



CHANAKYA
UNIVERSITY
Rooted in ideals • Ascending with ideas

Annual Report

2024-2025

Hymn of Unity

सं गंच्छधुं सं वंदधुं
सं वो मनांसि जानताम् ।
देवा भूगं यथा पूर्वे
सञ्चानानु उपांसते ॥

सुमानी वा आंकृतिः
समाना हृदयानि वः ।
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May we walk together
May we speak together
May our minds be in harmony
May our prayers and assemblies be one
May our hearts and minds be one
May our resolves and hearts be alike

Rigveda 10.191



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From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



Greetings and Good wishes,

I am happy to present the Annual Report of Chanakya University for the academic year 2024–25. We have now completed three academic years and moving to the completion of the first cycle of four-year undergraduate program, which consists of a major share of our students.

During the last three years Chanakya has grown from a humble 100 students to 1300 students and 20 to 100 faculty. Six schools are offering about 40 major streams and on an average about 200 courses are offered every semester. The research activities have picked up pace and we have brought out a publication featuring the ongoing and completed research works. The Centers and Chairs have focused both on research and outreach activities. We are looking at next couple of years as the period of consolidation and firming up our unique academic architecture.

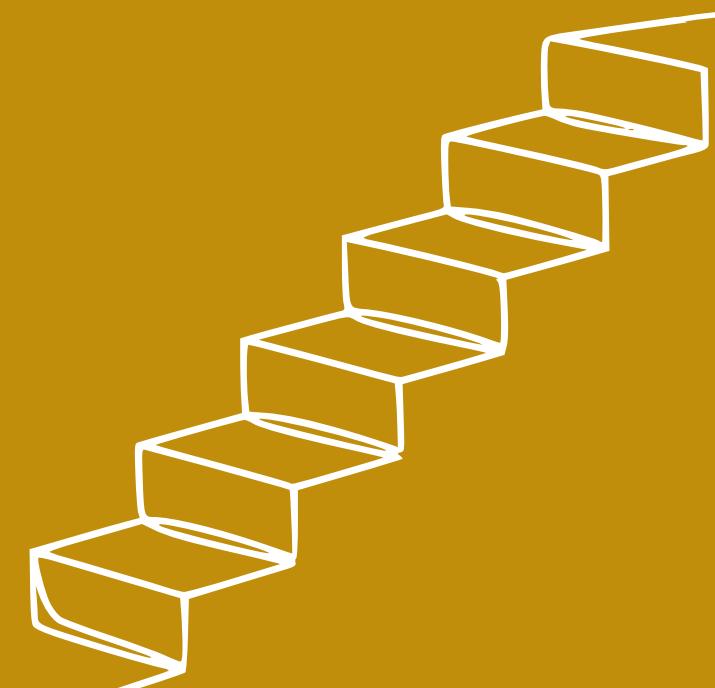
The Annual Report provides a glimpse of the activities carried out during the year and illustrates the unique features of our academic activities. It also provides details of physical infrastructure and other related activities during the period.

Chanakya is an endeavour of collective philanthropy and team Chanakya owes a lot to the benevolent donors who made it possible. Of course, amidst all challenges of building a new institution, a smooth sail has become possible mainly because of the dedication, hard work and a sense of commitment exhibited by our faculty and staff.

While hoping that the Annual Report helps all in understanding the university's journey and progress, I also seek suggestions that helps build a better centre of higher learning.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yashavantha Dongre'.

Prof. Yashavantha Dongre
Vice-Chancellor



The Story of
Chanakya University

An Eventful Journey of Three Years

2025 - Into our 4th year

Chanakya University represents a new higher education institutional archetype, one born of India's civilisational roots and built to serve an interdependent, tech-centric, and complex world. It is a not-for-profit, public-spirited institution established as a collective philanthropy initiative in 2022 to meet the new age challenges. Drawing upon the heritage of India we seek to offer an education that is aligned to the culture of India and future of the world. Combining the best of global learning models with the intellectual traditions of our great nation Chanakya aspires to be a centre of global learning for an affordable, accessible and aspirational academic experience oriented towards Personal Empowerment, Professional excellence and Social Enrichment.

Inspired by the strategic genius and ethical clarity of the intergenerational philosophy of Chanakya, the university is part of a long-term nationalistic commitment to contribute to our great nation's ascent. We are passionate about nurturing students into competent, conscientious, and compassionate professionals equipped to shape and succeed in the world with ideas and ideals.

Chanakya University, with a vision of "Creating knowledge and transformative leaders for holistic development," is committed to developing leaders and institution builders who can carry forward India's responsibilities in a complex global era. With a strong-rooted belief in the relevance of Indic knowledge systems and cultural consciousness, the university positions itself at the intersection of tradition and transformation, today for tomorrow. At Chanakya, we are building and nurturing a generation prepared to lead with wisdom, integrity, and purpose.

With the structure of learning being guided by the model of liberal education, the University is driven by the philosophy of education as liberation. Unlike the existing models of institution, our vision drew strength from the civilizational soul of India. Education as a force of liberation, had always been part of India's intellectual traditions, rooted in openness to questioning, synthesis, and inquiry.

And so, after decades of thought and years of planning, Chanakya University came into being in August 2022, welcoming its first batch of students from across India to initiate a journey of Creativity, Humanism, Integrity, Teamwork and Academic Freedom, termed CHITA. With every passing year, we reinforce our commitment to represent the best of India to the world and bring the best of the world to our universe of seekers.



Learner's Inclusivity

28 states
Students

2400+
Students
on Campus



Academic Diversity

40+
Programmes
Offered

400+
Courses
to choose from



Infrastructure Development

116 Acres
of Campus

12.5 Lakh+ Sq.Ft
BUA Constructed



Thought Leadership

110+ Faculty
Members

65+ Domains
Experts



Transdisciplinary Initiatives

6 Schools
of Academics

6 Centres
of Excellence

2 Research
Chairs



Purpose,
Vision, and Values

Our Purpose

Create knowledge and transformative leaders for holistic development

Our Vision

- ❖ Develop youth with capabilities to be inspiring leaders.
- ❖ Nurture world-class scholarship with high impact research and practice
- ❖ Facilitate transdisciplinary studies and research to provide sustainable solutions for human and environmental challenges

- ❖ Build state-of-the-art knowledge repository and digital infrastructure to expand the horizon of understanding among all stakeholders
- ❖ Create innovative educational ecosystem to foster engagement with Business, Government and Society for holistic development

Our Values



Creativity



Humanism



Integrity



Team spirit



Academic Freedom

Pillars of conviction

Access and affordability

A clear commitment to ensure that high-quality education reaches students from every background.

