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VISION

To emerge as a distinguished centre of education that imparts holistic and transformative learning.

MISSION

- *To develop transformational leaders in technology, research, and innovation through integrated education designed to address societal challenges.*
- *To disseminate knowledge by fostering an inclusive, academically enriching environment that remains accessible and affordable.*
- *To nurture holistic development by imparting value-based education rooted in humanity, integrity, ethics, and sustainability.*

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Institutional Activities / Achievements

Mechanical Engineering Department Receives NBA Accreditation



The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, has been awarded National Board of

Accreditation (NBA) accreditation for a period of three years, effective from the academic year 2025–26.

The NBA, the highest autonomous body under the Government of India, evaluates the qualitative competence of technical programs across the country. The accreditation was granted after a rigorous evaluation by the NBA expert team, which assessed the department's academic processes, faculty qualifications, infrastructure, student outcomes, research activities, and industry collaborations.

This prestigious recognition underscores the department's commitment to excellence in engineering education and continuous quality improvement. It enhances the credibility of the program, improves employment prospects for graduates, ensures eligibility for government funding, and opens greater opportunities for international collaboration.

SSVMEI and NITTE Group Sign MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration

Shri Sode Vadiraja Matha Educational Institutions (SSVMEI), Bantakal, Udupi, and NITTE (Deemed to be University), Deralakatte, Mangalore, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 29 July 2025 at NITTE campus, marking the beginning of a transformative partnership in academics, research, and entrepreneurship.

The MoU paves the way for joint research initiatives, intellectual property collaboration, student and faculty exchange programs, hackathons, internships, and co-guided postgraduate and Ph.D. research. Both institutions will share laboratory facilities, organize conferences and workshops, and jointly develop interdisciplinary academic programs and value-added courses to meet emerging industry demands.

The ceremony was graced by Shri Rathnakumar,



Secretary of Sode Group; Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SSVMEI; Prof. M. S. Moodithaya, Vice Chancellor of NITTE; Dr. Harsha N. Halahalli, Registrar of NITTE; Dr. Bharath K. Bhat (SMVITM); and Dr. Vijeesh V (NMAMIT). Leaders from both institutions emphasized that this alliance will drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance global competitiveness, reinforcing the deep-rooted connection between SSVMEI and NITTE.

SMVITM Signs Transformational MoU with BE Practical to Shape Future-Ready Engineers



In a bold stride toward academic excellence and career readiness, Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BE Practical, a Bengaluru-based leader in skill development and industry-integrated training, on 30 July 2025.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Shri Sode Vadiraja Matha Educational Institutions, and Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean (Academics) and In-Charge Principal, SMVITM. Representing BE Practical were Mr. Harish Kumar, Director, and Mr. Adarsh, Associate Manager.

The event witnessed active participation from all Deans, Heads of Departments, and Training & Placement Officers, underscoring strong institutional support. This strategic partnership aims to integrate real-world skills, digital learning platforms, and corporate engagement into the academic journey of engineering students, empowering them with future-ready competencies.

Prof. Dr. Aithal emphasized, "We must work with the singular focus of excelling in student betterment — that is the ultimate goal of this initiative."

FDP on Smart Teaching and Quality Learning



The IQAC, in association with the ISTE Faculty Chapter of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, organized a five-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Smart Teaching and Quality Learning: OBE Practices and Artificial Intelligence in Education”. The program was inaugurated on 30 July 2025 at the institute premises, with active participation from SMVITM faculty members.

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. K. S. Sowmiya Rani, who inspired participants to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, setting an engaging tone with her keynote address. Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, In-charge Principal and Dean Academics, emphasized the importance of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) for enhancing teaching skills and highlighted the growing influence of AI across domains.

In his presidential remarks, Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Shri Sode Group of Institutions, encouraged faculty to approach the FDP with positivity and curiosity, aiming for personal growth and professional excellence.

79th Independence Day Celebration

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management in association with Niraamaya Institute of Health Sciences, celebrated the 79th Independence Day of India with great fervour and patriotic spirit on 15 August 2025 at the college premises.

The event was graced by Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt Educational Institutions, who delivered the Independence Day message, reflecting on India’s journey since independence and urging students and faculty to contribute actively to nation-building.

The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag, parade, and ceremonial salutes. A motivational speech by JUO Arpita Thantry, RDC participant,



inspired the gathering with her words on duty, discipline, and patriotism.

Dignitaries including Dr. Naveen M. Ballal, Mrs. Roshani Rodrigues, Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, and Mr. B. Shivashankar Pai added significance to the occasion. Patriotic group singing and poster-making competitions enriched the program, while NCC cadets played a key role in coordinating the parade and flag ceremony.

The celebration was a true reflection of unity, patriotism, and commitment to national values.

Inauguration of Mi-TiE – Madhwa Incubator for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management proudly inaugurated Mi-TiE – Madhwa Incubator for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, a unit of the Sode Vadiraja Foundation (SVF), on 20 August 2025 at the SMVITM campus.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Sri Rathnakumar, Chairman of the Board of Management, Mi-TiE, and Secretary of SSVMET, Udupi, in the presence of board members, principals, coordinators, faculty, and students. The program was compered by Ms. Sowmya Bhat, Asst. Professor, Dept. of ECE.

Mi-TiE, registered under SVF as a Section 8 company, aims to nurture start-ups and translate research into scalable businesses. It offers prototyping grants, mentorship, infrastructure support, and accelerator programs, focusing on ventures with economic viability and social impact.



Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group, announced that a 5000 sq. ft. incubation centre will be ready by early next year. A healthcare product demonstration by SMVITM students, guided by Prof. Chandrashekar Kuthyar, showcased the incubator's potential.

The inauguration marked a new chapter in fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology-driven growth in the region.

SSVMEI Signs MoU with MAHE



Shri Sode Vadiraja Matha Educational Institutions (SSVMEI), Bantakal, Udupi, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22 August 2025 at MAHE, Manipal, marking the beginning of a dynamic partnership in academics, research, and entrepreneurship.

The MoU paves the way for joint research initiatives, intellectual property collaboration, student and faculty exchange programs, hackathons, internships, and co-guided postgraduate and Ph.D. research. Both institutions will share laboratory facilities, organize conferences and workshops, and jointly develop interdisciplinary academic programs and value-added courses tailored to emerging industry needs.

The ceremony was graced by dignitaries including Shri Rathnakumar, Hon. Secretary of Sode Group; Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SSVMEI; Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, Principal of SMVITM; and senior leadership from MAHE including Dr. H. S. Ballal, Pro-Chancellor, and Dr. Narayan Sabhahit, Pro-Vice Chancellor.

This collaboration promises to redefine academic excellence, foster innovation, and empower students and faculty with global exposure and opportunities.

Donation of New School Buses to Innanje Institutions



Shri Sode Vadiraja Matha, Udupi, through the Shri Vishnumoorthy Hayavadana Swamy Education Society, has been committed to providing quality education to underprivileged students in Innanje, Kaup taluk, since 1943. Today, nearly 700 students from nursery to PUC study at the campus, largely from lower and middle-class families.

To support commuting students, the management has long provided eight buses at nominal charges. Responding to the growing need for additional transport facilities, Leapfrog Engineering Services Limited, Bengaluru, under its CSR initiative, generously donated two brand-new school buses worth Rs. 48 lakhs.

The keys were formally handed over on 8 September 2025 by senior officials of Leapfrog, including Ms. Priya Shaila P. Rao, to Sri P. Srinivasa Thantry (Correspondent) and Sri Rathnakumar (Secretary). The ceremony was graced by Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SODE Group of Institutions, and other dignitaries.

His Holiness Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji extended heartfelt appreciation to Leapfrog Engineering Services for their commendable support in strengthening educational opportunities for rural students.

Communication Skills and Soft Skills Workshop

The Department of Training & Placement in association with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, organized a one-day workshop on Communication Skills and Soft Skills on 9 September 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Admin Block.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Damodara Naral, Special Officer, VTU Extension Center, Mangalore, emphasized the importance of communication and interpersonal skills in shaping well-rounded engineering graduates. Presiding over the program, Dr. Sudarshan Rao, Dean (Quality Assurance), highlighted SMVITM's commitment to holistic student development.



Renowned resource persons Dr. Diwakar P (Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru) and Mr. Bhaskar Pai (Independent Consultant, Former CXO – GE South Asia) delivered sessions on verbal communication, emotional intelligence, professional etiquette, and workplace readiness. An orientation on Quiklrn, an adaptive learning platform, was conducted by Mr. Rajesh and Mr. Abhimanuya Verma. Faculty from various engineering colleges actively participated. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A and vote of thanks, marking a meaningful step toward enhancing employability and confidence among future engineers.

Inauguration of Hydraulics & Pneumatics Laboratory



The Department of Mechanical Engineering inaugurated its newly established Hydraulics & Pneumatics Laboratory on 27 September 2025, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Navarathri.

The laboratory was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions. The event was graced by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat (Dean – Academics), Dr. Sudarshan Rao K (Dean – Quality Assurance), Mr. Ananth Mohan Mallya (Lab In-charge), Mr. Nagaraj Kalathooru (Foreman), and Mr. Rajashankara (Technical Staff In-charge), along with faculty, staff, and final-year Mechanical Engineering students.

The new facility is expected to enhance hands-on learning and research in fluid power systems, equipping students with practical skills in hydraulics and pneumatics for industrial applications.

UGC Confers Autonomous Status to SMVITM, Bantakal

The institute which is a unit of the SODE Group of Institutions, has achieved a landmark milestone by being conferred Autonomous Status under VTU and receiving NBA Accreditation for all eligible programs. The University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, after evaluating the academic quality of the institute and upon recommendations from the Higher Education Council, Government of Karnataka and Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, granted SMVITM autonomous status for 10 years, effective from the academic year 2025–26.

Recently, SMVITM's undergraduate programs in Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering were accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). The institute also secured NAAC A Grade accreditation and was recognized in the NIRF Innovation Ranking (151–300 band) under Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Within just 15 years of establishment, SMVITM has emerged as the youngest institution in coastal Karnataka to achieve such prestigious recognitions. With autonomy, the institute can now design its own

curricula for UG and PG programs in alignment with NEP 2020 guidelines, oversee academic processes, and adopt innovative teaching–learning methods, while VTU continues to award degrees based on SMVITM's recommendations.

To further strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship, SMVITM has established the Madhwa Incubator for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Mi-TiE) under the Sode Vadiraja Foundation, a registered Section 8 company. Recognized by the Ministry of MSME as a Host Institute, Mi-TiE provides state-of-the-art infrastructure, skilled mentorship, and technical support to nurture start-ups and technology-driven enterprises.

The announcement was made during a press meet attended by Sri Rathnakumar (Secretary of the Trust), Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal (CEO, SODE Group), Sri Harish Belman (GC Member), and Dr. Thirumaleshwar Bhat (Principal, SMVITM). H.H. Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji of Shri Sode Vadiraja Matha conveyed his blessings, marking this achievement as a proud moment in SMVITM's journey toward excellence.



Orientation Program for First-Year B.E. Students at SMVITM



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, organized its Orientation Program for newly admitted B.E. students on 5 October 2025 at the institute premises. The program aimed to welcome the fresh batch of students and provide them with an overview of the institution's vision, facilities, and academic roadmap.

The ceremony was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by H. H. Shri Vishwavallaba Teertha Swamiji of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt, in the presence of the Chief Guest, Sri Prabhav N. Rao, MD, Leapfrog Services, Bengaluru. In his address, Sri Rao shared his entrepreneurial journey, motivating students to dream ambitiously and strive for success with perseverance and innovation.

