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Message from the Vice Chancellor**Dear Students, Faculty and Staff**

On the solemn yet joyous occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, I extend my warmest greetings to the entire Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) fraternity. As the Tricolour unfolds across our nation, we pay rich tribute to the visionaries, freedom fighters, and citizens whose sacrifices built the foundation of a sovereign and resilient India.

Independence is far more than a celebrated milestone in our history; it is an enduring commitment to shaping a self-reliant, inclusive, and forward-looking nation (*Viksit Bharat*). Higher education lies at the very core of this collective mission. At CUJ, we remain steadfast in our dedication to academic rigor, cutting-edge research, and the cultivation of ethical, values-driven leadership. We strive continuously to build an environment where innovation flourishes in step with a profound responsibility toward societal welfare and sustainable development.

I am also delighted to present this latest edition of our university newsletter. A newsletter is a living chronicle of our academic vibrancy, collective milestones, and creative endeavors—a true reflection of the dynamic spirit that defines our campus community. As we celebrate our nation's journey, let us rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of knowledge, unity, and excellence, ensuring that our efforts meaningfully serve both our region and our nation.

Happy Independence Day!**Prof. Sarang Medhekar**

Vice Chancellor (Acting)

Central University of Jharkhand

Message from the Registrar**Greetings on the auspicious occasion of our Independence Day!**

As our nation celebrates the spirit of freedom and unity, Independence Day offers us an opportunity to reflect on our shared commitment to nation-building through education, governance, and institutional integrity. True independence grows when knowledge, discipline, and purpose converge to elevate society.

At Central University of Jharkhand, the administrative framework operates as the backbone supporting our University's academic, research, and holistic aspirations. Our constant endeavour is to streamline operations, facilitate dynamic learning spaces, and build a transparent, student-centric, and efficient academic ecosystem. Every administrative milestone achieved is a step toward fulfilling CUJ's overarching vision of excellence.

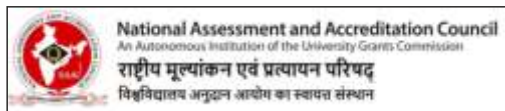
I am immensely pleased to have this edition of our University Newsletter. It stands as a testimony to the dedication, resilience, and creative activities of our faculty, staff, and students. By documenting our institutional progress, events, and accomplishments, this publication reinforces our collective identity and common goals.

Let us renew our pledge to work with firm dedication, mutual respect, and high standards of professionalism to lead our university to greater heights.

Warm wishes on Independence Day!

Shri K. Kosala Rao
Registrar (In-charge)
Central University of Jharkhand

CUJ's Roadmap for Excellence: Quality Sustenance and Promotion



Though Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) was established recently (i.e., 2009), it has created a notable image among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of the country by securing an A+ grade in its second cycle of assessment (2025) by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This achievement of CUJ is a remarkable shift from its previous cycle of assessment result (B grade) awarded by NAAC in 2019.

From 1st July 2017 to 1st June 2026, the grades of a total of 9,322 HEIs (which includes colleges and universities) were declared by NAAC, and among them 313 (3.4%) HEIs were accredited with A++ grade, 830 (8.9%) HEIs were accredited with A+ grade and the rest HEIs were accredited with grades lower than A++ and A+ (the lower grades include A, B++, B+, B, C, D). These data indicate that CUJ remains among the top 12.3% HEIs of the country.

Further, it is noteworthy to mention that there are 16 Central Universities established under Central Universities Act 2009 (that included three Central Universities converted from State Universities) and CUJ is one of them. CUJ holds a good position among these Universities considering the latest grading of these Universities under assessment by

NAAC. CUJ is the first university in the state of Jharkhand to reach A+ grade by NAAC.

While the existing Old Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) system of assessment of NAAC is concerned with seven criteria (Curricular aspects; Teaching, learning and evaluation; Research, Innovation and Extensions; Infrastructure and Learning Resources; Student Support and Progression; Governance, Leadership and Management; and Institutional Values and Best Practices),

the forthcoming (expected but not finalised yet) Binary Accreditation System under Maturity Based Gradation Level (MBGL) of NAAC as visualised in the report of the Overarching Committee, MoE, Govt. of India chaired by K. Radhakrishnan is concerned with ten attributes (Curriculum Design;

Faculty Resources; Infrastructure; Financial Resources and Management; Learning and Teaching; Extended Curricular Engagement; Governance and Administration, Student Outcomes; Research and Innovation Outcomes; and Sustainability Outcomes).

There would be a transition from 8-point grading system under old RAF to an Adopted Binary Accreditation System, i.e., Accredited and Non-Accredited under the MBGL. Under the proposed categories, while the accredited



Prof. T. K. Basantia
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institutions will further be leveled from Level-1 to Level-5 (as per their performance), the non-accredited institutions would be leveled as Awaiting Accreditation (on the threshold of accreditation) and Not Accredited (below the standard of Accreditation). The proposed binary system is yet to be implemented.

CUJ has been determined not only to maintain the status quo of its NAAC grading but also to upgrade the status of its NAAC grading in future cycles of assessment by NAAC. IQAC of CUJ is in the process of preparation of a complete roadmap for quality sustenance and improvement of the university focusing on assessment parameters of NAAC and other reputed accreditation and assessment bodies.

Among many initiations adopted by CUJ in recent time for its quality sustenance and promotion, a few among them are-National Education Policy 2020 implementation, Indian Knowledge System (IKS) inclusion in curricula, inclusion of MOOCs in curricula, focus on implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 in university premises and beyond, emphasis on offering skill oriented and micro credential courses in academic spheres, promotion of entrepreneurship and start-up, promotion of industry- academic linkages, provisions of ICT and AI led training for faculty members and students, launching of library

automation, implementation of SAMARTH portal for administrative and academic purposes and many other purposes, strengthening of IT policy, creation of a vibrant research culture and ecosystem through establishment of Central Instrumentation Facility (CIE) and Incubation Centres, increasing MOUs, Collaborations and Consultancies, promoting Patents and publications, providing adequate placement avenues, providing soft skill and life skill training, taking green campus initiatives, adopting policy for alternative sources of energy, practice of self-sustaining institutional development, adopting policy for inclusivity, etc.

As a leading Central University in eastern region of the country, CUJ has to act as a nodal centre for providing a quality education support to many HEIs of the region in general and HEIs of Jharkhand in particular. To be visible in NIRF ranking, CUJ and its IQAC have started to work at grass root level. Its IQAC is also making preparations for the participation of CUJ in international assessment frameworks like QS Ranking and others. CUJ is preparing a roadmap/strategic plan to establish itself as a World Class University very Soon.

