

YUVA SANGAM PHASE VI — DAY-WISE PROGRAMME REPORT

Sender Phase — Rajasthan Delegates to Karnataka

1. Programme Overview

Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur, designated as the Sender Higher Education Institution (HEI) for Rajasthan under the Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme, flagged off the Rajasthan delegation for the Sender Phase of the programme from 7th to 15th May 2026. The delegation embarked on an eight-day journey to Karnataka, hosted by IIIT Dharwad as the partner institution, for an immersive cultural and educational exchange.

Yuva Sangam Phase VI is a youth exchange initiative launched by the Government of India under the Ministry of Education, implemented through the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The programme is designed to bridge the cultural, social, and developmental divide between the diverse states of India by enabling young minds to explore and appreciate the richness of the nation at first hand. By immersing participants in the heritage, governance, academic excellence, and local traditions of a paired state, the initiative nurtures a deeper sense of national unity, mutual respect, and pan-India identity among the youth — embodying the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB).

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Host Institution	Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur
Partner Institution	Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Dharwad, Karnataka
Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VI — Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Phase	Sender Phase (Rajasthan → Karnataka)
Programme Dates	7th May 2026 (Thursday) – 15th May 2026 (Friday)
Total Duration	8 Days
Delegation	Rajasthan Delegation, MNIT Jaipur

Key Officials — AICTE Yuva Sangam Team

The seamless coordination and successful execution of the Yuva Sangam Phase VI tour was made possible by the committed and experienced AICTE team.

Mr. Naresh Grover, Director of the Regulation Bureau of AICTE — which oversees approvals of engineering institutions across the country — has been serving as the Nodal Officer for Yuva Sangam since Phase 5. He has maintained active coordination with Nodal Higher Educational Institutions to ensure the smooth operation of all Yuva Sangam tours, and along with his dedicated team, enthusiastically supports the Ministry of Education in the successful completion of every phase of the programme.

Mr. Tarun Kakar, Technical Assistant at AICTE, brings with him over three decades of experience since joining the council in 1994. Having handled a wide range of tasks and assignments across various bureaus, he possesses exceptional expertise in managing both in-house and outdoor events, and has been instrumental in showcasing the achievements of AICTE at different national forums. A valued member of the Yuva Sangam team since Phase 2, Mr. Kakar has personally interacted with and motivated numerous state delegations, inspiring them as they commenced their journeys to their paired states.

DAY 1 | Thursday, 7th May 2026

Orientation & Flag-Off Ceremony

Registration, Orientation & Flag-Off

The Yuva Sangam Phase VI journey commenced on the evening of 7th May 2026 with a formal Orientation Programme and Flag-Off Ceremony held at Prabha Bhawan, MNIT Jaipur, from 5:00 PM to 7:15 PM. Delegates arrived and completed registration between 5:00 PM and 5:45 PM, followed by seating and assembly.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by the Co-Nodal Officer, succeeded by addresses from the Dean of Student Welfare and the Director of MNIT Jaipur. The AICTE Director and team then addressed the assembled delegates, highlighting the significance of the Yuva Sangam initiative and encouraging the youth to make the most of this unique opportunity.

An ice-breaking session facilitated warm interactions between delegates and coordinators, followed by a group photo session capturing the enthusiasm of the delegation. A refreshing High-Tea and networking break preceded the much-awaited Official Flag-Off Ceremony, which formally flagged off the Rajasthan delegation for their Karnataka sojourn.

The delegation enjoyed dinner before departing for Ajmer Junction at midnight to board the Ajmer–Mysore Express (Train No. 16209).

DAY 2 | Friday, 8th May 2026

Journey Begins

Train Journey to Karnataka

Day 2 was dedicated to the train journey from Ajmer to Karnataka aboard the Ajmer–Mysore Express. As the delegation traversed through the heartland of India, the long journey became an opportunity for peer bonding, cultural conversations, and shared excitement about the days ahead. Delegates engaged in group discussions, games, and interactions, building friendships and a sense of collective identity that would carry through the entire tour.

DAY 3 | Saturday, 9th May 2026

Arrival & Welcome Orientation

Reception in Karnataka

The delegation arrived in Karnataka on Day 3 and was warmly received at the host institution with a Welcome Orientation Programme. Delegates were formally introduced to the schedule, the host team, and the cultural landscape of Karnataka. The orientation offered an overview of the state's history, traditions, and contemporary achievements, setting the stage for the immersive

experiences that followed. The warm reception extended by the Karnataka hosts reflected the spirit of brotherhood and hospitality that defines the Yuva Sangam programme.

