

A Report on
One Day National Level Technical Symposium on
“EPICS 2K26”
Organized by
Department of CSE- Cyber Security
on 26.02.2026



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Chief Guest Details: Mr. Ambedkar Yashpal, Senior Manager, Currently as IC role as enterprise network architect Telecommunications Leader, Senior Manager at AT&T, Bangalore

Participants: 307

Venue: Auditorium, MITS

Mode of Conduct: Offline

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The Department of Computer Science and Engineering in Cyber Security at MITS Deemed to be University successfully organized its flagship national-level technical event, **EPICS 2K26**, on 26th February 2026. The inauguration ceremony was conducted with great enthusiasm, reflecting the department's strong commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and industry-oriented learning. The event “EPICS 2K26” was inaugurated in the auditorium at 10:00 AM with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and industry professionals. The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, including the Chief Guest Mr. Ambedkar Yashpal, Senior Manager at AT&T, along with the respected dignitaries Dr. P. Ramanathan, Principal, Dr. Persis Urbana Ivy, Head of the Department – CSE (Cyber Security), Prof. Dr. C. P. Gupta, Dean, School of Computing, and other esteemed faculty members of the department. The event brought together an impressive gathering of faculty members, students, industry professionals, and distinguished dignitaries, making it a remarkable platform for knowledge exchange and technical engagement.

The inauguration marked the beginning of a vibrant technical event aimed at fostering innovation, knowledge sharing, and practical learning in the domain of Cyber Security, setting an inspiring tone for the sessions and competitions that followed.

Welcome Address

The program commenced with a warm welcome note by Dr. Sachikanta Dash, Coordinator of EPICS 2K26, who greeted the distinguished guests, faculty members, and students. In his address, he highlighted the objectives of the event and emphasized the importance of technical forums in enhancing students' practical knowledge and industry readiness.

Dr. Sachikanta Dash, the Coordinator of EPICS 2K26, began his address by warmly welcoming all the distinguished dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Principal, Dean, Head of the Department, faculty members, and students. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the guests for gracing the occasion and contributing to the significance of the event. In his speech, he highlighted the primary objective of organizing EPICS 2K26, emphasizing that the symposium serves as a vital platform for students to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. He underlined the importance of technical events in enhancing students' skills, fostering innovation, and preparing them for real-world industry challenges, particularly in the rapidly evolving domain of Cyber Security. He also encouraged students to actively participate in various technical sessions and competitions, collaborate with peers, and make the best use of the opportunities provided. Concluding his address, he extended his best wishes for the success of the event and hoped that EPICS 2K26 would be a meaningful and enriching experience for all participants.

Inaugural Address

The Head of the Department, Dr. Persis Urbana Ivy, addressed the gathering with an inspiring and insightful speech, highlighting the remarkable growth and achievements of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in Cyber Security. She elaborated on the department's continuous efforts in maintaining academic excellence through a well-structured curriculum, research initiatives, and industry collaborations.

In her address, she emphasized the pivotal role played by faculty members in mentoring and guiding students, helping them build strong technical foundations as well as professional skills. She appreciated the dedication and commitment of both faculty and students in contributing to the department's success.

Furthermore, she encouraged students to actively participate in technical events like EPICS 2K26, as such platforms provide valuable opportunities to explore innovative ideas, enhance practical knowledge, and develop problem-solving abilities. She motivated students to stay curious, continuously upgrade their skills, and strive for excellence in the evolving field of Cyber Security.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. C. P. Gupta, Dean, School of Computing, who provided valuable insights into the rapidly evolving technological landscape. He highlighted the vast opportunities available for students in the real world, especially in the field of Cyber Security. He emphasized the importance of continuous learning and staying updated with emerging technologies to remain competitive. Additionally, he stressed the need for developing practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge. He encouraged students to adapt to technological advancements, explore innovative ideas, and prepare themselves to meet future industry demands with confidence and competence.

Another keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. P. Ramanathan, Principal of MITS Deemed to be University. In his inspiring speech, he highlighted the current trends in the global cyber security market and emphasized the rapidly growing demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals across industries. He encouraged students to focus on building strong technical expertise and staying updated with emerging threats and technologies. He also appreciated the department's initiative in organizing EPICS 2K26 in a well-structured and commendable manner, and applauded the collective efforts of faculty members and students in making the event successful and impactful. In his address, he mentioned that campus placements act as a bridge between academic learning and industry requirements, providing students with valuable exposure to real-world professional environments. He also highlighted the importance of continuously upgrading knowledge and skills, especially in emerging areas such as Cyber Security. He encouraged students to actively participate in such technical events to enhance their learning and career opportunities.

Chief Guest keynote Address and Souvenir Release:

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, Mr. Ambedkar Yashpal, Senior Manager at AT&T, shared valuable insights into the present-day cyber security landscape. He elaborated on emerging threats, evolving security frameworks, and the growing importance of cybersecurity in the digital era. He encouraged students to engage in real-time project work focusing on practical applications of cyber security concepts. Expressing confidence in the students, he stated that the budding professionals of the department have the potential to achieve remarkable success in rapidly advancing technological domains. In his address, he highlighted the growing importance of Cyber Security in today's technology-driven world and explained how these technologies are transforming industries and creating new career opportunities. He encouraged students to focus on developing strong technical skills, practical knowledge, and continuous learning to succeed in the competitive IT industry. He also motivated students to stay curious, work on real-time projects, and keep themselves updated with the latest technological trends to build a successful career.



