

CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

ODISHA, PARALAKHEMUNDI

Department of Computer Science & Engineering

KARUKRIT 2026

Annual Departmental Fest

30th – 31st January 2026

Official Event Report

Including Inauguration Ceremony | 30 January 2026

Inauguration Ceremony

KARUKRIT 2026 | 30th January 2026 | Auditorium Hall, CUTM

Date	30th January 2026
Time	10:00 AM onwards
Venue	Auditorium Hall, Centurion University, Paralakhemundi
Presided By	Dr. Ch. Dhavaleswar Rao, Head of Department – CSE, CUTM
Dignitaries	Faculty Members, Industry Guests & Student Representatives

Overview

The inauguration ceremony of KARUKRIT 2026 marked the grand opening of the annual departmental fest of the Computer Science and Engineering Department at Centurion University of Technology and Management. The ceremony was conducted with traditional reverence and academic spirit, beginning with the auspicious lighting of the lamp (Deep Prajwalan) — a symbolic gesture to invoke knowledge, wisdom, and prosperity.

The event brought together faculty members, industry guests, and students from all academic years in a celebratory atmosphere. The auditorium was decorated with the distinctive binary-themed backdrop — bold red 0s and 1s on concrete walls — setting the perfect tone for a technology and innovation-focused fest. A beautifully adorned robot mascot and the deity of Lord Jagannath added a unique blend of tradition and technology to the setting.



Lamp Lighting Ceremony (Deep Prajwalan) — Inauguration of KARUKRIT 2026

Inauguration Highlights

- The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by faculty members, dignitaries, and student representatives.
- A welcome address was delivered by the organizing committee, outlining the vision, events, and objectives of KARUKRIT 2026.
- Industry experts joined the event via online mode (Google Meet), enriching the inaugural session with their presence and guidance.
- A panel of dignitaries and faculty graced the dais, presiding over the formal proceedings of the opening ceremony.
- The address by the Head of Department set the tone for two days of innovation, competition, and celebration.

Welcome Address

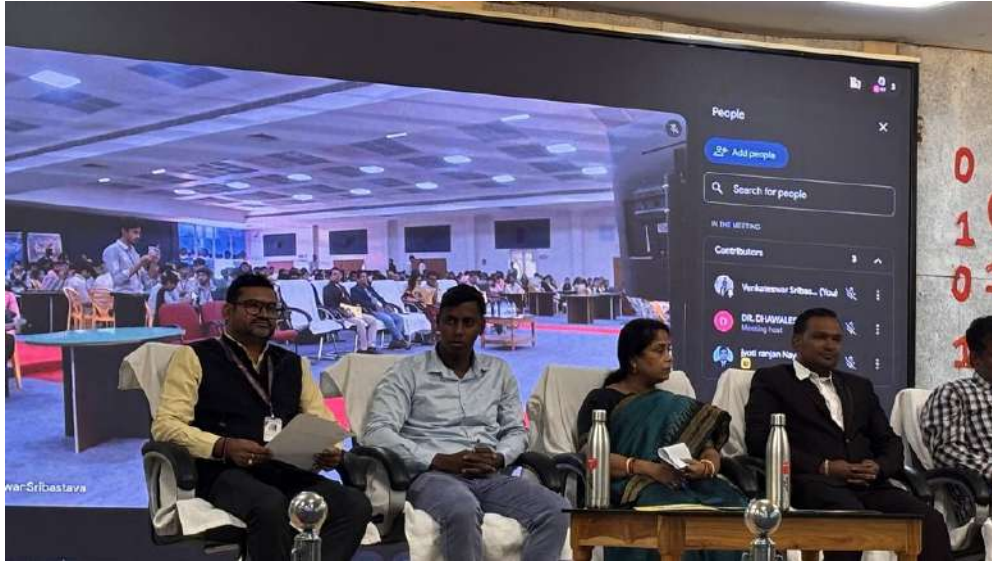
The welcome address set the stage for two days of innovation, competition, and celebration. The organizing team briefed the audience on the structure and events of KARUKRIT 2026 — from the flagship Hackathon on Agentic AI to the Project Expo, Coding Challenge, UI/UX Contest, E-Sports, Rangoli, Photography, and Cultural Events. The address emphasized the department's commitment to holistic student development through both technical and creative platforms.