DAY 4 | Sunday, 10th May 2026

Heritage Excursion to Pattadakal & Badami

Pattadakal & Badami Caves

Day 4 commenced at the early hour of 5:30 AM as the delegation set out for one of the most historically significant destinations of the tour — the ancient temple complex of Pattadakal and the magnificent Badami Caves. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Pattadakal stands as a remarkable testament to the architectural genius of the Chalukya dynasty, housing a stunning ensemble of eighth-century temples that blend North Indian Nagara and South Indian Dravidian styles.

The Badami Caves, carved into red sandstone cliffs overlooking a tranquil lake, offered delegates a breathtaking window into early rock-cut architecture and Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist traditions. The excursion was both educationally enriching and visually awe-inspiring, deepening the delegates' appreciation of India's ancient civilisational heritage.

Following the heritage visits, the delegation commenced its overnight bus journey to Bengaluru at midnight, travelling through the night in anticipation of the capital city's experiences.

DAY 5 | Monday, 11th May 2026

Bengaluru: Governor's Interaction & Legislative Visit

Interaction with the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka

The delegation arrived in Bengaluru at 11:00 AM on Day 5, and the day proved to be one of the most significant and memorable of the entire tour. At 12:00 PM, the delegates were privileged to have a formal interaction with the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, at Lok Bhavan.

Addressing the students, the Governor emphasised that such educational and cultural exchange programmes play a vital role in strengthening national integration by creating awareness about the social, cultural, and developmental aspects of different states across the country. He noted that India has emerged as the world's fourth largest economy and urged the youth to work with dedication and commitment to help the country achieve even greater heights in the global arena. He also encouraged the students to actively utilise various government schemes and participate meaningfully in the development of the nation. On the occasion, Dr. S. R. Mahadeva of IIIT Dharwad and other dignitaries were also present.

Karnataka Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Soudha)

Following the Governor's interaction, the delegation visited the Karnataka Legislative Assembly — the Vidhan Soudha — at 2:00 PM, gaining firsthand exposure to the state's legislative processes, governance structures, and the grandeur of one of India's most iconic government buildings. The visit offered delegates a rare and valuable insight into democratic functioning at the state level.

In the evening at 5:00 PM, the delegation proceeded to IIIT Dharwad, marking the beginning of their academic engagement with one of Karnataka's premier technical institutions.

DAY 6 | Tuesday, 12th May 2026

Academic Engagement at IIIT Dharwad

Campus Sessions & Orientation

The delegation arrived at the MNIT/IIIT Dharwad campus at 6:00 AM on Day 6 and spent the day in academic sessions and campus orientation. Delegates interacted with faculty and students of the institution, gaining insights into the technical education ecosystem and research culture at IIIT Dharwad. The academic sessions broadened the delegates' understanding of higher education opportunities and career pathways available in Karnataka.

In the evening at 5:00 PM, the delegation visited Inorbit Mall, Dharwad, for a brief recreational outing, before returning to the IIIT Dharwad campus at 6:30 PM for the night.

DAY 7 | Wednesday, 13th May 2026

Community Outreach & Cultural Immersion

Meeting with the Director of IIIT Dharwad

Day 7 was a rich blend of institutional engagement, environmental consciousness, community outreach, and local exploration. The day began early with a meeting with the Director of IIIT Dharwad from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM, during which delegates had the opportunity to interact with the leadership of the institution and discuss the vision driving technical education in the region.

Tree Plantation Drive — 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

This was followed by a meaningful tree plantation drive conducted under the national initiative 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', in which delegates actively participated, contributing to the environmental mission of the Government of India and leaving a lasting green imprint in Karnataka.

Deshpande Foundation & Community Lunch

The delegation then visited the Deshpande Foundation, a renowned organisation working at the intersection of social entrepreneurship, innovation, and community development. The visit offered delegates an inspiring perspective on grassroots leadership and the power of youth-driven change. Lunch with the community followed, fostering warm interpersonal connections and a deeper appreciation of Karnataka's social fabric.

Garag & Hubballi Local Market

In the afternoon at 2:30 PM, the delegation visited Garag, exploring its local character and significance. The day concluded with an evening visit to the local market in Hubballi at 6:00 PM, where delegates experienced the vibrant commerce, cuisine, and street culture of the city.