Holistic and multidisciplinary learning

A curriculum that brings together the arts, sciences, commerce, law, engineering, and management, built to expand the student's field of view and depth of understanding.

Integration of Indian Knowledge Systems

Every discipline draws from India's intellectual heritage while engaging with global frameworks and ideas.

Future-ready ecosystem

Our ecosystem is designed to cultivate thought leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and responsible citizenship, preparing students to lead with enterprise and ethical inner strength.

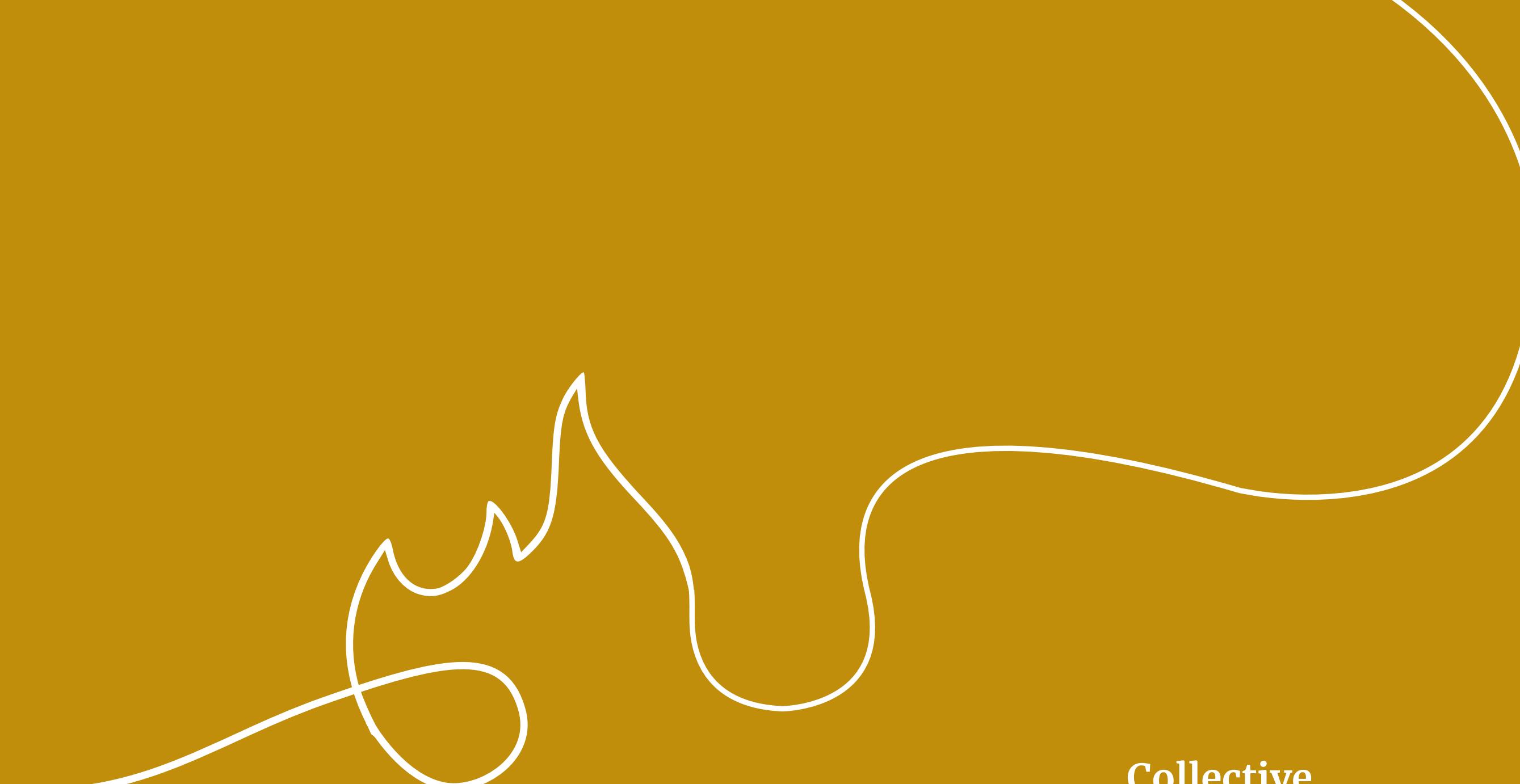
Nation-building and societal engagement

The University places public responsibility and nationalistic ideals at the heart of its mission.

Built on collective philanthropy

Chanakya University stands as one of India's leading models of public-spirited higher educational institutions; sustained by the belief, generosity, and counsel of those who seek to serve through institution building for the public good.





Collective
Philanthropy

In our mission to build an academic eco-system, Chanakya University has been strengthened by strategic alliances with far sighted philanthropists, industry pioneers, and institutional partners who share our bold vision for transformative education. Their patronage recognizes our commitment to academic excellence and social impact, enabling us to push boundaries in teaching and research.

Their generous support allows us to nurture brilliant minds, fund groundbreaking research initiatives, and create learning experiences that have the potential to shape tomorrow's leaders and change the world. Every step we take is a conscious and collaborative effort towards creating Knowledge, Nurturing Leadership and promoting holistic development towards seeking sustainable solutions to the concerns of contemporary world.

The collaborative spirit of shared purpose drives everything we do at Chanakya University.

Built on Visionary Support

Chanakya University has thrived through meaningful partnerships with visionary philanthropists and industry leaders who represent the very idea of educational outcome, Chanakya seeks to establish. These achievers, icons and thought leaders inspire and share our unwavering commitment to pushing boundaries and creating lasting impact through learning.

Apart from the intellectual insights, their generous contributions empower us to attract exceptional faculty, nurture brilliant student minds, and pursue cutting-edge research. These individuals, corporations, institutions and trusts enables us to genuinely create positive ripple effects across communities and industries.



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Chairman & Managing Director
Jindal Aluminium Ltd.



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Executive Chairperson, Biocon Ltd.



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Founding Partner, Accel



Sri Nithin Kamath
Co-founder, Zerodha



Sri Nikhil Kamath
Co-founder, Zerodha



Dr. Ranjan Pai
Chairman, Manipal Group

Bharti Airtel Ltd.