Prof. Tapan Kumar Basantia
Director (IQAC)

Central University of Jharkhand : A Desirable and Viable Alternative

As a professional from academics, I am often reminded of the famous quote by

Mahatma Gandhi:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow.

Learn as if you were to live forever.”

It can be attributed to embracing a mindset of lifelong, deep, and purposeful growth, focusing on understanding rather than just



Prof. K.B. Panda
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NAAC Coordination Committee

m e m o r i z i n g ,
fostering curiosity,
and developing
skills for continuous
self-improvement,
complementing the
idea of living each
day fully. It's also

aimed at cultivating a progressive attitude, seeking deep understanding, and staying adaptable in a fast-changing world, making learning a continuous and enriching journey.

Learning can take place in a conducive academic environment. In a highly

competitive age like the one we are passing through now, one has to be very careful in choosing one's HEI for the purpose of building their future. The Central University of Jharkhand, after having maintained a low profile for about 15 years since its inception in 2009 owing to certain unforeseen circumstances, is fast transforming itself into an education hub in Eastern India, emerging as a viable alternative for the aspirants.

This can be ascertained from the recent assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The University is accredited A+ with CGPA 3.27, amounting to a quantum jump of four levels from its previous grade which was B. In the process, the University is branded as one of the potential and best HEIs in the country.

The following graph gives a bird's-eye view of accreditation status of CUJ since its existence:



The author wishes to draw the kind attention of our stakeholders and aspirants to the criteria-wise assessment presented below with a view to giving a clear picture of CUJ's current status:

Criteria-wise Score

No	Criteria	Weightage (W_i)	Criterion-wise Weighted Grade Point (CrWGP _i)	Criterion-wise Grade Point Averages (CrWGP _i / W_i)
1	Curricular Aspects	150	520	3.47
2	Teaching-learning and Evaluation	200	694	3.47
3	Research, Innovations and Extensions	250	759	3.04
4	Infrastructure and Learning Resources	100	330	3.30
5	Student Support and Progression	100	355	3.55
6	Governance, Leadership and Management	100	307	3.07
7	Institutional Values and Best Practices	100	305	3.05
	Total	$\sum_{i=1}^7 (W_i) = 1000$	$\sum_{i=1}^7 (CrWGP_i) = 3270$	3.27
Institutional = $\sum_{i=1}^7 (CrWGP_i) / \sum_{i=1}^7 (W_i) = 3270/1000 = 3.27$				
CGPA				
Grade= A+				

It would neither be exaggerated nor be out of place if the Hon'ble Former Vice Chancellor **Prof. Kshiti Bhusan Das** is extolled to the skies for his formidable and visionary leadership in shaping the destiny of the University. Thanks, and appreciations are also due to the Registrar **Shri K.K. Rao**, the Finance Officer **Shri P.K. Panda** and the Controller of Examinations **Dr.B.B. Mishra**, the Director, IQAC, the Dean, Academic Affairs, the Dean, R & D, the Librarian

coupled with students, research scholars, alumni, teaching and non-teaching staff for their unwavering support during the entire **Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA)** process, complying with the timeless adage "United we stand,.....".

Against the backdrop, it's humbly suggested that the forthcoming generation of students, in consultation with their parents and mentors, take a lasting decision in choosing an HEI from the standpoint of their future perspectives.

What Have We Done for the University?

In every educational institution, we often hear people asking, “What has the university done for us?” Students expect quality education, parents expect bright futures for their children, we expect our career prospects and society expects skilled and responsible citizens. Certainly, a university plays a vital role in shaping lives by providing knowledge, opportunities, guidance, and values. However, as an administrator, I believe there is a more meaningful question that deserves equal attention: “What have we done for the university?”

A university does not grow only through infrastructure, policies, or academic programs. Its true strength lies in the collective contribution of administrators, teachers, staff, students, and alumni who work together to uphold its vision and reputation. As administrators, our responsibility goes far beyond managing files, providing better services, timely conduct of Examinations & declaration of results. We are the backbone of the institution's smooth functioning. Every decision we make, every system we improve, and every challenge we solve contributes to the university's growth and success. Our dedication ensures that students receive a positive learning environment and faculty members can perform their duties effectively.

One of the greatest contributions we can make is maintaining transparency, discipline, and efficiency in administration. A well-organized administration builds trust among students, parents, faculty members and Non Teaching members. By ensuring fairness, timely services, and proper communication, we strengthen the foundation of the institution. We also contribute by creating a student-friendly atmosphere. Universities are not merely centers for academic learning; they are spaces where young minds develop confidence, creativity, and character. By supporting student welfare, encouraging extracurricular activities, and addressing concerns with empathy, we help

shape a healthier and more inclusive campus culture. Another important contribution is embracing innovation and improvement. In today's rapidly changing world, universities must continuously adapt to new technologies, modern teaching methods, and global standards. Administrators play a key role in implementing digital systems, improving infrastructure, and introducing efficient processes that enhance the overall functioning of the University.

Teamwork is equally important. No university can progress through individual efforts alone. When administrators, faculty, and staff work together with a shared sense of purpose, the institution becomes stronger. Mutual respect, cooperation, and commitment create an environment where excellence can flourish. Recently in the Even Semester Examination 2026, the uploading of marks by the Faculty, verification by the concerned HODs, Tabulation process by the Examination Section and declaration of result after due approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is the proof of the Team work. One more step the

Examination Section has gone forward this time is by printing the original certificates for all the students who got placements. We must also remember that the reputation of a university is built not only by academic rankings but by the values it promotes. Integrity, accountability, dedication and service are qualities that every administrator should uphold. Through our actions and professionalism, we set standards that inspire students and colleagues alike.

In conclusion, while it is natural to appreciate what the university has done for us, it is equally important to reflect on what we have done for the university. Every effort we make—whether big or small—contributes to the institution's progress and legacy. A university becomes truly great when its members work not only to benefit from it, but also to serve and strengthen it with sincerity, devotion, dedication, responsibility and pride.



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CUJ : Building Excellence, Shaping the Nation

The Central University of Jharkhand stands as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, inclusivity, and social responsibility. Since its establishment in 2009, the University has been playing a meaningful role in shaping young minds and preparing responsible citizens who can contribute positively to the nation's growth and development.

Nation building is not confined to economic progress alone; it encompasses the creation of an educated, ethical, inclusive, innovative, and socially conscious society. In this regard, the Central University of Jharkhand has been making significant contributions through quality education, cutting-edge research, community engagement, skill development, and the promotion of our rich cultural heritage.

Situated in the culturally vibrant state of Jharkhand, the University has a special responsibility to connect knowledge with the aspirations of local communities and the larger national vision. By encouraging students to appreciate diversity, respect our heritage, embrace technology, and develop a spirit of service, the University is nurturing a generation capable of addressing contemporary

challenges with confidence and compassion.