DAY 8 | Thursday–Friday, 14th–15th May 2026

Cultural Celebration & Farewell

Temple Visits & Unkal Lake

The final day of the Yuva Sangam Phase VI Karnataka tour was a fitting and memorable culmination of the entire journey. The day began early at 5:30 AM with a serene and spiritually enriching visit to the revered Chandramouleshwar Temple and Siddharudha Temple, followed by a tranquil stroll around the scenic Unkal Lake. These visits offered a moment of peaceful

reflection, allowing delegates to soak in the spiritual and natural beauty of Karnataka before the tour drew to a close.

Kannada Language Orientation Session

A Kannada language orientation session was conducted at the college from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM, providing delegates with an opportunity to learn the basics of Karnataka's official language. The session was warmly received, promoting linguistic appreciation and cultural sensitivity among the Rajasthan youth — a meaningful step towards bridging the linguistic diversity of India.

Valedictory Cultural Programme & Farewell Dinner

At 5:00 PM, a grand Cultural Programme was organised to mark the conclusion of the tour, graced by the ADC Ms. Geeta Mann (CD), Director In-Charge Dr. K. Gopinath, and Deputy Commander Mr. Naresh Kumar. The programme showcased the artistic talents of the delegation and the host institution in a joyful exchange of performances.

The evening concluded with a Special Farewell Dinner at 9:30 PM, bringing the eight-day Yuva Sangam Phase VI Karnataka journey to a warm, celebratory, and emotionally resonant close.

Conclusion

The Yuva Sangam Phase VI Sender Phase visit to Karnataka was an immensely enriching and transformative experience for the Rajasthan delegation. Over eight purposeful days, the programme seamlessly wove together heritage exploration, governance exposure, academic engagement, community outreach, environmental action, linguistic learning, and cultural exchange into a journey that went far beyond tourism.

Delegates returned not only with memories of Karnataka's magnificent landscapes, temples, and institutions, but with a broadened worldview, lasting friendships, and a renewed sense of pride in India's extraordinary diversity. The initiative stands as a shining example of how experiential learning can bridge divides, build bridges, and nurture the next generation of informed, empathetic, and nationally conscious citizens.

MNIT Jaipur is grateful to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, AICTE, and the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Initiative for their vision, leadership, and support in making Yuva Sangam possible, and to IIIT Dharwad for the warmth and hospitality extended to the Rajasthan delegation throughout the tour.

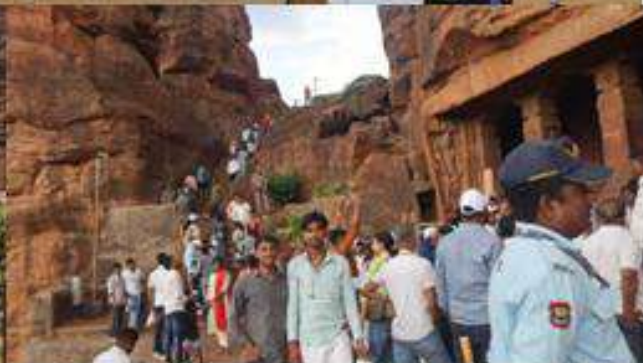
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Receiver Phase — Karnataka Delegates at MNIT Jaipur

1. Programme Overview

Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur, designated as the Sender Higher Education Institution (HEI) for Rajasthan under the Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme, hosted the reciprocal Receiver Phase of the programme from 6th to 12th June 2026. This followed the successful Sender Phase in which MNIT Jaipur had flagged off 50 young delegates from Rajasthan to Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Dharwad, Karnataka, on 7th May 2026.

For the Receiver Phase, a total of 47 student delegates and 6 coordinators from IIIT Dharwad, Karnataka, visited Rajasthan for a seven-day immersive cultural and educational exchange programme. The delegation comprised undergraduate students, postgraduate scholars, and doctoral researchers from diverse academic disciplines, regions, and socio-economic backgrounds across Karnataka.

The programme was implemented under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, which promotes national integration and mutual understanding among the youth of India through structured inter-state exchanges. The seven-day programme at MNIT Jaipur was meticulously planned around the five pillars of Yuva Sangam — Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Progress), Prodyogiki (Technology), and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-People Connect) — offering the delegates a multi-dimensional encounter with the heritage, culture, grassroots innovation, governance, craft traditions, and academic life of Rajasthan.

