

Global Higher Education Opportunities at Study Abroad Expo 2026 **held on 6th September 2026**

Date of Visit: 6 September 2026

Venue: Palace Grounds, Bengaluru

Participants: Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar- Registrar & Mrs. U. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director-IRO, 106 final year B. Tech students and 6 Faculty Members.



Introduction

MITS Deemed to be University provided a valuable opportunity to the final-year B.Tech students to explore international higher education prospects by facilitating their participation in the **Study Abroad Expo 2026**, organised by the **Government of Karnataka** at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, on 6th September 2026.

Thanks to MITS Management and administrators for giving an experiential learning to interact with the representatives of the **75 global universities on one platform**. On 6th September 106 students across the disciplines have shown their enthusiasm to participate in the Study Abroad Expo-2026. So, the International Relations coordinators of the respective departments accompanied the students.

The Study Abroad Expo 2026 was organised by the **Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood-Government of Karnataka**, with the objective of creating a unified, transparent and reliable platform for the students and the parents to obtain authentic information about higher education opportunities overseas. The initiative was designed to reduce the dependency of the students on private education consultancies and agencies. This initiative will enable them to directly interact with the representatives of 75 reputed international universities and to obtain guidance through the official sources.



MITS facilitates students to explore higher education opportunities in the premier Universities abroad.

Recognising the importance of international higher education and the need for the students to make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures, the management of MITS Deemed to be University took a proactive initiative to facilitate student participation in the Expo.

Since the event is the Karnataka Govt initiative the registration process was open only for the Karnataka students. Hence, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Associate Director-IRO obtained permissions from the organizers to have a **direct walk-in and on-the-spot registration process**, as prior registration was not available. In order to ensure that MITS students could benefit from this unique government initiative, permission was sought from the event organisers to facilitate on-the-spot registration for the students.

As a result, a team comprising **106 final-year students and 6 faculty members** from the University participated in the Expo. The enthusiastic participation reflected the students' genuine interest in pursuing the higher education opportunities at international universities.

The initiative also demonstrated the University's commitment to provide students with opportunities to access reliable and authentic information directly from universities, without the involvement of private agency middlemen.



Interaction with International Universities

During the Expo, **Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar, Registrar, MITS Deemed to be University,** and **Mrs. U. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director, International Relations Office,** interacted with representatives of participating universities from different parts of the world.

Approximately **75 international universities** were represented at the Expo. More than 60 universities had already confirmed their participation, representing several major study destinations, including:

- **United Kingdom – 24 Universities**
- **Australia – 15 Universities**
- **United States – 6 Universities**
- **Ireland – 4 Universities**
- Universities from **Germany, Singapore, Finland, Italy and Japan**, among other countries

The extensive international representation enabled students to compare a wide range of universities, programmes, academic systems and admission pathways under one roof.

The interactions with university representatives provided students with first-hand information regarding program selection, admission criteria, academic prerequisites, application procedures, English-language proficiency requirements, fee structure, scholarships and other important considerations associated with studying abroad.



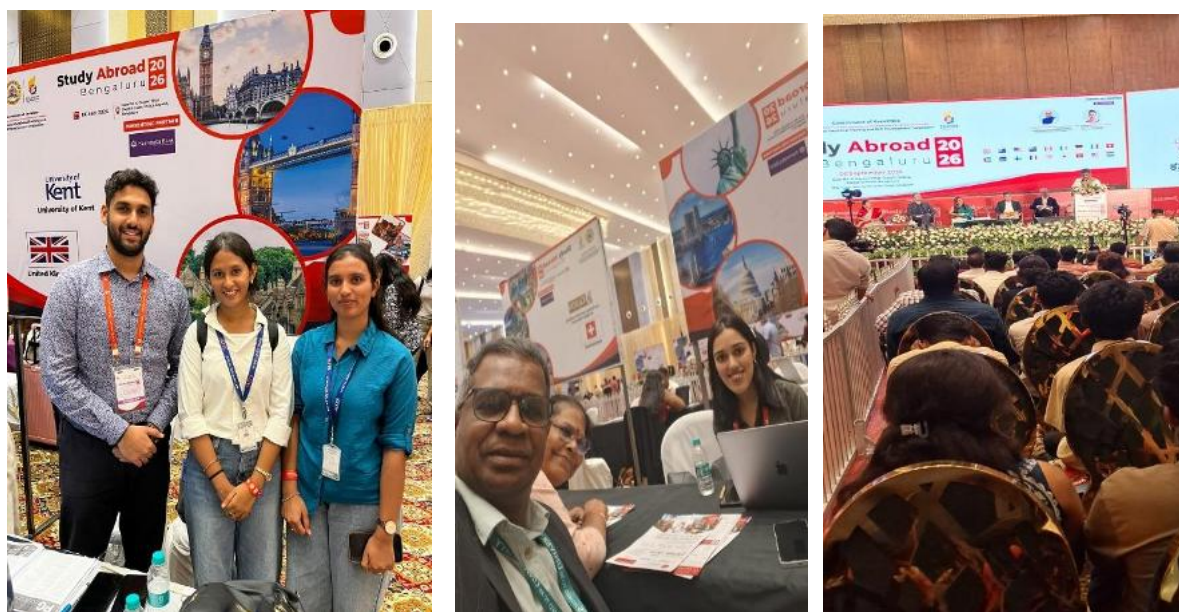
Direct and Transparent Guidance

One of the major advantages of the **Study Abroad Expo 2026** was the opportunity for students to obtain information directly from university representatives rather than relying exclusively on private education agents.