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**Visionary
Leadership**

International Advisory Council

Guided by distinguished global thought leaders, drawn from a wide spectrum of Academic, Aesthetic, Industry, Professional and Socio-Cultural domains representing the idea of Bharat.

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Former Director,
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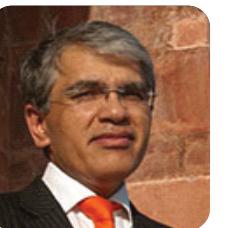
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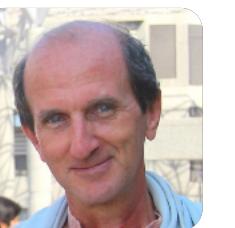
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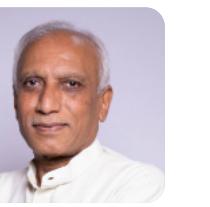
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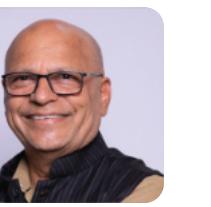
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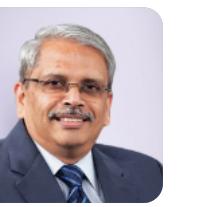
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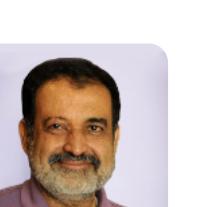
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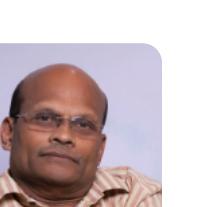
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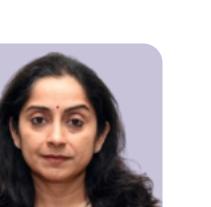
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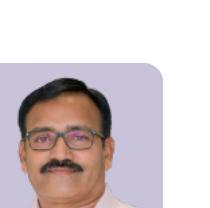
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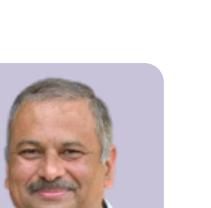
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Member
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Principal Secretary

Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka



Academic Framework, and
Research Ecosystem

Chanakya University, seeks to pioneer the vision of NEP 2020, in facilitating comprehensive, contextual and contemporary education system based on student centric methodology and Outcome based assessments. Beyond the confines of courses, certifications and domains, it is about building competence, compassion, culture and collaboration. The Inter, Multi and Trans disciplinary approach of project based learning is aimed at addressing real world problems through sustainable solutions. The unique model of Academic Portfolio Management offers students the opportunity to choose from many fields of knowledge instead of being restricted to a single domain of learning. The disciplines of Science, Humanities, Technology, Sports and Art, seamlessly merge to curate new fields of knowledge.

At Chanakya, every course is embedded with Social, Technological, Ethical and Professional orientation. It is our efforts to integrate professional outcome orientation to any program of studies, from Science, Humanities, Art to Technology. As Social sciences orient them towards social reality, art facilitates creative expression, while science instils rationality and technology enables the skill of application, hence, a holistic education is about a competent application and a conscious transformation of behaviour.

Humanities and social sciences bring meaning and purpose to skills acquired. They hold the key to working with people and for people. Hence, at Chanakya, studying the humanities is not optional; it is a foundation. We believe that becoming a professional is not enough, one must first become a human being. The sciences teach us to understand the world, but the humanities teach us to understand ourselves and others. They give perspective and depth enough to see the nuances.

Chanakya Foundation Courses

Our Foundation Baskets provide students the essential skills and perspectives needed to thrive in a complex, fast-changing world.

At the undergraduate level, the baskets focus on four dimensions of growth:

- **Language and Communication** for clarity of expression and confidence
- **India Orientation** to understand the continuity of civilizational consciousness
- **Life Skills** for resilience and success in a digital and disruptive world.
- **Learning Beyond the Classroom** for expanding the learning ambience and frontiers of understanding

The Chanakya Foundation strengthen advanced competencies essential for academic, professional, and leadership success. Together, they prepare students to think critically, engage meaningfully, and lead with empathy.

Through this holistic framework, Chanakya University ensures that every student graduates with academic knowledge as well as adaptability and values to make a positive impact in society.

Majors

The majors is the heart of the degree program. It is the subject in which a student chooses to specialize. Major courses begin with introductory classes that build a strong foundation and then progress toward advanced study where students learn to apply their knowledge in real and creative ways.

For example, a student of economics may begin by learning basic principles of markets and trade, then move on to designing and advocating policy to reduce income inequality in developing countries thus, connect theoretical knowledge for real world solutions. This gradual journey, starting from the basics and moving toward advanced exploration, ensures that students not only know their subject but also learn how to apply it thoughtfully and productively.

Minors

At Chanakya University, academic design is intentionally interdisciplinary. Alongside their chosen major, students pursue a minor, a structured set of courses in another field, ensuring breadth alongside depth. This framework reflects our belief that scholarship thrives at the intersections of disciplines.

A minor allows a physics student to engage with history, a psychology student to examine political theory, or a business student to explore Sanskrit texts. These combinations are not ornamental; they cultivate intellectual agility. A pairing of computer science and philosophy equips students to navigate the ethical dimensions of technology.

By design, no student graduates with a narrow education. The minor system embeds intellectual range into every degree, preparing graduates to approach complex questions with insight drawn from multiple traditions of thought.

Studio Courses

These are unique and immersive learning experiences that reimagine the traditional classroom. Studios are curated courses that emphasize practical design and solution-oriented learning. Discussions, dialogues, interactive sessions, and project-based work form the core pedagogical approaches in these classrooms.

These capsule courses are designed with a focused and intensive curriculum, enabling students to gain deep knowledge within a short span of time. They ensure in-depth exposure to concepts and knowledge systems, carefully crafted to provide intellectual rigor and real-world relevance.

Popular offerings include Edible Innovations: The Science Behind Sustainable Eating, Entrepreneurial Storytelling and Branding: Crafting a Strong Business Identity in India, Biomimicry – Nature-Inspired Design Thinking and Innovation, and Creative Coding: Exploring Art, Interaction, and Data, among others.