In his presidential remarks, H. H. Shri Vishwavallaba Teertha Swamiji inspired students to focus on their chosen fields, excel in their careers, and make their parents, institution, and nation proud. Shri Rathnakumar, Secretary of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt

Education Trust, expressed gratitude to parents for their faith in the institution and assured them of the college's commitment to quality education.

Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, highlighted the institute's multi-dimensional growth and assured continuous support for students' holistic development. Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean Academics, elaborated on the facilities and academic framework available to help students excel. The program also featured the felicitation of the top three CET rank holders who joined SMVITM this year. Parents shared their expectations, adding a personal touch to the occasion.

The event was attended by dignitaries including Shri P. Srinivas Tantry, Vice-President of SSMET, and Sri Harish Belman, Hon'ble GC Member. Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, Principal, welcomed the gathering and highlighted institutional achievements. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Lolita Priya Castelino, HOD of Mathematics.

Leadership Training Program at SMVITM by M. R. Pai Foundation



The Counselling Cell in collaboration with the M. R. Pai Foundation and the Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai, organized a two-day Leadership Training Camp on 29–30 September 2025 for students of

Engineering, MBA, Nursing, and Allied Health.

Mrs. Gita Pai, Trustee of the M. R. Pai Foundation, was the Chief Guest, while Mrs. Swati Kapadia, CEO, served as Guest of Honour. Resource persons Mr. Sachin Kamath and Mr. Vivek Patki conducted interactive sessions on communication, goal-setting, habit formation, decision-making, teamwork, and self-confidence.

Principal Mr. Thirumaleshwar Bhat emphasized the importance of life and leadership skills beyond technical education. The valedictory function, graced by Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, saw students share reflections, many speaking in public for the first time.

Dr. Aithal lauded the initiative and announced that the program will be held annually, ensuring sustained leadership development among students.

Graduation Day 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management Bantakal, celebrated its 12th Graduation Day on 11 October 2025 with grandeur and inspiration. The ceremony marked a significant milestone for the graduating batch, blending academic recognition with motivational guidance from distinguished leaders.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Vidyashankar S, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of VTU Belagavi, inspired graduates to embrace responsibility and continuous learning in emerging fields such as AI, Quantum Computing, Biotech, and Semiconductors. He emphasized India's growing global position in advanced technologies and urged



students to upskill, innovate, and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The Guest of Honour, Shri Suyog Shetty, Co-Founder and CEO of Niveus Solutions, Mangaluru, shared insights from his entrepreneurial journey and collaboration with Google. Drawing on his 25 years of experience, he highlighted lessons of resilience, focus, and self-belief, encouraging graduates to actively seek opportunities and embrace failures as learning experiences.

Delivering the presidential address, H. H. Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji of Sode Vadiraja Matha urged students to cultivate a positive mindset, value their parents and teachers, and excel with humility and responsibility. Shri Rathnakumar, Secretary of SSMVT,



and Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SSMVT, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing values, innovation, and the institute's commitment to holistic student development.

The ceremony witnessed the felicitation of University Gold Medalists Mr. Pratham L. Kamath and Ms. Nidhi Prabhu K, along with branch toppers from AI&DS, AI&ML, Civil, CSE, ECE, and Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Ashwin and Dr. Nisha Reena Nazrath were honored for completing their doctoral degrees, while Mr. Prashant Shet of S. L. Shet Jewellerys was felicitated for sponsoring gold medals.

The program included the administration of the Graduation Oath by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, announcements of graduates by department heads, and a vote of thanks by Dr. Ravindra H. J. The event concluded with lunch, leaving graduates inspired to embark on their professional journeys with confidence and pride.



World Trauma Day



On the occasion of World Trauma Day (17 October 2025), the Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (KSC-ASI), Udupi City Branch, in association with the Extra-Curricular Cell of SMVITM, Bantakal, organized a program on "Road Traffic Accidents and Trauma Awareness."

The event aimed to sensitize students to the alarming rise in road traffic accidents and the importance of timely trauma care. Dr. K. Rajgopal Shenoy, Professor of Surgery, KMC Manipal, and Chairman of KSC-ASI, delivered an insightful address on preventive measures and responsible driving. Dr. Y. Sudarshan Rao, Consultant Surgeon, spoke on the adverse effects of reckless driving, while Dr. Suresh Shenoy, Orthopedic Surgeon, conducted a live demonstration on CPR in Trauma, emphasizing the need for immediate response during emergencies.

A Slogan Writing Competition on "Road Traffic Accidents" was also held, with winners were felicitated during the event. The observance concluded with a call for students to become responsible citizens and advocates of road safety.

MoU Signed Between SMVITM and Anmaya Technologies



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Anmaya Technologies, Udupi, on 14 October 2025.

This collaboration marks a significant step in fostering joint initiatives in VLSI design, semiconductor technology, and Verilog-based research and development. The partnership aims to bridge the gap

between academia and industry by promoting hands-on learning, project-based training, and exposure to real-time industrial practices.

Through this MoU, students will gain opportunities to work on VLSI and semiconductor projects, engage in research activities, and participate in skill development programs under the VLSI Club. Faculty members will benefit through joint research, knowledge exchange, and technical mentorship.

The event was graced by Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, along with Deans, faculty members, and Mr. N.J. Hariprasad, Founder of Anmaya Technologies. The MoU is expected to pave the way for innovation-driven activities and technical advancements, aligning with SMVITM's vision of nurturing industry-ready engineers.

Installation of Student Council and Association of Student Volunteers



The Student Council and the Association of Student Volunteers (ASV) were formally inaugurated on 15 October 2025.

The program was presided over by Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of the Sode Group of Institutions, with Dr. Nagaraj Bhat (Dean – Academics) and Dr. Deepika (Student Welfare Officer) present on the dais. The event began with the introduction of newly elected council members, followed by an oath-taking ceremony instilling responsibility and commitment. Ms. Akshatha Rao elaborated on the structure and objectives of ASV, which was formally inaugurated by Dr. Aithal.

Mr. Pranith Shetty, President of the Student Council, assured collaborative efforts in organizing technical, cultural, and sports events. In his address, Dr. Bhat emphasized unity and integrity in leadership, while Dr. Aithal encouraged students to channel their energy positively and announced new initiatives including the Student Activity Center, Incubation Center, and Center for Product Development.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Veerendra Nayari, General Secretary, and was smoothly compered by Ms. Sumayya Riaz.

Workshop for PU Educators



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, in association with the Udupi District Private Aided and Unaided PU College Principals' Association, hosted a one-day workshop titled "Inspiring Educators – Transforming Futures" on 28 October 2025. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from PU college principals and faculty members across the district.

The event was inaugurated by Sri Maruthi Malge, Deputy Director of Pre-University Education, Udupi, who emphasized the importance of empowering educators with AI and counselling tools. Dr. Dayananda Pai, President of the Association, recalled SMVITM's support during the Covid crisis, while Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SODE Group of Institutions, highlighted SMVITM's recent achievements.

Three thematic sessions were conducted: "Bridging Two Worlds – Teens & Teachers Together" by Ms. Lahari Vaidya and team; "Thriving Professional Fields – An Eye-opener" by Dr. Raghavendra K. Holla; and "AI in Education" by Mr. Arun Upadhyaya and team, offering hands-on exposure to AI-powered teaching tools.

The workshop successfully strengthened educator competencies in counselling, career guidance, and digital innovation.

Kannada Rajyothsava Celebrations



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, celebrated Kannada Rajyothsava on 1 November 2025 with great enthusiasm, highlighting the rich cultural heritage and linguistic pride of Karnataka.

As part of the celebration, several competitions were organized to encourage students to express their love for the Kannada language and culture. Events such as Maathina Minchu (Pick and Speak) and Kavanaanjali (Poetry Writing) witnessed active participation, showcasing students' creativity and oratory skills. Melodious Kannada songs rendered by students further added to the festive spirit, celebrating the glory and traditions of the state.

The program was graced by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean (Academics), and Dr. Sudarshan Rao, Dean (Quality Assurance), along with faculty members, staff, and students. Prizes were distributed to winners, and the event concluded with a strong sense of pride and unity among the SMVITM community.

SMVITM Hosts "HACKOTSAVA 2025" – National Level 30-Hour Hackathon



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management Bantakal, proudly hosted HACKOTSAVA 2025, a National Level 30-hour Hackathon, from 3–5 November 2025. The event brought together student

innovators from across the country to collaborate, compete, and create impactful solutions to real-world problems.

The inaugural ceremony on 3 November 2025 was graced by Mr. Wilson Fernandes, Founder of Fernandes Group, who served as Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, he urged participants to approach challenges with confidence and clarity, reminding them that failure is only a stepping stone to success. His words encouraged students to persist in their learning and innovation journeys.

The program was presided over by Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of SODE Group of Institutions, Udupi. In his presidential remarks, Dr. Aithal commended the dedication and teamwork of the student organizers, noting that hackathons foster innovation, collaboration, and problem-solving skills among young minds. The occasion was attended by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean (Academics), Mr. Chandrashekar Rao Kuthyar, Faculty In-charge, and Mr. Sumedh Navuda, Student Coordinator, along with faculty members and participants from institutions nationwide. The valedictory ceremony on 5 November 2025 marked the successful conclusion of the hackathon. Sri Ravishankar Nateshmurthy, Vice President of Technology at Neokred, Bengaluru, served as Chief Guest. He appreciated SMVITM for providing a platform for students to showcase their technical skills and advised them to gain expertise in their chosen fields to achieve greater heights in their careers.

Sri Rathnakumar, Secretary of SSMET, Udupi, in his presidential address, thanked the sponsoring companies for providing problem statements and mentoring students. He emphasized the importance of organizing such events as part of continuous improvement, reinforcing SMVITM's legacy of excellence as an academically autonomous institution within 15 years.

The hackathon witnessed outstanding performances. Team Code Forge from JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, won first place, securing a cash prize of 35,000 and a trophy for solving a problem statement from Be Practical Tech Solutions. Team Abra Code Abra from PA College of Engineering, Mangaluru, won second place, earning 25,000 and a trophy for their solution to Karmic Solutions. Teams Tech4Good, Neuratron, Sapiient Scholars, and Fullstack Alchemist were recognized for their innovative solutions to problem statements from Real Meta, SangamOne Connected Services, Kroolo, and Tetherfi respectively.

The program was compered by Ms. Sumayya Riaz and coordinated by Ms. Savitha Shenoy, Department of CSE. With enthusiastic participation and industry collaboration, Hackotsava 2025 reaffirmed SMVITM's commitment to nurturing innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit among students.

Parent-Teacher Meeting – Young Adulthood: A New Chapter in Parenting



A Parent-Teacher Meeting was held at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, on 8 November 2025, aimed at strengthening the relationship between parents, teachers, and students while discussing academic and personal development.

The session began with a welcome by Dr. Deepika, followed by Mrs. Lolita Pasiya Castelino, who introduced dignitaries including Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean of Academics, and Mrs. Soujanya Shetty, counselor at Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Hospital, Udupi.

Dr. Bhat emphasized the shared responsibility of parents and the institution in shaping students' futures, cautioning against shortcuts and stressing that success requires discipline and effort. Mrs. Soujanya Shetty delivered an insightful talk on "Young Adulthood: A New Chapter in Parenting," urging parents to foster open communication, supportive environments, and problem-solving skills while guiding children through challenges.

The meeting concluded by reaffirming the collaborative role of parents and teachers in ensuring students' holistic growth.

SMVITM Student Wins State-Level ISTE Award

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management proudly announced that Ms. Natasha Chrissane Lobo, a final-year student of Computer Science & Engineering, has been awarded the Prestigious Karnataka State Level Best Student of the Chapter Award for 2025.