The University's emphasis on research and innovation is equally important for an Atmanirbhar and progressive India. Its academic environment encourages curiosity, creativity, critical thinking & interdisciplinary approaches—qualities essential for finding sustainable solutions to the challenges of our times.

The true strength of any nation lies in its youth. By empowering students with knowledge, values, skills, and a sense of purpose, the Central University of Jharkhand is not merely educating individuals; it is helping build the human capital upon which the future of India depends.

The Central University of Jharkhand will continue to scale new heights of academic excellence and social impact, contributing significantly to the vision of a Viksit Bharat—an India that is prosperous, inclusive, self-reliant, and globally respected.

May the University continue to inspire generations to learn, innovate, serve, and lead, thereby making an enduring contribution to the noble task of nation building.

Jai Hind... Jai Jharkhand... Jai CUJ...

A Year of Academic Excellence : CUJ Hosts Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

The Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) continues to strengthen its position as a vibrant centre of higher education, research, innovation, and academic engagement. With a focus on interdisciplinary learning, industry-academia collaboration, international exposure, and skill development, the University provides students, researchers, and faculty members with diverse opportunities to engage with emerging areas of knowledge and contemporary challenges. During the academic year 2025–26, the various Schools and Departments of CUJ organized a wide range of national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, training programmes, faculty development programmes, cultural



events, and academic exchanges. These initiatives created meaningful platforms for knowledge sharing, research collaboration, professional development, and wider academic interaction.

The Department of Business Administration and Department of Commerce & Financial Studies under the School of Management Sciences, jointly organized an ICSSR-sponsored Two-Day National Conference on “GST 2.0: Sectoral Analysis, Digital Compliance and Consumption Shifts – Implications for a Viksit Bharat” on 19–20



March 2026. The conference brought together GST practitioners, professionals, industry representatives from FJCCI, faculty members, scholars, students, and participants from across India.

The deliberations covered emerging aspects of GST 2.0, including digital filing, AI-based invoicing, quick refunds, smoother registration, and technology-driven audits, highlighting the transition from traditional approaches to technology-enabled systems. The conference also examined the implications of GST 2.0 for the Indian manufacturing sector, service sector, and the overall economy. The Department of Commerce and Financial Studies also organized the same two-day ICSSR-funded national event during March 2026.

The School of Natural Sciences continued to promote scientific inquiry and research through a series of academic activities across its departments.



The Department of Chemistry contributed to the National Conference on Frontiers in Chemical Sciences (NCFCS-2025/2026), with Prof. B.C. Mallick serving as the Convenor and Dr. R.B. Singh as the Organizing Secretary.

The Department of Mathematics organized the National Conference on Recent Developments in Mathematics and Statistics (RDMS-2026) on 27–28 February 2026, along with observances of National Mathematics Day on 22 December 2025 and National Statistics Day on 30 June 2025.



The Department of Statistics co-organized National Statistics Day (29 June 2025) and National Mathematics Day (22 December 2025) with the Department of Mathematics. It also co-organized the National Conference on Recent Developments in Mathematics and Statistics (RDMS-2026) held on 27–28 February 2026, strengthening interdisciplinary engagement between mathematics and statistics.

The School of Engineering and Technology emphasized academic engagement with contemporary technological & environmental challenges. The Department of Civil Engineering organized a Two-Day National Seminar on “Climate Change and Water Security: Mitigation Strategies and AI Solutions for Developing Countries” at the CUJ Auditorium on 5–6 February 2026. The department also successfully hosted a Six-Day



Faculty Development Programme on “Sustainability Engineering Concepts and Approaches”, sponsored by the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy, from 14–19 July 2025.

The Department of Energy Engineering organized a Seminar-cum-Panel Discussion on “Policy Integration for Renewable Energy Resources, Conversions, Storage, and Distribution” in collaboration with PNB, bringing academic and policy perspectives together on the evolving renewable energy landscape.

The School of Education focused on strengthening research capacity and advancing discussions on contemporary teacher education. The Department of Education organized an ICSSR-sponsored Two-Week Capacity Building Programme on Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences in December 2025. This was followed by an ICSSR, ICWA and MAKAIAS-sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on “Reimagining Teacher and Teacher Education under NEP 2020” in January 2026, providing a



platform for discussions on the changing landscape of teacher education under the National Education Policy 2020.



The School of Languages significantly contributed to CUJ's international and intercultural academic engagement. The Department of Far East Languages organized Tandem Classes in Korean in collaboration with Hangeul University of Foreign Studies and Busan University of Foreign Studies during September–November 2025 and February–April 2026. The department also hosted the Samsung Global Exchange Program 2025 at CUJ on 3 September 2025. CUJ further strengthened its international academic and diplomatic engagement by hosting an Education Delegation from the PRC Embassy in August 2025 and H.E. Mr. Xu Wei, Consul General of PRC in Kolkata, in March 2026.

The School also celebrated important cultural occasions, including the Chinese Spring Festival in March 2026 and Hangeul Day/Korean Script Day in October 2025, promoting cultural understanding and international exchange.

The Department of Hindi organized a Two-Day



International Seminar on “Indian Knowledge System and Bhakti Literature” in March 2026. The department also organized the Hindi Sahityotsav, along with commemorative lectures celebrating prominent literary figures such as Sumitranandan Pant, Premchand, Goswami Tulsidas, Bharatendu Harishchandra, and Jaishankar Prasad.

The Department of English organized a National Seminar on “Mother Tongues in a Globalised World: Challenges and Opportunities” in collaboration with the Indira



Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Ranchi Centre on 26–27 February 2026.

The School of Mass Communication and Media Technology emphasized creative practice, industry exposure, and emerging



media technologies. The Department of Mass Communication organized the Swabhimani Birsa Tribal Film Festival 2025 to celebrate the legacy of Birsa Munda. Dr. Sudarshan Yadav served as the Festival Director and Dr. Amrit Kumar as the Co-Convener. The Department also conducted a series of technical and industry-oriented workshops, including a One-



Day Workshop on Handling Cinematic Camera in collaboration with Sony India; a workshop on Digital Filmmaking using Drone & AI with the Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication; and a Green Filmmaking Masterclass conducted in association with the Vatavaran Film Festival, TRI, and Akhra. These initiatives provided students with practical exposure to contemporary tools, technologies, and sustainable practices in filmmaking.