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Partner Institution	Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Dharwad, Karnataka
Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VI — Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Phase	Receiver Phase (Karnataka → Rajasthan)
Programme Dates	6th June 2026 (Saturday) – 12th June 2026 (Friday)
Total Duration	7 Days
Delegates	47 Student Delegates + 6 Coordinators from Karnataka
Nodal Officer	Prof. Kanupriya Sachdev, MNIT Jaipur
Co-nodal Officer	Dr. Aneesh Prabhakar, MNIT Jaipur

DAY 1 | Saturday, 6th June 2026

Arrival in Rajasthan & Welcome Orientation

Travel & Reception

The Karnataka delegation commenced their journey from IIIT Dharwad, Hubballi, by Train No. 16210, and arrived at Ajmer Railway Junction, Rajasthan, at 2:25 PM on 6th June 2026. The delegation was warmly received at Ajmer Junction by the MNIT Jaipur Yuva Sangam team — a moment that marked the formal beginning of the Receiver Phase of Yuva Sangam Phase VI.



Following a lunch arranged at Ajmer, the delegates were transferred to the MNIT Jaipur campus by AC bus, covering a distance of approximately 135 km over 2–3 hours. The journey itself served as the delegates' first introduction to the landscape and character of Rajasthan — its vast open terrain, the Aravalli foothills, and the distinctive architecture of the Pink City as they approached Jaipur.

Welcome Ceremony & Orientation Programme

Upon arrival at MNIT Jaipur, the delegates were checked into the institute's hostels and were thereafter welcomed at a formal Welcome Ceremony and Orientation Programme. The ceremony

was organised to introduce the delegates to the institute, to one another, and to the programme they were about to embark upon. The session was warm, engaging, and carefully designed to ease the delegates into a new environment far from home.

The Orientation Programme included the distribution of welcome kits to all 47 delegates and 6 coordinators — each kit containing materials relevant to their week-long programme, souvenirs, and key information about Rajasthan and MNIT Jaipur. Dr. Aneesh Prabhakar, delivered the welcome address, introducing the spirit and vision of the Yuva Sangam programme and the significance of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative. The delegates were given a comprehensive introduction to their seven-day itinerary, the five pillars of the Yuva Sangam framework, the Buddy System, and the essay series 'My Yuva Sangam Story: Experiencing National Integration in Diversity.'





An interactive session followed, during which the delegates engaged with MNIT Jaipur faculty and student coordinators, breaking the ice and beginning the conversations that would deepen over the week. The ceremony concluded with a High Tea, offering delegates their first taste of Rajasthani warmth and hospitality, followed by dinner at the MNIT hostels.



DAY 2 | Sunday, 7th June 2026

Paryatan — Tourism & Cultural Heritage Tour of Jaipur

Jaipur Heritage & Cultural Tour

Day 2 was dedicated to the Paryatan (Tourism) pillar of Yuva Sangam and offered the delegates a full-day immersive heritage and cultural tour of Jaipur — the Pink City of India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For many of the Karnataka delegates, this was their first visit to Jaipur and indeed to Rajasthan, making the day a genuinely transformative encounter with one of India's most iconic cities. The group departed from MNIT Jaipur at 7:00 AM with packed breakfast, accompanied by MNIT faculty coordinators and student volunteers.

The day commenced at Moti Dungri, the historic hilltop fort, and the revered Moti Dungri Ganesh Temple at its base — one of Jaipur's most beloved spiritual sites. The serene surroundings and the early morning devotional atmosphere provided an auspicious and reflective start to the day. The group then proceeded to the Birla Temple — the magnificent white marble mandir dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi — whose intricate carvings, stained glass panels, and panoramic views of the city made a deep impression on the visiting delegates.



The delegation then made its way to the crown jewel of Jaipur's heritage — Amber Fort (Amer Fort) — the magnificent 16th-century UNESCO World Heritage hilltop fortress that stands as one of the finest examples of Rajput-Mughal architectural synthesis in India. The delegates explored its ornate Sheesh Mahal, Diwan-e-Aam, Ganesh Pol, and the commanding views of the Aravalli

hills. En route from Amber Fort, the group paused at Jal Mahal — the ethereal palace that appears to float on the waters of Man Sagar Lake — a sight that prompted awe and wonder in equal measure.

The afternoon took the delegates into the heart of the walled city, where they visited Hawa Mahal — the iconic Palace of Winds, with its distinctive 953-windowed honeycomb façade that has made it one of the most photographed monuments in India. The delegates were then taken to Jantar Mantar — the 18th-century astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and a UNESCO World Heritage Site — where they engaged with the remarkable scientific legacy embedded in its massive stone instruments and the precision of ancient Indian astronomy. The visit to Albert Hall Museum followed, where the delegates had the opportunity to explore Jaipur's oldest museum, housing a rich and diverse collection of artefacts, paintings, miniatures, natural history specimens, and crafts that trace the cultural history of Rajasthan across centuries.