Students had the opportunity to seek **one-on-one guidance** on matters such as:

- Selection of suitable universities and academic programmes
- Admission requirements and eligibility criteria
- Application procedures and submission requirements
- Academic prerequisites and documentation
- English proficiency and language-training requirements
- Available scholarship opportunities
- Tuition fees and financial planning
- Student visa requirements and procedures
- Educational bank loans and other financial assistance
- Career and post-study opportunities

The direct interaction allowed students to clarify their individual queries and understand the differences between universities and countries before making decisions regarding their future studies.



Financial, Visa and Scholarship Assistance:

The Expo also addressed several practical aspects of studying abroad. Dedicated assistance was available to help students understand student visa procedures, financial planning and educational bank loans.

Students were also able to explore opportunities for spot scholarship evaluations, which provided useful information about the financial support that may be available to eligible international students.

Such guidance was particularly beneficial because the cost of international education is an important consideration for students and their families. Access to official information on tuition fees, scholarships, loans and other financial requirements can help students and parents plan their higher education journey more effectively.

English Proficiency 7 exposure to foreign languages and Application Support:

Another important feature of the Expo was the guidance relating to English, and other foreign language proficiency and the process of application preparation. Students received information about the language requirements applicable to different universities and programmes and the importance of meeting the required proficiency standards. The participating universities and supporting teams also provided assistance regarding documents requirement, helping students to understand the stages involved in preparing and submitting applications for overseas higher education.

This direct exposure helped students appreciate that successful admission to any international university involves careful planning, timely preparation of documents, fulfilment of academic requirements and compliance with country-specific regulations.

Post-Departure Support and Student Welfare:

The Study Abroad Expo 2026 also highlighted the importance of support beyond the admission stage. Unlike conventional private portals that primarily facilitate university applications, this government-backed initiative emphasised continued support for students after they moved to their host countries. This assistance encompasses areas relating to legal, academic and general student welfare, thereby giving students and parents greater confidence about the support available during the overseas education journey. This broader approach is significant because studying abroad involves **challenges** that extend beyond university admission, including adapting to a new academic environment, understanding local systems and regulations, and addressing general welfare concerns while living in another country.

A Valuable Learning Experience for MITS Students

For the 106 participating MITS students, the Expo was more than an opportunity to collect information about foreign universities. It served as an interactive learning experience that broadened their understanding of international education systems and enabled them to explore multiple pathways for higher studies.

Students were able to:

- Interact directly with representatives of international universities.
- Understand different postgraduate and higher education programmes.
- Compare admission requirements across countries and universities.
- Learn about application procedures and academic prerequisites.
- Obtain information about English proficiency requirements.
- Explore scholarships and financial assistance.
- Understand student visa and financial planning requirements.
- Seek individual guidance from university representatives.
- Gain awareness of post-departure support and student welfare services.
- Develop a clearer perspective on planning their international higher education journey.

The Expo also encouraged students to evaluate overseas education opportunities more systematically rather than making decisions based solely on information obtained through third-party agencies or online portals.

I sincerely thank our Registrar sir **Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar**, the IRO Coordinators, **Mrs. G. Vasundara Devi**, Asst. Professor, CSE Dept., **Mr. Toralkar Pawan**, Asst. Professor, AI Dept., **Dr. Simadri Badatya**, Asst. Professor, ECE Dept., **Mr. P. Sabarishkumar**, Asst. Professor, Civil Dept. and **Ms. Shajiya**, AAO, CST Dept for their valuable support and coordination in organizing and facilitating the visit to the Bangalore Expo. Their efforts and guidance contributed significantly in making the event a smooth, informative and enriching experience for all the students.



Conclusion

The participation of **106 final-year students and 6 faculty members from MITS Deemed to be University** in the **Study Abroad Expo 2026 at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, on 6 September 2026** was a highly enriching and meaningful exposure.

With around **75 international universities** represented at the Expo, students gained access to a wide spectrum of global higher education opportunities across the **UK, Australia, USA, Ireland, Germany, Singapore, Finland, Italy, Japan and other countries**.

The event enabled students to obtain first-hand information on university programmes, admission pathways, eligibility requirements, language proficiency requirements, application procedures, scholarships, financial planning, educational loans, student visas and post-departure support.

The proactive encouragement of the Chancellor Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Choudary and the support of all the administrators, the efforts of MITS faculty, cooperation of transport department, the facilitation of event organizers and the active participation of all the faculty and the students made this visit highly valuable and eventful. MITS students could take advantage of this important government initiative despite the absence of advance registration facilities. The participation reflects MITS Deemed to be University's continued commitment to **global exposure, informed career planning, international academic opportunities and holistic student development**.

Overall, the Study Abroad Expo 2026 provided MITS students with a valuable platform to interact with global universities, understand the realities and opportunities of overseas education and an experience to broaden their perspective. The event has empowered them to explore global opportunities with greater confidence, clarity and awareness.



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