The School of Natural Resource Management, through the Department of Geoinformatics, focused on advanced geospatial technologies

and practical skill development. The Department organized a One-Week Summer Training Programme on Advanced Surveying with LiDAR, Drones, and Geoprocessing in July 2025. It also conducted a Two-Day Workshop on Introduction to SAR Data Processing in February 2026 and organized the Two-Day National Conference GISRS 2026 in March 2026. These programmes provided participants with exposure to advanced



geospatial tools and techniques relevant to contemporary research and professional applications.



CUJ Elevates Research Excellence with Major External Funding

The Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) is steadily building its stature as a major research-hub by securing significant external grants across diverse Schools and Departments. Faculty members have successfully received competitive financial backing from top national bodies, such as the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), IIRS-ISRO, and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), along with several other prominent groups.



Under the School of Natural Resource Management, the Department of Geoinformatics has achieved notable progress in geospatial and environmental studies. Dr. Shanti Shawarup Mahto received an ANRF grant totaling ₹35 lakhs (running from 2026 to 2029) to study cross-border water security across the Brahmaputra River Basin. Meanwhile, Prof. A.C. Pandey and Dr.



C.S. Dwivedi secured a ₹1.10 crore project from DST to perform advanced 3D laser scans of Himalayan monasteries. Additionally, a ₹39.2 lakh initiative backed by IIRS-ISRO involves Prof. Pandey, Dr. B.R. Parida, Dr. C.S. Dwivedi, and Dr. R.K. Tiwari in developing deep learning models for mass wasting.

In the Department of Environmental Sciences, the team brought in ₹88 lakhs under DST-FIST



Level-I to upgrade their core research facilities. The department is also carrying out key industry consulting work for Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), which includes a ₹79.93 lakh Riverine Eco-System Conservation Plan focused on the North Karanpura Coalfields and a ₹9.80 lakh Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up the Coal Neer Plant in Ray Bachra.



The Department of Geography added two ICSSR-funded research projects. The first projects focuses on female autonomy and decision-making dynamics within migrant and non-migrant households in Jharkhand (₹14 lakh), while the second project examines local food systems and nutrition security among indigenous groups (₹15.5 lakh), headed by Dr. Shailendra Kumar Singh and Dr. Tanushree Kundu.



The School of Natural Sciences has brought in notable research support across several fields. The Department of Chemistry won SERB-backed projects targeting transition metal-catalyzed synthesis, natural products chemistry, and sustainable waste water treatment techniques, accumulating over ₹96 lakh. In the Department of Life Sciences, Dr. Annesha Ghosh was awarded a ₹35 lakh DST



grant to analyze how biochar soil treatments help crops withstand air pollution, while Dr. Hena Firdaus obtained a ₹9.25 lakh CSIR-ASPIRE grant to

conduct developmental biology studies.

The Department of Physics has received special financial support of ₹ 96 lakh under the DST-FIST, Govt. of India. Further, researchers are actively involved in ISRO's nation-wide InSWIM project, with Prof. Sarang Medhekar acting as



Principal Investigator alongside Dr. Dharmendra Singh as Co-Principal Investigator.

Under the School of Engineering and Technology, the Department of Civil Engineering received a ₹ 40 lakh HEFA grant aimed at standardizing gravity-run micro-irrigation



networks tailored for tribal farmers in the Chhota Nagpur Plateau. At the same time, the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering received ₹ 40 lakh through a DST-SERB grant to produce multifunctional ceramic-polymer composite coatings designed for biomedical devices (Principal Investigator: Dr. Ram Kishore Singh, Co-Principal Investigator : Dr. Arnab Bhattacharyya).

The School of Culture remains deeply committed to advancing tribal studies and preserving indigenous knowledge systems, driven by meaningful research initiatives



under the leadership of Prof. Sucheta Sen Chaudhuri, Dr. Seema Mamta Minz, Dr.



Samsher Alam, Dr. Rajanikant Pandey, and Dr. M. Ramakrishnan.

Within the Department of Anthropology and Tribal Studies, faculty members have successfully



secured a series of ICSSR and internal institutional grants. These projects center on key regional issues, including the cultural ecology of the Malpaharia community, traditional artisan groups, native healing practices, tribal youth development, and broader Adivasi life across Jharkhand. To build on this momentum, the department established a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), laying the groundwork for joint field studies, heritage conservation, shared research endeavors, and scholarly exchange.



The School of Languages is similarly growing its research output. Within the Department of Far East Languages, Dr. Konchok Tashi is serving as Co-Principal Investigator for a ₹ 1.10 crore DST-SHRI initiative that utilizes high-tech 3D laser mapping to help conserve historical Buddhist monasteries located in the Himalayas. The Department of English also added to this growth via an ICSSR Minor Research Project awarded to Dr. Mahima Kashyap.



The School of Mass Communication & Media



Technology received a ICSSR Multidisciplinary Research Projects (₹ 16 lakh) to examine the social, cultural, and economic effects of religious conversions among Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across Jharkhand. This



project is directed by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, with Prof. K.B. Singh from the Department of Commerce and Financial Studies and Dr. Shashank Dattatray

Kulkarni from the Department of Political Science and Public Administration joining as Co-Project Directors. Dr. Sudarshan Yadav was selected by the National Film Archive to write a monograph detailing the work of documentary filmmaker Shriprakash.



Dr. Rajashree Padhi (Department of Political Science and Public Administration), Dr C. Nagapavan (Department of Business Administration) and Dr. Shashank Duttatray Kulkarni (Department of Political Science and Public Administration) Research Proposal title “*An Assessment of the Implementation Status of Policy on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: A Case Study of Selected Higher Education Institutions of four Different Zones of India*” is selected by the Indian Council of Social



Science Research (ICSSR-New Delhi) under its Major Research Project 2024-25. The team received a total grant of Rs. 15.5 lakh to evaluate the POSH Act of Government of India.



Taken together, these accomplishments demonstrate the Central University of Jharkhand's expanding research foundation, its collaborative approach, and its dedication to generating meaningful knowledge spanning science, technology, environmental care, engineering, social sciences, tribal studies, humanities, and media studies. Supported by competitive grants, corporate partnerships, and joint initiatives, CUJ continues to align its efforts with national development goals while strengthening its standing as a growing hub for research and innovation.



Feathers of Excellence : Celebrating CUJ's Achievers

A university is not just a place with classrooms, laboratories and lecture halls but a place that also talks about achievements and those people who collectively turn ideas into reality. CUJ is a place that continues to find expression through the achievements of its faculty members across disciplines.

Every award has a story behind it and CUJ has acknowledged various such stories in the past year. Across its schools and departments, CUJ faculty members have continued to contribute through research, innovation, leadership, teaching, academic service and creative work. These achievements talk about the individual excellence and the growing academic spirit of the university as well.