She received the honor during the inaugural ceremony of the 21st Karnataka State Level ISTE Student Convention, held on 12 November 2025 at Yenepoya Institute of Technology, Moodabidri. The award recognizes her outstanding performance and active involvement in organizing events under the ISTE Student Chapter of the college.

This marks the ninth time an SMVITM student has



received this prestigious recognition, further strengthening the institute's legacy of excellence. The Management, Principal, faculty, staff, and students congratulated Ms. Lobo and expressed gratitude for her remarkable achievement.

Launch of Alar Center of Excellence at SMVITM



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management witnessed the launch of its first Center of Excellence, established by Alar Innovations Pvt. Ltd., on 22 November 2025. The initiative marks a significant step toward strengthening innovation and industry – academia collaboration.

The CoE was formally inaugurated by Shri Rathnakumar, Secretary, SSVMET, in the presence of Dr. Radhakrishna Aithal (CEO, Sode Group of Institutions), Dr. Nagaraj Bhat (Principal In-charge), Dr. Niranjana U C (Director, Manipal Dot Net), Dr. Shrihari Upadhyaya (Former CEO, MUTBI, Manipal), Ms. Tilottama Srinivas (Founder, Engyana Consultancy, Bengaluru), and Dr. Sachin S. Bhat (Founder & MD, Alar Innovations).

The Center of Excellence aims to foster hands-on research, prototype development, and mentorship-driven innovation. Leaders emphasized its role as a dedicated hub for students and researchers to address real-world technological challenges, echoing SMVITM's vision of empowering young engineers through innovation.

SMVITM Inaugurates AVISHKAR 2K25 A Science Fest for Young Minds



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, proudly organized AVISHKAR 2K25 – A Science Fest for Young Minds on 15 November 2025, envisioned as a platform to ignite curiosity, encourage experimentation, and promote interdisciplinary learning. The fest featured



exhibitions, competitions, and interactive sessions designed to engage students in hands-on scientific exploration.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri Prateek Bayal, I.A.S., CEO of Zilla Panchayat, Udupi, who inaugurated the fest and emphasized the transformative role of science and technology in shaping the future. Shri K. Jagadish Navada, Principal of Viveka PU College, Kota, served as Guest of Honour and highlighted the importance of inter-institutional collaboration in fostering scientific temperament. The program also witnessed the presence of Dr. Uday Shetty, Chief Planning Officer, and Shri Vijay Kumar, K.A.S., Project Director, Zilla Panchayat, Udupi, who commended SMVITM's initiative.

Shri Rathnakumar, Secretary of Shri Sode Vadiraja Mutt Education Trust, presided over the ceremony, encouraging students to utilize such platforms to

enrich their knowledge. The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 500 students and faculty across institutions. The program commenced with an invocation by Ms. Vindhya, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, In-charge Principal and Dean Academics. Smooth coordination was ensured by comperes Ms. Deepa D. Prabhu and Ms. Chirashree, while Dr. Subbulakshmi N. Karanth, Head of Chemistry and Convenor of Avishkar 2K25, delivered the vote of thanks.

Valedictory Ceremony

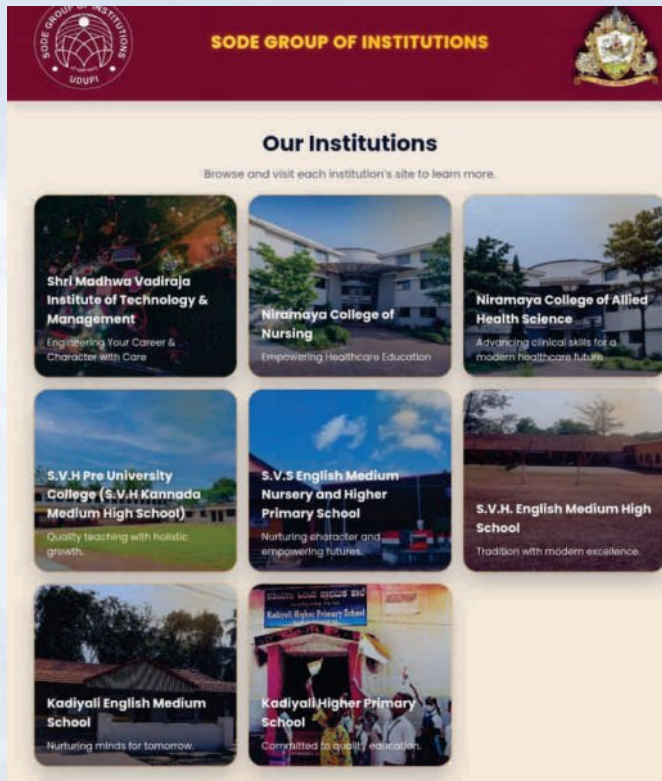
The valedictory ceremony on 17 November 2025 concluded the multi-day convention with grandeur. Dr. Ashoka Kamath, Principal and Deputy Director for School Education (Development), served as Chief Guest, thanking teachers for motivating students and emphasizing the role of such events in enriching creativity and enhancing thinking capacity. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Shri Sode Group, delivered presidential remarks, while Dr. Nagaraj Bhat inspired participants to pursue innovation with confidence. Convenor Dr. Subbulakshmi N. Karanth presented the detailed program report.

The competitions witnessed remarkable talent. In the PU College category, first prize in model competition went to Srajan & Prateesh (Viveka PU College, Kota), while Swapnil Seal (Jnanasudha PU College, Udupi) secured second place. Quiz winners included Aryan Farook, Mithil Ramesh, and Shriyan (St. Mary's English Medium School, Kannarpady). In the High School category, K. Praveer Raj & Nikshep U (SMS English Medium School, Brahmavar) won first prize in model competition, while quiz winners were Skanda Bhat K & Aneesh Bhat (NITK English Medium School, Surathkal). The fest concluded on a high note, celebrating innovation, creativity, and scientific spirit, and reaffirming SMVITM's commitment to nurturing young minds and building future-ready innovators.



Launch of Unified Website for Sode Group of Institutions

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, hosted the formal launch of the unified digital landing page – sode-edu.in on 21 November 2025. The ceremony was graced by H.H. Shri Vishwavallabha Theertha Swamiji, President of Sri Sode Vadiraja Mutt Education Trust and Head of Sode Group of Educational Institutions, Udupi.



The new platform marks a milestone in creating a collective digital identity for all institutions under the

Sode management, aligning with the vision of “SODE ONE.” Designed as a single online gateway, the website enables seamless navigation to individual institutional portals, enhancing discoverability, visibility, and branding while presenting a cohesive online presence. Reflecting the philosophy of “One Family, One Vision,” the unified webpage preserves the distinct character of each institution while offering stakeholders - students, parents, alumni, and faculty - easy access to academic programs, admissions, research initiatives, and facilities. A special heritage section narrates the inspiring journey of the Sode Group, tracing its evolution from a single residential school established in 1943 at Innanje to a family of seven institutions today, spanning nursery to engineering, management, and paramedical sciences.

The event was attended by Sri Rathnakumar, Secretary of the Trust, Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO, Governing Council Members Mr. Ramadas P, Dr. P. G. Diwakar, and Heads of all institutions under the group.

Incubation Awareness Programme



incubation processes. The event, coordinated by Sri Arvind D Baleri, witnessed active participation from faculty, students, and industry representatives, reinforcing the importance of innovation-driven entrepreneurship in academic institutions.

SMVITM in association with the District Industries Centre (DIC) Udupi, Karnataka Council for Technological Upgradation (KCTU), and TECSOK, organized an Incubation Awareness Programme on 2 December 2025 under the Government of India's RAMP scheme.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sachin Bhat, Dean (Research), and Dr. Sudarshan Rao, Dean (Academics), who emphasized design thinking. Presiding over the event, Mr. Seetharam Shetty, Deputy Director, DIC Udupi, highlighted government schemes for budding entrepreneurs, while Sri Sunder Sherigar, Joint Director, MSME Mangaluru, shared insights on financial assistance and MSME benefits. Interactive sessions were conducted by experts including Mr. R. K. Balachandra, Dr. Clavian Miranda, Dr. Sachin S. Bhat, and Mr. Ashik Shetty, focusing on idea validation, prototype development, and

Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and warmth. Students organized a variety of fun-filled games and activities for the faculty and staff, creating a lively atmosphere and making the occasion truly joyful and memorable.



Onam Celebration



Onam was joyfully celebrated in association with Niramaya Institute of Health Sciences, bringing together tradition and festivity on campus. A vibrant Pookalam competition filled the venue with color and creativity, enhancing the festive spirit. Students from NIHS beautifully depicted the legendary arrival of Mahabali, adding cultural richness and charm to the celebration.

Final Year Student Project Exhibition

The Co-curricular Committee and Hobby Project Club, in association with the ISTE Student Chapter and Institution's Innovation Council, organized the Final Year Student Project Exhibition on 5 December 2025. Projects were exhibited department-wise, showcasing innovation across diverse domains.

A total of 116 projects were displayed: 7 from Mechanical Engineering, 28 from Electronics & Communication Engineering, 2 from Civil Engineering, 49 from Computer Science & Engineering, 14 from Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, and 16 from Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning. Highlights included renewable energy systems, IoT-based solutions, AI-driven healthcare, blockchain applications, robotics, and sustainable construction materials.



Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Principal, visited the exhibition, interacted with students, and offered valuable suggestions. Faculty, HODs, and peers actively engaged with the exhibits. Two best projects from each department were recognized with cash prizes, making the event a successful showcase of student innovation.

New Principal Appointed at SMVITM

The SODE Group of Institutions, Udupi, has appointed Dr. Nagaraj Bhat as the new Principal of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management Bantakal, an autonomous institution affiliated to VTU, Belagavi.

Dr. Bhat has served SMVITM in several leadership roles over the past 11 years, including Professor, HoD of Computer Science & Engineering, and Dean (Academics). With 14 years of experience in teaching, research, and administration, he is recognized for his disciplined leadership, academic reforms, and student-centric



initiatives. He holds a Ph.D. in Weather Informatics from VTU and completed post-doctoral research at the University of Alabama, USA, with contributions to climate analytics, remote sensing, and environmental modelling.

The leadership transition ceremony on 28 November 2025 also saw Dr. Sudarshan Rao K appointed as Dean (Academics). The Management acknowledged the exceptional service of Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, who served as Principal for over a decade, shaping academic excellence and community engagement.

MoU with SDM College of Ayurveda

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SDM College of Ayurveda, Hospital & Research Centre, Udyavar, Udupi on 15 December 2025 to foster interdisciplinary collaboration between engineering and traditional healthcare systems.

The MoU focuses on technology-enabled healthcare solutions, software development, AI, data analytics, collaborative research, academic exchange, internships, and community health initiatives. It aims to integrate modern engineering expertise with Ayurvedic clinical knowledge to address contemporary healthcare challenges. Students of SMVITM will gain exposure to healthcare IT projects, while SDM faculty



and students will benefit from training in digital tools and technology-based systems.

The signing ceremony at SDM campus was attended by senior officials from both institutions, including Dr. Radhakrishna S Aithal, CEO, Sode Group of Institutions, Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Principal SMVITM, and Dr. Mamatha K V, Principal SDM College of Ayurveda, along with faculty and administrators.

Algorithm 2k25



A vibrant inter-class cultural fest organized by the Extra-Curricular Cell at the Open Air Auditorium, featuring 24 teams showcasing dance, music, drama, and creative performances on 28th November 2025.