Welcome Address by the Organizing Committee

Dignitaries & Guests

The inauguration was graced by distinguished dignitaries including faculty members of the CSE department, industry professionals joining virtually, and student representatives. The presence of guest experts from the industry strengthened the industry-academia connect that defines KARUKRIT. A Google Meet session was projected live on the auditorium screen, connecting participants from across locations in real time.



Panel of Dignitaries — Faculty & Industry Guests at the Inaugural Dais

Addresses by Dignitaries

Following the lamp lighting ceremony, distinguished speakers addressed the gathering. The Head of Department, Dean, Registrar, and Director of Administration shared their vision for KARUKRIT 2026 and encouraged students to make the most of the diverse opportunities presented during the fest. Their addresses touched on the importance of combining technical skills with creativity and engaging with real-world problem statements.



Address by Dr. Ch. Dhavaleswar Rao — HoD, CSE



Address by Dr. Prafulla Kumar Panda — Dean, SET



Address by Dr. Anita Patra — Registrar, CUTM



Address by Prof. Durga Prasad Padhi — Director of Administration

Atmosphere & Décor

The inauguration venue reflected the spirit of the fest beautifully. The distinctive backdrop of binary digits — 0s and 1s in bold red — adorned the concrete walls of the auditorium, creating a visually striking tech-inspired environment. A cheerful green robot mascot symbolized the department's enthusiasm for artificial intelligence and computing. Marigold garlands on the podium added a traditional touch, perfectly blending cultural warmth with technical vibrancy.

Conclusion of the Inauguration

The inauguration ceremony of KARUKRIT 2026 was a memorable beginning to what proved to be an outstanding two-day fest. It set the right tone of enthusiasm, discipline, and innovation for all participants. The presence of dignitaries, the warmth of the gathering, and the auspicious commencement through the lamp lighting ceremony made it a truly inspiring start to the annual departmental celebration of the CSE Department at Centurion University of Technology and Management.

About KARUKRIT 2026

Annual Fest — Department of Computer Science & Engineering

KARUKRIT is the annual departmental fest organized by the students of the Computer Science and Engineering Department at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha, Paralakhemundi. The fest is a celebration of technology, creativity, and culture — bringing together students from all batches under one roof for two days of engaging competitions, showcases, and performances.

The 2026 edition of KARUKRIT was held on 30th and 31st January 2026. The fest comprised a diverse range of events including technical competitions, a hackathon, project exhibition, e-sports, creative arts, cultural programs, and a prize distribution ceremony.

KARUKRIT 2026 was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and invited guests. The fest not only showcased the academic and technical talents of CSE students but also celebrated the cultural richness and team spirit of the department.

Fest Name	KARUKRIT 2026
Organized By	Department of Computer Science & Engineering
University	Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha, Paralakhemundi
Dates	30th – 31st January 2026
Total Events	9 Events (Technical, Cultural & Creative)
Total Participants	280+ Students across all events

Hackathon – Code Marathon

Flagship Technical Event | 30th January 2026

Date	30th January 2026
Time	10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Venue	Auditorium Hall
Participants	180 Students (30+ Teams)
Resource Persons	Mr. Chinmay Sahoo & Mr. Abhilash Jenna
Theme	Agentic Artificial Intelligence

Overview

As part of KARUKRIT 2026, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering successfully organized a Hackathon focused on Agentic AI, providing a competitive and innovative platform for students to showcase their problem-solving and technical capabilities. The hackathon witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 30 student teams, each presenting innovative solutions aligned with real-world problem statements centered around Agentic Artificial Intelligence.

Participants worked on problem statements exclusively designed around Agentic AI concepts, including intelligent agents, automation, decision intelligence, and AI-driven workflows. Teams demonstrated their solutions through live presentations, system architectures, and working prototypes.