The felicitation of the Chief Guest was a proud and memorable moment during the inaugural ceremony of EPICS 2K26. All the dignitaries present on the stage came together to honor Mr. Ambedkar Yashpal, Senior Manager at AT&T, in recognition of his valuable presence and contribution to the event. As a token of respect and appreciation, he was presented with a shawl, memento, and bouquet amidst warm applause from the audience.

The dignitaries expressed their gratitude for his willingness to share his industry expertise and inspire the students with his insightful address. The felicitation ceremony reflected the institution's tradition of honoring distinguished personalities and acknowledging their role in enriching academic and professional platforms. The moment added grace to the occasion and set a respectful and celebratory tone for the event.

Valedictory Function & Vote of Thanks

The inaugural ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the Student Coordinator, Mr. M. Diwakar. In his address, he expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest, Principal, Dean, Head of the Department, and all distinguished dignitaries for their gracious presence and valuable guidance. He extended his appreciation to the faculty members for their constant support and encouragement in organizing the event. He also thanked all the participants and student volunteers for their active involvement and enthusiastic participation. Acknowledging the collective efforts of everyone, he conveyed his appreciation for making EPICS 2K26 a grand and memorable success.

The session concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Sachikanta Dash, Associate Professor, Department of CSE (Cyber Security). He expressed his sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest Mr. Ambedkar Yashpal, the management, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, principal, Vice Principal, Head of the Department, faculty members, and student coordinators for their support and contribution in making EPICS 2K26 a grand success.



Outcome of the Symposium

Here are five key outcomes of the symposium EPICS 2K26:

1. **Enhanced Technical Knowledge:** Participants gained deeper insights into current trends, tools, and technologies in the field of Cyber Security through expert talks and technical sessions.
2. **Skill Development:** Students improved their practical and problem-solving skills by participating in competitions, workshops, and hands-on activities.
3. **Industry Exposure:** Interaction with industry experts provided students with real-world perspectives, helping them understand professional expectations and career opportunities.
4. **Innovation and Collaboration:** The event encouraged students to think creatively, share ideas, and collaborate with peers, fostering a culture of innovation.
5. **Professional Readiness:** Overall, the symposium contributed to building confidence, communication skills, and industry preparedness among students, aligning them with future career demands in Cyber Security.

The event set a strong foundation for the technical sessions and competitions planned under EPICS 2K26, reaffirming the department's commitment to fostering innovation, research, and industry-oriented learning in the field of Cyber Security.

Prize Winners and Runners of Events:

SI No	Event Name	Position	Winner Name(s)	Details
1	Bug Fixers	1st	Patan Jamsheer	1st AIML, MITS
		2nd	S. Kubaib Ahmad	2nd AI, MITS
		3rd	P. Bhavani Prakash	3rd ECE, MITS
2	Mind Flayer	1st	Roopnagudi Baba Fakhruddin	MITS - CS
		2nd	T. Balaji	MITS- CS
		3rd	K. Keerthana	MITS- CS
3	Cut & Capture	1st	Revanth	MITS- CS
		2nd	Vinay	Viswam Engg
		3rd	Ganesh	MITS- CS
4	Chill & Thrill	1st	Gopi Chand	MITS - ECE
		2nd	Ayeesh	MITS - CS
		3rd	Chandana	Srinivasa College
5	Paper Presentation	1st	P. Uday	MITS- CS
		2nd	N. Harish Kumar Reddy, A. Jahnavi	MITS- CS
		3rd	M. Mudassir, C. Varshitha, R. Pavani, S. Afreen	Mother Teresa (Mudassir), others not specified

6	Project Expo	1st	Aneesh Rao	SV Garden City
		2nd	Giridhar Reddy	Mother Teresa
		3rd	G. Bhavya Sree	MITS- CS
7	Mystery Trail	1st	Yugesh Team	See team members below
8	Reels & Photography	1st	Saran Yadav	CSE, MITS
		2nd	Poorna Chandra	ECE, MITS
		3rd	Likith	AI, MITS
9	Guitar	1st	K Sujith	Garden City
		2nd	B Santosh	Mother Teresa
		3rd	S Rupasree	Viswam Engineering College
10	Tree Fire Event	1st	Team FAYU – Phaneswar	MITS- CS
		2nd	Team Nellore – Golden Heart	MITS- CS
11	Poster Presentation Event	1st	Sania Bhanu Shaik	MITS- CS
		2nd	Nallacheruvu Reddy Thoufiq	Mother Teresa
		3rd	V. Shruti, M. Tarun, M. Sai Anusha	Viswam Engineering College

Non technical event activities such as Reels & Photography, e-sports, and fun competitions are conducted to encourage students to think creatively and express their talents beyond academics.

UN-SDG Mapping

UN-SDG Mapping of EPICS 2K26

The activities and objectives of EPICS 2K26 align with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting quality education, innovation, and inclusive growth:

1. **United Nations SDG 4: Quality Education**

The symposium provided a platform for experiential learning, enhancing students' technical knowledge, practical skills, and industry readiness in Cyber Security through expert sessions and competitions.

2. **United Nations SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**

By equipping students with in-demand cybersecurity skills, the event contributes to improving employability and preparing a skilled workforce for the digital economy.

3. **United Nations SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**

EPICS 2K26 fostered innovation and encouraged students to develop secure and efficient technological solutions, supporting sustainable industrial and technological advancement.

4. **United Nations SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**

The focus on Cyber Security promotes secure digital environments, contributing to safer information systems and strengthening trust in digital infrastructure.

5. **United Nations SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals**

The collaboration between academia, industry experts, and students highlights the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable development through knowledge sharing and cooperation.



Overall, EPICS 2K26 supports global sustainability efforts by integrating education, innovation, and industry collaboration in alignment with UN-SDG goals.