Department/Club Activities

Five-Day FDP on Applied AI: MATLAB Based Deep Learning with Hardware Integration



The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management Bantakal, in association with CoreEL Technologies, Bengaluru, ISTE Chapter, and IEEE, inaugurated a five-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Applied AI: MATLAB Based Deep Learning with Hardware Integration” on 14 July 2025.

The inaugural ceremony began with a melodious invocation by Mr. Sachin Prabhu, Asst. Professor (Sr.), Dept. of ECE, followed by the traditional lamp lighting. Ms. Soundarya R, Asst. Professor, Dept. of CSE, introduced the resource person Mr. Rakshith B. S., Senior Application Engineer for MathWorks, CoreEL Technologies, Bengaluru, who delivered the inaugural address, sharing insights into advanced MATLAB techniques.

Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, Principal of SMVITM, delivered the presidential address, encouraging participants to actively engage in the sessions. Dr. Soumya J. Bhat, HoD of CSE, delivered the welcome address, while Dr. Sadananda L, faculty of CSE, proposed the vote of thanks.

The FDP set a strong foundation for enhancing faculty expertise in applied AI and hardware-integrated deep learning.

ATL Connect Program on IoT Applications

On 15 July 2025, student volunteers from Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, conducted an ATL Connect Program and Canva Basics session at Sri Ananteshwara English Medium High School, Udupi. The initiative, part of SMVITM's outreach efforts, aimed to promote innovation and digital literacy among school students.



Around 50 students from Classes 9 and 10 participated in two segments—hardware integration and simulation using Tinkercad, and digital creativity through Canva. Volunteers introduced Atal Tinkering Labs, demonstrated Arduino Uno and sensors, and guided students in poster and presentation design. The volunteer team comprised Athula Bhat, Aditya, Balaram, Rakhi, Alaka, and Rajani. Feedback from students and teachers was highly positive, appreciating the blend of creativity and technology. The event was coordinated by Mr. Raghavendra Hegde, Assistant Professor (Sr.), CSE Department, SMVITM, with full support from the school staff.

ATL Connect Program – Student Mentoring on IoT Applications

As part of community outreach initiative, students have conducted an ATL Connect Program at the Atal Tinkering Lab, Karnataka Public School, Hiriadka, on 26 July 2025.

The session focused on IoT Applications, introducing Class VIII students to the basics of electronics, Arduino programming, LED control, and simple automation using sensors. Demonstrations using TinkerCAD simulators enabled participants to visualize and test real-time circuit designs.

Around 30 students benefitted from the program, which was conducted by Annapurna Shenoy, Poornitha, Divyanth, Sharanya, Chandan, and Kartik, student volunteers of SMVITM. The event was coordinated by Mr. Deepak Rao M, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Dept. of CSE, with support from Ms. Poonima, Senior Teacher of the school.



Talk on Industry Trend in Banking

The Department of MBA at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, organized an insightful talk on "Industry Trend in Banking" on 21 July 2025. The session was delivered by Mr. Prasad Prabhu, Branch Head, HDFC Bank, Shirva Branch, for the 1st and 2nd year MBA students.



Mr. Prabhu shared his journey and explained how banks today function as financial supermarkets, offering diverse products such as deposits, loans, insurance, credit cards, and forex services. He emphasized that banks primarily earn profits through loans, highlighting the balance between deposit interest and lending rates.

He also discussed the challenges of expanding into rural markets, the impact of AI and automation on banking operations, and the wide range of career opportunities in HR, Finance, and Marketing. The interactive session concluded with a lively Q&A, motivating students to explore careers in the banking sector.

Hands-on Learning at Innanje Schools



As part of its community outreach initiative, students of SMVITM conducted hands-on learning sessions at SVH English Medium High School and SVH Kannada Medium High School, Innanje, on 18 July 2025.

The sessions focused on IoT Applications, introducing school students to the basics of electronics, sensor-based systems, Arduino programming, LED control, and simple automation. Demonstrations using TinkerCAD simulators enabled participants to visualize and test real-time circuit designs. Activities on basic coding logic, block programming, and creative thinking made the sessions engaging and accessible, especially for rural students.

The initiative received enthusiastic participation and appreciation from school faculty, with SMVITM students simplifying complex concepts in a bilingual manner to bridge the gap between technology and school-level education.

The event was coordinated by Mr. Deepak Rao and Mr. Raghavendra Hegde, faculty members of SMVITM.

Alumnus Talk on The Power of Discipline, Dreams and Direction towards Career

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the Alumni Cell and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management organized an alumnus talk on "The Power of Discipline, Dreams and Direction towards Career" on 7 August 2025.



The session was delivered by Mr. Deviprasad Shetty, QA/QC Inspector at Sayed Hamid Behbehani & Sons Co., Kuwait, and proud alumnus of the 2012-2016 batch. In his address, he recalled his days at SMVITM, appreciated his teachers, and urged students to cultivate a positive attitude, strengthen fundamentals, and overcome communication barriers. He also highlighted the importance of certifications in quality control and shared insights on career opportunities for mechanical engineers in the Middle East.

The program was coordinated by Mr. Aditya Kudva S (Alumni Coordinator) and Dr. Bharath K. Bhat (IIC Coordinator). Dr. Raja Yateesh Yadav, HoD of Mechanical Engineering, presented the honorarium and appreciation letter to the speaker. The event concluded with participation from 39 students and faculty members.

ATL Mentoring Activity

As part of its community outreach initiative, students of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, conducted an ATL Mentoring Activity on 16 August 2025 at Government PU College High School Section, Brahmavar; Karnataka Public School, Hiriadka; and SLJI School, Belman.

The sessions began with an introduction to the objectives of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and their role in nurturing young innovators. Demonstrations on simple electronic circuits, Arduino-based LED blinking, and sensor-based projects were carried out, alongside



models and prototypes prepared by SMVITM students. Interactive discussions and group activities encouraged school students to identify local problems and propose innovative solutions.

The program had a positive impact across all three schools, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among participants while providing hands-on exposure to tinkering and prototyping. It also helped SMVITM students strengthen their mentoring and leadership skills, reinforcing collaboration between the institute and local schools.

Awareness Session on Anti-Ragging and Anti-Drug



The NSS and YRC units organized an awareness session on Anti-Ragging and Anti-Drug on 18 August 2025. The program featured Mr. Manjunath Marbad, Police Sub-Inspector, Shirva, as the Chief Guest.

Mr. Marbad highlighted new initiatives by the Udupi and Mangalore police departments to curb drug abuse among students. He informed that an Anti-Drug Committee comprising college staff, students, and police officials has been constituted to closely monitor and prevent drug-related activities. Preventive measures include periodic screening of 10% of students every three months.

He also sensitized students on issues of ragging and cyber crime, offering practical tips to stay alert and safe. Emphasizing the role of youth in building a drug-free society, he encouraged them to act as responsible citizens.

The session witnessed participation from over 100

students, followed by a meeting of the newly formed committee, where roles and responsibilities were clearly outlined.

One-Day Workshop – Basics of PLC Programming



The Department of Mechanical Engineering at SMVITM, Bantakal, in association with the ISTE Student Chapter, Institution's Innovation Council, and NITK-Siemens Center of Excellence in Digital Manufacturing, organized a One-Day Workshop on "Basics of PLC Programming" on 20 August 2025 for final-year Mechanical Engineering students.

The resource person, Mr. Vignesh V. Kini, Trainer at the Factory Automation Lab, NITK-Siemens COE, introduced students to PLC architecture, components, and applications. Sessions covered ladder logic programming, logic gates, input/output addressing, timers, counters, SCADA systems, and PLC-HMI-SCADA integration. Hands-on exercises using simulators and hardware enabled participants to implement basic control tasks and gain practical exposure to industrial automation workflows.

A total of 17 students attended the workshop, coordinated by Dr. Bharath K. Bhat (ISTE/IIC Coordinator) with support from Dr. Manjunatha S. The program strengthened students' conceptual clarity and laid a strong foundation for advanced learning in automation technologies.

Workshop on GitHub and Flutter for Application Development

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management, Bantakal, in association with the Technocrats Club and IEEE ComSoc, organized a one-day workshop on "GitHub and Flutter for Application Development" on 29 August 2025.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Shashank and Mr. Kaushik, 5th semester students, with the support of Mr. Arun Upadhyaya, Head of the Department, and Ms. Pavithra Poornima S, Assistant Professor (Sr.) and Coordinator of the Technocrats Club.

The first session introduced Git and GitHub, highlighting the importance of version control. Participants created repositories, performed commits,



and explored project tracking features. The second session focused on Flutter, covering environment setup, Dart programming, and building cross-platform mobile apps using widgets.

A total of 40 students participated, gaining hands-on exposure to modern software engineering practices and essential skills in project management and app development.

Value Added Program on SolidWorks



The Department of Mechanical Engineering in association with the Department of Training & Placement, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), and EduCADD, Udupi, organized a 30-hour Value Added Program on "SolidWorks" from 8–12 September 2025. The program was conducted by Mr. Bharath A and Mr. Pritham Kumar, trainers from EduCADD, Udupi, and featured intensive hands-on sessions. Over five days, participants were trained in sketching basics, part modeling, complex shapes and surface features, assemblies, and engineering drawings. Advanced topics such as sweeps, lofts, configurations, exploded views, BOM creation, and rendering were also covered.

The final assessment involved modeling and assembling a connecting rod, enabling students to apply concepts learned throughout the program. The initiative provided participants with practical exposure to industry-standard CAD tools, enhancing their design and product development skills.

The program was coordinated by Mr. Ravinarayan R. Rao (Placement Coordinator) and Dr. Bharath K. Bhat (IIC Coordinator).

Engineer's Day Celebration



The ISTE Student Chapter of SMVITM, Bantakal, in association with IEEE, organized a vibrant celebration of Engineer's Day on 16 September 2025, commemorating the birth anniversary of India's visionary engineer, Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

The program commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, graced by Mr. Guru Charan Bulusu, Principal Software Engineer at Microsoft, Bengaluru, as Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, he paid tribute to Sir M.V. Visvesvaraya's contributions and urged students to embrace creativity, life skills, and a vision beyond textbooks, encouraging them to strive for excellence in today's competitive world.

Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the importance of learning engineering with deep understanding rather than rote study. Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, Principal of SMVITM, highlighted discipline, sincerity, and time management as guiding principles for aspiring engineers.

Prizes were distributed to winners of various events, and the celebration was attended by Deans, HoDs, faculty, staff, and students, making it a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Invited Talk on Product Design and Development in Industries and Startups

The Department of Mechanical Engineering in association with the ISTE Student Chapter, Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organized an invited talk on "Product Design and Development in Industries and Startups" on 16 September 2025.

The resource person, Dr. Y. Shrihari Upadhyaya, Additional Professor, Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, MIT Manipal, delivered an insightful session covering topics such as understanding customer needs, design thinking, industry development processes, startup challenges, product lifecycle management, and case studies from industry and startups.

The talk successfully bridged theory with practical experience, motivating students to adopt innovative



approaches and creative thinking in product development. 5th and 7th semester Mechanical Engineering students attended the program.

Visit to AIC NITTE Incubation Centre

The Department of Mechanical Engineering in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organized a visit to the AIC NITTE Incubation Centre, Nitte, on 9 October 2025 for 3rd year Mechanical Engineering students.

Mr. Puneeth Rai, Incubation Manager, guided the students through various facilities including co-working spaces, fabrication and prototyping labs,



innovation and research labs, and a startup display area. The visit showcased advanced infrastructure such as 3D printers, CNC machines, and IoT/biotech labs, highlighting the centre's role in nurturing startups across healthcare, agritech, IT, and manufacturing.