The day concluded with a visit to Patrika Gate — the breathtaking nine-arch gateway adorned with exquisite Rajasthani frescoes, murals, and architectural motifs, commissioned to celebrate the cultural identity of the state — which provided a vibrant, colourful, and visually spectacular close to a day of discovery. The delegates returned to MNIT Jaipur in the evening for dinner, many of them already reaching for their notebooks and phones to begin their Yuva Sangam essays.

DAY 3 | Monday, 8th June 2026

Local Sightseeing & Exposure Visit to Jahota — The Heritage Village

Morning — Local Sightseeing

The morning of Day 3 was devoted to additional local sightseeing in and around Jaipur, allowing delegates to explore further dimensions of the Pink City and its surroundings. The morning programme offered a more relaxed pace after the intensive heritage tour of the previous day, giving delegates time to absorb, reflect, and engage with the city at a more personal level.



Afternoon & Evening — Exposure Visit to Jahota, The Heritage Village

The afternoon and evening of Day 3 offered what many delegates would later describe as the single most memorable experience of their Yuva Sangam journey — an immersive evening visit to Jahota, The Heritage Village. Jahota is no ordinary village. It is one of Rajasthan's pioneering Open Defecation Free (ODF) Gram Panchayats, recognised under the Swachh Bharat Mission, and celebrated nationally for its model of participatory community governance through Gram Sabhas, Ward Sabhas, and Ratri Choupals. Jahota is also home to a thriving network of women's Self Help Groups (SHGs), a living tradition of the Jahota Print block printing craft, and an ancient fort that

stands as testament to the village's historical significance. The visit was organised in close coordination with the Gram Panchayat of Jahota.

The delegation arrived at Jahota at 3:30 PM and was received with a warm traditional welcome by the Gram Panchayat and the community — setting the tone for an evening of extraordinary warmth, learning, and human connection. The Exposure Tour that followed from 4:00 to 5:00 PM took the delegates through six distinct facets of life in Jahota: the village's organic farming practices, which sustain the community's food sovereignty without chemical inputs; the preparation of herbal medicines using time-honoured indigenous plant knowledge; the Jahota Print — the village's distinctive traditional block printing craft, in which geometric and floral patterns are hand-stamped onto fabric using intricately carved wooden blocks; the ancient fort at the heart of the village; the SHG Kitchen run by the women's Self Help Groups, where nutritious community food is prepared and supplied; and the village school, where delegates interacted with local children and teachers.



The heart of the evening was the village Chaupal — held from 5:30 to 6:30 PM — a traditional open community gathering in which delegates sat alongside Jahota's youth and community members in an open, spirited, and deeply authentic dialogue. Stories were exchanged, aspirations were shared, and questions were asked and answered across language, geography, and

background. The exchange embodied everything that Yuva Sangam stands for: genuine people-to-people connect, free of pretence and rich in humanity.



A vibrant Rajasthani folk cultural programme from 6:30 to 7:30 PM filled the village with the sounds and colours of Rajasthani music and dance — a joyful and celebratory affirmation of the living cultural heritage of rural Rajasthan. The evening concluded with a community dinner from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, lovingly prepared by the SHG women of Jahota — a meal that was not merely food, but an act of hospitality, pride, and welcome. The delegation departed from Jahota at 9:00 PM and returned to MNIT Jaipur, carrying with them memories that words will struggle to fully capture.

DAY 4 | Tuesday, 9th June 2026

Lok Bhawan Visit, CIIL Session & Technology and Development

Day 4 was one of the most substantive and intellectually rich days of the programme, combining a high-profile institutional interaction, an online academic session of national significance, and campus-based technology engagement at MNIT Jaipur.

Lok Bhawan — Interactive Session with the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan

In a momentous highlight of the entire Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme, the Karnataka delegation was received by the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Bagde, at Lok

Bhawan, Jaipur, for a special interactive session under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative. The session was a mark of the highest level of institutional support and recognition for the Yuva Sangam programme from the Government of Rajasthan.