School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' pedagogy emphasises integration across disciplines, develops conversations that foster a collaborative world. Every course is designed with society at its centre to facilitate an academic view of the world they live in. We believe that humanities are more than theories discussed in classrooms, they are a record of lived realities across time that demand scholarship.

At Chanakya, art, literature, history, and culture are more than subjects; they are lenses to understand humanity. For Chanakya's School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, education in the humanities is about becoming deeply aware, empathetic, and thoughtful.

In a world divided into silos and echo chambers, we prepare students to see beyond boundaries, value diversity, critique without judgment, and reflect critically on their own perspectives. Humanities, to us, is not a specialization but a way to shape social leaders with integrity and purpose for a better society.

UG Programmes

B.A. (Hons.)

- with Civil Services Examination Preparation (C.S.E.P.)

B.A. (Hons.)

- Economics
- Political Science and International Relations

B.Sc. (Hons.)

- Psychology



PG Programmes

M.Sc. Psychology

- with Civil Services Examination Preparation (C.S.E.P.)

M.A.

- Economics

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

- Community Development
- Human Resources Management
- Medical and Psychiatric Social Work

Fellowship

Chanakya Fellowship in Social Sciences (CFSS)

- 1 year residential P.G. Diploma in Social Sciences

School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy

The School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy understands law and policy as tools to serve society. Our students gain a strong foundation in legal principles, governance systems, and public policy going beyond classrooms and case laws.

We incorporate a spirit of public service into everything we teach because lawyers, Jurists and policymakers are shaped by empathy and integrity as reflected in the Indic adage, 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam', the earth is one family. Our students go beyond interpreting the law or writing policies by advocating for justice, give voice to those unheard, and work on challenges that define our time—from human rights and climate change to ethics in technology. They internalise their duty to serve society as they would their families.

The School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy is guided by the conviction that knowledge must drive meaningful change. Our students do not simply pursue titles, they are moulded to become leaders who draft laws, shape policy, and act for the collective well-being of society.

UG Programmes

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

- 5 year integrated Undergraduate

BBA., LL.B. (Hons.)

- 5 year integrated Undergraduate

PG Programmes

L.L.M

- Business and Commercial Law

M.A.

- Public Policy

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

- Community Development
- Human Resources Management
- Medical and Psychiatric Social Work



School of Management Sciences

Management is often thought of as simply building businesses and becoming leaders. At the School of Management Sciences, education in management is about building leaders who understand people, society, and purpose. We believe true intelligence is about seeing beyond domains in addition to mastering them. Our students specialize in the core disciplines of finance, marketing, entrepreneurship, and strategy, but we take a step further by bringing ethics, philosophy, and the humanities into our classrooms, because leadership must blend with perspective.

We want our graduates to be more than managers. We prepare them to be innovators, entrepreneurs and decision-makers who act with integrity. Management science is integrated with Sociology, Psychology and , Philosophy to facilitate empathy, emotional intelligence and ethical perspectives. Every student gains the tools and insights to succeed in the workplace and the wisdom to create value for the world.

The School of Management Sciences is a space where business education meets cultural insight and human understanding. We prepare students to start ventures, lead organizations, and solve problems with a sense of responsibility, and are brought up as leaders-in-the-making who shall build a better society.



UG Programmes

B.Com. (Hons.)

- Accounting and Taxation
- Accounting and Taxation - Professional Track (For CA Aspirants)
- Digital Banking and Finance

B.B.A. (Hons.)

- Business Analytics
- Digital Enterprise Management
- International Business
- Service Management
- Start-up and Business Innovation

PG Programmes

M.B.A.

- Business Analytics and Consulting
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Marketing

School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

At the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, we go beyond teaching formulae and experiments, to understand the world and to serve it. With a strong foundation in their core subjects, we nurture them beyond gaining technical mastery by combining the ethos of liberal arts, as we believe great science comes from seeing the bigger picture.

We nurture curious minds that ask the right questions, connect the dots and innovate with integrity. Research here is pursued for the greater good instead of individual prestige and is driven by an unsatiable thirst to solve social problems and create change that pushes humanity forward.

The School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences is a place where curiosity drives discovery, guided by a purpose. By combining science with a deep understanding of people and culture, we prepare students to create knowledge that matters and advances humanity for the better.



B.Sc. (Hons.)

B.Sc. (Hons.)

- Chemistry

PG Programmes

M.Sc.

- Data Science

School of Engineering

Engineering is an attitude of problem solving. The School of Engineering believes that engineering must go beyond machines and codes to build responsible solutions for society. Therefore, we weave ethics, philosophy, and the humanities into our programs. Our students learn to think systematically, see problems in context, and design with genuine empathy.

Our methodology is precise: master first principles, develop second-order thinking, and build with unwavering purpose. The intellectual rigor, combined with deep technical mastery, produces leaders who transform industries while elevating society. Innovation springs from laboratories, but it flourishes through understanding society's deepest struggles and highest aspirations. A robust foundation in engineering, creates solutions that improves life for all.

At the School of Engineering, technical ambition meets cultural wisdom. We are shaping people who will lead by example and innovate with ethics.

UG Programmes

B.Tech

- Computer Science Engineering
- Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Electronics Engineering (VLSI and Embedded Systems)
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Civil, Construction, and Sustainability Engineering
- Biotechnology and Bioengineering

B.C.A. (Hons.)

- Data Science
- Software Engineering

PG Programmes

M.C.A.

- M.C.A.
- Data Science
- Cyber Security
- Software Engineering and Management



School of Biosciences

Chanakya University's School of Biosciences is built for the future. Our students train with world-class faculty, delving into life's details while shaping skills that go past textbooks and labs. For us, biosciences go beyond studying life and they are about understanding it to make the world better. We ask the deeper question about the mutual impact of humans and the world on each other to foster harmony.

Our students get the full spectrum: strong basics, advanced research, and, most of all, open minds from blending science with the humanities. This approach makes them sharp researchers along with thoughtful people ready to make life better for everyone. We teach the science, yet we never lose sight of society.

At the School of Biosciences, research matters and meets the larger questions of life and impact. We combine Science, Technology, Computing and Society to realize the vision of health and harmony for all.

B.Sc. (Hons.)

B.Sc. (Hons.)

- Biotechnology

PG Programmes

M.Sc.