An interactive session with the Centre Manager and startup founders provided insights into mentorship, networking, funding opportunities, and the role of incubation centres in bridging academia and industry. A total of 18 students participated, coordinated by Dr. Bharath K. Bhat. The visit proved highly informative, inspiring students to think creatively and consider entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

Peer Learning Session on KiCad



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, in association with the Technocrats Club and ISTE Student Chapter, organized a one-day Peer Learning Session on KiCad – From the Basics on 5 December 2025. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Adithya R Das, Mr. Athula A Bhat, Mr. Balaram Bharadwaja Kana, and Mr. Chiranth C Shet, 7th semester students, with the support of Mr. Arun Upadhyaya, HoD, and Ms. Pavithra Poornima S, Coordinator, Technocrats Club.

The session introduced participants to KiCad for circuit schematic design, PCB routing, and simulation. Students gained hands-on experience in schematic creation, footprint assignment, PCB layout, routing, and generating Gerber files with 3D visualization. The interactive workshop concluded with a real-time PCB project demonstration, equipping participants with foundational skills to apply in academic and personal electronic design projects.

IEEE Student Branch Celebrates IEEE Day 2025 at SMVITM

The IEEE Student Branch commemorated IEEE Day 2025 on 9 October 2025 with great zeal and pride.

The celebration was marked by the inauguration of newly established IEEE Societies — IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE), and IEEE Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT) — along with the installation of Student Branch Office Bearers for the academic year 2025–26. Dr. Parameshachari B. D., Vice Chair of the Membership Development Committee, IEEE Bangalore Section, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of active engagement in IEEE activities and the role of professional societies in shaping future careers. Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean (Academics), delivered the presidential remarks, encouraging students to leverage IEEE's vast technical resources and networking opportunities.

Over 150 students participated in technical and fun



competitions organized as part of the celebration, with winners felicitated during the event.

Installation Ceremony of NSS Office Bearers at SMVITM



The NSS and YRC Unit organized the NSS Day Celebration and NSS Cell Installation Ceremony on 27 September 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Admin Block.

The program was graced by Mr. Ravi Katpady, noted social worker from Udupi, as Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, he emphasized the importance of community service and urged students to dedicate themselves to social causes with compassion. The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, who highlighted the values of leadership and responsibility fostered through NSS. Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean (Academics), served as Guest of Honor.

A major highlight was the installation of new NSS office bearers, with badges distributed and the oath administered by Mr. Sachin Prabhu, NSS Coordinator. The ceremony also included felicitation of faculty and student coordinators for AY 2024-25 and prize distribution for winners of the drug awareness poster-making competition. The event concluded with a memento presented to the Chief Guest.

Faculty Development Program on Modelling for Business Decisions



The Department of Business Administration in collaboration with ATAL Academy, inaugurated a six-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Modelling for Business Decisions” on 6 October 2025.

The inaugural session was graced by industry experts who set the tone for a week of insightful learning. Mr. Sujit Sahoo, Enterprise Digital Transformation Advisor at Logile, Bangalore, served as Chief Guest and emphasized the importance of building a strong foundation in data modelling to enhance decision-making in today’s business ecosystem. Mr. Vinay Vaishnav, Associate Director – Talent Acquisition at EY, Bangalore, as Guest of Honour, highlighted the growing role of HR Analytics in strategic business decisions.

The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Suraj Francis Noronha, Director of Business Administration, with Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Dean Academics and Principal In-Charge, lending his support.

During the Sessions from 6–11 October 2025, the FDP featured interactive sessions, case-based learning, and hands-on workshops, bridging the gap between academic knowledge and practical business modelling skills while fostering research, innovation, and impactful teaching methodologies.

Workshop on VLSI Design Essentials

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, in association with IEEE ComSoc and the Co-curricular Cell, organized a two-day hands-on workshop on “Logic to Layout – VLSI Design Essentials” on 30–31 October 2025. The event was inaugurated in the presence of the Head of the Department and resource persons Mr. Sujay Kumar and Mr. Sandesh Kumar, with trainers Mr. Vijeth Rai and Mr. Sanketh C. Naik facilitating the sessions.

Participants gained practical exposure to VLSI design using Cadence tools, working on PMOS devices, inverter circuits, and a Level Shifter circuit, while learning about DRC errors, LVS checks, and essential layout rules. The sessions were highly interactive, offering real-time industry-standard design experience. The workshop concluded with a valedictory address by Dr. Shilpa Kamath S., who expressed gratitude to the resource persons, trainers, and participants for making the program a success.



Student Mentoring Activity at SVK/SVS English Medium High School, Katapadi



On 23 October 2025, student volunteers from Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, conducted an ATL Connect Programme / Student Mentoring Activity at SVK/SVS English Medium High School, Katapadi as part of the institute's community outreach initiative.

The session focused on IoT Applications, introducing students to the basics of electronics, Arduino programming, LED control, and sensor-based automation. Demonstrations using TinkerCAD simulators enabled participants to visualize and test real-time circuit designs. Coding logic and creative thinking exercises made the session interactive and engaging.

Around 50 students from Classes VIII and IX benefitted from the program. Volunteers Alfiya Banu Mohammed Arif, Apporva Bhat, Ashmitha Kotian, Ananya, Gandeep Prabhu, and Gagan led the session, coordinated by Mr. Raghavendra Hegde, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Department of CSE, SMVITM. The Head Master and staff extended full support, ensuring smooth conduct of the event.

Student Mentoring Activity at Madhava Kripa School, Manipal



On 24 October 2025, student volunteers conducted an ATL Connect Programme / Student Mentoring Activity at Madhava Kripa School, Manipal as part of the institute's community outreach initiative.

The session focused on IoT Applications, introducing Class VI students to the basics of electronics, Arduino

programming, LED control, and sensor-based automation. Demonstrations using TinkerCAD simulators enabled participants to visualize and test real-time circuit designs. Coding logic and creative thinking exercises made the session interactive and engaging.

Volunteers Deeksha Patkar, Akshatha Kamath, Deepthi Prabhu, Ananya, and Bhagyalakshmi from 7th Semester CSE led the program, coordinated by Mr. Raghavendra Hegde, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Department of CSE, SMVITM. The Head Master and staff extended full support, ensuring smooth conduct of the event. Approximately 40 students benefitted from the session.

Inaugural Ceremony – “Vijnana Vismaya” Community Radio Program (Season 1)



The inaugural ceremony of “Vijnana Vismaya – Community Radio Program (Season 1)” was held on 5 November 2025 at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal.

The program was graced by Dr. Rashmi Ammembala, Assistant Professor & Coordinator of Radio Manipal (CRS), Manipal Institute of Communication, MAHE, Manipal, who served as the Chief Guest. In her address, Dr. Rashmi emphasized the importance of community participation and inclusion in communication, highlighting how community radio empowers local voices, bridges knowledge and culture, and fosters social awareness. She encouraged students to explore creative communication platforms and contribute meaningfully to society.

The event was presided over by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, In-charge Principal and Dean (Academics), who commended the initiative and appreciated the efforts of faculty coordinators and students. The ceremony was attended by Ms. Megha Rani, Mr. Sachin Prabhu, faculty members, and students from various departments.

Ignite Joy – Diwali Celebration



The II Year MBA students of the Department of Business Administration organized a vibrant Diwali celebration titled “Ignite Joy” on 24 October 2025 under the banner of the Management Club Activity.

The event blended cultural appreciation with management learning, fostering team spirit and festive enthusiasm among students and faculty. Dr. Suraj Francis Noronha, Director of MBA, addressed the gathering and emphasized that just as light dispels darkness, education ignites the mind and paves the way for enlightenment.

A series of engaging activities—including Draw What I Say for faculty, Blast and Draw, Festive Rapid Fire, Diwali Dhamaka Quiz, and Hunt for the Light (Treasure Hunt)—added energy and excitement to the celebration.

Organized entirely by the student committee, the program showcased initiative, creativity, and leadership. The event filled the atmosphere with joy and togetherness, creating cherished memories and strengthening the bond between students and faculty.

ATL Mentoring - Govt High School, Volakadu.



On 28 October 2025, student volunteers conducted a Student Mentoring Activity at Government Composite High School, Volakadu, Udupi as part of the institute's community outreach initiative.

The session focused on IoT Applications, introducing Class IX students to the basics of electronics, Arduino programming, LED control, and sensor-based automation. Demonstrations using TinkerCAD simulators enabled participants to visualize and test real-time circuit designs. Coding logic and creative thinking exercises made the session interactive and engaging.

Volunteers Bhagyashree, Amrutha, Ankita, Deena, and Harshitha Bhat from 7th Semester CSE led the program, coordinated by Mr. Raghavendra Hegde, Assistant Professor (Sr.), Department of CSE, SMVITM. The Head Master and staff extended full support, ensuring smooth conduct of the event. Approximately 35 students benefitted from the session.

Educational Visit to KARMIC Design Pvt. Ltd., Manipal

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, in association with EDC and IIC, organized an educational visit to KARMIC Design Pvt. Ltd., Manipal on 11 November 2025. Forty final-year ECE students participated in the program coordinated by Mr. Ajesh.

The visit provided students with practical exposure to semiconductor design and VLSI technologies. Resource persons, including Mr. Gururaj Bankapur (CTO & Director) and senior engineers, explained fundamentals of VLSI, transistor structures (PMOS, NMOS, CMOS, FinFET), LDO building blocks, current mirrors, I/O pad design, packaging techniques, and the complete VLSI design flow. Students gained insights into industry expectations, precision in design, and the importance of teamwork and continuous skill enhancement.

The interactive sessions bridged theoretical learning with real-world applications, motivating students to pursue careers in semiconductor design. The visit highlighted the value of industry-academia collaboration in preparing graduates for emerging opportunities in the electronics sector.



Invited Talk on Career Opportunities



The Departments of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, in association with the ISTE Student Chapter and Institution's Innovation Council, organized an invited talk on "Career Opportunities for Engineering Graduates" on 10 November 2025. Dr. Manjunatha S, Assistant Professor (Sl. Gr.), Department of Mechanical Engineering, SMVITM, served as the resource person.

The session highlighted diverse career avenues in core industries, government organizations, and emerging domains such as robotics, renewable energy, smart manufacturing, sustainable construction, and GIS. Guidance was also provided on higher studies, entrepreneurship, and essential skill development tools like CAD/CAM, AutoCAD, STAAD.Pro, and project management software. Students actively engaged with queries on competitive exams, internships, and industry expectations.

Coordinated by Dr. Bharath K Bhat, the program saw participation from 29 students. Dr. H. Udaya Prasanna presented a letter of appreciation to the resource person. The talk offered valuable clarity on career paths, skill requirements, and future opportunities for engineering graduates.

Invited Talk – Skill Development and Profile Building



The Women Empowerment Cell (WEC), IEEE Student Branch, and Women in Engineering (WIE) of SMVITM, Bantakal, jointly organized an invited talk on "Skill

Development and Profile Building" on 11 November 2025.

The resource person, Dr. Ashwini Appaji M., Vice Chair, WIE India Council, emphasized the importance of building a strong profile to showcase expertise and create better opportunities. She explained the significance of both soft skills—such as self-confidence and trustworthiness—and hard skills, highlighting their relevance in career growth.

The session covered practical steps for skill development, résumé preparation, and effective networking strategies. Dr. Ashwini inspired participants with real-life examples, encouraging them to engage in projects and internships to strengthen their profiles.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Nagaraj Rao (In-charge Head, AI & DS; Coordinator – IEEE & WIE) and Ms. Megha Rani (Assistant Professor (Sr.), AI & ML; Coordinator – WEC), who appreciated the speaker's valuable insights.