The Governor extended a warm and gracious welcome to the delegates and engaged them in a rich, wide-ranging, and inspiring dialogue. He spoke at length on India's civilisational heritage — on the ancient extent of India's geographical and intellectual reach, on the contributions of great figures such as Bappa Rawal, and on the depth and continuity of India's culture and traditions. He noted that India has always been a land of extraordinary intellect — recalling that India was once home to the largest number of universities in the world. He spoke on the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its vision of connecting India's youth with their roots while equipping them to lead the nation forward in every field. He also shared with the delegates rich insights into Rajasthan's geography and history — from the monumental achievement of channelling Sardar Sarovar-Narmada waters to the state, to the grandeur of Chittorgarh Fort and the historical significance of the Nahar Gang canal.



The interaction was received with great enthusiasm by the Karnataka delegates and left a deep and lasting impression on the young visitors. The visit received wide and prominent coverage in

leading Rajasthan publications, including Navjyoti and Patrika, both of which carried the story with the headline 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat: Governor Engages in Dialogue with Students.'



Online Session — Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore

Following the Lok Bhawan visit, the delegation participated in a special online sensitisation session on Indian languages, conducted by Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Assistant Director at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore — an autonomous institution under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, established in 1969 with the mandate of promoting the development and harmonious growth of Indian languages.

Dr. Dwivedi is a distinguished linguist and language technology specialist. He holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar and has pursued executive education in management and public policy from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta. He is a Gold Medalist in his Master's degree in Linguistics. His work spans the intersection of multilingual education, language assessment, and artificial intelligence — aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020. He has played a key role in developing large-scale language proficiency assessments, multilingual item banks, and technology-enabled platforms for language learning.

He holds a patent in the domain of language processing and has worked as an independent consultant with leading global technology companies including Amazon, Appen, and Nuance Communications on multilingual and language technology initiatives. He has conducted over 300 training programmes and workshops across India.

The session engaged the delegates on India's extraordinary linguistic diversity — its 22 scheduled languages and hundreds of dialects — and the role of technology and policy in preserving, promoting, and strengthening Indian languages in education, governance, and public life. The session was particularly resonant for the Karnataka delegates, who carry with them the proud heritage of Kannada — one of India's classical languages — and who were thus able to engage with the session's themes from a position of deep personal connection.



Technology & Development — Campus and Laboratory Visits at MNIT Jaipur

As part of the Prodyogiki (Technology) pillar of Yuva Sangam, the afternoon was dedicated to guided visits to the research laboratories and academic facilities of MNIT Jaipur. Delegates were divided into small groups and taken through the active research laboratories of various departments, where they engaged with faculty members and research scholars in discussions on ongoing research projects, emerging technologies, and academic career pathways. The visits offered the Karnataka delegates a firsthand and inspiring appreciation of the cutting-edge research

being pursued at MNIT Jaipur, while simultaneously providing a platform for meaningful cross-institutional academic dialogue between the students and researchers of the two states.

DAY 5 | Wednesday, 10th June 2026

Exposure Visit to Barefoot College, Tilonia & Kishangarh Industrial Area

Day 5 took the delegates on a full-day exposure visit to two destinations that, between them, offered a remarkably complete and thought-provoking picture of Rajasthan's development journey — from a 50-year-old grassroots community institution to a thriving modern industrial hub.

Barefoot College, Tilonia

The delegation spent a rich and deeply meaningful half-day at the Barefoot College — formally known as the Social Work and Research Centre (SWRC) — at Tilonia village, Ajmer district, approximately 100 km from Jaipur. Barefoot College is one of India's most celebrated and internationally recognised grassroots institutions, founded in 1972 by the late Sanjit 'Bunker' Roy. Built on an unshakeable Gandhian philosophy — that knowledge, skills, and wisdom found in villages should be used for the development of those very villages, and that the most marginalised communities are not problems to be solved but people to be empowered — the Barefoot College has, over five decades, transformed the lives of millions across India and around the world.



The college has trained Barefoot Solar Engineers (including grandmothers from remote villages who have gone on to solarise their communities), Barefoot Doctors, Barefoot Dentists, Barefoot Teachers, and Barefoot Water Testers — all drawn from the most underserved rural communities, without any formal educational qualifications as a prerequisite. Its work spans seven impact areas:

water, environment, solar energy, education, livelihoods, health, and communications. Its model of development is the antithesis of the top-down institutional approach — it works from within, at the community level, building capacity where it matters most.

The delegates toured the campus, witnessed the solar engineering training facilities, explored the livelihood and education initiatives, and had the opportunity to interact with members of the Barefoot College community. For young students from Karnataka — many of whom are enrolled in some of India's most demanding academic programmes — the encounter with this extraordinary institution offered a profound and humbling reminder that the most transformative innovations are not always born in laboratories or boardrooms. The visit concluded with a warm and delicious home-cooked lunch served at Tilonia — a meal that was enthusiastically and gratefully appreciated by every delegate and coordinator.