- Biotechnology and Bioinformatics



Research at Chanakya

The overall research thrust of Chanakya University is inspired by the purpose of the University – ‘creating knowledge and transformative leaders for holistic development’¹ . The Liberal Education Framework adopted by Chanakya University finds its roots in the National Education Policy 2020, that purports building character, ethical values, intellectual curiosity, and spirit of service as the pathway to a learned nation. This requires the institution to gain knowledge from Indian Knowledge Systems, adapt and contextualize them to the current and future concerns of India through the systematic and rigorous pursuit of Research.

₹20Cr+

Funding received for research projects

₹30Lkh+

Research funded by Chanakya University

62 Research Papers

40 Op-eds and other online

09 Books published

22 Book Chapters

25 Ongoing Research

Key Focus Areas

Sustainability

Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation & application of IKS to ensure sustainability

Bharatiya Jurisprudence

Nyayashastra, Dharmashastra, and philosophy of jurisprudence and Human Rights with Special reference to Indian context

Bharatiya Management

Indian Ethos based management principles and integrating traditions with modern practices

Sustainable Economic

Focusing on local and contextual solutions to global economic concerns

Education

Indian Educational Thoughts and philosophy, methods in traditional education

International Relations

Focusing on India’s perspective on emerging priorities

Public Health and Wellness

Including biomedical, social, legal and managerial dimensions of public health

Centres of Excellence

Centre for Integral Economics

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Centre for Integrated Public Health

The Centre for Integrated Public Health aims to create knowledge and policies that make health and well-being accessible to all. We work closely with communities to understand their needs, raise awareness about healthy living, and design interventions that make a difference.

CIPH works across areas including health policy, nutrition, mental health, public health genomics, and local health practices to bring equity in healthcare. The Centre endeavours to develop low-cost, scalable interventions, inform policy, and build sustainable health systems that respond to real-world challenges.

By bridging disciplines, sectors, and traditions, CIPH aims to transform public health in India, making it more inclusive and effective. By integrating knowledge, action, and impact, the Centre for Integrated Public Health is shaping a future where every individual has the opportunity to live healthier, fuller lives

Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems

The Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems reflects our commitment to integrating timeless wisdom, spanning empirical sciences, philosophy, jurisprudence, and linguistics, with contemporary inquiry and innovation. At Chanakya University, we envision a world where India’s knowledge traditions guide thinking, learning, and action.

With a four-fold objective of Parichaya-Asmita-Vidwatta-Pariharopaya, the Indian Knowledge traditions are being explored as Knowledge, Practices and Perspectives by a team of acclaimed scholars.

The Centre is envisioned as a hub for scholars, practitioners, and institutions to collaborate, exchange ideas, and translate India’s intellectual legacy into practical solutions for today’s challenges. The Indian Knowledge Systems is a living resource that strengthens education, enriches culture, and drives thoughtful leadership. Chanakya invites partners who share this vision to help us create a Centre where heritage meets modernity and knowledge becomes a force for social good.

Centre for Social Impact

The Centre extends the scope of social engagement by blending global perspectives with local relevance. Its work emphasizes sustainable community development, equity, and empowerment, preparing students and researchers to design solutions that address both immediate challenges and long-term transformation.

At the Centre for Social Impact, learning is sharpened through innovation and guided by the purpose of building an equitable world.

Centre for Study of Indian Languages

The Centre for the Study of Indian Languages is dedicated to exploring the deep connections between India's languages, culture, and thought. We see language as more than words, it is a record of ideas, values, and ways of life shaped over centuries. Our work focuses on uncovering and preserving this heritage, making it a living resource for the future. We aim to become the leading hub for Indian language studies, where ideas are not just preserved but transformed into tools for education, policy, and innovation.

India's languages hold centuries of wisdom, history, and cultural memory. Yet much of this knowledge remains scattered, inaccessible, or at risk of being forgotten. The Centre for the Study of Indian Languages at Chanakya University was created to change this. Our goal is to make India's linguistic heritage a living resource—digitized, researched, and reinterpreted for the world. This work is not only cultural; it is strategic. A strong understanding of language and thought gives a people depth, resilience, and identity. At Chanakya, we invite collaborators to join us in shaping this knowledge ecosystem for India and beyond.

Centre for Sustainability

The Centre for Sustainability is built to bring ideas, research, and policy into harmony with people and the environment. Aligned with over 10 UN Sustainable Development Goals, we believe that solutions can be found for today's global sustainability concerns in indigenous knowledge and civilizational practices, combined with modern science.

Hence, the Centre for Sustainability at Chanakya University is driven with a clear purpose: to create knowledge that serves life. We focus on research that connects with action and turns learning into solutions for real-world challenges.

The Centre brings together scholars, industry leaders, and communities to build models that work and influence policy.

The Centre for Sustainability aims to be a living example of what responsible knowledge creation looks like: deeply rooted, globally relevant, and built to last.

Centre for Conscious Entrepreneurship

The Centre for Conscious Entrepreneurship is a space where ideas grow, businesses take shape, and ethical, purpose-driven leadership is nurtured. We see entrepreneurship as a positive force for society. Our aim is to build an ecosystem where entrepreneurship thrives to create knowledge and share wealth. We build collaborations between academia and industry to create ventures that matter and inform policy and research to strengthen the spirit and legacy of entrepreneurship in India.

The Centre fosters innovation in agriculture, renewable energy, handicrafts, rural tourism, healthcare, and other sectors that uplift communities. We support students and aspiring entrepreneurs with resources, mentorship, and real-world experiences to test and launch ventures that create social, environmental, and economic impact.

Research Chairs

Subhas Chandra Bose Chair on International Relations

At Chanakya University, the Subhas Chandra Bose Chair is set to rethink how India engages with the world. It is a hub for research, debate, and learning that connects India's strategic heritage with the realities of today's global challenges. The Chair focuses on generating knowledge that matters by conducting research that informs policy and strengthens international relations.

The spirit of productive collaboration is at the core of the Chair. It brings together researchers, institutions, and thinkers to create a network that drives innovative ideas and actionable research. The Chair is actively creating knowledge that strengthens India's voice and impact on the world stage. Anchored in India's rich strategic traditions yet open to global perspectives, it aims to set a new standard in international relations scholarship.

Dr Ramdas Pai Chair on Education

The Dr Ramdas Pai Chair at Chanakya University is dedicated to rethinking education for India and the world, blending the wisdom of Indian traditions with contemporary insights to create ideas and practices that matter.