Teams in Action — Hackathon on Agentic AI, KARUKRIT 2026

Resource Persons

Mr. Chinmay Sahoo – Director of Engineering | Architect | Full-Stack Developer

Mr. Chinmay Sahoo is a Director of Technology at UPS, a Fortune 500 company, where he leads the development and delivery of multiple enterprise-scale products. With extensive experience across large enterprises and startups, he specializes in system architecture, platform design, and solution engineering.

Mr. Abhilash Jenna – Product Manager | AI Agent Engineer

Mr. Abhilash Jenna is a Product Manager with strong expertise in building scalable, user-centric digital products across web and platform ecosystems. He brings a unique blend of business understanding, technical knowledge, and customer empathy, with hands-on experience in AI-driven product development.

Objectives

- Provide students with hands-on exposure to emerging concepts in Agentic Artificial Intelligence and intelligent systems.
- Encourage innovative thinking and problem-solving through real-world AI-driven challenges.
- Enhance students' technical, analytical, and collaborative skills.
- Bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry applications.
- Familiarize participants with industry expectations through direct interaction with experienced professionals.

Outcome & Conclusion

The hackathon significantly enhanced students' understanding of Agentic AI concepts and their real-world applications. Participants gained valuable experience in designing, developing, and presenting AI-based solutions within a competitive and time-bound environment. The hackathon not only showcased student innovation but also strengthened the department's commitment to experiential learning, emerging technologies, and industry-academia collaboration.

Project EXPO

Technical Showcase | 30th January 2026

Date	30th January 2026
Time	2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Registered Groups	18 Student Groups
Evaluator	Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Nayak, VP (Lead Technical Engineer)
Winner Prize	₹20,000 Cash + Certificate
Runner-Up Prize	₹10,000 Cash + Certificate

Overview

KARUKRIT 2026's Project Expo provided a premier platform for CSE students to present their innovative projects. A total of 18 student groups participated, showcasing projects spanning artificial intelligence, healthcare technology, and smart agriculture. Projects were evaluated by an industry expert based on innovation, implementation, presentation, and societal impact.

Winners

First Prize – Team 6 (Led by Mosa Laxman)

Project Title: "Smart Farm AI" — The system leverages intelligent techniques to support smart agricultural practices, making it highly practical and socially impactful. The team was awarded a cash prize of ₹20,000 along with certificates of excellence.

Runner-Up – Team 3 (Led by Chetna Sharma)

Project Title: "Predicting Disease Risk from Patient Records" — The project was appreciated for its healthcare relevance and structured implementation. The team was awarded a cash prize of ₹10,000 along with certificates.

Conclusion

The Project Expo provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their technical creativity and practical applications of computer science concepts. The event was a grand success and reflected the innovative spirit of the CSE department.

E-Sports – Free Fire

Gaming & Strategy Event | 30th January 2026

Date	30th January 2026
Time	11:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Venue	Room 135 & 136, ST Lab
Participants	50 Students
Game	Free Fire (Battle Royale)

Overview

The Free Fire E-Sports Event saw active and enthusiastic participation from students of all academic years. The event fostered healthy competition, teamwork, and strategic thinking while creating an engaging and energetic atmosphere. It also encouraged interaction across batches, highlighting students' interest in e-sports and digital gaming culture.

Objectives

- Promote teamwork, strategic thinking, and healthy competition among students.
- Encourage inter-year interaction and cross-batch collaboration.
- Provide a platform for showcasing gaming and decision-making skills.
- Foster enthusiasm for e-sports and digital innovation.

Outcome

- Enhanced teamwork, coordination, and leadership skills among participants.
- Improved strategic thinking and quick decision-making abilities.
- Strengthened interaction and bonding between students of different years.
- Provided practical exposure to e-sports and competitive gaming.

Coding Challenge

Technical Programming Contest | 31st January 2026

Date	31st January 2026
Time	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Venue	ST Domain Lab
Participants	16 Students (2nd Year, 2024–2028 Batch)
Duration	1 Hour
Language	Java Programming (2nd Year & above)

Overview

The Coding Challenge was organized to evaluate the programming skills and problem-solving techniques of students. For first-year students, the event consisted of a C programming test, whereas for other batches it was a Java programming test. The challenge was designed to test logical thinking, code efficiency, and time management under exam conditions.

