The interaction throughout the programme was active and the readiness to absorb by the small group facilitated in depth discussions into each of the above-mentioned topics. The group was enthusiastic to come together in contributing to an anthology that would demonstrate the learnings gathered from the programme.

10th Feb 2023

Talent Search Examination



In a bid to scout for the best academic talents within Bengaluru and provide them with a platform, Chanakya University recently conducted the Talent Search Examination (TSE 22) across P.U. colleges spanning the North, South, and Rural Zones of the city. The results of the TSE 22 were announced in a grand ceremony on 10th February 2023.

The TSE 2022 was conducted to identify and nurture talented students. In this regard, about 4000 students from 280+ PU colleges were identified to take up the examination. Close to 500 students were eligible for online assessment out of which the top 3 winners for each zone were announced at the event. In addition to students, awards were given for the Best Supporting Institution, Principal and Coordinators. Prof Yashavantha Dongre, Vice-Chancellor, distributed the prizes.

More than 200 students, and 30 members from the teaching fraternity were present on the occasion.





16th Feb 2023
**Secretary,
Ministry
of Defence
visits
Chanakya**

Dr. G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary–Ministry of Defence, visited Chanakya University on 16 February 2023. He interacted with the faculty and suggested that University can offer research programmes in quantum physics and material sciences which would be very helpful to the nation at large. He highlighted the importance of having prominent people from other countries who can offer courses for 2-3 months to our students. In his concluding remarks he emphasized on the importance of team spirit and how teamwork can work wonders. He further impressed that teamwork towards a greater cause is the most significant factor in helping institutions reach greater heights. After the interaction, Dr. G Satheesh Reddy, visited the construction site of the global campus and planted a sapling.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor Prof Yashavantha Dongre briefed about the him details of the University, the programs and courses being offered. Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor were also present during the meeting.

20th Feb 2023

Town-Hall Meeting



The first Town-Hall meeting of Chanakya University was held on 20th February 2023. Prof Yashavantha Dongre, Vice-Chancellor, made a presentation on the progress of the University in the last one year. He mentioned that University is progressing at a good pace in terms of numbers. He said that the number of staff is almost equal to number of students, and the number of applications received for teaching and non-teaching posts at the University is astounding.



Shri M. P Kumar, Pro-Chancellor, addressed the staff and emphasised on the importance of values that staff members should possess, before teaching to students. He remarked that, “Only if values are present, then only creativity and other life skills will make society a better place”. Prof M. K. Sridhar, Chancellor, mentioned about the huge expectations from the society and that everyone should strive to fulfil those expectations by our collective action and the actions should be performed out of joy to bring more happiness. Earlier, staff members shared their experiences at Chanakya University.

24th Feb 2023

Chancellor's Interaction With the students



Prof M.K. Sridhar, Chancellor, interacted with the students of Chanakya University on 24th February 2023. The objective of the interaction was to get to know about the experiences of the students during their first semester and to know about what they have learnt at Chanakya University. Students shared their experiences at Chanakya and the challenges they faced. Prof Sridhar provided some suggestions on how to face adversities in life and assured the students that their problems will be sorted out as soon as possible. Overall, the experiences shared by students were positive.

1st Mar 2023

Visit of Durham University faculty Members

A team of faculty members from Durham University visited Chanakya University to discuss possible collaborations and plans of action for the future. Prof Katherine Montgomery made a presentation on Durham University and its School of Education. Prof Katherine Reading followed up with a detailed presentation of their activities on education and explained their active outreach to K-12 Schools to promote higher education. Prof Rajendra Joshi and Prof Ashok deliberated with the team on various areas of collaboration including research in education and collaborative study of different educational models. Prof Joshi spoke about collaborating on the teacher exchange programmes at higher education level and sought insights from University of Durham's Diploma programme. Prof Katherine and team also expressed interest in collaborating on other areas like medical humanities, Masters programme in Educational Psychology, study abroad programme, use of artificial intelligence and data analytics in social science research.

Earlier, Prof Sushant Joshi, Registrar, Chanakya University welcomed the guests and made a presentation on Chanakya University and its programmes.



4th Mar 2023

An Interaction with Corporate Executives

A group of renowned executives from the corporate sector visited the Brigade campus of Chanakya University and held interactive sessions with students. This interaction took place on 4 March, 2023. Executives who conducted this interaction were – Satish K Sadashivan, Founder & CEO at Evolve Global Corp, and Vijai Goudar, Business Consultant, Coach, & Leadership Trainer. Students of Chanakya University were exposed to an effective brainstorming session by the above corporate thought leaders. This interaction revolved around the theme of Marketing in today's digital world. Dr Sushant Joshi – Registrar, Chanakya University participated in the interaction, along with students from across University.