The Chair explores how education can nurture human values, freedom, equality, and social justice while connecting learning to real social realities. Through research, dialogue, and collaboration, the Chair aims to bridge the gap between classrooms and society, helping scholars engage deeply with the complexities of the world around them.

The Chair's mission is to shape thinkers, educators, and leaders who can carry India's intellectual heritage into the modern world contributing to nation-building with purpose and integrity.



Diversity on
Campus

At Chanakya University, diversity isn't just welcomed, it's celebrated. Our vibrant campus brings together students from different cultures, backgrounds, and traditions, creating a dynamic learning environment where every voice matters. We are committed to fostering an inclusive community that prepares students for success in an interconnected world.

Chanakya boasts a diverse, yet, inclusive campus. Our student body represents all Indian states, all minority religions, all scheduled languages all the while maintaining a blend of urban and rural geographical areas.

Geographical Representation



Students from all 28 Indian States

Gender Diversity



57% Male
43% Female

Family income of students

₹5 Lakhs

57% students with annual family income of <₹5Lakhs & 80% students with annual family income of <₹10Lakhs

Students Body Background

53%

Students come from Aspirational sections.
28% - Agricultural background
25% - Small Businesses

Faculty

As an institution, Chanakya brings together exceptional Researcher-Teachers, as faculty who are mentors as much as teachers, guiding students to think deeply and grow with confidence. Their expertise spans disciplines, blending academic rigor with real-world insight. With their support, students are prepared to lead, create, and serve society. A glimpse of the excellence teaching staff bring to Chanakya is presented below.

Faculty to student Ratio

1:3

145 Faculty (95 full time).
To support wide range of Courses and mentorship

Faculty Profile

145 Total Faculty

48% Globally Trained Faculty

51 Visiting Faculty

40% Faculty with 10+ year of Experience

65% PhD Holders

30% Faculty with Industry Experience

Faculties in each School

36%

School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

14%

School of Management Sciences

20%

School of Engineering

9%

School of Law, Governance, and Public Policy

12%

School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

9%

School of Biosciences



Scholarship and Financial Assistance

We believe every deserving student should access quality higher education, regardless of financial background. Through the Chanakya Merit cum Means Scholarship, we support students who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need.

As a philanthropic institution, our generous supporters trust us to prioritize student education and welfare above all else. No qualified student is turned away simply due to financial constraints. We're committed to ensuring that talent and determination, beyond economic circumstances, define educational opportunities at Chanakya University.

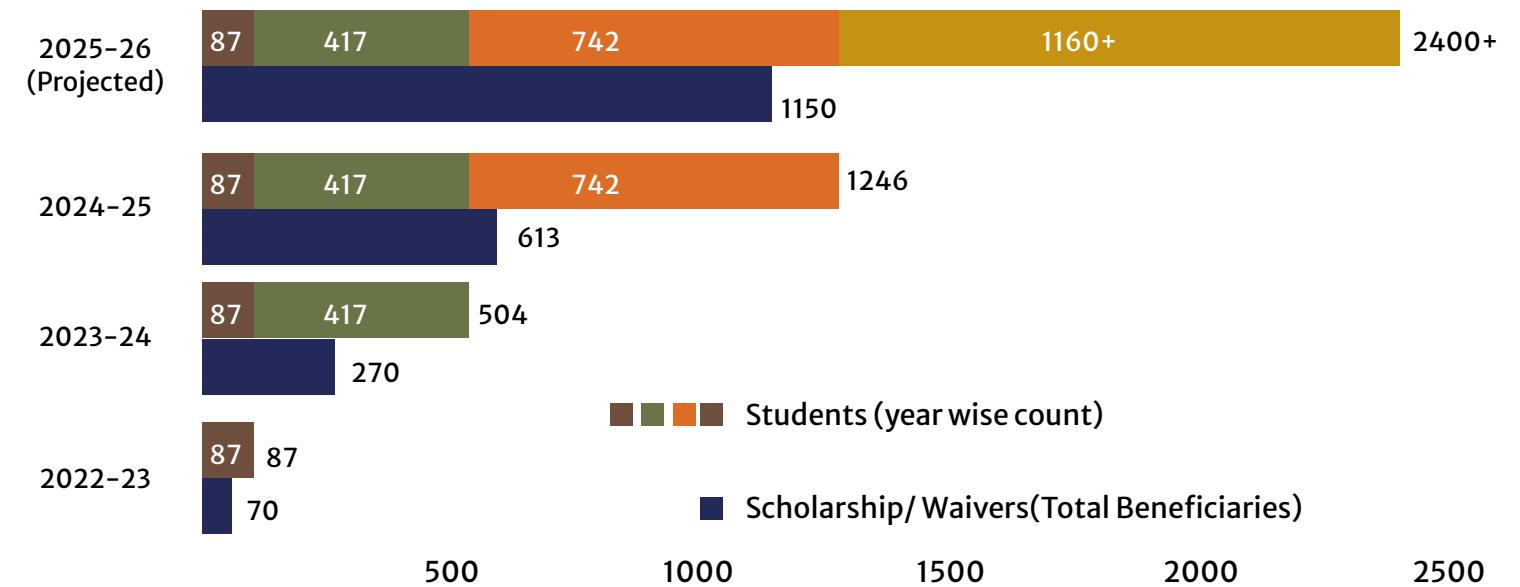
Students receiving scholarship and financial aid

Academic Year	No. of Male Students	No. of Female Students	No. of Students
2022-23	36	34	70
2023-24	156	114	270
2024-25	143	130	273
Total	335	278	613

Scholarships given to STEM, and Humanities and social sciences

Academic Year	STEM	Humanities and social sciences
2022-23	30	40
2023-24	70	200
2024-25	114	159
Total	214	399
In Percentage	35%	65%