On 6 February 2026, Prof. Sarang Medhekar from Department of Physics under School of Natural Sciences took on the responsibility of Vice-Chancellor (Acting). Alongside this leadership role, he continues his research work as the Principal Investigator for ISRO's InSWIM project.

Also, Dr. Avijit Ghosh from Department of Physics filed a patent for low-temperature carbon electrodes in perovskite solar cells, secured a UGC-DAE CSR research grant, and also served as  Convener of the NSRTP-2026 National Symposium, taking research towards application.

The Department of Statistics also saw an exemplary work of Prof. K. B. Panda, Head as he received a Letter of Appreciation from the Vice-Chancellor of CUJ for leading the



university as Chairman of the NAAC Coordination Committee, contributing to CUJ securing an A+ grade. Dr. Bhagwati Devi from the same department received a Certificate of Appreciation for leading NAAC Criterion 5 to an A++ grade and also received a  Certificate of Recognition as a Master Trainer under the Rashtriya Karmayogi Large Scale Jan Seva Programme.

One of the commendable works that the Department of Environmental Sciences under the School of Natural Resource Management has seen is the achievement of Dr.  Bhaskar Singh on being featured repeatedly among the Top 2% of World Scientists in the Stanford University/Elsevier global ranking from 2021 to 2025.

Dr. Sushil Kr. Shukla from Department of Environmental Sciences received the ESDA Senior Scientist Award 2025 at the 6th World Environment Summit, while Prof.  Manoj Kumar also from the same department was awarded Indian Patent No. 226468 for his *Device for Weather Forecasting* in March 2026.

Dr. Bikash Ranjan Parida (Department of Geoinformatics) received the Bonn International Fellowship from the  University of Bonn, Germany.

Research at CUJ is travelling from environmental research to weather forecasting and international academic engagement, showcasing the extraordinary works. Several new chapters have been added to the story of CUJ as Prof. Ajai Singh, Dr Sikha Chourasiya



Department of Civil Engineering & Dr. Bishnu Mohan Jha, Department of Energy Engineering under the School of Engineering & Technology was co-awarded an Indian patent for a smart tripod-mounted system for real-time volumetric measurement of water, registered as Patent No. 463601-



001. Another moment of recognition for research was unveiled when Dr. Shikha Chourasiya won the Best Presentation Award at the International conference ISCESTI-2025 hosted by National Institute of Technology (NIT), Patna.

Dr. Basudev Pradhan and P. Kumar, Department of Energy Engineering under the School of Engineering & Technology filed two Indian patents on superhydrophobic ZnO vertical nanowire layers and self-cleaning films for solar panels. Dr. Basudev Pradhan was also recognised for his contribution to academic publishing, receiving the Author Service Award 2025 and Distinction Award 2025 for his editorial contributions to *Applied Physics A* by Springer Nature.



The list of achievement does not stop here. It continues as Prof. (Dr.) Bateshwar Singh (DCFS) of Department of Management under the School of Management Sciences received the Best Paper Award at the International Conference organised by the Department of Commerce, University of Kota, in association with the IAA Kota Branch, held on 23–24 March 2026.



Another dimension to CUJ's achievement diary has been added by Dr. Rashmi Verma, Department of Mass Communication under the School of Mass Communication & Media Technologies. She was awarded Women Leadership Education Award by LEAP 2025 and also appointed as State President of Jharkhand, Media Council of Women Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WICCI).



Dr. Sudarshan Yadav from Department of Mass Communication was awarded Second-Best Supervisor for MA Dissertation in the Asia-Pacific region by the Dr. Anamika Ray Memorial Trust. He also received the FIPRESCI-India Certificate of Merit Award for Best Film Critic, portraying his excellence beyond classroom, in the world of cinema.



Dr. Shashank Dattatray Kulkarni from Department of Political Science & Public Administration under the School of Social Sciences has two notable intellectual property achievements: a 2025 design patent, *Sustainable Farming Policy Assessment Device* (443594-001, India), and a 2026 copyright, *Farmers, Policy and Power: Understanding Agricultural Political Framework* (LD-20260190424, India), proving where hard work can lead to.



Dr. Sanhita Sucharita from Department of Economics under the School of Social Sciences made the department shine brighter as she was honoured by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in collaboration with Springer Nature and ICSSR, during India's Research Tour 2025.



CUJ achieved a new academic milestone with the short listing to host a Fullbright Specialist



under the prestigious United States Fullbright Specialist Program 2026-27. The proposal for academic

collaboration was steered by Prof. T.K. Basantia, Director (IQAC) and Dr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy, from School of Education as Co-ordinator.



Dr. Mahima Kashyap from Department of English under the School of Languages received an Indian patent for her design,

“Language Translator Device” (Patent No. 468614-001).

The achievements of the faculties of CUJ across different disciplines are more than a collection of awards. They are the story of learning, evolving and making its presence felt. As these stories continue to unfold across schools and disciplines, they collectively form one larger narrative which says that CUJ is not an institution that is just building knowledge but is building people, possibilities and impact.



Enhancing Student Employability Through Industrial Exposure and Placement

The student journey is not restricted to the classroom. Real learning happens when stepping outside into corporate offices, laboratories, research institutes, or field sites for practical exposure. Alongside classroom studies, internships, placements, competitive examinations, and professional training serve



as essential opportunities to test learning, discover possibilities, and find future direction. CUJ provides these opportunities across schools and departments to help students cope with the real world. The academic year brought an array of achievements, from securing placements with leading organizations to qualifying national examinations, working with premier research institutions, and receiving international scholarships.

The Department of Business Administration under the School of Management Sciences continued its strong placement journey, marking approximately 70% placements. The campus welcomed leading organizations including IDBI Bank Limited, GCCCMF Ltd. (AMUL), Triveni Almirah Pvt. Ltd., Axis Bank Ltd., Reliance Retail Limited, Bajaj Finance Limited, V-Mart Limited, IndiaMartInterMesh Ltd., Value Straight Pvt. Ltd., and Berger Paints India Ltd. Among notable offers, four students were selected by Triveni Almirah Pvt. Ltd. with a CTC of 10.86 lakh per annum, three students received offers from AMUL exceeding 8 lakh

per annum, and seven students were selected by IDBI Bank Ltd. with packages ranging from 6.14 lakh to 6.50 lakh per annum. Reliance Retail Ltd. selected four students, while V-Mart selected two, alongside other organization selections. Off-campus and referral drives also yielded positions at Federal Bank Ltd. and Car Trade Tech Ltd. (CarWale). Dedicated Training & Placement student representatives prepared placement brochures, invited global organizations, and circulated success stories across CUJ platforms.