Objectives

- Evaluate the programming skills and problem-solving techniques of students.
- Promote enhanced understanding of IT-integrated career paths.
- Raise awareness of industry expectations and trending technologies.
- Improve clarity on skill-building and career planning strategies.

Conclusion

The coding test served as an effective platform for assessing students' programming skills and logical thinking. It encouraged problem-solving, enhanced technical proficiency, and promoted confidence in coding practices.

UI/UX Challenge

Design & User Experience Competition | 31st January 2026

Date	31st January 2026
Time	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Venue	CRC 2
First Prize	G. Gayatri
Second Prize	K. Hemalata

Overview

The UI/UX Challenge provided students an opportunity to demonstrate their design thinking and user experience skills. Participants were evaluated on creativity, usability, visual design, and the ability to solve real-world design problems. The event encouraged students to think from a user-centric perspective and apply design principles to create intuitive and aesthetic interfaces.

Rangoli Competition

Cultural Art Competition | 31st January 2026

Date	31st January 2026
Time	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Venue	CRC 2
First Prize	G. Gayatri
Second Prize	K. Hemalata

Overview

Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form that symbolizes positivity, happiness, and cultural heritage. As part of KARUKRIT 2026's cultural activities, a Rangoli Competition was organized to encourage creativity, preserve traditional art forms, and provide students a platform to express their artistic skills.

Event Description

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who created colorful and creative rangoli designs using vibrant colors, flowers, and eco-friendly materials. Themes such as festivals, unity, nature, and social awareness were beautifully represented through the designs.



Rangoli Competition in Progress — KARUKRIT 2026, Centurion University

Video & Photography

Digital Media & Visual Storytelling | 30th January 2026

Date	30th January 2026
Time	12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Venue	Student Activity Center
Participants	5 Students
Scope	Event Documentation across all KARUKRIT activities

Overview

A Photography and Videography activity was conducted to encourage students to explore creativity, technical skills, and visual storytelling. Participants documented the technical, cultural, and academic events of KARUKRIT through photographs and video recordings. Participants demonstrated skills in photography composition, videography techniques, and digital editing while showcasing the energetic atmosphere of the fest.

Photography Highlights

Students captured a wide variety of moments across the campus during the fest — from candid shots of participants at work to the natural beauty of the university surroundings. The photographs below represent the creative eye and artistic sensibility of the photography team.



Campus Moments — Students at Centurion University, KARUKRIT 2026



Nature Photography — White Goose at the University Pond

Conclusion

The Photography and Videography activity was highly successful and impactful. It provided students with an excellent platform to demonstrate their creative and technical skills while contributing meaningfully to the event's documentation.

Cultural Activities

Celebrations, Performances & Talent Showcase | 31st January 2026

Date	31st January 2026
Time	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Venue	Auditorium
Participants	All CSE Students

Overview

A vibrant cultural event was organized as part of KARUKRIT 2026 with the objective of promoting cultural awareness, creativity, and unity among students. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and celebrate the rich diversity of traditions, art forms, and cultural expressions.

Performances & Highlights

Various cultural programs were presented by students, creating a lively and memorable atmosphere. Highlights included classical and folk dance performances, group and solo singing, drama and skits, a fashion show showcasing traditional attire, and instrumental music performances.



Odissi Dance Performance by Prerena — Cultural Evening, KARUKRIT 2026



Cultural Dance by Amrita & Mausumi — KARUKRIT 2026

Outcome & Conclusion

The cultural event was a grand success. It helped students express their talents, boosted their self-confidence, and strengthened interpersonal relationships. The event fostered a sense of unity, cultural pride, and mutual respect among students. It will continue to be a cornerstone of KARUKRIT in the years ahead.

Prize Distribution Ceremony

Celebrating Excellence | 31st January 2026

Date	31st January 2026
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Venue	Auditorium
Winners Honored	8 Winners + 5 Runners-Up
Chief Guest	Dr. Anita Patra (Registrar, CUTM)

Overview

The Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized as a grand finale of KARUKRIT 2026 to recognize and appreciate the achievements of students across all events. The event aimed to motivate students to excel in various fields and encourage a healthy competitive spirit. The venue was decorated with banners, flowers, and lighting arrangements to create a celebratory atmosphere.