Guest Lecture – Hi-Tech Case Study on Tesla and Elon Musk



The Department of Business Administration at SMVITM, Bantakal, organized a guest lecture on "Hi-Tech Case Study on Tesla and its CEO, Mr. Elon Musk" on 12 November 2025, delivered by Mr. Chandrashekar Rao Kuthyar.

The session provided valuable insights into how Tesla is revolutionizing the global automobile industry through advanced technology and innovative engineering. Students learned about self-driven cars and trucks powered by AI and radar systems, enhancing safety by detecting surroundings and measuring distances. Mr. Kuthyar explained Tesla's Full Self-Driving (FSD) technology, automated engineering processes, and satellite navigation for superior performance.

The lecture also highlighted Tesla's sustainable energy solutions, including powerful battery packs and the global Supercharger network enabling rapid charging. Emphasizing Elon Musk's visionary leadership, the session showcased how Tesla is setting new benchmarks in automation, clean energy, and smart mobility, shaping the future of eco-friendly transportation worldwide.

Inspiring Talk – Entrepreneurship as a Career



The Department of Business Administration at SMVITM, Bantakal, organized an inspiring session on “Entrepreneurship as a Career” on 12 November 2025, delivered by Dr. Shivaraj B. Hublikar.

Dr. Hublikar emphasized how innovation and technology are transforming individuals from job seekers into job creators. He highlighted the importance of cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset—being visionary, adaptable, risk-taking, and solution-oriented—while pointing to the expanding startup ecosystem in India. Success stories of ventures such as OYO Rooms, Ola, and Sonic Lamb were shared to demonstrate how small ideas can scale into impactful enterprises through creativity and determination. The session also addressed challenges like funding, competition, and business uncertainty, while outlining support available through incubation centers, mentorship, government schemes, and venture capital. Motivating students to think boldly and embrace opportunities, the talk encouraged them to pursue entrepreneurship as a rewarding career path.

Inauguration of VISTA Club – VLSI Innovation in Systems, Technology and Automation



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management Bantakal, inaugurated the VISTA Club (VLSI Innovation in Systems, Technology and Automation) on 19 November 2025 in collaboration with Anmaya Technology. The event commenced with the symbolic lighting of

the LED display board reading “VISTA CLUB”. Mr. Arun Upadhyaya, HoD, outlined the club’s vision to enhance student skills in VLSI, embedded systems, and automation, while Mr. N. J. Hariprasad, Chief Guest, addressed industry trends and announced internships for eight students, who will also mentor their peers. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, In-charge Principal, and Dr. Sachin Bhat, Dean R&D, who appreciated the department’s initiative and encouraged active student participation. The launch of the VISTA Club marks a significant step toward fostering innovation, industry collaboration, and skill development within the ECE Department.

One-Day Workshop on Basics of PLC Programming



The Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, in association with the EDC, Co-curricular Committee, and Institution’s Innovation Council, organized a One-Day Workshop on “Basics of PLC Programming” on 21 November 2025 at the Siemens Center of Excellence (COE), NITK Surathkal.

The workshop was coordinated by Mr. Ajesh and conducted by Mr. Vignesh V. Kini (Mechatronics Lab Incharge) and Ms. Basavashri Patil (Factory Automation Lab Incharge). A total of 52 students from 2nd and 3rd year ECE participated.

Sessions introduced the Siemens S7 series PLCs, their architecture, and automation concepts. Students engaged in practical training using Siemens TIA Portal software, implementing ladder logic, latch/unlatch operations, and timer functions (TP, TON, TOFF) with real-time applications.

The workshop provided hands-on exposure to industry-standard tools, strengthened conceptual clarity, and enhanced students’ confidence in applying automation technologies, laying a strong foundation for advanced learning in PLC programming and industrial automation.



Industry Visit – Additive Manufacturing Lab, MIT Manipal



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the Industry Institute Interaction Cell and Institution's Innovation Council, organized an industry visit to the Additive Manufacturing Lab at MIT, Manipal on 22 November 2025.

Students were briefed on the fundamentals of additive manufacturing, including processes such as FDM, SLA, SLS, and metal additive manufacturing. The lab team demonstrated the working principles of 3D printers, CAD-CAM workflows, material selection, slicing techniques, and post-processing steps. Participants also witnessed live printing demonstrations and ongoing research projects in rapid prototyping and product development.

The visit enriched students' understanding of AM applications in automotive, biomedical, aerospace, and tooling industries. It provided valuable hands-on exposure, strengthened conceptual clarity, and motivated learners to adopt advanced manufacturing technologies in academics and future projects.

Industry Visit to Manipal Skill Development Center



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the Industry Institute Interaction Cell and Institution's Innovation Council, organized an industry visit to the Manipal Skill Development Center (MSDC), Manipal on 22 November 2025.

Students were oriented to advanced facilities including the additive manufacturing section, CNC machining units, metrology lab, and digital fabrication tools. Instructors provided demonstrations on equipment operation, design-to-production workflows, and quality assurance practices. Students also interacted with technical staff, clarifying queries on industrial and research applications of these technologies.

The visit offered valuable real-world insights, strengthening students' understanding of modern engineering practices and motivating them to pursue skill-based learning. Exposure to industry-relevant tools and workflows enriched their technical awareness, boosted confidence, and provided clarity on career pathways, significantly enhancing their readiness for future engineering challenges.

Blood Donation Camp at SMVITM



The NSS-YRC unit of the Sode Group of Institutions, in collaboration with the KMC Blood Centre, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 25 November 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Sachin S. Bhat, Dean (R&C), in the presence of guest Dr. Deep Madkaiker, Assistant Professor, Department of IHBT, KMC Manipal, and guest of honor Mr. Raghavendra Rao, Operations Manager, HDFC Udupi.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty, staff, and students, with 149 individuals voluntarily donating blood, reflecting a strong commitment to social responsibility and humanitarian values. Resource persons emphasized the life-saving importance of blood donation and encouraged students to contribute actively to such noble initiatives.

The collaboration with the KMC Blood Centre ensured smooth execution and safe collection of blood units. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, with heartfelt appreciation extended to all donors, organizers, and participants.

Invited Talk – Unlocking the Founder's DNA



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the ISTE Student Chapter and Institution's Innovation Council, organized an invited talk on "Unlocking the Founder's DNA" on 24 November 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal.

The session introduced students to core entrepreneurial traits such as creativity, resilience, problem-solving, risk-taking, and initiative. Real-world startup journeys were shared to illustrate how ideas evolve into ventures, with emphasis on opportunity identification, customer needs analysis, early-stage validation, team building, and sustaining passion through uncertainties.

The talk also highlighted the importance of personal growth, continuous learning, and maintaining a strong purpose while navigating entrepreneurial challenges. An interactive Q&A segment allowed students to clarify doubts and gain practical insights into venture creation.

Overall, the session proved highly motivating, broadening students' understanding of the "Founder's DNA" and inspiring them to explore entrepreneurship with confidence and curiosity.

Industry Visit to Mysuru



As part of the academic enrichment activities for the year 2025–26, the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, in association with the EDC and Institution's Innovation Council, organized an Industry Visit for final-year students on 1 December 2025. A total of 45 students visited Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd., L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, and Varsha Associates Pvt. Ltd., Mysore.

At Schneider Electric, students observed industrial

automation systems, PLC-based controls, smart energy monitoring devices, and safety mechanisms. L&T Technology Services briefed them on embedded product development, IoT-based solutions, and industrial design processes, offering insights into real-time engineering challenges. At Varsha Associates, students explored manufacturing processes, assembly lines, instrumentation devices, and quality control techniques.

The visit provided substantial exposure to modern industrial technologies, bridging classroom learning with practical applications. Students gained clarity on career opportunities, industry expectations, and skill requirements, while strengthening academia-industry links for future internships and projects.

Peer Learning Session on QA/QC Engineering



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the Industry Institute Interaction Cell and Institution's Innovation Council, organized a Peer Learning Session on Industry Experience as QA/QC Engineer on 26 November 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal.

Mr. Vikas shared his professional experience at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd, explaining the roles and responsibilities of a QA/QC engineer. He highlighted processes such as quality planning, inspection procedures, documentation practices, and compliance with industrial standards. Students gained insights into defect identification, root cause analysis, vendor quality issues, and continuous improvement practices, along with exposure to industry-grade testing methods, quality tools, and safety protocols.

The interactive Q&A segment clarified career opportunities, essential skills, and workplace expectations in the QA/QC domain. The session provided students with a practical perspective on industrial quality systems, motivating them to explore careers in manufacturing and quality engineering.

Inauguration of ACM Student Chapter



The ACM Student Chapter, was inaugurated on 3 December 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Admin Block, marking a significant milestone for the institution. The event included the installation of office bearers for the academic year 2025–26.

The ceremony began with lamp lighting by Dr. Srikanth Prabhu, Professor and ACM Faculty Sponsor, MIT Manipal, and Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Principal, SMVITM, in the presence of Dr. Radhakrishna S Aithal, CEO, SODE Group of Institutions. Dr. Bharti Panjwani, ACM Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the role of ACM in fostering technical excellence. The digital launch of the chapter was followed by badge distribution and oath-taking by the new office bearers. Inspirational messages from the Principal and CEO emphasized holistic education and global collaboration, while Dr. Prabhu, in his keynote, urged students to uphold integrity, pursue deep learning, and leverage ACM for societal benefit.

Peer Learning Session on Altair Design & Analysis Tools



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the Industry Institute Interaction Cell and Institution's Innovation Council, organized a Peer Learning Session on Design and Analysis Softwares of Altair (Siemens) on 26 November 2025.

Mr. Atreya demonstrated key features of Altair HyperWorks, Inspire, OptiStruct, and SimSolid, showcasing their capabilities in CAD modelling, finite element analysis, structural optimization, and rapid simulation workflows. Participants gained practical

insights into design validation, lightweighting, and virtual prototyping, connecting classroom concepts with industry applications.

The interactive session encouraged students to explore interfaces, ask questions, and understand software selection based on engineering requirements. Learners developed familiarity with workflows and industry-relevant tools, boosting confidence in applying simulation techniques for academic projects and professional skill development.

The program significantly enhanced students' technical exposure and readiness for careers in design and analysis.

Guest Talk – The Real MBA



The Department of Business Administration organized a guest talk on "The Real MBA" on 25 November 2025. The session was delivered by Mr. S. Jayaraam, Deputy General Manager, Market Development, Business Standards, who shared valuable insights for MBA aspirants preparing for careers in management and leadership.

The resource person emphasized the importance of time management, self-discipline, and continuous awareness in today's competitive environment. He highlighted the role of strong English communication skills in problem-solving, creativity, confidence, and professional success. Students were encouraged to enhance their knowledge through regular reading, staying updated with current affairs, and engaging in activities such as group discussions, case studies, and vocabulary building.

Mr. Jayaraam also stressed the value of internships, part-time jobs, and training opportunities for practical exposure. The session motivated students to stay proactive, disciplined, and open to learning, building a strong foundation for their MBA journey and future careers.

Guest Talk on AI and Social Systems

The ALAR Innovation, Center of Excellence at the Department of Computer Science, in association with the Alar Innovation Center for Excellence, organized a guest talk on "AI and Participatory Qualitative Methods for Complex Social Systems" on 4 December 2025. The session was delivered by Dr. Richard John Green, Fellow and International Faculty, University of Surrey, UK.



Dr. Green outlined research using artificial intelligence, systems thinking, and simulation to address challenges in health and social care. He highlighted agent-based modelling and participatory methods to explore neglected areas such as primary, community, palliative, unpaid, and integrated care. His talk emphasized issues of aging, chronic illness, multimorbidity, and digital health inequity, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and doctoral research.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Sachin Bhat, Dean (Research & Consultancy), and compered by Mr. Raghavendra G. S. It saw participation from faculty of SMVITM and the Niramaya Institute of Health Science.