As part of their course structure, all MBA 2025–27 batch students completed a mandatory 6–8 week summer internship to understand how classroom learning translates into professional practice. Students completed internships with reputed private and public sector organizations, including Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail Limited (Pantaloons), Airports Authority of India, Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Central Coalfields Limited, Damodar Valley Corporation, Hindalco Industries Limited, IDBI Bank Limited, Indian Oil Limited, ITC Limited, GCMFM Limited (Amul), Moreish Foods Limited, National



Thermal Power Corporation Limited, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Tata Steel Limited, and Vedanta Asset Limited. These internships allowed students to explore Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, and Operations while

tackling complex business challenges.

In the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering under the School of Engineering & Technology, two students qualified GATE exams with perfect scores:



Jaynarayan Gorai cleared GATE 2025 with a score of 430, and Amandeep qualified with a score of 322. Students secured prestigious internships at national research laboratories and defence institutions including DRDO, Hyderabad; CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur; and CSIR-NAL, Bengaluru. Summer internships were also completed at premier academic institutions including IIT BHU, IIT Patna, IIT Roorkee, IIT Bhubaneswar, IIT Jammu, IIT Delhi, NIT Rourkela, NIT Bhopal, NIT Jamshedpur, and NIT Tiruchirappalli. Additionally, students underwent practical training at major PSU and industrial plants such as SAIL, Bokaro; Rourkela Steel Plant; Metal & Steel Factory, Ishapore; and Hindalco Industries, Muri.

In the Department of Civil Engineering, 31 B.Tech students completed industry training and internships at prestigious national institutions. Seven students trained at IIT BHU, five at IIT Guwahati, and three at IIT Mandi, with individual selections at IIT Patna, IIT Ropar, and BIT Mesra. Students also gained ground-level civil engineering exposure through L&T in Patna and Odisha, NHAI at

Ormanjhi, RCD Ranchi, BLW Varanasi, and Dhanbad Municipal Corporation.

In the Department of Computer Sciences, 19 students qualified GATE in 2025 and 2026, with Baibhav Kumar Chandra (597), Khushi Kumari (556), Manas Mani (518), and Ghanshyam Dhangar (499) making the department proud in the GATE 2026 examination. Students also secured competitive research and industrial internships at leading institutions including IIT Bhubaneswar, IIT Patna, IIT BHU, IIT Roorkee, IIT Jammu, NIT Rourkela, MNIT Jaipur, C-DAC Noida, and BARC.

The Department of Energy Engineering witnessed achievements across placements, competitive examinations, industrial exposure, and internships. Adarsh Singh and Satyam Singh secured positions as Graduate Engineer Trainees at D&H Secheron Electrodes Pvt. Ltd. with a CTC of 3.60 lakh per annum, while Atul Kumar, Shyam Kumar Mahato, and Dhananjay Das qualified GATE 2026. Furthermore, 33 B.Tech students completed an industrial exposure visit to Patratu Vidyut Utpadan



Nigam Limited (PVUNL). The department also facilitated 45-day summer internships at institutions and PSUs including IIT BHU, IIT Patna, CSIR-IIP, IOCL, Tata Steel, MECON, CCL, and Gomoh Electric Loco Shed.

In the Department of Chemistry under the

School of Natural Sciences, Salbi Kumari was placed at Vedanta / ESL Steel Ltd. with a package of 4.65 lakh per annum. Itishree Samal and Priyaranjan Patra were appointed as Trained Graduate Teachers (PCM) through Odisha SSC at approximately 7.20 lakh per annum each, while Soumyakanta Bhoi was recruited at the Office of the District Judge, Bargarh, at Pay Level-4. For research roles, Narayan Sahoo was appointed as Project Associate at CSIR-CECRI, Chennai (3.84 lakh per annum), and Lipika Mete joined CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad, as a Project Assistant (3 lakh per annum).

In the Department of Life Sciences, Pratik Deep qualified CSIR-NET 2025 and GATE 2025 (score of 246), while Subhalaxmi Panda qualified GATE 2025 with a score of 413. In professional careers, Harshit Shubhanshu



joined the Azim Premji Foundation as an Associate Resource Person (CTC of 4.32 lakh per annum), and Deeksha Kumari joined Globiva Services Pvt. Ltd. as an Associate Quality Analyst (CTC of 3 lakh per annum). Pratik Deep also progressed into academia as Guest Faculty / Assistant Professor at Vikram Dev University, Jeypore. Additionally, 29 UG/PG students completed summer internships at ICAR-NRCL, ICMR-NIMR, Institute of Life Sciences (Bhubaneswar), Banaras Hindu University, Sambalpur University, Berhampur University, Institute of

Forest Productivity, Magadh University, Sudha Dairy Plants (Barauni and Patna), SAIL Bokaro General Hospital, Sharma Global Biotech, and Vikramshila Milk Union.

In the Department of Mathematics, Vinayak Pandit secured Rank 505 in IIT JAM 2026,



Rank 1323 in IIT JAM 2025, and Rank 1789 in GATE 2026 with a score of 350. Arti Kumari secured Rank 3118 in IIT JAM 2025, and Pintu Kumar qualified IIT JAM 2025 with Rank 3336. Ramashankar Yadav, Annu Kumari, Tasneem Ahammed, and Abhinav Kumar participated in the ISRO Agnirva Space Internship Program. Nishu Kumari, Anjali Kumari Singh, Khushboo Kumari, and Bhavana Kumari completed data analytics internships at Central Coalfields Limited (CCL). Sneha Bej and Snehlata Dwivedi worked as research interns at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, while Akash Raj was selected for the Mathematics Training and Talent Search (MTTS) Program.

In the Department of Physics, Shakti Sudha Das was selected for the Odisha Revenue Service, Group-B (Odisha Civil Services).



Niranjan Kumar was selected as Stipendiary Trainee / Scientific Assistant at IGCAR, Kalpakkam (5 lakh per annum), while Sushree Sucharita Si was selected as an OJT Trainee at Jindal Steel Limited, Patratu (4 lakh per annum). Najuk K. Chourasia and Payal R. Giri were selected for the Summer School for Women in Physics 2025 at ICTS, while Aryan Pandey and Prem Kumar completed summer internships at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University.

In the Department of Environmental Sciences under the School of Natural Resource Management, Anushka Lal and Adarsh Raj secured placements with the Azim Premji Foundation (₹4.56 lakh per annum), while Richa Kumari and Riya Kumari joined Saathi Planners Pvt. Ltd. (₹2.16 lakh per annum). Mr. Soham Mishra cleared UGC-NET 2025, and the department has awarded 15 Ph.D. degrees



to date. Students also completed summer research internships at IIT-BHU, IIT Roorkee, JNU, BHU, ICAR Kolkata, Delhi University, and IMD Ranchi.