4th Mar 2023

Samvad

An Academic-Industry interaction



Samvad- interaction aimed at bridging the academia-industry gap for better understanding of industry expectations from student/faculty perspectives was held at Chanakya University on 07th March 2023. This interaction also emphasized employability and industry readiness of young graduates/postgraduates. Key insights from industry experts regarding expectations from today's industry and leveraging these to develop new academic programs by members of the academia were discussed. The event was graced by industry experts from organizations viz. SLK Software, Ginserv, IBM, All India Manufacturers Organization, and more; along with faculty members of Chanakya University. SAMVAD also witnessed valuable insights on bettering academic rapport with industries to ensure that future generations of learners become industry ready and potential thought leaders. H N Srinivas, Tata Foundation, Subhojit Saha, GE HealthCare, Ms. Daisy Mishra, Former COO, Gokuldas Exports graced the occasion with their insights

8th Mar 2023

International Women's Day

To commemorate International Women's Day, Chanakya University organized an event titled "Women in Action with Pride." The intention of this event was to retrospect the success stories of women across diverse fields. Guests invited to the event were - Ms. Daisy Mistri, Former Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Gokuldas Exports, Smt. Vijayamma (Progressive Farmer), Smt. Lakshamma (Municipality Worker), and Smt. Nalina (Transgender Social Worker). Smt. Vijayamma, Smt. Lakshamma, and Smt. Nalina were also facilitated during the event to honour their exemplary contribution in their respective fields. In their speeches, the guests emphasized the role of women in the society and shared their experiences while working towards gender equality. Specifically, Ms. Daisy mentioned the need and relevance of empowering women through creation of opportunities to learn, the role of systems and organisational set up in shaping futures of its employees (especially women employees). Prof Yashavantha Dongre -Vice Chancellor, Chanakya University delivered the introductory address. He emphasized the role of women in society and opined that the focus should be towards gender equality.



20th Mar 2023

Campus Newspaper Launched



‘The Bugle’ – the campus newspaper of Chanakya University was launched by Prof. Yashavantha Dongre, Vice-Chancellor on 20th March 2023. He congratulated the students who were involved in publishing the inaugural edition and wished that this campus newspaper should be at par with the regular newspapers in terms of quality and variety.

Registrar, Dr Sushant Joshi congratulated the students and expressed the desire to see many such initiatives taken up by the students. Deans, faculty members and staff of the University were present in the event. ‘The Bugle’ is an initiative of the Press Club of the University, conceptualised and designed by the students from different schools.

16th - 18th Mar 2023

International Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems: Issues, Strategies, and Way Forward



Chanakya University's three-day conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS): Issues, Strategies, and Way Forward was held on 16th to 18th March 2023, at Yuvapatha in Bengaluru.



The rigorous deliberations over the three days of the conference witnessed the emergence of the \ extensive and intensive pool of Indian knowledge systems; whilst providing direction for the participants to further the exploration of our Indian wisdom.

The inaugural session, of the Valedictory Ceremony, was addressed by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, NAAC and presided by Prof. Yashwanth Dongre, Vice-Chancellor, Chanakya University. In total there were six technical sessions and three plenary sessions.

Prof. Ghanti Suryanarayana Murthy (Director-IKS, GOI) pointed out that the need to cultivate *pramaan* over *parinaam* (Evidence over outcome).

The session on Modern Education and Indian Knowledge System, spread across first two days deliberated upon different tools and mechanisms of applying tropes of Indian knowledge in classroom for better learning and communication strategies.

The paper on Aurobindo's school of thought quite skillfully talked of strategies required to bring-in effectively the approach of NEP 2020. The paper on Colonial Consciousness talked about the challenges that our academia is facing in understanding the texts given the prevalent and dominant western episteme of interpreting texts.



The paper on Game design not only presented the challenges the Indian academia is facing but also exemplified the strategy of overcoming it through a game designed using Meru Prasthana and presented how the game can be used to make students learn Indian culture, mathematics and facilitate creative thinking.

Other papers highlighted the role of dharmic approach in science saying that human quest for wisdom is ignored in the realm of modern-day science.



The contrast between modern-day notions of quality, pedagogy and IKS approach to the same can bring change in the prevalent education practices and at the same time fulfil the sustainable development goals.

The session themed on Action Research Developmental Projects and Technology and IKS quite adeptly demonstrated the use of Indian knowledge in enhancing farm productivity and cognition among patients with brain disorders. The paper on bringing ancient astronomical wisdom to the modern world highlighted the need to incorporate science in art. Metallurgical concepts from ancient Sanskrit text were elaborated. To understand the relevance of IKS for wellness, the examples from 'Trikatu' were taken, Rasapanchaka theory was applied and its ability to cure various health issues were presented.

Dr. Mala Kapadia, Professor, Research for Resurgence Foundation, elucidated very well the connectedness of Dharma with The well-being of human beings and thus of humankind. She encouraged the thought of introducing the concept of svasthavṛtta in school and college curriculums. Dr. Vinaychandra Banavathy, Director – IKS, Chanakya University, spoke about promising contributions of IKS to the discipline of Psychology.

The session on governance and IKS; and sustainable goals and IKS, underlined the importance of Dharma in managing State affairs and mentioned ways in which Indian texts and scriptures can offer vision and wisdom for translating governance for social and cultural well-being.



Sports at Chanakya University

- Prerana G R – represented Karnataka cricket team in BCCI- U-19 WOMENS T-20 TROPHY 2022-23 held at Hyderabad and Ahmedabad.
- Prerana G R – represented Karnataka cricket team in BCCI- U-19 WOMENS ONE DAY TROPHY 2022-23 held at Chennai.
- Rithi Raju won silver medal in Indian round (30 meters) at Karnataka state archery championship-2023 organized by Karnataka amateur archery association.



- Rithi Raju won bronze medal in Indian round (50 meters) at Karnataka state archery championship-2023 organized by Karnataka amateur archery association.

- Rithi Raju represented Chanakya university in all India inter-university archery championship 2022-2023 at Guru Kashi university, Bhatinda, Punjab.
- Mahalaxmi Singh represented Chanakya University in all India inter university karate championship 2022-2023 held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh



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