MindSpark AI – Igniting CS Curiosity



The ACM Student Chapter organized a vibrant competition titled “MindSpark AI – Igniting CS Curiosity” on 12 December 2025, anchored during ACM-CS Education Week as part of the global Hour of AI initiative.

The event encouraged students to creatively apply Artificial Intelligence tools to explain core Computer Science concepts such as neural networks, cloud computing, functions, inheritance, algorithms, and data structures. A total of 25 teams from various academic years participated, presenting their ideas through short videos, game demonstrations, and animated presentations. Narratives featuring robots, superheroes, and real-life analogies added imaginative flair to the technical explanations.

The competition was evaluated by a panel of experts including Dr. Bharti Panjwani, Ms. Ashwini, and Mr. Nagendra, who commended the innovative approaches adopted by the students.

The event successfully fostered curiosity, conceptual

clarity, creativity, and communication skills, making it a memorable initiative by the ACM Student Chapter in celebrating AI and CS education.

Invited Talk on Clean and Green Hydrogen Economy



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in association with the ISTE Student Chapter and Institution’s Innovation Council, organized an invited talk on “Energy Transition Towards Clean and Green Hydrogen Economy” on 15 December 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal, marking National Energy Conservation Day.

Dr. S. Shanmuga Priya, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, MIT Manipal, delivered the keynote address. She discussed global energy challenges, the shift from fossil fuels to renewable sources, and the role of hydrogen as a clean energy carrier. Key aspects such as green hydrogen production, storage, transportation, and industrial applications were explained. The talk also highlighted India’s initiatives in hydrogen energy and the importance of energy-efficient practices in daily life and industry. The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty across departments, making it a successful awareness program.

CyberShe – Empowering Women in Cyber Security



A one-day workshop titled “CyberShe – Empowering Women in Cyber Security” was held on 19 December 2025 at SMVITM, Bantakal. Jointly organized by the IEEE Student Branch, IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE), Women Empowerment Cell of SMVITM, and IEEE WIE Bangalore Section, the program aimed to inspire women students to pursue careers in cybersecurity.

Dr. Ranjith Kolkar, Assistant Professor, NFSU Goa, inaugurated the workshop and delivered insights on cybersecurity fundamentals, cyber threats, forensics, and career opportunities, supported by real-world case studies. Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Principal, SMVITM, emphasized the importance of cybersecurity in today's digital era, while Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO, Sode Group of Institutions, highlighted the need for women to take leadership roles in cybersecurity and allied domains. The collaborative effort was lauded for creating inclusive, impactful platforms for women empowerment.

World AIDS Day Awareness Program



The NSS-YRC Unit of SMVITM, in association with Niramaya College of Nursing and Allied Health Science, organized an awareness session on World AIDS Day. The session was led by Mr. Mahabaleshwar B M, District Coordinator, DAPCU Udipi, who provided valuable insights into HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and management.

The program aimed to dispel myths and reduce stigma surrounding the disease, fostering a culture of awareness and empathy among students. Over 50 participants attended the session, actively engaging with the resource person. NSS-YRC office bearers, along with the principal and staff of Niramaya College of Nursing and Allied Health Science, were present, making the event impactful and informative.

National Mathematics Day Celebration

The Department of Mathematics, in association with ISTE and IEEE at SMVITM, Bantakal, organized an invited talk on "Recurrence Relation and Time Complexity" on 22 December 2025, commemorating the 138th birth anniversary of Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan. Dr. P. Sam Johnson, Professor at NITK Surathkal, introduced classical problems like the Tower of Hanoi to explain recurrence relations, mathematical induction, and closed-form solutions, highlighting their relevance in computing and science. The session inspired students



to think analytically and appreciate the evolution of mathematical ideas. Dr. Radhakrishna S Aithal, CEO of Sode Group of Institutions, welcomed the guest, and students scoring 100 in Engineering Mathematics were honored. The program, compered by Ms. Arpitha M Thantry (II Year AI&DS), saw participation from nearly 200 students, faculty, and staff.

Empowering Futures: Mastering Hadoop – Invited Talk at SMVITM



The Women Empowerment Cell (WEC), in association with the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, organized an invited talk titled "Empowering Futures: Mastering Hadoop for Distributed Data Processing in Engineering" on 31 December 2025 at the institute premises.

The session was delivered by Ms. Khushboo Sharma, Ananya Ambassador and Engineer at Target, who explained the fundamentals of Hadoop and its role in distributed data processing. She highlighted its importance in handling large-scale data and shared industry insights and practical examples to help students understand real-world applications of distributed systems.

Ms. Sharma also emphasized career opportunities in big data technologies, encouraging students to strengthen technical foundations through projects, internships, and continuous skill development.

The event was coordinated by Ms. Megha Rani, Assistant Professor (Senior), Dept. of AI & ML, and WEC Coordinator, with support from Dr. Sadanand L, HoD & Associate Professor, CSE. A floral welcome and memento were presented by Dr. Nagaraj Bhat, Principal, SMVITM. The program witnessed active participation from faculty and girl students, making it an inspiring and impactful initiative.

Faculty Accomplishments



Ph.D. Awardee - Dr. Nagaraja Rao

Mr. Nagaraja Rao, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science at SMVITM, Bantakal, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) for his research thesis titled "Performance Enhancement of a Special Machine using Soft Computing Techniques under Parametric Uncertainty." His doctoral work was carried out under the guidance of Professor Dr. Shantharama Rai C, Principal, A J Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kottara, Mangaluru.

Ph.D. Achievement Mr. Ashwin Shetty

Mr. Ashwin Shetty, Research Scholar in the Department of Mechanical Engineering SMVITM, Bantakal, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Mechanical Engineering Sciences by Visvesvaraya Technological University at its 25th annual convocation held in Belagavi on 4 July 2025.

His thesis, titled "Effect of Trace Element Magnesium on the Mechanical and Wear Behaviour of SiC Reinforced Al-Si Eutectic Metal Matrix Composite", was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Thirumaleshwara Bhat, Principal, SMVITM, and Dr. Sathyashankara Sharma, Senior Professor, MIT Manipal.



Ms. Nisha Reena Nazareth Awarded Ph.D.

Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, proudly announced that Mrs. Nisha Reena Nazareth, Research Scholar in the Department of Mathematics, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi. Her doctoral thesis, titled "A Study on Complete Colorings and Set Colorings of Digraphs", was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Lolita Priya Castelino, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics at SMVITM.

Student Accomplishments

SMVITM Students Bag VTU Ranks



We proudly announced that its students have secured top ranks in the final semester results of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi for the academic year 2024–25.

Mr. Pratham L. Kamath and Ms. Nidhi Prabhu K, from the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, achieved 3rd and 6th ranks respectively at the university level, bringing laurels to the institution.

Congratulating the achievers, Dr. Radhakrishna S. Aithal, CEO of Shri Sode Group of Institutions, stated that these accomplishments are a testament to the students' dedication and the collective

guidance of faculty and staff.



Student Achievement in HackSky



The students achieved a remarkable feat by securing the Second Place in the prestigious HackSky: Pan India Cybersecurity Hackathon, held on 29–30 July 2025 at MIT MAHE, Bengaluru, in association with Kaspersky. The winning team comprised Mr. Hitesh A, Ms. Yathika P. Amin, and Ms. Shama Patwardhan, second-year students of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Engineering. The 48-hour hackathon brought together talented innovators from across India to tackle pressing digital security challenges, including cyber threats, misinformation, and deep fake detection. Participants engaged in an intensive sprint to ideate, design, and prototype impactful cybersecurity solutions with real-world applicability. The SMVITM team's success highlighted their innovation, technical

excellence, and strategic problem-solving skills, bringing laurels to the institution.

Students Shine at Infosys Annual Project Showcase 2025



We proudly announced that its students secured Second Place at the prestigious Infosys Annual Project Showcase – 2025, held on 21 August 2025 at the Infosys Campus, Mangalore.

The award-winning project, "Guardian AI: Real-Time Protection, Real-World Impact", was developed by Bhushan Poojary, Prajwal Gulwadi, and Amrutha. The innovative solution compared traditional CCTV systems with an AI-powered real-time detection and response platform. Using advanced artificial intelligence, the system monitors CCTV footage to automatically detect critical events such as violence, accidents, and suspicious behavior, sending instant alerts to security teams or authorities for proactive action.

This project highlights the transformative potential of AI in public safety, representing a significant step forward in intelligent surveillance technologies and bringing laurels to SMVITM.

YUGMA TECHFEST 1.0

Students showcased exceptional talent and innovation at the state-level technical symposium "YUGMA TECHFEST 1.0", held from 21–23 August 2025 at Jawaharlal Nehru New College of Engineering, Shivamogga.

The fest brought together brilliant minds from across Karnataka, providing a dynamic platform for creativity and technical excellence. SMVITM students made a lasting impression by securing top positions in multiple events:

3rd Place in HackYugma (24-hour Hackathon) – Shivam, Poornananda, Shreya Naik, Shivani Salian
1st Place in UI/UX Design Sprint – Shivam, Chethan Kotian



2nd Place in Ideathon – Amrutha, Shreya S. Naik
 2nd Place in Treasure Hunt – Tejas Nayak, Swasthik Yesh
 The Management, faculty, and student community of SMVITM congratulated the winners for their outstanding achievements and for bringing laurels to the institution.

SMVITM Students Win First Prize at National-Level Symposium



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering proudly announced that its second-year students secured the First Prize in the National-Level Symposium and Idea Pitching Competition held on 23 August 2025.

Organized by BVRIT and the IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) Student Branch Chapter, Telangana State, the online event witnessed enthusiastic participation from innovators across India.

The SMVITM team's winning idea, "24x7 Solar and Biogas Powered Cold Storage", proposed a sustainable solution for uninterrupted cold storage using renewable energy sources. The project addresses critical challenges in food preservation and energy accessibility, particularly in rural and agricultural communities. The winning team comprised Shashank S. Moolya, Vilesh Jayanth Nayak, and Rakshitha Nayak, mentored by Mr. Ganesh U. G., Assistant Professor, Dept. of ECE. This achievement highlights SMVITM's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and real-world problem-solving, bringing national recognition to the institution.

Students Win First Prize in State-Level Line Follower Competition



The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering proudly announced that its students — Kaushik A, Manvith M. P., and K. S. Raveesha Padmashali — secured the First Prize in the prestigious Line Follower Competition at Roborage 2K25.

The event, organized by the Department of ECE, Bapuji Institute of Engineering and Technology (BIET), Davangere, in association with Abeyantrix Edusoft LLP, was held on 10 September 2025. With enthusiastic participation from engineering students across Karnataka, the competition provided a platform to showcase talent in robotics and innovation.

Amidst intense competition, the SMVITM team demonstrated exceptional technical expertise, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, earning the First Prize with a cash award of Rs.20,000. This achievement reflects the innovative spirit of SMVITM students and the continuous mentorship of the ECE faculty.

SMVITM Student Wins First Place at Final Pitch Day

To promote entrepreneurship, SMVITM, Bantakal, in collaboration with Canara Engineering College, Mangalore, jointly organized the Final Pitch Day on 13 September 2025 at Canara Engineering College, following a series of 17 sessions designed to nurture entrepreneurial thinking among students.

A total of 32 students from SMVITM and around 140 students from Canara Engineering College participated in the program, facilitated by Section Infin8. Out of 14 startup ideas pitched, one team from SMVITM and 13 teams from Canara Engineering College advanced to the final round.