In the Department of Geoinformatics, Babaji Pati secured a JRF/Ph.D. position at IISc Education and Research Bhopal, while Aditya Mishra secured a JRF/Ph.D. position at IIT Roorkee. Industry placements included CEED India (packages up to 4.8 lakh per annum), Punjab Remote Sensing Centre, Grav Geotech, RT Network Solutions, and Brick Solutions.

Gautam Kumar, Aryan Gupta, Titli Biswas, and Jitesh Chandra qualified GATE 2026, while Gautam Kumar, Sankar Modak (PhD Scholar),



Aryan Gupta, and Biplab Mandal qualified NET 2025.

In the Department of Geology, Himansu Kumar Barik secured a position as an Associate Resource Person at the Azim Premji Foundation (4,56,000 per annum). First-year students Itishree Giri, Sourav Kumar, Subrat Kumar Sahoo, Satyajit Nayak, Shailesh Munda, and Usasi Goswami completed a 10-day field excursion to Kuju, Ramgarh. Second-year students Chandan Kumar, Himanshu Ranjan Ojha, Lipi Sinha, Michael Vathanan R., Pintu Kumar, Rudra Vinayak, Smruti S. P., Subham Naik, Tisika Dash, Sumit Partap, and Matruprasad Sethi completed a 15-day geological field visit to Ghatsila, Jaduguda, and Jamshedpur. Specialized industrial training was undertaken by Chandan Kumar, Pintu Kumar, and Rudra Vinayak at Raikela Iron Ore Mine (7–8 days); Himanshu Ranjan Ojha at NML (30 days with 9 participation certificates); Lipi Sinha at CMPDI (35 days); Michael Vathanan R. at Karaikudi (90 days); and Subham Naik, Tisika Dash, and Matruprasad Sethi in Odisha (29, 7, and 11 days, respectively).

In the Department of Geography, Priti Bhagat qualified UGC-NET 2025–26 with a score of 200, Bhavya Siddhi qualified UGC-NET

2024–25 with a score of 194, and Kundan Kumar Pandit qualified UGC-NET 2024–25 with a score of 192.

In the Department of Mass Communication, total 52 (2025: 25 + 2026: 27) students did their internship to get hands on training in media industry. Those include: Arunabh Jha at Dainik Jagran, Delhi, Rohini Shree and Ayush Kumar at Dainik Jagran Patna, Soma Rani Kundu, Ankita Kumari, and Aayushi Raj at Prabhat Khabar, Ranchi, Sameer Kumar at Dainik Bhaskar, Neha Kumari and Muskan Kumari, IPRD Patna, Orusha Hasan, Tanishq Suryansh, and Aditi Anand at IPRD Ranchi, Sahil Ansari and Arpit Dev at Aradhya Associates, Onkar Kumar at Friends Media PR, Smriti Mishra at



Hypeaxe Global Strategic, Noida, Durpati Kumari at Metrop Pvt. Ltd., Ashutosh Kumar Sahu at Power Electronics, Ranchi, Purna Pratistha at Nakshatra News, Supriya, Rani Kumari, and Samiksha Kumari Pandey at Khanchi Community Radio, Prachi Tiwary and Riya Raj at Radio Dhoom.

In the Department of Far East Languages under the School of Languages, Korean-language students Shivangi Kumari and Siddharth Nityam joined Agilent Technologies (9.1 lakh per annum), Purnima Kumari (9 lakh per annum) and Manish Kumar (8.5 lakh per annum) joined Precision Lasermore, and Omkar Kumar joined Mir Pegasus Connects (8 lakh per annum). For Chinese-language



students, Anup Kumar received a 100% scholarship for an M.A. at Zhejiang University, while Anshu Kumar, Khushi Kumari, Shantanu Kumar, and Kumari Purnima Ranjan received 100% scholarships for a one-year programme at Yunnan University. Govind Raj qualified UGC NET/JRF in December 2025 with a 97.65 percentile, and Rahul Pandit secured 2nd Rank in the 24th All India Chinese Bridge Speech Competition in Kolkata (June 2025). Internships were completed with Traveda Tour Ltd., Mingwood Biotech, NEEV Laying Foundations, and online platforms.

In the Department of English, Harsh Vardhan and Mary Vibha Toppo qualified GATE 2026. Aditi Bhagat (Assistant Professor & Ph.D.), Shivangi Kumari (Ph.D.), and Subasha Kumbhar (Ph.D.) qualified UGC-NET 2025–26, while Saurav Kumar qualified CTET 2026.

In the Department of Hindi, Puja Kumari was selected as a School Teacher (9–10), Suraj Ranjan was appointed as an Assistant Professor at HSPC, and Yogita Kumari qualified the UGC-NET examination in 2025.

Students in the School of Culture completed



professional summer internships across notable institutions. Annu Kumari, Afsana Khatun, and Khushi Kumari trained at the Indian Museum, Kolkata. Rajshree Kumari, Bhumi Kumari Jaiswal, and Kavita Nag interned at the Odisha Craft Museum (Kalabhoomi). Aastha Kumari interned at the Regional Museum of Natural History, while Jasmimayee Kalu joined the National Foundation for India. Aswathy K. and Haseena trained with Totem Resources, Wayanad, and Ashish Oraon, Vicky Kumar Munda, Prince Kumar, Amit Sahu, and Dhurub Kumar interned at the Naman Foundation, Ranchi.

In the Department of International Relations under the School of Social Sciences, Rishi Marandi qualified UGC JRF in 2025, scoring 218/300. Abhishek Prasad qualified UGC NET in 2025, scoring 224/300. Daulat Kumar Roy

qualified UGC JRF in 2025, scoring 256/300. Master's and integrated students of the Department of Mass Communication completed 30-day professional internships across print, broadcast, and public relations organizations, including Dainik Jagran



(Delhi/Patna), Prabhat Khabar, IPRD Patna/Ranchi, Radio Dhoom, Radio Khanchi, and Friends Media PR. These experiences allowed students to observe, participate, and learn directly from the evolving media world beyond the classroom.



Khelotsav : The Grand Festival of Sports and Sportsmanship

Every university has traditions that leave a lasting imprint on its students. At the Central University of Jharkhand, Khelotsav is one such tradition, a celebration that goes far beyond



medals and scoreboards. It is a time when classrooms give way to playgrounds, rivalries are built on respect, and every cheer from the sidelines becomes a memory that students carry long after they leave the campus.

Khelotsav 2026 once again transformed the university into a vibrant arena of enthusiasm, determination and togetherness. Students from every School and Department, along with faculty members and university staff, came together with one shared purpose - to celebrate the joy of sports and the values it nurtures. From the first whistle to the final award ceremony, the campus echoed with applause, encouragement and an infectious spirit of unity.