Our Impact: Growing Student Strength & Scholarship support

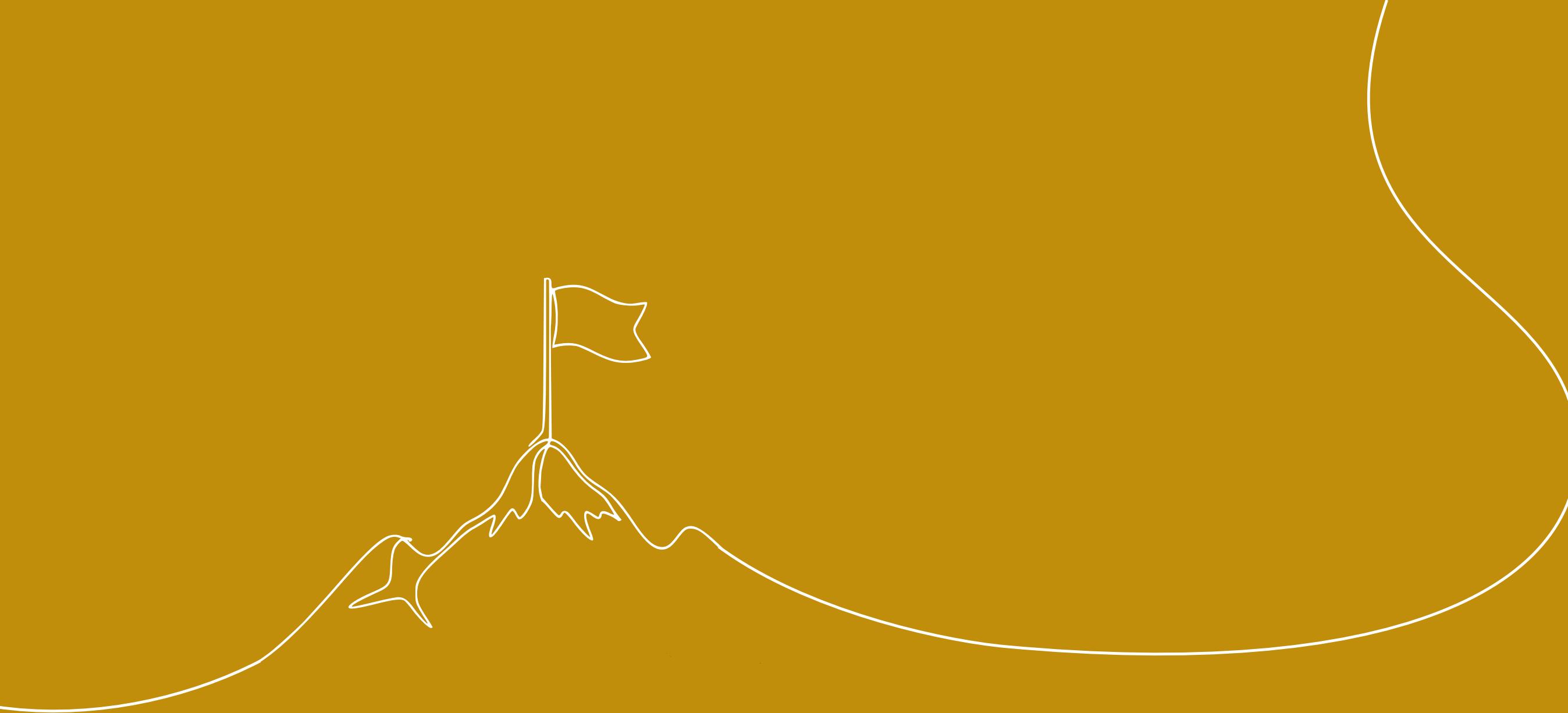


Driving Affordability

49% of the total students Received Scholarships And waivers

Scholarships and waivers

₹5.25Cr+ Disbursed as scholarships and Fee waivers between 2022 to 2025



Milestones
2024-25



Deekshanta Samarambha

the First Convocation Ceremony – The Deekshanta Samarambha '2025, the University's first convocation, held on January 20, 2025, was a momentous occasion graced by Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi. The ceremony celebrated the pursuit of academic excellence while reflecting the rich heritage and academic tradition of India.

Commencement of the School of Engineering

A historic milestone was marked with the grand inauguration of the school of Engineering on 28th October 2024. The event celebrated a new beginning in technical education and was graced by Prof Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Dept of Science and Technology., Govt of India, Dr. S. Somanath Chairman, ISRO and Prof Mahesh Panchagnula, Professor, IIT Madras and other eminent Personalities.



Introduction of Studio Courses

Chanakya Studios, a pioneering initiative in learning from ideation to application, was launched at the University to provide students with hand-on experience in various creative and technical field, with a continuous guidance by teacher and learning by experience.



HR Conclave

The HR Conclave held on February 28 2025, in collaboration with the NHRD Bangalore Chapter, brought together thought leaders from 109 companies, with 155 HR professionals and domain experts. The event focused on the rapidly evolving world of work shaped by technological advancements, particularly artificial intelligence. It served as a platform for sharing insights and envisioning the future of work.



First National Moot Court Competition

Chanakya University achieved a significant milestone with the successful inauguration of its first National Moot Court Competition, which hosted 24 teams from premier institutions across the country. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.M. Shyam Prasad, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka and was graced by Hon'ble Justice Bhatti, Judge of the Supreme Court of India..



Dr. S Somanath as The Chancellor of Chanakya University

In a landmark moment of University Dr. S. Somanath, renowned scientist, visionary leader, and former Chairman of ISRO formally assumed office as the Chancellor of the University on 12th June 2025.

Appointment of Ombudsman

Prof. Harish Ramaswamy, founding Vice-Chancellor of Raichur University and former Professor of Political Science at Karnataka University, Dharwad, has been appointed as the Ombudsman. With extensive academic and administrative experience, he brings deep expertise in higher education, policy, and governance to this role.

Reconstitution of Board of Governors

Chanakya University proudly announces the reconstitution of its Board of Governors in accordance with the provisions of the CU Act, 2021. This marks a significant milestone, bringing together some of India's most distinguished leaders from academia, industry, policy, and governance. The newly constituted Board will be chaired by Dr. S. Somanath, the Chancellor.

Constitution of the Court

The Court of Chanakya University, was constituted as per section 25 of the Chanakya University Act 2021. We are honoured to have Dr. K Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman of ISRO and a distinguished scientist of global repute, as a chairperson of the First Court.

Re-constitution of International Advisory Council

Chanakya University has reconstituted its International Advisory Council to strengthen its global vision and academic excellence. The council is chaired by Prof. P. Balaram, Former Director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. It provides strategic guidance to align the University with international standards in education, research, and innovation.

Establishment of Centres of Excellence

In the past year, Chanakya University has established new Centres of Excellence, further strengthening its commitment to cutting-edge research, innovation, and academic leadership.