Kishangarh Industrial Area

The afternoon included a short but instructive visit to the Kishangarh industrial area — one of Rajasthan's most prominent and well-known economic hubs, widely recognised across the country and internationally for its marble and stone processing industry, as well as its vibrant trading activity. The visit offered delegates a sharp and interesting contrast to the Tilonia experience — a view of Rajasthan's industrial and economic dynamism, and the scale of commercial activity that drives the state's growth. Together, Tilonia and Kishangarh presented to the delegates a comprehensive and nuanced picture of Rajasthan's development story: one rooted in community, the other in commerce; one celebrating the wisdom of the village, the other showcasing the ambition of the market.



DAY 6 | Thursday, 11th June 2026

Block Printing Workshop, Jaipur Foot Visit & Valedictory Ceremony

The sixth and final day of the programme activities was the richest and most emotionally resonant of the entire week — beginning with a traditional craft workshop, moving through a deeply humbling institutional visit, and culminating in the grand Valedictory Ceremony and Cultural Evening that brought the Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme to a joyful and memorable close.

Traditional Hand Block Printing Workshop

The morning was devoted to the Parampara (Traditions) pillar of Yuva Sangam, with a special Hand Block Printing Workshop conducted at the Vivekananda Lecture Theatre Complex (VLTC), MNIT Jaipur. The workshop was led by Renu Bhagwat — an architect and urban planner by training, a textile print designer by passion, and the Founder of Renu Bhagwat Studio and her own label 'Renu Bhagwat Designs', Jaipur, established in 2014. With over 20 years of industry experience, a rich portfolio of work in Indian miniature-inspired and nature-inspired print design, and international collaborations with brands such as Sayali Rajadhyaksha Sarees (Mumbai) and Love Your Peaches Clothing (New York), Renu Bhagwat is among Jaipur's most distinguished textile print designers. She is also the author of 'Jaipur Patterns: Colouring Book for Adults inspired by the Doors of The City Palace Jaipur' (2016).



The workshop commenced with an engaging and informative introduction to the history and origins of hand block printing — one of India's oldest and most celebrated textile traditions, with deep roots in Rajasthan. Renu Bhagwat walked the delegates through the terminology, tools, materials,

wooden blocks, colour preparation, and the meticulous process of repeat pattern printing. The highlight of the session was the hands-on printing activity, in which each delegate chose their own colours and wooden block designs to print their very own tote bag — creating a unique, hand-crafted, and deeply personal keepsake of their Yuva Sangam journey in Rajasthan. The workshop was met with enormous enthusiasm, laughter, and creativity, and Renu Bhagwat's warmth and generosity in sharing her craft made the session one of the most joyful of the entire programme.

Visit to Jaipur Foot (BMVSS)

The afternoon of Day 6 included a visit to the campus of Jaipur Foot — formally known as Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) — one of the world's largest and most celebrated charitable organisations for the physically challenged. Established in 1975 and headquartered in Jaipur, BMVSS has provided over 2 million free artificial limbs, calipers, prosthetics, and mobility devices to the differently abled — with all services offered completely free of charge, across 23 branches in major Indian cities and through camps held across the country and internationally. The Jaipur Foot itself — a low-cost, highly functional, and culturally appropriate prosthetic limb — has been recognised globally as one of the most impactful social innovations of the 20th century.



For the young delegates from Karnataka, the visit to Jaipur Foot was a quiet but profound experience. In a week that had been filled with visual grandeur, grassroots innovation, cultural performances, and intellectual engagement, this visit provided a moment of stillness — a reminder that progress is most meaningful when it reaches the most vulnerable. The visit was received with deep respect, admiration, and reflection by every member of the delegation.

Valedictory Ceremony & Cultural Evening

The Yuva Sangam Phase VI programme culminated in a grand Valedictory Ceremony and Cultural Evening on the evening of 11th June 2026, held at the APJ Abdul Kalam Hall, VLTC Front Porch, MNIT Jaipur. The event was presided over by the Chief Guest, Prof. N. P. Padhy, Director, MNIT Jaipur — whose address to the delegates was both inspiring and heartfelt, underscoring the significance of the Yuva Sangam programme in building the connected, compassionate, and capable India that is the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Prof. Kanupriya Sachdev, Dean of Student Welfare, MNIT Jaipur, was also present on the occasion — her active involvement and steadfast support having been a cornerstone of the programme's success throughout.



