A Report on One-Day National-Level Technical Symposium titled "D-Festa'26" Organized by Department of Computer Science and Engineering – Data Science On 02.11.2026 (Monday)



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Venue: Auditorium

Time: 9:00 Am To 5:00 Pm

Mode of Conduct: Offline

Total Attendees: 431

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Mr. Sabarinathan Sampath is an accomplished technology industry leader with over 29 years of professional experience in IT and digital transformation. He is currently associated with Celebal Technologies, Bengaluru, as Vice President. He is an alumnus of the prestigious National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT Trichy). His expertise includes enterprise technology, Cloud Computing, Data Engineering, Business Analytics and digital transformation. He has extensive experience in business development, technology delivery and strategic initiatives. His professional interests include Artificial Intelligence, Generative AI, emerging technologies and enterprise innovation. He is passionate about continuous learning, technological advancement and industry–academia collaboration. Through his professional experience and leadership, he brings valuable industry insights and career guidance to aspiring engineering graduates.





Objectives of the Symposium:

1. To enhance students' technical knowledge and practical skills through technical competitions.
2. To encourage innovation, creativity and analytical thinking among students.
3. To provide a platform for students to showcase projects, research ideas and technical talents.
4. To improve programming, debugging, cybersecurity and data analysis skills.
5. To promote healthy competition and knowledge sharing among students from different institutions.
6. To develop teamwork, leadership, communication and problem-solving abilities.
7. To create awareness of emerging technologies and their real-world applications.





Inauguration:

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering – Data Science, MITS (Deemed to be University), Madanapalle, organized the One-Day National-Level Technical Symposium, "D-FESTA'26 – RE-IGNITE," on 2nd November 2026 at the University Auditorium. The inaugural ceremony commenced at 9:45 AM with a welcome address, followed by a classical dance performance and an audio-visual presentation highlighting the symposium.

The programme continued with the invitation of the dignitaries onto the dais, including the Convenor, Head of the Department, Dean – School of Computing,Principal and the Chief Guest. The formal inauguration was marked by the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment.

The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. K. Nirmala Devi, Convenor of D-FESTA'26, who welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members and student participants. This was followed by the address of Dr. S. Kusuma, Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering – Data Science. Dr. C. P. Gupta, Dean, School of Computing, subsequently addressed the gathering, followed by the address of the Principal.





The profile of the Chief Guest, Mr. Sabarinathan Sampath of Celebal Technologies, Bengaluru, was introduced by the anchors. The Chief Guest then addressed the gathering and shared valuable insights from his professional experience in the IT industry, highlighting emerging technologies, industry expectations and the importance of continuous learning. His address encouraged students to strengthen their technical knowledge, develop practical skills and remain updated with the rapidly evolving technology landscape.

The inaugural session concluded with the felicitation of the Chief Guest in recognition of his valuable presence and contribution. The closing remarks were delivered by Mr. K. Siva Raghavendra, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering – Data Science, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, university management, faculty members, student coordinators and participants for their support and involvement.
Following the inaugural ceremony, the technical events commenced at 11:05 AM, providing students with opportunities to demonstrate their technical knowledge, creativity and problem-solving abilities through various competitions and activities.

Technical Events Conducted:

D-FESTA'26 featured eight technical events Code Clash, Project Expo, Tech Vision, Bug Busters, Tech Quiz, Cyber Shield, Web Wizard, Data Detective are designed to assess students' technical knowledge, creativity, analytical thinking and practical problem-solving abilities.

Prize Distribution and Contribution

Participants who demonstrated outstanding performance in the various technical events were recognized and awarded prizes and certificates. Winners and runners-up were appreciated for their technical abilities, creativity and active involvement. The prize distribution ceremony encouraged students to participate in future technical events and continue developing their technical and professional skills

Outcomes:

1. The symposium brought together 858 attendees, including 836 internal and 22 external participants.
2. Students enhanced their technical knowledge through competitions and hands-on activities.
3. Participants demonstrated programming, debugging, web development and data analysis skills.
4. Students showcased innovative projects, research ideas and technical solutions.
5. Participants strengthened logical reasoning, analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
6. The symposium encouraged creativity, innovation and healthy competition.
7. Students developed teamwork, leadership, communication and presentation skills.
8. Participants gained exposure to different technical domains and emerging technologies.
9. The event promoted interaction and knowledge sharing among students from different institutions.
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Programme Outcomes Covered:

PO1 – Engineering Knowledge: Participants applied engineering knowledge and fundamental technical concepts to solve problems in technical competitions.
PO2 – Problem Analysis: Students identified, analysed and solved technical problems through coding, debugging and data analysis activities.
PO3 – Design/Development of Solutions: Participants demonstrated their ability to develop innovative solutions through project exhibitions and website development.
PO5 – Modern Tool Usage: Students used modern programming tools, web technologies and other technical resources during the competitions.
PO9 – Individual and Teamwork: Participants developed individual capabilities, teamwork and collaboration through technical activities.
PO10 – Communication: Students improved communication, presentation and technical explanation skills through paper presentations and project demonstrations.
PO11 – Project Management and Finance: Participants developed planning, coordination, time management and organizational skills while preparing and executing their activities.

SDGs Aligned:

SDG 4 – Quality Education: Promoted quality learning, technical knowledge, creativity and practical skill development through academic and technical competitions.
SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth: Encouraged industry-relevant technical competencies, employability skills and entrepreneurial thinking among students.
SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: Promoted technological innovation, research activities and creative engineering solutions through project exhibitions, coding and technical competitions.
SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals: Encouraged collaboration and knowledge sharing among students, faculty members, participating institutions and an industry representative.

Conclusion:

The One-Day National-Level Technical Symposium, D-FESTA'26, organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering – Data Science, MITS (Deemed to be University), Madanapalle, on 2 November 2026, provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their technical knowledge, creativity and innovative ideas. The symposium recorded a total of 858 attendees, comprising 836 internal and 22 external participants, fostering interaction, healthy competition and knowledge sharing among students from different institutions. The presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Sabarinathan Sampath, Vice President, Celebal Technologies, Bengaluru, added valuable industry insights to the programme. The various technical events encouraged students to enhance their technical competencies, analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities, communication skills and teamwork. Overall, D-FESTA'26 was a successful academic initiative that promoted innovation, experiential learning and industry–academia interaction.

Newspaper Clips:

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మదనపల్లి విద్య న్యూస్‌లైన్: విద్యార్థులు ఆచరణాత్మక పరిజ్ఞానానికి ప్రాధాన్యత ఇవ్వాలని బెంగళూరులోని ప్రముఖ ఐటీ సంస్థ సెలెబల్ టెక్నాలజీస్ వైస్ ప్రెసిడెంట్ శబరినాథన్ సంపత్ అన్నారు. సోమవారం మిట్స్ డీమ్డ్ టు బీ విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో డీఫెస్టా-26 జాతీయ స్థాయి సాంకేతిక సదస్సు నిర్వహించారు. ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ పరిశ్రమలకు అనుగుణంగా విద్యార్థులు సాంకేతిక నైపుణ్యాలు అభివృద్ధి చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. ఆసక్తిగల విద్యార్థులకు శిక్షణ పోటీలు నిర్వహించారు. ప్రిన్సిపల్ రామనాథన్, స్కూల్ ఆఫ్ కంప్యూటింగ్ డీన్ సి.పి.సుబ్బ, వేదా ప్రైస్ వికాశానపల్లి ఎస్.మనుష, ఆసోసియేట్ ప్రొఫెసర్ కె.నిర్మలాదేవి, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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