MoUs with Universities of Global Repute

Chanakya University has signed 7 MoUs with universities of global repute—University of Texas Arlington, Ritsumeikan University (Japan), Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, University of Hamburg, University of Florida, Hof University, and Hans Seidel Stiftung—to promote academic excellence and international collaboration. These agreements enable student and faculty exchanges, joint research initiatives, curriculum development, and cultural partnerships, greatly expanding opportunities for cross-border learning and innovation at Chanakya University.



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Distinguished Lecture Series

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Workshops, seminars, and symposium

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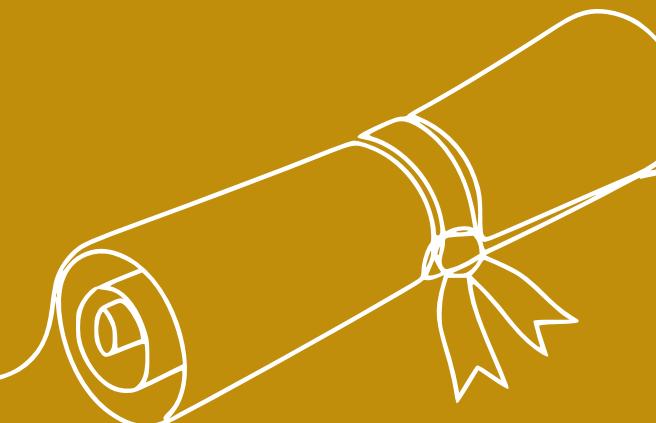
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Collaboration and MoU

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Talks





Deekshantha Samarambha
The First Convocation

Chanakya University marked a milestone earlier this year as its first batch graduated ready to make their mark in the world. Noble laureate Sri Kailash Satyarthi graced our campus with his presence. In his keynote, he urged the graduating batch to become kind and compassionate leaders, to transform the world for the better good.

A Total of 31 students graduated across four schools, represented in the table below.

School	Degree	No. of Students
Management Sciences	M.Com.	7
Mathematics and Natural Sciences	M.Sc. Data Science	4
Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	M.Sc. Psychology	5
Law, Governance, and Public Policy	Post Graduate Diploma	15





Sports Achievements

The academic year 2024–25 has been a landmark year for the Division of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, marked by outstanding student participation, enthusiastic organizing, and inspiring representation at intra-university, inter-university, and state-level tournaments.

The calendar culminated with the 3rd Annual Sports Day on 16th May 2025, celebrating the remarkable achievements of our student-athletes. From August 2024 to April 2025, our students actively participated in more than 25 inter-collegiate, university, district, and open-level competitions, representing Chanakya University with pride.

Inter-University Representation

Chanakya University created a strong presence at South Zone and All India Inter-University Championships.

Sport / Category	Event	Venue	Participants
Table Tennis (Men)	South Zone Inter-University Championship	VIT, Vellore, TN	Supreeth, Anirudh, Nishchal, Nikhil S
Table Tennis (Women)	South Zone Inter-University Championship	AMET University, Chennai	Chukki, Madhushree, Bhavana
Shooting (Men)	All India Inter-University Championship	University of Punjab, Chandigarh	Deekshanshu Sheel
Volleyball (Men)	South Zone Inter-University Championship	University of Kerala, Trivandrum	Group Event
Cricket (Men)	South Zone Inter-University Championship	Anna University, Chennai	Group Event
Basketball (Men)	South Zone Inter-University Championship	Christ University, Bangalore	Group Event

Invitational Highlights

Karnataka Youth Sports Festival

At the Karnataka Youth Sports Festival, our athletes won 4 Gold, 5 Silver, and 7 Bronze medals across table tennis, badminton, yoga, and athletics.

Yuva Dasara – Open U21 Athletics Meet

- Gold: Bindu M (1500m)
- Gold: Mitreyi (Shot Put)
- Silver: Varshini K.M. (400m)
- Finalists: Kusuma (400m), Digambari (Long Jump)

Transcend Group of Institutions

Table Tennis Team secured 3rd Place

Rukmini Shyama Raju Memorial Cup

Football (Men) & Kabaddi (Men) reached Quarter Finals

Open & Local Events

Event	Venue / Organizer	Performance
Badminton Open Tournament (Mar 2025)	JK Badminton Academy	Winner: Sanath K (Singles) Runner-Up: Sanath & Mirthi Vinayak (Doubles)
Powerlifting (Apr 2025)	Rock Fit Classic, Bangalore	2nd Place: Monitha Swamy

Open & Local Events

In line with the Sports for All Initiative, vibrant intra-university competitions were held to encourage broad-based student participation:

- Dodge the Ball – 11 Teams (110 Students)
- 13 Passes – 10 Teams (130 Students)

These events enhanced campus vibrancy, promoted fitness, and fostered a culture of inclusivity in sports.





Community
Engagement

Chanakya University is deeply rooted in serving communities, making engagement a part of learning and research. Students and faculty work closely with local communities, bringing real-world understanding into classrooms and projects. Every initiative is shaped with a sense of responsibility, aiming for meaningful impact beyond campus walls. From cleaning lakes to promoting sports and raising awareness about voting, Chanakya's focus on social responsibility is exemplary.

Some such community-centric events are

- Psycho-Social Survey of Village
- Learn 2 Learn: Empowering education, Enriching lives
- Lake Development
- School transformation project
- Election Commission of India (ECI)
- Lok Sabha Voting Awareness Program
- Village and Kalyani Cleaning Campaign
- Raita siri
- World Environment Day in Local schools and community
- Taluk Kridoshava





Chanakya in Media



World-Class
Infrastructure





Reducing carbon footprint
More than 30% of our campus is covered with trees, enhancing biodiversity and serving as a carbon sink, leading to an estimated 80% carbon reduction.



Towards net zero waste
95% of Inorganic waste is diverted from landfills and 100% of onsite organic waste conversion through sustainable and technological methods



Water-wise
Daily collection and recharge of water address more than 90% of the total water demand, showcasing an effective approach to water management and resource utilization.



Energy efficient
The Energy Performance Index (EPI) stands at 35 kWh per square meter per annum, with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems meeting over 60% of the energy demand.

Infrastructure as Inspirational Learning Spaces

Conserving Nature, Co-creating Culture.

Monuments and Spaces that are endorsed by global environmental standards and India's natural heritage.



Classroom



Moot Court



Bioscience Lab



Student Residences



Student Residences: Room



Cricket Ground



Auditorium



Food Court



Library



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