The event culminated with Neeriksha from SMVITM



securing the First Prize for the best pitch of the day, earning accolades for innovation and presentation. The Management, faculty, and student community of SMVITM congratulated the winner for bringing laurels to the institution.

SMVITM Students Secure Third Place at HackMitten 2.0



Students from Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, showcased their innovation and technical excellence by securing Third Place in HackMitten 2.0, a 24-hour national-level hackathon held on 12–13 September 2025 at Maharaja Institute of Technology, Thandavapura.

The prestigious event, organized by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering in collaboration with the MIT ACM Student Chapter, International Valley of Dreams, and DS Edify, witnessed participation from over 100 teams across the country. Only five teams advanced to the grand finale, making the competition highly challenging.

Team SMVITM Power-Rangers impressed judges with their innovative project, earning accolades and an internship offer, adding significance to their achievement. The success reflects the creativity, problem-solving skills, and technical expertise of SMVITM students, underscoring the institute's commitment to nurturing young innovators.

SMVITM Students Excel in VTU Table Tennis Tournament



Students of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management Bantakal, demonstrated their sporting excellence by winning prizes in the VTU Mangaluru Division Table Tennis Tournament 2025–26, held at Srinivas Institute of Technology, Valachil, Mangaluru, on 15–16 September 2025.



The Women's Team of SMVITM secured the Second Prize, while the Men's Team clinched the Third Prize. With this achievement, the Women's Team has also qualified to participate in the VTU State Level Tournament scheduled at BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, on 22–23 September 2025.

The Management, Principal, and Physical Education Director of SMVITM congratulated the students for their commendable accomplishments and encouraged them to continue striving for success in future competitions.

Students Win First Place at MONAITHON 2025

A team of students from Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, secured First Place at MONAITHON 2025 — a two-day Medical AI Hackathon held on 27–28 September 2025 at JNNCE, Shivamogga.

Organized by the Department of AIML and the ACM



Student Council, the hackathon focused on developing medical AI solutions using the MONAI framework. TEAM ARISE members — Tejas Nayak, Shivam, Poornananda, and Swasthik Yesh — presented their project “Retmanas”, a deep learning solution for retinal vessel and brain tumour segmentation. The project, built using UNet and VNet architectures, was deployed as an interactive web application with Streamlit and FastAPI, demonstrating a complete AI workflow with strong potential in medical imaging.

The team was mentored by Mr. Hitesh Mendon and Mr. Surajit Deb Burma. The Management, Principal, and Faculty of SMVITM congratulated the winners for their innovation and success, wishing them continued achievements in future endeavors.

SMVITM Students Shine in Capture the Flag Competition



Mr. Shreyas and Mr. Ian Mark Lobo brought laurels to the institute by securing top prizes in the Capture the Flag (CTF) competition held on 30–31 October 2025 at NITK Surathkal. The event was part of the Cybersecurity and CTF Bootcamp, which began with intensive training on cybersecurity fundamentals, followed by the contest where participants identified vulnerabilities in machines and websites.

Mr. Shreyas clinched the First Prize with a cash award of Rs.10,000, while Mr. Ian Mark Lobo secured the Third Prize with a cash award of Rs.5,000. The Management and Principal congratulated the winners for their exemplary skill, teamwork, and achievement.

Students Secure Second Place at International-Level Hackathon



A team of second-year students from the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning achieved remarkable success by securing Second Place in an International-Level 24-Hour Hackathon held at Srinivas Institute of Technology, Mangaluru, on 9–10 October 2025.

The winning team — Chethan V. Kotian, Ashley Fernandes, Chethan U. M., and Aditi — competed under the Computer Science and AI track and developed an innovative project titled “Real-Time Smart Queue Management System for Hospitals.” The solution leverages artificial intelligence to improve patient flow, reduce waiting times, and enhance healthcare service delivery.

For their outstanding performance, the team received a cash prize and an internship offer from Swizosoft, recognizing their innovation and problem-solving skills.

Students Win Nitte Hackathon.



A team of students secured First Place at the national-level Nitte Hackathon held on 13 October 2025 for their innovative project “Suraksha Kavach.”

Developed during a 27-hour coding sprint, the AI-powered tool addresses the growing issue of digital

fraud in local communities, a challenge highlighted by the Superintendent of Police, Mangalore. Unlike most security solutions limited to English, Suraksha Kavach can detect scam messages in Kannada, Tulu, and English, and even analyze text from screenshots to identify fraudulent content.

The team plans to release the tool as a free WhatsApp bot, followed by a commercial API for businesses. Team members S. Swathanath, Nikita C. Hegde, Vijay Netekal, and Anshika were congratulated by the management, principal, deans, HODs, and faculty for bringing laurels to the institution.

State-Level Karate Achievement



Ms. Ananya Bhat, a student of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, secured the Runner-up Prize in the Kumite (Women's 55 kg category) at the VTU State-level Intercollegiate Karate Tournament 2025–26, held at R V Institute of Management, Bengaluru, from 31 October to 1 November 2025.

Her achievement reflects dedication, discipline, and sporting excellence, bringing pride to the institution. The Management, Principal, and Physical Education Director of SMVITM have extended their heartfelt congratulations to Ananya on this commendable accomplishment, which highlights the college's commitment to encouraging holistic student development through academics, co-curricular, and sports activities.

SMVITM Students Secure Second Place at DevHost 2025

Students of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management achieved a proud milestone by securing Second Place in DevHost 2025, a National Level 36-Hour Hackathon organized by the Sahyadri Open Source Community (SOSC) at Sahyadri College of Engineering & Management, Mangaluru, from 6–8 November 2025.



Sponsored by EG India (EG Software – “Software Made for You”), the event featured industry-relevant problem statements, technical and non-technical contests, dev talks, and workshops by experts, fostering innovation and collaboration. Out of several nationwide applicants, 30 teams were shortlisted for the final round.

SMVITM's team Power-Rangers proudly secured the 2nd Prize, winning a cash award of Rs.20,000. Participation in DevHost 2025 provided invaluable exposure, strengthening their technical skills, creativity, and teamwork, while showcasing the institute's growing presence in national-level innovation challenges.

Gold Medal at State-Level Powerlifting Championship



Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, proudly announced that Mr. Laxmeesh V, a second-year Computer Science & Engineering student, won the Gold Medal in the VTU State-Level Powerlifting (Men) Championship.

The event, held on 7–8 November 2025 at RV Institute of Technology and Management, Bengaluru, witnessed Laxmeesh's exceptional strength and skill as he dominated the 120+ kg weight category, securing the top position.

In recognition of his outstanding performance, Laxmeesh has been selected to represent the VTU Powerlifting Team at the upcoming South Zone Inter-University Championship, a prestigious national-level event.

SMVITM Students Win First Prize at Techzone Nationals 2025



A team of talented engineering students achieved a remarkable feat by securing First Prize in the Line Follower Competition at Techzone Nationals 2025, hosted by JNN College of Engineering (JNNCE), Shimoga, on 11 November 2025.

The winning team — Kaushik A, Karthik Sooryanarayana Amin, and K. S. Raveesha Padmashali — showcased exceptional technical skill and teamwork, guiding their autonomous robot to flawless navigation of the predefined track. Their innovation and precision earned them a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, along with trophies and certificates.

Techzone Nationals 2025 was a multi-disciplinary technical extravaganza featuring contests in robotics, coding, and innovation challenges, attracting participants from over 50 engineering colleges nationwide.

Best Poster Presentation Award



Ms. Annapurna Shenoy of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, was honored with the Best Poster Presentation Award (UG/PG) at the 12th Interdisciplinary Conference on Healthcare and Technical Research (ICHTR 2025), held on 13–14 November 2025 at the Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP), MAHE, Manipal.

Her achievement reflects outstanding research presentation skills and academic excellence, bringing pride to the institution. The Management, Principal, and staff members of SMVITM have extended their heartfelt congratulations to Annapurna for this remarkable accomplishment, which highlights the institute's commitment to nurturing talent and encouraging student participation in interdisciplinary research forums.

Second Place at GreenMind Hackathon 2025



The students of 3rd year Computer Science and Engineering at Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, secured Second Place in the prestigious GreenMind Hackathon 2025 held at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, on 13–15 November 2025.

The winning team comprised Mr. Karthik Nayak, Ms. Kandukuru Harshitha, Mr. Adish Poojary, Mr. Abhay G. Poojary, and Mr. Adithya V. Kotian, who presented Areca Harvester—an AI-powered sustainable agri-tech solution designed to detect ripe arecanuts. Their innovation impressed judges for its practical relevance and technological creativity.

Participation in the hackathon provided students with invaluable exposure to real-world problem-solving, expert technical feedback, and a highly competitive innovation ecosystem.

SMVITM Students Win First Place in 24-Hour Hackathon

The JIGSAW team from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology & Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, secured First Place in the 24-Hour Hackathon at the 21st Karnataka State Level ISTE Student Convention 2025, hosted by Yenepoya Institute of Technology (YIT) on 18 November 2025.

The winning team — Jnanesh P. Palan, Kaushik Sanil, and Nikshith H. Palan — demonstrated exceptional innovation, technical skill, and teamwork throughout



the competition, earning a cash prize of Rs.15,000. The Management and Principal of SMVITM congratulated the team on this outstanding achievement, commending their creativity and dedication. This success highlights the institute's commitment to nurturing innovation and preparing students to excel in competitive, technology-driven environments.

Yakshasinchana Team Wins Third Prize at Yakshothsava 2025



The "Yakshasinchana" team of Shri Madhwa Vadiraja Institute of Technology and Management (SMVITM), Bantakal, secured Third Place at Yakshothsava 2025, organized by Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Law College, Mangaluru, on 21–22 November 2025.

In individual categories, Ms. Surabhi Jogi of 4th year AI & ML won First Prize in Raja Vesha and was honoured with the Best Performer Award of the team. The group staged an impressive performance of Prasanga Rukmangadha Charitre on 21 November under the guidance of Yaksha Guru Sri Rakesh Rai Adka.

State-Level Robotics Achievement



Second-year students Gaurav Shetty, Karthik A Acharya, Krrish B Poojari, and Prajwal Moily from the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, SMVITM, Bantakal, secured Second Place in the State-Level Line Follower Robotics Competition held on 29 November 2025 at Jawaharlal Nehru National College of Engineering, Shivamogga.

This achievement reflects the students' passion for robotics and the institute's commitment to nurturing technical excellence through hands-on learning, problem-solving, and innovation-driven activities. The Department of ECE continues to encourage participation in state and national competitions, strengthening students' engineering and design capabilities.

Student Accomplishments

1. Sunena from 2nd year Computer science & Engineering secured First Prize in the Drawing Competition at the District-Level Yuvajanothsava held in Udupi on 15 October 2025.
2. Nireeksha Naresh of 4th year AI&DS secured the 2nd place in the essay writing competition on the topic "Modi in my eyes: A Visionary" conducted by Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank on the occasion of the 75th Birthday celebration of our Proud Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
3. Sunena and Sushali of 2nd Year CSE, secured First Place in the Poster Making Competition. Sunena also achieved Second Place in the Essay Competition at MRPL-MSNIM Vigilance Awareness Competition held at Manel Srinivas Nayak Institute of Management on 14 October 2025.
4. In the Essay Competition organized by the Mulki Gajani Foundation, Udupi Adima Kala Trust, and Gulladi Rani Chikkayi Tayi Trust, Sunena from 2nd Year CSE secured First Place. Shweta Chandrashekar Policepatil from 2nd Year CSE achieved Second Place, bringing pride to the institution.





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