The tournament witnessed thrilling contests across football, volleyball, cricket, kabaddi, badminton and athletics. Every match reflected not only the skill of the participants but also months of preparation, teamwork and perseverance. While every team played with



remarkable determination, several schools emerged as champions. The School of Education secured the Boys' Volleyball title, while the School of Natural Science lifted the Girls' Volleyball trophy. The School of Engineering & Technology dominated the field by winning both the Boys' Football and Boys' Kabaddi championships. The School of Language celebrated victories in the Girls' Football and Boys' Cricket events, whereas the School of Culture and the School of Social Science emerged as champions in Girls' Kabaddi and Girls' Cricket respectively. These achievements reflected the competitive spirit and sporting excellence spread across every corner of the university.

The athletics arena produced some of the most



memorable moments of Khelotsav 2026. Sonali Kumari of the School of Social Science emerged as one of the brightest stars of the tournament, winning gold medals in both the 200-metre and 400-metre races. Priyanka Shaw sprinted to victory in the Girls' 100-metre event with an impressive performance. In the boys' category, A. Anji Kumar claimed the 100-metre title, Nitesh Kumar Tandi excelled in the 200 metres, while Abhiraj crossed the finish line first in the 400-metre race. Their performances drew loud cheers from fellow students and added excitement to every race.

The badminton courts witnessed equally captivating encounters. Pallavi Rani

showcased remarkable composure to win the Girls' Singles title, while Sandeep Kumar Tudu emerged as the Boys' Singles champion. The doubles events highlighted the importance of teamwork, with Yash Raj and Rishikesh Mehta



clinching the Boys' Doubles championship, while Sanjana Prasad and Swati Singh displayed excellent coordination to secure the Girls' Doubles title.

Several participants distinguished themselves through their performances across multiple events. Sanjana Prasad had an exceptional Khelotsav, contributing to the Girls' Volleyball runner-up team, winning the Girls' Cricket championship with the School of Social Science, and lifting the Girls' Badminton Doubles title. Similarly, Nitesh Kumar Tandi not only won gold in the Boys' 200-metre race but also represented the Boys' Volleyball runner-up team from the School of Natural Science. Their achievements reflected the versatility, dedication and sporting spirit that define the students of CUJ. One of the most heartwarming aspects of Khelotsav 2026 was the enthusiastic participation of the university's faculty members. Stepping away from lecture halls and administrative responsibilities,



teachers joined the celebrations with the same passion and competitive spirit as their students. Their presence on the athletics track, badminton courts and tug-of-war arena transformed the event into a true festival of togetherness, strengthening the bond between teachers and students.

Among the faculty, Dr. Makima Kashyap delivered an outstanding performance by winning both the Women's 100-metre and 200-metre races, while Dr. Jayshree Mahanti claimed the Women's 400-metre title and was also part of the victorious Tug of War team. In the Men's Above-40 category, Prof. R. Viswanathan secured first place in the 100 metres, while Dr. Rajesh Kumar dominated by winning both the 200-metre and 400-metre races. In the Below-40 category, Vikash Kumar won both the 100-metre and 200-metre events,



whereas Rohit Rajan emerged victorious in the 400 metres. The badminton events also witnessed spirited performances from faculty members, with Dr. Pratibha Warwade, Dr. Shanti Swaroop, Dr. Pragyan, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, and their doubles partners delivering memorable contests that received enthusiastic applause from students and colleagues alike.

As the tournament concluded with the award ceremony, medals and trophies found their deserving champions. Yet, the true success of Khelotsav 2026 could not be measured by podium finishes alone.

National Service Scheme : Serve, Inspire & Transform

The National Service Scheme (NSS) actively organizes diverse initiatives aimed at fostering social commitment, patriotism, leadership, and



holistic development among students.

NSS volunteers participated in events strengthening national unity, including National Youth Day (Run for Swadeshi), Essay & Painting Competitions, and Yuva Gyan Samagam 2025–26, where CUJ students competed against 20+ institutions.



On Kargil Vijay Diwas (24 July 2026), NSS, NCC, and the Medical Centre organized a voluntary blood donation camp, promoting a campus culture of compassionate service.

NSS, NCC, and the Sports Wing organized "Yoga Sangam 2026" on 21 June 2026, bringing together over 350 participants for



physical fitness and mental peace.

A two-day drive from 16–18 April 2026 promoted campus cleanliness through cleaning



initiatives and waste segregation awareness.

On 2 August 2026, over 100 volunteers took the nationwide "Nasha Mukh Bharat" anti-drug pledge following the Prime Minister's address.

During World Environment Day Week, NSS hosted the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" drive on 5 June 2026, planting over 50 saplings.



Through debates, quizzes, training camps, and workshops, NSS encourages youth to build leadership skills, teamwork, and civic responsibility.

Volunteers engage in literacy drives, health check-ups, and support for underprivileged groups, strengthening university-community ties.



National Cadet Corps : Discipline, Duty and Dedication

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) at the Central University of Jharkhand engages cadets in rigorous training, patriotic initiatives, and



community service. Below is an overview of the key NCC activities and events.

● **CATC 12 2026 Camp:** Thirty-four CUJ cadets participated in this camp, bringing recognition to the unit. SUO Ayush Kumar, CDT Sridhar Mishra, and CDT Piyush earned Best Firer achievements.



● **Blood Donation Camp:** Organized by COY 1, NCC CUJ, under 19 Jharkhand Battalion to mark Kargil Vijay Diwas, this drive collaborated with NSS, CUJ Medical Unit, and RIMS Ranchi. Cadets, volunteers, and staff donated blood, honoring soldiers and saving lives.

● **Thal Sainik Camp (TSC IGC) 2026 :** CUJ Cadets represented the Ranchi group, securing 2nd position at the Directorate level.



Participants included Sgt Mohit Kumar, LCPL Rani Kumari, CPL Abhinav, CQMS Sakshi Pandey, SUO Ayush Kr., and CDT Rocky Raj.



● **Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Competition (IDSSC) IGC 2026:** Cadets competed in sports shooting, where SUO Ayush Kumar achieved 3rd position for the Ranchi Group.

● **NCC B & C Certificate Examination 2026:** Cadets excelled in certification exams.



Three cadets secured an 'A' grade in the B certificate exam with a 100% pass rate, while all C certificate cadets passed successfully.

● **Flag Hoisting Event :** CUJ-NCC organized a flag hoisting event on 9th August 2026 under the Har Ghar Tiranga Programme, featuring 50 cadets alongside ANO Lt Dr Vineet Kumar Agotiya.





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