The ceremony began with the traditional Lighting of the Lamp, followed by the formal felicitation of all 47 delegates and 6 coordinators from IIIT Dharwad, Karnataka, and the distribution of certificates of participation. The Feedback Session that followed was the emotional heart of the evening — delegate after delegate rose to share what the week had meant to them, speaking of the Jahota village chaupal, the Barefoot College encounter, the block printing tote bags they had made with their own hands, the friends they had made, and the new understanding of India they were carrying home. The room was moved.



The Cultural Evening that followed was a joyful and spectacular celebration of India's diversity. A soul-stirring Qawwali performance set the tone for the evening. A vibrant Rajasthani folk performance by a professional group followed — bringing the audience to their feet with the rhythm, colour, and energy of Rajasthan's living folk tradition. MNIT Jaipur students then presented their own Rajasthani folk performance, earning enthusiastic applause from the Karnataka delegates. The highlight of the cultural programme was the performance by the Karnataka delegates themselves — a proud, joyful, and deeply moving showcase of Karnataka's art, music, and spirit, which brought the audience to a standing ovation and moved many to tears.



The Vote of Thanks delivered acknowledged and thanked every individual, team, institution, and community that had made the week possible — from the Ministry of Education and AICTE to the Gram Panchayat of Jahota and the SHG women who had cooked dinner for fifty strangers and made them feel like family. The evening concluded with a Special Dinner — and many, many photographs, embraces, and promises to stay in touch.









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Departure

The final day of the Yuva Sangam Phase VI Receiver Phase arrived quickly — as it always does when a week has been lived fully and joyfully. The delegation departed from MNIT Jaipur in the early hours of 12th June 2026 for Ajmer Junction, from where they boarded Train No. 16209 at 6:15 AM for their return journey to Hubballi, Karnataka.

The MNIT Jaipur Yuva Sangam coordination team and student volunteers accompanied the delegation to Ajmer Junction to see them off — a final gesture of warmth and camaraderie that brought to a close one of the most fulfilling chapters in MNIT Jaipur's institutional history. The goodbyes were warm, the hugs were long, and the promises — of visits, of friendships, of continued connection — were genuine.

The delegates boarded their train carrying their Jahota Print tote bags, their hand-printed block printing creations, their certificates, and — most importantly — a week's worth of memories, friendships, and a new and deeper understanding of what it means to be part of one nation, one India.



The Receiver Phase of Yuva Sangam Phase VI at MNIT Jaipur was, by every measure, a resounding success. Over seven days, 47 delegates and 6 coordinators from Karnataka engaged with Rajasthan's heritage, its grassroots institutions, its governance structures, its craft traditions, its academic culture, and — most importantly — its people. They walked through UNESCO World Heritage forts, sat in village choupals, interacted with the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, printed fabric with centuries-old wooden blocks, witnessed a world-class social enterprise, and performed their own cultural traditions on a stage that celebrated India's diversity.

The feedback shared by delegates at the Valedictory Ceremony was unanimous in its warmth and sincerity. Many spoke of the Jahota village evening as the defining experience of the week — an encounter with rural India that no classroom could have provided. Several delegates spoke of the Barefoot College visit as a moment that fundamentally changed their understanding of innovation and development. The block printing workshop, the Governor's interaction, and the CIIL session were cited as experiences that had broadened their sense of both India's cultural heritage and its intellectual ambition.

Each delegate will contribute to the national essay series 'My Yuva Sangam Story: Experiencing National Integration in Diversity' — adding their voice to a growing national repository of youth perspectives on intercultural learning across India. These essays will stand as a permanent and meaningful record of the connections forged during this programme.

MNIT Jaipur is deeply grateful to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, AICTE, and the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Initiative for their vision, leadership, and support in making Yuva Sangam possible. We are grateful to IIIT Dharwad for the trust they placed in MNIT Jaipur to host their delegates, and for the extraordinary young people they sent to us. And we are grateful — profoundly and sincerely — to every individual, institution, and community that contributed to this programme: the Gram Panchayat of Jahota and its SHG women; the Barefoot College, Tilonia; Renu Bhagwat Studio; Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi and CIIL Mysore; the team at Jaipur Foot; and every MNIT Jaipur faculty member, staff member, and student volunteer who gave their time, energy, and warmth to make this week what it was.

Karnataka came as guests. They left as family. And Rajasthan — and MNIT Jaipur — will always be their home away from home.