Distinguished Guests & Dignitaries

- Dr. Anita Patra – Registrar, CUTM (Chief Guest)
- Dr. Prafulla Kumar Panda – Dean, School of Engineering & Technology
- Dr. Durga Prasad Padhi – Director of Administration, CUTM
- Mr. Chinmay Sahoo – Industry Expert
- Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Nayak – VP, Lead Technical Engineer
- Dr. Ch. Dhavaleswar Rao – Head of Department, CSE, CUTM
- Principals from Centurion Public School, PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, SKCG Autonomous College, St. Joseph's E.M School, St. Ann's Convent School, Carmel English Medium School, Akshara The School, and Carmel Junior College.

Awards Distributed

Attractive cash prizes and certificates were presented across all event categories: Hackathon – Code Marathon, Project Expo, UI & UX Challenge, E-Sports – Free Fire, Rangoli Competition, Video & Photography, Coding Challenge, and Digital Poster Making.

Programme Highlights

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a welcome address by Dr. Ch. Dhavaleswar Rao (HoD of CSE). Cultural performances including dance, music, and skits were performed by students. The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring address congratulating students and emphasizing the importance of discipline, hard work, and character building. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sushant Kumar Nayak.

Prize Giving Moments



*Certificate Presentation — Winner at KARUKRIT
2026 Prize Distribution*



*Prize Distribution to Winning Team — KARUKRIT
2026*

Conclusion

The Prize Distribution Ceremony was a grand success that not only honored achievers but also motivated all students to strive for excellence. It beautifully brought KARUKRIT 2026 to a close, celebrating two days of innovation, creativity, and student achievement.

Gallery — People Behind KARUKRIT 2026

Faculty, Organizers, and the CSE Family

Team CSE — Department of Computer Science & Engineering

The success of KARUKRIT 2026 stands as a testament to the collective dedication of every member of the CSE department — faculty, staff, and students — who worked tirelessly to make this fest a grand celebration of technology and culture.



Team CSE — Faculty & Staff, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, CUTM

Organizing Team

Behind every successful event is a team of dedicated organizers. The KARUKRIT 2026 organizing committee worked with exceptional commitment, ensuring every competition, performance, and ceremony ran seamlessly across both days of the fest.



Organizing Team — KARUKRIT 2026, CSE Department, CUTM

End of Programme

The closing moments of KARUKRIT 2026 were filled with joy, pride, and a shared sense of accomplishment. Students, faculty, and guests came together to mark the end of two unforgettable days of innovation, creativity, and celebration.



Closing Moments — KARUKRIT 2026 Grand Finale



Celebration of Achievement — End of KARUKRIT 2026

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A Celebration of Technology, Creativity & Culture

KARUKRIT 2026 was more than a departmental fest — it was a manifestation of the spirit that defines the Computer Science and Engineering Department at Centurion University of Technology and Management. Over two remarkable days, students, faculty, industry professionals, and guests came together to celebrate innovation, artistry, and community.

From the auspicious lamp lighting that inaugurated the fest to the enthusiastic applause at the closing ceremony, every moment of KARUKRIT 2026 reflected the dedication and passion of all who participated. The Hackathon on Agentic AI pushed the boundaries of student thinking; the Project Expo showcased solutions that could transform lives; the Cultural Evening reminded us that technology and tradition can beautifully coexist.

The success of this fest is a collective achievement — of the organizers who planned tirelessly, the faculty who guided with wisdom, the industry experts who mentored with generosity, and the students who participated with energy and heart. KARUKRIT 2026 has set a new benchmark for academic fests and will be remembered as a milestone in the department's journey of excellence.

As the lights dimmed and the final applause faded, one thing remained clear: KARUKRIT 2026 was not just an event — it was a memory, a milestone, and a promise of even greater things to come.

KARUKRIT 2026 — Organized with pride by the CSE Department, CUTM

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